TRIBAL ELECTION RESULTS!

New Chairman & Secretary/Treasurer

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The following are the official results of the November 1, 2011 General Election. There were a total of 507 ballots cast of which 7 were deemed invalid.
Update From the Vice Chairman

Michael Thom, Vice Chairman

I have now completed one year as Vice Chairman of our tribe. It was a very busy year and full of meetings. We have Planning, Health Board and Council Meetings on a monthly basis I attended when available. I am the current Chairman of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners which is part of my duties. I also did a lot of traveling for meetings on behalf of the Housing Authority, Tribal Council, or Chairman. I attended our Tribal Reunion, Employee Appreciation Day, Youth Council Conference, and Basket Weavers Conference in support of our tribal basket weavers. It’s my endeavor to branch out to the area of Health. Health was always one of my main concerns because I see our tribal membership suffering from the lack of funding coming to our tribe. I have made the best of the meetings that I attended this year and I want to let people know that I will speak up when needed. I will always protect our tribal memberships right to be Karuk and hope that each member will be proud to say they are Karuk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership for electing me to this position and let all members know I’m there to speak, listen, and fight for their inherent rights as members of our tribe. I also have an open door policy if I’m in the office, so feel free to stop by when in Happy Camp or just call our office 1(800) 505-2785 ext 2040 or if in Happy Camp 493-1600 ext 2040.

From Your Newly Elected Secretary/Treasurer

Jody Waddell, Secretary/Treasurer

Ayukii, First of all I would like to say “THANK YOU” to all for such a great voters turnout at the recent Tribal Council Elections. I can see that there’s a lot of pride as well as concerns throughout the tribe. Since taking office of Tribal Secretary/Treasurer, I have had the privilege of meeting with various tribal entities and programs. I would like to encourage all Tribal members to attend our council meetings whenever possible, as your individual knowledge and input is important to the future of our Tribe.

In the meetings I have attended recently I have noted a great need for better communications through all departments, and for all departments to work together for the good of all Tribal members. During my campaign I developed a web site, and invite anyone to post any comments or concerns they may have. The web address is www.jodywaddell.com. I look forward to working with the Tribal Council and for all of our Tribal people.

Yootva! Jody
Final Notes as Your Former Secretary/Treasurer

Florrine Super, Former Secretary/Treasurer 2003/2011

Ayukii! I would like to say thank you very much to the members of the Karuk Tribe for the support and encouragement throughout the past eight years of service for our tribal membership. Friends and other supporters have been tremendous as well. It has been a great honor to have represented the Karuk Tribe in local, state and federal agencies and organizations. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all tribal and governmental offices. I believe that with our past leadership, we have been able to build some great relationships. We do have room for better local relationships, but I know that it can be done. There is also a lot of room to move up and forward with these relationships and I encourage and support our Tribal Council to do so. The Karuk Tribe has a good name out there and we are known by many.

Behind the scenes of Tribal leadership, there have been many things that have been accomplished through the hard work of Tribal Council and our great Tribal work force. I would like to thank Tribal Council for the support that we've had to make these accomplishments. I am very proud of the tribal work force that we currently have that is always looking out for the best health and welfare of the Karuk Tribe. They are the ones who do all the leg work for direction and options so that the Tribal Council can make the best possible choices for the Tribe.

The Chairman of the Karuk Tribe is a very prestigious position. I honor anyone who steps up to this position. It is very important that voters stand behind your Chairman and Tribal Council. There is always a battle and challenge for Tribal rights within the bigger world of local, state and federal governments.

I have always encouraged our tribal membership to get to know your Tribal Council; know who your district representatives are; report your visions, concerns, comments and accomplishments of our Tribe. If the Tribal Council does not hear from you, they don't know of all issues and concerns that are among us. Most importantly, we need to encourage and support our leaders, so that they have the strength and confidence to do the best that they can.

We need to move forward with the issues that are before us; Dam Removal, Gaming, Healing the Rivers, Restoring the Salmon, Language Restoration, Health and Welfare for your tribal membership, Housing, Taking care of our Elders, Education for our young, Higher Education, TANF, Tribal Court, Economic Development, Non-Gaming funding, Grants, Tribal Budget, Tribal Self Governance, Tribal technology, the People’s Center, Karuk Booster’s Club, Natural Resources, Land purchase and preservation.

Our Tribe can be strong with the support of its membership. I wish the best of luck to our Chairman Elect and the rest of the Tribal Council that will be the voice of the Karuk people. With that, I say “Suva nik” (goodbye). The Tribe is here to do the best they can for our membership, be there for them and they will be there for us.
and departments and Newly developed Domestic Violence Programs. We have more accomplishments but these are some that I had some or a lot of involvement while being the Karuk Secretary/Treasurer.

There is a saying my friend told me about his basketball team, “you win as team and you lose as a team”. Being part of the leadership I now have a greater understanding of the difficulties that our tribe encounters on a daily basis. Karuk Tribal Council, staff, and membership stay strong and continue your fight for our inherent rights as Karuk People.

I could go on listing people and groups but in the end the message would still be: I have truly enjoyed my time as a Karuk Tribal Leader.

We have sworn in our new council and so I leave with great confidence in the people who now have the duty to uphold and do great things for the Karuk people.

My family and I will now move forward in our lives together and start our new journey. When I restore my energy, I will continue to contribute to the tribe and community. Yootva Yootva Yootva

## Historic First-Time Visit!

**Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Native Affairs and Policy**

Bari Talley, Workforce Development Coordinator

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Office of Native Affairs and Policy made a first time visit to the Karuk, Hoopa and Yurok Tribes at the end of the fiscal year. Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, Irene Flannery, Deputy Chief, and Cynthia Bryant, Senior Legal Advisor, were welcomed September 26th with an informal luncheon at the Karuk Administration Building in Happy Camp.

While on an 8th Grade trip in April 2011, Orleans Elementary 8th Graders Alyssa Allgier, Na-tessa Donahue and Geena Talley, along with their teacher, Kim Hyde, and Bari Talley met and were entertained by the FCC Office in Washington, D.C.

Bari Talley, Workforce Development Coordinator, made introductions to Arch Super, Tribal Chair, and Dora Bernal, Karuk Tribal Council member-at-large, Eric Cutright, Karuk Tribe Information Technology Director, and Erin Rentz, Board Member of the Community Computer Center @ Orleans.

“It was a good opportunity for the Tribe to garner the FCC’s influence and focus on communications issues vital to our communities,” said Cutright. The group discussed efforts made by the Karuk Tribe to remedy the lack of critical services in aboriginal territory, like reliable phones, radio and broadband. The FCC was interested in the USDA Community Connect grant recently awarded the Tribe to provide a wireless mesh high speed internet/broadband solution to the Orleans area. The discussion also included Verizon phone “service” problems in Orleans and efforts to establish a tribal radio station.

After lunch, the FCC staff visited the People’s Center, where they were met by Alyssa Allgier, 9th Grader at Happy Camp High School. “I was surprised they came out here to visit, and it was great to see them again,” said Allgier. Allgier pointed out the Center of the World and other significant sites on the trip downriver. Na-Tessa Donahue and Geena Talley, now in 9th Grade at Hoopa Valley High School, met the contingent at the Community Computer Center @ Orleans. Grant Gilkison, Workforce Development Trainer, and board members, Roberta Coragliotti, Irene Treesong and Penny Eckhart joined the continued dialogue about communications grievances in Orleans.

The FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy staff were very receptive and determined to help resolve communications issues in Indian Country. “We were pleased and excited to have them come see firsthand what we were talking about when we visited them in Washington, D.C. I think the girls really impressed them,” said Talley.
Since the announcement of the grant award for construction of the Orleans Health Clinic, the question I hear most frequently is: “Where are we at with our new clinic?” It’s fair to say we are all eager to get the new building up and staff moved out of their cramped quarters at the current site. However, the wheels of bureaucracy do force us to slow down. The process for spending federal dollars will sometimes include grant conditions and always, always, regulatory requirements. For this project, our one grant condition was to complete a land exchange agreement with the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority for the site of the new project. The parcel identified for the site, was purchased years ago by KTHA for housing purposes. In September, we completed this agreement and HUD removed the grant condition.

We are also bound by the regulatory compliance to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This requires that the Tribe conduct an Environmental Assessment. The intent of the assessment is to determine if the project will cause any negative impact to the environment. And, if so, what mitigation measures will the Tribe take to reduce that impact. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can then be posted for public comment. For this assessment, competitive proposals were solicited and on September 1, 2011, a contract was awarded to SHN Environmental Engineers. The first draft has been completed and is under Tribal review. Once the draft report is finalized, then the Tribe will use what is called a Combined Notice that includes the FONSI and a Notice of Intent and Request for Release of Funds (NOI-RROF). The proof of publication is sent to HUD and then the report awaits any comments from their staff for another 15 days before funds are released. It is only then that the Tribe can solicit bids for construction.

Our preliminary design of the facility has been a smooth process. Planning meetings with Health Program staff have been successful and we have drafted a layout of the facility using available modular design information. With this information, Fred Burcell, our Construction Manager has been working with Indian Health Services Engineers to have our Request for Bid ready as soon as we have received clearance from HUD. Overall, this project is ahead of schedule by two weeks.

In other news, at the start of Fiscal Year 2011, the Tribe had 6 unfinished Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (HIP) projects. Since then, we have pulled together our resources to get these projects done. The Maintenance Department (Fred Burcell and Daniel Goodwin), LIAP (Robert Attebery), KTHA (Erica Mitchell) and I discussed a plan of attack. Through our combined efforts and teamwork, I can now report that we have completed 3 of these projects, and that 2 more are currently underway. The last project is open with no waiting list. If you are interested in this low income HIP opportunity, to see if you may qualify please contact Robert Attebery at 800-505-2785 #2025 for an application form.

Karuk Tribal Descendent, Army SPC Nickolaus Hillman, son of Leeon and Erin Hillman is shown in this picture at Camp Arafjan, Kuwait. Hillman will complete his one year tour of duty in December and will return to his current home in Killeen Texas. Hillman previously spent 4 years in the United States Navy (2003-2007), but then reenlisted in the Army in 2008.

We’re Seeking Military News!

The Karuk Tribe is looking for news and articles about our servicemen and women currently in the military. If you have information or photos, we would love to honor our Karuk people in the service with feature items in the newsmagazine.

Please send your articles and photos to Rosie Bley at rbley@karuk.us or to Sara Spence at sspence@karuk.us
Grants Department Update

Jaclyn Goodwin, Grantwriter

The projects we are currently working on include:

► Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program: this year we are applying for a new Fitness Center/Gymnasium in the Yreka Tribal Housing Community. It is our goal to implement these types of facilities in Orleans and Happy Camp as well. We chose Yreka because there is a pretty substantial need based on data from the Yreka Health Clinic and there is very limited access to gym facilities in that community.

► ANA Environmental Regulatory Enhancement: this proposal will be due in January of 2012. This will be a project with the Department of Natural Resources related to water quality issues.

► Domestic Violence Shelter: We have had several meetings at Yav Pav Anav to discuss transitional housing sites and program needs. Karuk Tribal Housing has offered some potential sites and we are researching those options.

► Diabetes Team: Meetings are targeted on setting goals for using the tele-ophthalmology cameras for all three sites, to increase GPRA results for diabetic retinal screens, and continuous education to all communities on diabetes related health issues.

Grants submitted since the last newsletter include:

► HRSA Capital Development-Building Capacity- New Construction Grant: we submitted a proposal for a new Happy Camp Clinic Building to be located at the Rustic Inn Property. The proposal amount is for $1,958,215.00, featuring larger patient exam and medical records rooms in a 6000 sq ft facility that houses behavioral health staff as well. It is a large construction project as well as a detailed proposal application.

► Humboldt Area Foundation- Holiday Living Partnership- small $2,000 holiday funding proposal for additional food baskets for the Orleans Area, dental supplies, and funding for Senior Nutrition Christmas Dinner.

► Nike N7 Fund – we submitted a small application for $36,493 for nutrition and physical fitness activities for our youth. The project is aimed at grades 1st-5th and would be implemented in all three Tribal communities of Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka. We are hopeful this application will get funded, as our youth are in great need of more positive influences and activities.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

► Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs- We were funded for a proposal in the amount of $43,838 from the Native American Business Development Institute (a branch of the Bureau of Indian Affairs) that provides funding for a tribal-wide reservation economic development plan!! This is a great way to consider the various economic development opportunities within our region. Once we complete this analysis we then submit funding for an actual feasibility/marketing study to see how we would implement a new economic development plan.

► Indian Health Services- Special Diabetes Program for Indians- we received notification of funding for the continuation of our diabetes program in the amount of $157,554. This program provides diabetic patients with prevention education and treatment assistance.

As we continue to look for funding in various areas—major areas that are in great need include culture and language class opportunities and/or camps, physical wellness needs (this is based on the high number of overweight/obese patients we serve), and youth activities in general are highly needed. 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. We would love to hear your ideas or suggestions for funding opportunities or potential projects. Yôotva! 

Guided tour of the Klamath River - Peter Pennecamp-HAF Executive Director; Leaf Hillman DNR Director; Sandi Tripp, Director of Transportation; Erin Hillman Director of Administrative Programs and Compliance

Klamath River during boat tour near Orleans.
Klamath Economic Restoration Act
Introduced in Congress
Act would implement Klamath Agreements, Remove Klamath Dams

Craig Tucker, Klamath Coordinator

The Klamath Economic Restoration Act was introduced November 10, 2011 in the US Senate by Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley and in the House by California Congressman Mike Thompson. The bills’ introduction marks yet another major milestone in the Tribe’s effort to remove dams and restore the Klamath River.

The Klamath Economic Restoration Act is necessary to implement the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA). The two agreements we developed by Klamath Basin tribes, farmers, ranchers, fishermen, conservationists, dam owner PacifiCorp, and local governments. Together, the Agreements seek to settle longstanding disputes over water diversions and establish the mechanism to remove four antiquated dams that block fish migrations and lead to massive blooms of toxic algae each summer. In addition, the cost of dam removal is estimated to be $290 million – far less than the cost of relicensing the dams which is estimated to exceed $500 million. This means dam removal is not only good for struggling salmon runs, but it will also save PacifiCorp (known locally as Pacific Power) ratepayers money.

A recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluated implementation of the two Agreements and concluded that the result would be a 81% increase in Chinook salmon, alleviation of toxic algae blooms, and the creation of over 4,600 jobs over 15 years.

Still the Agreements and the legislation are not without critics. Siskiyou County, along with local tea-party groups, is working to save the dams arguing that the Agreements undermine farming. However, the only farmers affected are the farmers on the Klamath Irrigation Project who are signatories to the Agreements. In addition, the Hoopa Valley Tribe opposes the Agreements arguing that they undermine Tribal rights. However, according to Karuk Self Governance Coordinator Bob Goodwin, this is not the case, “These Agreements do not affect Hoopa or Karuk water or fishing rights one bit. Hoopa is using words like ‘termination’ to scare tribal members. Hoopa’s real concerns are related to funding issues on the Trinity.”

Despite the opposition from Hoopa and Siskiyou County and a congress wary of new spending measures, supporters of the Agreements believe that they have a strong enough political coalition to overcome it. “We fought tooth and nail to get to this point,” said Natural Resources Director Leaf Hillman, “and we will continue to fight tooth and nail as we work our way through congress.”

The recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement along with technical studies can be found at www.klamathrestoration.gov

Fact sheets, frequently asked questions, a list of groups supporting the Agreements, and more can be found at www.klamathrestoration.org.

Craig Tucker, Klamath Coordinator

Irongate Dam

National Domestic Violence Awareness

A group gathered on the steps of the Siskiyou County Courthouse October 11, 2011 for the Candlelight Vigil to mark the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this was a collaborated effort with The Karuk Tribe Piyav Program and Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center. Tribal members sang songs and heard from several speakers including Arch Super Chairman of the Karuk Tribe, Sheriff Jon Lopey and a domestic abuse survivor.
Quarterly Staffing Update
Sara Spence, Human Resources Manager

Mark Werder was hired as the KTHA/Karuk Tribe Maintenance Worker for the Yreka Community; he will serve both Housing and Tribal needs in that area.

Elke Head was hired as the Teacher’s Assistant at the Happy Camp Head Start Center.

Sheila Super was hired as the Medical Receptionist in the Yreka Clinic to fill the vacancy created by Sarah Abono’s transfer to KCDC.

Laura Olivas was hired as the Controller in the Happy Camp Finance Office to fill the vacancy created by Darlene Snapp-Silfies transfer to KCDC.

Scott Nelson was hired as the Resource Development Manager for the Karuk Tribe Housing in the Yreka area.

Chelsea Chambers was hired as the Physician Assistant for the Happy Camp Clinic to fill the vacancy created by Judy Blind, Family Nurse Practitioner who transferred to the Yreka Clinic.

Sammi Goodwin was hired as the Part Time Custodian in the Orleans area to fill the vacancy created by Holly Hensher’s resignation.

Junalyynn Ward was hired as the Patient Eligibility Worker/Administrative Assistant working in the Child & Family Services Department in Happy Camp.

Ricky Gregory was hired as the On Call Clerk for the Anikuf Smoke Shop.

Maria Applewhite was hired as the Tenant Relations Officer/Billing Clerk in the Happy Camp Housing Office to fill the vacancy created by Sheona Moore’s resignation.

Jennifer Goodwin was hired as the Bus Monitor/Aide for the Happy Camp Head Start Center.

Chuck Lent was hired as the Naa Vura Yeeshiip Program Director/Clinician to fill the vacancy created by Holly Hensher’s resignation.

Janey Goodwin-Hawk was hired as the Naa Vura Yeeshiip Program Assistant.

Ruth Rouvier has left her position with the Karuk Tribe as the Language Program Coordinator as that three year grant has been closed out.

Tonia Begrin has resigned from her position in the Orleans Clinic and Isha Goodwin has been promoted to fill that vacancy. A part time receptionist will be recruited to fully staff that clinic.

Be sure to visit the Tribal Website to view job openings at www.karuk.us/jobs/ on a WEEKLY basis if you are looking for employment or contracting opportunities as that is the first place positions are posted and they change constantly and quickly. Thank you!

Chelsea Chambers, Physicians Assistant for Happy Camp Medical Clinic

Casey Chambers

The Karuk Tribe Health and Human Services Program is happy to announce the hiring of Chelsea Chambers, Physician’s Assistant for our Happy Camp Medical Clinic. Ms. Chambers replaces Judy Blind, FNP who recently moved to Southern Oregon. Fortunately, Ms. Blind continues her work for KTHHSP at our Yreka Clinic.

When asked for her bio for the newsletter Chelsea’s mother gladly provided the following:

Chelsea is a Happy Camp girl with a passion for healing in her blood. Chelsea was born in Happy Camp, the fourth child of George and Casey Chambers. Growing up she took advantage of all that a small, close knit town had to offer. She worked hard in school and excelled. But most importantly, she learned to be a team player and juggled the demands of a busy life as she played sports, acted in yearly musicals, played in the band, and participated as a student leader.

Chelsea’s interest in the world led her to Costa Rica as a high school foreign exchange student and to Spain for her junior year abroad. With Spanish as a minor and Biology has her major, she graduated with honors from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Chelsea always planned on practicing medicine. While she never had the chance to meet her grandfather, Dr. George Chambers, she grew up hearing stories of his life as the doctor in Happy Camp from 1960 to 1970. Chelsea’s grandmother, with whom she was very close, was a nurse, and Chelsea has many aunts and uncles who are doctors and nurses. Sister Brittany is a labor and delivery nurse in Sacramento.

Chelsea attended PA school at Northeastern University in Boston. After graduation she remained in Boston and worked in a busy ER, excellent training for a family practice physician’s assistant. Although she loved working and living in Boston, after the birth of her daughter, Scarlett, now thirteen months, Chelsea was more than ready to return to the peace and comfort of the river life, and the support that only a small town can provide. Chelsea wishes her grandfather could be around to see her now, because she knows he would be proud of her return to Happy Camp to be a PA at the Karuk Medical Clinic.
The Karuk Tribe held their Fall 2011 Basketweaver’s Gathering, October 7-9, 2011 in Happy Camp, California. There were many attendees at this year’s gathering!

We would like to acknowledge the hard work and time donated by the many volunteers who made this event possible and the support of the Karuk Tribal Council who allow this event to take place.

We would also like to thank all of the individuals who purchased tickets and donated items to the raffle which support the cost of this event. This year’s raffle proceeds were approximately $1,700; we had 28 prizes that were given away!

We plan to hold another raffle next year and continue to raise monies to support these gatherings. Please enjoy the photos of the gathering and raffle prizes that are included with this article. Anyone interested in contributing hand crafted items to the next raffle should contact Paula McCarthy at pmccarthy@karuk.us

This year’s gathering was held too late to allow for gathering materials, however, we were able to enjoy a class to learn how to make stick baskets and fish traps from willow sticks.
Our IMLS Library Enhancement Grant is now in its second year. This funding has allowed us to improve our Karuk Library in Orleans (in the Panamnik Center) and Happy Camp (in the People’s Center). We hired library assistants Ashley Myers and Yukon Sakota, weeded the old collection, developed a new and improved focus on culturally relevant materials, and have begun acquiring many new books and audio-visual materials. We have also added comfortable patron seating for young and old alike. Patron card applications are available at each library. Signing up is a simple process with an ID and proof of local residence. Our catalog is also online at www.libraryworld.com/opac - just type in “Karuk Library” for the user name. We are also able to provide interlibrary loans between the two branches.

We continue to add to our collection using grant funds. However you can help by donating items from our “wish list.” These are materials that are hard to find through any of our distributors. Here is a sample of books we would like to add to our collection:

- **Rescue of the Missing Buffalo** by Joy Harjo
- **50 Years on the Klamath** by John C. Boyle
- **Yurok Marriages** by T.T. Waterman
- **Washo and Karok: An Approach to Comparative Hokan** by William H. Jacobsen
- **My Life with the Kar-ooks, Miners and Forestry** by Wesley E. Hotelling

We also welcome your suggestions that fit our collection focus:

- Karuk history, language, traditions and living culture (comprehensive – all titles)
- Native American history, culture, and literature (Northwest California and Pacific Northwest works, major works, new releases, youth titles)

Both libraries also host storytelling events and book signings. Please contact Ashley Myers ashleymyers@karuk.us or Yukon Sakota ysakota@karuk.us with any questions. You can also call the Panamnik Center at 530-627-3115 and the People’s Center at 530-493-1600 x2202. Please stop by and check out our new libraries!
Fall Salmon Surveys, Fish Biology & Water Quality Studies. Junction Elementary held their annual Outdoor School at Dillon Creek in September. I led the Aquatic Invertebrates station, where students collected macro invertebrates from creek and identified the specimens. Emma Boykin observed an unusual specimen that day, a water snipe-fly larva. We have not observed water snipe-fly larvae in our aquatic invertebrate studies before. Water snipe-flies are important indicators of water quality because they are sensitive to pollution.

The Fall Chinook Salmon Carcass & Survey Training for Orleans Elementary and Junction Elementary students took place the end of September. Sixth-eighth grade students attended the training at Oak Bottom River Access on the Salmon River, where they learned data collection protocols, fish identification, redd (fish “nest”) identification and marking, safety, and fitted waders and boots.

Happy Camp students attended the Fall Chinook Salmon Carcass & Survey Training in early October. Seventh and eighth grade students from Happy Camp Elementary started the training at the Happy Camp Ranger District office. After watching a training video with Alan Crockett, US Forest Service (USFS), students walked to the river access at the mouth of Indian Creek to complete four stations. Students learned how to identify the species of fish they would most likely see, how to identify and mark redds, how to collect and record data, and tried on waders and boots. Students also learned about otoliths (literally, “ear stones”) from Morgan Knechtle, CA Department of Fish & Game (CDFG), and how to collect them. Otoliths assist the fish with balance and hearing, functioning much like a human’s inner ear. Otoliths, along with scale and tissue samples, are taken from Chinook carcasses and analyzed by scientists to determine information such as age and growth patterns of the fish, chemical composition and temperature of water it inhabited during its life, and migration pathways.

Special thanks go to Morgan Knechtle, CDFG, Sterling Conrad, Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), Alan Crockett, USFS, Tom Hotalling, Salmon River Restoration Council, Mike Hentz, USFS, and all the volunteers who all helped me with this Survey Training!

Four Orleans Elementary middle school students went on a special survey field trip to Forks of Salmon in October. Orleans students usually survey Camp Creek, but we went to Forks for the first survey because the salmon come back to spawn there earlier than in Camp Creek. It was very exciting for the students to see nearly 70 fish spawning right below the bridge at Forks that day. Students surveyed Camp Creek each week the rest of October and the first half of November.

Happy Camp Elementary 7th and 8th graders surveyed Indian Creek just above “The Eddy” in October and November, and Elk Creek just above the East Fork once in October.

The K-3rd grade class at Junction Elementary received Chinook salmon eggs from Iron Gate Hatchery in mid-November. I worked with the 3rd graders to calculate the hatch date for the baby fish. Using incubation data from the hatchery, we determined that the eggs would hatch on or around Thanksgiving Day.

Marine Lab Field Trip. The K-3rd grade class at Junction Elementary School went on a field trip to the Humboldt State University Marine Lab in Trinidad the end of September. Students took a guided tour through the newly renovated facility, where they handled live marine specimens in the Touch Tank and also viewed live and preserved specimens under microscopes in one of the classrooms. After the tour students enjoyed a picnic lunch at Trinidad State Beach and played in the sand and waves before heading back home.

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

Happy Camp students went on a special field trip to the Marine Lab in Trinidad.
The Karuk Head Start is at full enrollment in both Happy Camp and Yreka. The program staff are working hard and teaching staff is providing wonderful activities, school readiness, and learning opportunities for all the children. Parent meetings are better attended in the past and a new Policy Council has been voted in. We welcome Marsha Jackson, Ashlee King, and Chena Sakota as alternate for Happy Camp, and Brandon Arwood, Rhi Wilson, and Kiara Alexander as alternate for Yreka. Linda Davis from Happy Camp, and Florinne Super from Yreka have been selected as Community representatives. Our first face to face meeting was a success and they all came with great ideas and fresh energy to support our program. We appreciate the time commitment of this forward thinking group and anticipate another great year for the Karuk Head Start!

October was full of fall activities and visits to the pumpkin patch. The Happy Camp center children, staff, and parents visited a pumpkin patch in Seiad and had a wonderful time. The Yreka center children, staff, and parents visited Hunter Orchards and enjoyed choosing their pumpkin and running through the hay bale maze.

Halloween was celebrated in Happy Camp with a walking parade and visits to the Karuk Tribal Housing Office, Post Office, Karuk Tribe administration, Bank, Parry’s Market, to name a few. The children had a lot of fun. Yreka Head Start children paraded through housing and enjoyed dressing up for their special day.

Yreka parents attended the Family Health Training “What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick” on November 4, 2011 at the Yreka Housing Community Building. Marlene Rodriguez, Center Supervisor, and Patty Brown, Director, are certified trainers through HCI (Health Care Institute) for this excellent, family friendly event. Activities, information, and a luncheon were provided for all in attendance. Annie Smith provided a thermometer, medicine dispenser, and information on immunizations. Every family went home with the book What to Do When Your Child Gets Sick and a bag. The Yreka staff was very helpful and made sure every detail was covered to make this a successful event. Many thanks to Ronda Croy, Nonies, Laura, Michelle, little Nonies, Nikki, and Lilo for helping out with the childcare. These ladies are some of our best volunteers and we appreciate everything they do to help us out.

Happy Camp is getting a new bus! It will be arriving this week and we are excited to replace our aging bus.

Even though we are at full enrollment at both centers, we will continue to accept applications for eligible children (3 years old by December 2) for the 2011-2012 school year. Applications are available at Karuk Head Start centers, Karuk Tribe clinics, and Happy Camp Administration Office. Completed applications can be returned to the Happy Camp Head Start at 632 Jacobs Way, Happy Camp CA. 96039.

Yootva, Patty Brown
It’s been a slow process, but we are gaining technology through the Community Computer Centers. It’s been a dream for many years to have the Orleans community capacity to teleconference, and it happened last week! Bandwidth was an issue thought to be resolved by the 2009 grant awarded by California Virtual Campus which provides a T-1 line to the computer center. A PolyCom unit was provided by the Karuk Community Development Corporation through Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funding in 2009. As is usual in many technology areas, the challenges continued to get everything working together.

We are still working on gaining bandwidth so that we can operate the teleconferencing equipment while using the center. Teleconferencing college classes are a goal we are working toward. As it is now, we sometimes have to prioritize educational use over entertainment use because downstreaming YouTube videos and/or playing games can interfere with others trying to take classes online.

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Sandra Sherie Tuttle

**Born:** June 22, 2011 @ 1:30 A.M. in Mad River Hospital

**Birth Weight:** 6 pounds 13 ounces

**Height:** 19 1/2 inches

**Parents:** Clayton Eugene Tuttle & Shauniece Vera Polmateer

**Grandparents:** Mike & Stormie Polmateer, Joann Rose & Aaron Tuttle

Sandra shares a birthday with her Uncle Mike and Cousin Jason Reed.
Karuk Tribe
Karuk Tribal TANF Program

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.

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. KTTP 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.

Attn: Quartz Valley Tribal Members!

Starting in November the Yreka TANF site has started taking applications for Quartz Valley tribal members. We also have started conducting cultural classes led by Corina Alexander.

Tell Us Your TANF Success Stories

We have many success stories of Tribal TANF clients receiving jobs these past few months. If you would like to share your story please contact Michelle Kerr at 842-4775.

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

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Michelle Kerr, Family Services Specialist
Melinda Haxby, Family Services Specialist Assistant
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Yreka TANF Office
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39051 Highway 96
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Clarence Hostler is currently providing AOD classes to all three areas.
Think Pink committee members visited businesses that “painted the county pink” on Thursday, October 20 to decide the winner of a decorating contest. Who pulled out the most pink?

Categories included: medical offices, beauty salons, banks and all others.

Almost everywhere residents turned Thursday, they saw pink. Signs encouraged people to, “Think Pink,” “Fight like a girl,” “Support the cure” and more.

The splash of color was in honor of National Think Pink Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer.

As part of the celebration, the Think Pink Committee from Fairchild Medical Center held a decorating contest for local businesses. They encouraged pink decorations inside and outside the building and employee participation by wearing pink.

More than 30 businesses entered the contest, hoping to place first in categories of banks, medical offices, beauty salons and other business.

Fairchild Medical Center announced the winners Thursday afternoon.

They include:

- Medical office: Dr. Swenson;
- Beauty salon: Hair Razors;
- Banks: Scott Valley Bank; and
- Other business: Siskiyou Legal Document Service.

Congratulations to the winners! Look for pictures of participating businesses in the Siskiyou Daily News.
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Sequoi was 20-years-old when he passed away on Nov. 10, 2011 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident near Chico, CA.

Sequoi was born on July 14, 1991 in Medford, Oregon to Dwayne and Anna Myers. He grew up in Happy Camp and graduated from Happy Camp High School in 2010. He was attending Butte College and was planning on becoming a chef. Sequoi enjoyed playing all sports, especially football, basketball and baseball. He enjoyed spending time with his family, drawing and hiking.

Sequoi is survived by his parents Dwayne and Anna Myers of Happy Camp; nine siblings, Alan Gibson, Lisa Junior, Bruce Myers, Candice Myers, Fred Trimble, Abigale Myers, Sahneewa Trimble, Ahwenga Myers and Dillon Myers; his maternal grandmother Ethel Nixon Garcia; his fiancee, Leeann Timbrook; Alan Gibson Jr., who was like a brother to him; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Sequoi was preceded in death by his brother Lawrence Trimble.

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Lee Hoover
1924 - 2011

Lee Hoover passed away at age 87 on Saturday, October 29, 2011. He was born in 1924 to Paul and Elsie Hoover. Lee wanted to be remembered as a proud Karuk warrior and he was a member of the Karuk Tribe.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 he immediately went to the local recruiting station and enlisted in the United States Navy. He was 17 years old. Lee spent almost the next four years in active duty overseas. He earned numerous commendations for his time in World War Two; among them were 13 battle stars for combat action. Lee took part in almost every major Naval battle in World War Two.

After the war Lee returned home to Humboldt County and built houses, working 11 years in heavy construction before retiring in 1980.

Lee met his wife Helen at the Mad River during a summer day while swimming. He threw a rock at her to get her attention, and they ended up being married for 67 years. Their favorite hobby ever since that day was to collect rocks together. He enjoyed spending time with Helen as they raised fruit trees and worked on their house in Willow Creek. During this time Lee and Helen raised two sons, Gary and Paul. He loved to camp out and really enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Lee’s Native American ancestry influenced him deeply. He participated in the Jump Dance ceremony held on Karuk ancestral grounds. Lee made regalia for this ceremony and was thankful to his friend Terry Supahan for making sure it danced even if he could not.

Lee and his wife Helen were proud of the Hover Collection of baskets that is at the Clarke Museum in Eureka. There are dozens of baskets that his mother and father collected that can be seen at the museum. Lee was featured in his friend Chag Lowry’s book titled The Original Patriots: Northern California Indian Veterans of World War Two. He was also featured in the KEET-TV Living Biographies series and was featured with his friends Frank Richards and the late Wally Scott in the KEET-TV documentary titled The Original Patriots that was co-directed by his friend Chag.

Lee was preceded in death by his father Paul and mother Elsie, and by his son Paul David Hoover. Lee is survived by his beautiful wife of 67 years, Helen Hoover. He is also survived by son Gary and his wife Melanie Hoover, by Paul’s wife Tina Hoover, granddaughter Jessica Hoover, grandson Ryan Nichols, grandson Adam Parent and his wife Chere, grandson Paul Hoover and his wife Brandy, and great-grandchildren Trinity, Shaylle, Austin, and Liana.
Welcome Rodeo Fans! My name is Amanda Silva, and I am so blessed to be your 2012 Miss Redding Rodeo Queen! I am the 20 year old daughter of Frank Silva and Shari Plath, born and raised in Redding, California. In 2009 I graduated from Anderson High School; and now I am currently in my second year as a student of Shasta College, working towards my Associate of Science Degree, with future plans to transfer to BYU in Idaho to achieve a Bachelor of Science degree in Livestock Management and Production. In addition to attending Shasta College, I work as a student intern for the State of California and when my schedule permits, I work at Wild Dreamz Quarter Horses assisting with their breeding program, and working with horses of all ages. Some of my favorite hobbies include playing community softball and soccer, springboard diving, and of course, horseback riding. My passion for Rodeo started very young when my parents were volunteer members in the Redding Rodeo Association. Growing up at the Rodeo grounds, I was so eager to learn and read everything about the sport of rodeo and horses, and attend every Redding Rodeo event I could. Redding Rodeo is where I first saw Miss Redding Rodeo and that is when I knew I wanted to be her one day. My road to becoming the 2012 Miss Redding Rodeo proves that if you want something bad enough and put forth all your heart, and hard effort you can achieve your dreams. Wearing this crown to represent not only the sport of rodeo, but my rodeo family, the amazing Redding Rodeo Association, is such an honor and blessing for me personally. Which is why I already have a very full calendar ahead and have planned to attend as many public events and rodeos as possible, spreading news about this great sport and American tradition of professional rodeo! I would like to give a special “thank you” to all our sponsors, to our rodeo members for all their hard work and time, and also to all of you great fans who support and keep our rodeo’s and my dream alive. I look forward to meeting you all at our 64th Annual Redding Rodeo! So come on down the 3rd weekend in May 2012 and enjoy this great American tradition! 

Amanda Silva, Miss Redding Rodeo 2012
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.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csb/index.htm or 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 The LIHEAP programs administered by tribes at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm or administered by States at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm. For Oregon residents you can contact 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

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.

GAWEP - General Assistance Work Experience Program

This program helps enrolled Federal Recognized Tribal members who reside in the Tribe’s Service Area to become more employable while receiving an incentive payment not to exceed $284 a month. Applicants can not receive public comparable assistance. (SS, SSI, VA, Disability, TANF, GA, etc...)

Housing Improvement Assistance

We are looking for Housing Improvement Program (HIP) applicants. To be eligible for a new home or home repairs you have to be a Tribal member and also own the land that the application is being submitted for. Other eligibility criteria include income, age and whether you are or have disabled household members.
Or Current Resident

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