

# Karuk Tribe of California



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**Tribal Enrollment Is Currently At 3,475 Enrolled Members**

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### Karuk Tribe of California 2006 Election Results!

The Karuk Tribe of California held their annual Tribal election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 for the positions of Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Both of these positions are for four year terms, ending 2010.

The candidates for the position of Vice Chairman were Incumbent, Leaf Hillman of Orleans, Babbie Peterson of Orleans, Corina Alexander of Yreka, and Robert Super of Yreka. The candidates for the position of Treasurer were Incumbent, Leon Hillman of Happy Camp, Hermanett Albers of Yreka, and Charron Sonny Davis of Yreka.

Voters cast their ballots either by absentee or at one of the three polling locations located in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans. There were a total of 339 valid ballots counted in the election. The following numbers are the official results pending any disputes that may be filed by a candidate.



*Vice Chairman Elect  
Leaf Hillman*

#### Vice Chairman

Leaf Hillman	145
Babbie Peterson	98
Corina Alexander	48
Robert Super	46



*Treasurer Elect  
Leon Hillman*

#### Treasurer

Leon Hillman	152
Hermanett Albers	93
Charron Sonny Davis	90

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*Congratulations to the newly elected Council Members!*

## Robert Hugh Grant, Sr.

*Arch Super, Tribal Chairman*

We were saddened to hear the passing of our Tribal Council Member, Robert Grant Sr. on August 31, 2006. He had worked his Member at Large Council position up to the last day that he was able to endure his strength. He was proud to be the Tribal leader that his family, friends and relatives voted him to be. The Tribal Council expresses their respect and honor to Robert Grant, Sr.

Robert is the son of the late William Hugh Grant and the late Dorothy May (Albers) Super. He was born in July 1944. He was born and raised in Siskiyou County, his entire life.

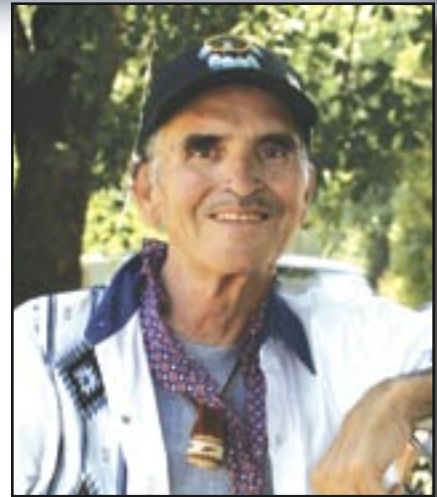
Robert was an avid bowler. He enjoyed very much being part of his children and grandchildren's participation in sports and Tribal/cultural activities. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and attending cultural ceremonies with his wife and family. He was also a great drum maker.

Robert is survived by his wife Judy (Super) Grant of Yreka; two sons and spouses, Robert Jr. and Linda., Rodney and Michelle; and son Richard, all of Yreka; two daughters, Roxanne of Yreka and Roberta of Medford, Oregon; brothers, Hugh Grant, Albert Oakhurst, Clinton Super and Earl "Sam" Super; in-laws Peter and Nancy Super, Eugene and Lorelei Super, Elberta (Super) and Anthony Jerry, Nellie (Super) and Calvin Laffoon, and Patricia Super. He leaves grandchildren and great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins and other relatives.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents Hugh William Grant and Mae (George) Grant; and Herman Henry Albers and Grace (Jerry) Albers.

Services were held at Girdner's Funeral Chapel in Yreka. Robert was laid to rest with his mother Dorothy May Super and step-father Earl Super in the Family Fort Jones Indian Cemetery.

We, Arch and Florraine Super, will miss our uncle very much. The Tribal Council sends our deepest condolences to Robert's wife and children. He will always be remembered in our thoughts and hearts.



*Former Council Member  
Robert Hugh Grant, Sr.*

## Chairman Arch Super Meets With California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Chairman Arch Super meets with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, along with 25 other Tribal leaders to discuss wishes and concerns for gaming compacts. Governor Schwarzenegger seemed to listen and asked questions of the Tribes. Many of the Tribes have similar issues and also many different issues because of location of Tribal lands, reservations and trust land. The Tribes hope to meet with the governor on a regular basis, so that he knows the challenges non-gaming Tribes face.



# Paul "Bud" & Arlene Titus Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



1946



2006

*Bud Titus and Arlene (Cook) were married in Medford, Oregon, July 13, 1946. Bud always worked in the timber industry, mostly as a faller. They have had six children, twenty-two grandchildren, over thirty great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.*

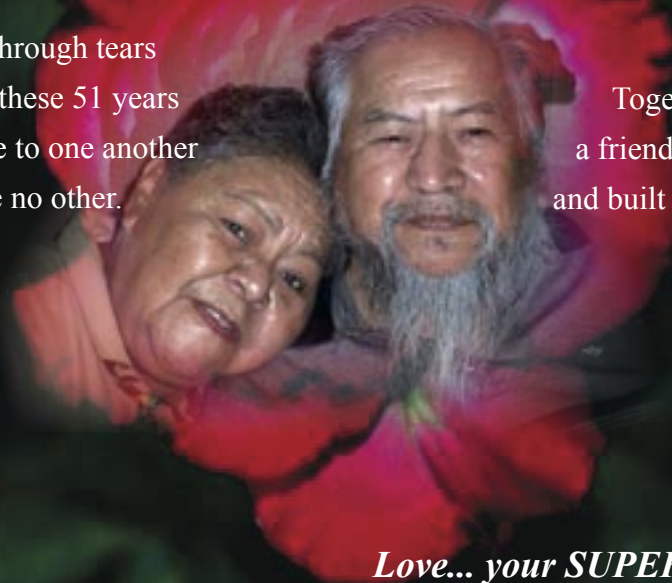


# Happy Anniversary! Pete & Nancy Super

*Submitted by Elizabeth Super*

Through joy and through tears they've remained these 51 years a precious treasure to one another sharing a love like no other.

Together they have found a friendship, raised a family, and built a beautiful marriage.



*Love... your SUPER Family!*

## Notes from the Secretary:

*Florraine Super, Council Secretary*

Ayukii, Yootva for taking the time to read my article. I have now served three years as your secretary. How the time has flown by. I hope I have accomplished my goals by reaching the membership and offering communications on what your council, staff, and tribal committees have been doing to serve you and/or other members. I value your input and welcome suggestions on upcoming newsletters, website, events, or tribal programs.

***It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child*** -- The Karuk Tribe has been working in partnership with individuals, families, groups and organizations. Our job is to develop and promote community resources that nurture healthy children, healthy families and healthy communities. To do this, we are active in obtaining Title IV-E (which sets forth standards for federal payments for foster care and adoption assistance), Recruiting Foster Families, and Sponsoring Youth Leadership Conferences.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY QUARTERLY REPORT

#### **Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICW):**

The Karuk Tribe's ICW Committee Mission is *to preserve, protect and strengthen the children and families of the Karuk Tribe through an efficient and effective service system that empowers individuals, families, and communities.*

I wanted to share part of our Children's Code to show we do have a plan and guidelines when we or the county removes a child from their home. Section 1- B of our Children's Code shows the guidelines our ICW workers follow when placing a child.

#### **KARUK TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA - CHILDREN'S CODE**

##### **SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND PLACEMENT PREFERENCES**

###### **B. Tribal Placement Preferences**

In the event a child falling under the Tribal Court's jurisdiction is placed outside the child's home and such placement can secure the best care, guidance, and control for the child, the Tribe hereby establishes the following placement preferences, in the order of preference:

- (1) *A member of the child's extended family, according to tribal laws, customs and traditions.*
- (2) *Another member of the child's Tribe.*
- (3) *Another Indian family.*
- (4) *An institution for children approved by the Tribe or operated by an Indian organization that has a program suitable to meet the child's needs.*
- (5) *A non-Indian foster home located on or near Tribal lands and licensed or approved by the Tribe.*
- (6) *A non-Indian foster home located off Tribal lands and licensed or approved by the Tribe.*

*Within each placement preference category, preference shall be given to a placement on or near Tribal lands. The Tribal Court shall apply these placement preferences in all proceedings pursuant to this Code and no deviation from these preferences shall be made without a finding of good cause.*

While we try to keep children with their parents, we also try to keep them with family members if possible. If you would like to see our Children's Code you can contact our Court Administrator.

#### **Karuk Tribe Foster Home:**

I did some research on the internet and found some useful information. The children who come into your home will present both challenges and opportunities. The challenge is parenting children who have begun their lives under difficult circumstances. But the opportunity is that they are children for whom the love and care of adults can make a huge difference.



*Florraine Super*



Foster parenting is about changing lives one child at a time. It is about believing and investing in the future. We hope you will consider making that investment.

**You can expect many rewards such as:** *The chance to help children feel good about themselves, challenging experiences, the chance to learn and use special knowledge and skills, making a difference in a child's life, and the satisfaction in doing a meaningful and exceptional job--protecting children from harm.*



#### **Dispelling some myths:**

*There are many myths about what it takes to qualify to be a foster parent. The truth is, you can be single or married, you don't have to own your own home, you don't have to make a lot of money, and there is financial and other assistance available for foster care. ([http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/foster-parents/be\\_FosterIntro.asp](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/foster-parents/be_FosterIntro.asp))*

Part of the ICW Committee's responsibility is to start and oversee our own Karuk Tribe Foster Home and oversee foster parents who offer their home to Tribal children.

If you would like to offer your home and family and become a foster family, please contact our Karuk Social Services Department. To apply, you need to complete and submit a foster family application and submit to a background check. A home evaluation will be completed by our social service department.

Check out our webpage regarding Indian Child Welfare at [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us)

#### **Youth Leadership:**

We had a successful Second Annual Karuk Youth Leadership conference held on October 14, 2006 in Yreka, California. A full report, including pictures, will be given in our next newsletter!



*Daniel Pratt Sr. giving a presentation at the Stop Domestic Violence Against Native Women Conference held in Minnesota*

#### **Elections:**

As per our Election Committee Ordinance, I had to withdraw myself as the Chair of the Election Committee.

#### **SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

C. Election Committee members shall withdraw from any and all functions of their positions during any election in which a conflict of interest exists. Such members shall resume their duties only when there is no longer a conflict of interest. Nepotism shall be considered a conflict of interest and shall include election matters involving a Spouse or Cohabitant, Parents, Siblings, Children, Grandparents, Grandchildren, Fathers-in-Law, Mothers-in-Law, Sons-in-Law, Daughters-in-Law, Step-Parents and Step-Children.

Register to vote today! Go to [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us) for a registration form, or contact your Karuk Election Committee at: PO Box 815, Happy Camp, CA 96039.

#### **Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP):**

LIAP Committee was established to provide necessary emergency assistance or services that are not being provided by federal, state, county, Tribal or other agencies for our members.

We continue to support our LIAP Coordinator with processing applications efficiently and in a timely manner. Our monthly meetings help us process difficult applications, make necessary program collaborations, and help interpret and follow LIAP guidelines and objectives.

Another goal is to help those who don't qualify for LIAP but are very much in need so the council has obligated some funding to help those who need assistance. It has helped a lot of elders and families with children.

#### **Website: Revisions**

Our information technicians have been keeping our website updated on upcoming Tribal activities. We hope you are able to get good information that keeps you informed. If you have any suggestions please contact me.

#### **Head Start: Children are our Future**

Our Head Start Classrooms are now open. We have full classes with a waiting list. It looks like we will have another successful year. Here are some hot issues regarding the Head Start Act Reauthorization. Tribes are asking for support on the following issues:

- Support the positions of the National Indian Education Association and the National Indian Head Start Directors Association;
- Increase Indian Head Start funding to 4% of total Head Start funding in real dollars achievable now, not in hypothetical future dollars;

*Notes from the Secretary... Continued on Page 6*

## Introducing the New Executive Director of Health and Human Services

*Sara Spence, Human Resources Manager*

I am pleased to announce that the Tribal Council has approved hiring Martha Gerace-Schrock as the Executive Director of Health and Human Services. She started on Tuesday, September 5, 2006!

Martha has a broad and dynamic background with a wonderful mix of experience that is an excellent compliment to the Karuk Tribe of California and our programs.

She comes to us from the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks, Alaska where she has worked for the past nine years in the roles of Health Director and Quality Management Director. Prior to employment with the Tanana Chiefs Conference she held the position of Chief of Ambulatory Care with Tuba City Indian Medical Center in Tuba City, Arizona for six years.

She holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Arizona State University, as well an undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia in Health Vocational Education, she is also a Registered Nurse.

Martha has served as Adjunct Faculty with several colleges for seven years and taught classes in Strategic and Tactical Planning, Quality Management Systems, Health Policies and Politics, Fundamental of Supervision, Customer Service, Recent Trends and Advances in Healthcare, Administration and Organization of Health Care Facilities, Health Care Delivery Systems, and Introduction to Personnel.

She has also held positions in the Florida State Medicaid Program for HMO development and as a Nursing Consultant.

She has relocated to the area with her husband Gary; we look forward to a wonderful future for her with the Karuk Tribe!



*Martha Gerace-Schrock,  
Executive Director of Health  
& Human Services*

### *Notes from the Secretary... Continued from Page 5*

- *Expand and maintain the Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program;*
- *Support Native language immersion and culture programs;*
- *Require HHS to consult with Tribes and experts on program standards and measures;*
- *Provide greater flexibility to Indian Head Start programs to meet cost sharing requirements;*

I encourage you to write to your congressmen to support the Tribe's request. For more information on these issues contact your Head Start Director.

### **New Karuk Booster Club: Still in the Development Stage!**

We are looking for membership! The council has formed a new committee. We have youth who throughout the year who request money for sporting events. The council has allotted money with the intent that the Booster club will replenish this fund as they receive donations and hold fundraisers. Also, this committee will be responsible for honoring those Tribal Members who have accomplished goals in college and pro sports.

### **Some Booster Club Goals:**

- Help in the recruitment of individuals who share our vision.
- Recognize each individual and value his or her role as a Karuk athlete.
- Empowering young Tribal Members to be champions in life through excellence in sports.
- Organize fundraisers to help pay for tournament entrance fees and sport camps.

*Sports build character, instills discipline, provides leadership, enhances self esteem, promotes physical fitness and teaches teamwork... all of which can be used throughout life.*

**\*\*Proceeds from the cage fights have been allocated to this cause!**

If you would like additional information and/or have any questions, contact me at any time. If you would like to be put on my email list, send me your email address to [fsuper@karuk.us](mailto:fsuper@karuk.us) with a note saying you would like to receive tribal information.  
*Florraine Super*

## Quarterly Staffing Update



*Sara Spence,  
Human Resources Manager*

There are currently 151 employees on staff! This report covers mid-July through early October 2006.

*Sara Spence* Martha Gerace-Schrock was hired into the position of Executive Director of Health and Human Services on 8/28. We are very pleased to have her here and she is proving to be a valuable addition to the staff!

Lisa Schamehorn resigned her position as Sales Shop Clerk at the People's Center Gift Shop on 7/12. Due to not having a full time Director at the Center (we are seeking proposals for this task) we have not rehired the position at this time and are maintaining part time hours at the Gift Shop.

Elizabeth Reidiger resigned her position as Medical Assistant at the Yreka Clinic on 8/4 and Angelina Bailey was hired on 8/15 to fill this vacancy.

Monty Mollier resigned his position as Maintenance Worker on 9/15 and has transferred to the Housing Authority Maintenance Department. Jacob Tripp was hired on 9/25 to fill this vacancy.

Barbara Houle has submitted her resignation from the position of CASA Program Manager effective 10/19 and Cheyenne Davis will be taking her place. Cheyenne previously worked as a Summer Intern in the CASA Program.

Junalynn Ward left her position as Clinic Aide in the Happy Camp Clinic on 8/3 and Susanna Greeno was hired to fill this vacancy on 9/19.

Eileen Tiraterra has been hired as an On Call Courier to fill in as needed for Geraldine Peters doing the lab/clinic mail runs between Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka.

Jessica Thom resigned her position as Registered Dental Assistant at the Yreka Clinic on 10/4 and at this time the position will not be re-filled.

We have switched gears in the Yreka Clinic and are recruiting for a second Family Nurse Practitioner at this time. We continue to search for a Clinic Physician for the Yreka Clinic and we are also recruiting for a Registered Nurse/GPRA Coordinator to be hired in the Happy Camp Clinic this December through the HRSA Grant that was awarded. We are offering a signing bonus for the RN position!

For more information on employment with the Tribe, benefits, how to apply, etc. visit our website at [www.karuk.us/jobs/](http://www.karuk.us/jobs/)

## Summer Supplemental Youth Employment & Training Program



*Rosie Bley, Director  
Happy Camp Community Computer Center*

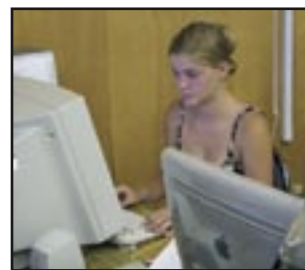
Bernard and Bernadette Lowry were two Happy Camp High School students who completed summer work through the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) Supplemental Youth and Training Program, in partnership with the Karuk Tribe of California. The Supplemental Youth Employment and Training Program (SYP) is a component of the Workforce Investment Act service provided by NCIDC. This program is designed to provide a meaningful work experience for American Indian youth between the ages of 16 and 21.

Bernard Lowry, Jr. worked at the Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC) and assisted with data entry, filing, inventory, building maintenance, landscaping, cleaning and repair. He was always there with a smile to assist with other job duties as needed.



*Bernard Lowry, Jr.*

Bernadette Lowry worked as the Happy Camp Community Computer Center (HCCCC) Youth Technology Assistant. Bernadette learned new technology skills such as cleaning and maintaining internal and external computer components, troubleshooting basic computer issues, installing software, data entry, and how to effectively work with the public. She assisted beginning computer users and visitors as needed with technology and Internet issues. She performed daily maintenance in the center and organized files, books, and software.



*Bernadette Lowry enters information into HCCCC database*

Now that the program has been completed for the season, the KCDC and the HCCCC wish Bernard and Bernadette well with their studies and thank them for their help. We would also like to thank Joyce Jones of NCIDC and Dion Wood, the Tribe's TERO Director for giving us the opportunity to work with them.



## ANA Awards \$900,000 For Karuk Paths To Prosperity

HAPPY CAMP—The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) has awarded \$900,000 to the Karuk Tribe of California for Karuk Paths to Prosperity, a three-year social development project that will enhance educational and employment opportunities in the remote mid-Klamath River communities of Happy Camp (Siskiyou County), Orleans (Humboldt County) as well as Yreka (Siskiyou County). Historically Karuk people have suffered at least two catastrophic disruptions of social and economic systems, including the loss of traditional village subsistence life ways in the late 1800s economies in targeted labor to provide living



*Happy Camp Community Computer Center. located on the Happy Camp High School Campus, on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Washington Street*

and, more recently, the collapse of natural-resource-driven the early 1990s. A 2005 survey revealed that 89% of the force now lives in poverty, despite the Tribe's best efforts wage employment and pursue culturally appropriate, sustainable economic development. Among the underlying causes of poverty is low educational attainment, attributed to both financial and geographic barriers. Karuk Paths to Prosperity aims to remove the barriers to postsecondary education and create a renewed sense of hope among Karuk people for a future of their own choosing and their own making.



*College of Siskiyous Distance Learning Classroom. located on the Happy Camp High School campus adjacent to the Happy Camp Community Computer Center*

Since Happy Camp's last sawmill closed in 1994, many displaced timber workers have moved away in search of a better life. A 2005 community survey revealed there is a pervasive belief among remaining residents that our children have to leave this area to find employment because there is no future here. Whether fact or fiction, this perception has resulted in an alarming out-migration of young adults and their children from Siskiyou County as a whole. Population projections by the State of California suggest that without effective interventions, Siskiyou County's population under 19 years of age will decrease by another 19% by the year 2020, while the population over 50 years of age will increase by 30%. The Karuk Tribe noted in its ANA grant application, "We are mindful that without the help of our strong and energetic youthful populations, our growing elderly and disabled populations also are at risk."



*Community Computer Center in Orleans*



*Panamniik Center in Orleans located on Highway 96, which houses the Community Computer Center*



With ANA's provision of \$300,000 in each of the next three years, the Karuk Tribe will utilize available computer technology to increase public awareness of the wide array of occupational opportunities that exist within the ancestral territory—and then support individual community members in pursuing essential vocational and professional training through distance learning programs. Through Karuk Paths to Prosperity, the Tribe's Human Resources Department will create a public-access web site that features 100 different jobs ranging from entry-level clerical positions to paraprofessional health, education, family services and natural resources positions, to licensed professional and executive management positions. By converting three community computer centers to distance learning centers—or "virtual college campuses"—the Karuk Tribe will help high school students, unemployed/underemployed community members and Tribal employees to access postsecondary education that previously required relocation outside the ancestral homelands. The new ANA Grant will fund new equipment acquisition, computer center staff, and annual operating expenses. In addition, a new Student Services Coordinator at each distance learning center will provide project participants with career counseling, academic advising, financial aid advising, mentoring and job placement services. Over the next three years, at least 50 Tribal members



## Special Thanks to Suzanne M. Burcell

*Rosie Bley*

I would like to give a special thank you to my friend and mentor Suzanne Burcell for all the help she has given me and others throughout her career. Personally, the last twelve years of her friendship has changed my life. Whether I needed encouragement, a shoulder to lean on, or business advice, she was there no matter how busy she was. When I followed that advice, I was successful in my endeavors. The scope of the ANA grant was her vision, and she worked hard for the last year and a half to put the necessary pieces in place to make it a project worth funding. She devotes every ounce of her strength to help people help themselves, Native Americans and non-native alike. She is proud to be a member of the Karuk Tribe and I am proud to call her my friend. *Thank you Sue.*

### ***ANA Awards \$900,000... Continued from Page 8***

are expected to earn paraprofessional certificates or Associate's Degrees from accredited community colleges, as a result of which 35 (70%) will realize significant gains in employment, such as initial job placement, increased time base or compensation, or promotion.

The Karuk Tribe of California is pleased to acknowledge the following community partners without whose cash and in-kind contributions the Karuk Paths to Prosperity project would not be possible: Siskiyou Union High School District, Happy Camp High School, College of the Siskiyous (interactive videoconferencing facility in Happy Camp), Happy Camp Community Computer Center, Karuk Community Development Corporation, Community Computer Center of Orleans, Orleans Elementary School, Karuk Tribal Housing Authority and Siskiyou County Regional Occupational Program. Key personnel in the Karuk Community Development Corporation and Happy Camp Community Computer Center will participate in an ANA grantees' workshop in mid-November, and the Karuk Paths to Prosperity project is expected to be fully operational by December 2006. For more information, contact Project Director Jim Berry at 530/493-5376, or Project Coordinator Rosie Bley at 530/493-5213.



## Grants Department Update

*Hester Miller, Grantwriter, Resource Developer*

The Grants Office got started on its seasonal cleaning in August when we relocated within the Happy Camp Administration Building. We are now located across the hall from Sara Spence.

We are anxiously awaiting news regarding proposals submitted for a Cultural Center in Orleans and funding for an evaluation study at the Oak Knoll facility east of Happy Camp. This summer we completed the State Indian Health Program renewal application; a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will allow the Tribe to receive funding for 2005 winter storm damage and any future disasters; the third year renewal application for our HRSA grant, which supports our Health Program and clinics; the Healthy Vision Community Award; and the Ash Institute Award through Harvard University, which seeks to recognize innovations in government.

Rick Hill is taking the lead on working with Program Directors to develop out-year and long-range planning for departments. Both Rick and Hester look forward to using these plans to: 1) more efficiently schedule grant writing to avoid short deadlines and 2) be more responsive to the needs of the Tribe and Tribal Council's priorities.

Currently, proposals and letters of inquiry are being submitted to secure the remaining funds necessary for the Happy Camp Community Senior Center's kitchen, as well as additional funds to evaluate developing a transitional living facility

at Oak Knoll. We have been assisting DNR and the Land Department with submitting grants, and this fall & winter will be working on grant opportunities for archives, education, and natural resources, among others.

## Happy Camp and The Karuk Tribe

Laura Mayton, CFO

The Karuk Tribe and the community of Happy Camp have a long history. The Karuk Tribe has done many good things to help the community over the years, yet many residents of Happy Camp still do not view the Tribe in a positive way. Although I doubt that this article will change anyone's view about the Karuk Tribe, I hope that it will give people a better understanding of the many things that the Karuk Tribe has done for Happy Camp.

- ◇ In 2002, when Happy Camp Health Services was on the verge of closing their doors, the Karuk Tribe assumed operations of the medical clinic in Happy Camp and continued to provide services to all patients. The Tribe helped Happy Camp Health Services by paying their final payroll and by paying them \$2,000 per month to rent the building. Happy Camp Health Services is now financially solvent, and the Karuk Tribe is providing quality health care to the community.
- ◇ The Karuk Tribe has a Senior Nutrition Program which serves all senior citizens regardless of race. Recently the Tribe rented out the multipurpose room, where the Senior Nutrition Program feeds people, to the CDF Fire Crew. During the time the building was rented out, the Senior Nutrition program continued and seniors ate in the People Center. The Tribe collected \$15,000 in rent for use of the building. All of this money will be used to buy new kitchen equipment for the Senior Nutrition Program when it is relocated to the beautifully remodeled former Headway building.
- ◇ The Karuk Community Development Corporation which is owned by the Karuk Tribe has operated the Happy Camp Community Computer Center at the high school for many years. The center serves not only high school students but the entire community. Funding for the center has at times been difficult to find and the Tribe has used discretionary money to help keep it open. Thanks to the hard work of Sue Burcell and Rosie Bley, the Tribe has been awarded a three year ANA grant for \$300,000 per year. A large part of this grant will be used to continue operation of the Happy Camp Community Computer Center.
- ◇ The Tribe operates a Head Start program in Happy Camp which serves both Native American and non Native American children.
- ◇ The Tribe has received several large grants which were passed through to the Happy Camp Community Services District to upgrade the town's water system.
- ◇ The Tribe donated \$10,000 to help the Happy Camp Volunteer Fire Department.

## Karuk Language Department Assists High School Freshmen

Rosie Bley, Regional Occupation Teacher  
Happy Camp High School



*Phil Albers teaching freshmen students how to understand the names of plants*

Six kids in Ms. Dorrie Ekman-Macdonald's freshman science class are creating a book of local plants found in our area with the assistance of USFS Biologist Erin Rentz. As a desktop publisher and ROP Teacher, I am assisting with the technology aspect of creating the book. The complete class of thirty took a field trip up Indian Creek and gathered specimens for the six to photo and document. Included in the plant descriptions are the Karuk names and historic Tribal uses of the plants. Unfortunately some plants were not identified because they were not in the Karuk ancestral territory generations ago. The students contacted Phil Albers, Language Specialist, and were invited to the language office to learn a few different ways on how the Karuk people may have named plants. One way is to have part of the new name include something relating to what kind of animal feeds on it. You might then add something else which refers to the look or feel of that particular plant.

The kids thoroughly enjoyed walking over to the Language Department and will use what they learned to try their hand at identifying some plants, then will give the descriptive names to Phil to see if he understands what they are.

We'd like to give a special thank you to Phil for taking the time to share his knowledge with us.

- ◇ For many years the Tribe has paid Tribal employees who respond to emergencies for the Happy Camp Ambulance during work hours.
- ◇ The Tribe has contributed to many local events including a variety of sports, sober graduation, history day, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and scholarships.
- ◇ The Tribe has contributed to many local organizations including schools, sports organizations, and The Family Resource Center.

The Karuk Tribe has done many things for the community of Happy Camp. My hope is that someday more of the community will appreciate the Tribe's contributions and support the Karuk Tribe in return.

# Tribal Council Awards Honorary Tribal Membership to William Bright, uhyanapatánvaanich

*Susan Gehr, Karuk Language Program Director*

In September, we received word that William 'Bill' Bright had a very advanced and aggressive form of brain cancer. Our thoughts go to Bill and to his family, including his daughter Susie, his granddaughter Aretha, his wife Lise and his stepson Joe.

Bill Bright first came to Karuk country in the spring of 1949 when he was a mere 21 years old. He came to us to conduct fieldwork on our language. He worked with several of our elders. He was homesick, and the grandmothers took kindly to him. In addition to being willing to answer all his questions, they baked him cakes, cookies and pies. Nettie Ruben even bestowed a name on him: uhyanapatánvaanich 'little word-asker.'

He returned in 1950 to continue his work on our language. In 1955, he was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. His dissertation was a grammar of the Karuk language. Two years later, in 1957, the University of California's Publications in Linguistics Series, published that work now lovingly known in the Karuk community as "Bill's Book" – The Karok Language.

Throughout the years, he returned many times to our lands, willing to help anyone who asked. He helped Julian Lang with his plays and performances. He helped Terry Supahan, Sarah Supahan and many others with proofreading of hundreds of pages of curricula for Head Start, elementary, high school and community-based classes. He worked with Jim Ferrara on transcribing several collections of John P. Harrington notes.

Fifty-two years after the University of California published Bill's book, the Karuk Tribe began working on The Karuk Dictionary. Bill not only gave his blessing to allow the entire dictionary section of his book to be incorporated into the new dictionary, Bill worked on the project himself for three solid years.

When Bill first came to us, the tape recorder had not yet been invented. When he worked on the recently published Karuk Dictionary with Susan



*Left to right: Violet Super, Vina Smith and William Bright*

Gehr, they used the internet and remote desktop software to trade drafts of the dictionary database back and forth.

Bill said yes to so many of our calls for help on the documentation and restoration of our language. He did so almost entirely on a voluntary basis. Moreover, he did so with great respect for us. Though we might have called The Karok Language "Bill's Book," he never hoarded the rights to his work on Karuk. Representatives from many tribal language programs told us how fortunate we were to have Bill working on our language. We agree.

On his many visits to Karuk country, he attended many of our ceremonies. He enjoyed visiting with everyone there. Our fluent speakers loved to talk with Bill. They said that he spoke like a real Karuk elder from long ago.

Many universities and membership organizations issue honorary degrees or honorary memberships to someone who has made outstanding lifetime contributions to their society who might not otherwise qualify as a member. Bill has generously shared his time, his energy, his knowledge and his good nature with us for over fifty-seven years. For these reasons, the Tribal Council bestowed upon him the first honorary membership in our Tribe.

When he heard that we had made him a member, he was thrilled. It meant a lot to him. Word of his membership reached him just in time, as on October 15, he passed away at a hospice near his home in Boulder.

## THE SWEEP PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

We are accepting equipment donations for the SWEEP program. Some of the SWEEP participants work in yard maintenance for elderly, disabled or for people who cannot supply these items to clean their yards. Due to budget restraints were unable to provide these items to the participants. Any donations are appreciated. You can bring the items to the Karuk Tribal Administration Office or call 1-800-505-2785 ext 2030 (Dion) or 2025 (Lisa) or 2045 (Colleen) Here are some examples of what is needed: Weed Eaters, Shovels, Lawn Mowers, Pruning Shears, Pruning Saw, Hand Clippers, Ladders, Rakes.

# Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources

## Watershed Restoration Program

The Karuk people have a vested interest in restoring ecological and economic vitality to our Ancestral Territory. The Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests are within Karuk Ancestral Territory. Past management decisions effect water quality, forests, fisheries, and cultural sites important to the Tribe. Our fish species are culturally valuable, and the restoration of riparian, aquatic, and upslope habitat is crucial for their survival.

In 1999, the Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources created the Watershed Restoration Program. This Program began as collaboration between the Tribe and Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests. The strategy of the watershed division is to systematically implement prioritized watershed restoration action plans in partnership with the National Forests while providing living wage jobs to Tribal members.

The Karuk Tribe of California is dedicated to the long term restoration of natural, cultural resources and the resulting improvement of the long-term economy of the region. In 1999 Karuk Tribal census data showed 87

partnership with Federal and State agencies, as a means of supporting economic and environmental renewal of this region. Building partnerships has been the vehicle to increase our capacity to play an integral role in ecosystem management and economic revitalization within Ancestral Territory



*Before*

The Karuk Watershed Program was primarily designed to address persistent and catastrophic road caused erosion and subsequent deposition of sediment into fish bearing streams. Sedimentation is one of the major threats to the spawning habitat of fish species. Road decommissioning projects have high potential to restore and protect the Klamath River watershed through on-the-ground improvements and a substantial reduction in sediment loads.

The mission of the Karuk Department of Natural Resources is to protect, promote, and preserve the cultural/natural resources and ecological processes upon which the Karuk People depend. As a byproduct of our mission, improved watersheds and fisheries are seen as a significant component for rebuilding the economy of the region.



*During*

percent of our members as unemployed or living under the national poverty level.

In contrast, the Karuk Watershed Restoration Program pays all of the restoration team members a living wage when compared to national standards. Team members are trained in heavy equipment operation and other natural ecosystem restoration techniques including erosion control and the importance of planting native species. This training provides valuable skills which prepare them for other employment opportunities.

To fulfill the goals of restoration and economic sustainability, the Karuk Tribe has established an effective



*After Road Stream Crossing Excavation*

# The Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources

## Fisheries Program

### State Allocates \$10 Million to Help Save Our Fisheries

The Upper Mid Klamath region of the Klamath River currently plays a crucial role in the health of our fishery. Currently, inputs of water to the Klamath mainstem in this region are suffering from excessive temperatures and other elevated measures of water quality including pH and ammonium. This has led to annual juvenile fish kills of outmigrating smolt from Iron Gate Hatchery, Bogus Creek, Shasta River, Scott River and other tributaries. Bringing this section of river back to a healthy condition is dependent upon current efforts in the tributaries of the Upper Mid Klamath, as well as the Scott and Shasta Subbasins to decrease agricultural impacts, and on the fate of the four Klamath River dams that currently block fish passage to the Upper Klamath Basin, breed fish diseases, and alter historic flows.



*High valasity culvert barrier blocking fish passage to four miles of habitat on Fort Goff Creek*

Even if dam decommissioning becomes a reality, it will be years before the first dams are removed. To this end, the State of California has allocated \$10 million to fund projects primarily in the Scott and Shasta watersheds that will result in imitate benefits to the

fishery. The Klamath River Restoration Grant Program will prioritize instream barrier removal, fish passage improvement, water quality improvement, fish screening, flow improvement, and water conservation projects.

The Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources is currently working on two projects for submission to this grant program. The Mid Klamath Fish Passage and Rearing Enhancement Project will enlist specialized engineers to create project-ready designs for five prioritized sites in the Middle Klamath subbasin. These projects include replacing a culvert barrier, with a bridge on Fort Goff Creek, creating a fishway around a permanent barrier on Rock Creek and open up nearly 10 miles of fish habitat, enhancing refugia at the mouths of Tom Martin and O'Neil Creeks for overwintering juvenile salmonids, and improving adult and juvenile fish passage at the mouth of Ti Creek.

The Klamath River Tributary Fish Passage Improvement Project aims to improve juvenile and adult fish passage at creek mouths affected by fish passage issues at creek mouths. These tributaries are directly associated with the mainstem Klamath, Salmon, and lower Scott River. This project would implement manual modifications of these barriers to allow for fish passage during low flow periods. These modifications will be implemented by community volunteers under the guidance of Karuk Tribal Fishery Biologists.

The Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to working on projects that improve fish runs in the Klamath River and its tributaries. If you would like to participate in next year's creek mouth enhancement efforts, or if you have any questions, please contact the Karuk Fisheries Program at 530-627-3116.

## Brazille & Noble Family History Available

*Vickie Minden, Shasta Lake City, CA*

For those who are related to the Brazilles and Nobles, I would like to inform you of a book which mentions and has photos of the history of both families. It is called *Nellie E. Ladd-Mining Camp – Photographer of the Trinity Alps 1859-1922*, by Valerie Budig-Markin. It has a wealth of information of the Brazille and Noble families. You can purchase this book on Main Street in Weaverville, California, across from the Courthouse, or from NatureGraph Publishers in Happy Camp, who published the book. You can also order it online from Naturegraph Publishers by going to [www.naturegraph.com](http://www.naturegraph.com). You will enjoy the photos of both families and the rich history as described in this book.



## Karuk Fire Program News

Molli White, DNR Fisheries Manager

The Karuk Tribe Fire Program and the Karuk Department of Natural Resources would like to thank the 2006 Karuk 1 Fire Crew and the Karuk Cultural Advisors for their commitment to preserving and protecting Tribal interests within the Karuk Ancestral Territory.

The Karuk 1 (K1) handcrew operates as a 20 person Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) sponsored wildland fire crew. This year was marked by valuable individual development as well as professional growth within the crew as a whole. K1 worked the entire wildland fire season nearly non-stop, earning top evaluations on each assignment.

Karuk 1 began the season on a short assignment to the Grease fire in Plumas National Forest. Shortly after their return the crew was called out on the South Fork Fire on Indian Creek near Happy Camp. Suppression efforts were successful and Karuk 1 was dispatched to the Goff Fire, also near Happy Camp. These fires would later become part of the Happy Camp Complex. A complex is a series of fires that either join or are adjacent to each other. Currently, the Happy Camp Complex is 95% contained and has burnt over 6,160 acres. The crew of Karuk 1 received exemplary evaluations on each portion of the Happy Camp Complex. One crew rating stated, "The Karuk 1 crew worked in a very safe and effective manner. Their attitude was outstanding..."

After completing their work on the Happy Camp Complex, K1 was dispatched to the Orleans Complex. Again, their work habits and aggressive approach to firefighting earned them an excellent evaluation with the Incident Commander thanking them explicitly for their hard work and easy-going attitudes. The Orleans Complex is also 95% contained and has to date influenced over 15,700 acres of forest.

Karuk Cultural Advisors work with, monitor and advise on inter-agency suppression activities in Karuk Ancestral Territory. This year we trained and mobilized over seven advisors on the three major complexes within Karuk Ancestral Territory. These individuals are qualified to recognize and identify culturally significant areas, thereby reducing the incidence of negative impacts to important archeological sites and Tribally sensitive resources. The Karuk Fire Program leads the advance in protecting, promoting and enhancing cultural and natural resources through the use of Advisors.

Overseeing all aspects of Karuk Tribe and US Forest Service interactions are the Tribal Representatives. This is a very select group whose responsibility it is to maintain government to government communications, train Cultural Advisors and ensure the protection of the Tribe's interests.

In addition to the handcrew and Cultural Advisors, the Fire Program has also mobilized a newly acquired 12 inch mechanical chipper and four person operator crew. This crew and chipper are utilized to reduce the volume of cut and piled fuels left by fire suppression activities. This is important as it reduces the chances of future catastrophic wildfire events.

Finally, we would like to reiterate our appreciation of Tamara Barnett for the time and effort expended in the administration of the fire program reimbursement process. Also invaluable to the program is the staff at KCDC, who tirelessly attempt to ease processing of firecrew supplies and payroll.

Karuk 1 offers entry level and experienced positions to Tribal members over the age of 18. If you are interested in applying for employment with the 2007 crew of Karuk 1, please contact Harold Tripp or Molli White at (530) 627-3446 x3010. We look forward to the expansion of the Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources Fire Program and welcome your involvement.



Top Row, From Left: Rafey Logan, Josh Rose, Tuffy Tims, Brian Padilla, Wayne Rose, Harold Tripp, Nikolas Super, Brett Rhodes, Shane Spence, Vyron Frank, Barry Hockaday, Terry Davis- Bottom Row, From Left: James Courts, Johnny Erickson, Jetty Thom, Fred Trimble, Neimiah Jerry, Taylor Super, Kenji Okazaki- Not Present: Laurence Williams, Jordan Aubrey, Gabriel Montgomery, Leland Donahue, John Lollich

The crew of Karuk 1 would like to thank Harold Tripp, Firecrew Coordinator, for his never-ending commitment to the success of our firecrew. All of us thank you for the opportunities, training and employment offered to us by Karuk 1.

# Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources

## Environmental Education Program

### Salmon Survey Training

*Jeanette Quinn, Environmental Educational Coordinator*

On October 6, 2006 twenty-six students from Forks of Salmon Elementary, Junction Elementary and Orleans Elementary Schools attended the Fall Salmon Spawning Survey Training at Oak Bottom Campground on the Salmon River Road near Somes Bar. The event was coordinated and hosted by the Salmon River Restoration Council (SRRC). During the morning session,



*Monique Gurule, Orleans Elementary School, practices tagging a fish carcass.*

station leaders from the US Forest Service, Mid Klamath Watershed Council, CA Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and SRRC taught students how to identify fish they might see during the surveys, collect data and mark redds (where fish lay their eggs), process fish carcasses, read a survey map, and be safe during the surveys. In the afternoon students hiked down to the Salmon River for the Carcass Chopping Contest. Representatives from the participating agencies and schools competed in chopping a fish carcass in



*Shirley Preston, Indian Education Site Representative (Title IX) at Orleans Elementary School, chops a fish carcass during the Carcass Chopping Contest. Recaptured, tagged carcasses are chopped to prevent counting the same fish more than once during surveys.*

half with a machete. Contestant performances were judged by the audience “applause-o-meter.” Next, students put on neoprene waders and felt-bottomed boots to practice White Water Safety. Nat Pennington and Shannon Flaugherty, SRRC, showed students how to cross a stream and maneuver in and around the water safely while doing surveys. Steve

Robinson, US Forest Service, discussed safety issues with students and reviewed with them what they had learned throughout the day.



*Shannon Flaugherty (standing, right), SRRC Education Coordinator, shows Forks of Salmon and Junction Elementary students Halley Souza, Cheyenne Barstow (front left and right), Majestah West, Rony Reed and Daniel Hacking (back left to right) how to read a topographical map at the Salmon Survey Training.*

The Fall Salmon Spawning Survey Training is an extremely important annual event. Students who attend are eligible to participate in surveying for Fall Chinook Salmon on local streams, where they collect real data for the DFG. In addition to collecting data during the surveys, students learn about fish life cycles and anatomy, habitat requirements, and water quality issues.

#### 2007 Environmental Education Projects

In addition to the Fall Salmon Surveys, the Environmental Education Program will include Native Forest Plants/Ethnobotany Studies/Noxious Weed Awareness during the 2006-2007 year. Noxious Weed Awareness is a new component of the Environmental Education Program and is being included because of the proliferation of non-native plants such as scotch broom and star thistle, which crowd out native plants in the area.

If you would like more information about the Department of Natural Resources’ Environmental Education Program, please contact Jeanette Quinn, Environmental Education Coordinator, 530-627-3446 or [jquinn@karuk.us](mailto:jquinn@karuk.us).

*All photos courtesy Jeanette Quinn*



# Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

## Do You Want To Own Your Own Home?

By Eddie Davenport, Loan Officer

The KTHA loan program is for those Native Americans who make less than 80% of the median income as determined by HUD. The guidelines are based on the number of persons in the family and the total income of those persons. The "Head of Household" must be a Tribal member.



Here are the guidelines according to HUD:

Number of People in the Household	Annual Adjusted Gross Income (80% of Median income – 2006)
1	\$33,400.00
2	\$38,150.00
3	\$42,900.00
4	\$47,700.00
5	\$51,500.00
6	\$55,300.00
7	\$59,100.00
8	\$62,950.00

There are some basic qualifying guidelines to determine how much of a house you can buy if your income falls below the amounts listed above. A reasonable income guideline is that the amount that is paid for the home loan, including property tax and hazard insurance, should not exceed one-third, or 33%, of the gross monthly income of the borrower. Therefore if you make \$3,000 per month, your mortgage payment should not exceed \$1,000 per month.

Without other debts, then, using the annual incomes in the table above, the maximum loans available to those at 80% of the median income would look like this:

Number of People in the Household	Maximum Loan Amount based on no other debts and good credit.
1	\$137,700
2	\$157,300
3	\$177,000
4	\$196,600
5	\$212,000
6	\$228,000
7	\$243,700
8	\$259,600

If you have had thoughts about buying a property in Siskiyou or Humboldt Counties (the Karuk Tribe service area), now might be a good time to fill out an application and let us see how you might qualify. KTHA will loan 100% of the purchase price, so if you find a property that fits, we can help you own it! The program has other guidelines as well (such as first-time home buyers purchasing for their own personal residence), so give me a call and I'll send you the application and the guidelines for the Home Loan Program.

Eddie Davenport  
 Loan Officer  
 (530) 493-5434 ext. 105





# David Eisenberg - A Celebration of 25 Years

## With the Karuk Tribe!



David, Joseph and Ben - 1983

1981 - Lady Diana Spencer and Prince Charles are married. Pac-Man dominates the video arcades. IBM produces its first personal computer. Paris Hilton and Justin Timberlake are born. MTV begins broadcasting... and David Eisenberg joins the Karuk Tribal Health Program on September 17th 1981 as the Public Health Nurse.

A lot has changed in twenty-five years. When David started, the Karuk Tribe had only recently received federal recognition. Health care was provided at a small clinic in Fort Jones with one dentist and a nurse practitioner, and the Tribal Health office in Happy Camp was located across the street from Larry's (now Parry's) Market.



Capping Ceremony  
UC San Francisco 1978

In 1980, David came to Happy Camp when his wife Pat got a job as the nurse for the Happy Camp Clinic. David worked



David's first job as a nurse  
Samuel Merritt Hospital - 1979

as a substitute teacher for the elementary and high school, and later as a nurse at Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital every other weekend. In May of 1981, David got a job as a firefighter on Engine 305 for the Happy Camp USFS. In September, the Karuk Tribe advertised for a Public Health Nurse. "I was still working for the fire crew and asked my boss if I could go to the interview" David recalls. "He said sure, just take your radio in case we have a fire. I was in the middle of the interview when the fire tone went off. I told them I was the right person for the job, but I had to leave. I jumped into my truck, we went to a fire, stayed on the fire line all night, and when I got back in the morning, Pat told me they had offered me the job. I went to a conference a few days later with a terrific case of poison oak, and have been with the Tribe ever since."

The first outreach staff consisted of Mildred Donahue in Orleans, Carol Purcell at Forks of Salmon, Linda Reynolds in Yreka and Lessie Aubrey in Happy Camp, who was also the CHR supervisor. One of the first home visits David made was to Daisy Jacobs who was living at Ferry Point. David has worked for eight health directors ( Bill Smith, Aaron Peters, Greg Gehr, Suzanne Burcell, Alan Burgess, Wes Valentine, Larry Jordan and Martha Schrock.)

David and his wife Pat have two sons, who attended Seiad Elementary and then Happy Camp High School. Joseph attended UC Berkeley is now married and starting his third year of Medical School at UC San Diego. Ben graduated from UC Santa Cruz last June, got married the next day, and they had their first child on April 8, 2006.

In these past twenty-five years, David has seen the Tribe grow and expand. He feels it has been an honor to be able to serve the Tribe and the Happy Camp community. When asked about future plans David replied "I don't think I'll make it to the second twenty-five years, but the first go-round sure has been fun!"

*Left: David receiving award from Leaf for being voted as one of the Most Fun People To Work With in 2004*

*Right: David & wife Pat performing a scene from Fiddler on the Roof in 2003*



David Eisenberg - October 2006

# Naa Vura Yee Shiip Program Update

*Corina Alexander, Naa Vura Yee Shiip Program Director*

Naa Vura Yee Shiip program is funded through Office of Emergency Services. The Program provides culturally sensitive therapeutic services to children between the ages 3-17.

Naa Vura Yee Shiip Program has completed its forty-hour training for Volunteers/Cultural Practitioners. It was held two weekends and the volunteers learned a lot about the following subjects: Crisis Intervention/Safety Issues, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Child Abduction, Victim Witness Compensation, Psychotherapeutic Treatment, Tribal Court, State Court, Indian Child Welfare Act, Cultural Awareness, Yreka and Happy Camp Resources Centers, and Tribal Government.

We would like to thank the following people for their presentations to educate our new volunteers so they can work with our Tribal children in supervision and cultural projects to promote healing in traditional ways.

**David Eisenberg**, *Public Health Nurse of the Karuk Tribe of California*

**Tanya Busby**, *Substance Abuse Counselor of Karuk Tribe of California*

**Robert Super**, *ICW Case Worker, of KTOC*

**Robert Dunn**, *District Attorney Chief Investigator for County of Siskiyou*

**Coleen Chiles**, *Victim Services Coordinator for County of Siskiyou*

**Carla Charraga**, *Legal Service Coordinator for Domestic Violence Center*

**Mike Edwards**, *Social Worker III, of Karuk Tribe of California*

**Barbara Norman**, *Attorney at Law, of KTOC*

**April Attebury**, *Court Administrator/Mediator of KTOC*

**Joe Snapp**, *B.S. CSAC III, Substance Abuse Program Director of KTOC*

**Tammie Pipkin**, *T.E.I., Parent Volunteer Coordinator of Healththerapy, Inc.*

**Pat Hobbs**, *FRS Supervisor of Healththerapy Inc.*

**Michelle Gorman**, *Executive Director of Family Resource Center Yreka*

**Nadine McElyea**, *Family Services Coordinator of Family Resource Center*

**Sara Spence**, *Human Resources Manager of the Karuk Tribe*

**Phil Albers Jr.**, *Cultural Practitioner*

**Hermanett Albers**, *Cultural Therapist, KCDC*

**Arch Super**, *Chairman of the Karuk Tribe of California*

Because of these people, our Tribal children will be able to receive one-on-one treatment when needed and support during group projects.



*Mike Edwards, Social Worker III, making his presentation*



*Santana Grant getting fingerprinted by Sara Spence*



*Tamara Alexander and Phil Albers, Jr. relaxing after 40 hour training.*

## State Indian Health Program Review

Representatives from the State Indian Health Program, Sacramento, visited the Karuk Tribal Health Program on October 11 and 12, 2006 to perform a program review.



*Karen Tracy, RN, MSN*

Karen Tracy, RN, MSN, performed her review at the Yreka Clinic, and reviewed policies and procedures, meeting minutes, performance improvement data and observation of the staff at work. Her part of the review involved the medical and dental departments, and the community services program.

Andrea Zubiate visited the Administration Office to perform reviews regarding the Board of Directors (Council), and administrative policy and procedures. She reviewed board minutes, Accreditation Continuous Quality Improvement minutes, and medical meeting minutes, as well as policies, and procedures, accomplishments, performance improvement activity in every department, and personnel and credential files. In addition, she reviewed staff and board trainings.

The State Indian Health Program found our material to be in good order, and thanked us for our hard preparatory work, which Andrea said made her work much easier.



## Carissa Ann Bussard Attends UC Berkeley

*Submitted by Rana Bussard*

Karuk Tribal Descendent, Carissa Ann Bussard, recently completed her six week mark at UC Berkeley. Carissa graduated from Yreka High School in June 2006 with top honors including being co-valedictorian of her class. She is currently studying English, Mathematics, and Astronomy. Although Carissa hasn't declared a major, she is leaning toward the field of Education. Carissa is the great-granddaughter of Minnie Hockaday. Carissa's parents (Steve and Rana Bussard), family, and friends wish her the best of luck in her future at UC Berkeley.

## Waylon Lenk Studies in Germany

*Submitted by Marty Lenk*

Waylon Lenk, a Tribal descendant from the Emma Pearch and Elsie Young families of Orleans, is now attending the University of Munich in Germany.

He has been a student at Lewis & Clark College in Portland for the past two years and as part of the Studies Abroad program will be in Germany until next July. He is double majoring in Theater Arts and German Studies.

When not in school, Waylon's home is in Ashland Oregon, with his parents Marty & Karen Lenk. While he may be a world away, part of his heart is always on the Klamath River. If friends would like to contact him, his email address is [wcl@karuk.net](mailto:wcl@karuk.net). Or mail (it costs more than a regular letter) him at:  
Waylon Lenk  
Willi-Grafstrasse 7/158  
80805 Muenchen  
Germany



## “TRIBAL KIDS TRAVEL ABROAD”

*Submitted by Sandi Tripp*



This summer, Phil Tripp and Starla Davis traveled with a group of Happy Camp teens to Germany, Italy, France, Monaco and Switzerland.

*Photo from left to right: Phillip Tripp, Sandi Tripp, Linda Davis and Starla Davis*



*Babbie Peterson & Toni McLane moving donated copy machine to the Senior Center.*

Toni McLane, Karuk Tribe of California Head Start Program Director, donated their old copy machine to the KTOC's Senior Center Program. Tribal Programs that are grant dependent are required to show a cash match for funding. Volunteer time, donations, free use of buildings and utilities are considered cash match - as well as money donations. Our programs are always thankful for donations to help us continue to provide great services to the communities in our service area.

We would like to thank Parry's Market for their donation of \$1,000 to the KTOC Senior Center Program; Linda Ost, R.D. from Dunsmuir, CA, for volunteering her time at our Karuk Tribal Reunion at the Health Fair; and Carol Jones from Mountain Caregiver Resource Center in Montague, CA for volunteering her time at the Health Fair. Linda Ost works with Head Start and the senior centers to approve menus and provide nutrition education. Carol Jones works with caregivers in Happy Camp and offers support groups once a month in Happy Camp. We would like to thank the TERO Department for our banner that we can use at health fairs and for the chest freezer as a backup to the small freezer we have now. We can now limit our trips for frozen vegetables! Thank you!

We would like to thank the CHR Department for attending the Senior Health Fair in Yreka and the Caregiver Support Fair in Willow Creek - Kristen King did blood Pressure monitoring and glucose testing - Also the Dental Department was so generous to provide wonderful handouts of tooth paste, tooth brushes, floss, and denture kits - plus educational handouts - Thank you Vickie



*Kristen King, Community Health Rep. (CHR)- doing blood pressure and glucose checks at the Senior Health Fair in Yreka*



## Senior Center News

*Babbie Peterson, Senior Center Supervisor*

### High School Graduate Connie Bond Gives Lap Blankets to Karuk Tribe Senior Center Program Elders



Connie Bond made lap blankets for local seniors as her senior project. She gave them to the Karuk Tribe of California's Senior Center Program to give out at the Orleans' site. All Seniors who come to lunch and all home bound seniors who are delivered lunches received one of these beautiful quilts as a gift from Connie. Connie was a participant in the Ford Family Foundation Leadership Program in Happy Camp and also received a Ford Family Foundation Scholarship. She is now attending college in Chico.

*JoAnne Rosenbach, senior center cook - hands out quilts to seniors as they come to Panamnik Center to enjoy a great mid-day meal!*



*Ester Cervantes showing the elders the different colors and designs that Connie sent to us.*

*JoAnne Rosenbach and Ester Cervantes, cooks assistant from the Humboldt County Cal Works Program - hand out quilts to seniors just as fall starts cooling our weather - they now have warm lap blankets!*

## Nikiya Nayeli Lester



**Born:** September 17, 2006  
**Weight:** 7lbs. 8oz.  
**Length:** 8 1/2in  
**Parents:** Rick and Amiee Lester of Eureka, CA  
**Proud Grandparents:** Antone and Deborah Aubrey of Happy Camp.

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Karuk Happy Camp Head Start Student Mekhia Gabriel on November 14!

**Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Grandpa Antone Aubrey! (Grandfather to both Mekhia and Nikiya mentioned above)

## Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday



### Irene Miranda!

And congratulations on your new addition to the Miranda family and the Karuk Tribe!

*Love you always,  
Mom, Billy, Marcus, Maria,  
and Devon.*

## Head Start News

*Toni McLane, Head Start Program Director*

We are off to a "head start" this year in our Head Start Centers. We are having a good year with enrollment numbers. Currently we have full classes with twenty children in Happy Camp, and a need for children to be put on a waiting list. In Yreka we have twenty children in the morning class and twenty children in the afternoon class. The Yreka Center has a waiting list of seven children. We are always happy to take more applications for three and four-year old children. Please contact us should you know of any three or four-year old children who could use some social and child development activities and would like to make new friends. We are very pleased that our centers have a reputable standing in the Happy Camp and Yreka areas. These communities have responded well to our Head Start Program with the curriculum, language, literacy, Karuk language & culture, kindergarten readiness, special needs services, parent involvement, safety, hygiene, and health practices we implement. Stop and visit our centers. We appreciate visitors and volunteers. The Yreka Center has a little touch of garden. Nena Creasy has given the outdoors a lift with some beautiful plants. Thanks Nena. Thanks to Yreka Parent Nick Alexander for filling the Yreka sandbox and Javier Lopez for filling the Happy Camp sandbox. Thanks to all the Head Start staff for making our school year a success.

### Head Start Staff Update

**Toni McLane**, *Director*  
**Sylvia Parry**, *Program Services Coordinator*  
**Donna Goodwin Sanchez**, *Health & Education Coordinator*  
**Linda Davis**, *Happy Camp Teacher/Center Supervisor*  
**Javier Lopez**, *Happy Camp Teacher Assistant*  
**Nell Sakota Anderson**, *Happy Camp Cook*  
**Linda Thompson**, *Happy Camp Bus Driver*  
**Cathy Scott**, *Yreka AM Teacher/Center Supervisor*  
**Marlene Rodriguez**, *AM Teacher Assistant*  
**Maria (Nena) Creasy**, *PM Teacher*  
**Tara Quinn**, *PM Teacher Assistant*  
**Betty Robinson**, *Cook*  
**Justine Jerry**, *Cook Assistant, Bus Monitor*  
**Rana Bussard**, *Bus Driver*

The Happy Camp Center has the privilege of having a staff member with decorating talent. Linda Thompson takes time at the beginning of each month to place a theme in the foyer glass cases. The children, families and staff enjoy the scenes each month. Thank You Linda.



# Bigfoot Jamboree Parade - Demonstration Brush Dance

Sunday, September 3, 2006

Submitted by Dorcas Harrison

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Karuk dancers provide a demonstration Brush Dance at the Bigfoot Jamboree Parade held annually on Labor Day Weekend. Every year, local Tribal Members & descendents decorate a flatbed trailer with local plants and foliage to demonstrate the Brush Dance for parade watchers.



*Deborah Aubrey would like to give a special mention to her husband Antone R. Aubrey, Jr., who worked hard in the hot sun, weed wacking & making sure there was no litter along Highway 96 and Second Avenue so it looked nice for the Bigfoot Jamboree and parade.*

*Thank you Antone!*

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## Newsletter Articles

If you have news, articles or events you would like placed in this newsletter, please submit your information to Sara Spence, Newsletter Articles, P.O. Box 1016, Happy Camp, CA 96039. Or you may email articles and/or photos to [sspence@karuk.us](mailto:sspence@karuk.us) or to Rosie Bley at [rbley@karuk.us](mailto:rbley@karuk.us).

All submissions must include your name and address. No anonymous articles will be included.

Article deadlines: July 15 for the summer issue, October 15 for the fall issue, **January 15** for the winter issue, and April 15 for the spring issue. These dates will be the same every year



## Happy Second Birthday Kagen

*Mommy Loves You!*

*Jeanie Super*



## Local Athlete Attends Basketball Camp

*Submitted by Linda Davis*

Nate Davis Attended the NBC Camp for Basketball over the 2006 summer at Simpson College in Redding, CA.

This was a complete skills basketball training camp and on of the most popular camps. They have been hosting training camps since 1971. Over 50,000 athletes have attended for the last three years. The coaches emphasize solid fundamental basketball skills taught using the latest cutting edge techniques, such as the following:



*Nate Davis*

- Ball handling
- attack move off the drive
- attack moves from triple threat
- attack moves from the post
- shooting with confidence
- defensive keys to domination
- precision passing
- mental toughness and intensity
- getting open
- court movement and spacing
- rebounding secrets
- team offense and defense
- teamwork

## Karuk Tribal Member Bags Elk

*Submitted by Lessie Aubrey & Carrie Davis*

Each year hunters in Siskiyou County must purchase a chance to be drawn for an Elk tag, but for one Tribal member his chance became a reality. After waiting to be drawn for over twelve years, Lester Aubrey of Happy Camp finally received his tag this year, and downed his Elk three days before the season ended.

Lester was quite surprised at the size of his Elk saying “one man couldn’t even move one leg by himself”. In fact it took the help of Keith Aubrey, Earl (Scrub) Aubrey, Davey Davis, TJ Day, Dwayne Myers, and two of his sons, Allan and Sequoi, to help cut it up and pack it out, which took over six hours.

We’re not sure of the total weight, but just the meat alone weighed 586 pounds. The antlers had six points on one side and seven on the other side. Lester was quite thrilled with his accomplishment.

We are very proud of you too, Lester.



*Pictured: Lester Aubrey and his elk*

# The Nurse's Corner

## Methcillin Resistant Staph Aureus Spreads in Siskiyou County!

Judy Blind, FNP

MRSA is spreading rapidly in Siskiyou County, in the United States and throughout the world.

It is serious, It is dangerous. And we need to protect ourselves and our families. MRSA stands for "methcillin resistant staph aureus." Translated that means it is a dangerous form of a bacterium (Staph Aureus). It can be dangerous because it spreads very easily – just from skin to skin contact, and more easily from contact with wounds, mucous, blood and from contaminated surfaces (like floors, sinks, counters or towels).

It is also dangerous because the Staph Aureus Bacterim is becoming more and more "resistant" to our antibiotics and many no longer kill it. Fortunately we still have antibiotics that eliminate MRSA most of the time, but not all of the time. Even worse, some people who are exposed never get sick, but they become carriers; that is, they can spread it to others around them. It can be difficult for someone who is a MRSA carrier to get rid of the infection, even when they use multiple antibiotics.



MRSA sore



MRSA infection on back

What does a MRSA infection look like? Often it starts out looking like a pimple or boil which gets larger over a week or so. At this point antibiotic treatment generally cures it. Sometimes antibiotics do not work and the MRSA infection becomes so severe that it spreads throughout the whole body. This can be life threatening. Deaths from MRSA are increasing every year. Those at special risk are the very young, the very old and people who are ill or under emotional and or physical stress.

Even healthy athletes can be at increased risk – especially in contact sports, where there is skin to skin contact (football, wrestling, basketball, hockey) and the risk is higher in sports where there are wounds or injuries which result in bleeding, sweat and mucus secretion (like boxing, cage fighting and martial arts).

In our Karuk clinics we have seen dozens of MRSA cases in the last year. And in some cases it has spread to other family members, even when there has not been any obvious wounds or injuries.

What can we do to protect ourselves? Sometimes we don't realize the power of simple actions.

Avoid contact with the open wounds of another person. Take a shower and wear clean clothes every day. If someone is being treated for MRSA, don't share toothbrushes, towels or other objects that come in contact with their skin until their wound is healed. And most importantly, wash your hands!

Wash before preparing food, before eating, and after using the restroom. Use plenty of soap and water and scrub your hands well. Be very careful to avoid touching any surfaces, towels or anything else that may be contaminated with blood, mucous or drainage from wounds. If you do – Wash your hands!

MRSA is an important issue and by working together with your health provider we can keep it under control.



MRSA infection on leg



College Videoconferencing Classes are now available at Happy Camp High School with access through the Happy Camp Community Computer Center

# Spring 2007 Distance Learning

Happy Camp

Take classes online or from one of our regional videoconferencing locations.

Happy Camp



## Videoconferencing:



Etna High School / Happy Camp HS (at the Community Computer Center) / Tulelake High School Yreka Campus / Weed Campus (classes offered to individual sites as enrollment allows)

ECE 3	Child Guidance & Management	TTh	3:00P - 4:15P
ECE 6	Child Development	T	6:00P - 9:00P
ECE 14	Materials and Curriculum	W	6:00P - 9:00P
ECE 24	ECE Practicum	M	4:00P - 6:00P
ECE 33	Marriage and Family	Th	6:00P - 9:00P
ENGL 1C	Adv. Comp./Critical Thinking	MWF	10:00A - 10:50A
ENGL 1C	Adv. Comp./Critical Thinking (except Yreka)	M	6:00P - 9:00P
ENGL 44B	American Literature II	MWF	9:00A - 9:50A
ETHN 1	Ethnic Studies	MWF	8:00A - 8:50A
FCS 11	Nutrition	W	2:00P - 5:00P
FR 1	French I (Weed & Yreka only)	ED	1:00P - 1:50P
MUS 31	Music Appreciation (Weed & Yreka only)	M	6:00P - 9:00P
WEE 1	Work Exp. Orientation (March 3 only)	Sat	8:00A - 5:00P

## Online and Hybrid (combination online and on campus):

ADJ 17	Community Relations	Begins 1/17/07
ADJ 24	Introduction to Corrections	Begins 1/17/07
ART 32	Digital Imaging	Begins 1/17/07
BA 1B	Managerial Accounting (one session/wk. on campus)	Begins 1/22/07
BA 15	Human Relations in Business	Begins 1/17/07
BA 81D	Conflict Management	Begins 2/21/07
BA 81E	Decision Making / Problem Solving	Begins 3/28/07
BA 81F	Ethics and Values	Begins 2/26/06
BA 81H	Stress Management	Begins 1/24/07
BA 81J	Time Management	Begins 3/26/07
CSCI 1	Intro to Computer Science	Begins 1/17/07
CSCI 12	Web Programming (two sessions/wk. on campus)	Begins 1/17/07
CSCI 16	Introduction to Internet	Begins 1/17/07
CSCI 28A	Web Publishing I	Begins 1/17/07
CSCI 28B	Web Publishing II	Begins 1/17/07
CSCI 37B	Computer Game Design II (two sessions/wk. on campus)	Begins 1/17/07
ECE 25	Supervision of ECE	Begins 1/17/07
ECE 60	Pre-School Literacy I	Begins 1/17/07
ECE 61	Pre-School Literacy II	Begins 1/17/07
EDUC 52	Introduction to Online Learning	Begins 2/15/07
EDUC 53	Effective Online Teaching	Begins 2/26/07
EDUC 54	Online Course Management	Begins 4/16/07
ENGL 1A	College Composition	Begins 1/17/07
ENGL 1C	Adv. Comp./Critical Thinking	Begins 1/17/07
GUID 1	Collegiate Orientation	Begins 3/1/07
HEA 10	Health in Action	Begins 1/17/07 and 3/26/07
HIST 2	Topics in U.S. History	Begins 1/17/07
HIST 17A	U.S. History to 1877	Begins 1/17/07
HUM 1	Introduction to Humanities	Begins 1/17/07
MUS 33	Survey of Jazz & Pop	Begins 1/17/07
PEMA 30	Principles of Physical Fitness & Wellness	Begins 1/12/07 and 3/26/07
READ 10	College Reading	Begins 1/17/07

### Limited Enrollment—Register Early!

Visit <http://www.siskiyous.edu/schedules.htm> for current class schedule.  
Online Registration available on our website, <http://www.siskiyous.edu>.

For more information, contact the Welcome Center at (530) 938-5555 or toll free at (888) 397-4339.

## Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

Lisa Aubrey at 1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025

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

This program provides energy assistance to eligible tribal members. This program provides eligible households with electricity, propane, wood and minimal weatherization. The applicant must reside in the service area. For those of you who live outside the service area, try [energyassistance@ncat.org](mailto:energyassistance@ncat.org) or the LIHEAP programs administered by tribes at: [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/tribal.htm) or administered by States at: [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/liheap/states.htm)

### Reduce Heating Costs

Due to the rapidly escalating costs of home heating oil, propane and kerosene you may be paying twice as much to heat your house as you did just a few years ago. Here are a few money saving tips from the Karuk LIHEAP department.

Don't heat areas of your house you don't use regularly, such as guest rooms. Close heating vents or turn back thermostats in those areas and close the doors for a painless reduction in heating costs.

Don't turn your thermostat up above the desired temperature. It won't heat up any more quickly and will make your furnace work harder. Also, while it makes sense to turn the heat back when you're sleeping or not at home, turning it down too low can actually cost you more because the contents of the house have to be re-heated in addition to the air.

It's tempting to stand under a hot shower on a cold morning for as long as possible, but cutting your shower time in half can save up to 33% on your hot water heating costs.

In winter, open the blinds and curtains on the sunny side of the house (the south-facing side) when the sun is shining and close them as soon as the sun goes down to retain the solar heat. Close curtains on the shady side of the house (north-facing side).

- ✦ **General Assistance:** This program provides low income families with food and/or clothing, shelter, burial and emergency assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home).
- ✦ **Skills, Work, Education Enhancement Program (SWEEP):** This program is to enhance eligible Indians with skills/work and/or education. The goal of the applicant is to become more employable while obtaining and incentive payment. An applicant can be on the program for two years or 48 payments.
- ✦ **Adult Services:** Adult care assistance provides non-medical care for eligible adult Indians. The providers must be certified or licensed. Background checks are required.

### Live outside the Tribal Service area?

Call The National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR)

**1-866-674-6327**

Monday through Friday,

### Community Services and Development (CSD):

This program provides assistance for low income families with food, shelter, transportation, health and safety issues. The applicant must reside in the service area, be very low income and be a tribal member. For those of you that live outside of the service area try

[www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/index.htm](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/index.htm)

### Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (BIA)

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

## Seeking Relief From Emotional Pain? Help is Available

*Joseph E. Snapp, B.S. CSAC II*

I think almost everyone has had some injustice done to them at some time in their life and that causes emotional pain. It may have been acts of abuse; physical; emotional; or sexual, or maybe they were neglected in some manner. There are many kinds of neglect. Not having your feelings validated is one kind. That means that when you fell down and scraped your knee, and your caregiver said, "...oh that doesn't hurt." Maybe they said "Shut up or I'll give you something to cry about." Maybe there was not always enough to eat because your parents drank up the money. Maybe you didn't get new shoes or have nice clothes to wear and other kids at school teased you.

These are just a few examples of the traumatic lives our tribal members have experienced. That kind of

trauma builds a deep-seated rage in people. Most people handle those feelings by burying them deep inside, and for the most part they stay buried. Whenever people drink alcohol, however, those feelings come out and they usually come out in explosions of rage when you least expect it. Not everyone turns to drugs and alcohol to cover those feelings of injustice or to overcome their low self-esteem, but many people do.

For those of you who do use alcohol and drugs to cover up pain or to give you the courage to face life in its harsh reality, ask yourself if it is really working for you. Does drugs and alcohol actually give you the relief that you are seeking and do they really solve any problems?

The KARUK TRIBE now has three substance abuse counselors; Anthony Ballard in Orleans; Tanya Busby in Happy Camp; and myself, Joe Snapp in Yreka. Also there are two therapists available for people who want to make personal growth and heal from their traumatic past. They are; Chuck Lent, LCSW, in Happy Camp and Orleans; and Jessie Drake, LCSW, in Yreka.

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

Let's save on energy and our budgets.

Starting this month, teachers of 4th grade classes in Wyoming and teachers in California, Oregon and Washington can request safety presentations to be given to their 5th grade classes by calling Pacific Power at 1-800-375-7085.

Oregon customers can also purchase ENERGY STAR compact fluorescent light bulbs for .99 to \$1.99 through a special offer from Energy Trust of Oregon now through December 31st. For a list of participating retailers, visit [www.energytrust.org/residential/ehp/swat.html](http://www.energytrust.org/residential/ehp/swat.html). \*Eight bulbs max per customer and is not valid with any other utility offer. (Bi-Mart Medford, Grants Pass) (Fred Meyer, Medford)

### Housing Improvement Program (H.I.P.):

This program provides grant assistance funding to repair or the replacement of your home. This program is only funded once a year. The deadline for HIP applications is August of every year. To qualify you need to:

1. Be a member of a federal recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native village
2. Be income eligible
3. Reside in the service area
4. Send a disability/handicapped statement
5. Proof of Ownership or Lease
6. No prior HIP assistance





## Mission Statement

The mission of the Karuk Tribal Council is to promote the general welfare of all Karuk People, to establish equality and justice for our Tribe, to restore and preserve Tribal traditions, customs, language and ancestral rights, and to secure to ourselves and our descendants the power to exercise the inherent rights of self-governance.

## Karuk Tribal Council

Fall, 2006

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