

# News From Karuk Country in Far Northern California

## Karuk Tribe

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Phil Albers, Jr., Vice Chairperson through 11/2/2010

## Special Election Results

April 5, 2010

### Elected Council Members

Dora Bernal, Orleans District Rep. through 11/5/2013



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# CHAIRMAN ARCH SUPER'S CORNER



Ayukii koovura pa Karuk araaras (Hello all Karuk people and relatives). Yaxa, koovura pa araaras, takun itaptiheesh, takun chuupeesh pa Karuk ararahih, vuram yav. (look, all the Indians, they learn, they talk the Karuk language, very good).

**F**ebuary TANF supervisor, Alphonso Colegrove and I attended the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indian (ATNI) Winter Conference in Centralia, WA. We have recently renewed our membership with ATNI. They are a consortium of tribes from California, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. They have been organized since 1953 and have become a big voice to the federal government. It is important for the Karuk Tribe to be part of this organization. We were updated with the issues that are at hand. I and a number of staff members were in attendance at the historical signing of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, which was held in Salem Oregon, at the capital building. The signing was with the Karuk, Yurok, and Klamath Tribes; the governors of California and Oregon, PacifiCorp and other parties of the agreements. It marks the beginning of an important process of healing the river and possible dam removal.

**M**arch Health director, Lessie Aubrey and Self Governance director, Robert Goodwin and I went to the Health and Human Services (HHS) formula budget consultation in Washington DC. The consultation is basically, the federal government's obligation to consult with tribes to inform them of the upcoming budget formulas and request for input. There are many requests for increases in funding and passing the funding through tribes instead of the state governments. The President would like to see improvements for tribes, but whether it happens or not will depend on how involved and the continued push that tribes and tribal consortiums strive. Lessie Aubrey and I went to another Indian Health Services (I H S) consultation in Cabazon, CA. It is the intent of President Obama that all federal agencies of the federal government, meet and consult with tribes throughout the United States, for better government-to-government relations. There was

a lot of discussion with individual tribes that were able to speak to Ms. Yvette Roubideaux about their specific issues and concerns. It is a start with some one on one communication. Tribal Council met with the KTHA in Redding, CA to go over the one and five year plan for the Housing Authority. Every year, we go over the annual budget and determine what the Housing plan will be for the upcoming year. This information can be viewed with the Housing Authority and will be put on our website within the next month. If anyone has questions, they may get in touch with KTHA staff or the Board of Commissioners. Self Governance director, Robert Goodwin and I went to the quarterly Tribal Budget Advisory Committee ( T B A C ) meeting in Washington DC. We continue to get reports from the federal offices on processes with federal funding for tribes. They have made some small



increases in the budget, but it's hard to get funding directed for specific tribal projects and needs. The funding is directed by formula and sometimes the Karuk Tribe does not fall under the formula. Robert, staff and I have to gear the tribe for receiving as much funding as we can possibly get. We have been making some good connections.

**A**pril Mr. Phil Albers Jr. and Mrs. Dora (Davis) Bernal were elected into office in April. It is exciting to have new, young Karuk blood on tribal council. They have some very good input and some new ideas to add to the dynamics of tribal leadership. I look forward to working with them and they are very available to our tribal membership. Councilman, Sonny Davis, Self governance, Robert Goodwin, and DNR representative, Toz Soto met with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the Annual

Funding Agreement (AFA) in Yreka, CA. It was basically a government to government meeting, informative and also leads to some other funding that could be available to our department of natural resources. Staff continues to gather information with the Yurok Tribe to speak of common ground that will be beneficial to both tribes. Our staffers from DNR, self governance and lands management are directly involved. As we move forward, more information will be shared. We are having our continued tribal consultation. I attend the HHS consultation down in Valley Center, CA near San Diego, CA. Tribal leaders have big concerns of anything being done with our consultation. They state that tribes are being listened to but not heard. There are many concerns and tribes want to see actions, not talk. A couple of our consortium will meet in May to go over what consultation is accomplishing at this point.

**May** I attended a Public Safety consultation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services and the Department of Interior, (BIA/OJS/DOI) in Portland, OR. The purpose was to testify that the Karuk Tribe does not have

Law Enforcement but we are still in need of Public Safety. I had asked that the Federal Government set aside funding for the non Law Enforcement tribes. The tribes present were California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, and Idaho. These tribes were requesting needed funds for their Law Enforcement. There is a formula that determines funding for tribes. The formula consists of; size of tribe; crime severity areas; need requested; and other formula requirements. The Karuk Tribe does not meet most of the formula requirements. California tribes are concerned about Public Law (PL) 280. PL 280 works against funding that we seek. It will take work with our self governance department and communication with the Federal government to formulate funding for non Law Enforcement tribes. The KTHA held a meeting with the City of Yreka regarding our Cooperative Agreement with the City. In attendance was the KTHA Executive Director, Sami Jo Difuntorum; KTHA Operations Manager, Ann Escobar; KTHA Commissioner, Robert Super, SG Director, Robert Goodwin, Councilman, Sonny Davis and myself. We met with the Yreka City Manager, the Chief of Police and the City Attorney. We reviewed the content of the Cooperative agreement. There is some vague language in the agreement. Discussion was mainly on what law enforcement could and could not do on Indian trust land. We have gotten most of the concept on the table for the City and will have a follow up meeting to ensure better communications and service with the City of Yreka.

**T**he Chairman and Tribal Council – We continue to stay busy with consultation meetings with the Federal Government. Many tribes are wanting to see actions and results of the mandated consultations, especially results that will benefit the Karuk Tribe. I will report on requested results in the upcoming newsletter. We have a Tribal Primary / Election coming up in August. We hope the process is successful. It is very important that tribal members send input on the new process. I reiterate that voting is super important for tribal, local, state and federal elections. Be counted, Census 2010 and Vote 2010!!! I always encourage tribal members to come to the council meetings in Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans; write, email or call your district representatives. We are the voices for you tribal members and we need to do the best that we can. Yootva puxxich (thank you very much)

## Statement from Your Newly Elected Vice-Chairman



*ayukîi koovúra pananu'áaraas. yôotva. hitihaan yéeshiip kîri nîkúupheesh.* Hello to all our people. Thank you. Always my best I will do.

**I** appreciate all of the support and encouragement I have received from my family, friends, and fellow Karuk people. I am working part-time until after June 11th, then I will be working full-time in the Happy Camp Administration office, with plans to be available to Tribal members and descendants in all areas. My door and heart is always open to our people and communities. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. Again, thank you dearly.

**Philip Albers, Jr.**  
*Vice-Chair, Karuk Tribe*  
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# SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

## Full Karuk Tribal Council, April 2010

Florence Conrad, Dora Bernal, Alvis Johnson, Sonny Davis, Arch Super, Leon Hillman, Florraine Super, Philip Albers Jr., Wilverna Reece.



Newly elected Vice Chairman Phil Albers, Jr. being sworn-in to office.

Newly elected Council Member at Large, Dora Bernal being sworn-in to office.

PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 23, 2010

Happy Camp, Ca: The Karuk Tribe held a Special Election on Monday, April 5, 2010 for the positions of Vice Chairperson (Temporary position through November 2, 2010) and Orleans District Member at Large for a four year term.

The candidates for the position of Vice Chairperson were Philip Albers Jr. of Orleans who won the election receiving 127 votes, Alvis Johnson of Happy Camp who received 79 votes, Douglas Goodwin of Happy Camp who received 29 votes, and Viola Silva of Happy Camp who received 19 votes.

The candidates for the position of Orleans District Member at Large were Dora Bernal of Crescent City who won the election with 114 votes and Clifford McLaughlin of Orleans who received 109 votes. Voters cast their ballots either by absentee or at one of the three polling locations in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans. There were a total of 263 valid ballots counted in the Election, 16 were deemed invalid.

The elected Council Members were sworn into office at the Council Meeting held April 22, 2010 in Orleans.

## PRIMARY ELECTION

AUGUST 3, 2010

# VOTE

VICE CHAIRPERSON

## REGULAR ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 2010

# Notice of Primary Election

**KARUK**  
TRIBE

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE NOTICE!!**  
**THE TRIBE HAS INSTITUTED PRIMARY ELECTIONS**  
**THIS PROCESS IS NEW!**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a Primary Election for the Vice Chairperson position. Candidate packets will be available at Tribal Administrative Offices in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

**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.

**WHAT IS A PRIMARY ELECTION?** The Primary Election is a preliminary election to determine which two candidates will compete in the November 2, 2010 General Election. Candidates **MUST** participate in this.

Primary Election to be eligible for consideration in November. There must be more than two eligible candidates in order for the Primary Election to proceed. If there are two or less eligible candidates, they will compete in the November Election. If there are more than two eligible candidates, the primary will proceed and the two candidates with the highest number of votes in this Primary Election will compete against each other in November.

**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:**

VICE CHAIRPERSON: Full Time Paid Position (as funding allows)

4 YEAR TERM: 2010-2014

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** Requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing with a current return address and must be received no later than Monday, August 2, 2010. Contact the Election Committee Chairman at (800) 505-2785, extension 2014 or visit [www.karuk.us/](http://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 Friday, June 4, 2010 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 Friday, June 4, 2010 at 5pm.

For more information we encourage you to contact the Election Committee at: (800) 50-KARUK, extension 2014.

## Notes from the Secretary



Please see the Fall 2010 Newsmagazine for news and current events from your Tribal Secretary. Yootva!



# 14th Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion

Saturday August 21



**ataháreesh nu'ína**

*(We Will Always Exist)*

*For Questions or More Information:*

*Sara Spence (800) 505-2785*

*[sspence@karuk.us](mailto:sspence@karuk.us)*

**Open and FREE to the Public**  
**EVERYONE Welcome**

**FREE Vendor Space** (Goods and Food)

**THERE IS A CHANGE FOR**  
**VENDORS THIS YEAR...**

If you would like to have a vendor booth (INCLUDING FOOD) you will be required to BRING YOUR OWN tables, chairs, canopies, equipment, etc. to facilitate your sales. We will ONLY provide a designated area this year.

*Call Sara at (800) 505-2785 for Questions or to Sign-Up*

**FREE** Salmon Dinner at 4:30pm

Demonstration Brush Dance

Lots of Fun **and FREE** Activities for the Kids – Good Food

Poker Tournament (Duke Arwood)

Horseshoe Tournament (Robert Goodwin)

Volleyball Tournament (Arch Super)

Axe Throwing

Traditional Card Games

Health Fair

5k Fun Run and 3k Fun Walk

Craft Vendors w/Jewelry and Art

Daytime Entertainment – **FREE EVENING** Dance



## Happy Camp River Park

**(530)493-1600 For Information**

This is a drug and alcohol free event. Violators will be asked to leave the premises. Parents are responsible for supervising children at all times.

# Grants Department Update

Jaclyn Goodwin, Grantwriter



**A**yukiiAyukii! The past four months have kept the Grants Department very busy. Some of the grants we are currently working on include:

- An Application to the National Parks Service for a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). The amounts of this award vary depending on tribal lands, but this funding would allow us to develop a more stream-lined process for receiving information about Historic Preservation Issues, as well as more power and influence when dealing with local, state, and federal agencies. It will also help us establish a better record system for identified historic sites.
- Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program, we have developed a list of potential project ideas and will be ranking out these projects to see which one will be the most competitive and also meet one of our greatest needs; and
- The Blue Shield Foundation for 2010 Community Clinic Core Support Initiative—funding to support our Health and Human Services Program.

## Grants submitted since the last newsletter include:

- A Proposal to the U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education's Application for New Grants Under the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children Program. This is a very competitive funding opportunity, providing the possibility for up to \$300,000 per year for 4 years. Our project would provide assistance to high school students, helping them continue on to college, and also develop some materials and resources for the Head Start Programs.
- A proposal in support of the People's Center to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services-Enhancement of Museum Services in the amount of \$49,907.00. If funded this would develop a catalog system for the museum collections and also enhance the collections care system.
- A proposal in support of the Karuk People's Center Library for an IMLS Basic Library Services grant in the amount of \$7,000. This will provide funding for basic library services such as staffing, books, and story-telling events.
- A proposal in support of the Karuk People's Center Library for an IMLS Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$146,249.00. If funded, this would help expand and enhance our current library services in the communities of Orleans, Happy Camp and Yreka. It would include a computer-based check-out system and also an expansion of library resources.
- A Proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Communities Creating Healthy Environments in the amount of \$234,135.00 over a three year period. This project will include Four-Season Eco-Cultural Camps with an emphasis on reducing childhood obesity. We will also receive assistance with promoting policy advocacy on increasing access to healthy foods and recreation opportunities.
- A Proposal to the Sierra Health Foundation—Responsive Grants Program with Babbie Peterson. We submitted a proposal in the amount of \$25,000 for the purchase of a cargo van. This van will increase the amount of supplies that can be picked up on out-of-town shopping trips and will also make Babbie's Subaru Forester available for the Happy Camp Home-Delivery service as the brown van currently in use has over 198,000 miles on it.



Within our tribal communities there are several unmet needs that we are continuously working to reduce and eliminate. We understand that our needs span from education, to healthcare, to protection of culture. As the Karuk Tribe continues to expand, we are striving to effectively deliver and provide our current services, as well as develop appropriate programs and projects to address current issues and problems within our communities. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call the grants office at (530) 493-1600 ext. 2021 or e-mail Jaclyn Goodwin at [jaclyngoodwin@karuk.us](mailto:jaclyngoodwin@karuk.us). We would love to hear your ideas or suggestions for funding opportunities or potential projects. Yóotva! 

# Housing News Update

The KTHA currently manages 193 units of affordable housing on Tribal land, with plans to build more houses in all three of the housing communities; Yreka, Orleans and Happy Camp. We are always trying to recruit Karuk Tribal members to apply for the Homeownership (Lease with Option to Purchase units). If you are interested please apply with Ashlee King, Admission/ Loan Specialist. Also remember if you have applied for any KTHA Housing program it is very important that you keep your application status up to date.

I would like to take this time to inform the Tribal members of the KTHA's status on the various national levels. Our Executive Director, Sami Difuntorum has been on the Board of Native American Indian Housing Council since 2007, the NAIHC organization represents Native American nationally for Housing needs. She was recently re-elected to serve another two term to represent Region 7. Region 7 covers the California and Nevada tribes. KTHA also recently received an award for efficient and outstanding use and management of ARRA funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), KTHA received ARRA grant in the amount of \$2,936,850.00. The KTHA was one of 3 California/ Nevada tribes who received the Economic Stimulus money. KTHA was able to install energy star appliances and upgrades to the excising homes of KTHA. Way the go KTHA! Recently the NAIHC organization included the Hawaiian homelands as part of the NAIHC, included in this article is a picture of Phil Bush, President, NEV/ CAL Indian Housing Association, Michelle Glazier, Secretary, NEV/CAL IHA, Sami Difuntorum, Region 7 BOD, NAIHC and Kahlana Parks, Executive Director, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

KTHA currently has the following Housing Programs; Low Income Rentals, Elder Rental Voucher, Lease with Purchase Option, Elder Homes, First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program, Down Payment Assistance, Home Replacement Grant, Mortgage Relief Assistance, Student Rent voucher and Rehabilitation & Weatherization Home Improvement Grant/Loan Program.



If you would like more information on any of our Housing Programs please feel free to contact Ashlee King, Admission/Loan Specialist at (530) 493-5434 ext: 108.

**“Yootva to the KTHA Executive Director, Board Of Commissioners and staff for their continued hard work and dedication in providing and improving housing needs!!”**

*Ann Escobar, Operations Manager*

## KARUK TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY WAITING LIST

If you have applied for any of our housing programs, please be sure that your application is updated with any changes that may occur. It is very important that you keep your contact information up to date at all times. You may check the status of your application by contacting;

Ashlee King, Admission/Loan Specialist  
P.O. Box 1159  
Happy Camp, Ca 96039  
(530) 493-5434 ext: 108

## USED APPLIANCES!

Please note that the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority has used appliances for sale, at a reduced cost. For more information please contact Tina Sherburn at (530) 493-5434 ext: 111 or Susan Cost at (530) 842-1644 ext: 7000. 



# Scott River Coho at Risk of Extinction

Coho salmon once thrived in the Klamath Basin but dams, diversions, mining, and other impacts have reduced the population to the point that it was added to the Endangered Species List in 1997. Coho, also known as silver salmon or 'achvuun' in Karuk (pronounced "uch-woon"), are one of several runs of fish that Karuk People depended on for sustenance for thousands of years.

Coho are not as large as the related Chinook salmon and they spend more time in fresh water than Chinook. This need to use fresh water habitat longer is likely one of the reasons that coho have experienced greater declines in population as river habitat has been degraded, dewatered, or cut off by dams. Coho also prefer a different habitat than Chinook. Coho like low gradient meandering streams with consistent flow. In the Klamath system, the Scott River is one stream that provided that optimal habitat for coho until altered for agricultural purposes.

Over the past hundred years, the landscape of the Scott Valley has been transformed. The River was aggressively mined, channelized and diked, and beaver dams and seasonal wetlands drained and destroyed. Since the 1950's over 32,000 acres in the Scott Valley have been farmed and grazed. Still both Chinook and coho use the system for spawning and rearing.

More recently however, water use in the Valley has intensified as alfalfa production has increased. Water rights in the sub-basin were adjudicated in 1980 meaning that the volume of water landowners could use was quantified and limited. In the adjudication even salmon were taken into consideration as the US Forest Service was named water rights holders for in stream

fish flows. However, the adjudication has a major flaw – it only addresses surface diversions and groundwater pumping within 500 feet of the river.

**“Excessive groundwater pumping and surface diversions threaten survival of Scott River salmon”**

*S. Craig Tucker*

Since about 1975, the number of groundwater wells outside that zone of adjudication has grown significantly. Not surprisingly, the flow of the river has declined over this period. Last August the Scott River saw the lowest flows on record – less than 4 cfs trickled out and large stretches of the river were completely dewatered. During this time of year the water right for fish, again held by the US Forest Service, was 40 cfs. In fact, the Forest Service rarely sees its water right met yet has taken no action to have its right upheld.

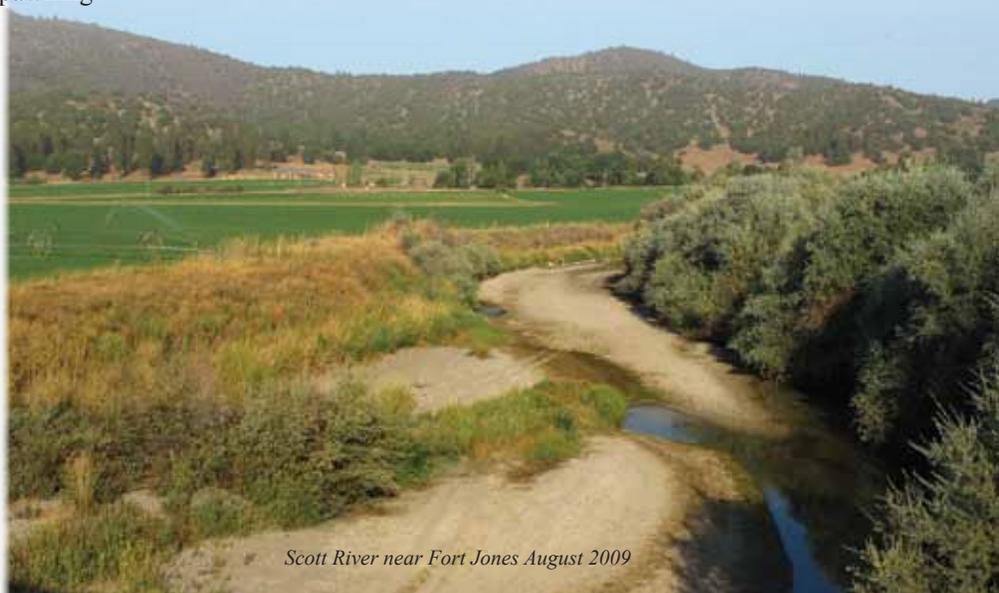
This lack of water coupled with destroyed habitat has in turn

*S. Craig Tucker  
Ph.D., Klamath Coordinator*

led to even steeper declines in coho populations. Earlier this year, low returns of spawning adults to the Scott and Shasta Rivers led biologists from California Fish and Game to conclude that the last two year classes of coho salmon on these rivers are functionally extinct. Last year eleven adults, all male, were observed at the video weir on the Shasta and 82 adults on the Scott. This means not enough fish are spawning to maintain the population. This year we will see if enough spawners from the third and final year class can make it or if the Scott River coho are doomed to extinction.

The Department of Natural Resources is working to find ways to re-water and restore the Scott in order to improve runs of coho, Chinook and lamprey immediately and into the future. We seek meaningful collaboration with landowners while we are also urging California Fish and Game, US Forest Service and other responsible agencies to use their regulatory authority to ensure that the needs of fish are met and all applicable state and federal laws are complied with.

For more information, contact Klamath Coordinator Craig Tucker at [ctucker@karuk.us](mailto:ctucker@karuk.us). 



*Scott River near Fort Jones August 2009*

# KARUK VOICES



## Film

# Festival

The Karuk Voices project presented five oral history videos to a packed audience in Orleans on Thursday, May 20th. After six months of filming and editing, Tribal youth from Etna, Orleans and Ti Bar had finished their videos of Tribal elders telling stories of their lives on the River and beyond, and were ready to share them with their families and neighbors. Over 150 people filled the MKWC building following their regular Third Thursday Café fundraising dinner to watch the videos and discuss their meaning to the community.



Ashley Allgier filming an episode

The night started off with a film by Lisa

Bennett about her grandmother entitled "Lillian Bennett—Life on the Salmon River." Lillian passed away on May 11th, right after Lisa finished filming her and just nine days before the Film Festival. Her family felt strongly that we should go ahead and show the video, and the evening was dedicated to Lillian's memory. In the film, Lillian talks about her childhood at Forks of Salmon, days as a boarding school student in Riverside, and raising her family on the Salmon River. The film was both moving and funny, and was a great testament to the power of oral history.

One of the featured films, "Lillian Bennett— Life on the Salmon River" is a film dedicated to Lillian's memory and

is a great testament to the power of oral history.



In "Weaving Roots," by filmmakers Sinéad Talley and Ashley Allgier, Karuk basketweaver LaVerne Glaze recounts her life as a basketweaver and weaving teacher. Her involvement in this art spans many decades, and includes developing the annual "Following the Smoke" event and teaching

basketweaving in Orleans Elementary School.





Above:  
Adrian Gilkison



Above:  
Brian Tripp



Right:  
LaVerne Glaze



Right:  
Achviiivich



Lisa Bennett and Florraine Super

Mike Polmateer interviewed his uncle, "Achviiivich" David Arwood, for the film "Achviiivich." A Karuk tribal medicine man, Achviiivich discusses his efforts to teach tribal youth about the Karuk way of life.

Adrian LaVerne Allen Gilkison tells her thrilling experiences of living through a natural disaster in "A Personal Story of the 1964 Flood," by Geena and Josa Talley. Adrian was trapped with her husband and three young children by the floodwaters, and had to be rescued by helicopter.

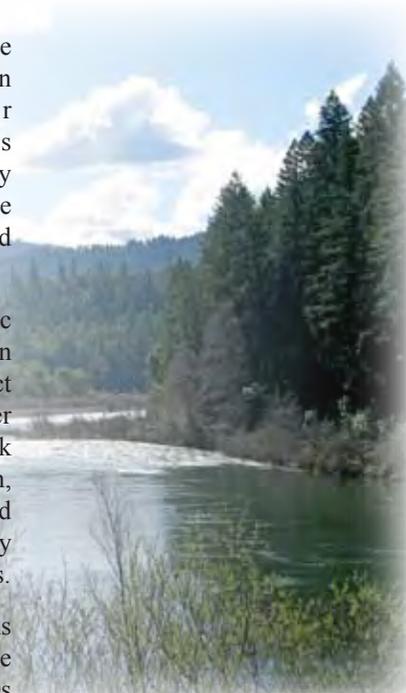
"Sticks & Stones," an interview with Native artist Brian Tripp by Jared Wilder, was the last film of the evening. Brian talks about his development of an artist and the people who have inspired and influenced him throughout his life. He also talked about being one of the first Native students to attend HSU, and his involvement with politics both in and out of school.

After watching the films, the audience participated in a discussion moderated by Tribal Vice-Chair Phil Albers, Jr. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive, with many audience members discussing how the project could be continued and expanded to record more elders' stories.

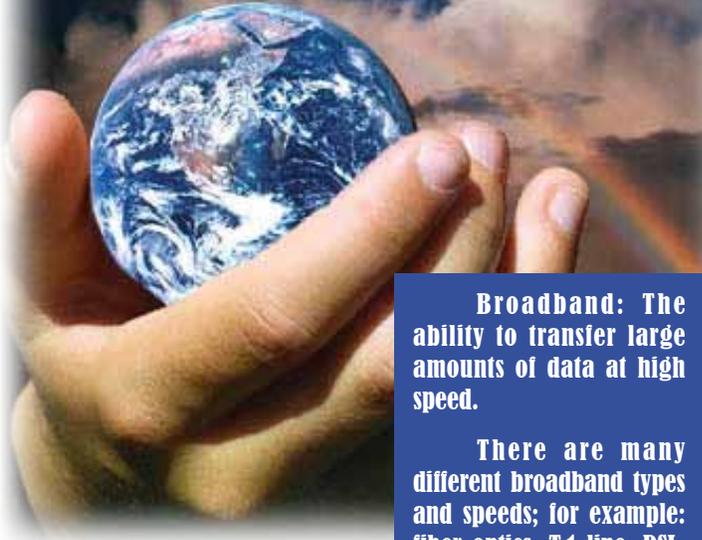
The evening was a fantastic culmination of months of dedication and hard work by the youth and project staff and tribal partners Jeanne Burrer Grant Gilkison, and Scott Nelson, Mark Oliver, and Bari Talley. Thanks to them, the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council and the many Tribal staff and community members who helped make it a success.

If you would like to show the films at an event in your community, please contact the Language Program. DVDs will be available for purchase soon at the People's Center Gift Shop in Happy Camp. 

# KARUK VOICES



# BROADBAND ALONG THE RIVER



**Broadband: The ability to transfer large amounts of data at high speed.**

**There are many different broadband types and speeds; for example: fiber optics, T-1 line, DSL, wireless, and satellite.**

The Karuk Tribe has been partnering with several agencies to bring broadband to the Karuk ancestral territory and to current Karuk Tribal Land. What is broadband and why do we want it? Broadband is defined as high-speed Internet service, but really it is much more. Broadband allows for better education through distance learning, online resources and video conferencing. Broadband improves health care through the use of electronic health records, telemedicine and faster communication. Broadband has been linked to improved economic strength through small business support, online buying and selling, and job searching and creation. Recognizing these and other benefits, the federal government has been releasing grants to fund projects that bring broadband to rural communities, especially those that are un-served. Here is a list of projects that are being supported by the Karuk Tribe.

These seven projects are all currently applications for federal stimulus funding. This is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). For more information on these projects please check out the website [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov) and choose the application database. These applications are all part of round 2 of broadband funding.

The public computer centers in Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans have put in an application with the California Emerging Technology

Fund (CETF) for new equipment and additional funding for staff which will allow the computer centers to increase their hours of operation and update their computers and infrastructure equipment. The computer centers are also in the process of setting up and improving distance education to provide college

classes to the community.

Redwood Telephone, LLC based in Loleta, California proposes to bring fiber optic cable through Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, including along highway 96 to Hoopa, Weitchpec and Orleans. This application will provide a new and independent connection for Internet services, and may eventually be used for phone and cable television services as well. In addition to bringing fiber to the community, Redwood Telephone proposes to bring fiber to every home in their service area, allowing for connections in Orleans that will be as fast as or faster than similarly priced Internet in Eureka.

Another application that will provide a new and independent Internet connection to Hoopa, Weitchpec and Orleans was put in by Access Humboldt, located in Eureka, which proposes to use microwave wireless technology to serve these communities. In addition to Internet services, Access Humboldt also proposes to provide public broadcasting and public safety services to the region, such as support for the volunteer fire departments and the Humboldt County Sheriff. This application will provide Internet to the home through a wireless receiver that residents and businesses may use to connect to a local communications tower.

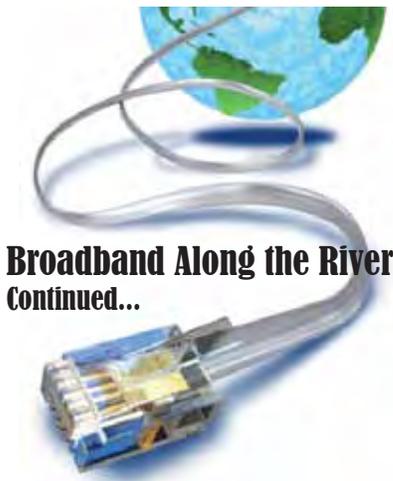
The Hoopa Valley Tribe submitted an application to the Rural Utility Service to become an Internet Service Provider (ISP) in the communities of Hoopa and Orleans. This new ISP would resell whatever Internet service is available, either from the local phone company or from one of the other applications. Internet would be provided to homes and businesses using wireless receivers, in a similar fashion to the Access Humboldt application.

For those in Siskiyou County, the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) has an application to bring in high-speed microwave. The SCEDC has partnered with Siskiyou Telephone to provide faster Internet services at reduced cost to the communities of Somes Bar, Happy Camp and

## Seven projects supported by the Karuk Tribe in requesting federal stimulus funding are:

1. **Public computer centers staffing and equipment for Yreka, Happy Camp & Orleans**
2. **Fiber cable from 299 up Highway 96 to Orleans**
3. **Independent microwave wireless technology to serve Orleans**
4. **Hoopa Tribe to be possible ISP provider to Hoopa & Orleans**
5. **SCEDC partnering with Siskiyou Telephone to provide faster Internet services to Siskiyou residents**
6. **Cal-Ore to improve Internet access to homes in Yreka**
7. **Karuk Tribe partnering in a California Telehealth Network application**

Seiad Valley. If funded, the SCEDC will provide the faster connection to the community, which Siskiyou Telephone can utilize to increase the speed of their DSL Internet service to homes and businesses. This



## Broadband Along the River Continued...

application should also increase Internet connectivity in other parts of the county, such as Fort Jones, Etna, Dunsmuir and Grenada.

Cal-Ore Telephone Company has put in an application to improve Internet to the home in Yreka. If funded, Cal-Ore will put up a tower inside the Karuk housing area in Yreka which should provide cheaper and faster Internet to nearby residents.

The last application supported by the Karuk Tribe was submitted by the California Telehealth Network as part of a program from the University of California, Davis. This application will help provide training and technical assistance for the use of telemedicine to all the Karuk Tribal Health Clinics. Telemedicine is the ability to see a specialist doctor using video conferencing and similar technologies, rather than driving to the specialist's office, which is usually in a large city.

Written by Eric Cutright, Information Technology Director for the Karuk Tribe on 05/17/2010. 

# Summer Fun!

Laura Olivas

This summer there is a new and exciting 3 day program being offered for kids and their parents/caregivers who reside within the tribe's service area. The camp will be held in Yreka for the upriver communities and in Happy Camp for the downriver communities.

Several tribal staff are volunteering for this adventurous activity and we are planning some fun projects and lab experiments.

The "Math and Science Camp" is being held in collaboration with the local elementary schools and will be held at Jackson Street school and Happy Camp elementary school. Breakfast and lunches will be served and exciting prizes and incentives will be given to all participants.

The dates for the program will be July 28-29-30 with a special field trip scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The camps are designed for children who will be entering 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grades and classes will be limited to 40 participants. Parents are encouraged to volunteer and/or attend as well.

This is going to be so fun! If you want to assist or volunteer please contact Dion Wood or Laura Olivas at the tribal office in Happy Camp. More information and registration materials will be made available. SEE YOU THERE!! 

## Help Our Youth and Win a \$50 Prize!

April Attebury

Dear Community Members:

We are involved in a planning effort to expand services for our youth. We'd appreciate your input into our plans by completing an on-line survey about our youth, which should take about 20 minutes.

We have hired an outside evaluation group to produce a report of survey responses. No member of the Karuk Tribe will see completed surveys or know your identify.

As a token of our appreciation for your assistance, we are offering five \$50 gift certifications for gas or other merchandise. If you would like to be entered into the drawing for one of the \$50 prizes, please provide your e-mail on the survey (instructions on the survey). You will be notified by e-mail by the evaluation firm if you have won.

The link to the survey is: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/G3LYYYG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G3LYYYG) or



the survey can be accessed on the home page of the Karuk Tribe website: [www.karuk.us/karuk2/index.php](http://www.karuk.us/karuk2/index.php)

Thank you and good luck! 

# Karuk Tribal TANF

## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Elsa Goodwin, Administrative Assistant

### Happy Camp



#### Happy Camp Office

**Staff:** Daniel Pratt—Director, Alphonso Colegrove—Program Development Manager, Cecilia Arwood—Fiscal Technician, Elsa Goodwin—Administrative Assistant and Lisa Aubrey—Family Services Specialist.

Here in Happy Camp we are looking for child care providers. If you are interested please contact Lisa Aubrey.

Clarence has been busy doing AOD (alcohol & other drugs) classes and he also has sweats (sobriety sweat lodges) in Happy Camp by the Peoples Center. If you are interested, please contact him for the schedule.

### Mission Statement

*To preserve and strengthen the children and families of the Karuk Tribe and other Native American Tribes through an effective social welfare system that empowers individuals and families to work toward and achieve self-sufficiency, sobriety, and to become loving responsible parents in a culturally relevant way.*

### Yreka



#### Yreka Office Staff:

Anthony Ballard--Family Services Specialist, Maria Applewhite--Family Services Specialist Assistant, and Janelle Jackson Reed-- Family Services Specialist Assistant.

#### Orleans Office Staff:

Pamela Risling--Site Supervisor and Clarence Hostler--Family Services Specialist.



### Orleans

Anthony will be starting Fatherhood classes in the evenings. If you are interested please contact him for a schedule. He will also be starting AOD (alcohol and other drug) services.

The Karuk Tribe can only provide TANF services and assistance to eligible needy Karuk tribal members and their descendants, eligible needy federally recognized Indians, eligible needy Alaska Natives, and eligible needy individuals on the California judgment roll and their children (excluding Quartz Valley) who reside within the approved service area of Siskiyou County. KTTTP services

and assistance will be provided to eligible needy Karuk tribal members and their descendants who reside within the approved service area of the northeastern corner of Humboldt County.

If you should need any information or have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the three offices for more information.

All three offices have been busy this last year, we have been collaborating with different

entities within the tribe to better serve our clients which has been very successful and we look forward to the coming year to provide more services.

Up coming events: We will be having a Sobriety Camp September 9-12, 2010 at Camp Creek near Orleans. If you are interested please contact any of the three TANF offices. 

# Hey Mid-Klamath River, You've got a Great Library in Orleans!

by Creek Hanauer, Volunteer

Why wait for the bookmobile when there's a pretty darn good homegrown library right here in Orleans at the Panamnik Center, a Karuk Tribal Building on Asip Road; also home to the Community Computer Center, Senior Nutritional Lunch Program and more. A wide variety of volumes are available on loan for the river community's enjoyment.

Over the past year, the Panamnik Library's collection has been sorted and grown by almost one thousand books. The library

features a large and pretty wide-ranging fiction section, with lots of mysteries; shelves of books concerning military history, U.S. and world history, biography, Native American books, books on religion, cookbooks, and many vaguely sorted miscellaneous tomes. (Lacking a volunteer, the children's books are less "sorted" but there are a lot of them if you're looking for something for your kids to read to you.) There is also a bookcase jam-packed with



Vikki Preston, Berkeley Student, uses the wireless access in the Panamnik Center Library

paperback books just waiting for you to dig in and discover.

Bari Talley coordinates the Library and Computer Center, which is now open from noon to seven, Monday through Thursday, and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.

Stop in and check it out, you won't be sorry. 



## Quarterly Staffing Update

Sara Spence, Human Resources Manager

This update covers March through May.

Dr. Mark Goodwin, MD resigned from the position of Yreka Clinic Physician on 4/30; we continue to recruit for this position and are doing our best to ensure continued services to the patients in Yreka.

Shannon Jones was hired on 3/10 to fill the Yreka Dental Receptionist position.

Rivkah Barmore was hired on 3/23 to temporarily fill the Youth Coordinator/Case Manager during a leave of absence for Roxanne Strangfeld.

Richard Myers was hired on 4/5 to work seasonally as a Water Quality Technician.

Lisa Sartuche was hired on

**“Be sure to visit the newly re-designed Tribal Website to view job openings at [www.karuk.us/jobs/](http://www.karuk.us/jobs/) Jobs change constantly!”**

4/26 as the DUI Program Manager serving the Happy Camp and Yreka communities. This vacancy was created when Tanya Busby transferred to her new role as Program Coordinator for the newly awarded Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against

Women grant.

The Yreka Dental Program welcomed back Jessica Courts on 5/3 as a Registered Dental Assistant in that Clinic.

Kristen Aubrey was hired on 5/10 to fill the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor position serving Happy Camp and Orleans.

We continue recruitment efforts for the Grant Writer and Resource Developer position which has been vacant since February.

Be sure to visit the newly re-designed Tribal Website to view job openings at [www.karuk.us/jobs/](http://www.karuk.us/jobs/) on a WEEKLY basis if you are looking for employment or contracting opportunities as that is the first place we post positions and they change constantly and quickly. Thank you! 



Umpire Michael Thom

# Mark Titus Co-Ed Softball Tournament

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Happy Camp, CA

Entry Fee \$250 - Deadline July 2nd, 2010



Brent Boykin



1<sup>st</sup> Place Sweatshirts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place T-Shirts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place T-Shirts

MVP Sport Pullover

All Tourney T-Shirts



For information call Tamara @ 530-598-2899  
or email @ [tbarnett@karuk.us](mailto:tbarnett@karuk.us)

United States

# CENSUS

# 2010 UPDATE

## CENSUS BUREAU BEGINS DOOR-KNOCKING OPERATION

Census takers will be fanning out into Northern California and knocking on the doors of households that didn't mail back their 2010 forms beginning Saturday, May 1.

The U.S. Census Bureau will launch the Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU) operations next month - where census takers will collect information from households that did not return their census forms. Thousands of local residents have been hired as census takers to complete this important task.

"The Non-Response Follow-Up operation plays a vital role in helping achieve an accurate 2010 Census count and determine the allocation of federal funds for community services," said Seattle Regional Director Ralph Lee. "We ask that you cooperate with census takers should they contact you. It's easy, important and safe. Information collected by census takers cannot be shared with any other government agency; they've taken a lifetime oath to not reveal any data."

In most cases, census workers will make initial visits during afternoons, early evenings and weekends. Workers will identify themselves with a census ID badge that contains a Department of Commerce watermark. The census taker may also be carrying a bag with a Census Bureau logo. Census workers will not ask for citizenship status, Social Security numbers, credit card or banking information.

**Thousands of  
Census Takers  
Personally Visit  
Households That  
Didn't Mail Back  
Census Forms**

# **AN INDIAN SONG**

**SING ME AN INDIAN SONG; SING THE ONE I WANT TO HEAR,  
SING ABOUT A RIVER FLOWING WITH ITS BLUE WATER CLEAR,  
THROUGH THE CANYONS AND VALLEYS, LIKE IT HAS FOR MANY A YEAR.**

**SING ABOUT THE SALMON, LURKING IN THE DEEP BLUE HOLES  
SING ABOUT THE LODGES WITH THE TOWERING POLES,  
SMOKE DRIFTING UP FROM THE CAMP FIRES, SMOLDERING COALS.**

**SING ABOUT THE OSPREY PATROLLING THE WATERS AND  
WATCHING A FAMILY OF PLAYFUL OTTERS  
SING ABOUT THE WILLOWS THAT LINE THE SHORE  
WAITING FOR THE BASKET MAKERS TO HARVEST ONCE MORE.**

**SING ABOUT THE BALD EAGLE SO FREE AND PROUD,  
SING ABOUT ITS STRENGTH TO REACH THE CLOUD  
KEEPING WATCH OVER HIS DOMAIN AND ALL ITS CREATURES,  
FROM ANY HARM THEY MAY OBTAIN.**

**SING ABOUT CHILDREN FROLICKING IN THE LUSH GREEN GRASS,  
SING ABOUT THE ELDERS TELLING OF THE PAST,  
SHARING THEIR LORE AND WISDOM FROM A DIE, THAT'S LONG BEEN CAST.**

**SING ME AN INDIAN SONG: SING THE ONE I WANT TO HEAR,  
SING ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE, THAT TO ME ARE SO DEAR.  
SING ME AN INDIAN SONG: SING IT LOUD  
FOR THE WORLD TO HEAR.**

**RANOLD R. BECK SR.  
APRIL/2010**

*Seventh Annual*

# Spring Basketweavers Gathering

*“nuthitímti pananukíitsas”  
listening to our grandmothers*



Basketweavers from around the country gathered April 23-25 for the 7th Annual Karuk Spring Basketweavers Gathering at the Happy Camp Tribal Complex. Over 200 people attended the event under sunny skies and warm weather (two days before a late spring snow in Happy Camp). Weavers were able to work together for



# Basketweavers Gathering

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learning and sharing their art, to gather weaving materials on the Klamath River and at Ishkeesh Ranch, and to take time out for such activities as Friday night bingo (thank you to David Goodwin), and a Saturday afternoon Brush Dance demonstration (thanks to David Arwood). A Karuk Speakers' Circle in the People's Center Gallery provided a lively discussion in Karuk using the baskets in the collection. Yóotva (thank you) to Crystal Richardson for videotaping this session.

Basketweavers Gatherings are a project of the Karuk People's Center, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Karuk Tribe. Many thanks to the Karuk Tribal Council, staff, and volunteers, and to the dedicated basketweavers who made this gathering a success. The Fall Gathering is being planned for October 2010 – if you have ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact H el ene Rouvier at 530-493-1600 x 2202 or [hrouvier@karuk.us](mailto:hrouvier@karuk.us).



# Zoomorphs - A Recent Find

Hélène Rouvier, People's Center Coordinator

Karuk zoomorph. Photo courtesy of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University.

Of particular interest to me, as both an archaeologist and former THPO for the Wiyot Tribe, was the discovery of zoomorphs from the Klamath River Region, and directly attributed to Karuk culture. This is the first evidence I have seen of these very ancient figures in Karuk ancestral territory, although many have been found in Wiyot ancestral territory (particularly on Indian Island in Humboldt Bay), and on the Columbia River Plateau. Although it has been suggested that they were trade items from the coast, the Karuk zoomorph found at the Peabody is a variation I have not found elsewhere. Future analysis may be able to source the stone itself, which could shed light on the mystery of their origin if not their cultural use and significance. Here are some images of the Karuk zoomorph, and ones typical of the Wiyot world.



around the wrist and serves to keep the enemy from wrestling the war club away from one, or from otherwise dropping it from one's grasp. Of the wrist strap is said: vastáran unhíripva, strap for a hand hold. A specimen the tip end of which is broken off is 7-3/8" long 2-5/8" wide, 3/16" thick at the broken end and 3/4" thick at the handle end. The hole is 1/4" diam. The lower edge of the hole is 5/8" from the end of the handle. These war clubs were sometimes as long as one's forearm. It was held both dagger fashion and sword fashion, the latter way both to slash and to stab with. A modern sword is *simsimxára*, long war club, or *suchasímsiim*, soldier war club (*súuchas*, soldier, from Eng.). (793)

that it was once wrapped. On Indian Island, zoomorphs were often found unbroken in burials, suggesting that they were a wealth item, and later, albeit contradictory, evidence indicates that burials contained either ceremonial blades or zoomorphs but not both.

Their use is a mystery to the outside world. There is no mention of zoomorphs in oral history or any ethnographic accounts, however that information could have easily been hidden and kept from outsiders. "I tried to trace them into the possession of older Indians still living. None of these people would acknowledge that they had ever seen one or knew for what they were used" (Stuart). There is also wide conjecture on what they represent, ranging from dinosaur to skunk, but deer and elk are more likely candidates. One third grader on the coast suggested that people used them to call the animal to them.

"To me, these slave killers are an enigma, one of the oddities of a people that are no more, whatever its use, pattern, or history, its significance and story were buried with it." With this statement to the Oregon Archaeological Society, infamous early amateur "archaeologist" and Eureka dentist H.H. Stuart incorrectly described the figures he took from Indian Island. First, there is no evidence that these beautifully carved animal like figures were used as weapons; secondly, they are not the relics of an extinct people (or as some outlandishly claimed, left by the "lost Tribe of Israel"). There are "war clubs" referenced by linguist J.P. Harrington's field notes, but they bear little resemblance to zoomorphic figures:

By comparison, stylized and apparently non-utilitarian zoomorphs are typically large (twelve to sixteen inches long), although some miniatures (two to three inches) have been found. Made of slate, sandstone, or steatite, they have a small head and ears, one or two legs, and large long tail. The mouth is absent, but there is some evidence of small carved or painted eyes. The shape is flattened, with a groove running down the back. The tail is often roughened, suggesting

Given the evidence that obsidian was more recently introduced to this area from so called "late period" trade routes (this from the method of dating known as "obsidian hydration" used by archaeologists) perhaps there is another explanation. Did these figures predate the use of ceremonial obsidian blades? Did they represent spirit animals, specifically deer for Pikiawish? Were they flattened to be able to "cut" as do blades used in

The stone war club was called *símsiim*, *asasímsiim* (stone war club), also *imthaavráthar*, *aseemthaavráthar*, also *asávaat*. This was the typical war club or "slave killer" and was formerly not infrequently seen. It is a blade-shaped instrument 10" or so in length with a handle at one end. The butt of the handle is bulged in a little and just above the bulge is a perforation for loop of buckskin thong which passes



Zoomorphs typical of Wiyot culture, found in Klamath River Region. Photo courtesy of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University.

# Zoomorphs

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White Deerskin Dance? Were they held in a similar fashion, with the tail wrapped for ease of handling? Any information will help the People's Center reconnect these items to Karuk culture, and will also support upcoming claims for repatriation of zoomorphs to the Tribe. Please contact me at [hrouvier@karuk.us](mailto:hrouvier@karuk.us) or 530-493-1600 x2202 with any comments.

## Karuk Exhibition at the Clarke Museum

*Hélène Rouvier,  
People's Center Coordinator*

The Karuk People's Center, in collaboration with the Clarke Historical Museum in Eureka, is developing a new exhibit that will explore and commemorate the distinctive Karuk People's culture and lifeways. The exhibit is scheduled to open in September 2010. The theme of the exhibit is continuing Karuk care for all living things. Displays will address stewardship values, historical impacts, ceremonial life, as well as contemporary art. We will have special guest speakers and other events during the time of the exhibition at the Clarke Museum. The exhibition will then travel to the People's Center in Athithúvuunupma (Happy Camp). The planning committee welcomes your participation and suggestions for this exhibition, and would also like Karuk artists who wish to display some of their work or families who would like to loan items for display to contact us as soon as possible. Please contact Helene Rouvier, People's Center Coordinator, at [hrouvier@karuk.us](mailto:hrouvier@karuk.us) (530) 493-1600 ext 2202), or Council Members Bud Johnson, Phil Albers, or Sonny Davis.

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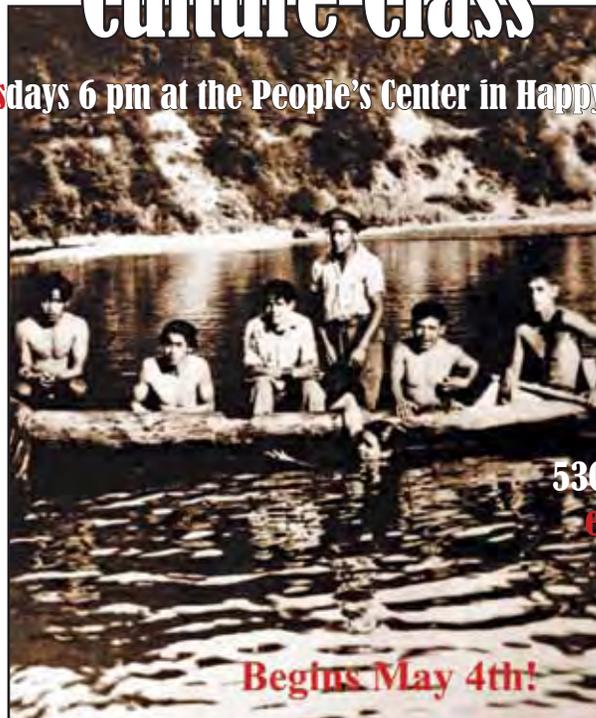
## Coming Home – NAGPRA and Repatriation

The Tribe has visited four museums over the past few months – Fowler Museum at UCLA, San Diego Museum of Man, Peabody Museum at Harvard, and Hearst Museum at UC Berkeley. We have viewed collections affiliated with Karuk culture, and also material culture that is from surrounding areas, or is affiliated to general geographic areas including Karuk ancestral territory. There were no human remains or funerary materials in these collections - those NAGPRA claims have been completed and the materials returned to the Tribe. The focus for these visits has been the ceremonial and sacred objects, and also objects of “cultural patrimony” that belong to the culture rather than an individual.

This project is funded by a NAGPRA Documentation/Consultation Grant through the National Park Service. The next step in the grant process is selecting twenty items from these collections to test for mercury and arsenic. The feathers, fur, and leather on ceremonial regalia was often treated with toxic pesticides. Unfortunately, those collections in good condition may now be a threat to human health and safety, limiting their use. There is some hope that new methods will be found to reduce or eliminate this toxic contamination, and there is also some evidence of successful ritual purification. That said, these living objects are awe inspiring, even to a guest in the Karuk culture like myself. We were able to view and care for (within museum and cultural protocols), women's dance dresses, men's headdresses, jump dance baskets, and many other cultural treasures.

## Karuk Men and Youth Culture Class

Tuesdays 6 pm at the People's Center in Happy Camp



530-493-1600  
ext. 2202

Begins May 4th!

# Karuk Education Department News

*Emilio Tripp, Education Coordinator*

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The Education Department is steadily busy running the K-12 Tutoring program, the Karuk Scholarship Program, creating parent surveys, working to identify more funding and attending as many school and education related meetings as possible.

Another activity the Education Department did this past April was coordinate a college trip to UC Davis and UC Berkeley for high school kids from the Yreka, Happy Camp and Orleans areas. To fund the trip the Education Department teamed up with the Karuk Tribal TANF and the Karuk Department of Natural Resources programs.

The high school students got to visit the science departments of UC Davis and UC Berkeley. UC Davis has an extensive bird and mammal collection with some specimens being gathered as long ago as the early 1900's. Students got a chance to see a large woodpecker collection, touch penguin feathers, panther, beaver and lion specimens as well as much more all prepared, labeled and stored for scientific study. The woodpecker collection had all different kinds of woodpeckers but they also had many that were all of the same species. This allowed students to see how each individual woodpecker has its own special markings and characteristics when examined up close.

At UC Berkeley they got to visit the Phoebe Hearst Museum and had the museum's Hupa/Karuk Tribal Liaison Bradley Marshall on staff gave a comprehensive tour of the Native American and Ancient Egyptian exhibitions on display. Then at the Berkeley Natural History Museum the students got to see a T-Rex skeleton in which a spiral staircase wrapped around it leading up to an extensive collection of plants gathered from the local California area over 100 years ago. They got a chance to learn how California's natural environment has changed so drastically and how this plant collection may be used as a



reference to restore an area to a natural native state.

At both universities high school students got to meet with the Native American support programs and talk to Native college students on the campus about their struggles and positive experiences in college. At UC Berkeley there were actually three Karuk Berkeley students that participated in the planning of the campus visit. Many volunteers made this possible and it wouldn't have been successful without their help. Koovúra kúuksach!



## Opportunity Announcements:

### **Karuk College Scholarships:**

The Higher Education Scholarship and Karuk Descendant Scholarship applications are available on the Karuk Tribal Education website and are due postmarked no later than July 30th, 2010 to be considered.

**Ten \$500.00 one-time competitive Karuk Descendant Scholarships are available only for the 2010-2011 school year thanks to the generous donation of the Smith/Ince Memorial Fund.**

**Book Reimbursements for Karuk College Students in California:** Book Reimbursements are available for the summer 2010 and fall 2010 semesters. Simply fill out the application, send a current class schedule and a copy of your receipts to receive a reimbursement check for up to \$100. NO applications will be processed after **September 30th, 2010.**

**Tutor and Student Participants wanted for the K-12 Tutoring Program:** Whether you

would like to be a tutor, know a potential tutor, or feel your child would benefit from tutoring services, please contact me to express your interest to participate. The tutoring program is limited to those living in the Karuk aboriginal territory of the Orleans, Happy Camp and Yreka areas.

### **Online Tribal Education Parent Survey for Parents and Parent Guardians of Native K-12 Students:**

Please assist the Karuk Education Department in identifying the educational needs of our Native community by taking this fun, quick and easy survey. The world is changing such that more and more opportunities require an education. As a people we need to invest the time and support for our children's education because as we all know, the youth of today are tomorrow's future. Your input is greatly appreciated and very highly valued. A link to the survey is available on the Tribal Education webpage.

### **Tribal Education Webpage:**

If you would like to participate in the online Tribal Education Parent Survey or learn more about the Karuk Tribal Education Services available please visit the Karuk Tribal Education webpage at [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us) or contact me by phone or email me at 800-50-karuk, ext. 2034, or [etripp@karuk.us](mailto:etripp@karuk.us).

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# Need A Ride to Town ???

Sandi R. Tripp, Transportation Program Manager

The Karuk Tribe Department of Land and Transportation, in coordination with the Yurok Tribe and K/T Net Transit Service, is pleased to announce local transit service for residents of the Orleans area with connecting routes to Arcata, CA and Redding, CA.

• Currently, transit service is being provided every Monday and Friday

• The KNet Bus will pick up and drop off passengers in Orleans as identified in this article

• Fees are \$3 from Orleans to Willow Creek, or \$6 for a round-trip ticket

• Fees are \$3/\$6 to transfer to HTA Bus Systems in Willow Creek for transport to Arcata; or, transfer to the Redwood Transit Authority for travel to Redding, CA.

## Current Schedule & Bus Stops

(Driver will watch for potential riders, just flag him down!)

### Monday / Friday

8:00am . Karuk Tribe DNR/Clinic parking lot

8:03 ..... Across from the Post Office

8:06 ..... Karuk Tribal Housing  
Travel through for pick ups

8:25 ..... Weitchpec

9:20 ..... Willow Creek –  
Transfer available to Arcata, CA and Redding, CA

*The bus will leave the Arcata Terminal site at 3:30pm, returning to Orleans at 5:35pm.*



### Upcoming Transit Services

The Karuk Tribe Department of Land and Transportation is currently in negotiations with the S.T.A.G.E. Transit Service in Yreka, CA. The S.T.A.G.E. Service is expected to begin this summer and provide residents of Happy Camp, Somes Bar and Orleans bus service three days per week. We will provide updates on this route as information becomes available.

For if you have any questions regarding current and upcoming transit planning or service efforts please contact Sandi Tripp at (530) 627-3063 or by email at karuktransit@karuk.us

**Wildland**

# FIRE

**Prevention & Supression Workforce Development Project**

## Community Computer Centers

The Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC) received a 2-year grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) in October 2009, for Workforce Development and Wildland Fire Prevention & Suppression. This grant provides a Workforce Development Trainer at each of the Community Computer Centers in Yreka, as well as IT and administrative staff for the project. Helping individuals gain the job skills needed for the jobs available in this area is a goal for the project crew,

in addition to providing educational opportunities through the distance learning and computer centers.

Community Computer Centers in Orleans, Happy Camp and Yreka provide FREE community resources including

- computer lab with high speed internet access
- computer classes and training
- GED Prep & tutoring assistance
- job search assistance
- resume building

For more information, check out our new website at:

[www.karukcdc.us](http://www.karukcdc.us)

Contact information for all three centers:

- Emma Lee Johnson at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center, 530-493-5213
- Bari Talley or Grant Gilkison at the Orleans Community Computer Center, 530-627-3081
- Scott Nelson at the Yreka Computer Center (530) 842-1644 ext 7004

# Department of Natural Resources Environmental Education Program

*Jeanette Quinn, Environmental Education Coordinator*



## Climate Studies & Global Warming

In February the 6/7th and 8th grade Science classes at Happy Camp Elementary School, Jefferson High/Happy Camp High Community Day School students, and the Life Science class at Happy Camp High School learned about Climate Change. Students visited the Marian Koshland Science Museum's Global Warming exhibit via the Internet and also calculated their carbon footprint on The Berkeley Institute of the Environment's website. Students were able to compare their yearly carbon emissions with similar US households, average US households, and average world households. I also discussed with students ways to reduce their carbon footprint, such as by reducing, reusing, recycling, and most importantly, rethinking how they use natural resources



The 4/5th graders at Happy Camp Elementary School also learned about Climate Change in February. I read students Chris Van Allsburg's book, *Just a Dream*, in which a young boy dreams about a frightening world the way it would be if he continues using resources carelessly, then dreams about a better world that's the result of caring for the environment. Students discussed things the boy did that had negative impacts on the environment, such as littering and not sorting the trash, and things that were positive, such as putting trash in the right place, sorting recyclables and planting a tree. Students also discussed ways they can reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink how they use resources.



## Native Plants/Noxious Weeds

Students learned about native plants in February. The 2nd graders at Happy Camp Elementary School went on a plant scavenger hunt in



their classroom. Using clues on a worksheet, students rotated around the room to find and then sketch the leaves and fruits of native plant specimens.

The Primary Community Day School (CDS) class and the K/1st graders at Happy Camp Elementary also learned about native plants. The CDS students examined leaf specimens to learn about the margins and leaf shapes, then did leaf rubbings and learned the names of the plants the leaves came from. The K/1st class did a similar activity, except they glued the leaves onto a sheet of paper and labeled each leaf instead of doing leaf rubbings.

The Tribal Civilian Community Corps (TCCC) crew from Hoopa worked in the Native Plant Demonstration Garden (also known as the Daryl "Day Pay" McCovey Memorial Park) from April 13-15, 2010. The crew did trail and site maintenance in the Garden, including rerouting difficult portions of the trail, hauling sand, wood chips and rocks, building steps, and rebuilding the horseshoe pits. I coordinated with Ramona Taylor, DNR Environmental Administrative Coordinator, and Nancy Bailey, Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), to provide site supervision, plant identification and planting native plants in the Native Plant Garden. Other volunteers who gave time and/or resources included Sue Terence, Frank and Luna Lake, Brandon Basino (MKWC AmeriCorps), and Susan Pienta (MKWC AmeriCorps). We are very grateful the TCCC crew and the other volunteers for making the NPG more accessible and attractive to students, elders and other visitors.

In April I did Noxious Weed lessons and activities with Orleans Headstart students, K-8th graders at Orleans Elementary School, Junction Elementary's 1st-7th grade students,

Happy Camp Elementary School's K and 3rd classes, and Jefferson High/Happy Camp High Community Day School students. I showed students specimens of Marlahan mustard (dyer's woad), star thistle and Scotch Broom, all noxious weeds that are problematic in our area. I discussed reasons noxious weeds are categorized that way, as well as means of prevention and eradication. Students then played a relay game with bean seeds to learn how quickly noxious weeds can spread and why they are detrimental to the environment. The game provided students with a good visual of how quickly noxious weeds spread and how native plants can be crowded out.

**Fish Biology/Water Quality**

In March I focused on aquatic insects for my classes. For pre-schoolers through 5th graders I concentrated on dragonflies and their life cycle. Orleans Headstart students, K-5th graders at Orleans Elementary, 1st-5th graders at Happy Camp Elementary School, and K-3rd graders at Junction Elementary made a dragonfly craft from popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners, which they then glued wings to and decorated with googly eyes and glitter or markers. The 4th - 7th graders at Junction Elementary, 6th - 8th graders at Orleans Elementary, 6th-8th graders at Happy Camp Elementary, and the Life Science class at Happy Camp High School watched a DVD, Bugs of the Underworld, to learn about the life cycles of various aquatic insects that trout and other fish feed on, such as caddisflies, stoneflies, and mayflies.

Students learned about the salmon life cycle in May. I read Salmon Creek, an illustrated story of a Coho salmon's life cycle, to Orleans Headstart students, Orleans Elementary K-8th graders, and 1st, 2nd and 4th-8th graders at Happy Camp Elementary. Orleans Headstart students also made fish prints by painting rubber fish molds and pressing them on paper. The K-8th grade students designed their own fish on paper. The only criteria were that the fish had to have dorsal, adipose, caudal, anal, pelvic, and pectoral fins,

and fill up the sheet of paper. Students enjoyed drawing and coloring the fish they designed.

The Karuk Headstart students in Happy Camp took a field trip to River Park on May 7, 2010, where Karuk Fisheries Crew members Kenneth Brink and David Goodwin showed the pre-schoolers species of freshwater fish trapped in Indian Creek. Afterward, I helped the students make fish prints and paint pictures of adult Coho salmon.

For more information about the Environmental Education Program, e-mail Jeanette Quinn at [jquinn@karuk.us](mailto:jquinn@karuk.us), or call 530-627-3446.





# Karuk Head Start News

*Patty Brown, Director*



Our program year is coming to an end and it seems like last September was a long time ago. What a year it has been! The children have grown and many will be beginning a new chapter in their educational career with kindergarten. The staff in both centers has done a remarkable job in preparing them for the next step. They also made sure there were plenty of creative and fun learning activities and provided rich opportunities for school readiness. Before school is over, our future kindergartners are visiting the schools they will be attending this month.

We experienced a lot of change this year and added another day to the week for four year olds. Our program will be offered Monday through Friday, with a monthly staff in-service day. The extra day was part of the one-time permanent increased funding opportunity, which also created a new bus monitor/aide job position in Happy Camp. The staff stepped up to take on the challenge of planning extra curriculum focusing on school readiness for the four-year olds. Their willingness to participate in something new with added responsibility was commendable and I am very proud of our team.

We are excited to have Nathan Tiraterra as our new bus driver for Happy Camp. He is a great addition to the team and is willing to do what it takes to keep our center running, and the children enjoy his presence. The children have been without a bus for most of the year and most of the families did a great job in making sure the children's attendance was consistent. Leona Peters stepped in as an emergency temporary hire to take care of the bus monitor/aide position in Yreka. She has proven to be an asset to the program and a great help to Betty in the kitchen. Amid other staff changes, both programs were able to make sure the transitions were smooth and continue to build on



the strengths each team member has to offer.

ARRA grant money has been used to purchase a new bus that will have wheel chair capabilities and the impending remodel of the old housing building in Yreka for the new center. Construction will begin at the end of May and we are looking to host a grand opening for our fall students. The other ARRA grant money is quality money and supports a remodel of the children's bathroom in Happy Camp to meet ADA compliance and to support post secondary education for the staff.

Tia Tiraterra will be receiving her Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education next week from College of the Siskiyou. We are proud of her accomplishment as she continues to look for ways to improve the children's learning. Josie Jerry and Tia received an achievement award from College of the Siskiyou for having a 3.0 grade average for the past two semesters. This is remarkable accomplishment! The Yreka staff is continuing their education through College of the Siskiyou and taking classes this summer. Our team is motivated and committed to meeting the educational requirements as set forth by the Office of Head Start.

In addition to attending College classes, the team attended several early childhood workshops and high quality conferences this year. The team is always looking for ways to improve their own knowledge and staying current with early childhood trends and best practices in the classroom. They take the information and what they learn and bring it back to share with the staff, children and the families.

Parent involvement activities included family fun days, and other successful events. A series discipline workshops, literacy nights, beading, and bird house building (male involvement). These workshops are planned as a result

of the interests of the families and the information gathered from the parent surveys.

The Fatherhood Conference held recently at the COS Weed Campus in April was a collaboration with Karuk Head Start, Shasta Head Start, Siskiyou Early Head Start and other agencies working with children and families. It was a success and we had the honor of having Phil Albers speak at a workshop for Karuk fathers. We continue to welcome fathers and families into our program, and parent involvement is an area we want to continue growing in.

Our collaborations are rich and we have the benefit of working side by side with the early childhood leaders and agencies in our County and Tribe. Dion Wood's CCDF program has continued to support our program and we are half way to realizing our shared vision of having a lending library for our children and families in both centers. The items purchased will reflect the needs and wishes of both our communities.

Policy Council has been a strong voice in our program governance this year and instrumental in identifying areas of concern and making the effort to strengthen our program through developing procedures to ensure professionalism and safety for the children. I appreciate their commitment and input, and sharing of ideas.

Culture and language activities are ongoing and we are continuing to look for ways to incorporate them into the classroom. Tamara was able to travel to Grand Ronde to observe a language immersion school. The experience was rich and inspiring as well and a vision for the future. The Yreka center worked on flash cards for animals and everyday words, as well as songs. The Happy Camp center had people come and visit to share their baskets, words, and songs. Both centers incorporate the language into the daily activities for practice. Our Yreka parents expressed an interest in beading and came together to make bead tassels. They all enjoyed the process and the time spent together. The

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tassels will be a part of the end of the celebration. We need more people willing to set aside time for this important piece in our program and welcome anyone who wish to share. Please give the center a call if you can help teach us and the children.

Recruitment events were fun this year and the Yreka center participated in the Thanksgiving Parade and the Walk a Mile for a Child event. Happy Camp recently participated in the first Community Fair and had fliers, surveys and applications available.

Tia and Nell orchestrated the first annual Easter Hunt on their own time, for the children of Happy Camp. The community of Happy Camp was very generous with their donations, their business, and their own personal wallets. This Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and earned enough money for it to become a yearly event. Many thanks to Tia and Nell, Donna, Nathan, Sarah and Daniela and the community of Happy Camp for their participation and time to make sure every child who attended had a basket of goodies and a smile.

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We will be hiring for an Assistant Teacher position, and bus monitor/aide position in Happy Camp and a bus monitor/aide position in Yreka in the beginning of August. Information will be posted on the website.

As we roll into the summer months, we wish everyone a fun and restful summer!

**Suva nik** 

*Patty Brown and the Head Start Team*



# *In Loving Memory*

## *Sherry Sue (Burcell) Woellert*

*Joyful Daughter, "Little Sister," Wife & Mother,  
Auntie, Grandmother and Friend to Everyone*



*Sherry returned to the spirit world at 10:50 pm on Monday, March 22, 2010, less than a month before her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*A Karuk tribal member and relative of the Super and Thom families, Sherry embraced life, never complaining about her lifelong battle with recurring respiratory illnesses. Her courage and unending love for her family and the natural world enabled her to spend most of her adult life homesteading with her soul mate David and their blended family in remote wilderness areas of Alaska and Arizona.*

*They shared countless adventures - building a log cabin, hunting and fishing - in many awe-inspiring settings. Remembered best for her big smile and generous heart, Sherry Sue Woellert also filled her home with beautiful sketches of wild birds and natural scenery.*

*Although we will miss her terribly, we shall respect her wishes to forego the sadness of funeral services, instead sharing our stories of Sherry as each of us knew her—the good times, the funny times, the smiles and laughter that healed and inspired. And so it is that we, too, smile as we remember Sherry, the joyful daughter, "little sister," wife and mother, auntie, grandmother and dear friend...artist, comic, pet lover, caller of moose and porcupines.*

*Submitted by Suzanne M. Burcell*



# In Loving Memory

## Jefferson Joseph Snodgrass

July 15, 1921 - February 2, 2010

A military memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland for Karuk and Shasta Native, Jefferson Snodgrass of Eugene, OR, who died Feb. 2 of age-related causes. He was 88.

He was born in 1921 in Grants Pass to Aaron and Alice Croy Snodgrass. He married Pearl Lamb in 1943, in Reno, Nev.

He graduated high school in Happy Camp, Calif.

He was a World War II veteran who earned a Bronze Star while serving in Europe.

He owned a chain link fence installation company.

Survivors include his wife Pearl; a daughter, Sandy Bush of Beavercreek; a son, Larry Snodgrass of Tualatin; a brother, Floyd Frazer of Cottonwood, Calif.; a sister, Jacqueline O'Meara of Reno; and four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## Essence

*Ginni Snodgrass ©2010*

The essence of his being has always been,  
And will always be.

There is no beginning - there is no end.

The essence of his persona,  
is the life force that came forth in his being.

His time has ceased here with me;  
Yet, with me he has always been,  
And with me he will always be.

His essence materialized for a time;  
Now it returns to whence it came.

The essence of his being has always been,  
And will always be.

**Ikhar'eyau Gray Wolf**  
**(Good-bye)**



## Vincent Andrew Abono

Sarah and Paul Abono of Yreka proudly announce the birth of their son Vincent on May 6, 2010 at Mercy Medical Center in Mount Shasta.

Vincent weighed 8 pounds, 3.6 ounces.

Vincent joins his big sisters Alyssa and Sophie.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Susan Super of Yreka. Maternal great-grandparents are Peter and Nancy Super of Grenada.

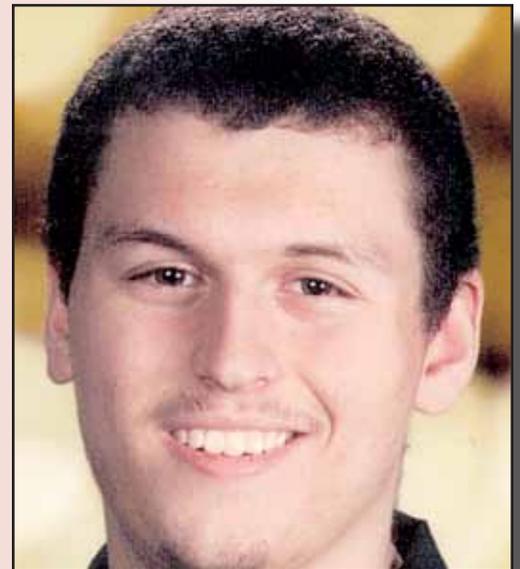
## Congratulations Zachary!

Tribal descendant Zachary Robert Frisbee will be graduating on June 2nd from North Valley High School in Grants Pass. Zack is the son of Tribal member Donna "Mayton" Clarke and Jeff Frisbee. His stepfather is Norman Clarke.

Zack has a GPA of 3.6 and has been a math tutor at his high school for the past two years. He enjoys science and will be majoring in software engineering at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) in Klamath Falls.

Zack is the recipient of the Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. The award is signed by President Obama and the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. He is also the recipient of the following scholarships:

- Expanding Participation in Computing Scholarship
- Engineering OIT Honors Scholarship
- Bronze Scholarship Based on GPA
- Fleming Middle School Dick Web Scholarship



Please join us in congratulating Zack on his accomplishments.

*Mom & Norm*

# Birthday Celebrations



**Y**our Birthday is a special time to celebrate the gift of "You" to the World.

**H**appy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday Isaiah,

**H**appy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tyree,

**H**appy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Alyssa!



KCLF Office in Yreka at 1215 S. Oregon Street

# Karuk Community Loan Fund

*Eddie Davenport,  
Executive Director*

# Expands!

**K**aruk Community Loan Fund (KCLF) has expanded with an office in Yreka. Eddie Davenport, Executive Director, will travel and spend 2 or 3 days per week in each office. KCLF's office in Yreka will also allow more contact with some of our partners who also help with economic development in Siskiyou County. Our office is located in the Siskiyou County Economic Development offices at 1215 S. Oregon Street. KCLF also works with Great Northern Corporation and JEDI for business development.

KCLF serves tribal members, descendants and non-native, low income people in Siskiyou County and the surrounding areas. The Yreka office will help KCLF work more closely with the people in that area. Normal schedule

to start will be Monday, Thursday and Friday in Yreka and Tuesday and Wednesday in Happy Camp.

KCLF was awarded its Certification from the CDFI Fund, U.S. Treasury last October. This is a significant milestone in the development and further growth of KCLF. Certification by the CDFI Fund shows that KCLF is serving its target market and providing loans, technical assistance and training to those people who do not have the opportunities of conventional financing.

KCLF was also recently awarded a grant from the CDFI Fund for operational capital for next year. The Certification that we received in October came within weeks of the grant application to the CDFI Fund, which certainly helped with

the award. Unfortunately at that time our loan programs were just getting started and we were not awarded the lending capital that we had applied for. Our main programs at this time are the Emergency Loan Program and limited funding for business development or expansion in the mid-Klamath area. We described the Emergency Loan Program in the last newsletter. That program was initially funded with a grant from U.S. Bank, and we are pleased that U.S. Bank has again added some lending capital to further the program. Please call if you need more information on the ELP, designed to help with a few hundred up to a thousand dollars to help you "make it through the emergency."

Please call Eddie Davenport at 530-493-2558 or 530-598-0751 for more information or to make an appointment to meet in Happy Camp or Yreka. We are happy to answer questions about the programs, about financing, credit or any other financial matters that will assist you.

The 14th Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at the Happy Camp River Park. The theme that has been selected for this year's event is ataháreesh nu'ina which translates to We Will Always Exist.

We are calling on all Tribal Artists to submit potential designs to be used for this year's t-shirts. We will reward the winner with a \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card in exchange for legal ownership of the design. The t-shirt design usually also appears on the programs, flyers, and other promotional materials used for the Reunion.

The design should represent the theme for the event, be culturally relevant, and be suitable for screen-printing on t-shirts. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, July 2, 2010 at 5pm. All participants will be notified by mail of the results of the contest so **BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS** with your submission. We will also need the address so we can mail the gift card.

Submit your artwork to Sara Spence in person at: 64236 Second Avenue, Happy Camp; via mail to: PO Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039; or via email to [sspence@karuk.us](mailto:sspence@karuk.us) If you are mailing your artwork, please send it either in a large enough envelope or tube so that it does NOT have to be folded, if there is a crease it may impact the quality of the scan. If you would like your artwork returned to you, include a note and it can be sent back.

## Tribal Reunion T-Shirt Design Contest!

# Karuk Tribe-Circles of Care Supports National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

**PRESS ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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May 7, 2010

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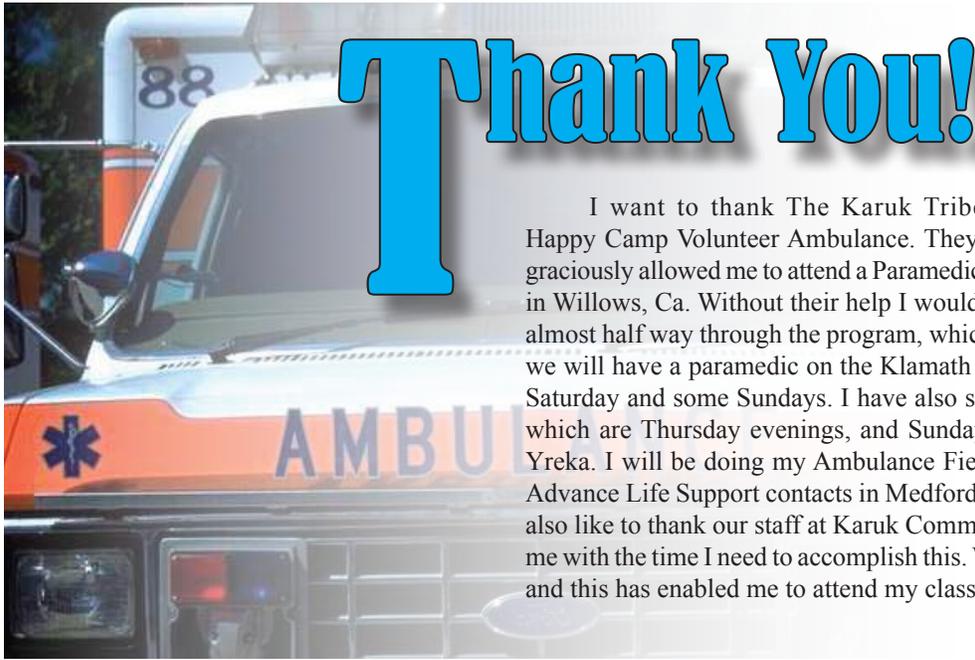
– The Karuk Tribe supported the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day initiative celebrated on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The initiative, marked by events all across America, raises awareness of effective programs for children's mental health needs; demonstrates how children's mental health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery, and resilience; and shows how children with mental health needs thrive in the community.

“National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is really all about raising awareness that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth,” said April Attebury, Project Director. The Karuk Tribe Circles of Care Project is supporting this initiative because it aligns with our Mission: To strengthen our communities by increasing the access to and availability of culturally appropriate wellness offerings, behavioral health, and primary care services for Tribal children, Youth, and families residing within the Tribes Service Area.

This year, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) celebrated the fifth anniversary of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Communities across the country observed this day with their own events, youth demonstrations, and social networking campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of mental health needs of children and their families. The events included the Awareness Day Art Action – “My Feelings Are a Work of Art,” in which Youth Action for older children, in which they displayed signs that have both mental health data and statements about what they want to be when they grow up.

Awareness Day also marked the 5th Anniversary with a national celebration in Washington, DC, focusing on early childhood. The national events began with the Awareness Day Turns 5 Celebration, which featured young children, their parents and their caregivers. The children expressed their emotions through music, dance and visual arts. The celebration was followed by the Awareness Day Early Childhood Forum, which featured two panels of early childhood mental health experts and celebrity parent Sheri Shepherd from ABC's “The View.” The panel discussed the importance of promoting positive social-emotional development and what to do when challenges arise. A SAMHSA Special Recognition Award was presented to Pediatrician, professor Dr. T. Berry Brazelton for his ground-breaking work over the past six decades in pediatrics and child development. Efforts from this day will continue to be supported all year long through collaborations among Awareness Day supporting organizations and via the Awareness Day website, [www.samhsa.gov/children](http://www.samhsa.gov/children). 





I want to thank The Karuk Tribe and Happy Camp Volunteer Ambulance. They have graciously allowed me to attend a Paramedic class in Willows, Ca. Without their help I would not have been able to attend. I'm almost half way through the program, which is over a year.. When completed we will have a paramedic on the Klamath River. I attend class every Friday, Saturday and some Sundays. I have also started my clinical's, of 232 hours, which are Thursday evenings, and Sundays at Fairchild Medical Center in Yreka. I will be doing my Ambulance Field internship of 480 hours and 40 Advance Life Support contacts in Medford Oregon at Mercy Flights. I would also like to thank our staff at Karuk Community Health Clinic for supporting me with the time I need to accomplish this. We have worked together as a team and this has enabled me to attend my classes with confidence.

Sincerely, Jodi Henderson

## Contract Health Services (CHS)

(530) 493-1600 Ext. 2156, 2151, 2155

IHS Contract Health Services (CHS) is Not an Entitlement Program, and Not Everyone is Eligible!

### Know Your Status Before Obtaining Services.

#### CHS Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be an Indian or descendant of an Indian from a Federally-Recognized Tribe of California or descendant of an Indian of California.
2. Must be a permanent resident of Karuk Tribe's Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).

Even if you are eligible, IHS/CHS coverage is not automatic. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non-IHS facility, you must notify Contract Health Services within 72 hours. If you do not do this, you will be responsible for the bill.

**IHS/CHS coverage is for emergent, life-threatening situations only!**

Sore throats, ear aches, rash, follow-up care, medicine bills, etc... are not considered emergent or life-threatening and you may be responsible.

Emergency visits will not be covered if you go to the emergency room when the Karuk Clinic is open. If there is an IHS facility in the area and you choose not to

use the facility, then you will be denied by CHS and held responsible for the bill.

#### Referral:

Medical care that is not available in a Karuk Clinic will be referred by one of our doctors. **A referral does not imply that IHS/CHS will pay for care.** A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities, and use of alternate resources. The referrals are reviewed and based on availability of funds; the referral is then approved, denied or deferred. If a referral is denied, the patient may obtain medical care at their own expense.

#### IHS/CHS Authorization:

In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical treatment and or one appointment. Please call Contract Health Services prior to any follow-up appointments, or additional referrals to another specialist/facility for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

#### Alternate Resource:

CHS is a payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Veteran's Assistance, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, Worker's Compensation, or is covered by any

other resource, that resource is the primary payor. When received by the patients, all Explanations of Benefits (EOB) and payment checks from the primary payor(s) must be brought or mailed to the CHS office immediately. Many times the non-IHS provider will turn the patient's bill over to collections because they are unable to get the EOB from the patient. The non-IHS provider cannot collect payment from IHS until they filed the bill with the EOB. Therefore, it is crucial for the patient to provide the EOB either to the non-IHS provider or to the Contract Health Office in order to complete the payment process.

#### Pregnant/Prenatal Care:

According to Federal Register IHS Regulations, it is mandatory that all other resources be utilized before CHS funds can be obligated. All pregnant women will be interviewed, advised and/or assisted by an IHS Patient Benefits Coordinator in applying for OB Medi-Cal. If you are denied, you will need to take the letter to the CHS office to be filed with your OB referral form. Failure to cooperate with CHS will result in denial to authorize payment for any charges you may incur. 

# Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025 - Robert Attebery LIAP Administrator

## Community Services and Development (CSD):

This program provides assistance for low income families with food, shelter, transportation, health and safety issues. The applicant must reside in the service area, be income eligible and a Karuk Tribal member or descendant. For those of you that live outside of the service area try [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csb/index.htm](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csb/index.htm) or [www.csd.ca.gov/providers.html](http://www.csd.ca.gov/providers.html)

- For those of you who live outside of the service area try The National Energy Assistance Referral program (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 or [www.energynear.org](http://www.energynear.org) The LIHEAP programs administered by tribes at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm) or administered by States at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm). For Oregon residents you can contact [www.oregonheat.org](http://www.oregonheat.org) for social service agencies and utilities working to keep the homes of low income Oregonians warm and safe.

## ATTENTION!!!!!!

Apply for the CARE program offered by PP&L and PG&E. This program gives a discount on your utility bill. If you need an application please call and request the CARE application be sent to you. Let's save on energy and our budgets.

## Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (BIA)

Each applicant will have to apply concurrently for financial assistance from other federal, state, county, tribal or local agency in the service area. An applicant must not receive any comparable public assistance.

For information or assistance, call Robert Attebery at 800-505-2785 or (530) 493-1600 ext. 2025

## Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs!!!!!!

### General Assistance

This program provides low income families with food and/or clothing, shelter, burial and emergency assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home). The applicant must reside in the service area and be an enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Member. Benefits will be adjusted depending on income received.

### Adult Services:

Adult care assistance provides non-medical care for eligible adult Indians. The providers must be certified or licensed. Background checks are required.

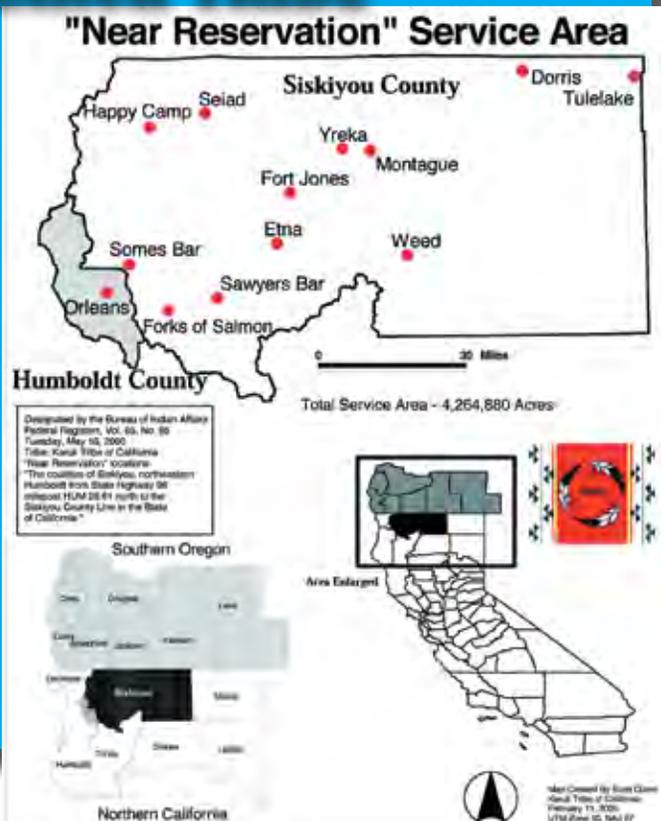
### Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

This program provides energy assistance to eligible enrolled Karuk Tribal households with electricity, propane, wood and minimal weatherization. The applicant must reside in the service area.

### LIAP - Low Income Assistance Program Committee

This program helps enrolled Karuk Tribal members with special need services. Applicants do not have to live in the Karuk Tribe's Service Area to receive services. The LIAP Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

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## Karuk Tribal Council

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## 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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