

Karuk Tribe

Fall Edition 2020

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2020 Virtual Math and Science Camp

Karuk Tribe Education Department leads effort
to prove learning in the age of COVID-19 can still be fun!



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Greetings from your Tribal Council



Russell Attebery
Happy Camp
Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Robert Super
Yreka
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2022



Michael Thom
Happy Camp
Secretary/Treasurer

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



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



Paula McCarthy
Happy Camp
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2020



Renée Stauffer
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Arch Super
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



Vacant
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2018-Nov. 2022

*Vacant from June 2020

Notes From The Chairman

Ayukii koovura (hello everyone)

It is my hope that everyone is doing well during these difficult times of the global Coronavirus pandemic. Indian Country has persevered over the centuries in the face of many obstacles and many pandemics. We pray for the safety of all our Employees and Tribal Members who work hard to follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control to help slow the spread of the virus and for those on the front lines, employees, health providers and first responders. There are no limits to what can be done when we work together with a common purpose in mind.


As you may know the Karuk Tribe received Cares Act funding and a General Welfare Ordinance was approved by the Tribal Council enabling us to disperse COVID-19 funds to our Tribal Members and Descendants. Please go to our website www.karuk.us for more information. Many of the Tribes across the country rely on the hospitality industry and many casinos and restaurants had to close their doors. The Karuk Tribe's Rain Rock Casino is operating at 50% capacity after being closed for two months. I am the Pacific Region Representative for Tribal/Department of Interior (TIBC) Committee and we have been working with Congress to advocate for additional funding because Indian Country's economy has been hit especially hard. In mid-May the U.S. House of Representatives laid down the first marker towards the goal of approving the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES Act). We asked Congress to keep in mind that the Indian gaming industry is the 10th largest employer in the Nation.

While prosperity in the minds of many Americans may evoke a version of the American dream based solely on building personal financial wealth, prosperity for Native American people centers on the preservation and practice of Native cultures, languages, vibrant Tribal communities and close stewardship of Tribal homelands. With that in mind, myself and Education Director Alma Bickford met with the new Happy Camp High School Principle to discuss the possibility of including the Karuk Language as an accredited course into the curriculum at Happy Camp High School. We will be reaching out to people who are fluent speakers of the Karuk Language who may be interested in teaching this class.

Before the pandemic myself and then general counsel, Fatima Abbas, met with our federal partners in Washington DC to discuss land to trust issues. At that time our federal partners were making putting land into trust for Tribes very difficult. We explained that putting land into trust, when it had to do with housing or ceremonial areas it should be a "no brainer". The Karuk Tribe is currently working on a lands legislation bill that will transfer jurisdiction of over 1,000 acres of land from the United States Forest Service to

The Karuk Tribe. We are hoping that this bill passes and it will set a precedent for future land transfers for the Karuk Tribe.

Recently myself and Executive Director Josh Saxon met with Secretary of the Interior, Donald Barnhart, BOR Director Congressman LaMalfa and Congressman Merkley to discuss water issues, low water flows and water quality are plaguing the Klamath River. Our focus was "we need more fish in the river". Simply put, Tribal Nation cultures, traditions, lifestyles, communities, foods, and economies depend on diverse natural resources. Yet, many critical natural resources are disappearing faster than they can be restored. Given the state of the economy and national priorities, along with the increasing negative impacts of climate change, the vitality and sustainability of our natural resources must be safeguarded, as it is vital to the health of Native Peoples and the strength of their economies.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to give a special thanks to the Karuk Tribe's fiscal staff. Recently the Karuk Tribe learned we would receive Cares Act funding and we would be able to offer a COVID-19 relief to our Tribal Members and Descendants. First and foremost we had to get legal advice so Tribal recipients would not have to pay taxes and the Tribe would not have to pay back any of the funds. When that process was finished the fiscal department under the direction of Laura Mayton started processing checks to Tribal Members and Descendants as quickly as possible. The finance department is an essential function for the Karuk Tribe and during the pandemic they rotated shifts and worked together to keep us up and running through all the chaos. When we were able to start processing the checks the fiscal staff came together, wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands and following all the recommended CDC and Karuk Incident Command Teams guidelines. So, if you have a chance please say yootva to MaraLei Allec, Tamara Barnett, Diane Felicichia, Karyn Hook, Donna McCulley, Sammi Offield, Laura Olivas and Jamie Orge. We do appreciate you all. 
Yootva Chairman Attebery



Chairman Attebery with new National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharpe in December 2019.

Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

There are currently 3,754 Enrolled Tribal Members and 4,993 Enrolled Descendants.



Mildred Grant
Chair



Jeanerette
Jacups-Johnny
Vice Chair



Corina Alexander
Secretary



Charlene Naef
Member At Large



Robert Super
Council Vice Chair

Our office offers an array of services.

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's 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.
- Issue Free California Fishing License Applications. (Income Eligible)
- Create Family Trees
- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

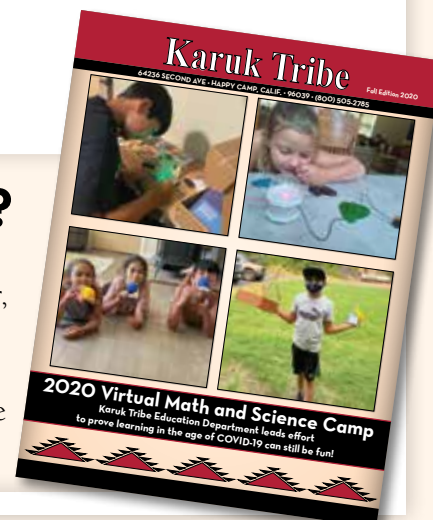
**Please make sure your address is up to date
so you don't miss out on important CARES funding updates!!!**

Please feel free to contact our office at (800) 505-2785 Ext. 2028. You can also reach me by email: rattebery@karuk.us. I would love to hear from you. 🏹

Yootva,
Robert Attebery

Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

Attention 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. 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 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 (burnout, 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 CARES 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.

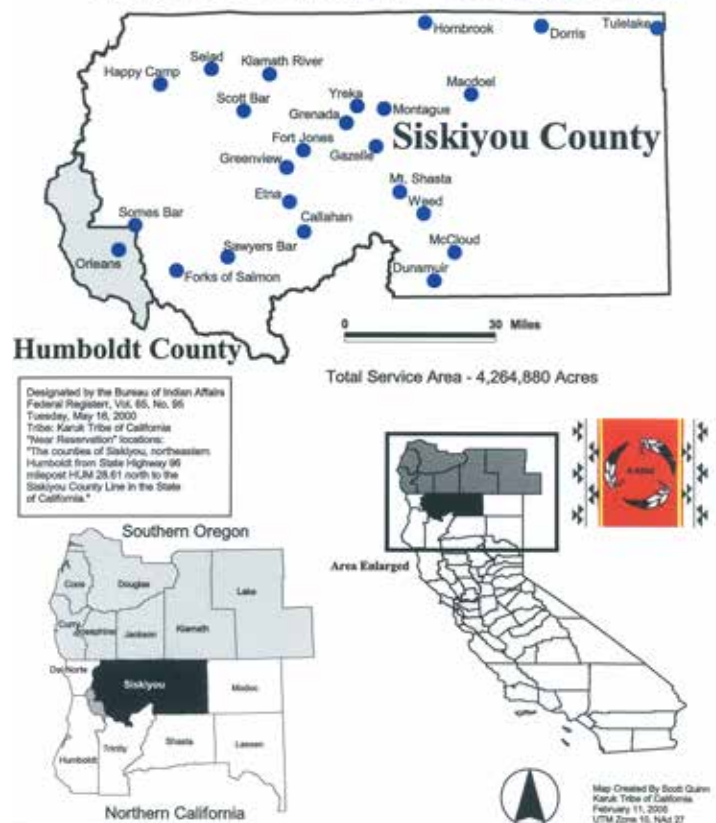
Community Services and Development (CSD):

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.

Karuk Tribe “Near Reservation” Service Area



PRESS RELEASE

Karuk Tribe

For Immediate Release: June 30, 2020

For More Information: Russell Attebery, Chairman (530) 493-1600 ext. 2019 battebery@karuk.us

Charron “Sonny” Davis, Karuk Tribal Council Member - Resignation

HAPPY CAMP, CA - After serving over 14 years on the Karuk Tribal Council, Charron “Sonny” Davis has announced his resignation.

Sonny was not only a dedicated Council Member but he also served on the Karuk Community Development Corporation, Indian Child Welfare Committee, Karuk Booster Club, Gaming Authority; as well as participated in many traditional capacities, such as Language Revitalization, something very close to his heart and crucial to keeping our Karuk language alive.

Sonny is an honored Elder and stood up for many programs representing the Tribal people. He added his traditional knowledge and would often tell side jokes in Karuk with former Council Member, Johnson.

His prayers at Council Meetings, speaking only in Karuk would inspire the Tribe and provide a positive example of what our culture and language represents.

Sonny and his wife, Kathleen Davis, will enjoy their retirement and we send them our most sincere respect and appreciation for time spent serving the Karuk Tribe and its Membership.

The Tribal Council will maintain the seat vacant until the November 2020 election, in which his vacancy will be filled for the remainder of his term.

Yootva to Sonny for his tremendous efforts, dedication, and his contribution to building a strong foundation for future Tribal Leaders. We wish him a happy retirement!

Chairman Attebery. 



Sonny Davis

COVID-19 The Good, the Bad and the Other Stuff

In these times of uncertainty finding accurate information can be difficult. We would like to help. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness new to the US. It started in China then quickly spread around the world.

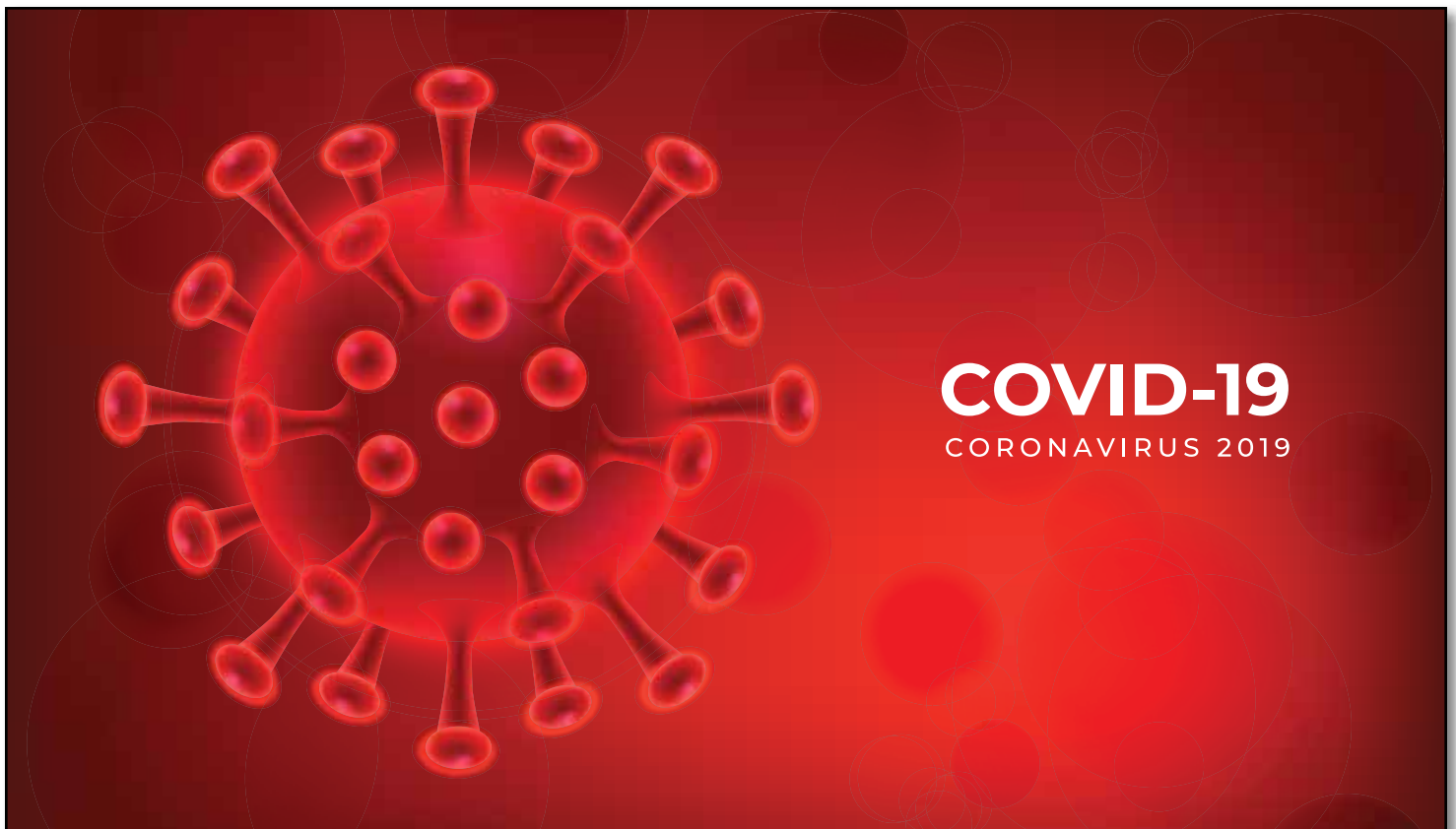
The good: In both Siskiyou and Humboldt county the prevalence of disease is very low. Prevalence is the “commonness of a disease” this directly effects the likelihood of contracting the disease within the county. The higher the prevalence the more likely you will contract the disease. Siskiyou county has a 1.8% prevalence of COVID-19 and Humboldt has a 1.6% prevalence on August 18th, this is very low.

The bad: COVID-19 has caused death in sensitive patients. Symptoms include cough, fever and shortness of breath. This compounded with the fact it is new and does not currently have a cure prompted governments to suggest a lock down to slow the spread of the virus. During this time we would like to remind the community that social distancing does not mean social isolation. We encourage

you to distance from general population but you do not need to lock yourself away. Enjoy the warming weather with activities like hiking in safe areas, taking the dog for a walk, or going for a drive around the block. Spending too much time locked in doors can be very detrimental for your wellbeing and increase depression.

The other stuff: Siskiyou County has begun the reopening process. With that order they have also expanded the testing for COVID-19 to the general population. At this time the Karuk Tribal Clinics is only testing symptomatic (currently sick) patients but please reach out to public health if you are interested in getting tested. We highly recommend elders remain isolated whenever possible, decreasing the likelihood of infection. Please reach out to the Community Health Representatives at your Tribal Clinic for assistance as we will do the best we can to accommodate.

Always remember to wash your hands, drink lots of water, and keep yourself safe. 🇺🇸



Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) News

A YUKÏI – HÛUT KICH from TERO!

TERO Mission: The mission of the Karuk Tribe TERO is to promote and establish self-sufficiency and equality in hiring Karuk Tribal Members and Descendants through enforcement of the Karuk Tribe Workforce Protection Act.

We at TERO are hoping that this finds everyone safe and healthy, as we're sure the past three months have been extra long and trying for everyone. It's certainly been a busy three months for the TERO Office. TERO would like to take this opportunity to welcome Richard Goodwin as our newest TERO Commissioner, serving as a Happy Camp representative on the Commission. Welcome Richard!

The current TERO Commission consists of Red Hockaday, Debbie Whitman, Renee Stauffer, Arch Super, Barry Hockaday, and Richard Goodwin. We greatly appreciate our TERO Commission and all the guidance and leadership they provide.

With the pandemic going on TERO is making sure we are doing all we can to assist clients when they call or email. We have been making check-in-calls with our clients and will keep checking in with them for the duration of these uncertain times. Please call us if you think we can assist you in any way!


After 14 years, we have moved out of our old office within the Karuk Admin complex over to **110 Nugget Street** (previous TANF offices) to our new TEC (TERO-Education-Child Care) Center in Happy Camp. We are still in the process of getting things set up in our new offices. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic it's been a slower process than expected, and as noted above the Education Department is now located in this building with TERO and Child Care.

When Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, we would like to invite all who are interested to stop by our new offices and visit.

We are all trying to adapt to a new "Sense of Normal" in the workplace and some TERO sponsored trainings have had to be cancelled such as Fireline Safety Training and the Food Safety Manager Class but please be assured that TERO is still here for assistance in your employment needs. We are looking forward to scheduling new trainings after restrictions are lifted and any up-coming trainings or events through TERO will be advertised.

Feel free to contact the TERO Office at 530-493-1600 at any time for questions or information on our programs. Dion Wood (dwood@karuk.us) Extension 2030 – Judy Waddell (judywaddell@karuk.us) Extension 2031.

YOOTVA!

péekrii vúra yávhi (Stay Safe)! 

Ayukii Students and Families,

please check the website

for the COVID-Education

Reimbursement Assistance

Application.

For more detailed information

please email us at

EDUCATIONCOVID@karuk.us

OR call Alma Bickford at

(530) 493-1600 ext. 2034.

Yreka Medical Clinic

Employees at the Yreka Medical Clinic are wearing masks to follow the Center For Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The kárúk language about wearing masks is from Julian Lang, Karuk Language Committee Chairman. 🏹



Sarah Abono Health Info Tech
1. upmareethxúparatih
she is wearing a mask



Frances Lott Dental Recep
2. tanipmareethxúparatih
I'm wearing a mask



Shavelle Hughes Medical Assistant
3. teepmareethxúparatih hum
are you wearing a mask?



Vanessa Super LVN II
4. hãã tanipmareethxúparatih
yes, I'm wearing a mask

Karuk Human Services

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services



Karuk Human Services

- Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Use Disorder
- Counseling
- Access to Residential Treatment
- Telepsychiatry
- Transitional Living for Karuk Men
- Driving Under the Influence Classes—
Happy Camp
- Batterer's Intervention Program—
Happy Camp
- Cultural Activities

(503) 493-1450 or
(503) 841-3141

Ayukii! Like many of the departments within the Tribe and businesses in our communities, we have had our normal services disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff has been in contact with the individuals who were in services prior to the Governor's shelter in place order on March 19, 2020. We want to ensure the tribe and community members that we are available for individual services through telephone or StarLeaf telehealth. If your services have been disrupted, please feel free to call our offices at 493-1450 or 841-3141. We can arrange for an appointment by teleconferencing equipment. We look forward to the day when we can resume business as usual, but in the meanwhile, we are available. The Tribe also has an Employee Assistance Program under Blue Shield that can help tribal employees with life challenges that may be affecting their home or work life. Please contact Blue Shield for specific information.

We know that this is a stressful time for all of you and we want to remind you that our people have many practices that help us reduce stress and improve our well being—burn some root, take a walk, talk with your family, and/or help an elder. 🏹



Ann Conrad, LMFT
Karuk Tribe Clinical Supervisor

- **What is your official job title?**

Clinical Supervisor Karuk Tribe Behavioral Health

- **What are your credentials?**

I have a Master's Degree in Psychology and am licensed by the State of California Board of Behavioral Science as a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist. Currently I have the privilege of working with a well-rounded and gifted staff.

I am on track to graduate in 2021 from California Southern University with my PsyD in Clinical Psychology. My plan and goals are to complete 3000 hours of internship, study for and sit for the State Boards. My plan and hope are to work for the Karuk Tribe Human Services Department as a licensed Clinical Psychologist.

My life's journey thus far has been amazing and it only gets better. I have lived and worked with diverse populations from the shores of Hawaii to Eastern Europe and many fascinating destinations and cultures between. For five years in the mid 1990's I worked with Native Hawaiians, Filipino, Japanese and Chinese communities. My life was enriched as my understanding of culture grew and my travels have played a large part in who I have become.

The first time I was privileged to work with Native Americans was in Mariposa County where I was introduced to The Miwok Tribe. Working with the Tribe was an amazing experience and taught me a great deal about the human spirit. The more I worked with Tribal Members, the more I learned and found I needed to learn more. It took time but before I left the area I made several lifelong friends.

- **What do you love most about your job?**

My job with the Karuk Tribe Human Services is the best ever. If you are like me in a helping profession it is one of the most satisfying experiences. I get so excited when I see a flicker of hope watching clients move through difficulties then emerging on

the other side with self-acceptance and healing. I am always reminded of the great work the client is doing and want to extend to each client the tools that will individually impact their personal wellness. Age groups each bring their own challenges and rewards from the newborn to the elders. It's watching someone smile where there were tears, dull eyes become sparkling beacons and the tension of depression gives way to energy and life.

- **What is your favorite pass time?**

LIFE! I enjoy being outdoors, photography and watching animals in their natural environment. There is nothing better than a meteor shower in a pitch-black forest, or sitting around a camp fire hearing stories and learning about the evolution of culture. It's the stories, the laughter and truth shared by ancestors who have gone on before always giving back to the land and those who follow. The last 7 years I have begun to look at my own cultural history through the study of genealogy. 🏹



Ann Conrad

Yreka Dental Department

The Karuk Tribe Dental Clinic has made some changes due to the current pandemic that we would like to let our patients know about.

Due to COVID-19 the Karuk Tribe Dental Clinic's will not be taking walk-in's; all patients will need to be scheduled. This will ensure we are able to properly screen patients before the appointment. We will ask the same questions when you come in for your scheduled appointment as well as taking your temperature.

Appointments will be managed to allow for social distancing between patients and it may be necessary to wait in your car until we are ready to take you back for your appointment.



Kayla Bridwell, Registered Dental Assistant

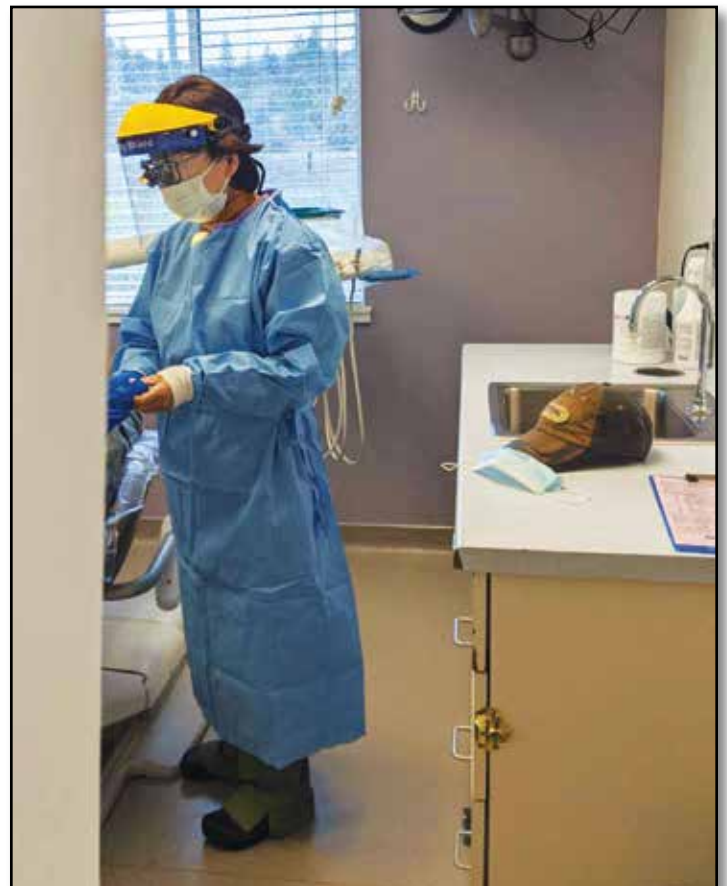


Mari Arreola, Dental Assistant

You may notice that we have added another level of protection by using additional Personal Protective Equipment for our safety and yours.

We have always strived to hold our clinics to a high standard of care, safety and cleanliness. When you come to one of our clinic's you can be sure we are following all necessary protocols to keep everyone safe.

Our patients are important to us, stay well we hope to see you all soon. 🇺🇸



Dr. Lew, Dental Director



Mari Arreola, Dental Assistant, In Exam Room



Room 5, Yreka



Jessica Berendonk, Registered Dental Assistant



Kayla Bridwell, Registered Dental Assistant

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. 



If you have been referred to an outside provider (i.e. specialist, hospital, etc.) you must contact the PRC department BEFORE your appointment. This will help ensure your eligibility for Contract Health Services. If you do not this may impede possible payment for services.

PRC is not an entitlement program and an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources.

You may contact the PRC department between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Anna Myers @ 493-1600 ext. 2156

Cat Turner @ 493-1600 ext. 2155

Meranda Rasmussen @ 493-1600 ext. 2151

This is very crucial to our process.

Karuk Tribe Employment Opportunities

We encourage you to visit the Karuk Tribe's website at www.karuk.us and our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/karukpeople.

Frequently check those sites to view current Employment Opportunities as well as Contracting Opportunities, Requests for Proposals & vacant seats on Boards & Committees!

Job Descriptions are available on our website and by contacting the Human Resources Department: humanresources@karuk.us.

Vickie Simmons, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2041, Fax: (855)-437-7888, Email: vsimmons@karuk.us

Applications may be hand delivered to any Tribal Office, or by mailing to:

Karuk Tribe Attn: HR
P.O. Box 1016
Happy Camp, CA 96039



Find us on Facebook

Sowing Seeds of Resiliency and Growing Community

This year has been marked with massive changes to society from a global pandemic and widespread uncertainty. Although the Department of Natural Resources has always worked to ensure that our communities aren't faced with food insecurity, this year our efforts have grown substantially.

Building from the groundwork laid by food security projects from past years DNR staff have been implementing a strategy to address access to fresh food. After the Tribal Council's generous support of land use near Camp Creek, financial support from the Humboldt Area Foundation and community volunteers pitching in we have designed and implemented a Community Farm in Orleans.

Producing food locally will supply fresh healthy food for the distribution boxes as part of the Tribe's Covid-19 response, and will also provide safe jobs to local workers who are laid off due to necessary precautions taken to slow the spread.

So far, we have planted hundreds upon hundreds of tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, green beans, and potatoes, and are looking into our options for sustaining what



we have and expanding into meat, eggs, mushrooms and fruit production, as well as processing facilities to preserve our harvests.

If you are interested in supporting these efforts or would like to know more about DNR's food security projects, contact us at (530) 627-3446. 🏹




Karuk Tribe Diversion Program

The Karuk Tribe Diversion Program is for Students in grades 5th through 12th and who is an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe or an enrolled descendent member, (Enrollment Verification from Tribal Enrollment Department required) Or enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe of California residing in the Karuk Tribe service area. The Program provides access to educational supportive and culturally based tribal services and activities to tribal members who are at risk of academic failure/SARB or those with truancy challenges. Here is a little bit of what the



program may offer; assists participants in developing Individualized Academic Plans (IAPs), referral to other services and resources as needed, and access to a

personal tutor. We are operating during the summer. Please contact Tribal Youth Diversion Program Education Advocate Cell: (530) 643-2779 or mariarodriguez@karuk.us for more information here is a link to our web page: <https://www.karuk.us/index.php/departments/judicial-system/diversion-program> 



THE KARUK JUDICIAL UPDATES

NOTICE OF TRIBAL COURT REDUCED OPERATING HOURS

****COVID-19 CRISIS****

Due to the COVID-19 Crisis and Governor Newsom's Executive Order dated March 19, 2020, The Karuk Tribal Council has initiated many office restrictions and staff guidelines for operations.

Although the Tribe is not allowing access by the general public to any NON-HEALTH facility, TRIBAL COURT STAFF ARE ACCESSIBLE.

To access the Tribal Court, CALL the Court Clerks Main Number (530) 841-3143- Ext: 6500. Please leave a detailed voice message if the clerk is unable to take your call. The Court will be checking messages and responding within 24 hours, Monday-Friday.

Tribal Court Advocacy Program

In June, 2020 the Tribal Court Advocate Program Manager, Tamara Alexander will be moving to a new position within the Karuk Tribe. Ms. Alexander has accepted the position of Head Start Director. Ms. Alexander has been a great asset to the Karuk Tribal Court and will be greatly missed!

Devin Flesher, Attorney, will take over the day to day supervision of all Advocates of the Tribal Court Advocacy Program and is hard at work recruiting an intern for the college internship program.

Another change is the addition of Darlene Navarro, Advocate Assistance. Ms. Navarro previously worked with Karuk Human Services and we are glad to have her on board.

The Karuk Tribal Court appoints an Advocate to advocate for the child/youth throughout their tribal court case. If you would like more information about the Tribal Court Advocate Program, please contact Ms. Navarro at 530-841-3144 Ext: 6506.

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failure/SARB or those with truancy challenges. The program may offer; assistance in developing Individualized Academic Plans (IAPs), referral to other services and resources as needed, access to personal tutor. The program is operating during the summer. Please contact Tribal Youth Diversion Program Education Advocate Cell: (530) 643-2779 or mariarodriguez@karuk.us for more information here is a link to our web page: <https://www.karuk.us/index.php/departments/judicial-system/diversion-program>

Division of Supervision/Healing to Wellness Re-Entry

The mission of the Karuk Healing to Wellness Adult Re-Entry Program is to provide access to culturally based tribal supportive and rehabilitative services and activities to eligible participants seeking balance mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. The Karuk Healing to Wellness Adult Re Entry Program is expanding our services to connect Karuk tribal members and descendants who are being released from jails and prisons with as many resources as possible during their re-entry process.

What is re-entry? Re-entry is the process of a person's transition from prison or jail to rejoining the community. It also means preparing for and figuring out a lot of everyday, real-life issues like getting identification documents (ID), securing housing, figuring out employment and finances, succeeding on parole or probation, signing up for health care, and reunifying with family members. Finally, reentry is used to broadly describe post-incarceration issues (like barriers you might face because of a criminal record), and in reality, these "reentry" issues can come up long after any system involvement.


We are proud to announce that there has been great success with this project. The Adult Wellness Court Re-Entry Program has had several referrals from other agencies, courts and probation as well as self-referrals, and currently is providing services to twelve individuals. In the month of May 2020 alone the program received nine referrals for re-entry services of which only three did not meet the required eligibility criteria.

The Karuk Healing to Wellness Adult Re-Entry Program is here to support eligible tribal members in navigating the re-entry process and strategize how to mitigate and eliminate ongoing barriers to accessing services and resources. Please contact the Adult & Youth Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator for more information. Phone: (530) 841-3143 Ext. 6501 Fax: (530) 842-4889

Division of Victim Assistance

The Karuk Victim Services Access Center welcomed their newest addition, Anthony Ballard, Deputy Director in May, 2020. Mr. Ballard has many service years working in Tribal TANF, Human Services, Court, and we are delighted to have him as a part of our team.

Since the grand opening on November 22nd 2019 the center has had a few changes in staffing however has continued to assist eligible victims in crisis. The purpose of the Center is to address needs and concerns of victims of crime, and to promote a feeling of healing and justice in the after math of a crime, and to use a culturally sensitive approach to support victim/survivors on their journey towards healing by providing advocacy and access to resources.

The Karuk Tribe's Victim Assistance Center is located in the Silverado Business Center at 1217 South Main Street, Suite D in Yreka. Please contact program staff at either: (530)-598-2768 or (530) 598-2468. 



nipithxáheesh pananíitk.
I'm going to wash my hands.

naa níktuyship pananíitk.
My hand is clean.

mítiik pákxuuyvi.
Wash your hands.



Karuk Tribe Housing Authority



YREKA
1836 Apsuun
(530) 842-1644



HAPPY CAMP
635 Jacobs Way
(530) 493-1414



ORLEANS
37960 Highway 96
(530) 627-3703

Covid Changes

The Coronavirus (Covid-19) has dramatically shifted the world within which we live, and impact the operations of KTHA. Although all KTHA offices remain closed to the public, and staff may be working remotely, all of our employees are available by phone or email, to address your needs. To reach an employee during office hours, call them at their extension, or send them an email. A full Employee Directory has been posted on our website at www.ktha.us/ to ensure that everyone has the contact information they need. For the protection of our tenants and staff, Maintenance continues to only process emergency work orders at this time. Contact your Tenant Relations Officer if you have a maintenance request. All non-emergent work orders will be held until pandemic related restrictions are eased. If you have an after-hours emergency, that is not life threatening, contact the Security Officer for your community via cell phone.



Multiple Grants Awarded

I am VERY excited to announce that we were recently notified that **ALL of our grant applications submitted have been funded resulting in over \$4 million dollars' worth of projects** that will be taking place over the next three years. **KTHA Team Members, Randy White and**

Doug Goodwin, have committed extensive time and effort toward making these grant projects a reality for KTHA; YOOTVA to them both!

These grants will come from more than one source utilizing both the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation and California Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs. The FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes Federal funds available to States, U.S Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities to plan for and implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. Additionally, as a result of a Presidential Disaster Declaration, FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds plans and projects that reduce the effects of future natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the Cal OES HMGP Unit to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters by acting now, before the next disaster, to reduce human and financial consequences later.

The following projects will be funded through these grant funds, with the required match coming from the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority's NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant Funding.

Yreka: Retrofitting of all units (excluding Tax Credit Units) to mitigate wildfire danger by replacing shingle roofs with fire-resistant metal roofing, replacing exterior siding with fire-resistant siding, replacing all wood porches and stairs with fire-resistant decking (composite), replacing all wood fencing with powder coated chain link, and

completing defensible space treatment around every building, public fire safety outreach/education, and fuels reduction projects on the property.

Happy Camp: Installation of emergency backup generators on the newly constructed Happy Camp Wellness Center on Jacobs Way, Family Services Center on Hillside, the Karuk Community Development Office, and through a community partnership the only local grocery store, Kingfisher Market to ensure continuity of services during power outages.

Orleans: Defensible Space treatment around the units, public fire safety outreach/education, and wildfire mitigation through replacing all wood fencing with powder coated chain link.

These grant funds will also provide both Advanced Assistance and Management Cost Recovery to allow for staff to oversee and manage these projects and grants, as well as plan for and continue to execute mitigation activities in future funding cycles.



KTHA has also partnered with the Tribe on a Department of Energy Grant to apply for funding to install solar systems with battery backups on the Elder units in all three communities and the Happy Camp Wellness Center. These systems will serve as emergency power backup units with uninterrupted power to those units as well!



Programs

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority offers Low Income and Elder Rental Units in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans to income eligible Tribal individuals and families. KTHA also offers the following assistance to income eligible Karuk Tribal Members: First-Time Homebuyer Loans, Down Payment Assistance Grants, Mortgage Relief Grants, Student Rent Vouchers, Elder Rent Vouchers, and Temporary Rent Vouchers, Home Replacement Grants, Home Rehabilitation & Weatherization Grants and Loans, and Home Improvement Loans.

Patches Marsh, Admissions/Loan Specialist, receives and processes ALL applications for KTHA assistance. We

encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing needs to SUBMIT AN APPLICATION! 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

Applications

We remind all applicants that a current, **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/

Please be patient as you go through the application process and understand that everyone's experience will be unique. There is a checklist on the application listing mandatory items that must be included; however additional documents will 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, as well as when the application is deemed complete. Processing times are different depending on the program applied for due to the necessary documentation, research, and third party verifications required for each program.

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KTHA EMPLOYEE DIRECTORY					
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Bailey Gary	Cookbook	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3104	gbailey@karuk.us
Bain Rita	Chief, Assistant Purchasing Clerk	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3100	rbain@karuk.us
Bowdell Dan	Maintenance Engineer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3105	dbowdell@karuk.us
Franklin Charles	Trust Account Care Member II	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3112	charlesf@karuk.us
Franklin Maral	Trust Clerk (Accounts Payable/AR)	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3101	maral@karuk.us
Goodman Gus	Chief Finance Officer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3107	ggoodman@karuk.us
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Goodman Eric	Trust Relations Officer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3104	egoodman@karuk.us
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Albers Phil	Landscape Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7205	phil@karuk.us
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Goodman Susan	Maintenance Supervisor	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7205	sgoodman@karuk.us
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Peters Kevin	Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7205	kpeters@karuk.us
Servino Charles	Security & Emergency Services Officer	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7201	cservino@karuk.us
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Savage Thomas	Resource Development Manager	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7200	tsavage@karuk.us
Thom Rita	Trust Relations Officer	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7012	rt@karuk.us
Wilder Mack	Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 847-1444	7205	m@karuk.us

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority - Continued

Orleans Housing Development

We continue to make progress toward constructing single family homes in the Orleans community on the property that was previously the Pines RV Park. Work is underway to prepare the plans, designs, and specifications necessary to begin installing infrastructure (water, electricity, sewer, roads) for the eventual construction of 2 bedroom units in that community. The full scope will eventually include 8 units, though not all will be built at one time.

Board of Commissioners

Teresa Valin, Commissioner for the Yreka Area, has left the Board after serving a full four year term. The Board presented Teresa with a plaque thanking her for her time and commitment to serving the Housing Communities of the Karuk Tribe and wishes her well in whatever adventures her future may bring!



The current Board of Commissioners are: Robert Super (Yreka), Dolores Voyles (Happy Camp), Arch Super (Yreka), Sherile Grant (Yreka), Joseph Waddell (Happy Camp), and Deborah Whitman (Yreka).

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 all Board of Commissioners Meetings will remain closed to the public until further notice. Commissioners have been participating in meetings utilizing Video-Conferencing since March to ensure proper social distancing for the protection of our communities, tenants, and staff. 🦋




Rain Rock Casino

Masks and sanitization are the new norms but that doesn't mean we have to stop the fun. Instead, we are kicking fun into high gear and taking the excitement to a whole new level. We take the health of our community very seriously and will continue to do everything in our power to safeguard our guests and Team Members. However, no rule says we can't do all that while making Rain Rock Casino the excitement of Siskiyou County.

Polished from top to bottom, Rain Rock Casino is cleaner and more exciting than ever. Our fall lineup of promotions will be actioned pack and filled with Free Play and prizes. Join us every Thursday night in August and September for our Hot Summer Nights Hot Seat drawings. One winner will be selected every half hour between 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM on our slot machines with an additional winner selected every hour on our table games. Each winner will have a shot of winning up to \$500 in Free Play or Table Chips. We even made winning as easy as can be, simply be a Players Club Card member using your Players Club card at the time of the drawings. Doesn't get any easier than that.

Looking for something a little more action-packed? Well, look no further than our Million Degrees Slot Tournaments taking place every Saturday in August and September. With a weekly top prize of \$1000 in Free Play, they will be the most exciting tournaments to date. Plus, if you can manage to place in the top 5 in any week's tournament you will be invited back to play in our Million Degrees Championship Tournament... with a top prize of 1,000,000 points. Weekly tournaments run from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and all Players Club Card Members get one free entry every week.

Rain Rock Casino will also be the place to "Ascend to Riches" this fall. Every Sunday from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM two lucky winners will be selected each hour. Each guest will get to spin

our prize wheels and potentially "Ascend" up to \$5000 in Cash. That's right, every winner will have a shot to win up to \$5000 in cash and we will be selecting twelve winners every week. Not to mention the five grand prize winners selected on September 27th, 2020 guaranteed to win between \$1000 Free Play and \$5000 Cash. Get in on the action today at Rain Rock Casino, "Where It All Begins With You!" 



HOT SUMMER Nights
HOT SEATS

THURSDAYS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

4 PM TO 9 PM



MILLION DEGREES
SLOT TOURNAMENTS

SATURDAYS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

4 PM TO 8 PM

\$1000 WEEKLY TOP PRIZE

GRAND FINALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH



WIN UP TO \$5000

ASCEND TO RICHES

SUNDAYS

AUGUST 9TH TO SEPTEMBER 27TH

1 PM TO 6 PM

TWO WINNERS PER HOUR

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING ON

SEPTEMBER 27TH

AT 7 PM

K-12 Environmental Education

Plkyav Field Institute staff recognize it's been a difficult transition for students, teachers, and families with school closures and a shift to remote learning, and we sincerely hope this finds you all well.

Before schools were closed, Happy Camp Elementary 7-8th grade class completed a 4 week series on Fire Ecology and Cultural Fire with DNR's Fire & Fuels staff:

Orleans Elementary 7-8th grade class applied fire lessons during a field trip to experiment with DNR's new Fire Simulation Table with Margo Robbins of KTJUSD and DNR staff including Chook Chook Hillman, Sylvia Van Royen, Scot Steinbring, and Carley Whitecrane.



*(L) students observing fire behavior on their modeled landscape; (R) fun building a model forest.
(Pictures taken Pre-Covid-19)*

Orleans Elementary 3-6th grade class completed a 5-week series on the social, cultural, and ecological dimensions of Climate Change. Here's a few highlights:



*(L) Shaping table sand to fit Orleans valley topography; (R) Elena starting fires on the ridge with the laser pointer.
(Pictures taken Pre-Covid-19)*

Orleans Elementary 3-6th grade class completed a 5-week series on the social, cultural, and ecological dimensions of Climate Change. Here's a few highlights:



*(L) Yellow Foot Mushroom (R) students consider climate resiliency of mushrooms through the lens of the microscope.
(Pictures taken Pre-Covid-19)*



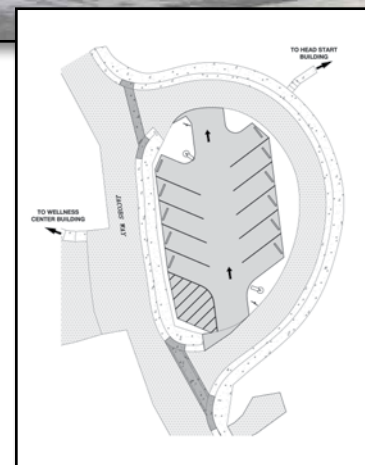
*(Above) students read climate change through tree rings.
(Pictures taken Pre-Covid-19)*

For access to Nanu'avaha Curriculum and so much more go to <https://sipnuuk.karuk.us/> or contact Bari Talley at btalley@karuk.us. For questions about Environmental Education activities above, feel free to reach out to Heather Rickard at herrickard@karuk.us. 🦅

Department of Transportation

The Karuk Transportation Department has continued to stay busy during this pandemic assisting with the Karuk COVID-19 team, as well as working on the following Transportation plans and projects:

- Jacobs Way Wellness Center Parking Facility - we will be soliciting bids for construction of a parking facility, adjacent to the recently built KTHA Wellness Center in Happy Camp, within the next few months. This parking facility will provide much needed additional parking while also keeping the bus turn-around for Head Start, to allow for ease of traffic flow (see photos).
- The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) has been finalized. You can find a link to the LRTP in the Transportation Department tab on the Karuk website: <https://www.karuk.us/index.php/departments/77-transportation>. The LRTP includes all known potential construction, planning, and other transportation related projects for the next 20 years, and is to be updated every 5 years to reflect existing and new routes to be added to the inventory. The LRTP is a required document by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) – The TTIP is a budgeted projection of all the Planning and Construction projects we aim to complete within the next 5 years. An approved TTIP is required by our funder (FHWA) prior to working on the projects.
- Campbell Avenue in Yreka has badly needed repairs for many years. I've been coordinating with the City of Yreka, and we have been able to come up with a viable solution. Later this year you will likely see the Karuk DOT crew working with the City of Yreka road maintenance crew on repairing the stretch of road between East Oberlin Road and Comstock Drive to prepare it for chip sealant next summer.
- Happy Camp Complete Streets Project – This project has been in the works now for many years. I've been working closely with Caltrans District 2 staff, and the Tribe will be submitting an application for Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding in September as the lead applicant. This project will occur in several phases, with the first phase being located between Mill Road and 1st Avenue. This \$8.5 million-dollar project (all phases) is designed to create a traffic calming effect with sidewalks and crosswalks, which will in turn generate a safer walking and biking area



for everyone in the community as well as those passing through.

- Orleans Community Center Connectivity Project – I'm continuing to coordinate with Caltrans District 1 staff, who is currently working on a "Bioswale & Trail" project which extends from Ishi Pishi Road to the Orleans Elementary School entrance. This project will improve drainage and create a walking path on one side of the road. Once their project is complete, it will "pave the way" for Karuk DOT to be able to apply for Safe Routes to School, ATP, BUILD, or other funding in the future. We plan to incorporate the Orleans Community Park at that time as well.
- On Apsuun Road in Yreka there have consistently been issues with speeding, and sadly there have been several crashes that involved fatalities on that route. I am currently working on identifying potential funding for the installation of safety measures such as additional permanent speed humps and signage. We applied for, and recently received, funding for an update to the Transportation Safety Plan, so will be including this route on that update also.

As always, please feel free to email or call anytime with questions, comments, or suggestions. I hope you are all staying safe and well! 🇺🇸

Misty D. Rickwalt
Karuk Tribe Transportation Director
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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.

In response to the ongoing public health crisis related to COVID-19, the Tribal TANF program has changed multiple aspects of service delivery. With the current tribal COVID plan, we are not allowing public access to tribal offices. TANF moved to email, texting and faxing to expedite the processing of requests. TANF is taking steps to move to on-line application and supportive request processing.


Under purpose areas 1 and 2 alternative practices were put in-place to deliver cash assistance on the first of the month and supportive services throughout the month. TANF funds are also used to provide “basic needs” for food, shelter, and clothing to families under purpose areas 1 and 2. All other services provided above basic needs is based on the availability of funds.

TANF provides purpose areas 3 and 4 services to families who are not financially eligible for cash assistance. Unfortunately, projects and activities that can't comply with social distancing requirements are not being considered at this time. Any projects or activities utilizing purpose areas 3 and 4 must comply with Tribal, State and Federal COVID-19 guidelines.

TANF provides Non-Reoccurring Short-Term (NRSTB) services using program funds. In addition, TANF eligibility and program guidelines are used in this process. NRSTB is non-assistance that is designed to deal with a family specific crisis or episode of need. TANF does not receive any additional funding for the current Pandemic crisis. The funding used to implement the TANF COVID- 19 assistance is through the TANF NRSTB benefit services.

Delivery of educational services for children in both elementary and post-secondary school will be changing dramatically and some learning platforms will be predominantly distance learning. This will be an ever-evolving process and will continue for some time. Please be flexible and reach out to Karuk TANF or Karuk Education if your children are struggling with meeting these new challenges.

The Native Employment Works program has received its new allocation of funding (\$39,154) starting the new fiscal year (July 2020 thru June 2021). This funding is primarily used for educational assistance for college and local employment and training needs for Tribal Members and Descendants.

TANF is dedicated to provide much needed services to families and individuals as they achieve personal goals and success in the workplace. 

TANF Office Locations:

TANF Administration

533 Jacob Way
P.O. Box 1016
Happy Camp, CA 96039
Tel: (530) 493-1440
Fax (530) 493-1441

Yreka TANF Office

1517 S. Main Street
P.O. Box 1730
Yreka, CA 96097
Tel: (530) 842-4775
Fax (530) 842-4702

Orleans TANF Office

39051 Highway 96
P.O. Box 141
Orleans, CA 95556
Tel: (530) 627-3680
Fax (530) 627-3459

Introducing . . .

Congratulations to our new Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy

Ayukii,
My name is Bill Tripp, I grew up in my ancestral village of Vunxarak on the lower Salmon River. Growing up I was taught the importance of culture and our sacred responsibilities to the water, the fish, wildlife, plants and the people. With ceremonies being the centerpiece of my upbringing, and promises I made to my elders in accepting my lifelong mission of helping to bring fire back to the people; the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) emerged as the obvious place for me to begin my career path.

At four years old my great grandmother caught me building a fire in the stove and she said, “Eeeeeee, if you are going to be playing with fire, you are going to do something good with it.” So, she taught me how to burn, she told me three of the peoples stories a day for the next four winters.


I grew up in a time of transition from a disrupted traditional governance in hiding, to tribal recognition and contemporary governance systems. With my father being Interim Chairman, and my mother being Executive Secretary. I gained valuable insights while sitting through Council meetings and listening quietly when folks were “talking politics”, organizing bake sales and prize bingo fundraisers.

In my teenage years I worked cleaning ceremonial trails, and splitting cedar to rebuild the sacred salmon sweathouse at Amaikiaraam. I transitioned to working at the Camp Creek Fish Hatchery immediately after high school. While working there I was told about this opportunity to apply for the first annual Water Resources Technician Training put on by the BIA. All I needed to do was write an essay about what I would do if given the opportunity to protect and preserve tribal culture through the lens of water resources. I was selected as the youngest of 13 people picked nationwide for this program.

I started full time at the Department of Natural Resources after fourth of July weekend 1993. DNR had three staff positions and one computer at the time. I saved \$3,000 from my minimum wage job and bought a computer as we had no budget for such things. I used that computer to write a grant for starting a fuels reduction program. Everyone laughed at me because the standard cost was \$300 per acre and I was asking for \$300,000 at \$1,200 per acre. It got funded and we have been program building ever since. I have been involved at the startup stages of nearly every program DNR has developed. Starting in my early years I began spending a lot of time reading case law, NEPA documents, Federal Register notices and drafting official government-to-government consultation letters for the Tribal Chairman.

Looking back on the letter submitted in applying to the Water Resources Technician Training, I can't help but be amazed at how far we have come over the years in working to realize those early foundations. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the water, fish, wildlife, plants and people of our ancestral lands; to revitalize human/fire relationships and indigenous stewardship principles and practices; to incorporate traditional values into a new era of locally led community based management practices with an emphasis on tribal sovereignty and intergovernmental affairs; and to progress the recognition, preservation, and protection of tribal culture, traditions, and indigenous rights.



Yootva 

Obituary

Peter Super Sr.

It was with great sorrow and sadness that the Super family had to announce the passing of their beloved, Peter Super Sr, Sunday morning, May 10, 2020. He had battled for the past several years with kidney problems and later dialysis and all the challenges and complications that go along with it.

Peter was very tired, the battle was tough and he fought hard, but in the end, he was able to pass peacefully in his sleep. He was 85 years old and an elder of the Karuk Tribe.

Peter Ray Super Sr. is the son of Emmett and Bessie (Albers/Attebury) Super. He was born on November 14, 1934 in Hoopa, CA. He was married 65 years to the love of his life, Nancy (Jerry) Super. Together they happily raised their large family, eight children; Peter Jr., Donald, Lariel, Archie, Robert, David, Gary and Florraine and twin sister, Frances (who passed away as an infant in 1971).

Peter's lifetime legacy included the love of working in the woods all of his life, since the age of 17, as a cat skidder operator. He loved it so much, he had to be requested by his employer, the Franklin Logging Company, to retire at the age of 75. He also worked a number of years for the Fruit Growers Supply Company, out of Hilt CA and named his only daughter after "FGS" (Florraine Gayle Super). His love was to support his big family and be an example of hard work, kindness, and respect. He loved the sports world too. He played a little bit of city league basketball, with his two older sons and other friends. He loved bowling with his family and friends. He did league bowling for many years and he cherished family bowling on Sunday afternoons. He and Nancy also supported their children and family in grammar school and high school sports; city league basketball, volleyball and softball and any other sport the family was involved in. They also liked to travel to a lot of tournaments. They were seen at almost all games. Peter was also a woodsman. He loved woodcutting, hunting and camping. Peter and Nancy loved the Rain Rock Casino; gambling and having dinner with their family; and they looked forward to their casino trips to other Indian casinos, Reno, Carson City, and Las Vegas. Nancy was so happy when Peter joined her and the family for church at the Country Baptist Church. Peter also enjoying auto mechanics.

Peter loved and supported his family to the day of his peaceful departure. Peter is survived by his wife Nancy; children, Peter Super Jr.; Donald Super (wife Susan), Lariel Super, Archie Super, Robert Super (wife Janet), David Super, Gary Super (wife Sheila), and Florraine Super (spouse Richard).



He leaves grandchildren, Tass Croy, Sarah Abono, Elizabeth Bentley, Shasta Odbert, Tobie Valin, Vanessa Super, Terra Super, Matthew Super, Nickolas Super, Taylor Super, Marshall Super, CC Croy, Kayla Super, Marques Super, Trevor Super, Ivan Super and Issac Super; and 29 great grandchildren. Peter and Nancy are the grandparents to many. A lot of grandchildren are married into the family or have been a big part of Peter and Nancy's lives.

Peter is also survived by his siblings, Elberta Jerry, Judy Grant, Nellie Laffoon (husband, Calvin), and Patty Super; and many nieces and nephews; and other relatives. His Super family is large. He will be greatly missed by many.

Peter is preceded in death by his parents Emmett (in 1991) and Bessie (in 1988); brothers Emmett Jr. (in 1932), Earl Super (in 1976), and Eugene Super (in 2008); sisters Eleanor Super (in 1965), Regina Jerry (in 1966), Millie Fielden (in 2002); infant daughter Frances Dale Super (in 1971); and great grandson, Lariel Lamon Super Jr. (1993).

Graveside services were held at the Indian Cemetery in Fort Jones on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 11am.

Nancy Super and family would like to thank the many people who offered condolences that have come over Facebook and personal calls, in the days since Peter's passing. The Super family would like to thank the Family and Friends that were able to attend Peter's service. The Super family will also plan another day of celebration (potluck style and gathering) for Peter Super Sr. in the near future, when the COVID living conditions are safe. We will all meet once again with Peter, in the Sky; in the Happy Hunting Grounds. 🏹

Announcements

Ayukii,

We are so proud and honored to announce that Cierra Albers, Ihaan Albers, and Luzi Albers are each graduating this year! It has been quite an eventful school year for each of them, and they have persisted and excelled throughout while achieving promotions and honors.

Cierra Michelle Albers is graduating from the 12th grade at Discovery High School, one year ahead of schedule. She is the daughter of Herman and Kelly Albers, her siblings are Kelasia, Steve, Madison, Payton, Trevyn, and three wonderful nephews.

Cierra has worked within her community for the Karuk Tribal Judicial Program and volunteered with a veterinary clinic. She is a beautiful and intelligent young woman looking to continue her education at College of the Siskiyou's with an interest in Veterinary studies. Cierra's family is very proud of her and her accomplishments. Cierra appreciates the support and love of her parents, grandparents, family, and friends.

Ihaan Cayden Albers is graduating from 8th grade at Orleans Elementary School. Ihaan has received Honor Roll

and Principles Honor Roll throughout his attendance at OES. While attending OES Ihaan has played numerous sports for the school and in the local recreational leagues including, basketball, volleyball, track, wrestling, playing the violin, and winning the Humboldt County History Fair in multiple years. Ihaan is proudly supported by his family, Phil, Taralyn, Elly, Joe, Tannah, Gavyn, Max, Sasi, Luzi, and Morek, along with many other family members and friends.

Luzi is graduating from Head Start this year and preparing to attend Orleans elementary with her sister Irysa. Luzi loves learning and has loved attending Head Start beginning at Ke'Pel Head Start and then finishing at Orleans Head Start. She loves her teachers, Shawna and Tanna. She also loves her classmates and the activities her classroom does. Her favorite part of school was "Everything!" She is very excited to move into the TK/Kindergarten class. Luzi is supported by her parents Taralyn and Phil, her siblings, Gavyn, Ihaan, and Irysa and extended family, and of course her friends.

Congratulations to each one of these incredible individuals!

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Cierra Albers



Ihaan and his brother Gavyn



Luziyána Albers



Schuldzie Bailey

Schuldzie Bailey is the sole graduate of the 8th grade at Willow Creek Elementary School. Schuldzie received certificates for being the ASB Secretary, Courage Award, and she was recognized for her participation in sports, especially basketball and volleyball. She is pictured with her Mom, Schuldzie, and sisters Iimnih and Evelina. Her family is very proud of her! 🏹



Julie Strelow

We would like to take an opportunity to congratulate Julie Strelow on graduating the Registered Nursing program through College of the Siskiyous. Her hard work has paid off through this difficult time. She was also able to work while attending classes and raising her children as a single mother. We look forward to all the knowledge and skills she brings to the clinics. Congratulations Julie! 🏹



Democratic Candidate for Congress in California's 1st District

By Audrey Denney

The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified many systemic issues in our country that disproportionately impact communities of color, and Native American people in particular. Tribal communities have been hit hard by this virus, an impact that has shed light on issues of inequity in our healthcare system and access to fundamental necessities like clean water. These are rights, not privileges. If we want to build a nation and a region that respects the dignity, worth, and rights of every single person, we have to address these foundational and systemic inequities head on.

We have a lot of work to do in promoting the well-being of our Native communities, respecting the sovereignty of our Native people and lands, and ensuring that the tribes have a seat at the table on the issues that matter to California's 1st District and to our nation. As your Congresswoman, I will take an active role in collaborating with Native communities.

Native communities have been the stewards of our natural resources for centuries, a reality that has been systematically dismissed and erased from our national dialogue and our history. As an agricultural educator, I have seen and studied the impacts of climate change firsthand. In our region, the most glaring examples of this emergency are the tragic and massive wildfires that have impacted our North State communities. I believe it is vital to learn from the ecological knowledge and forest stewardship of tribes.

Thank you for giving me so much hope as I look at the work tribal communities are doing in conservation, climate change research, and preservation of cultural heritage. We risk so much in our mission to make the North State a better place if we do not ensure that Native people have a seat at the table. 🏹

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