

Karuk Tribe

Winter Edition

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Karuk Tribe Leads Slater Fire Emergency Relief Assistance Effort

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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



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Happy Camp District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2024



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Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



Paula McCarthy
Happy Camp
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2024



Renée Stauffer
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Arch Super
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



Elizabeth Bentley
Yreka District
Member at Large

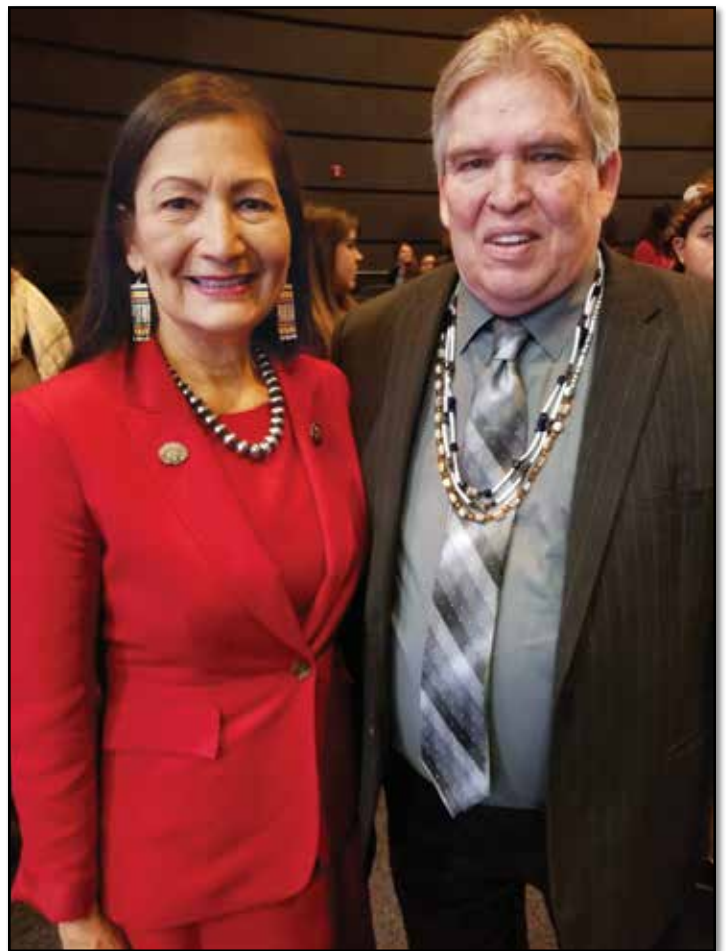
TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2022

Notes From The Chairman

Ayukii huut kich koovuda pa Karuk araaras (hello, how are all Karuk People),

Myself and Council have said many prayers that all Tribal Members and Descendants remain safe during these difficult times. The Coronavirus pandemic has hit Indian Country hard. It has had a negative impact on our families, health and economy. The Karuk Tribal Council and staff have been very proactive in notifying everyone of any updates on how to best combat and “slow the spread” of the coronavirus. The Council appointed a Covid19 Team comprised of Council Members, Health Care workers and staff members who continue to coordinate with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in order to keep everyone up to date on the recommended ways to combat the virus and “slow the spread”. The best way remains to be: Wear masks, avoid large gatherings, social distance, and stay at home except for essential needs. The Covid19 vaccines are coming in and the CDC recommends that the elderly populations, being the most vulnerable, receive the vaccines first. This is also true in Indian Country but there are other reasons the Karuk Tribe goes the extra mile to make sure our Elders are healthy and happy. Tribal Elders serve as honored links to the past and have a unique knowledge of our language, customs and culture. All the things we are trying to revitalize, our Elders are the key to all of it. Therefore, if you know of any Elders with needs please contact the Tribe to access services.

Indian Country and Washington, D.C.—President Elect Biden appointed the first Native American to head up the Department of Interior (DOI). This is a historic choice because a Native American person has never been at the helm of this 171-year-old agency. This appointment of Deb Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe, may turn out to be truly beneficial for the Karuk Tribe. Among other things, the Secretary of the Interior will have the authority to process land into trust. The Karuk Tribe needs more trust lands in order to build more Tribal houses, expand our health clinics, build more infrastructure and create business opportunities. We are hopeful Secretary Haaland will take a look at our resolution that was approved by the Nation Congress of American Indians, asking for co-management of our forest lands. Tribal Members must have a front row seat when it comes to managing our aboriginal territories. The Karuk Tribe has been advocating for years to fund programs that reduce the fuels creating these devastating



Chairman Attebery with Deb Haaland (Picture taken pre-Covid)

fires, manage our forests, protect, promote and preserve our cultural and natural resources, and revitalize the indigenous knowledge, practice and belief systems of the Karuk people for generations to come.

Rain Rock Casino—Our Casino is still doing very well. Plans are being developed for a hotel and other amenities that will make Rain Rock Casino & Hotel a true destination resort. We are operating at 25% capacity, doing temperature checks, requiring masks and adhering to all of the CDC requirements. Special thanks to Mike Rose, General Manager, Brenda Sanchez, Director of Operations, the Karuk Gaming Authority, the Gaming Commission and Compliance Department and all of our Rain Rock Casino team members. After a two-month shut down they all worked together to make operational adjustments to ensure the Casino was a safe environment for our patrons and in compliance with Covid19 requirements.

Suva nik koovuda, be safe
Chairman Attebery 

Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

There are currently 3,734 Enrolled Tribal Members and 5,050 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.

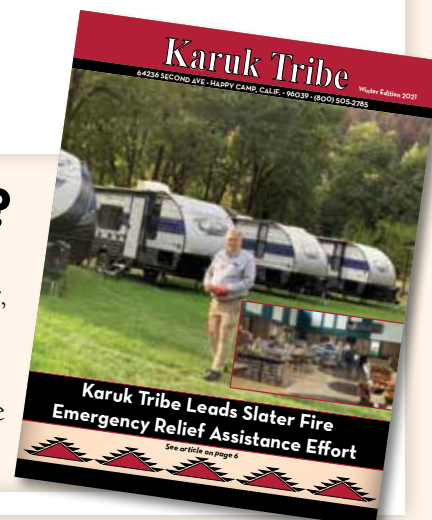
Please keep us informed of any address changes at your earliest convenience so you won't miss out on any future mailings

Please feel free to contact our office at (800) 505-2785 Ext. 2028/2039. You can also reach me by email: rattebery@karuk.us. 

Yootva,
Robert Attebery
Enrollment Officer

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)

Low Income Assistance Programs:

- Safety Net Services- This program helps low income families with food, shelter, and clothing. The applicant must reside in the service area, be a Karuk tribal member, descendant or member of any federally recognized tribe, and a low-income household.
- Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)- This program provides energy assistance to eligible tribal households with electricity, propane, wood, and minimal weatherization. The applicant must reside in the service area.
- General Assistance- This program provides low income families with food and/or clothing, shelter, burial and emergency assistance. Benefits will be adjusted depending on income received.
- Adult Care Services- Adult care assistance provides non-medical care for eligible elders. Background checks are required.
- If you've experienced a loss in income due or hardship due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for additional assistance. Contact the LIAP Coordinator for more information.

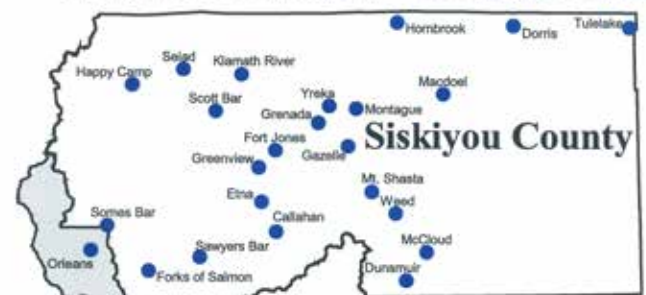
ATTENTION!!! Apply for the CARE program offered by PP&L and PG&E. This program gives you a discount on your utility bill. If you need an application please call and request the CARE application be sent to you! Let's save energy and our budgets!

For more information contact our LIAP Coordinator
Krista Reynolds

530-493-1600 Ext.2025

kreynolds@karuk.us

Karuk Tribe "Near Reservation" Service Area



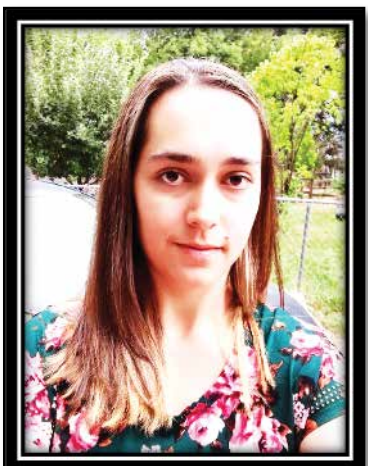
Humboldt County

Designated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Federal Register, Vol. 65, No. 95
Tuesday, May 15, 2000
Tribe: Karuk Tribe of California
"Near Reservation" locations:
"The counties of Siskiyou, northeastern
Humboldt from State Highway 96
milepost H-UM 28.61 north to the
Siskiyou County Line in the State
of California."

Total Service Area - 4,264,880 Acres



Map Created By Scott Quinn
Karuk Tribe of California
February 11, 2008
UTM Zone 18, NAD 83



Slater Fire Response

On September 8th, a catastrophic wildfire tore through the Indian Creek drainage destroying over 200 homes and burning more than 43 square miles in the first 10 hours.

In an act of true community response, the Karuk Tribe immediately began putting together resources including: the purchase of emergency temporary shelters (travel trailers) that were assigned to survivors to help reduce the risk of COVID exposure at traditional shelters as they faced sudden homelessness, an emergency food bank was established to provide food and basic life supplies to non-evacuated community members and Slater Fire survivors. Three emergency donation distribution centers were developed and staffed to meet the needs of the evacuated and non-evacuated survivors. The Karuk Tribe also worked tirelessly in the coordination and advocacy of resources for the survivors with non-profit organizations like the Red Cross, Convoy of Hope, local and regional Church Groups, VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), as well as State and FEMA partners.

In the aftermath of the fire, stories have begun to quietly emerge of humble heroes who risked all to save the core of town and the homes that remain. Stories of firemen surrounded by fire trying

to hold the line to save homes when they lost all water and were unable to escape until the fire moved around them and allowed them a chance to get out. Fearless determination that empowered water tender operators




and hand crews to keep holding strong for more than 30 hours of initial attack. Stories of a US Forest Service Law Enforcement officer evacuating homeowner's door-to-door ahead of the fire, being trapped on the front side of the fire and having to travel 4 hours around through Oregon to get back to the fire only to find that he and his mother had both lost their homes. The Karuk Tribe Fire and Heritage personnel who worked tirelessly in direct response to the Slater and Red Salmon fires. The Tribal employees that joined the Slater Fire Relief Team to provide comprehensive response services, often working extremely long hours to meet the needs of their clients in their regular job, while still overseeing huge pieces of the relief efforts.

Happy Camp is a small mountain community nestled along the Klamath River. It boasts a motto of the "Heart of the Klamath". We believe that our first responders and volunteers have hearts of heroes and we would love to acknowledge our humble heroes and thank them for their service in the time of our greatest need.

With more than 40% of its homes destroyed, Happy Camp struggles to dig its way out of the ashes. A huge Yootva to everyone who has volunteered and donated to help deliver critical services to the Slater Fire Survivors. As we move in to the long-term recovery phase please join us in our journey to recovery by volunteering when you can, donating if you're able and sending your prayers and well wishes for our community.

Please consider donating to the Slater Fire Relief efforts:

<https://cfnorthstate.org/donations/karuk-tribe-slater-fire-relief-fund/> 

Submitted by Trista Parry




Remembering Lessie Aubrey

The Karuk Tribe, Health Program, Family & Friends have lost an incredible lady. Heaven gained an amazing Angel!

We are blessed that Lessie had such passion for the Health program, that passion turned into a great Health Program for our patients and staff. Lessie nurtured it into the program it is today and it has helped so many who have come to us for care. Her motto was “Do the right thing, the right way and the right time.” Lessie gave 40 plus years to the Karuk Tribe. She’s already deeply missed by many throughout the work place and community. Once the new Happy Camp Clinic is built, we’ll ensure to honor Lessie by placing a memorable piece at the site. We hope that when people think of the Health Program that Lessie’s in their thoughts also.

Much appreciation to Lessie for teaching/mentoring anyone that wanted to learn. We thank you Lessie Aubrey from the bottom of our hearts! Rest in Peace and God Bless!

Yōotva 

Submitted by HHS CEO Rondi Johnson




Photo by Sammi Jo Goodwin

Orleans Medical Clinic

A yukii koovúra (hello all)

This year has been unique and challenging with COVID-19.

A couple highlights of events from the Orleans Clinic; in November, Melodee Conrad, Community Health Representative, put together a booklet of holiday recipes. These recipes used foods (commonly found in commodities) to make salads, main dishes and desserts. December's event was a drive through meal for Tribal Diabetic Patients; the meal included a brussels sprout and kale salad, and xuun (acorn soup) which was enjoyed by the Patients. The Orleans Medical Clinic wishes everyone a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Years.

yōotva 



A yukii (Hello)


The community has added a new community member to the area. There is a new permanent health care provider in town and she is here to stay. No more worries about who you will see at the clinic. My name is Diana Moser and I am committed to provider comprehensive and researched based health care to the community as a whole. You may remember my name as a reference to Lady Diana or Diana the Goddess of the Hunt in Greek Mythology, and Diana the Goddess of the Moon in Roman Mythology. Or simply remember me as "Patch". As you meet me you will immediately know why the reference to "Patch" of a different color every day as the masks have become a fashion statement so has my patches.

I moved here from Tampa Florida, driving across country with my cat Angel. She and I are settling in well in Orleans and are finding the area very much to our liking. The community has welcomed us with open arms, and it is very comforting and refreshing to be in a community of supportive members. I am attempting to learn the language and the culture to the best of my abilities. I am Cherokee and I may be speaking Cherokee and Karuk at the same time so be patient with me. I live quietly and respectfully,

praying that the COVID-19 pandemic comes to an end soon so that we may be able to enjoy gathering and sharing stories. I truly miss Pow Wows and Ceremonial Gatherings in celebration. Here is hoping the 2021 will bring back times of joy and ability to give hugs safely.

I have been in medicine for the past 43 years. First as a Registered Nurse for 20 years, and as an Advance Nurse Practitioner in Family Practice for the past 23 years. How time flies when you are having fun....at times any way. I have spent most of my professional life in Washington State in rural areas which prepared me well for living here in Orleans. I unfortunately became a widow in 2014, losing my husband of 24 years suddenly to cancer. I spent the last 6 years traveling to other states including California, practicing in clinics that needed my help for a short period of time. When I got the call from Karuk Medical Clinic here in Orleans, I prayed that my traveling days would be over and I could place some roots for a while.

Now that I have arrived, I look forward to meeting more of the community members and providing you all with comprehensive health care, keeping you all in a continuum of health and wellness. We the clinic staff provide a full family practice, DOT physicals, chronic and acute illness treatment and preventative services to all ages. When you see me out in the community, know that I am not ignoring you. In order to protect your identity, I must wait for you to acknowledge me before I can talk to you. I must protect you and your information. In other words, I have a book that I can never write about my experiences as a healthcare provider. I must keep all confidential for all of you. But please say "Hello" as I am very open to our conversations and getting to know you all.

Please stay safe, wear a mask at all times, wash your hands and keep up on the social distancing, as our future as a community depends on all to be vigilant. yōotva 

Submitted by Tonia Begrin

Health and Human Services

Some tips to keep your teeth and gums healthy.

- Never go to bed without brushing your teeth. Brushing your teeth at night gets rid of the germs and plaque that accumulates during the day.
- Brushing your teeth properly is just as important. Move your brush in gentle, small circular motions.
- Use a toothpaste with fluoride. Fluoride helps to harden tooth enamel and can reduce your risk of decay.
- Floss daily, flossing removes food and plaque from between the teeth and gums.
- Get regular dental checkup. Even with the best home it is possible to miss areas. Getting regular cleanings from your hygienist is the only way to remove tartar from your teeth. Seeing your dentist on a regular basis can help to identify early signs of gum disease and gingivitis.
- Replace your toothbrush with a new one every three months. 🦅



Please help us welcome two new members to the Karuk Tribe Health & Human Services Family; Ellie Williams (4 months) and Sawyer Harris(1.5months). Ellie and Sawyer have been best friends from the start as their mothers Vanessa Super, LVN II, and Danci Harris, Lead LVN II, work busily alongside each other every day. We are excited to watch these little ones grow! 🦅



Submitted by Lulu Alexander

Karuk Human Services

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Individual Counseling: Child, Youth & Adults

Medication Management & Counseling

Cultural Activities

Tele Behavioral Health



SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

Counseling: Individual & Groups

Tele behavioral Health

Social & Cultural Support

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Driving under the Influence (Happy Camp)

Batterers Intervention Program (Happy Camp)

Early Recovery Skills & Relapse Prevention

COVID-19

WE MADE SAFE ADJUSTMENTS TO CONTINUE HELPING OUR PEOPLE
VIRTUAL COUNSELING & IN PERSON, & TRANSPORTATION
ONLINE CULTURAL CLASSES TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS & INSTRUCTION
EARRINGS, BRACELETS, LANYARD, & BEAR GRASS
ONLINE WITH RON REED LEARNED CULTURAL USE OF PEPPER WOOD



PATHS TO ENTRY

Orleans
325 Asip Road
(530) 627-3452

Happy Camp
64105 Hillside Road
(530) 493-1450

Yreka
1515 So Oregon St
(530) 841-3141

Kahtishraam Wellness Center (KWC) Highlights



*Florrine Super,
Resource
Development Manager*

REWARDING ACTIVITIES happening at the Wellness Center during this COVID epidemic. I do have to say I miss the people and gatherings during the stay at home orders. KWC has come up with resourceful ways to assist our community.

The Kahtishraam Wellness Center is continually working towards KTHA mission and will promote and sustain the culture, education, language, health, welfare, self-sufficiency, and economic independence of its residents.

WELLNESS CENTER/COMPUTER CENTER—1403 Kahtishraam Wellness Center, Yreka CA. **Working from home and checking in office when needed.** Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Florrine Super 530.842.5238 office 530.598.0768 new cell number • Vivian Karamanos 530.842-5369 Office

Appointments needed to use our facility and to enter building. Computer and copier are available during this time. We are currently working on fitness center and gym use to our community and appointments will be needed for this program too.



Never miss an exciting event. Remind is a free, safe, and simple message tool that helps staff share important updates and reminders with residents and friends. Subscribe by text. All personal information is kept private. Staff will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Visit Remind.com to learn more.

KWC Text: 81010@736e4c.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Yreka High School Title VI Activities- A few of us donated our time to provide Native American YHS graduates with necklaces that were funded by Title VI funding. If you are interested in participating in any upcoming events please contact me. YHS is looking for parent's input to support the success for Native American students in the 9th through 12th grade. Jackson Street/ Evergreen also has a Title VI program and need support of parents and community members.

Covid Food Box Distribution- The tribe had another food assistance drive thru. The tribe purchased and distributed food to help keep families at home rather than shopping in stores for food. Please contact our office if you would like to know more about our food distribution times and locations.



Vivian Jordan and Arch Super first two in picture.



Left to Right: Suzie Cost, Brian Gonzalez, Ashlee King



Left to Right: Michelle O’Gorman, Florraine Super and Karen Pautz



Slater Fire Command Station-KWC was the command station for those affected by the Slater Fire. We have some great pictures of those who helped during a time of need. (Pictures 12,14)

Halloween Drive Thru- Karuk Tribe/KTHA staff and volunteers provided a great event for kids to make Halloween a fun and safe event. Of those who attend we estimated about 250 people. We had to purchase more candy as we had more than expected! Candy, program information and fun characters made this event fun for our community. Thanks to security for helping with traffic control. Department staff helped set up and distribute information and candy. (Picture 16)

Santa Visit Drive Thru-We had over 350 children, not including adults, who participated. Protein bars, gifts and masks were distributed during the event. Over 350 toys were donated by Tots for Tots. A volunteer at Toys for Tots has commended KWC saying she has only heard great things about our facility and activities. I would like to Thank Vivian Jordan who works at KWC for her energy and efforts during our Halloween and Christmas events. She makes them fun and inviting for the whole community. Yootva (Picture 22,23)

We would like to thank all those who have worked with us to keep each other safe and healthy. Thank you to all the workers and volunteer services during this time. Contact me if you have further questions or additional event information. 🦄



Senior Nutrition Program



All Elders are invited to join the Senior Nutrition Program. The qualifications for Natives are 55 years or older. Qualifications for all other community members is 60 years and over.

We make wholesome, well balanced meals approved by a registered dietitian five days a week in Happy Camp and Orleans.

The Senior Nutrition Program is currently providing home deliveries only at both sites. When the Senior Nutrition sites open again we will have lots of fun activities, Holiday parties, games, sewing, socialization, guest speakers, nutritional information, Diabetic luncheons, etc.

For the protection of our Elders due to COVID-19 we are delivering all meals to your home. The dining rooms are closed until further notice at both sites. To join our program all you need to do is call 530-493-1645 and speak with Melonie Niemi, Senior Nutrition Supervisor, about getting signed up. We look forward to hearing from you. 🏹



Heart Health

February is heart health month! The heart is the hardest working muscle of your body. It is important to keep it healthy. The best and easiest way to accomplish this is to add exercise

to your daily routine. Believe it or not your body craves exercise! A simple 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity 5 days a week can make all the difference. Go for a walk, swim in a pool, or ride a bike. 🏹

#pananúthvaay
paxuun nu'áamtiḥ
Our hearts are healthier because we are eating acorn soup.




**TAKE CARE OF
YOUR HEART**
February is American Heart Month

Karuk Child Welfare Services Program

The Karuk Child Welfare Services Program (KCWS) 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.

Furthermore, the KCWS Program sets among its highest priorities that children have permanency and stability in their living situations, continuity of family relationships, and that on-going connections to siblings, family, and the Tribal community are preserved.

In recent months we have helped families with supplies for remote learning, and helping out in the donation centers for the Slater Fire victims. If you would like more information please contact Samala Maloney, Lead Social Worker, at (530) 627-3452. 



Ayukii (Hello)!

The Karuk Tribe Child Welfare Services department is looking for eligible tribal members who would be interested in being foster care placements and that are interested in completing the application process. As we continue to work with ICWA State Court cases and Karuk Tribal Court cases we are seeing a decline in tribal homes that are eligible to care for tribal children. We are reaching out to any and all eligible, interested, Karuk Tribal members and their homes to ensure that Karuk tribal youth remain with their people and in their culture!

Who can become a foster parent?

- You can be single or married.
- You must be at least 18 years of age
- You may own or rent your home
- You do not need to have children of your own
- You must be self-supporting
- You must pass a criminal background check

The most important qualities considered in the selection of foster parents are:

- The desire to love and parent a child
- The ability to nurture
- An understanding of children
- Patience, Flexibility
- The ability to provide a safe and stable home.

Any Questions? Please feel free to contact the following individuals:

Samala Maloney, MSW, KCWS Orleans Social Worker at (530) 627-3452 Ext. 3211

Tanya Busby, KCWS Administrative Assistant at (530) 841-3141 Ext. 6312

Frankie K. Snider, BASW, KCWS Yreka/Happy Camp Social Worker at (530) 598-6717 OR (530) 841-3141 Ext. 6311



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.

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



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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-19 Response

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority continues to observe precautions and restrictions to protect our communities from the threat of the Coronavirus (Covid-19). All KTHA offices and facilities remain closed to the public, with staff working staggered schedules, and remotely, to accomplish their tasks. All of our employees continue to be 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 KTHA 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 (health and safety items), as well as postponing all annual inspections, until further notice. Continue to contact your Tenant Relations Officer if you have a maintenance request, if you have an after-hours emergency, that is not life threatening, contact the Security Officer for your community via cell phone as follows: Yreka, Charles Sarmiento (530) 598-9880; Happy Camp/Orleans, Randy White (530) 643-1415.

Orleans: HUD Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant to fund the New Construction of eight (8) two-bedroom, single family units. This project will take place following KTHA's upcoming installation of infrastructure to support these units on what was previously the Pines RV Park in Orleans, near the elementary school.



Orleans New Housing Development



Two Bedroom Unit Front Elevation

All Three Communities: HUD Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Grant to fund one full time Coordinator who will link current KTHA residents with supportive services that will enable them to make progress



New Grants Submitted

Since the last Newsletter, KTHA has submitted two more grant applications for additional funds as follows:

towards economic self-sufficiency for their household by obtaining and maintaining financial, housing, personal, and family stability through economic independence. KTHA has titled this program: **tii núu pipshárvrik íim (Let Us Help You)**. A survey of existing tenants resulted in the top three areas of need/interest being: Employment, Financial Literacy, and Education. Some examples of services this position would provide based on that survey include: obtaining a GED, obtaining higher education, gaining skills to become employed, improving their current employment status, and financial literacy education like budgeting and preparing for homeownership.

All KTHA Elder Units: KTHA has partnered with the Tribe to submit a Department of Energy Grant in February 2021 that will allow KTHA to install solar systems, with battery backups, on the Elder units in all three communities and the Happy Camp and Yreka Wellness Center. These systems will serve as emergency power backup units with uninterrupted power to those units as well!

Pending Awarded Grants

We continue to await the receipt of grants from both the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation and California Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs so our pending projects can get underway. The grant application included:

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.

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.

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KARUK TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY



Ayukii (Hello),
Although all KTHA offices remain closed to the public, our employees are available by phone or email. To reach an employee during office hours, please call their office number and leave a voicemail with your full name and phone number.
You may access a Directory of all KTHA Staff here: [Full KTHA Employee Directory](#)
If you are a tenant and require assistance during office hours, please contact your Tenant Relations Officer, if it is after office hours, please contact your local Security Officer.
Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home.
Yootva (Thank You), Sara Spence, Executive Director, KTHA

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.

Board of Commissioners

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority recently welcomed back previous Board Member, Charlene Naef, to represent the Orleans District on the Board. The current Board of Commissioners are: Robert Super (Yreka), Dolores Voyles (Happy Camp), Arch Super (Yreka), Sherile Grant (Yreka), Joseph Waddell (Happy Camp), Deborah Whitman (Yreka), and Charlene Naef (Orleans).

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 2020 to ensure proper social distancing for the protection of our communities, tenants, and staff. 🏹

KTHA EMPLOYEE DIRECTORY

NAME	TITLE	Office Location	Phone Number	Extension	EMAIL
Allec Rod	Force Account Crew Lead	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3112	rallec@karuk.us
Attebery Leonard	Landscape/Maintenance Engineer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3103	lattebery@karuk.us
Bailey Gary	Custodian	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3103	gbailey@karuk.us
Bain Ruth	Clerical Assistant/Purchasing Clerk	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3100	rbain@karuk.us
Burcell Dan	Maintenance Engineer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3103	dburcell@karuk.us
Eastlick Charles	Force Account Crew Member II	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3112	ceastlick@karuk.us
Frederick Muriel	Fiscal Clerk (Accounts Payable/AR)	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3101	mfrederick@karuk.us
Gonzalez Gus	Chief Finance Officer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3107	ggonzalez@karuk.us
Goodwin Doug	Construction Manager	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3112	dgoodwin2@karuk.us
Goodwin Elsa	Tenant Relations Officer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3104	egoodwin@karuk.us
Goodwin Jeannie	Fiscal Clerk (Payroll/Billing)	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3106	jgoodwin@karuk.us
Marsh Patches	Admissions/Loan Specialist	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3108	pmarsh@karuk.us
Spence Sara	Executive Director	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3117	sspence@karuk.us
Supahan Adia	Executive Assistant	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3110	asupahan@karuk.us
White Randy	Security & Emergency Services Officer	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3113	rwhite@karuk.us
Willson Preston	Maintenance Supervisor	Happy Camp	(530) 493-1414	3103	pwillson@karuk.us
Mitchell Kris	Landscape/Maintenance Engineer	Orleans	(530) 627-3805	3401	kmitchell@karuk.us
Peterson Grant	Maintenance Engineer	Orleans	(530) 627-3805	3401	ghpeter@karuk.us
Albers Phil	Landscape/Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7205	philalbers@karuk.us
Bailey Cameron	Maintenance Engineer (Tax Credit)	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7205	cbailey@karuk.us
Cost Suzie	Receptionist/Administrative Clerk	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7000	scost@karuk.us
Escobar Ann	Assistant Director/Operations Manager	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7001	aescobar@karuk.us
Gonzalez Brian	Maintenance Supervisor	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7205	bgonzalez@karuk.us
Jordan Vivian	Tutor	Yreka	(530) 842-5369	7200	vjordan@karuk.us
King Ashlee	Tenant Relations Officer (Tax Credit)	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7003	aking@karuk.us
Peters Kevin	Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7205	kpeters@karuk.us
Sarmiento Charles	Security & Emergency Services Officer	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7201	csarmiento@karuk.us
Sorter Vickie	Maintenance Engineer	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7205	vsorter@karuk.us
Super Florrine	Resource Development Manager	Yreka	(530) 842-5238	7200	florrinesuper@karuk.us
Thom Rita	Tenant Relations Officer	Yreka	(530) 842-1644	7012	rthom@karuk.us
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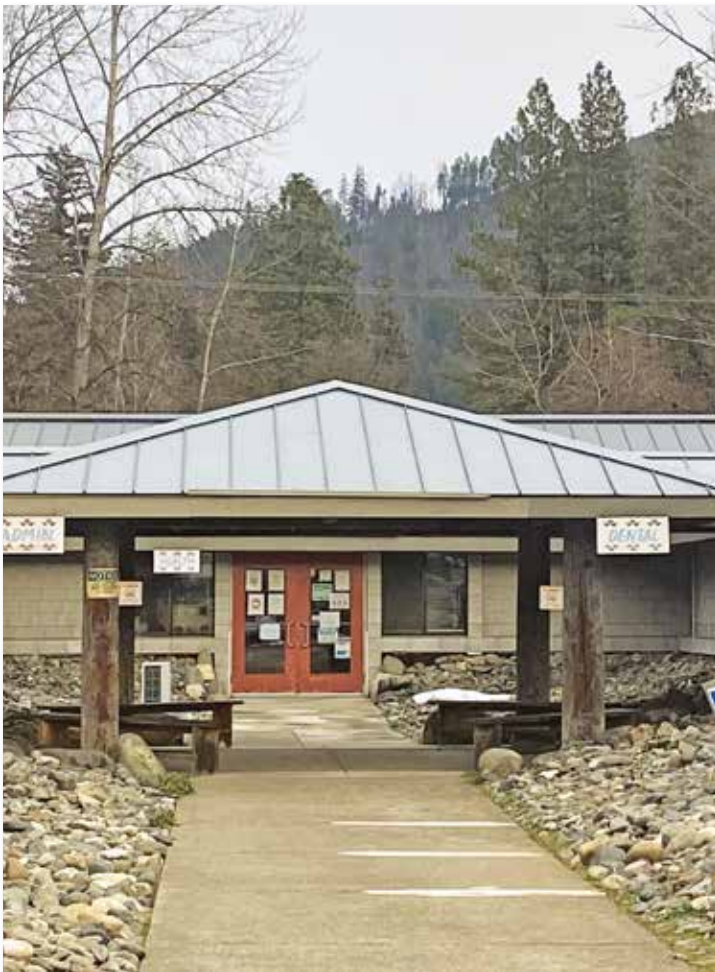
When coming to the medical and dental clinics you will be asked to follow some simple COVID protocols. We ask that everyone older than 2 years old wear a face covering while in the buildings. Arrive to your scheduled appointment 15 minutes early and call from your vehicle. A screener will ask you to come to the door to have your temperature taken and ask you some questions. You will be asked to wait in your vehicle or the lobby depending on clinic volume. All patient care areas and patient waiting areas are thoroughly cleansed between use. All staff members are screening every morning and practice good hand hygiene routinely. Staff members will also be wearing face coverings for further protection. Your health and safety is our highest priority. 🏹



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

naa níktuyship pananíitk.
My hand is clean.

mítiik pákxuuyvi.
Wash your hands.



K-12 Education River Storyteller-Ishkeesh Pikvahaan



The Karuk Education Department used CARES funding to purchase a bookmobile (pictured above). We intend to travel the span of our service area along HWY 96. Providing free books, supplemental educational materials, and the ability to use internet when at a location. We do not know the outcome of this pandemic and can only hope things will clear soon. In the meantime, the Ed. Dept. along with Childcare (TERO) Dept. will provide resources to our families!

With this partnership, both programs can use the bookmobile as a safe, controlled, COVID free environment allowing for home visits, intakes, college application assistance, resume building assistance, Vocational assistance and job searches. Thinking long term, the bookmobile can be used for Math and Science Camps, continuing educational resource opportunities such as mini workshops, storytelling groups, and much more. This is a great opportunity to look beyond traditional education, as education on wheels, providing resources to families quickly. 🏹

Submitted by Alma Bickford

*Dion Wood, Childcare/TERO Director
with Alma Bickford, Education Director*



Ishkeesh pikvahaan will be in each community monthly!
A calendar will be posted to the Karuk Education website with dates and times at www.karukeducation.us

Want to know what is going on in the Education Department?
Follow us on the Karuk Tribes Facebook page as we post updates frequently!



Holiday STEM

As our first activity with River Storyteller, we provided STEM kits and FREE books to students along the river! See pictures below of our future Scientists!! (All pictures are submitted by students at home.)



John Herrington, NASA Astronaut, Chickasaw Nation was the first Native American to go to and walk in space and was part of the 16th shuttle mission to the International Space Station in 2002.



Susan La Flesche Picotte, Physician, Omaha Nation was the first Native American to earn a medical degree. She studies at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, graduating first in her class in 1889. She returned home, going on to treat thousands of people. She also is known for helping build the first private hospital on a Native American Reservation!



Message from the Director



Ayukii Students & Families, if there is one thing I can say about 2020 is that we made it! It was not easy but we are here and I am proud of our perseverance!

HIGH School SENIORS--- it's that time of year to start considering your Higher Education! Please reach out if you are needing help to achieve educational journey!

Graduating Students--- Honoring your efforts and achievements is our priority! This year the Education Department will be honoring 8th grade graduates with a Necklace! We will continue to honor our High School Seniors and College Graduates with sashes.

Parents/Guardians--- Yootva, for your continued support of our program and understanding as we and our communities adjusted to COVID-19 and the Slater Fire. Yootva, for learning to juggle working from home & providing a distant learning environment during the most unusual of circumstances.

Pictured Students: 1. Luzi Albers, Morek O'Rourke & Ihaan Albers. 2. Naomi Spence. 3. Emma Bousfield 4. Presley Bryant-Bickford. 5. Violet King 6. Lance McAbier. 7. Chole King 8. Bristol Bickford. 9. Kingston Grenvik, Knight & Bishop Ambirs 10. Emma Martinez-Sanchez 11. Knight Ambris 12. Kingston Grenvik 13. Patti Whitman





Graduation Necklace/Stole Order Form

The Education Department is proud to announce we will be recognizing 8th grade graduates with a necklace.

The Education Department will continue to recognize graduating High School Seniors and College Students with stoles.

Karuk Graduation Necklace/ Stole Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an enrolled Karuk Member or an enrolled Descendant
- Must be graduating from 8th or 12th grade.
- Must be graduating from a Higher Education Program such as AA, BA, Graduate OR Trade

Graduate's Name: _____

Circle one: 8th Grade High School Higher Education

Graduate's School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

****All stoles will be in total 60-63 inches in length including bead work. Please note we are doing things different this year & the colors will be a mixture of black, red& white.**

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

- **Attach copy of student Tribal ID is required**

DEADLINE: April 30, 2021

Email to abickford@karuk.us or mail to:
Graduation Request
C/O Karuk Tribe Education Department
PO Box 1016
Happy Camp, CA 96039

Department of Transportation

Ayukii,
The Karuk Department of Transportation completed the Jacobs Way Parking Lot project in Happy Camp in October 2020. We constructed an 11-space paved parking lot with solar lighting to provide safe parking for the Wellness Center/gym (see photos).

concerns-and-service-request for Siskiyou County routes. These requests are tracked, and should produce fairly quick results. If not, please let me know and I will follow up on it for you. I can be reached at mrickwalt@karuk.us or 530-627-3016. Yootva and, as always, safe travels!



Misty D. Rickwalt
Karuk Tribe Transportation Director
(530) 627-3016 mrickwalt@karuk.us



After many years, we were finally successful in collaborating with the Siskiyou County Public Works Department to implement badly needed improvements on Campbell Avenue in Yreka (a County-owned and maintained road). These improvements are temporary until we can completely repave/chip-seal that stretch of road, but it's much better than it was before and I'm grateful for all the hard work our DOT crew devoted to getting that job done. Yootva!

I hope you are all staying well during these interesting and difficult times. As always, please utilize our fillable form for reporting tribal road maintenance needs – you can find it on the Karuk website under Departments/Transportation, at <http://www.karuk.us/index.php/departments/transportation>. Additionally, if you know of any areas on a State Route that need better maintenance or something in particular repaired, please visit <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/> to fill out a Caltrans Customer Service Request. For County routes, please go online to <https://humboldt.gov/FormCenter/Public-Works-12/Request-for-Service-on-County-Maintained-106> for Humboldt routes, and to <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publicworks/webform/road->



Introducing . . .




Darrel Aubrey

Ayukii koovúra,
Naníthvuy uum Darrel Aubrey. I started working for our Tribe as the Self-Governance Director in September 2020. Part of my job is to oversee and coordinate the Self-Governance Compacts between the Tribe and the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Indian Health Service (an Agency within the Department of Health and Human Services) to ensure that the Compact obligations of the Tribe are met. I work very closely with Tribal Council and General Counsel on any issues that impact and/or affect Tribal Sovereignty, Tribal Self-Governance, or Tribal Resources. Prior to starting this position, I was the Tribe's part-time Law Clerk while finishing up my Juris Doctor (Law Degree).

Recently, in addition to my daily tasks, I've assisted in the drafting and submission process of the "Calling for the Advancement of Meaningful Tribal Co-Management of Federal Lands" resolution. This resolution passed and can be found on the National Congress of American Indian's (NCAI) website, <https://www.ncai.org/resolutions/2020-annual>. NCAI's advocacy work is guided by these resolutions to influence policy affecting tribal governments or communities. I have also been working closely with the Pacific Fire Attorneys in representing our Tribe in relation to the Slater Fire, which ignited on September 8, 2020. The Pacific Fire Attorneys have been actively investigating the circumstances surrounding the source of the Slater Fire and will be prosecuting the case on behalf of our Tribe.

As we move into the new year, I look forward to working with all of the agencies and protecting our Tribal Resources. There is much to be learned, worked on, and advocated for on our Tribe's behalf. I hope to serve our people well.

Yóotva 

Head Start

Ayukîi from Karuk Tribal Head Start.

Our Program has gotten off to a brave new start. Our Head Start Director, Tamara Alexander, accompanied by a tremendous effort from staff has been working day and night to see that Karuk Tribal Head Start Centers will all be open in-person and safe for our children.

2020 has brought so much change with Covid19 and the Slater Butte Fire that our staff can not begin to express how very fortunate we are to have the Karuk Tribal Head Start family along with the other entities in the Karuk Tribe to build and rebuild together in harmony.

Our students have enjoyed learning both in-person, and at home due to Covid19 guidelines. Following the Karuk Tribe's Head Start Re-opening plan which includes following both Karuk Tribe and CDC Guidelines we have returned to in-person classes at all Karuk Head Start sites. We have three classrooms, one in Happy Camp the peeshkêesh class, two in Yreka the xuntápan, and yuxtháran class. Each class has a káruk name. The xuntápan class is for the tan oak acorns which nourishes the people. The yuxtháran class is for the abalone that reminds us of our inner beauty.

The peeshkêesh class is for the mighty Klamath river that connects us all.

As we make sense of our situation, we at the Head Start program are reminded of our family's continuous strength. Our wonderful staff has been highlighted by the work that each family contributes to building their student's passion for lifelong learning through early childhood education.

Our featured students are from all three classrooms, peeshkêesh, xuntápan, and yuxtháran are doing their best work and are excited to share them with this season's Tribal Newsletter.

We are currently flying the position of Karuk Head Start Education and Disabilities Specialist, please go look at www.karuk.us- Employment Opportunities if you are interested in the position.

We currently have a few slots open in Happy Camp and Yreka. To contact the Happy Camp Head Start please call (530) 493-1490, to contact the Yreka Head Start or to get in touch with the Director please call (530) 842-9225.

yôotva! 🏹



Obituaries



Ella Jane Benedict

March 13, 1934 to June 4, 2020


Ella began her life at Dr. Silks office in Orleans, CA, to David Henery Drake and Lonnie (Snapp) Drake. She was raised in Somes Bar near the Salmon River. She graduated from Junction Elementary School in Somes Bar, moved to Los Angeles with sisters, and attended Belmont High School. She began her X Ray technician career at an early age. She worked for many doctors in Los Angeles. She moved to Hoopa in the 1980's and worked at the old hospital which became K'ima:w Medical Center. She loved camping and panning for gold on the Salmon River. She loved her horses and gardening.

Ella was preceded in death by her children John, Tamara, and Sharon Benedict, her mother Lonnie (Snapp) Drake, her father David Henery Drake, sisters Helen (Drake) Beck and Ethel (Drake) Halla.

Ella leaves behind her sisters Zona (Drake) Ferris, Betty (Drake) Bacock, Shirley (Drake) Bates, Beverly Drake (Doyle Bradshaw), and brother David Hiram Drake, The High Plains Drifter. She is survived by her sons Paul, Jr., Chris (Vicky Benedict), and Mark (Ruth Alvarez Benedict). Grandchildren Mark, Jr., Ariana, Allaya, and Cole Benedict. Great-Grandchildren Brittany and Brenner Benedict.

Ella had a heart of gold taking in the underprivileged and homeless, and stray dogs and cats. You never knew who would be dining at her kitchen table.

We would like to thank the K'ima:w medical staff and our Hupa and Karuk tribes for their kindness. Special thanks to Millie Grant, Wendy "Poppy" George-Ferris, Josh Saxon, Chelsey Preston, and Robert Attebery. Also, the Siskiyou Springs Senior Living Community in Yreka.

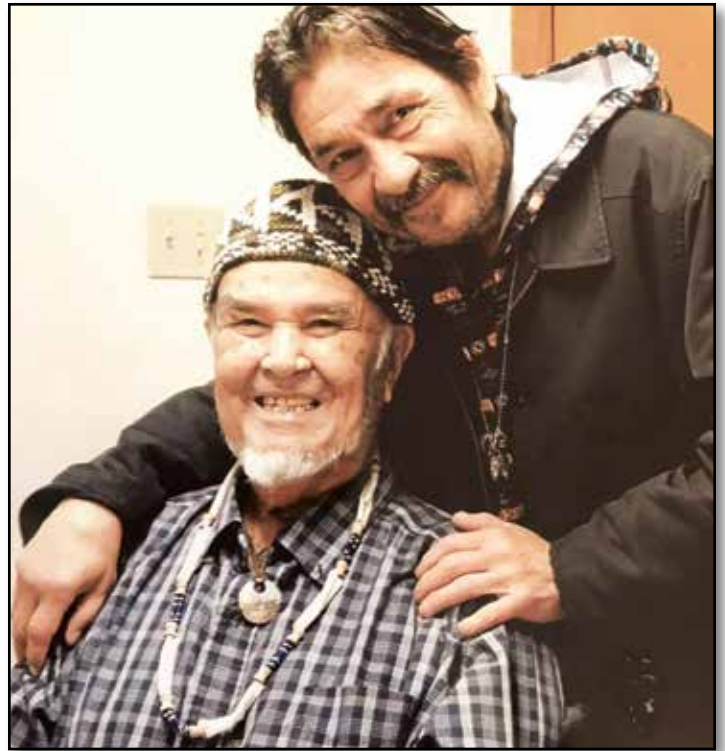
The six letter word, cancer, came back to knock on her door, and pretty much stayed. Rest in peace, Ella. A celebration of life will be held at a later date, to be announced. 

Jason “Jaybird” Leon Lang June 18, 1954—October 17, 2020

Jason “Jaybird” Leon Lang of Orleans California, member of the Karuk Tribe and friend and family to many, peacefully passed away at his home of natural causes. He leaves behind an only daughter, Naomi Lang Strong, of Gilbert, Arizona, his brothers, Julian Lang (Lyn Risling) and Jerome Lang, and sister, Jeanna Rose Lang (Reggie Faber), as well as his aunt and uncle Merlin and Janice Tripp. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Leona “Billy” Tripp and Julius Francis Lang, and his adopted mother, Betty Jean “Bipsho” Tripp, his uncle Conrad Showers, aunt Gifford “Smokey” (Tripp) Dagleish, his grandmother, Elizabeth (Conrad) Johnson, grandfather Walter Tripp, and great grandparents Bessie and William Pop Tripp and great aunt Ramona Starritt. He leaves behind nephews Jubilee (Jube) Lang and his family in Sydney, Australia and Demetrius (Demis) Van Fleet and his family from Anchorage, Alaska, niece LaVien Rose Lang of Eureka, grand nieces and nephews, and many cousins and friends.

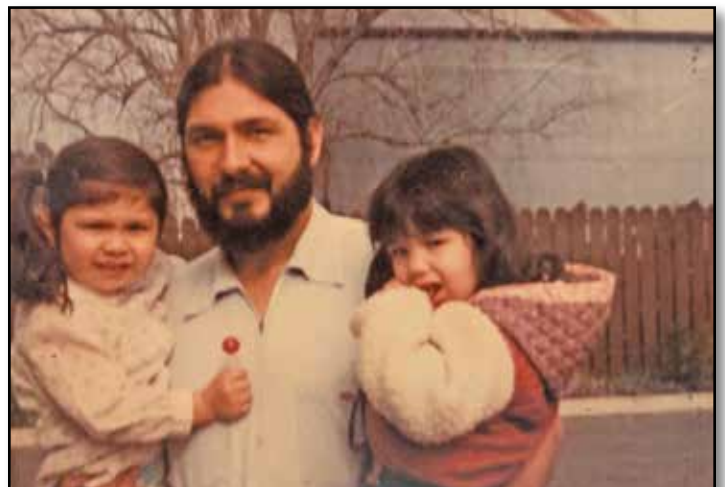
Jason’s health had been failing recently and his passing was not unexpected but he still leaves a hole in the heart of many. He was a fixture in Orleans walking along with his cane, or cruising along with his long time pardner and cousin Brian Tripp and crew. Jason’s home was always immaculately cleaned, and most often full of raucous laughter. His early years were spent with family around the Humboldt Bay. Rambunctious, uncontrollable at time, Jason had many friends. His great pride was his held for his daughter, Naomi Lang Strong, who became a U.S. National Ice Dance champion in the 1990s and represented the U.S. in the Olympics help in Salt Lake City. He moved to and lived in Santa Rosa for many years where he attended the Santa Rosa Junior College and held down a number of jobs and had many adventures, even got married for a few years. He left Santa Rosa after the passing of the only mother he ever knew, his biological mother’s sister “Bip”. He returned to the Eureka area. Eventually he returned to the Klamath River, first living in Happy Camp and finally settled in Orleans.

He was proud to be a member of the Karuk Tribe. Many of his friends were actually cousins and other relatives. He lived in the Elder’s Housing section in Orleans. Only 66 years old Jason has a number of “near calls” in recent years which slowed him down a bit. The recent forest fires in the region and accompanying incessant smoke affected as well.



Nevertheless, he wanted to return home as soon as he was able after taking respite stays on the coast away from smoke. His cousin Brian Tripp lived across the street. His brother Jerome’s house was behind him with his uncle Merlin’s house living next door to Jerome. Jaybird’s passing has left us all with many wild and heartfelt memories. We will be talking about him and his exploits for years to come.

During this Covid-19 era, public funerals are a near impossibility. Jason’s family is planning for a memorial to bring together friends and family so that we can eat, sing, share and commune together. His family appreciates all the words and prayers being sent our way. Thanks to Paul’s Chapel, the Karuk Tribe and Karuk Tribal Housing for assisting us at this time. **Yōotva.** And to Jason we say: **chimi kuyāapkuhi tīpah**, good-bye brother! 🏹



Barbara Laura Pearson (Beck)

Barbara Laura Pearson (Beck), Nanny, as she was affectionately known, lost a hard-fought battle with cancer, and passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and loved ones, on December 29, 2019.

Barbara was born in Orleans, California on October 23, 1930 to Henry and Lottie Beck, and was the third of six children. A life-long member of the Karuk Tribe, Barbara grew up and attended school in Orleans and graduated from Hoopa High School in 1948. Shortly thereafter she met Eric “Bill” Pearson Jr., little did they know their love would be one for the ages, a friendship and partnership to last a lifetime - the BP’s. Bill and Barbara were married in 1951 and would share 64 wonderful years of marriage. They built a house on “Fiddlers Green” in Orleans and remained there until 195X when they moved to Weitchpec to start a family and learn the family business as the merchants of Pearson’s Grocery. Through the store they were known to many as pillars of the community - building relationships of love and respect built on generosity and friendship. They worked side by side at the store for many, many years happily building the business and raising their family. Even though she became a mother Barbara didn’t take a break from the business, slowing down wasn’t in her nature. Barbara possessed strength and vitality that was admired by many who knew her, she was always willing to do whatever was necessary to make life work, if there were jobs to be done, or situations that needed special attention, whether it be family, house repairs or store business, you can bet she’d see it through. The quintessential matriarch, she taught us the value of hard work and dedication, loyalty and family, joy and love, devotion and sacrifice.

A wonderful baker, gardener, chef and entertainer – she, and Bill, were gracious hosts to many lively get-togethers and feasts at the house on the hill in Weitchpec. Her many amazing qualities and talents were lavished onto her family and she remained steadfast in her devotion with her last breath. Nothing was more important, and there wasn’t anything she wouldn’t do for them, she loved and cared for them with everything she had. One of her favorite things to do for them was make the holidays and birthdays special and festive - not a holiday or special event went by that she wasn’t cooking, decorating, or bringing the family together to celebrate. Never far from each other’s side, Bill was beside her through it all,

devoted to each other, they were happiest together providing and caring for their loved ones and friends, and caretaking the store. In their golden years they were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor, traveling to Hawaii, Tennessee, New Orleans, and Reno and taking the RV to the races at Nascar. When Bill passed away in 2016, a piece of Barbara went with him, we take comfort knowing they are together again, whole once more. An undeniably strong woman with a big heart, Nanny was a one-of-a-kind, full of sugar and spice dynamo, she leaves behind a beautiful legacy of strength, determination, love and the importance of family.

She is preceded in death by her parents Henry and Lottie Beck, husband Eric “Bill” Pearson Jr and her son Eric “Winks” Pearson III. Brothers Oren, Walt and Henry Beck and nephew Henry “Doomie” Beck. She is survived by her brother Ranold Beck and sister Elsie Gillespie, daughter Karen “Chick” Pearson and son Ranold “Ted” Pearson Sr. Grandchildren: Tonya and Laura Pearson and Casey O’Neill (Delbert Sr.), Heather Campbell (Bob Jr.), and Raonld Pearson Jr. Great Grand Children: Sonia Franzi, Erica, Lee and Alex Ammon, Cory, Delbert Jr, Delvin, and Dewayne O’Neill, Bobby, Tristin, Lane and Scarlett Campbell, and Leroy Person. Great-Great Grandchildren: Aeriana Cosce, Ida, Maizy and Hazel Myers, Angel and Jackson Gabriel, and Macario Ammon, beloved family Barbara and Michael Beck, Kristen King and Valerie Tuey, and special friends: Delores Blanc, Barbara Ferris, Nancy and Paul Ayers, and Terri Jones. 🏹



Katherine Gale Wallace

Katherine (Kathy) Gale Wallace passed away peacefully at her home in Fairfield, CA on October 2, 2020 at the age of 73. She was predeceased by her father David Risling Jr. and paternal grandparents, David W. Risling and Geneva Mary Orcutt Risling, maternal grandparents Katherine R. McGowan and Donovan John Phelps. Kathy is survived by her mother Barbara P. Risling, loving husband, Edward Wallace, children, Melissa Strickland Morales (and Allan Morales), Robert Wallace (and Carolina Wallace), grandchildren, Anthony Strickland, Kayla Strickland, Joshua Morales, Elizabeth Morales and Hadeja Rush, sisters Peg Murray and Lyn Risling, brother Ken Risling, as well as many nephews and nieces.

Kathy was born on March 16, 1947 in San Luis Obispo, California, when her father was finishing college. Kathy was an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and a Karuk and Yurok tribal descendent. As a child Kathy gathered basketry materials with her grandmother and had several teachers, especially her aunt Vivien Hailstone, who influenced her interest in the traditional art of basket weaving of her ancestors.

Kathy dedicated her adult life learning, teaching, and preserving traditional arts, especially the basketry traditions of her tribal peoples. She became well known as a basket weaver, educator, and community activist in helping to revive the art of basket weaving throughout California. She was a founding member of the California Indian Basket Weavers Association. She taught for over 20 years, including many workshops on traditional basket gathering and weaving techniques. She helped educate forest service personnel and other state and federal agencies about traditional gathering practices and detrimental effects of pesticides in traditional gathering areas throughout California. She taught classes in Native American Studies, including basket weaving at San Francisco State University for the last several years of her life. While there she also worked, through the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, to have cultural and grave items held by the university, returned to tribal communities

Kathy touched and influenced the lives of many friends, students and family members, in so many positive ways. She was a shining star to many as she shared her loving heart and



(Photo by Hulleah Tsinijinne)

creative and strong spirit with the world. She will be missed, but we will see her continue to shine above us and in our hearts.

Due to Covid-19, there will be no service at this time. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Kathy's ashes will be buried in the Hoopa Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish to send a small donation for the family, please send to: Edward Wallace at 3433 Norwalk Pl, Fairfield, CA 94534. 🏹



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