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Tuesday
November 5, 2013

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We hope you enjoy reading about your tribe. If you would like to submit information to the newsletter, please call our Human Resources office for instructions or email lcolegrove@karuk.us. We look forward to reading about your successes and triumphs.

Russell Attebery
Happy Camp
Chairman
TERM: Nov. 2011-Nov. 2015

Michael Thom
Happy Camp
Vice-Chairman
TERM: Nov. 2010-Nov. 2014

Crispen McAllister
Yreka District
Member at Large
TERM: Nov. 2010-Nov. 2014

Amos Tripp
Orleans District
Member at Large
TERM: Nov. 2012-Nov. 2015

Alvis Johnson
Happy Camp District
Member at Large

Dora Bernal
Orleans District
Member at Large
TERM: Nov. 2010-Nov. 2013

Joseph Waddell
Happy Camp
Secretary/Treasurer
TERM: Nov. 2011-Nov. 2015

Sonny Davis
Yreka District
Member at Large
TERM: Nov. 2009-Nov. 2013

Elsa Goodwin
Happy Camp District
Member at Large
Notice of Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a General Election for two positions, one from each Orleans & Yreka District Member at Large positions.

Candidate packets for the Orleans & Yreka District Member at Large seats will be available at Tribal Offices in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans on Tuesday, June 26, 2013.

POLLING PLACES will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM in Yreka at 1519 South Oregon Street-Clinic, in Happy Camp at 64236 Second Avenue-Multipurpose Room, and in Orleans at 39051 Highway 96-Community Room.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE you must be an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe, who is eighteen years old, and has registered with the Karuk Voter’s Registration Office (you may register to vote before the election or at the polling place on Election Day).

SUBJECT MATTER OF ELECTION

TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE POSITIONS, 4 Year Terms: 2013-2017.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS Requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing with a current return address and must be received no later than Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Contact the Election Committee at (800) 505-2785 or visit www.karuk.us/ to obtain required form(s).

CANDIDATES Must submit their completed candidate packet and pay the $50 processing fee to the Karuk Election Committee by Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 5pm. An appointment must be arranged in advance with the Human Resources Office in Happy Camp to have fingerprints taken and submit to a urine drug screening test PRIOR to 5pm, Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

COMPENSATION: Council Members will be compensated a flat rate of $2,000 per month, plus stipends for training related travel as resources allow.

For more information we encourage you to contact the Election Committee at: (800) 50-KARUK.
Portland, OR — Groups supporting the Klamath Restoration Agreements staged a march and rally on Thursday, May 30 at PacifiCorp's headquarters in Portland, Oregon. They also marched to Senator Wyden’s office.

The event was organized by the Klamath Justice Coalition (KJC), a group representing Klamath River communities both native and non-native. The march was meant to symbolize the fact that the struggle to restore the Klamath has moved beyond the historic fight with dam owner PacifiCorp and on to the halls of Congress.

“We have an agreement with PacifiCorp that will lead to dam removal if Congress acts,” said event organizer and KJC member Molli White. White is a member of the Karuk Tribe who live just downstream of PacifiCorp’s Klamath Dams.

“The Klamath is our home, our past, our present, and our children’s future. The Karuk are ‘Fix the World People’ and will see to it that the Klamath is restored and our culture survives,” added White.

Crispen McAllister, Iraq War Veteran and Karuk Tribal Councilmember says, “We have worked hard to develop an agreement that serves all of the Klamath’s diverse communities. Now, congress has the opportunity to solve the West’s most volatile water war.”

Klamath River communities have been embroiled in bitter disputes over water allocations, dams, and diversions for decades. Fish kills, toxic algae blooms, fishing closures, and irrigation shut-offs have left all Klamath River communities susceptible to crisis in any given year putting economies and cultures at risk.

In 2010, a groundbreaking Agreement was brokered between Klamath River Tribes, area farmers and ranchers, commercial fishermen, conservation groups, and dam owner PacifiCorp. The Klamath Agreements lay out a plan...
to restore the river, remove four dams, and balance water use. The Agreements require congressional approval before they can be implemented.

“We think the Klamath Agreements are the best way to remove dams, restore our fishery, and strike a fair balance between fishermen and farmers,” said Taylor David, council member for the Klamath Tribes of Oregon.

The rally aims to show support for Senator Wyden’s efforts on the Klamath including a recent announcement to hold a Klamath hearing in Washington June 20th. Without a workable solution, this year’s drought could undermine much of the progress communities have made to reconcile centuries old differences.

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES!
Summer Food Program in Yreka and Happy Camp
Happy Camp Karuk Headstart Building
Yreka Karuk Head Start Building
11:30am to 12:30pm Daily (Monday-Friday)
June 10-August 16
Free for all school-age children
Your tribal council has been busier than ever. We are still fighting to keep sequester cuts away from our tribe as much as possible. Unfortunately, some cuts are already being implemented, such as cuts to Head Start and other vital programs. It takes a lot of meetings and travel to make sure our needs known, and to ensure our programs continue to operate.

Some programs will have to operate with less money. Our work on gaming is moving right along. We are working with our developers, ROI (return on investment), their staff, tribal staff, council members, engineers, architects, contractors, designers, environmental staff and the building contractors. I might have missed someone, but you get the idea. It’s a lot to coordinate.

We are working with the Cow Creek Tribe to keep the Coquille tribe out of Medford. Medford is not their ancestral territory and is not in an agreement in Oregon for a casino or gaming. We do not need or want them to put a casino in Medford, our backyard. Our staff is working hard to keep the Tribal programs and businesses going, some of which are operating with less money because of sequester cuts.

Tribal membership, please let us know your thoughts, input, wants and needs.

Our Department of Natural Resources and Council have been working on MOUs with the USFS to secure gathering, woodcutting and ceremonial rights without a permit. This should be done. We are a self-determined tribal government. We are working hard to secure fishing rights, improve forest management, undergo gaming training to provide jobs in the future.

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Joseph waddell

Ayukîi huut kich Tribal Members, I hope all is well in Indian Country. With the reunion fast approaching I hope to see lots of Tribal Members there. Here are some updates from the Tribal programs we have to help our Tribal Members. I have never deviated from my promise of the Karuk Mission Statement of helping our Tribal Members in any way possible and to preserve Tribal traditions, customs, language and ancestral rights.

Housing—As most know, we are in need of land in trust and housing units. We have a huge waiting line for Tribal Members in need of housing. Myself and housing director, Erin Hillman are trying to work on a settlement with the Morongo Tribe (Southern California). The Morongo Tribe has HUD funding they cannot use and have said they may pledge some monies to the Karuk Tribe for housing purposes. The Wellness Center being built in Yreka is in the environmental stage and on schedule. The Wellness Center in Orleans which will house our medical staff is in the final stages.

Medical and Dental—Again we have more needs for our members than we have providers and facilities because of this we often have to refer patients to other facilities. I can assure you that they work long hard hours to provide for our members. Long term goals are to pursue expansion of our clinics and to hire more providers.

Head Start, Child and Family Services and Judicial System—Because of the sequester (government cuts to programs) these programs have had to make significant changes. The staff for all these programs have taken on extra duties to try to service all members. I am very proud of our staff members and will assure you that if you contact our offices or the department directly, they will be more than happy to assist you.

Department of Natural Resources—The Karuk Tribe has one of the most prominent Natural Resources programs in the Country. They provide many jobs for our youth in the summer. Humboldt State University also has a nationwide recognized DNR department. Unfortunately the Native American Community and Humboldt State Administrators have some differ-
Happy Birthday!

Happy 3rd Birthday
Isabela Ayita Sanchez
Isabela turned 3 on May 1st
She is a very sweet loving little girl she also loves her classes in ballet, softball, music and gymnastics and we love watching her participate in each of them.
We love you baby girl.
Lots of love, Mommy and daddy

Casino Project—We will travel to Sacramento on July 9th to meet with the Governor’s office and hopefully sign our compact with the State of California. We have partnered with ROI (Return on Investment) and are now conducting the TEIR (Tribal Environmental Impact Report). Although it is speculation, we are hopeful that our casino project will go as planned and will be instrumental in helping the Karuk Tribe accomplish all of the goals and objectives mentioned above. The “Name Our Casino” contest closed May 20, 2013 and it is in the final stages of selection. Hopefully the Council will make a decision shortly.

Elders programs—If you haven’t already, please ask about our Senior Nutrition Program and housing programs. Elders are the number one priority of our programs and the Tribe. If you know of any elders in need call one of our elders/CHR workers at any one of our health clinics.

Please remember that Tribal Member needs are very important, call or e-mail anytime.

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Happy 10th Birthday!
To my son
Joseph Grant, II
July 20, 2013
From Dad, Joseph Grant, Sr.
They say that good things come to those who wait. This can certainly be said for the Yreka Housing Community. In 1996 the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority developed a Master Plan for the area that included the construction of a new Wellness Center. The Wellness Center was to be built in the same spot as the existing outdoor basketball court, on the corner of Yellowhammer and Katishraam streets. For sixteen years this new facility was just a dream until last fall when the Tribe and the Housing Authority obtained funding from the Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Block Grant and the Model Activity Funding category of the Indian Housing Block Grant.

The project is moving ahead quickly. Since December, the Housing Authority solicited and considered resident input regarding the location of the facility. Then, the Environmental Assessment for each funding source was bid out and completed. The bidding for Architect and Engineering Services was also advertised, with the award of a contract going to KAS and Associates from Medford Oregon. KAS, KTHA Construction Managers and Administration, Tribal Construction Manager, the Board of Commissioners and the Tribal Council have been working diligently on the design and the floor plan and layout, which
were approved in April. KTHA is on track to bid out the construction documents in July.

The development of the new Katishraam Wellness Facility is as exciting as other housing related issues are serious. We were not immune to the funding cuts brought about by the Sequestration. Fiscal Year 2013 funding for housing programs was reduced by five percent (5%) and we face a full eight point two percent (8.2%) budget decrease for Fiscal Year 2014. Additionally, the law that appropriates funding for the majority of housing activities, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) is due for reauthorization. It is a critical time for the housing program. KTHA Executive Director Erin Hillman and Assistant Director Ann Escobar, as well as KTHA Commissioners, Tribal Council Members and Tribal Self Governance Coordinator Jaclyn Goodwin have been working hard to make sure representatives of Congress are aware of our Member’s housing needs. We also work with other Tribes in our Region, the Native American Indian Housing Council, and the National Congress of American Indians to advocate for our programs on the regional and national levels.

If you would like to participate in your housing programs, please take advantage of the next Board of Commissioners meeting in your community. Our meetings are scheduled on a rotating basis between the Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka.

The next two public meetings are scheduled for Monday June 3, 2013 in Happy Camp at the Housing Offices, and Monday July 1 in Orleans at the Tribal Community Center and will begin at 10:00 am.

For more information, please contact our Happy Camp office at 530-493-1414 or our Yreka Office at 530-842-1644.

To apply for any Karuk Tribe Housing Authority programs you must submit a complete KTHA application to:

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority
ATTN: ASHLEE KING
P.O. Box 1159
Happy Camp, CA 96039
(530) 493-1414
(800) 250-5811
SACRAMENTO, Calif.—In response to an emergency request from a coalition of tribal, environmental and fisheries groups, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed emergency rules today to crack down on an upsurge of unregulated suction dredge mining in the state. The environmentally harmful mining process has been banned in California since 2009, but early in 2013 miners began making equipment modifications to suction dredges to exploit a perceived “loophole” in the ban. Today’s proposed regulations would close the loophole to better protect the environment, water quality and cultural resources from the toxic effects of suction dredge mining.

“The mining community is evading the will of the courts and the California legislature, both of which placed a moratorium on dredge mining until regulations that protect the environment can be developed,” said Leaf Hillman, director of Karuk Department of Natural Resources. “What the miners are doing now is an overt effort to ignore the spirit of the law, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is doing the right thing by clarifying the legal definition of a suction dredge.”

Suction dredge mining uses machines to vacuum up gravel and sand from streams and river bottoms in search of gold. California law currently prohibits “any vacuum or suction dredge equipment” from being used in California waterways. But because narrow state rules previously defined a suction dredge as a hose, motor and sluice box, miners are simply removing the sluice box — an alteration that leaves dredge spoils containing highly toxic mercury piling up along waterways. The sluice box is one of several methods to separate gold from dredge spoils.

“Suction dredge mining in any form pollutes our waterways with toxic mercury and destroys sensitive wildlife habitat,” said Jonathan Evans with the Center for Biological Diversity. “Californians won’t tolerate this shameless destruction of our natural heritage, which cynically undermines the intent of the law.”

Unregulated suction dredge mining harms important cultural resources and state water supplies. It also destroys sensitive habitat for important and imperiled wildlife, including salmon and steelhead trout, California red-legged frogs and sensitive migratory songbirds. The Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board urged a complete ban on suction dredge mining because of its significant impacts to water quality and wildlife from mercury pollution; the California Native American Heritage Commission has condemned
suction dredge mining’s impacts on priceless tribal and archeological resources.

“This is not the lawless Wild West,” said Glen Spain of Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations. “There is no miners’ ‘right’ to pollute the public’s waters, no ‘right’ to destroy salmon habitat and salmon fishing industry jobs, no ‘right’ for gold miners to suction up stream beds with no limits. The idea that they can dodge all state water and fisheries protection regulations with semantic tricks like this is ridiculous.”

The coalition that submitted the formal rulemaking petition includes the Center for Biological Diversity, the Karuk tribe, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, Institute for Fisheries Resources, Friends of the River, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Foothills Anglers Association, North Fork American River Alliance, Upper American River Foundation, Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, Environmental Law Foundation and Klamath Riverkeeper. The coalition is represented by Lynne Saxton of Saxton & Associates, a water-quality and toxics-enforcement law firm.

Environmental analysis by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife identified several of the impacts:

- Mobilizes and discharges toxic levels of mercury, harming drinking-water quality and potentially poisoning fish and wildlife;
- Harms fish, amphibians and songbirds by disrupting habitat;
- Causes substantial adverse changes statewide in American Indian cultural and historical resources.

Background

Suction dredge mining has a history of controversy. California courts have repeatedly confirmed that it violates state laws and poses threats to wildlife, and the state government has placed a moratorium on the destructive practice. Last year California Gov. Jerry Brown continued a moratorium initiated by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on suction dredge mining until the state develops regulations that pay for the program and protect water quality, wildlife and cultural resources.

In March 2013 a coalition including environmental organizations, fishermen and the Karuk tribe submitted a formal petition to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife asking the agency to close a loophole that allows recreational miners to return to suction dredging by making equipment modifications that sidestep state law and worsen impacts to the environment. State wildlife officials made good on their promise from a March letter denying the coalition’s original emergency request due to lack of evidence of miners engaged in the prohibited activity. In that letter, they promised to not sit idly by if on-the-ground evidence was provided that showed individuals using suction dredge mining equipment. The coalition provided such evidence resulting in today’s announcement.

The harm done by suction dredging is well documented by scientists and government agencies: It damages habitat for sensitive, threatened and endangered fish and frogs, and releases toxic mercury plumes left over from the Gold Rush into waterways.

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-Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity

The Karuk Tribe is the second largest federally recognized Indian Tribe in California. The Karuk have been in conflict with gold miners since 1850. Karuk territory is along the middle Klamath and Salmon Rivers. www.karuk.us

The Center for Biological Diversity is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 500,000 members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places. www.biologicaldiversity.org

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations is trade association of commercial fishermen on the west coast dedicated to assuring the rights of individual fishermen and fighting for the long-term survival of commercial fishing as a productive livelihood and way of life. www.pcffa.org
Madison Whitehouse participated in a baton competition in March in the Sacramento area. There were approximately 20 or more teams from all over California competing. She won a first place on her very first marching competition and ended up with three first place trophies and several other 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. The big win was being the first place winner for overall points for a beginner, therefore being selected as the Souper Twirler (the competition was sponsored by a soup company) and that included a sash and another trophy. This was Madison’s first year of twirling with the Buckeye Cuties. She has marched in Red Bluff Rodeo, Cottonwood Rodeo, Shasta Damboree Parade, and the Redding Christmas Lighted Parade and performed in four competitions this season. Madison is the daughter of Damon and Mindy Whitehouse and has a big sister Kayla who also is a Buckeye Cutie. She is the granddaughter of Russell and Pattigail Whitehouse and great granddaughter of Honey Whitehouse and Tom and Sharon Crocker of Happy Camp. We are all very proud of her and enjoy watching her twirl.
In Loving Memory...

SHARON BRAZILLE-ABRUE
MARCH 19, 1947 - APRIL 19, 2013

And if I go,
while you’re still here, know that I live on,
vibrating to a different measure;
behind a thin veil you cannot see through.
You will not see me,
so you must have faith.
I wait for the time we can soar together again—both aware of each other.
Until then, live your life to the fullest.
And when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart....I will be there.

For 11 years the annual Salmon Run has made its way up from the mouth of the Klamath River to as far upriver as runners could go. Last year, the 10th annual Salmon Run was the first event since 2006 that the Sacred Salmon Staff had made the journey to the Iron Gate Dam. This year’s Salmon Run event was another huge success. The Sacred Salmon Staff, which begins its journey at the mouth of the Klamath River, was carried by our brothers and sisters through Yurok Territory. It was then passed on to a team of runners who continued the strenuous 132 mile run from Orleans, through the heat of Karuk Country, and all the way to Iron Gate Dam. A healthy river and strong salmon set the tone, and was the main goal motivating the people who dedicated all their effort. Having another successful year was very encouraging for the people who are continuing the efforts of Klamath River Restoration. The hard work from the women participating in the run was much appreciated. Ashley McAllister ran 32 miles, Jasmine McAllister ran 5 miles and Lena Neuner and Zea Robbi completed 11 miles. The above listed women, who ran for the Karuk Tribe, singularly ran more than any other runner than myself and Richard Myers all the way from the Mouth of the Klamath River all the way to Iron Gate Dam. Yootva (Thank you), to all who participated.

By Crispen McAllister
Yupsitanach ikxaareeha

Re-wah Lee Myers

Re-wah was born on December 12, 2012 at 8:15 am to dad Frankie Joe Myers and mom Molli Jane White. Re-wah joins proud big brothers Nick-nekich and Chaas and big sister Sofia. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Debbie Myers. Maternal grandparents are Harold and Sandi Tripp and Clarence White.

Xurish (Hoo-drish) Victor Donahue

Dennis “Beau” Jr. and Maymi Donahue would like to announce the birth of their son Xurish (Hoo-drish) Victor Donahue on May 5th, 2013. Xurish (Karuk for cracked acorn or acorn meat) was born at St. Joseph Medical Hospital at 7 pounds, 5 ounces. He is welcomed by his maternal grandparents Sherlee Preston, Kevin Wilder, and the late Victor Preston, and paternal grandparents Angela Rose and Dennis Donahue, Sr.

Tyler Bud Prothero Jr.

The Protheros are now a family of four with newcomer Tyler Bud Jr. AKA “Thunder” born on December 11, 2012 to Ginny and Tyler Prothero of Wisconsin. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Nancy Jordan of Orleans and the late Bud Townsend. Paternal grandparents are Carol and Randy Prothero of Wisconsin.

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Congratulations Graduate!

Vikki Ramona Preston (pictured with Governor Jerry Brown), graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelors degree in Race and Ethnic Studies and a minor in Native American Studies. She is an Orleans girl, and a Hoopa high school alumni. While at UC Berkeley, Vikki participated in NARRC (Native American Recruitment and Retention Center), and many other Native American and multicultural groups. She was also a Bill and Melinda Gates Scholar throughout her career. Her family is very proud of her and she is very grateful for their continued support.

Congratulations Graduate!

Congratulations to LuLu Alexander for receiving her AS in Natural Resources and to Richard Haines for his AA in Web design. Tamara Alexander received her AA in early childhood education. She currently is employed with the Oregon Headstart program, where she is a Bus Driver/Teacher Assistant. Now that she has her AA she is eligible to apply for a Teachers Position within the organization. We wish them the best as they continue to further their education goals. Grandma (Lucille Albers) and Tommy & Corina Alexander
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2013 CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Inam-Inaamva: (Spring Salmon Ceremony) Pile Rocks at Mouth of Clear Creek
July 8-12

Amakyorum-Jump Dance: Near mouth of Salmon River
August 9-19

Inam-Pik-ya-wish: (World Renewal Ceremony) Near Clear Creek
August 1-10

Tishawnik-Pik-ya-wish: (World Renewal Ceremony) Near Camp Creek
August 20-29

Katimiin-Pik-ya-wish: (World Renewal Ceremony) at Somes Bar
September 1-10

Katimiin Brush Brush Dance
August 15-18

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have news, articles, events or announcements you wish to submit for publication in the Karuk Newsletter, please send the information to newsletter@karuk.us. Submissions are preferred in digital format, however hard copies are accepted by mailing to News Articles, P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039. All submissions must include your name and address. No anonymous articles will be accepted. Upcoming submissions are as follows: May 13, 2013 for the June edition; August 9, 2013 for the September edition; and November 8, 2013 for the December edition. No late articles will be used for current publication. If submissions are received late, they will be held over for the next newsletter. We hope you enjoy your newsletter! Yootva!