

# Karuk Tribe

Summer Edition 2019

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion

**Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Karuk Administration Complex**  
**64236 Second Ave.**  
**Happy Camp, CA**



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## *Greetings from your Tribal Council*



**Russell Attebery**  
Happy Camp  
Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Robert Super**  
Yreka  
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2022



**Michael Thom**  
Happy Camp  
Secretary/Treasurer

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Alvis Johnson**  
Happy Camp District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2016-Nov. 2020



**Wilverna Reece**  
Happy Camp District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2020



**Kristen King**  
Orleans District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



**Renée Stauffer**  
Orleans District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Arch Super**  
Yreka District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



**Sonny Davis**  
Yreka District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2022

# Notes From The Chairman

**A**yukii huut kich everyone,  
In this issue I would like to let Tribal Members know what our Membership, Council, Directors and employees have accomplished in the last decade. During this time the Karuk Tribe has more than doubled their workforce. We have built new homes in all three districts, opened a Wellness Center (gymnasium with kitchens, locker rooms and workout facilities) in Yreka and Happy Camp and have the same plans for Orleans district. These facilities are very important to help our Elders and Children build and maintain a healthy balance between mind and body.

We just celebrated our one year anniversary at “Rain Rock Casino”. This project has been a tremendous success and we look forward to diversifying our money to better serve our Tribal Membership. The Karuk Tribe has accomplished these projects while still increasing their assets which at one point reached over 70 million dollars. We are currently looking to refinance our current loan so we can start building our hotel which is projected to increase revenue by 20%.

The Karuk Tribe is well known and respected in Washington D.C. and Sacramento. At the federal level the I represent all California Tribes at the Department of Interior meetings. At the state level I was honored to be selected as the keynote speaker at Native American Days in Sacramento (2018). Just recently I was appointed by the Governor’s office to be on the Tribal Nations Grant Fund panel. The Karuk Tribe will soon (starting in 2020) be applying for their fair share of more than 30 million dollars set aside for California Tribes through the Tribal Nations Grant Fund.

I sincerely believe that the future is bright for the Karuk Tribal People financially and for health care, housing, education, protecting and persevering natural resources and culture, “That future is closer than you think”. 🏹

Yootva kura suva nik  
Chairman Attebery:



# Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

Karuk Voters Registration Office  
P.O. Box 815  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

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**THIS SHALL SERVE AS NOTICE THAT THE KARUK TRIBE WILL NOT BE HOLDING A PRIMARY ELECTION IN AUGUST DUE TO A LACK OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR AVAILABLE POSITIONS.**

Due to running unopposed for the Chairperson position, Russell “Buster” Attebery will remain our Karuk Tribal Chairman for an additional 4 years beginning in November 2019 as he has successfully completed all eligibility requirements per the Karuk Tribe Election Ordinance that states:

**Section 15.D:** In the event of uncontested elections, that is that there is only one eligible candidate, no election needs to be held and that person may take office provided he or she meets the Tribe’s candidate eligibility criteria.

## **Congratulations Chairman Attebery!**

With only two candidates running for Secretary/Treasurer and with both candidates having met all eligibility requirements for that position, no Primary Election will be held and they will now both go on to the General Election on November 5, 2019. Candidate Statements will be made available on the Karuk Tribe’s website <http://www.karuk.us/>





# Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

## There are currently 3,754 Enrolled Tribal Members and 4,822 Enrolled Descendants.



**Mildred Grant**  
*Chair*



**Jeanerette  
Jacups-Johnny**  
*Vice Chair*



**Corina Alexander**  
*Secretary*



**Charlene Naef**  
*Member At Large*



**Robert Super**  
*Council Vice Chair*

**O**ur office offers an array of services.

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verifications for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all Tribal Member households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information.) Please update your census with our office every three years.
- Process mail lists for Tribal Mailings; please make sure your address is up to date so you don't miss out on important mailings or the newsletter.
- Issue Free California Fishing License Applications.
- Create Family Trees.
- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

Please feel free to contact our office by phone: (800) 505-2785 Ext. 2028/2039. You can also reach us by email: [rattebery@karuk.us](mailto:rattebery@karuk.us) and [mspence@karuk.us](mailto:mspence@karuk.us) We would love to hear from you! 🏹

Yootva,  
Robert Attebery

## Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

**A**ttention Karuk Tribal Members & Descendants, if you have news, articles, events or announcements you wish to submit for publication in the Karuk Newsletter, please send information to [newsletter@karuk.us](mailto:newsletter@karuk.us). Submissions are preferred in digital format; however hardcopies are also accepted by mailing articles to Newsletter Articles, P.O. Box 1016 Happy Camp, CA 96039. All submissions must include your name and address as no anonymous articles will be accepted.



# Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025 Michelle Camarena LIAP Administrator  
Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs

## Low Income Home 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.

## General Assistance (GA):

This program provides low income families and individuals with Food and/or Clothing, Shelter, Emergency Assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home) and Burial Assistance. The applicant must reside in the Service Area, be an Enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Member and not receiving public assistance. Benefits are adjusted depending on income received.

## 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. Lets save on energy and our budgets!

## Fraud?

With regards to the Low Income Assistance Programs, to report any type of fraud by vendors or otherwise, please notify this office immediately at: (530) 493-1600 Ext. 2025.

## Community Services and Development (CSD):

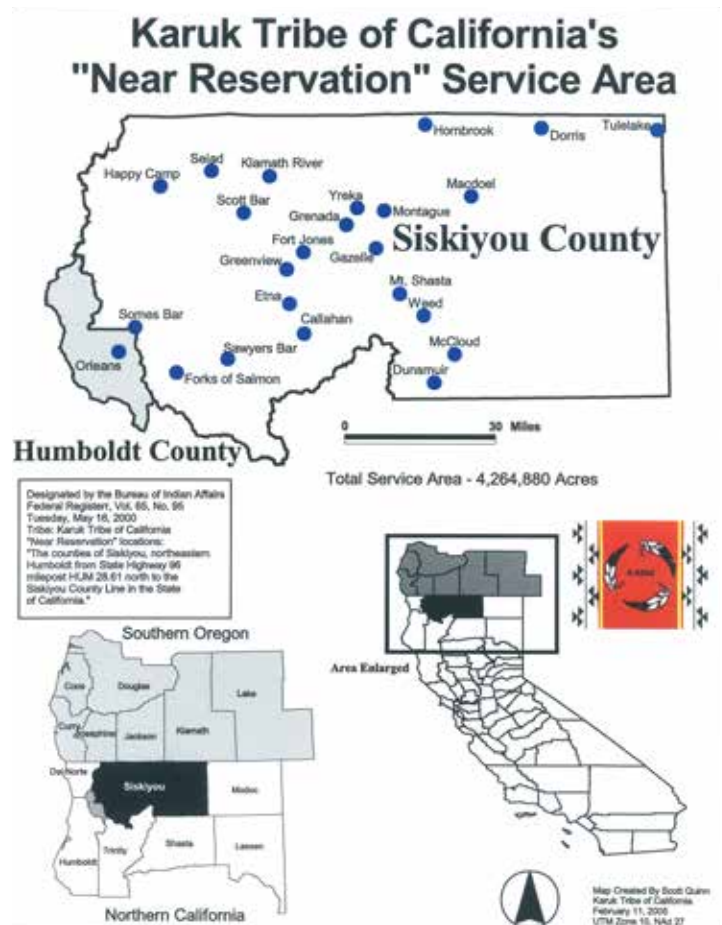
This program provides assistance for low income families with food, shelter, transportation, and health and safety issues. The applicant must reside in the Service Area, be income eligible, and a Karuk Tribal Member or Descendant.

## Adult Services:

The Adult Services program is available to assist Elders seeking non-medical care such as chores, light housekeeping, meal prep. The providers must be certified or licensed. Back ground checks are also a requirement. Contact the LIAP Department if you are an elder in need of a care provider or are interested in becoming an adult care provider.



Michelle Camarena LIAP Administrator



# Purchased Referred Care Services Eligibility

The following is an explanation of the eligibility criteria for the Karuk Tribe's Purchased Referred Care Services to give applicants a better understanding of the eligibility process. Our goal is to assist all clients to obtain the best services possible.

1. Must be a Tribal Member or Descendant of a Federally-Recognized Tribe in California.
2. Must be a permanent resident of Siskiyou Co. CA or Orleans, CA for the past six months.

If you are eligible, PRC coverage is not automatic. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non-IHS facility, You must notify Purchased Referred Care Services within 72 hours. If you do not do this, you will be responsible for the bill. PRC coverage is for emergency, life-threatening situations only! The following are not considered to be emergencies or life-threatening; Sore throats, ear aches, rash, follow-up care, medication re-fill, etc.

Emergency visits will not be covered if it would have been closer to go to a Karuk Tribal Health Care facility. If there is a KTHP facility in the area and you choose not to use the facility, you will then be denied and held responsible for the bill.

## **Referral:**

Medical care that is not available at the Karuk Tribal Health Care facility. Referrals are not a guarantee that we can assist in payment with services. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities, and use of alternate resources. Referrals are reviewed and payment is 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-PRC Authorization:**

We will prioritize all referrals and call-in requests and make recommendations for approval or denial. The PRC staff or their appointed designees are the only persons who can approve and authorize payment of services.

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

## **Alternate Resource:**

IHS-PRC is a payer of last resort. When a patient has

Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Veteran's Assistance, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, Workman's Compensation, or is covered by any other resource, that resource is the primary payer. All Explanations of Benefits (EOB) and payment checks from the primary payer(s) must be brought or mailed to the PRC office without delay, when received by the patient. Many times the non-IHS 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 have 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 Purchased/Referred Care in order to complete the payment process.

## **Pregnant/Prenatal Care:**


If PRC is requested to pay for the charges for your delivery/newborn care and hospitalization you must apply for OB Medi-cal. According to Federal Register IHS Regulations, it is mandatory that all other resources be utilized before PRC funds can be obligated. The California Medi-cal Services has a program for which you may be eligible for. All pregnant women will be interviewed, advised and/or assisted if needed in applying for OB Medi-cal. If you are denied, you will need to take the letter to the PRC office to be filed with your OB referral form. Failure to cooperate with IHS-PRC will result in denial to authorize payment for any charges you may incur.

## **Appeals:**

If you receive a denial letter from PRC you have the right to appeal per 42 CFR 136.25:

Within 30 days of receipt of your denial letter you must submit a written statement supporting your reason for appeal to the PRC Supervisor. If the PRC Supervisor upholds your denial, your appeal will be forwarded to the Managed Care Committee for action. If the Managed Care Committee upholds the denial, your appeal will be presented to the Karuk Tribe Health Board for consideration and action.

The decision of the Karuk Tribe Health Board shall be final.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility and payment process, please call Purchased Referred Care Services at: (530)-493-1600 Anna Myers, PRC Supervisor Ext. 2156, Cat Turner, PRC Clerk Ext. 2155. 

# Karuk Tribe Child Care Program Leading the Way

**K**aruk Tribe Child Care Program Leading the way for California Tribal Child Care Programs.

The Karuk Tribe's communities of Happy Camp and Orleans are two of many tribal communities in California that experiences "resource deserts" where state and local child care resources are not reaching rural, isolated tribal communities and families. To address these problems, the Karuk Tribe's Child Care Director, Dion Wood has gone to great lengths to unite California Tribal Child Care programs and engage state leaders, making them aware of the problems.

In 2006, after receiving a state report on child care in California and finding no information at all regarding Tribes, Dion went to the federal Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, Region IX Child Care Program Specialist and requested that they facilitate California state government child care administrators to meet with tribal child care program administrators. Through the authority of the federal Office of Child Care, the California State Department of Education was compelled to meet with tribal child care programs to discuss the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funds that both the State and Tribes receive. After that first meeting, Dion and a few colleagues formed the

Tribal Child Care Association of California (TCCAC) and soon quarterly meetings were taking place with the California Department of Education Early Learning and Care Division, California Tribal Child Care program Administrators and the federal Office of Child Care Regional Office. In November of 2017, the TCCAC signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division (CDE/ELCD) to formalize the relationship that was built agreeing to meet quarterly, provide meeting support and to employ a tribal liaison to help facilitate the new relationship and the quarterly meetings. California tribal children are "dually eligible" with the state-meaning tribal families can access child care resources through both the State and their Tribe. Since tribal families can apply for state resources, it is very important that those resources are accessible in all tribal communities.

Last year, through partnership with the state, the Tribal Child Care Association of California applied for a grant (Project HOPE) that focused on bringing equity to tribal communities. Our California Team which consists of tribal child care administrators and state CDE staff submitted an application. There were 63 applications from 41 states and our California team was selected in the top eight. The top eight state teams were flown to Dallas, TX and we were given 15 minutes to make our presentation on why California should receive this grant (think Shark Tank!) After all was said and done, our CA Team was selected in the top three and won a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Tribal Child Care Association of California! Our winning proposal was to bring equity to tribal communities and work on systems change within the state government to reduce inequities in rural and isolated communities. California state child care resources are funneled through each county and as we know, each Tribe in California has its own history with the counties they live in, so some Tribes have great relationships and are accessing state resources through their county and some do not and are not accessing state resources through their county. Part






of the Project HOPE grant was to make a visit to a tribal community and so we invited the state team to Happy Camp and Orleans where we held community meetings to discuss child care issues. Some of the state CDE staff was shocked to learn how little resources are reaching our communities. As part of the follow-up to the Project HOPE grant, we are currently in the planning stages for making a return visit; bringing state and local partners, stakeholders and some of the best minds in the nation back to Orleans and Happy Camp to craft a strategy on how to get state and local resources to our communities to meet the needs and address the challenges we have here on the river corridor.

California has a state-wide Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for child care quality but when they developed the QRIS, Tribes were not considered or involved so the Tribal Child Care Association of California developed our own Quality Improvement System (QIS) for Tribes in California. This Tribal QIS was recently adopted by the Indian Health Service and the quality checklist is being used throughout the state. They want to adopt the quality standards nation-wide! Because of the voice of tribal child care, the State realized its mistake by not including Tribes in the development of the state-wide

quality system so they gave the Tribes in California our own Quality Region, Region 11 along with the funding that goes with it to the TCCAC. This quality funding can be used to continue the work of uniting tribal child care in California and training tribal child care administrators and staff.

Through our ongoing relationship with the state, the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division wrote the Tribal Child Care Association of California into another grant providing the TCCAC \$219,000 for capacity building, leadership building and peer learning. Suddenly, Tribal Child Care in California has a voice and is at the table with state government making recommendations for policies, quality initiatives, resource implementation and more! Who would have known that a small voice from the wilderness of the Karuk Tribe would become the core voice for tribal child care in California!

You can check out the Tribal Child Care Association of California's website at: [www.tribalchildcareca.org](http://www.tribalchildcareca.org)

Congratulations to the Tribal Child Care Association of California and Co-Chairs Dion Wood (Karuk) and Kim Nall (Colusa Tribe) for providing the leadership to make a difference in California! 

## Attention Past and Present Veterans!

**T**he Karuk Tribe wants to find out how many veterans are within our membership. If you are currently serving in the armed forces or if you have served in the armed forces or if you know of a tribal member or descendant who has served, please submit your information to the TERO Department. Please include: Name, Contact Info, Branch of Service, Rank, Time Served and any other pertinent information.

You can email your information to: [Dwood@karuk.us](mailto:Dwood@karuk.us) or mail to:

“Veterans Info”

C/O Karuk Tribe

PO Box 1016

Happy Camp, CA 96039



# Child and Family Services

**A**yukii, The Karuk Tribe Child and Family Services is committed to ensuring that children in their care are protected from abuse and neglect, maintained safely in their homes whenever possible and appropriate, and protected from repeated maltreatment whether they are under the care of their families or placed in foster care. We set among our highest priorities that children have permanency and stability in their living situations, continuity of family relationships, and that on-going connections to siblings, family friends, and the Tribal community are preserved. The Karuk Tribe Child and Family Services attended a health fair in April and are planning on attending several more community events to promote strong families and a strong community, bring awareness to child abuse and neglect prevention, and offer services to our families.


My name is Samala Maloney and I am the Lead Social Worker for the Human Services Department. I am a Tsunugwe Tribal member and a 2007 graduate of Humboldt State University Masters of Social Work. I also hold a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Canyon University. I have worked in the field of Social Work since 2007 with people of all ages. I have spent my life on the Trinity River, born in Weaverville, my childhood and early adulthood in Salyer and 23 years on the Trinity in Hoopa. I now enjoy living on a quiet mountain overlooking the Klamath River and I cherish every minute of my travels up and down the Klamath for work. People who know me well, know that I am very passionate about protecting the dignity of our Native people and I will pursue every avenue possible to prevent the breakup of families. As a Social Worker for the Karuk Tribe my door is always open and I will do my very best to continuously make myself available to answer questions and assist families when possible.

As the Lead Social Worker, I have had the opportunity to hire an amazing staff with three new hires this year. I am currently in the process of filling the Social Worker position

in Yreka and expect to be fully staffed by early June.

Janine Siatkowski is the Social Worker in Happy Camp. She has resided all over Siskiyou County but moved back to the river after most recently living in Castella. Janine has worked with the Siskiyou County Office of Education, Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative and Klamath National Forest in the past, with a focus and passion in Education and Community Outreach to rural communities. She holds her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, where she concentrated in Social Stratification and graduated as a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, collecting rocks in her travels and spending time with her family.

Grant Peterson is the Social Worker Assistant in Orleans. Grant is from Orleans and graduated from Hoopa Valley High School in 2005. He served in the Navy from 2005 to 2019 as a Navigation Electronics Technician on Los Angeles class submarines. While serving on the USS Oklahoma City Grant was in charge of Moral Recreation and Welfare and a Sexual Assault Prevention Response Victim Advocate for his crew. After leaving the service, he wanted to ensure our youth know they have opportunities and how to achieve their goals and dreams. Grant plans on furthering his education in the field of Social Work. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family.

Stacey Willison is the Social Worker Assistant in Yreka. She is from a Pioneer family in Siskiyou County and has been here for most of her life. She spent 10 years as a wildland fire fighter, working for various agencies in California until she decided to go into the business environment. Stacey is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Business. She enjoys the outdoors, traveling, hunting, and exploring the many waterfalls on the West Coast. 



# Become A Foster Parent!

## *Our Youth Deserve to Know Who They Are!*

**K**aruk Child and Family Services are seeking Tribal members who are already certified to be foster parents or are interested in becoming certified foster parents. We are looking for Karuk foster families or people who can: ensure the child maintains their connection with the Karuk Community by using culturally appropriate services, understand the importance of the child's bond with their Natural and Extended family and meet the needs of your own family while sharing your family with the child(ren) placed in your home. If you would like to offer your home and family and become a foster family, please contact our Karuk Social Services Department. To apply you need to complete and submit a foster family application and submit to a background check. A home evaluation will be completed by our social service department.

Contact the Karuk Tribal Child and Family Services for more information.

Yreka :(530) 841-3141 ext. 6304, 1519 South Oregon Street, Yreka CA.

Happy Camp: (530) 493-1450 ext. 5007, 64105 Hillside Road, Happy Camp CA.

Orleans: (530) 627-3452 ext. 3210, 325 Asip Road, Orleans CA.

Because We Care About Our Children... Our Future! 



## Oral Health Care for Children

**S**ome people may believe that baby (primary or deciduous) teeth are not that important, however they play big roles for children. Baby teeth hold the space needed for permanent teeth to come in correctly, They help with the natural process of chewing which is important for proper nutrition, as well as help with correct pronunciation while learning to speak and support developing facial muscles and shape to the face. If a child is having dental pain it can be very difficult for them to pay attention in school. If your child has cavities in their baby teeth the

chances of cavities affecting the permanent teeth are high. Children need help brushing and flossing their teeth daily. Activities such as sharing drinks/straws, food mouth to mouth, kisses on the mouth or even chap sticks are the likely cause of the spread of the cavity causing bacteria from mother/father/caregiver to child. Please practice safe and healthy life styles so your child can have a healthy mouth.

If you need help with making an appointment for your child please contact Jessica Courts @ 530-842-9200 ext 6213 or 530-493-1650 ext 2150 



*Healthy child's mouth*



*Unhealthy decayed child's mouth*



# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketweavers Gathering

**D**uring a weekend of lovely weather on April 12-14, 2019, over 100 basketweavers, accompanied by their friends and family, came to Happy Camp for the 16th Annual Karuk Basketweavers Gathering. This year brought visitors from far and wide, including two newcomers who drove all the way from Nevada to attend. The Klamath River ran high, but so did everyone's spirits because gathering willow sticks, weaving, and visiting with friends was in the works.

Friday evening began with a scrumptious potluck dinner and a rousing game of bingo that lasted well into the evening. All the wonderful bingo prizes, donated by attendees, overloaded the tables and brought joy and laughter as they were won over the course of the night. Jennifer Goodwin was our bingo caller and she really kept the game moving! Thank you, Jennifer, for an entertaining evening.

Saturday started with a wonderful breakfast cooked by Daniel Effman and his great crew. Weavers were well fed by the time Verna Reece and Brittany Souza mobilized everyone to carpool to the Ranch to gather willow sticks. This year's gathering trip had the biggest group in years. While many of the sticks were still under water, there were still plenty ashore to keep everyone busy until lunchtime. After a filling lunch, weavers sat outside under the big tent, cleaning sticks, weaving, and catching up with friends.

Kóovan sípnuuk kunvíikvunaatih (we are weaving a storage basket together). Several weavers also had the opportunity to work collaboratively on our community storage basket, which, when completed, will be displayed at the People's Center. Taking turns weaving a row or two, or even adding sticks, basket weavers, both beginners and masters, were able to lend a hand to this large basket. Documenting this process, the organizers of this project, Brittany Souza and Verna Reece, hope that participants will be inspired to try their hand at weaving and share their experiences, strengthening a connectedness to our weaving culture and with one another. It will take a lot of time and many, many sticks to complete the basket, so there will be more opportunities in the future to weave for those who would like to participate.

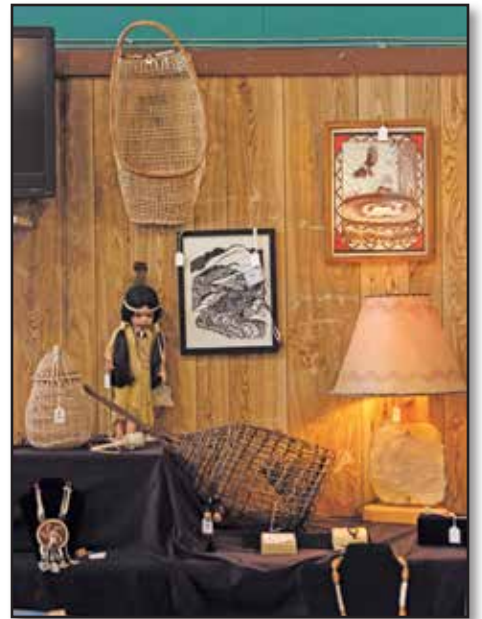
Saturday evening, the call for dinner was made around 5:30 pm and everyone assembled in the gym, anticipating the big raffle drawing that evening. This year we had nearly 60 raffle prizes, in which many were beautifully handcrafted, and all were generously donated. Thank you to everyone who donated handmade raffle prizes! Thank you also to everyone who supported our Basketweavers Gathering by buying raffle tickets. We raised over \$4500.00, which will help support next year's Gathering. We could not do this without you.

Every year, many people work hard to provide a wonderful weekend for our basketweavers. Thank you to the Karuk Tribal Council for their generous support! Thank you to the organizers, Brittany Souza, Verna Reece, and Paula McCarthy, who are dedicated to uplift our basketweavers, and are helping pass their knowledge and expertise to the next generation of weavers. Thank you to the maintenance crew, who take the time to set up the gym and the tents and the signs for us every year. Thank you to Daniel Effman and his fantastic crew for keeping us well fed. Thank you to Cathy Huggins and Elaine Garcia for assisting with the gathering and keeping the Karuk Tribe People's Center Museum open all weekend. Finally, thank you to our volunteers who do everything from selling raffle tickets to cleaning tables. Special thanks to Cat Turner, Sally Bartosiewski, and Carolyn Smith, who have put in countless hours volunteering at our Basketweaving Gatherings over the years.

Yóotva! 









# Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

## **S**tudent Rent Voucher Program:

This year's annual application deadline for the KTHA Student Rent Voucher Program is **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31!** In collaboration with the Karuk Tribe's Education Department, the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Student Voucher Program provides rental assistance to income eligible low-income Karuk Tribal Member students continuing their education attending college or vocational school full time (twelve or more credits) at an educational institution accredited by an agency listed by the US Department of Education. Eligible students will pay thirty percent (30%) of their household income toward their rent, and KTHA will cover the remainder up to Fair Market Rent based on household size. Assistance will not exceed \$5,000 per school year, assistance is provided for the months of August through May, students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average, provide monthly income verifications, and remain low-income (at or below 80% of median income level). *If you are interesting in applying, contact Patches Marsh at (800) 250-5811, Extension 3108 or pmarsh@karuk.us*

## **Kahtishraam Wellness Center:**

On Saturday, May 11 KTHA said goodbye to Jeanne Burcell, Wellness Center Coordinator, who has been with the Housing Authority for three years, she was sent off with well wishes for her new adventures! The Center has been restructured with Florraine Super assuming oversight of the facility effective May 13 resulting in **expanded hours** for the Computer Center, Fitness Center, and Gymnasium. They are now open Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 8pm, and Saturday 11am to 8pm. This adds Mondays for the Gym and Saturdays for the Computer Center to better provide services to the tenants and community members served by their wide array of activities. Be sure to sign up for Remind by texting @kahtishr to 81010



*Patches Marsh Notary Oath Administered  
L-R: Ann Escobar, Patches Marsh, Sara Spence*

## **Happy Camp Wellness Center:**

The Fitness Center in Happy Camp has expanded its hours to **seven days a week from 5am to 9pm** and the Gymnasium has Men's Open Gym time on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Community members, who are interested in utilizing the Fitness Center, or signing up as a Volunteer to lead group activities, can contact Adia Supahan at the Happy Camp KTHA Office for more information.

## **Patches Marsh Notary Public:**

Patches Marsh was sworn in as a Notary Public for the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority on May 9. She will now be able to provide notary services, by appointment, from the Happy Camp KTHA Office. She joins fellow KTHA employee, Ashlee King, who provides notary services, by appointment, from the Yreka KTHA Office. Notary services are provided to Tribal Members and Descendants for no charge and \$10 per signature for community members.

## **AMERIND Poster Contest:**

Annually AMERIND, the Tribally-owned insurance agency covering KTHA units, sponsors a youth coloring contest. Submissions are accepted by Housing Authorities throughout the country. All entries must have a safety theme. Each Housing Authority can select and submit one entry from each grade category to their local AMERIND Region. The KTHA Board of Commissioners received 8 entries this year, and selected one from each group as follows: Jade Montgomery (Grade K-3, Yreka), Karmen Saxon (Grade 4-6, Orleans), and Isabell Gomez (Grade 7-8, Happy Camp) who each received a \$100 participation prize from the Nevada/California Indian Housing Association. All participants received an Art Kit from KTHA to encourage their creativity.

Both Isabell Gomez and Karmen Saxon were selected at the Region to proceed for National Judging, and Isabell Gomez was announced as the WINNER at the Annual Conference in Denver! She will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, congratulations!!

## **Board of Commissioners:**

On May 13, 2019 KTHA and the Board of Commissioners said goodbye to Scott Quinn, who has stepped down from his position with the Board and will be leaving his twenty-plus year career with the Karuk Tribe to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). He will be deeply missed by everyone – **Good Luck Scott!**

The currently seated Board of Commissioners includes Robert Super: Chairman, *Vacant (previously Scott Quinn)*: Vice Chairman, Charlene Naef: Secretary, Dolores Voyles:

Treasurer, Arch Super: Council Housing Liaison, Sherile Grant: Commissioner, and Teresa Valin: Commissioner. Please attend the next Tenant Meeting in your community; the location rotates between Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka with all meetings beginning at 10am.

Tenant Meeting dates are posted on the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority website at [www.ktha.us/](http://www.ktha.us/)

**KTHA Programs:**

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority offers Low Income, Elder, and Emergency Rental Homes and Lease Purchase Homes in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans, First-Time Homebuyer Loans, Down Payment Assistance Grants, Elder and Temporary Rent Vouchers, Home Replacement Grants, Home Rehabilitation & Weatherization Grants and Loans, and Home Improvement Loans to eligible low income applicants.

Patches Marsh, Admissions/Loan Specialist, receives and processes all applications for KTHA assistance. **We encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing needs to apply!** The income limits that determine eligibility are not as low as you may think; many working families are still at or below 80% of US Median Family Income Limits set by HUD. Patches can be reached at (800) 250-5811, Extension 3108 or [pmarsh@karuk.us](mailto:pmarsh@karuk.us)

**Applications and the Waiting List:**

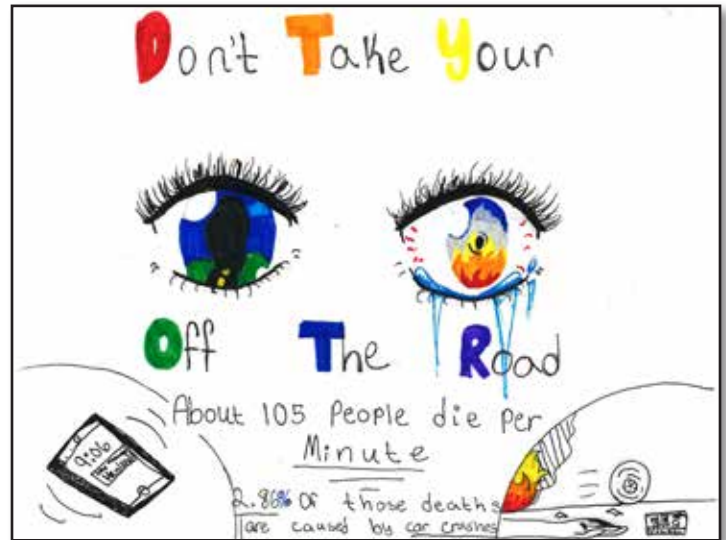
We remind all Tribal Members that a current, and complete, application is required in order to determine eligibility for KTHA assistance. Applications are available from any KTHA Office or online at [www.ktha.us/](http://www.ktha.us/)

Please be patient as you go through the application process and understand that everyone's experience will be unique. There is a checklist at the beginning of the application listing mandatory items that must be included and additional items may be requested depending on your individual circumstances. All applicants will be notified if there is missing documentation, or if additional information is needed, in order to continue processing the application, and when the application is deemed complete.

All offers for KTHA units are made from the Waiting List based on the preference points assigned. Points cannot be assigned without appropriate documentation, which is why additional information will often be requested during the application process. It is a requirement that applications are kept current (updated at least annually). Because most changes will have an effect on preference points, you must submit changes using the Information Update Form. Examples of information to report include but are not limited to: income changes, household size changes due to marriage, divorce, birth, death, or custody orders, employment status, becoming a full time student, etc.

We encourage all applicants to ask questions. We want to ensure you understand the process; if it weren't for you,

we would not exist to provide services! We currently have more than 700 households on our waiting list and look forward to the day when adequate funding is provided to house them all!



National Winner, Isabell Gomez



Regional Finalist, Karmen Whitecrane



Regional Finalist, Jade Montgomery



# Sara Spence Named Housing Professional of the Year

**D**uring the 19th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference in Miami, FL, we honored professionals in five categories at our Superhero Awards ceremony. This was our fifth year honoring industry professionals doing amazing work in their communities, and it's become one of our favorite activities during our annual conference.

We received nominations from managers, employees, colleagues and peers. The nominations are wonderful to read through. We get to hear so many stories of people doing superhero work in their communities.

Sara Spence, Executive Director of the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA), was named Housing Professional of the Year.

"I am deeply honored to be named the 2019 Housing Professional of the Year," Sara said. "To have my work recognized by colleagues and peers is incredibly flattering. Helping tribal communities in the housing arena is an extremely gratifying career. We are able to see firsthand the difference our work makes in the lives of the families we serve."

In 2017, Sara stepped into the role of Executive Director at the urging of many co-workers and colleagues. Since that time, she's been directing, leading and continuing to facilitate the Tribe's vision for future housing.

With an amazing housing team by her side, she worked diligently making sure every t was crossed and i was dotted on the mountains of paperwork for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs), New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs), HUD, IHBG and ICDBG. She managed applications, RFPs, RFQs, and design and construction and kept everything running on time, on budget and worked hard to keep everyone happy!

Sara continued: "At the core of everything we do, we strive to provide an essential need; a safe, sanitary, affordable home. It is that home that will allow them to grow and succeed not only for themselves but also for their families and their communities."

"I must first thank my husband and family for supporting me throughout my career; they have given me a foundation that has allowed me to focus on my work and successfully serve the Karuk Tribe and Karuk Tribe Housing Authority for more than 20 years. I simply would not be where I am today

without them."

"I must also thank the entire staff of the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority, the Karuk Tribal Council, and the Housing Board of Commissioners for their dedication, support and hard work. I am grateful to be part of such an amazing team; it is incredible what can be accomplished when everyone works together!"

"We are happy to have established a longtime partnership with Travois; their entire team has been amazing to work with, namely Lauren Dahl and Crystal Banks-Mann, who have been with us throughout our first LIHTC project, Karuk Homes #1, from start to finish. Their support has been integral to our success," she said.

Congratulations, Sara, it's been a pleasure to work alongside you! KTHA has many housing and economic development plans on the horizon. We have no doubt that Sara and her team will make it all happen – Lauren, Travois. 🦅

*About Travois*

*Travois is a Kansas City-based consulting firm focused exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. Since 1995, Travois has brought investor equity to 210 projects through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and New Markets Tax Credit program, making an impact of more than \$1.4 billion across Indian Country. These private investor funds have helped build or rehabilitate more than 5,400 homes and have helped finance critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, health care, community centers, education facilities and job incubators. Travois family of companies also offers architectural design, master planning, construction monitoring services, environmental assessments, consulting on green building, asset management and compliance services, impact investment models, and comprehensive training to clients in 22 states, from Hawaii and Alaska to Maine and California.*





# Karuk Fire & Fuels Update

**W**ith supporting funding through the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Social and Economic Development (SEDS) grant award, Karuk Fire and Fuels overhead staff were able to provide an all-hands meeting for all current crewmembers and recent hires. The objectives of this meeting were to provide all fire crew personnel with Leaders Intent and an Outlook of what's to come as the Fire and Fuels program continues to grow and expand; (pictured right, crewmembers are inventorying equipment and developing a list of needed supplies for the upcoming fire year).



*Crewmembers are inventorying equipment and developing a list of needed supplies for the upcoming fire year.*

Throughout much of the year, the crew has been completing fuels reduction work (project work) that will help create more defensible space for wildfire protection and foster more resilient ecosystems throughout Karuk Ancestral Territory. We are excited to announce work implementation will soon begin within the Somes Bar Project area along the mid-stretch of the Klamath River near Somes Bar and Orleans. The Somes Bar Project is a key piece for the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRPP), for which the Karuk Tribe is a co-lead, and our shared vision to demonstrate how fire can help restore and maintain resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies to revitalize human relationships with our dynamic landscape.

Total committed acreage to be treated by the Karuk Fire and Fuels Program in the next three (3) years is approximately 1,200 acres of manual treatment, as part of a larger effort to complete 2,500 total acres using other treatment methods including mechanical thinning and prescribed fire. Working closely with local partners and

agencies, we will begin treatment in each of the four (4) distinct project areas -- Patterson, Donahue, Rodger's Creek, and Ti-bar, surrounding private and tribal land parcels to reduce fire hazards for the community.


Treatments methods are grounded in cultural values and aimed to protect food and fiber resource materials such as:

- Ceremonial Regalia
- Basketry Material (hazel, bear grass, willow, etc.)
- Medicines and teas
- Wildlife habitat and fisheries
- Foods (nuts, acorns, mushrooms, berries, potatoes)
- Water yields



*A broadcast burn from the 2018 TREX program helps maintain a healthy understory and train local Tribal members to use fire as a tool to manage forest lands for desired resource objectives.*

Treatments are also advertently used for pest management and protection against ticks, weevils, moths, etc.

As the Karuk Fire and Fuels crew continues to take on new and exciting projects, we have also been hiring new crewmembers to keep up with a growing work demand. Our goal is to continue hiring applicants to sustain a skilled, local workforce and train personnel to continue implementing fuels reduction work across Tribal lands to help protect our valued communities, economy, and resources. 

– Scot Steinbring, Karuk Fire Management Officer

# Roadway Safety – How can you reduce injuries and fatalities?

**W**ith 2,840 known fatalities in tribal lands from 2011 to 2015, most of us have either lost a loved one or know someone that has. You don't have to feel powerless to stop it. There are many ways that each of us can work to prevent roadway fatalities. Small efforts put forth by all of us can make a mountain of a difference and turn the tide.

To figure out how we can prevent these fatalities, we first must study the data. The data tells the story of why these fatal collisions are occurring. Even that is a struggle as we have known under reporting of crashes in tribal areas. This leads us to the first thing you can do: report any crashes that you know of. Contact your tribal transportation planner or grants manager, and let them know, especially about serious crashes or fatalities. The more data that we have; the clearer the picture will be. Also, our chances of obtaining grant funding to correct the safety issues is greatly

enhanced by good data.

A Tribal Transportation Committee, formed from many Tribal governments and the FHWA, reviewed the crash data for Native Americans. It's startling to learn that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury for Native Americans and Alaska Natives ages 1 to 44. In some states Native Americans are four times more likely to die from a motor vehicle crash than the general population.

From this review, the committee found five emphasis areas of special concern. The first one is occupant protection (seat belts, car seats, helmets, air bags, etc.). In 51% of Native American fatalities occupant protection was not used. In tribal areas seat belt usage has been tracked at 78%. The overall US average usage is 90%. Here's the second thing that you can do: wear your seat belt, make



sure everyone else in the vehicle does, and make sure to use car seats even for short trips.

The second emphasis area is roadway departure. 63% of Native American fatalities happened when someone left the travel way resulting in a crash. 25% of these were in curves. How can you reduce this? Stay on the road. Easier said than done at times. For most of us, we need to make sure that we are not distracted. No texting or using electronic devices while driving. There's also a lot that Road Departments can do to keep you on the road and help prevent fatalities if you leave the road. They accomplish this with good maintenance of gravel or unpaved roads, striping, signage, a clear roadside, and gentle slopes to name a few items. You can also help with this. Report any signs that are down, that have been vandalized or are no longer reflective at night to your local road owner. Also report drainage issues and damaged guardrail. They can't be everywhere at once and rely upon you to be their eyes.

The third emphasis area is impaired driving. 40% of Native American fatalities involved impaired driving. This is compared to 36% of fatal crashes across the US having an impaired driver. You can help to reduce this by drinking responsibly and helping others to do so. Don't drive if you've been drinking. Offer to give someone a ride if they have been drinking and you have not. Be a good enough friend to take the keys away from a buddy that's drinking.


The fourth emphasis area is pedestrian safety. 11% of roadway fatalities for Native Americans occur when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle. This number is 3.5 times greater than other portions of the population. The majority of these are at night in rural areas. 77% of the time the individual was walking along or in the road. What can you do? Walk on a sidewalk or path when it's available. If you must walk on the shoulder or in the road, face traffic. Be seen by wearing reflective or bright clothing. Never walk near the road while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The fifth emphasis area is availability of public safety services. 44% of fatalities in tribal lands have more than an hour from the time EMS is notified to when the victim arrives at the hospital. This number is 23% on average for the US. Road safety experts have a term called the "golden hour." If you can get medical attention within an hour of sustaining severe injury, your chances of living are much higher. How can you help? Consider becoming a community volunteer and take some basic medical training. Provide your information to local EMS, and your willingness to help. It's quite possible you could be first on the scene and provide lifesaving assistance.

## Top 10 - What can I do to reduce roadway fatalities?

1. Report crashes to your Transportation Planner or Grants Manager, especially severe or fatal ones.
2. Wear your seat belt, make sure everyone else does, and use car seats even for short trips.
3. Stay on the road. Don't drive distracted.
4. Report any signs that need attention, drainage issues, or damaged guardrail to the Road Dept.
5. Don't drive if you've been drinking.
6. Take the keys away from someone who is drinking and give them a ride.
7. Walk on the sidewalk or path. If you must walk on the shoulder or path, face traffic.
8. Wear reflective or bright clothing while walking.
9. Never walk while impaired.
10. Take some basic medical training and become a community volunteer.

*The Tribal Transportation Strategic Safety Plan was used as a reference for this article and can be found at [www.tribalsafety.org](http://www.tribalsafety.org)*

*Todd Morrison, PE works with the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP). For information on upcoming workshops or requests for technical assistance, visit [www.ttap-center.org](http://www.ttap-center.org) or email [todd.ttap@virginia.edu](mailto:todd.ttap@virginia.edu)* 





# Ayukîi from the Karuk Community Development Corporation!

School is almost out for the summer and as we near the end of the school year we would like to offer our congratulations to all 2019 graduates from Head Start to college. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

The KCDC Board of Directors recently completed a strategic planning session to outline the direction for KCDC for the next 5-years. The plan will be provided to Tribal Council for their review and approval. To request a copy of the approved plan, please email Karen at [kderry@karuk.us](mailto:kderry@karuk.us) and as soon as it's approved she will email you a copy.

Our Amkuuf "smoke" Shop is up and running at our new location at 777 Casino Way in Yreka by the Rain Rock Casino. The shop is still a drive up window operation at this time. We will be hosting a grand opening for the shop on June 4, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Representatives from Seneca and Diamond Mountain Distributing will be onsite and the KCDC Board and staff will be providing free hot dogs to customers, so stop by and say hi. We would love to say hello!

The KCDC received a small grant to provide outreach for California Complete Count – Census 2020. The U.S. Census comes around once each decade and the data collected is used for many things. One of the most important uses of data is to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. Data collected also helps guide how billions of dollars in federal, state, and tribal funding is distributed. Locally, data is used for grant writing purposes to provide funding for tribal programs.


Historically, according to the U.S. Census, Native Americans are one of the most undercounted groups of any population in the United States. This is followed by those living in rural areas, low-income, and/or geographically isolated areas. It's important to remember that the U.S. Census Bureau and its employees cannot share the answers you provide, with anyone including welfare agencies, the IRS, the BIA, tribal officials or any tribal entity including tribal courts or police.



KCDC will be providing additional information as we move forward in providing census outreach to tribal members and descendant members.

The Happy Camp Community Computer Center recently offered an instructional class on buying and selling on eBay. Frank Snider provided instruction for the class and will be hosting additional eBay classes in the future. Frank also provides instructional classes for Microsoft Word and Excel, resume workshops, GED prep, and financial skills for families. The Computer Center is also the location for College of the Siskiyou's distance learning classes via video conferencing. To contact Frank with questions about upcoming classes, please call (530) 493- 1485.

The biomass project is still in the works and KCDC is waiting to hear from the BIA regarding possible grant funding for Phase II of the project.

If you would like more information on the KCDC or any of our programs, please contact us at (530) 493-1475 or email [kderry@karuk.us](mailto:kderry@karuk.us). Yootva! 





# ayukîi, yiiv vúra íp ni'áhoohat.

**A**yukîi, yiiv vúra íp ni'áhoohat. kúma vúr a'íxíptihan káru vúra paah. vúra táay pay yíth kúma áraars íp nichúuphat. paxiitúchas íp nuchupúratat.

I traveled far for my work. Flew on a plane, rode on a boat, spoke with lots of different kinds of people and talked about how to help our youth.

I am excited to say that I was selected to participate in the first Global Leaders for Indigenous Communities 2019-2020 cohort program. Global Leaders for Indigenous Communities is a global cohort for emerging Indigenous leaders in the Pacific, the Americas, and Europe. Global Leaders engage in an 18-month program, during which time they develop and implement action-oriented projects in their own communities, aimed at improving the lives of young children. A carefully designed curriculum facilitates



participants in developing leadership capacity and effective advocacy skills, and gains a deeper understanding of early childhood research, practice and global issues. Through participation in two face-to-face meetings as well as ongoing communication, Global Leaders develop a strong network of regional and international peers.

The first Global Leaders meeting for Indigenous cohort was held in Macao China in April at the 2019 World Forum. Council member Kristen King and I were able to attend. More than 800 delegates from 80 countries and a wide range of professions gather at the 2019 World Forum to engage in deep discussion of key early childhood



*Amazing group in China*



issues, including children in conflict settings, reconnecting children with nature, advocating sound national early childhood policies, leading early childhood programs, recruiting and training early childhood staff, AIDS and young children, play, literacy, language and culture.

Throughout my time at the World Forum I came across many people from around the world who are passionate about advocating for global awareness that values the engagement of Indigenous vision of education. I discovered that many people

were facing the issues of access to early care and education, high staff turnover rate, lack of qualified staff, lack of culture and language in early childhood education. As part of

the Indigenous Global Cohort I will be creating a project during the next 16 months that will contribute to the education of children in our Karuk community. I look forward to working with our communities to establish a project that will assist our Karuk people. yōotva to Judicial, Childcare and the Karuk Tribal council for the support in my participation of the 2019 Global Leader s World Form in Macao China. 🏹



yōotva, yōotva,

Tamara Alexander

Global Leader, Supervising Advocate

Karuk Tribal Court Advocate Program

# Environmental Workforce Development and Internships Division Update

**A**yukii from the Karuk Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Pikyav Field Institute! There are currently some very exciting projects happening throughout the department and I am delighted to provide some updates from the *Environmental Workforce Development and Internships Division*.

In an effort to increase Tribal capacity to provide workforce development opportunities in the natural resources and enhance professional and vocational skills among the Tribal workforce, we have been able to utilize funding from the Tribe's Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Development (ANA/SEDS) grant to administer a number of local classes and training opportunities for Tribal employees and community members. Over the past year and a half, we have offered various wildland fire classes and natural-resource based workshops to increase awareness of ongoing fire and fuels reduction projects and prepare the local workforce for upcoming job opportunities.

More recently, we have partnered with the Tribe's TERO department to offer Basic First Aid and CPR in all three Tribal communities - Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka and conducted a Basic 32 (Wildland Firefighting Training) class in Orleans during the week of May 6-10th. Through completion

of this week-long fire training course, approximately 20 participants learned basic firefighting techniques and obtained certificates to apply for a position job as a wildland firefighter.

We have also facilitated a number of natural-resource based college and career readiness opportunities for local youth. Junction and Orleans elementary school 8th graders attended an overnight field trip to tour the College of the Redwoods (CR) and Humboldt State University (HSU) on April 29-30th. Students learned about different academic resources available and fields of study, including vocational and trade school opportunities at both campuses. Pictured left, Junction 8th graders test the flammability of pine needles at the HSU fire science laboratory with graduate student Caroline Martorano.

This summer, the DNR's Peekaavichvaans youth crew will have the opportunity to work with Karuk Fire and Fuels crew members to take part in implementing work within the Somes Bar Project Area – don't worry, there won't be any live fire involved! (See the Karuk Fire and Fuels article for more information on this particular project).

With another year left of funding for the **Úhish** (ANA/SEDS) **Project**, there will plenty more classes and workforce development opportunities coming up in the near future



*Figure 1: Basic 32 participants complete the field portion day of the class. Photo credit Scot Steinbring, Karuk FMO.*



*Figure 2: Orleans First Aid/CPR class held on January 8th, 2019 at the Department of Natural Resources.*



so please do not hesitate to reach out to learn more about upcoming opportunities, job announcements, and internship openings! 🦋

Yootva!

Aja Conrad,

Environmental Workforce Development & Internships

Division Coordinator

Karuk DNR, Pikyav Field Institute



## **KARUK TRIBE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

**Monday through Friday**

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Yreka & Happy Camp**

**June 12 - August 16**

**Yreka Wellness Center**

**Happy Camp Head Start**

**Orleans**

**June 19 - August 23**

**Location TBD**



*Figure 3: Eighth grade students setting flame to pine needles in a controlled classroom environment at HSU.*



*Figure 4: Junction 8th grader Kade Whitecrane testing the flame height of a small bed of dry leaves.*



# K12 Environmental Education Division

**A**s the school year comes to an end, we wanted to offer a big Yootva! to all students, school staff, and parents at our partnering schools; Cultural Practitioners who have shared your stories, knowledge, and inspiration with the youth; as well as our inter-departmental and community partners. It's been an exciting school year, and we thank you for your contributions to the Píkyav Field Institute's K12 Environmental Education Activities. 🏹



*Jeanerette Jacups-Johnny contributing to a lesson on Respect, Identity, Belonging & Responsibility at Forks Elementary School*





Kaschiip & Otter mount herbarium specimens at Junction Elementary



Happy Camp's 2-3rd grade class planting native flowers



Wildflower walk with Adrian Gilkison, Deanna Marshall and Orleans K-1st and 2-3rd grade classes



(Left) students play "dog fight" with chishihiich for TEK portion of Plant Biology Lesson (Right) Orleans student's completed worksheet for Western Science portion of lesson

Plant Identification & Morphology Worksheet

Karuk name of plant Chishihiich, Common name carrot lettuce

Leaf Observations

What is the Leaf Shape? peltate

What is the Leaf Margin? irregular

What is the Leaf Venation? palmate

Draw and/or paste leaf below:



# A Coyote Play

Oreans Elementary 6th, 7th, and 8th graders held a theatre production of the traditional story, “Coyote gives Salmon and Acorns to the People” on May 3rd, 2019; a project with the Karuk Tribe’s Pikváhaansas (“Storytellers”) Project, the Pikyav Field Institute and the Department of Natural Resources, and great help from Phil Albers (TANF). This production was in both Karuk and English languages; all parts were acted by students, and all original costumes and sets were creatively planned and designed by OES students as well.

A second production of this play will be performed at Junction Elementary School on May 31st 2019, with Junction Elementary students performing the bilingual play with direction from Lisa Hillman (Pikyav Field Institute).

Lisa is also the playwright of both productions, a script adapted from the original Mamie Offield Story “Coyote Gives Salmon and Acorns to Mankind”. Thanks to Stormi Staats, who is working with the project as well, to train students in filming that will take place during the plays.

Students from both schools were able to take field trips to some of places from the story also, to visualize Coyote’s epic journey that brought us the salmon and acorns our people still rely on and love today. Thanks to all school staff, Karuk Tribal staff, families, and students who worked hard on coordinating and building these amazing sets and productions! 🦅

- Vikki Preston



*(Right to Left): Coyote (Keyla Coleman), Callie Hadley (Sister), Rachel Rakestraw (Sister), and Dog (Lauryn Cole); photographed during the final performance in Panamniik.*



*(Right to Left) : Aaron Ryan Pole, Aati Tripp, Lauryn Cole, and Vanessa King work on painting and set design, while Ishakom McConnell practices with Jenny Staats and the film crew*



*Mikayla Polmateer, Junction Elementary School’s Coyote, looks towards Aameekyaram during the field trips.*



*Our Junction El. Pikváhaansas (Storytellers) Karmen Whitecrane (Left) and Audrina Mace, practicing the play script during field trips.*

# Congratulations!





# Announcements



**C**ongratulations! Yukon on all of your achievements! Yukon will be graduating from College of the Siskiyou's Associates of Arts In Liberal Arts/Human Services With a certificate of Achievement in Alcohol & Drug/Human Services.



## SUHSD awards Happy Camp Community Member Award



Siskiyou Union High School Board of Trustees presented Chena Ariza with the Community Member Award on Wednesday, March 13, during their regular meeting. Ariza contributes so much to the education of the youth while working in the Karuk Education Department. "Thanks everyone! I feel like the school, the students, the community and the families all need (an award) too," Ariza said. "I am very appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of an amazing school and work family."

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**R**osario Elaine Rodriguez, daughter of April Attebury and Jose Rodriguez, and granddaughter of the late Cornelius "Ray" Attebury, will graduate from Southern Oregon State University in June 2019 with a double Major, Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Psychology. Rosa looks to utilize her new skills to improve the lives of others through advocating for youth and adults involved in the Criminal and or Juvenile Justice System.

**CONGRATULATIONS ROSA!!!**

Your family and friends are so proud of you and wish you the best in the next chapter of your life.

Good luck at Bastyr University in Washington as you pursue your Masters of Arts in Psychology!



# Announcements



**A**yukii naníthvuy uum Tamara Alexander. naa uum Káruk áraar. I come from the village ishraamhirka. I received a B.A. in Liberal Studies from Simpson University in April 2016. I graduated from Concordia University with a Masters degree in Education with a major in Special Education and Early childhood Education in August 2018. I would like to thank my family and all of my coworkers for their support. yóotva



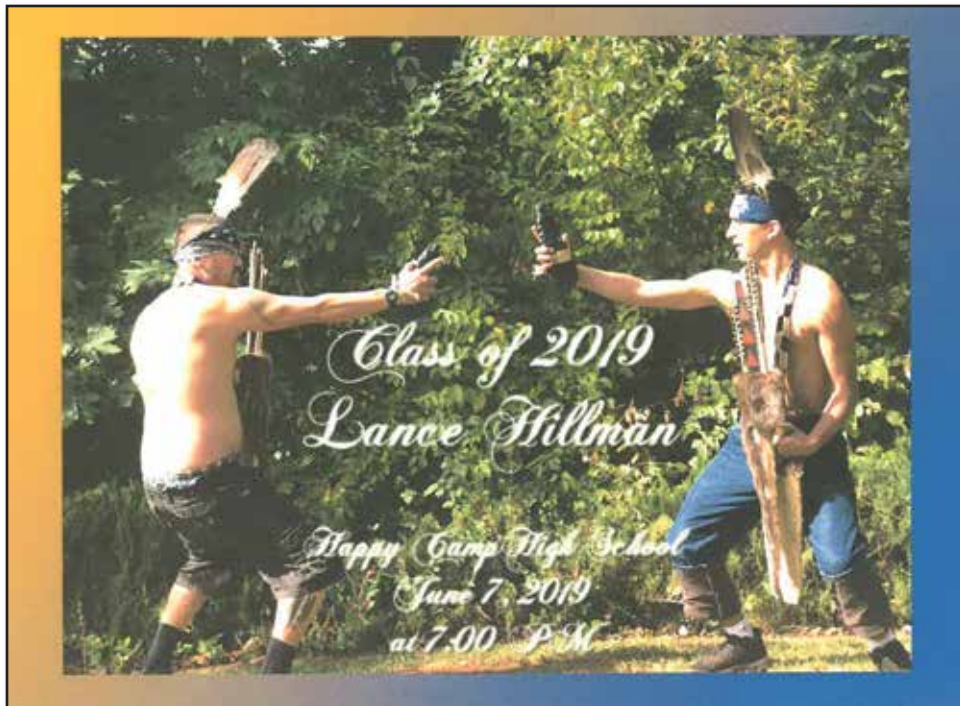
**A**mada Lang will be graduating from Humboldt State University with a bachelors major in recreations administration, with emphasis with youth outdoor adventures and a minor in business administration. Amada is the niece of Julian, Jason and Jerome Lang and Merlin Tripp is her great great uncle. Congratulations! Amada



**K**aden Wood grandson of previous Council member Frank Wood just finished his High School career wrestling for Mazama High School as a 4 year Oregon State Qualifier and 2 year placer. Kaden placed 4th as a Freshman and 6th as a Senior at The Oregon State High School Wrestling Tournament in Portland Oregon.



# Announcements



**R**andall Patton jr, Son of Randall Patton Sr, Grandson to Mary Thomas and Great Grandson to Holly Thomas of Happy Camp. Graduated with honors from Chemawa Indian High school on May 3rd 2019. He would like to Thank Chairman Buster Atteberry, Jody Wadell and Judy Waddell, for the time and effort they invested in his required tribal government project. We his family are very proud. - Mary Thomas



**C**ongratulations! David Arwood on your retirement and thank you for all of your work.





# Obituary

**H**enry Arnold Beck, Sr. passed on February 22, 2019, peacefully surrounded by loved ones in Eureka, California. He was born on August 9, 1929 to Henry E. and Charlotte (McLaughlin) Beck in Orleans, California. He was a member of the Karuk Tribe and grew up on the Beck ranch above Dolans Bar with his siblings, Oren, Walt, Barbara, Ran, and Elsie until he left to join the Navy in 1945 with his older brothers, later to be joined by his youngest brother, Ran. He proudly served for 20 years stationed in the Pacific. Henry served during the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war. Henry became a widower when his first wife, and mother of his son, Katherine (Pearson) Beck, passed. He later remarried and upon retirement from the Navy, he moved back to Humboldt County with his wife Gwendolyn Ruth (Brown) Beck who was a Hupa Tribal Member. He began working in the lumber mills until he received his Class A license and moved onto being a logging truck driver. He worked for Paul Jackson Trucking, hauling logs from the mountains in Hoopa to the mills on the Coast for over 20 years. During his tenure, he helped train many others in the area learn to drive truck and was instrumental in many of them receiving their Class A licenses.

Henry was a proud veteran and a 52 year member of the American Legion. Many knew him by his CB handle, "Popeye", others knew him as "Butch". Regardless of the name he was called, he was known as a friend to all. He enjoyed watching the local sporting events, including summer league softball and high school basketball. He loved a cold Coors on a hot Summer day. On Sundays in the Fall he would be found watching the Dallas Cowboys by a warm fire. Most Saturday mornings were spent cutting wood for the Winter with a mouthful of Beechnut chew. He had a large collection of trucker caps and was rarely ever seen not wearing one. He loved western movies and watched every Clint Eastwood movie ever made. His favorite musician was Kenny Rogers, who he listened to on 8 track in his four wheel drive pick up truck. He always had a smile on his face and a funny one liner to share.

It is difficult to put into words how wonderful a soul Henry was. He was a loving father, uncle, and grandfather. He was generous beyond compare and a hero to his children and grandchildren. His influence reached so many. He had service friends whom he maintained contact with over the years from across the country. He loved his family deeply and was deeply loved in return. He will be remembered and missed by many.

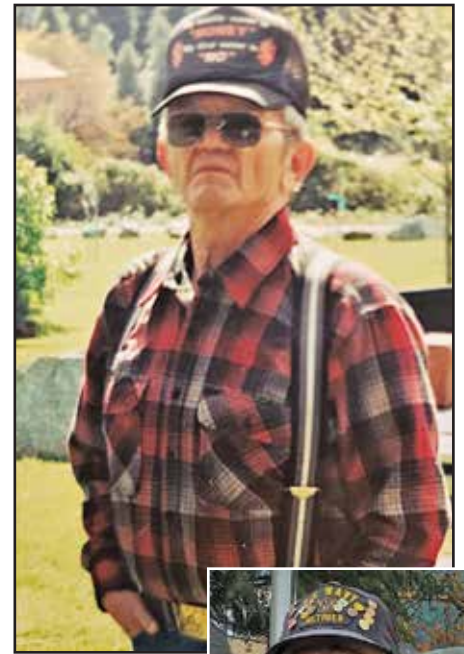
Henry was a father to Henry "Doomie" Beck, Jr. and Valerie (Beck) Tuey. He was a step father to Janice (Marshall) McCovey, Julius, Maxwell, Harold, Gerald, and Fred Marshall. Uncle to Oren Beck, Jr., Orrie and

Trudy Beck; Billy, Randy, and Karen Pearson; Romney and Ranold Beck, Jr.; Wayne King, Jr., Kristen and Charla King; Raldon, Sylvester, Douglas, Fred, Oscar, Arlen, Walter, and Deborah Brown, Katherine (Brown) Hescock. He was Grandfather to Barbara, Michael, Radenia, Ralenia, and William Beck; Henry and Thomas Frank; Phyllis (McCovey) Robbins, Howard, Floriene, and Juliene McCovey, Ruthie (McCovey) McCurdy; Selene and Robert Baldy, Lance Marshall, Harold Marshall, and Gwendolyn (Marshall) Rock. Great-Grandfather to Taylor, Joseph, and Tanner Johnson; Jennifer, Kayla, Karly, and Kelsey Beck; Sophia Lester, Charlee Frank, Evelyn, Kaiden, Carter and Talon Beck; Michelle McCovey-Good, Alice (Davis) Mabry, Janice (Davis) Nixon, Kimberly Davis, Jana and Jacob McCovey, Charlene O'Rourke, Erica (Lindsey) Saelee, Tonya Lindsey, Michael McCurdy, Levi, Bishop, and Kaweah Rivas; Lance Marshall, Jr.; and Klarissa Rock. Great-Great Grandfather to Dylan and Gavin Good; Clayton McCovey, Arielle and Jillian Mabry; Laynee, Georgie, Nick, Leland, and Gage Nixon; Cheryllynn and Phillip Pike; Katira Long Soldier, Tylee, Jillian, Sage, and Sinew Surber; Tesla O'Rourke, Destiny Saelee; Anthony and Alan Bennett; Luna Rivas, Lilly, Gwendolyn, and Benjamin Rivas; Kaeyah Garcia, Sidney Am, and Hayden Fairchild. Great-Great-Great Grandfather to Eliot Gurule. Henry also had many great nieces and nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Henry is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Oren and Walt, his wife, and his son.

A special thank you to American Legion Commander, Kim Conrad who was a regular visitor and special friend to the family while Henry was in the nursing home. Kim never hesitated to insist that grandpa's needs were met while in the facility and the family is eternally grateful for the time spent over the last year and a half for his visits to Eureka.

A celebration of his life will be held on Father's Day weekend in June of 2019 in Henry's hometown of Orleans, California.





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