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Tribal Enrollment Is Currently At 3,482 Enrolled Members



Karuk Tribe's Newest \$605,000 Grant Brings 4,000 Square Ft. Community Center In Orleans To Support Tribal Services And Tribal Housing Needs!



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Tribal Council is Full Again!



Above: Council Member Sonny Davis being sworn in

On December 28, 2006, newly appointed Council Member, Charron "Sonny" Davis was sworn into office as a Member at Large. Sonny was appointed by the Tribal Council as he was the only candidate on the ballot for the March 2007 Special Election. His term of office will be through November 4, 2008. Congratulations Sonny!



Fully Seated Council

L-R, Roy Arwood, Sonny Davis, Leon Hillman, Florence Conrad, Leaf Hillman, Arch Super, Robert Goodwin, Alvis Johnson, Florraine Super.



Above Leon Hillman & below Leaf Hillman, being sworn in

On November 17, 2006 re-elected Council Members Leaf Hillman, Vice Chairman and Leon Hillman, Treasurer were sworn both sworn into office as well. Their terms are through November 2, 2010.

The Tribal Council is now a full nine members once again. The next Tribal Election will be Tuesday, November 6, 2007 for the offices of Chairman, Secretary, and Member at Large, all with four year terms; the full Notice of Election with details and deadlines will be posted on the Tribal Election Website when available at

<http://karukadm.securesites.net/election/elections.php>



Karuk Tribal Council: L-R, Back Row: Roy Arwood, Sonny Davis, Leon Hillman, Florence Conrad, Robert Goodwin. L-R, Front Row: Alvis Johnson, Florraine Super, Leaf Hillman, Arch Super



Chairman's Corner

Arch Super, Tribal Chairman

Ayukii, Faati aapunmuti pa ararahih? Tanixxuti, koovura pa araaras pananu chuupitiheesh pa ararahih. Kukkuum tani piip pa ararahih uum pananu aaniv. Chi nuu itapeesh pananu ararahih. Hello, What do you know, the Indian language? I think all the Karuks, we be talking our Indian language. Again I say, the language is our medicine. Let's be learning our Indian language.



AUGUST ** Hector Garcia and I had traveled to Sacramento, CA to meet with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The meeting was set for the Governor to meet with Tribal Leaders. He had personally met with 25 Tribal Leaders. He listened to the concerns and desires of the Tribes to be granted compacts for Gaming. It appeared that he listened and took our cases into consideration, but only time will tell. ** Some Administrative staff and I met with Mr. James Crouch, Executive Director of the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) to discuss their role in assistance and services to the Karuk Tribe. We are members of CRIHB and therefore, get training services for Tribal staff and also, they are able to advocate for more federal and state dollars for our Health Programs. ** Tribal Council has had a couple of meetings regarding the desecration of the Katimiin ceremonial grounds. The investigation has been under way, but has been taking a long time to get anywhere and we hope to find the individual(s) responsible for this ungrateful act of hate and dishonor. If anyone has any information or leads, Council members, Leaf Hillman and Florence Conrad have been put in charge to gather and collect any and all information.

SEPTEMBER ** In September, we were saddened by the passing of our Council member, Mr. Robert Grant, Sr. He fought the battle of Cancer for almost a year. He had worked his position of Member at Large for as long as he could. He had been very strong, dedicated and worthy to the position that he was proud to have been elected to. His family, the Tribal Council, friends and relatives will miss him immensely. We send our respect and honors to Robert Grant, Sr. ** Hector Garcia and I traveled to Palm Springs, CA to meet with the California National Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) to request that they take up the Title VI E (Foster Care) project to state legislators. CNIGA is a consortium of California Tribes that have pull with the State and Federal offices. They had mainly taken up Gaming issues, but venture into other issues as well. ** I had gone to Las Vegas with Lessie Aubrey to train

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and review our Contract Health Services (CHS) rules, regulation and procedures. Our Tribal Directors and Supervisors do a very good job at informing the Tribal Council on making solvent decisions with our services and programs.

OCTOBER ** Council member Florrine Super, TERO Director Dion Wood and I went to a Child Care Financial Training in Anchorage Alaska. The training was very good for us to re-iterate our knowledge and better understanding of how our Child Care Program is running and should be running. As I had mentioned previously, our staff workers do a very good job at delivering information on all programs and services that the Tribe has to offer our Members. I believe our Council Members become more confident with the discussion and decisions they make when they increase their knowledge of our programs and services, one on one. ** Hector Garcia and I met with Diane Feinstein staffer in San Francisco. We discussed Forest Management Practices in the areas of Seiad Valley, Happy Camp and Orleans. ** April Attebury, Judge Charles Henry and I went to a Tribal Judicial Conference in Seattle WA. April was able to review some of the

technology that some of the other Tribal Courts are using. We were able to get reports and resources from other Courts.

NOVEMBER

** Hector Garcia and I met with the Executive Director and Chairman of the Yurok Tribe to discuss issues that each Tribe is working with to share information for stronger address to State, Federal and other governments that we communicate with. ** Susan, Greg Gehr and I attended the funeral of our Karuk language linguist Mr. Bill Bright in Boulder, CO. Mr. Bright had worked many years on and with our language. Books, CD's, and Computer/Internet access we attributed to his work. The Karuk Tribe greatly appreciates the work he has done for the Tribe. We send our respect and honor to Mr. Bill Bright and his family. ** During the last several months I have been working very closely with both the California Trust Consortium and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians for a settlement of the Cobell lawsuit. It is for that reason that I recently traveled to Washington, D.C. I discussed Cobell with members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. If this lawsuit is settled as planned, there will be many benefits for our Tribe, with additional funding for self-governance programs. ** We had started a "Chuupha Unuhyach" (talking Circle) in Yreka. I met with Tribal Members to inform them of what the Tribe is doing, what and how our services and programs work. It is a very positive get together for our membership. We hope to start our Circles in Happy Camp and Orleans before too long. ** Hector Garcia and I met with the Executive Director and Chairman of the Hupa Tribe just as we did with the Yurok Tribe, to discuss issues that each Tribe is working with to share information for stronger address to State, Federal and other governments that we communicate with.

DECEMBER

** We have our quarterly meetings with the Northern California Tribal Courts Coalition (NCTCC). April Attebury, Judge Charles Henry, Florraine Super and I attended the meeting at Smith River. The collaboration and communication with the Coalition keeps Court Services informed and



strong. ** We were saddened by the passing of our full blood elder, Violet (Johnny) Super. Violet was also one of the last fluent speakers of the Karuk language. She had contributed a lot of work to the restoration of our language. The Tribal Council sends our respect and honor to her and her family. ** Council members, Robert Goodwin and Florraine Super; attorney Stephanie Dolan and I attended a meeting with the California State Department of Social Services to review and discuss our Agreement with the State and the Tribe in regards to our Title IV-E Foster Care Program. We are hoping to get it finalized within the next three months. Please feel free to get in touch with the Tribal Office for more detailed information. ** Council member Robert Goodwin, Hector Garcia and I met with Barbara Boxer's staffer in Sacramento to make a request that a meeting be set up in Happy Camp in order to secure additional funding for our Department of Natural Resources. It was agreed that we will have that meeting in Happy Camp, probably in March. This is the first time that a member of Barbara Boxer's Office has set up to meet with us in Happy Camp.

JANUARY

** The Yurok Tribe had given a presentation on the Yurok Tribal Park Plan. Our Council was able to get some detailed information on their endeavor. We will stay in touch on the development and have input. ** Hector Garcia and I met in Redding with a Staffer for United States Congressman, Wally Herger, in order to discuss the Karuk Tribe's health program and to seek increased funding for our program. ** Our Gaming Committee met with our attorney. We are waiting for the NIGC to review our proposal. It looks like the review will be finished by the end of January. Further reporting should be delivered in the middle of March 2007. We have been waiting a very long time and it doesn't seem like we are getting any closer. We can only keep trying.

It is very important that our elected representatives understand the Karuk viewpoint. I will continue to inform State and Federal Officials as to the Tribe's position, and I will continue to push for funding that will keep our Tribe strong. I will also continue to keep the membership informed as to what is going on with all of the issues, whether it is Housing, Health or our children's issues.

OVERALL

Tribal business has been staying busy. I always encourage our Tribal Membership to write, email, call or come and see your Tribal Council with any issues and concerns. Whatever way we can address these issues and concerns, we will always try. If you have a specific director, Council Member or Staff Member that you wish to get in touch with, please do so.

Yootva, (thank you) Suva nik. (see you later)

Notes from the Secretary:

Florrine Super, Council Secretary

Ayukii, I hope everyone had Happy Holidays. The Karuk Tribe is still working on different projects and here's my report on my committees.



I would like you to meet my family. The picture is from our 2006 family Christmas party!



Top row: Lariel, Donald, Pete. Second row: Arch, Robert, David, Gary. Front row: Florrine, Nancy (Nunni táat), Pete (Nunni ákah)

TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY QUARTERLY REPORT

Head Start: Children are our Future

Karuk Head Start Staff deserves a big Yootva! Because I have family and friends who attend the Yreka Center, I stop by the classrooms at least once a week. I enjoy watching the children learn new things!

Some of the things that are taught are: Language (songs and conversation), vocabulary, social skills, behavior management, and Kindergarten readiness. Our head start stands out from other head starts because the teachers communicate and create partnerships with kids and parents, our staff helps families with resources to meet their needs, and the staff combines our Karuk Language curriculum with our regular pre-school system. It's one of the most complete and comprehensive pre-school programs in the county. Please contact me or your local Karuk Head Start for more information on their program.

Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICW):

The Karuk Tribe's ICW Committee Mission is to *preserve, protect and strengthen the children and families of the Karuk Tribe through an efficient and effective service system that empowers individuals, families, and communities.*

Our ICW Committee had a member resign, so we had to recruit a new member. One big question that came up is what the responsibilities of a member are. Here are some of the general duties:

- (1) Advise the Tribal Council on child welfare matters and recommend policies and procedures for implementing federal and Tribal child welfare law;
- (2) Monitor child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in the state or other Tribal courts;
- (3) Be advised of pending state court proceedings as provided in the Indian Child Welfare Act and make recommendations regarding intervention in such proceedings and transfer of jurisdiction from state court to Tribal jurisdiction;
- (4) Make recommendations to authorize the filing of relevant child welfare petitions pursuant to these Policies;
- (5) Make case management recommendations to the ICW Program worker regarding the care, custody and supervision of Tribal children under Tribal jurisdiction, including recommendations as to case plan, guardianship, and termination of parental rights;
- (6) Certify and/or license and monitor group, shelter, foster and adoptive homes and child placing agencies; and
- (7) Engage in further activities as to protect and improve the welfare of the children of the Karuk Tribe of California, and to other Native American children as determined by the Council.

Karuk Tribe Foster Home:

This is the same information as last newsletter but it is good information for those interested in becoming a foster parent.

The children who come into your home will present both challenges and opportunities. The challenge is parenting children who have begun their lives under difficult circumstances. But the opportunity is that they are children for whom the love and care of adults can make a huge difference.

Foster parenting is about changing lives one child at a time. It is about believing and investing in the future. We hope you will consider making that investment.

You can expect many rewards such as: The chance to help children feel good about themselves, Challenging experience, Chance to learn and use special knowledge and skills, Make a difference in a child's life, and Satisfaction in doing a meaningful and exceptional job--protecting children from harm.

Dispelling some myths:

There are many myths about what it takes to qualify to be a foster parent. **The truth is:** You can be single or married, You don't have to own your own home, You don't have to make a lot of money, and There is financial and other assistance available for foster care. (http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/be_FosterIntro.asp)

If you would like to offer your home and family and become a foster family, please contact our Karuk Social Services Department. To apply, you must complete and submit a foster family application and submit to a background check. A home evaluation will be completed by our social service department.

Check out our webpage regarding Indian Child Welfare at www.karuk.us

Youth Leadership:

I'm sorry to report I do not have the Youth Leadership Conference report ready for this newsletter. Due to technical difficulties, I did not have the pictures from the conference available. Please look for the next newsletter for a detailed report.

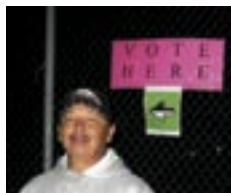
Also, we will begin to plan for the 2007 Youth Leadership Conference which will be held in Orleans.

Elections:

I will no longer report on Karuk Elections, although the committee will continue to keep you informed. Please look for their article.



CASA Community Event:
2006 Halloween at
AmeriHost.
Talina & Aliyse



Phil Albers Sr,
Sargent of Arms for
2006 Election

Michael Thom
(Chair of Election
Committee) & April
Attebury (member
at large - Election
Committee) during
the 2006 election.



Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP):

LIAP Committee was established to provide necessary emergency assistance or services that are not being provided by federal, state, county, Tribal or other agencies for our members.

We continue to support our LIAP Coordinator with processing application efficiently and in a time manner. Our monthly meetings help us process difficult applications, make necessary program collaborations, and help interpret and follow LIAP guidelines and objectives.

Another goal was to help those who didn't qualify for LIAP but were very much in need. So the council has obligated some funding to help those who need assistance. It has helped a lot of elders and families with children.

Website: Revisions

Our Information Technicians have been keeping our website updated on upcoming Tribal activities. We hope you're able to get good information that keeps you informed. If you have any suggestions please contact me.

New Karuk Booster Club: Still in development Stage!

We are looking for membership! The council has formed a new committee. We have youth who throughout the year request money for sporting events. The council has allotted money with the intent of the Booster club replenishing this with fundraisers. Also, this committee will be responsible to honor those Tribal members who have accomplished goals in college and pro sports.

Some of the Booster Club goals:

- Help in the recruitment of individuals who share our vision.
- Recognize each individual and value his or her role as a Karuk athlete.
- Empowering young Tribal members to be champions in life through excellence in sports.
- Organize fund raisers to help pay for tournament entrance fees and sport camps.

Sports build character, instill discipline, provide leadership, enhance self esteem, promote physical fitness and teach teamwork, all of which can be used throughout life.

If you would like additional information and/or have any questions, contact me at any time. If you would like to be put on my email list, send me your email address to fsuper@karuk.us with a note saying you would like to receive Tribal information. Florrine Super

Administrative Programs & Compliance Update

Erin Hillman

Director of Administrative Programs & Compliance

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In my summer 2006 newsletter article I reported to the Tribal Membership positive developments in the area of community collaborations. It involved the intended transfer of the building owned by the former provider of clinic services, the Happy Camp Health Services (HCHS) Board, from whom we currently rent space to provide health care in Happy Camp. Many important events have occurred since then and I am providing an update to that report.

Some background first, in 2002, when Happy Camp Health Services was in financial crisis, the Tribe was asked to step in and assume operations and provide health care to Happy Camp and the surrounding community. Since then the Tribe has operated the clinic and improved the quality and availability of health care. The Tribe wished to continue our clinic improvements by upgrading and expanding the building where clinic services are provided. However, in order to spend Tribal resources responsibly, the building ownership would have to be transferred to the Tribe. When the Tribe assumed operation in 2002 a transfer of ownership was discussed, but it was believed it was not legally possible because of HCHS articles of incorporation and bylaws. Since then legal opinions obtained by both the Karuk Tribe and HCHS informed us it would be a legal transfer but there was a specific process to follow.

There were many obstacles to overcome for the transfer first approved by the HCHS Board in November 2005 and then again in April, 2006. During the months following the April 2006 vote, Tribal Representatives worked very hard with the Board to assist in the legal process and to inform the community about the benefits of transferring the building to the Tribe. Council Member Robert Goodwin worked with Laura Mayton, Barbara Snider, Sara Spence and I on a joint presentation for the public that outlined the planned expansion and upgrades for the building, tribal capacity, tribal track records in grants applications and management, and the financial plan, emphasizing the funding resources immediately available to repair the substandard facility necessary repairs that have not been addressed by the building owners. Unfortunately, a letter containing negative and untrue statements was passed out to the public at that meeting and may have been the cause of misunderstandings about the intent of the transfer. Though we did our best, when the HCHS membership voted, our efforts were voted down by 4 votes, 41 opposed to 37 in favor with 1 abstention.

For years the Tribe has considered the possibility of moving our clinic services to the site in Happy

Camp where we house our administrative and dental services. So, upon receiving notice of the vote by HCHS membership, left with a substandard building and unable to justify using Tribal resources to upgrade and repair a building that is not our own, the Tribal Council voted to move forward. In "Plan B", Health Administrative Staff will be moved from the existing dental wing and the building will be adapted to house our health clinic/ dental clinic and services will continue to the community in the same quality manner as it has at the current location. This move is planned to be complete by September 30, 2007. This plan puts us in an excellent position to apply for grant funding for expansion. Owning the land and building provides us with eligibility to access many major funding sources.

The Tribe continues working with those in our community. In late December 2006, the Happy Camp Sanitary District (HCSD) had run out of resources in their efforts to repair a slide threatening to washout a home into Indian Creek. Indian Creek is a Klamath River tributary that runs besides the Tribal Administration building, and the home was in danger of sliding into the water, hitting a bridge directly across from our offices and plugging up the creek. Flooding became a real possibility. Tribal Member Davey Davis, Maintenance Supervisor, coordinated with HCSD to gather representatives from Tribal government, Indian Health Services, Cal Trans and the County to address the issue. A meeting was held with interested parties at the tribal offices and Tribal Grant Writer, Hester Dillon assisted HCSD by writing a letter to the county for declaration of a local disaster to obtain resources to repair the washout. Siskiyou County and Cal Trans have since dedicated resources for the repairs.

After many stops and starts, the Yreka roads construction project is complete. Northern California paving wrapped up the project in October and since then has contracted with the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) to install speed humps for traffic control in areas where children cross to playgrounds. Remember to watch your speed in all areas of our housing, children are small, at certain times of the day it's very hard to see them.

On the front page of this newsletter you will see our announcement and corresponding report from Grant Writer Rick Hill regarding the award of \$605,000 for the 2006 Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant (HUD ICDBG) for a collaborative project with KTHA. The funding is for the construction of a community facility and housing

office in Panamnik (Orleans) California. Our request for bids (RFP) for Environmental Assessment services closed on January 3 and our RFP for Architectural and Engineering services for this project closes on January 17.

Progress is speeding up on the 2004 HUD ICDBG project. After three rounds of competitive bidding for contractors and one redesign, the contract has now been awarded for construction of a KTHA office and Tribal Community Facility in Yreka California. The 5000 square foot facility will be built by Larry Neel and Company, a local contractor from Etna, California. Larry has worked with the Tribe before on several projects, back doors and stairs in Yreka Housing Community, Panamnik Center in Orleans, three HIP homes in Happy Camp and the KTHA Administrative offices. On January 12, Larry Neel, Tribal Construction Managers Fred Burcell, KTHA Construction Manager Richard Black, KTHA Inspector Steve Mitchell, KTHA Executive Director Sami Difuntorum and I met for a pre construction conference. During this meeting we hammered out details regarding administrative and construction issues. Site work is scheduled to begin the week of January 29, 2007. The new building is scheduled for occupancy in November 2007. The Head Start Program in Yreka will then move into the vacated current housing offices, thereby giving that program a better space to operate in.

During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007, the following grant applications were reviewed by this office and submitted:

Rose Grant	Department of Natural Resources	\$5,000
Panta Rhea Foundation	Department of Natural Resources	\$10,000
State- Community Services & Dev	Grants/ Resources Department	\$30,000
DFG (Fish & Game)- Fort Goff	Department of Natural Resources	\$1,668,248
DFG- Fish Passage Improvement	Department of Natural Resources	\$90,012
DFG- Fish Habitat Enhancement	Department of Natural Resources	\$695,000
Weinberg Foundation	Grants/ Resources Department	\$30,000
CA Coastal Commission	Grants/ Resources Department	\$9,997
Economic Dev. Department	Grants/ Resources Department	\$60,000
Cheney Foundation	Grants/ Resources Department	\$30,000
Indian Health Services- dental	Grants/ Resources Department	\$20,000
BIA Watershed Project	Department of Natural Resources	\$112,138
State Water Resources	Department of Natural Resources	\$9,999
Energy & Mineral Dev. Prog.	Grants/ Resources Department	\$105,926
EPA Watershed Restoration	Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000



*House referenced at left, in danger of sliding into Indian Creek
Photo courtesy David Eisenberg*

Grant Awards received:

HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant	\$605,000
US Fish & Wildlife Irongate/ Fall Chinook	\$28,885
Administration for Native Americans “Karuk Paths to Prosperity”	\$300,000
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) GAP/ 106/319	\$697,358
Child Care 2007 Partial Award	\$52,401
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$31,713
Department of Health & Human Services Indian Diabetes	\$157,554
Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)	\$638,321
California Community Services & Development	\$57,664
California Water Resources Control Board	\$9,999
California Water Resources Control Board	\$25,000
Rose Foundation	\$5,000

A New Community Center in Orleans!

Rick Hill, Department of Grants Management

In late November the Tribe was notified it was awarded the 2006 Indian Community Development Block Grant, (ICBDG) for \$605,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With this award and Karuk Tribal Housing Authority (KTHA) also contributing funding, the Tribe will build a Community Center in Orleans to support, language, basketry and other cultural activities, education, computer learning, counseling services, and Tribal housing needs. The 4000 square ft. facility will provide a meeting space, offices, KTHA maintenance workshop with an office, a classroom that can be used for cultural arts, language, basketry programs, tutoring, and after school activities, a small computer lab, and a kitchenette.



Proposed building model



*Proposed floor plan,
subject to change*

At an ICBDG workshop I was able to talk with other Tribal grant writers who have many years of success. The federal grant processes is now more complex than ever and the level of competitiveness is also much greater. Some of the better off Tribes contract with professional grant writers who have loads of experience and success. The HUD organization continues to require more detailed compliance and grant information so Congress can measure what they are spending their money on including formulating project logic models. The impacts of Katrina and the Iraq war, recipient accountability, and competition all affect the availability of federal funding. Tribal projects must be carefully planned to rally with an agencies highest objective.

The Tribe is fortunate to receive this funding. It is crucial that the Tribe meets all federal funding requirements, reporting, and financial and project management accountability to remain in good standing with funding agencies or you are not considered. HUD's-ICBDG programs also require meeting specific demographic criteria. The Karuk are particularly geographically and economically disadvantaged which helped the ICBDG grant scoring. Having a persuasive case is not enough; you must score high in all the criteria requirements. The new community center in Orleans will not only meet the Tribe's needs but benefit the economic and community infrastructure of the mid Klamath vicinity.

Department of Grants Management Update

The Grants Office received good news this fall when we learned that our Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community center in Orleans, submitted by Rick, was approved. We've also received favorable feedback from an inquiry submitted by Hester to the Cheney Foundation for kitchen appliances and exercise equipment to be used in the Karuk Community Senior Center in Happy Camp. We are hopeful they will conduct a site visit this spring. The third year renewal application to HRSA, which provides funding to Health and Human Services, was also approved.

Rick has completed program reviews throughout the Tribe and put together a draft Strategic Plan that he and Hester expect to review with the Tribal Council in February. The Grants Office hopes the Plan will provide Tribal Council, program directors, staff, and prospective funders with a clear understanding of each programs' goals so that objectives may be more easily achieved throughout our government.

We are currently awaiting word on a number of submitted proposals and working on others. Recently submitted proposals include: a grant to the Economic Development Administration, a grant in support of the People's Center's planning processes, a grant in support of our basketweavers, a grant for a renewable energy feasibility study, and a Whale Tail grant to the California Coastal Commission. Upcoming submissions are: funding toward an FCC application in furtherance of radio stations in Happy Camp and Orleans, an EPA Wetlands grant that will assist DNR with their work, a Tribal Youth Program grant that will enhance the work being done by the Tribal Court and Yav Pa'anav Wellness Forum, and a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant that will provide funding for cultural activities at Orleans Elementary School.

As always, if you have questions, please stop by the office or give us a call at 493-1600, ext. 2021.

HOUSING NEWS

Sami Jo Difuntorum, Executive Director

I am extremely pleased to announce that all Elder units in the Yreka community are now occupied. We had been waiting for approval from the City of Yreka for over one year. In November, the City finally permitted occupancy of the final four units.

In collaboration with the Karuk Tribe of California, the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) has awarded a construction contract for our new administrative office and community center in Yreka to Neel and Company of Etna. We anticipate construction to begin by mid-February. The total project length is estimated at nine months.

The former Headway building in Happy Camp is undergoing extensive renovation. We have employed a crew to do most of the work as a training project. They have done a fantastic job, and they have learned skills that will help them to obtain employment in the construction industry. Crew members Rick Offield, Gary White, Ward Johnson, T. J.

Day, Grant McElyea, Jacob Black, Tim Evans, Dan Keiser, Brad Parton, Kevin Peters, Preston Willson, Richard Black, Steve Mitchell, and Andrew Difuntorum have remodeled Headway into a very attractive building and saved the Housing Authority an estimated \$300,000.

The KTHA bids farewell to Operations Manager Joshua Saxon. Josh has worked for the KTHA for two years and is now relocating to Arizona. As Operations Manager for the KTHA, Josh was in charge of all tenant based programs. I appreciated the opportunity to work with him and his dedication to providing housing and housing services to Tribal members. The KTHA Housing Committee and staff will miss you and wish you all the best.

The KTHA Employee of the Year is Cyd Ann Escobar, whom many know simply as "Poopsie". Ann has worked for the KTHA for eleven years in the Yreka office in the position of Tenant Relations Officer. Ann has always provided exceptional customer service to our community members and is a valuable asset to the KTHA. You can always count on Ann to have a positive attitude and go the extra mile for our residents. Congratulations and Good Job!



Ann Escobar, KTHA Tenant Relations Officer and Employee of the Year, Josh Saxon, former KTHA Operations Manager & Sami Jo Difuntorum, KTHA Executive Director

Excuses

Joe Snapp, Substance Abuse Counselor

In the last article we talked about how life's traumatic experiences may have driven us to drink or drug. When we start drinking or drugging for these reasons, it lays the groundwork for the foundation upon which a long list of excuses is built.

Say a family member has died, so I say that I need a drink or something to help me cope with these feelings or I'll go crazy. Maybe I just lost my job, so I say that I need something to help me cope with these feelings of inadequacy.

After a period of time, the excuses become less and less profound. Like, I got up on the wrong side of the bed. I need to smoke a joint to take the edge off so I can deal with the kids or face the day.

Well, the harsh reality of it is that yes, life is hard, but 90% of the population does get up in the morning and go to work five days a week, 52 weeks out of the year without a drink or smoking a joint to motivate them. They process their problems in a healthy way by talking about them without being under the influence of some drug. There is a solution to every problem and help is available.

In Yreka, call Joe at 842-9200 ext. 132

In Happy Camp, call Tanya at 493-5133

In Orleans, call Anthony at 627-3452 ext. 3019



Quarterly Staffing Update

Sara Spence, Human Resources Manager

Happy New Year! There are currently 152 employees on staff! This report covers mid-October through early January 2007.

Mary Matchett resigned her position as Social Services Administrative Assistant on 10/6 and Laura Longstaff was hired to take her place.

Janey Goodwin was hired on 10/25 as the DNR Clerical Technician I and Julia Woodman was hired as the DNR Clerical Technician II on 12/4.

Verna Reece was hired on 11/14 to staff the People's Center Gift Shop until arrangements can be made for the Center as we are still recruiting for a People's Center Coordinator to manage that Center.

Angelina Bailey resigned her position as Medical Assistant in the Yreka Clinic on 11/22 and June Donahoo was hired to take her place.

Dora Bowland resigned her position as Clinic Receptionist in the Orleans Clinic on 12/4 and Irene Miranda was hired to take her place.

Clarence Barger was transferred into the position of Yreka Community Health Representative on 12/13 and Mary LaMarr was hired to take his place as the Yreka Clinic Transporter.

Mike Edwards resigned his position as Social Worker III for the Yreka area on 12/15 and interviews have been scheduled to fill that position.

Karen Daniels was hired on 12/21 as the RN/GPRA Coordinator in the Happy Camp Clinic. This was a new

position added with Year Three of the HRSA Grant.

Katheryn Willett was hired on 12/28 to serve as the backup RN in the Orleans Clinic as needed.

Bari Talley has been hired as the Student Services Coordinator for the Orleans Community Computer Center through the newly awarded ANA Grant: Karuk Paths to Prosperity that was announced in the last newsletter. James Burcell is the Student Services Coordinator for the Happy Camp Community Computer Center through the same grant. Look for future articles regarding this grant and the opportunities it provides to Karuk Tribal Communities!

Cristina Townsend resigned her position as Fiscal Assistant at the Karuk Community Development Corporation and after a lengthy search; Pam Burcell was hired on 1/8/07 to fill that vacancy. Paula McCarthy and Tamara Barnett continue to assist with KCDC Financial Affairs until Pam is up and running!

We have switched gears in the Yreka Clinic and are recruiting for a second Family Nurse Practitioner at this time. We continue to search for both a Clinic Physician and Clinic Dentist for the Yreka Clinic.

It seems there are always positions becoming available and I encourage you to visit our website for up to date information on employment with the Tribe, benefits, how to apply, etc. at www.karuk.us/jobs/



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The **Mission** of the Community Computer Center is to increase local community capacity through education, while providing a safe and secure learning environment and access to technology.



Education Program

Jennifer Goodwin, Education Program Coordinator

In the evening, on November 14, 2006 in Yreka California, we held a small ceremony to congratulate our adult education Graduates of 2006. Those who Graduated included Lorelie Jerry, Jeanne Super, Elizabeth Bunce, Rebecca Super and Lorelei Super. Carol Hopkins was their teacher and fearless leader that guided these students to their goal of receiving their High School Diploma. Friends and family were invited to the Community room at the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority for food, drinks and cake. The Education Department honored each of the graduates with a glass framed Graduation Certificate signed by the Tribal Chairman, Arch Super, as well as the entire Education Committee. Our Education Committee Vice-Chairperson, Joyce Jones and Arch Super were also in attendance to congratulate the students.

Among the Graduates was Lorelei Super, who after a few years decided to go back to school and at the young age of 62 Graduated! Lorelei contacted me before the event and asked if I would make a certificate so they could present it to Carol Hopkins to thank her and show their appreciation. So the students presented that to her as well. Once again CONGRATULATIONS to all of the 2006 Graduates from pre-school to college!

And a quick update, four of the five Grads listed above are now enrolled in College classes!

Higher Education

We currently have 51 Tribal Members going to college full-time, with 7 other applications pending. These students are taking 12 or more units and are attending college in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Montana and Arizona. 6 of the 51 are working towards Nursing degrees and we also have students taking classes for Business Management, Automotive Technology, General Education, Psychology, Social Work and Accounting as well as 28 other different majors and study interests. All of these students have benefited from our higher education grant award and a large percentage of these students have also received the housing rent voucher, which assists with paying for their rent from August to May.

The Higher Ed. Grant is renewable for up to 6 years, but please note that at this time we are unable to assist students seeking a masters or doctorate degree and are unable to assist descendants or part-time students. If you are interested in more information and for printable applications for the Grant Award Program or the Housing Rent Voucher Program please visit the Karuk website at www.karuk.us. Feel free to contact the Education Office anytime at (530) 493-1600 extension 2034 or 1-800-50-KARUK extension 2034. Applications for the 2007-2008 school year are due August 1st, 2007. You may reach Jennifer Goodwin, Education Program Coordinator, at jgoodwin@karuk.us.

We encourage our Tribal Members to obtain their goals in education and are here to assist you to the best of our ability!

Thinking of Taking Online Classes? We Will Help You! “Successful Online Learning” Starts 2/19/07

Funded by The Administration for Native Americans, Social and Economic Development Grant

Begins February 19!

*Joan Van Duzer, Instructional Technologist
Humboldt State University*

Ever wondered what studying online might be like? Many colleges and universities have begun offering many courses online, making it possible to complete a college degree without leaving home. Will it work for you?

The Karuk Paths to Prosperity Project is sponsoring a 4-week fully-online course, “Successful Online Learning,” to help students prepare for success as online learners. Fully funded by an Administration for Native Americans, there is no registration fee and no required textbooks. Students may access the course over the Internet 7 days a week, and 24 hours a day with any computer connected to the Internet. Free Internet access and support is also provided at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center Monday through Friday, 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm and Saturday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

In addition to identifying personal strengths and challenges for success as an online learner, participants will learn what it’s like to join an online learning community and use common tools used for online coursework.

Lessons will begin on Monday, February 19 and continue through Friday, March 16. Students should expect to commit approximately 7 to 10 hours each of the four weeks of the course for reading assignments and activities. Because there are no class meetings, course work can be done on a flexible schedule around work and family responsibilities.

Contact Rose Bley or Kelly Worcester at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center, (530) 493-5213 or rbley@karuk.us before February 12 to sign up and to receive additional information on how to begin.

“See” you online!

Karuk Paths to Prosperity

A Comprehensive Community Capacity Building Project

Funding Made Possible by

The Administration for Native Americans

Rosie Bley, HCCCC Director & Project Coordinator

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) has awarded \$900,000 to the Karuk Tribe of California for Karuk Paths to Prosperity, a three-year social development project that will enhance educational and employment opportunities in the remote mid-Klamath River communities of Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka.

With ANA's provision of \$300,000 in each of the next three years, the Karuk Tribe will utilize available computer technology to increase public awareness of the wide array of occupational opportunities that exist within the ancestral territory—and then support individual community members in pursuing vocational and professional training through distance learning programs. Through Karuk Paths to Prosperity, the Tribe's Human Resources Department will create a public-access web site that features 100 different jobs ranging from entry-level clerical positions to paraprofessional health, education, family services and natural resources positions, to licensed professional and executive management positions. By converting three community computer centers to distance learning centers—or “virtual college campuses”—the Karuk Tribe will help high school students, unemployed/underemployed community members and Tribal employees to access postsecondary education that previously required relocation outside the ancestral homelands. The new ANA Grant will fund new equipment, computer center staff, and annual operating expenses.

How can this help community members?

- College courses and degrees are now available locally without having to “go away” to college.
- Student Services Coordinator staff working with the Tribe's education and TERO departments are now available in Happy Camp and Orleans to assist you with:
 - academic advising
 - course selection
 - career counseling
 - financial aid advising
 - mentoring
 - course technical assistance
- Computer Center staff is starting “Becoming An Online Learner” classes on a continuous basis to assist you with how to navigate and troubleshoot any problems you may have with distance learning courses.
- New computers, tables, chairs and equipment are now available at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center for distance learning use with high speed Internet access.
- COMPASS college placement tests are now available at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center to place you into the right college course, regardless of what your current education level is.
- Web site featuring different job positions at the Karuk Tribe is now being created and will soon be placed online with detailed descriptions of what each job is and what is required of the person in that position, low and high rate of pay, training/education necessary to qualify for each job, and which community the positions are located. This is a gradual process and by the end of the three year grant, 100 jobs will be placed online.



Karuk Paths to Prosperity Key Personnel

*From left to right: **Bari Talley**, Student Services Coordinator, Orleans; **Gerry Canning**, IT Technician for Karuk Tribe; **Rosie Bley**, HCCCC Director & Project Coordinator; **Kelly Worcester**, HCCC Technician/Instructor; **Jim Berry**, KCDC CFO & Project Director; **James Burcell**, Student Services Coordinator, Happy Camp; **Sara Spence**, Karuk Tribe Human Resources Manager*

(These services will be available in Yreka in years 2 and 3 at the new Housing Building)

7. Student Services Coordinators are available to help you plan your education around the job you wish to make a career of (descriptions which will be available at the described web site).

If you've dreamed of having a particular job, services are now available to help you make your dream come true without having to move away to go to school. If you would like a change in careers, we can help you acquire the education necessary to make that change. For more information, visit the Happy Camp Community Computer Center/ Distance Learning Center at 25 Fourth Avenue, Happy Camp, 530-493-5213 or email Jim Burcell at jimburcell@karuk.us. Those of you who live downriver can go to the Community Computer Center in Orleans at Panamniik Center, 39051, Highway 96, Orleans, CA, 530- 627-3081, or email Bari Talley at btalley@karuk.us



**Happy Camp Community Computer Center
Before Renovation**



After Renovation!

Below & Right: Jim Burcell & Kelly Worcester busy renovating.



Below: Bob Bley, volunteer, building custom equipment shelf



*Left: Volunteers Mercedes Worcester & Andrew Bley building desks.
Above and right: Computer Center renovation completed. A much more efficient use of space and technology!*



Meet Your New Student Services Coordinators!

They Are Here To Help You Plan A New Future!

James Burcell: *Happy Camp Community Computer Center/COS Distance Learning Classroom*

My name is James A. Burcell. I was born in Chico, California and I am a Karuk Tribal Member. I was reared in Siskiyou County and graduated from Weed High School.

My grandfather, Harry, and great uncles, Bill, Fred, Al, and Lawrence live in Scott Valley. They taught me to hunt, fish, and respect the outdoors. I spent as much time as possible each summer with my grandfather and grandmother in Etna, California.



COS Distance Learning Classroom next to the Happy Camp Computer Center

My love of hunting, fishing and the outdoors drew me to Alaska after the Army and a tour of duty in Vietnam. I graduated from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and from the University of Alaska, Anchorage with a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Education played a big part in my career success in Alaska. After approximately 35 years in Alaska, my wife and I retired and left that part of the country to avoid the cold, dark, snowy winters. We've since relocated to Happy Camp to help others learn and earn through the Karuk Paths to Prosperity ANA grant funded distance learning program.

I'm the eldest in a family of five sisters and one brother. I've currently got two sisters living in California, a sister living in New York, a sister living in Alaska, a sister living in Arizona, and a brother living in Alaska. I've got two children and five grand children living in California.

I feel I'm home again in Siskiyou County. I'm excited about the opportunity to help others.



Jim Burcell, Student Services Coordinator for Happy Camp

Bari Talley: *Community Computer Center in Orleans*

Bari Gayle Morehead Talley's career emphasis has been education, art, and working for the Native American community. In addition to her commitment to the River Schools, she does freelance illustration and desktop publishing. She is a Karuk tribal member whose art has been published in The Little Acorn and News from Native California. She earned her degree at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, and was hired at the Longhouse Cultural and Education Center on campus where she organized art fairs, symposiums and workshops. After her third daughter was born, the family moved to Orleans so that they could raise their daughters on the River. Her husband, Curt, is an ocean-going tugboat captain who is away working about half the year. Her parents are Barry and Janet Morehead of Orleans, who married in 1959 in Happy Camp where Janet was attending Happy Camp High School and Barry was on the road survey crew for the Bureau of Public Roads. At that time, Janet's parents, Eleanor (Sanderson) and Fred Wilder were living at the Forest Service housing across from the old high school cafeteria.



Bari Gayle Morehead Talley

On a personal note: *Why the long name? I was named after my dad, Barry Morehead, so I was a junior— We used to get a kick out of calling each other's office and saying, "this is Bari Morehead, may I speak to Barry Morehead?" or vice versa. The Gayle came from my mom, Janet Gale "Wilder" Morehead, although she spelled it differently so I too wouldn't be a strong wind; I was/am called "Bari Gayle" by some, mostly family. I couldn't bear to give up any of those names when I married my husband, Curt, so I tacked Talley on the end so I would have the same last name as my three daughters, Sinead, Geena & Josa.*



Volunteer Carole Kehrig & Bari

FREE Classes Are Now Available To Start Your Own Business!

Courses made possible by the California Consumer Protection Foundation



Rosie Bley, Director
Happy Camp Community Computer Center



The Happy Camp Community Computer Center is hosting a series of classes to assist you with planning and starting your own business. These courses are in partnership with the Jefferson Economic Development Institute and Suzanne M. Burcell, MBA, Director of Indian Teacher & Educational Personnel Program at Humboldt State University.

We are happy to announce the following classes and the dates they will be held:

I) Planning Your Small Business:

Classes are scheduled for March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 21, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Every other Saturday – four, 6 hour classes)

Thinking of starting a business or micro-enterprise? The Karuk Community Development Corporation is now offering a comprehensive, 24-hour pre-business planning course from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on alternating Saturdays beginning March 10th at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center. Taught by Karuk Tribal member Suzanne Burcell, author of *The Indian Business Owner's Guides* (now in its 3rd edition), this course will assist you in assessing potential markets for your products or services, forecasting sales, determining the start-up costs and feasibility of your business, preparing a business plan with financial projections, and identifying sources of financing. For more information, contact Ms. Burcell at 707/826-5195 or 530/629-3921, or Rosie Bley, at 493-5213.

II) Break-through Pricing:

Class is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 10 am to 2 pm

****It will be offered again Saturday, August 4 from 10 am to 2 pm.***

Class participants will address issues such as understanding your breakeven costs and how to set a price, the psychology of raising prices, understanding the thoughts and feelings behind setting prices and how you can accept more.

We are planning two separate opportunities for this class... once early in the year and one later in the year so those who were not previously ready for this phase will still have the opportunity to learn how to price their goods or services at fair market value and be able to make a living.

This class will be taught by Rene Getreu of Jefferson Economic Development Institute at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center.

III) E-Commerce Made Simple:

Class is scheduled for April 17-18 & 24-25 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. (Tuesdays & Wednesdays for two weeks)

This is a seminar designed to assist participants learn about creating a simple process for selling products or services over the Internet. We are planning two separate opportunities for this class... one early in the year and one later in the year so those who were not previously ready for this phase will still have the opportunity to learn necessary E-Commerce techniques. This class will be taught by instructor, David Donica of Jefferson Economic Development Institute at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center.

IV) Making Your Money Work for You!

Classes are scheduled for May 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 & 23-24 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Wednesdays & Thursdays, two days per week for four weeks)

This is a training class that assists participants build financial skills such as budgeting, saving, credit repair and enhancement, investing, and financial goal-setting. This is a 24-hour class. Come ready to learn! This class is great for either personal goals or for setting up the financial building blocks for business startup or expansion. This class will be taught by Rene Getreu of Jefferson Economic Development Institute at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center.

For more information, call 493-5213, go to the Tribe's website at www.karuk.us, the HCCCC website at www.happycampcomputercenter.org, Jefferson Economic Development Institute web site at <http://www.e-jedi.org/>, or email Rosie Bley at rbley@karuk.us

Warren Buffet and the Economics of Dam Removal

S. Craig Tucker, Ph.D.

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With the arrival of the new year the relicensing of the Klamath Dams continues. We hope that the multiyear process will come to an end in 2007 with an agreement to remove the lower four dams and upgrade fish ladders on the upper two dams. This will have profound benefits for struggling stocks of salmon by opening over 350 miles of historic spawning habitat in the Klamath mainstem as well as dozens of tributaries. In addition, we expect dramatic water quality improvements as the dams allow river water to warm to temperatures lethal to salmon in the summer and host massive blooms of toxic algae.

In previous articles, we have pointed out that the dams provide no flood control, generate little power, and that relicensing them will cost more than their removal. So why would anyone fight to keep them? To understand the answer to this question we must consider who owns the dams, how regulated energy companies make money, and the pervasive pioneer ideology of rural non-native westerners.

Who owns the dams?

The dams are owned by Portland based PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp serves over 1.6 million customers in Oregon, California, Utah, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, and Idaho. PacifiCorp is not a publicly traded company with stocks. Instead it's a subsidiary of larger corporations.

When we began our campaign to Bring the Salmon Home, PacifiCorp was owned by the multinational energy giant Scottish Power, head quartered in Edinburgh, Scotland. Two years (and two visits to Scottish Power shareholder meetings) later, Scottish Power sold PacifiCorp to Mid American Energy Holdings Company, based in Des Moines, Iowa. Mid American is owned by Berkshire Hathaway. The CEO of Berkshire Hathaway and biggest shareholder is the renowned billionaire investor Warren Buffett. With a personal worth of over \$48 billion (yes that's billion with a 'b') Buffett is the second richest man in the world, second only to Bill Gates. Class A shares of Berkshire stock costs over \$100,000 each and class B shares are worth over \$3,500 each.

Buffett is the arguably the most successful investor in American history. If you had invested \$10,000 with Berkshire Hathaway when Buffett took over in 1964, your investment would be worth over \$50 million today! Recently Buffett announced plans to give over \$30 billion to the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to help the poor.

Buffett has two sons, Howard and Peter, who are very interested in Native American issues. Peter is a



musician and composer. He composed some of the music in 'Dances with Wolves.' Peter went on to compose the score for the 8 hour PBS documentary '500 Nations.'

Peter's latest work is called 'Spirit Dance' (see spiritdance.com). It's a stage performance featuring traditional Native American song, dance, and regalia.

Buffett's son Howard is a world renowned photojournalist. He serves on the board of the World Wildlife Fund and sponsors several grants for work in Africa.

Together, Howard and Peter sponsor Ecotrust's Indigenous Leadership Award. Ecotrust is a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon that works on building 'Salmon Nation' and has ties to several Northwest tribes. In an ironic twist, Karuk Vice chair Leaf Hillman was a finalist for the Buffett award in 2005. The Buffetts did not attend the awards banquet.

To date, we have been unsuccessful in our attempts to contact and arrange meetings with any of the Buffett family to discuss the dams. If any Tribal members have suggestions or contacts, please let us know.

How regulated utilities make their money

Keeping the dams will be expensive. Some of the dams are very old and will require expensive upgrades and complex fish ladders to comply with modern environmental laws. In fact, studies from the California Energy Commission and the US Department of Interior conclude that dam removal would be over \$100 million cheaper than relicensing. So why shouldn't we expect PacifiCorp remove the dams themselves?

Regulated utilities can only generate a profit through certain kinds of expenses. The generation and transmission of power is billed to customers at cost. However, capital improvements such as construction

of new power plants or upgrades to existing ones are passed on to ratepayers with an additional percentage tacked on for profit. Thus, if you assume that the company can convince the Public Utility Commission to allow it, the cost of relicensing plus an additional 10%-12% will be passed on to rate payers and provide a margin of profit for shareholders. In other words, PacifiCorp could force ratepayers to pay the price for ladders and other upgrades and in turn provide a kick back to Warren Buffet and his cronies.

If PacifiCorp chooses this strategy, the Karuk Tribe will be testifying before the Public Utilities Commission to convince them to disallow such shameful business practices.

Ideology, the final hurdle

As we have explained in previous newsletters, the dams provide no flood control benefits, produce little energy, and the reservoirs host massive blooms of toxic algae each summer. As Karuk Vice Chairman Leaf Hillman puts it, "These dams do nothing well except kill fish and breed toxic algae." Still, there is some local opposition from Siskiyou County residents to dam removal. Why would anyone (other than Warren Buffet) want to keep these antiquated fish killing dams around?

The greatest opposition to dam removal is not a lack of scientific facts, lack of a moral arguments, or even money – its ideology. The belief that all dams help farmers, are important to America's infrastructure, and represent the fulfillment of a divine directive to go forth and conquer the wilderness are all part of this dam hugging ideology. This ideology threatens to undermine what could be the biggest economic boost this region has seen since Europeans arrived. The economic analysis

is clear: removing the Klamath dams will bring jobs to the region and improved water quality will increase property values.

More importantly dam removal would begin a healing process not only for the river, but for the deep wounds left by the attempted genocide of Karuk People as well as the Basin's other Native populations. Salmon is often described as the foundation of Karuk culture. Dam removal would shore up that foundation and allow the Tribe to once again have a salmon based economy in both traditional and contemporary terms.

The fate of these dams, will likely be decided this year. It is the hope of the Karuk Tribe that the current settlement negotiation involving all the major stakeholders in the basin including neighboring Tribes, fishermen, farmers, environmentalists, and the company, lead to dam removal and allow us to make major strides in repairing not only the Klamath salmon fishery, but bring economic and cultural stability to the residents of the Klamath Basin, both native and non-native.

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Newsletter Articles



If you have news, articles or events you would like placed in this newsletter, please submit your information to **Sara Spence, Newsletter Articles, P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039**. Or you may email articles and/or photos to sspence@karuk.us or to Rosie Bley at rbley@karuk.us.

All submissions must include your name and address. No anonymous articles will be included, although your name may be withheld from the article itself with Council approval.

Article deadlines: July 15 for the summer issue, October 15 for the fall issue, January 15 for the winter issue, and **April 15** for the spring issue. These dates will be the same every year.

Karuk Department of Natural Resources

Watershed Restoration Program

Some may ask what we accomplish during the wet time of year when we are not actively restoring our watersheds. To answer that question we would like to give you a bit of background on our program infrastructure and on the logic behind the reasons for a Watershed Restoration Program.

In 1996, the Karuk Tribe along with other land management agencies began consultation and coordination efforts to deal with declining road management budgets and decreased road maintenance that was leading to degenerated road systems throughout the Ancestral Territory. In order to properly deal with these issues; in 1999 the Karuk Tribe established the Watershed Restoration Program. While past timber harvesting has brought economic benefit to our communities the network of roads remaining have a detrimental impact on our environment.

The high road densities and granitic rock and decomposing granite soil types in our area are highly sensitive to accelerated erosion. These conditions are of great concern due to the elevated risk of sediment production which in turn causes chronic resource impacts on rivers, streams, and riparian areas and to tribal trust species. Approximately 63% of the watershed we are working in is composed of this soil type. When forest roads are not regularly maintained we experience road failure. Road failure is defined by active landslides that occur as small to large features



Diverted flow from failed culvert



throughout the area. These landslides are recognized as shallow debris flows or deep-seated landslides and slumps. With the most active landslides occurring in wet and weak soils that are extremely sensitive to road cuts and changes to drainage systems. Risk of landslides increase following catastrophic wildfire, past timber harvest practices or road construction activities. Sediment delivery to streams from this landscape can be high, even if fully vegetated. Problems of road drainage and transport of water and debris--especially during floods--are a primary reason roads fail, often with major structural, ecologic, economic, or other social consequences.

Roads have three primary effects on water movement across the landscape:

- Intercept rainfall directly on the road surface, road cutbanks, and subsurface water moving down the hillslope;
- concentrate flow, either on the surface of the road or in an adjacent ditch or channel,
- divert or reroute water that the landscape would otherwise take if the road were not present

According to data collected; by 1944, there were approximately 188 miles of roads in the nearby Salmon River watershed; by 1989, the miles of road on these federally managed lands had increased to 762 miles or 3,639 acres (de la Fuente and Haessig 1991). It is further recognized that road related landslide rates are 60-800 times greater than undisturbed soils. In 1993, the United States Forest Service Reported that more than 90% of the human caused sediment is associated with roads; and, in the Salmon River Watershed, roads account for 43% of the model-estimated surface erosion. It is clear from the information that restoration work should focus primarily on road-related activities designed to reduce sediment impacts from eroding road prisms. Controlling sediment production by "erosion-proofing" roads (through decommissioning and upgrading) has the

potential to provide the biggest "bang-for-the-restoration-buck" in terms of reducing sediment yield.



Resulting road damage from failed culvert



The Karuk Tribal Watershed Restoration Program is a year round program but is primarily implemented during the summer or dry months of the year. So in conclusion, to answer the question of what we accomplish during the wet time of year when we are not actively restoring our watersheds. We are busy planning, surveying, designing road decommissioning prescriptions and securing funding for future projects. Forging lasting partnerships with various agencies and private funders is vital. Our Watershed Restoration Program is fully funded through various grants and agreements and all but a few of our grant proposals compete on a national scale with other worthy proposals. While state and national focus may shift through various administrations, our ability to secure funds demonstrates the importance of our restoration activities. If you have any question regarding this Karuk Tribal Department of Natural Resources Program, please feel free to contact Earl Crosby, Watershed Restoration Coordinator at 530-469-3454 or ecrosby@karuk.us.

The Nurse's Corner

Vaccinations - Not Just for Kids

David Eisenberg, CHN



When we think of immunizations most of us think of young children or teenagers getting their shots at the doctor's office. But immunizations can protect adults too. Experts say that vaccines could prevent 70 percent of flu deaths, 60 percent of the cases of invasive pneumonia and 90 percent of the cases of Hepatitis B.

The body has a good system to react to invaders - the immune system. When the immune system comes in contact with an invader (an antigen) it does the best it can.

But after the immune system has been exposed to an antigen, it " remembers " it and can fight it more effectively if it invades again. This memory is called immunity. It is because of this immunity that disease like measles or chicken pox strike only once.

Vaccination is the practice of exposing a person's immune system to weak or inactive antigens to produce immunity. The antigens do not cause disease, and allow the body to produce protection against the invading organisms.

Vaccinations for Adults

Influenza (Flu)

This is a very contagious disease. The symptoms include fever, chills headache, sore throat dry cough runny nose and body aches. People over 65 and those with chronic diseases should get a flu shot every year.

Pneumococcal Disease

This condition is caused by bacteria which cause pneumonia and other serious conditions. Pneumococcal disease kills 40,000 people a year in the US. People over 65 and those with chronic diseases should have the vaccine at least once.

Hepatitis B

This is a serious disease of the liver caused by a virus. It is spread by contact with blood or other body fluids of an infected person. Workers who may be exposed to blood on the job, men who sex with men, or people who have sex with more than one partner in six months, or users of injectable street drugs should be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. The vaccine has a good overall response rate of 90%.

Vaccines are an important part of preventative health for everyone, not just kids.



This woman is not pregnant. She has Hepatitis B which exacerbated liver cancer. She died four months later. Photo Courtesy of U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Harrison's Receive Awards at Happy Camp Elementary School

Submitted by Dorcas Harrsion

Great Job Kids!

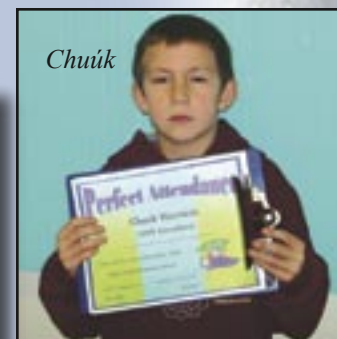


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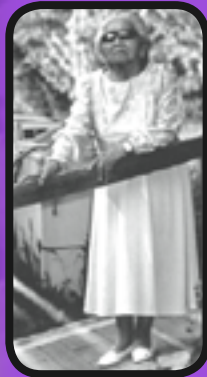
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In Loving Memory...

Violet Ruth Super



Violet Ruth "Vasihtinihich" Super passed away as a result of a fire that destroyed her home on the evening of November 29, 2006 in Orleans California. She was born on her family's Indian Allotment known as "Butlers Flat" in Siskiyou County on December 3, 1917 and lived all her life along the Klamath and Salmon rivers. She was a full-blooded Karuk and her family (Johnny) was from the villages of Katimiin, Ike's and Amikiyaarem. She was a fluent speaker, teacher and strong advocate of the Karuk language. She lived her life full of vim, vigor and vinegar, always young at heart.



She was preceded in death by Elvis Presley; her Grandparents, Red Cap Jenny, Red Cap Johnny and Susie Charles; Parents Bob and Mary Johnny; husbands Leonard Super and Orel "Heem" Hillman; four brothers, Martin, Dave, Dan and Theodore Johnny; sisters Agness, Caroline, and Hazel Johnny; nieces Hazel Wilder-Ward and Roselynd Norris-Tungate; and special cousins Ramona Tripp-Starritt, Lillian Bennett, and Elizabeth Rueben Snapp. She is survived by cousins Josephine Peters; Burl and Frank Grant Sr.; nieces Jeanerette Jacups-Johnny, and Marlene Crumpacker-Wilder, and several generations of nieces and nephews and all those who met, knew and loved her by simply calling her Auntie.

Services were officiated by David Tripp and held at Orleans Elementary School on December 8, 2006, and followed by a community meal. Interment was Saturday, December 9, 2006 at Evergreen Cemetery in Yreka with a community memorial and meal which followed at the Yreka Karuk Tribal Housing Community Room on Yellowhammer Road.

Young Lives Cut Too Short...

*The Klamath River claimed the lives of three, much
loved locals on December 3, 2006*

We Will Miss You!



Ashley Johnson



Hobart Harrison

Harley Moore



Hobart Harrison's family would like to take this time to express our deepest heart felt thanks to everyone who made themselves available for us and helped us through one of our most difficult times.

Thank you
The Harrison Family

Contract Health Service Program

Anna Myers, CHS Supervisor

What Is Contract Health Service?

Contract Health Service (CHS) is a federally funded program administered through Karuk Tribe of California. Karuk Tribal Health assists **eligible** Indian clients with payments for **approved** medical and dental services. Following are some criteria listed below.

Eligibility for Contract Health Service:

One requirement to be eligible for CHS program is Indian Verification which includes:

1. A member of a federally recognized California tribe or a descendant of CA. Indian with a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) living within the Karuk Tribe of California service area.
2. Any Indian in California who is included on one of the California judgment rolls,
3. Or their descendents (A copy of the judgment roll that includes the individual's name must be provided).
4. Non-Indian woman pregnant with an eligible Indian's child is eligible during her pregnancy through six weeks postpartum.

How To Use Contract Health Service:

1. Patient must have a referral from one of the Karuk Tribal Health medical or dental providers for assistance with an outside service. **Pre-authorization is required for all non-emergency services and follow-up care.**
2. Emergency room visits must be reported to CHS within 72 hours after the services are rendered to be eligible for CHS coverage. Any ER visit will be reviewed and prioritized for payment by CHS staff, which means an alternate resources or a denial from Medi-Cal which is a **Federal Regulation...** Elders (60 and above) are allowed 60 days to notify CHS staff of an ER visit.
3. Any client requesting CHS must fill out an annual family intake for Medi-Cal if they have no other insurance, this also is a Federal Regulation to help CHS funds cover the entire fiscal year.
4. Client must mail CHS all bills and insurance explanation of benefits (EOB) that they have received within 60 days of the outside service. Please maintain close contact with CHS clerk for coverage updates.
5. **CHS is only paying for services in level I and II at this time.**

The following service are not covered at this time.

3. Level III:

- a.) Nutritional Supplements
- b.) Home Health Services
- c.) Durable Medical Equipment
- d.) Traditional Indian Health
- e.) Therapy Services: occupational and Speech
- f.) Orthodontic, periodonic care
- g.) Hospice Inpatient care

4. Level IV:

- a.) Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services
- b.) Inpatient Care
- c.) Outpatient Surgery, Ambulatory Surgery
- d.) Skilled Nursing Facility
- e.) Inpatient Care

5. Level V:

- a.) Dialysis
- b.) Transplants

6. Level VI:

- a.) All other excluded services

Remember Refusal to Apply for Alternate Resources Will Result in a Denial of Payment!

Karuk Tribe of California CHS Program: If after CHS staff has determined patient has no alternate resources; CHS will pay the approved service. The disadvantage of having no insurance is that not all services are covered. Since Karuk Tribal Health receives limited funds for CHS there may not be available funds as the fiscal year approaches. CHS does not cover surgery or inpatient stays at the hospital. Funds are limited and these services could exhaust the money in a short time.

For Those with Insurance: All correspondence from a client's private insurance, Medicare, medi-cal, etc. explaining how they processed the claim, **must be sent to the CHS office within 60 days.** If a client fails to comply with these requirements, CHS may deny payment.

Maria Miranda, Eligibility Worker for Tribal Health

Lessie Aubrey, Department of Quality Management and Compliance



Maria Miranda, Patient Eligibility Worker

Maria Miranda is the eligibility worker for the Karuk Tribal Health Program. Her main duties are to enroll patients in alternate resource programs like MediCal, Medicare Part D, CMSP, and Healthy Families. All patients, regardless if they are Native American, are eligible to apply for alternate resource programs through Maria. The benefits our patients experience is greater access to care and services.

Remember, not all our patients receive IHS benefits, so enrolling in an alternate resource program entitles them to health care they may not have expected. When an Indian patient becomes eligible for an alternate resource, it allows the Tribe to save its limited funds to help other Indians, who may not be eligible for other programs.

Maria has worked as the eligibility worker for eighteen months now and during that time has successfully enrolled 337 patients in an alternate resource. This does not include the number of patients who were non-compliant or who were denied.

One reason for non-compliance is because they don't or can't come up with the required documentation, or they let their time for enrollment elapse. It is imperative that the patient follow through on the required paperwork in a timely manner to become enrolled.

The CHS program is a payor of last resort, and will require eligible patients for CHS to apply for MediCal. Maria is very helpful in this area and I encourage you to use her services.

Maria is located in the Yreka Clinic and you can reach her there by calling 842-9200, and on Thursdays she travels to the Happy Camp Clinic at 493-5257. Her schedule is subject to change so calling her at the Yreka Clinic is the best way to schedule an appointment with her.

S.C.O.R.E Fundraiser COWBOY POETRY FESTIVAL

Featuring Bill Roberts & Friends

Live Western Music by Susan & Jesse



Cowboy Poet, Bill Roberts
*Photo by Nancy Shaeffer,
courtesy Peggy Goshgarian*

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Price: \$5.00 per person

Place: Grange Hall in Happy Camp

Information: (530) 493-5213

*Coffee & water are free, desserts/
snacks will be for sale at the event.*

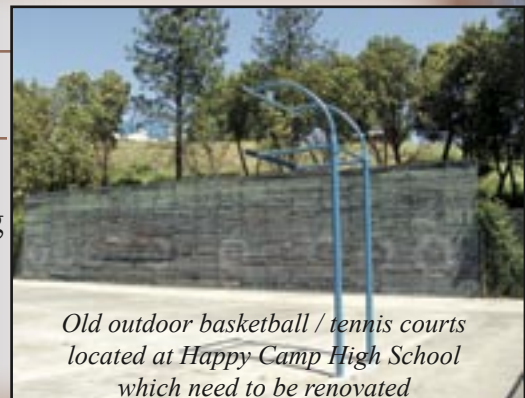


*Susan & Jesse
Photo courtesy Gerry Canning*

This event is to raise money for S.C.O.R.E.

S.C.O.R.E. (Sport Court Outdoor Rebound Effort) is a community-wide project to rebuild Happy Camp's existing tennis/basketball court for everyone to use and enjoy.

To donate: Mail check to S.C.O.R.E., P.O. Box 100, Happy Camp, CA 96039.



*Old outdoor basketball / tennis courts
located at Happy Camp High School
which need to be renovated*

Sign Up for Family Caregiver Course

Babbie Peterson, Senior Center Supervisor



Participants & Instructor of Orleans Caregiver Class

Our program is currently setting up our next course for Family Caregivers. This course is designed to help families acquire the caregiving skills they need to provide safe, confident home care. Classes include detailed instruction on how to care for someone on bed rest, personal care, safe wheelchair use, medication management, infection control, fall prevention, fire safety, and more. If you would like to join us for these supportive, information-packed classes please contact our office to give us the following information:

Name, address, phone number, and email address if you have one.

This information will also allow us to see which community in our service area has the greatest need for the classes. We can adjust our schedule and make arrangements for guest speakers in those communities and also send you information about the training once a date and location has been set. This is a 19 hour training that will be spread out over several days; upon completion you will receive a certificate of completion for the National Caregiver Training Program.

To sign up- or for more information, call 530-627-3056 and leave a message with your information, or mail your information to:

Karuk Senior Center Program
P.O. Drawer 249
Orleans, CA 95556



Siskiyou County Area Agency on Aging invited the Karuk Senior Center Program to have a booth at the Senior Health Fair at the Yreka Community Center.

Fort Jones Senior Fair - the Karuk Senior Center was invited - we had an informational table with program information and handouts.



Humboldt County Area Agency on Aging: The Karuk Senior Center was invited to provide an Information Booth for their Caregiver's Fair in Willow Creek

Happy Camp Senior Meal site having a Luau.



Orleans Senior Meal site.



Katherine "Katie" Achêevish Lommen



Born: August 21, 2006, Portland, OR

Parents: Kathy & Steve Lommen

Brothers: Max, Mason & Luke Lommen

Grandparents: LeRoy & Doni Wilder, Aileen Wilder, Jory & Kerin Lommen

Great Grandmother: Eleanor Wilder

Aunties & Uncles: Janet & Barry Morehead, Lillian & Werner Rentz, Pat & Willard Johnson

Jordan Christopher Bartlett

Born: October 26, 2006

Weight: 7 lbs, 11 oz.

Parents: Bridget Chante Brown and Chris J. Bartlett



Yupsítanach (Baby) Page

Karuk Tribe Child Care Program

Dion Wood, TERO & Childcare Program Director

The Karuk Tribe of California has received our 2007 grant award for the Child Care and Development Program (the Child Care Program) and is able to maintain the current level of services in addition to accepting new applications for this childcare subsidy program for low-income families with tribally enrolled children. This is a two-year block grant and the tribe's plan for the next two years must be submitted by July first of this year. The program is required to hold public meetings to include within the plan, so look for more information in early summer!

Beyond supporting the costs for care for Indian children in child care settings within the ancestral territory, the Karuk Tribe's Child Care program also contributes to enhancing the "quality" of services that families receive through this federally funded program.

The Child Care program is often asked for references for Care Providers so if you live within the tribe's service area and are interested in being on a referral list for any one of our communities, please contact the program director for more information. You will be asked to take a TB test and must be willing to have First Aid / CPR including child and infant CPR certification. Background checks may be required depending on parental choice. Please call 1-800-505-2785 extension 2030 if you have any questions.



Alanna Hope Hillman, daughter of Josh and Jeri Hillman. Josh is currently serving in the US Army

Santa Visits Indian Country

Photos courtesy Michael Moore



Tribal Employees, Friends & Families

At the Employee Holiday Party

Photos courtesy David Eisenberg



Left: Maria Miranda & Liz Super

Right: Dr. Burns & Claudia Ross-Mcleish



Kristin King & Robert "Basketball Bob" Attebery



Greg, Susan & Logan Gehr



Phil Sr., Ellie, Phil Jr., & Kids



Above: Elke Head, Lisa Aubrey, April Attebery & Bessie Munson

Right: Marsha Jackson

Below: Michael Moore



Right: Preston Willson & Verna Reece



Left: Erin Hillman & Sandi Tripp

Right: Babbie Peterson



The Whole Gang!



Mission Statement

The mission of the Karuk Tribal Council is to promote the general welfare of all Karuk People, to establish equality and justice for our Tribe, to restore and preserve Tribal traditions, customs, language and ancestral rights, and to secure to ourselves and our descendants the power to exercise the inherent rights of self-governance.

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Winter, 2007

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