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Greetings from your Tribal Council



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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.



Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

We currently have 3,662 Enrolled Tribal Members and 5,825 Enrolled Descendants.

We experienced quite a rise in applications in the last few years. We believe the announcement of the stimulus in 2020 started this significant increase of interest for those Karuk people that had not been enrolled yet and so to those new folks, we say welcome and also to **Please keep us informed of any address or name changes at your earliest convenience so you won't miss out on any future mailings** as we had recently printed a list of 1197 bad addresses and were only able to fix less than 100 of them due to lack of contact information.

Enrollment Committee



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- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's for enrolled Members and Descendants.
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- Process mail lists for Tribal Mailings; please make sure your address is up to date so you don't miss out on important mailings or the newsletter.
- Issue Free California Fishing License Applications. (Income Eligible)
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- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

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

Robert Attebery
Enrollment Officer

Notes From The Chairman

Ayukii koovura Tribal Members,
It is my hope that all is well in Indian Country. More importantly that all Karuk People are doing well! I maintain my “open door” policy, where all Karuk Members should feel free to contact me whenever you have questions or suggestions. I have and will continue to return all calls or consider any suggestions.

I would like to talk about sovereignty and what it means because the Karuk Tribe is a sovereign nation. Sovereignty is a political concept that refers to dominant power or supreme authority. In modern democracies sovereign power rests with the people and is represented by bodies such as Congress or Parliament, for the Karuk People that representation is done through Karuk Council.

With that being said, it is time for the Karuk Tribe to exercise their sovereignty

in a way that will best benefit the Karuk People. In order to do that Council must focus on our homelands (Karuk ancestral territories). At the request of Tribal leaders nationwide, Ernie Stevens Jr. (Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association) and Fawn Sharpe (President of the National Congress of American Indians) joined forces to unite the two largest Tribal advocacy organizations to develop a strategy for Tribal governments to identify opportunities and assert their inherent rights over Indian lands. It is an undisputed fact that Native Nations pre-date the formation of the United States. Prior to European contact, Indian Tribes were independent, self-governing entities with full authority and control over their lands. The U.S. Constitution acknowledges the status of Indian Tribes as distinct governments.

The Karuk Tribal Council has been very proactive advocating that the federal government consult with the Karuk Tribe about issues concerning our ancestral territories. Issues such as transferring lands back, fishing rights, water rights, forest restoration projects, water conservation projects and more. Councilman Troy Hockaday has convinced the Chief of United States Forest Service (Randy Moore) to visit the Karuk Tribe and hear our ideas on proper forest management. Vice-Chairman Ken Brink has 20 plus years of fisheries experience and provides invaluable information about the Klamath River and all her tributaries. Mismanagement of our forests and waterways have resulted in devastating fires and serious pollution of our rivers, creeks and streams. When we receive the rights we are fighting for, and are able to implement Tribal Ecological Knowledge, the



Chairman Russell Attebery, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Chairperson Fawn Sharpe, and Vice Chairman Kenneth Brink

result will be healthier forests, rivers, creeks, streams and a sustainable economy that will provide jobs and entice Tribal Members to come home.

Our sovereignty is constantly being attacked, and is essential as Tribal leaders, we take action to protect our lands and our community's future. One way to do this is by involving the younger generation in the fight on a national level so they can understand the history, the current political environment, and the critical need to continue the fight in the future. By educating and empowering our youth, we are ensuring that our community's sovereignty and rights are protected for generations to come.

On the home front:

The Rain Rock Casino expansion project is moving along on schedule. The project is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2024. There are plans for a phase three project which will include a truck stop, mini mart, and gas station. But before we start that phase, Council will discuss how we can “Start giving back to our Tribal Members”. We have already discussed focusing on a program for our Elders, Youth and offering job trainings to Tribal Members so we can build a strong workforce. Please feel free to call or email me with any suggestions you may have. 🏹

Yootva kura suva nik,
Chairman Attebery

Notes From The Vice Chairman

A yukii

I am proud to provide an update on how things are going. I have to say that I am enjoying my new position as your Vice Chair. I've been back to Washington DC where I attended the Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Meeting. I got to meet many wonderful leaders in Indian Country.

I also serve as the Chair for the Karuk Tribe Housing Committee and in this capacity have attended a couple of trainings and events. There is so much to learn about the ins and outs of housing issues and all the different sources of funding that support this department. The rules and reporting requirements that go along with each source of funding are complex.

I am also seated on the Gaming Authority. I am learning how the Casino is ran from day to day operations. Part of my responsibilities are to review the budget reports and daily operations. We discuss the phases of the casino, such as the construction of the hotel, including how much it costs and when it's going to be done. The Gaming Authority also deals with complaints and all the issues with the Casino's staff. The Gaming Authority reports back to the Council.

And there are still so many wonderful programs in our Tribe that I am eager to learn about.

One of the new programs I am excited to see brought to life is a food distribution program for elders in the Happy Camp and Yreka Communities. I am working with staff and local organic farmers to provide healthy organic produce for our Elders in Happy Camp and Yreka. This is a first- time pilot project that we hope we will be able to develop into something permanent for our communities. An application form and information about the program is currently under development and should soon be sent out.

I also will continue to strive to make sure that our culture and language is being taught to our people throughout our territory. 

Yootva,

Vice Chairman Brink





KARUK TRIBE

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JULY 15, 2023



Registration @ 9AM

Events from

9 AM - 2 PM

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Big Dam Win!

Klamath Dam Removal Already Underway

After more than two decades of campaigning, the Karuk Tribe and its allies have scored one of the biggest environmental victories in history – removal of the lower four Klamath River dams. The project represents the world's largest salmon restoration project, removing four large dams and restoring over 36 miles of river.

When the final approvals were issued by federal agencies last Fall, Chairman Attebery proclaimed, "Today's victory is well earned by the thousands of people who fought for clean water, healthy fisheries, and environmental justice for Klamath River communities. I am grateful to everyone, from the youth to the elders, who made this victory possible."

Karuk leaders have championed dam removal for decades, but the 'Bring the Salmon Home' campaign launched in earnest after the devastating 2002 Fish Kill. As the Director of Natural Resources, Leaf Hillman led early efforts to turn tragedy into action. Hillman was instrumental in building a coalition among leaders and activists from Karuk, Yurok, Hoopa, and the Klamath Tribes as well as fishermen and conservation groups.

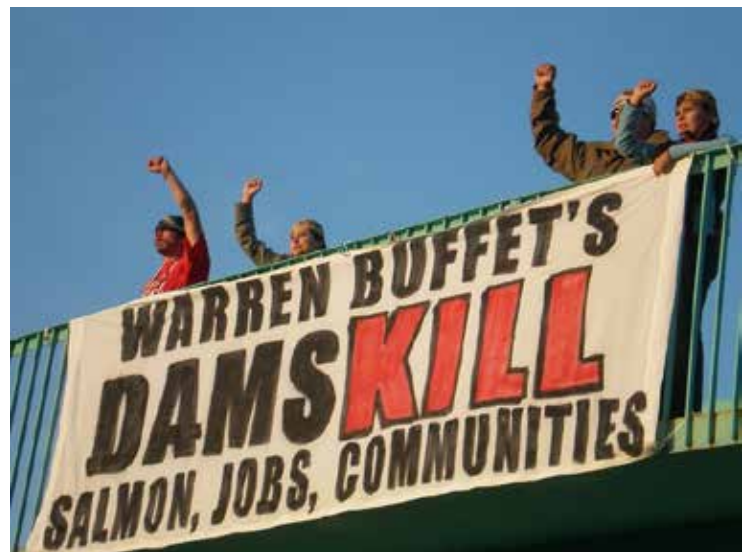
In 2004, nearly 26 representatives from Klamath Basin tribal communities and their allies traveled to Scotland to launch the campaign. The group protested the annual shareholders meeting of Scottish Power, who owned PacifiCorp who in turn owned the dams. There was a large group of Karuk members and staff there including: Earl Crosby, Leaf Hillman, Molli Myers, Scott Quinn, Mike Polmateer, Ron Reed, Sandy Tripp, Harold Trip, Bill Tripp, and Craig Tucker. That first Scotland trip and protest sparked international interest in Klamath Dam removal and created the momentum necessary to power a two decades long campaign.

After two trips to Scotland and several large protests at PacifiCorp's Portland headquarters, Scottish Power surprised everyone by selling PacifiCorp to Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Energy in 2006. This was a disappointing moment as many thought Scottish Power shareholders were poised to support dam removal at the next annual meeting. Disappointed but undaunted, the Bring the Salmon Home coalition simply rearranged their travel plans. The next protest at a shareholders meeting would be in Omaha, Nebraska – not Scotland.

The coalition also ramped up its tactics. Large protests in Sacramento and Portland preceded demonstrations at the Berkshire Hathaway annual shareholder meetings in 2006 and 2007. Known as the Woodstock of Capitalism, the Berkshire Shareholders event featured a week of posh cocktail parties at



Molli Myers and Nick-nekich Hillman protesting Scottish Power in 2004



Chook Chook Hillman, Annelia Hillman, Mike Polmateer, and Seafa Ramos hang a banner over highway leading to Berkshire Hathaway Shareholder meeting in 2008



Raven Palomera and others hold a “die in” at Buffett’s Cocktail reception in 2008

venues all over Omaha and ended with a meeting in a large arena before 30,000 investors.

Several Karuk Tribal members and descendants led the charge at these meetings. In a moment that held the entire crowd in rapt attention, Chook Chook Hillman addressed Warren Buffett in front the crowd first in Karuk, then in English, demanding he sign a deal to remove the dams. Outside the meeting, Kathy McCovey, Bryan Colegrove, Kenneth Brink, Ron Reed, Mike Polmateer, Florence Conrad, Cody Donahue, Ike Hillman, Robert Attebery and Luanna Hillman were joined by Yurok, Hoopa, and Klamath Tribal members to traditionally cook salmon and explain how valuable salmon are to Native People. At other events, Molli Myers, Leaf Hillman, Raven Palomera, Lauren Alvaredo, Gabriel “Cogi” McCovey, Jess McLaughlin and others disrupted cocktail parties, took over press events, and generally demanded to be heard by Berkshire investors. Back in California, hundreds if not thousands of people representing communities all along the river staged protests and participated in the Klamath Salmon Run, which just celebrated its 20th year.

While there was a lot of protesting and public relations activities happening, staff at the Karuk Department of Natural Resources worked hard at documenting the dams’ impact to fisheries, water quality, and Tribal culture. Susan Fricke, Crystal Robinson, and Grant Johnson all played a big role documenting toxic algae blooms, Toz Soto, Alex Corum, Mike Polmateer, and Sonny Mitchell monitored and reported on fisheries impacts while Ron Reed and Kari Norgaard-Stroich worked to document impacts to cultural practices.

Through it all, Tribal council members engaged in policy meetings with government agencies and negotiations with Berkshire Energy, and did hundreds of press interviews steadfastly demanding removal of all four dams.



Chook Chook and Annelia Hillman insist that PacifiCorp “take back its toxic algae” in 2008 protest in Portland reception in 2008

In the 20 years it took to reach our goal, a new generation of tribal activists and leaders were born. Many of the youth in our communities grew up at protests, negotiations, and meetings on dam removal. We also lost some great leaders along with way, such as Bud Johnson, Ronnie Pierce and Florence Conrad, all great champions of Karuk cultural values and salmon.

Without the hard work of Karuk Tribal members and descendants, this victory would not have been possible. Many people participated directly in protests, others may have provided childcare to those that did, helped raised money, or offered support through letter writing or speaking out at public meetings. Every effort was valuable and critical for success.

The Klamath River Restoration Corporation (KRRC) plans to remove the smallest of the dams, Copco 2, this summer. The four larger dams will all be removed by the end of 2024. You can follow along and receive updates by following KRRC on Facebook and Twitter.

Congratulations! 🏹



Crispen McAlister and his family march on PacifiCorp’s Portland offices in 2013

Frequently Asked Questions about Klamath Dam Removal

Q: What if the river dries up or the flow is too low?

Dam removal will not dramatically affect flow levels, but will increase flow variability. This is healthy for a river system. Growing water demands and climate change are reducing the amount of water available throughout the Klamath Basin, but because of endangered Coho salmon the federal government is required to maintain minimum flow levels in the mid- and lower-Klamath River. Water allotted to irrigators is the primary cause of low flows, but endangered species take priority.

Q: What will we do without scheduled releases from the dams?

Occasionally, dam operators release extra water from the dams in order to reduce fish disease and clear out the river channel. These functions are important for river health, but will still happen without dams. Winter storm flows, or freshets, are high enough to do the job. These high flows are currently prevented by dams from moving downstream, but after removal the river will be able to naturally maintain itself. Furthermore, the Keno and Link dams will still be in place and can exercise some control of the river.

Q: How will dam removal improve water quality?

Removing the dams would remove many of the conditions that allow for fish disease and poor water quality. Dams hold back water in their reservoirs, allowing the river water to heat up. High temperatures spur the growth of toxin-producing blue-green algae up to concentrations 4,000 times greater than what would pose a moderate health risk. Furthermore, the dams slow down water via reservoirs, allowing fish diseases to thrive, and algae blooms deplete the river of oxygen needed to sustain life. Restoring the natural, free-flowing river will improve these problems. (See SWRCB EIR, ODEQ Final 401 Water Quality Certification)

Q: Won't the sediments in the reservoirs harm the river system?

ODEQ and the California SWRCB found that there are no significant contaminants/toxins in reservoir sediments above and beyond natural background levels. Both agencies have concluded that most of the impounded sediments released will be naturally washed through the river to the ocean within 2 years following reservoir drawdown and dam removal. The sediment composition is mostly dead algae and fine clay. Dam

removal is expected to increase the natural sediment load by less than 50% in the first year, and by small amounts if any, afterwards. The SWRCB has outlined mitigation measures to monitor elevated sediment levels, particularly in the first year, to ensure wildlife and humans alike are not harmed.

The KRRC plans to minimize impacts to Coho salmon and other fish by timing reservoir drawdown to avoid major fish runs in spring and fall (taking action while fish are safe at sea or in tributaries), complying with relevant regulations. So, while property owners along the river will see short-term river impacts that will affect recreation opportunities, the long-term results of dam removal are expected to be very positive for recreation and fishing.

Q: What about all the homes that get their electricity from the dams?

The four Lower Klamath dams generate only about 2% of the electricity PacificCorp provides. Furthermore, the State Water and Resources Control Board found in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that dam removal is “not expected to significantly increase carbon emissions” given PacificCorp’s plans to include more renewable energy development and energy efficiency programs in their portfolio.

Moreover, the California and Oregon Public Utility Commissions (PUCs) have determined that successful implementation of the amended Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), is in the best interest of ratepayers. The KHSA caps the cost of dam removal to ratepayers at \$200 million (compared to an uncapped, \$400+ million in a no-removal scenario), lessening the impact on local residents.

Q: What will happen to the animals/plants in the reservoir ecosystem?

According to Yurok and Karuk researchers, there’s little evidence to suggest that animals established in the reservoir systems will be negatively affected by dam removal. Any effect will be temporary, as the positive benefits of fewer toxic cyanobacteria, lower temperatures, and return of the salmon upstream will bring positive benefits to the entire ecosystem. Furthermore, the natural flow of the river is expected to wash out debris, and winter freshets in particular will clear out dead standing willows.

Though little is known about this matter, careful monitoring of the dam removals on the Klamath can assist in accurately answering this question for future reference. Alongside monitoring efforts, the reservoir banks previously covered by water will be sites for native seed propagation, pioneer seeding, and permanent seed broadcasting in order to restore the barren banks back to a riverine ecosystem (KDRSCW, 21).

Q. What will happen to flood control?

These dams were designed and operated to be “run of river” to generate electricity, not to prevent floods. Recent modeling suggests that flood elevations may see an increase of 6 to 18 inches in a 100-year flood event in the first 18 miles below the site of Iron Gate Dam. Only a few dozens homes below that dam will be affected, and the KRRC has proposed financial compensation to property owners to mitigate these impacts. Happy Camp is far outside the impacted 18-mile section of the river, and is expected to see no significant impact due to flooding.

While the dam reservoirs do seem to hold significant amounts of water, much of the water that comes into the Klamath River comes from the rain and other rivers (like the Scott, Shasta, and Trinity). If these hydroelectric dams were operated for flood control purposes, they would not be able to successfully hold back enough water to prevent flooding.

Q: How long will it take dam removal to yield good results?

Dam removal is not a “silver bullet,” and will cause some stress to the river. It may take multiple seasons for the effects of reservoir sediment to subside before the salmon runs benefit. The health of the Klamath is at a critical point, and dam removal will be the first step in restoring fish habitat and improving water quality.

One place we can turn to for insight is the removal of dams on the Elwha river and subsequent restoration. Salmon began returning to their natal waters upstream of the dams just months after dam removal, surpassing expectations. In the first few years following dam removal in 2011, the river saw a natural return of wildlife, as well as an overall trend of stabilization in the river channel.

Thanks to John R. Oberholzer Dent (Karuk Tribe Department of Natural Resources Water Quality Program), Nathaniel Ramos (Stanford University), and Cole Dill-De Sa (Stanford University) for preparing this FAQ sheet.

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For additional information, please see www.damremovalsocialimpact.com, or write to socialimpact@gmail.com 



Karuk Department of Transportation

The Karuk Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to remind vehicle drivers and motorcyclists alike to *Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles*. In 2019, there were 5,014 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, a decrease from 2018 (5,038). Those deaths accounted for 14% of the total highway fatalities that year.

This summer, KDOT and NHTSA want to ensure that all vehicle drivers *Get Up to Speed on Motorcycles*. This campaign helps motorists understand standard motorcycle driving behaviors and learn how to drive safely around motorcycles on our roadways. Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and

injuries on our nation's highways. It's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists, such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.



KNOW THE FACTS

- Per vehicle mile traveled in 2019, motorcyclists were about 29 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured.
- NHTSA-funded research has shown that people behind the wheels of passenger vehicles are distracted more than 50% of the time.
- Improper use of a vehicle's rear-view and side-view mirrors contributes to collisions, particularly with smaller vehicles like motorcycles. With roughly 40% of a vehicle's outer perimeter zones hidden by blind spots, improper adjustment, or lack of use of one's side-view mirrors, can have dire consequences for motorcyclists.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- If you are turning at an intersection and your view of oncoming traffic is partially obstructed, wait until you can see around the obstruction, sufficiently scan for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists alike), and proceed with caution. Slow your decision-making process down at intersections.
- One's reaction time and ability to assess and respond to a potential collision, such as a lane change, is significantly hindered if there are large differences in speed among vehicles in traffic. When approaching a congested roadway, being diligent in modifying your speed to match that of the cars in traffic can be a lifesaver, particularly for motorcyclists.
- Allow a motorcyclist a full lane width. Though it may seem as if there is enough room in a single lane for a motor vehicle and a motorcycle, looks can be deceiving. Share the road, but not the lane: A motorcyclist needs room to maneuver safely.
- Because motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles, they can be difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.
- Size also matters when it comes to blind spots. Motorcyclists can be easily hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. Always look for motorcycles by checking your mirrors and blind spots before switching to another lane of traffic.
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows motorcyclists to anticipate your movement and find a safe lane position.
- Do not be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle — it may not be self-canceling and the motorcyclist may have forgotten to turn it off. Wait to be sure the rider is going to turn before you proceed.

Consider “adopting” a motorcycle when you’re traveling on the highway in your car or truck. Stay 3 or 4 seconds behind them, and be aware of the surroundings, including what is in front of and beside both you and them. Driving behind your adoptee means you see the motorcycle in your normal field of vision without having to look somewhere you’re not supposed to. Honk if you see someone about to cut off your rider. Being hyper aware of their surroundings as well as your own, in addition to your speed of travel, is actually going to be safer for both you and them.



- Allow more follow distance — three or four seconds — when following a motorcycle; this gives the motorcycle rider more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. Motorcycle riders may suddenly need to change speed or adjust their lane position to avoid hazards such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement. 🏍️

For more information, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov. For additional statistics please visit <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/> and search “motorcycle” under Crash Data Publications.

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on July 15, 2023!
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a brand-new bicycle!**



Women in Fire

Last Fall the Karuk Women's TRES program was held in Orleans, CA based out of the Department of Natural Resources. Bringing in participants, mostly Indigenous women, from over 40 different Indigenous peoples, 11 states, and 3 countries, the event was an enormous success. Organized by 4 Karuk women, Aja Conrad, Analisa Tripp, Neva Gibbens, and Vikki Preston, the KWTRES focused on prescribed burning with cultural objectives and resulted in some excellent burns for willow, tan oaks, and hazel. Strong bonds were built with the many participants who came to participate during the two weeks of burning and a common message afterwards for the Indigenous women and LGBTQ+ was that this time together created a sense of empowerment in their culture, traditions, and capabilities that is not typical of the fire and fuels management world for this demographic.

With the success of last year's program, the planning team has grown and are in the thick of things organizing another Karuk women's burning event this year. Some goals of this year's program are to bring in more Indigenous leadership

within prescribed burning model, provide space for additional cultural burning training and opportunities for Karuk women and LGBTQ+, and to train a more localized land stewardship workforce. Fire has been a tradition for Karuk people since time immemorial, passed down from Grandmothers and Aunties throughout the generations. We plan to promote and protect the health of Karuk people and resources (past, present, and future) upon our landscape that depend on the continued and carefully managed application of fire. We aim to help restore balance to our world through place-based, culturally responsive learning and teaching around fire so that we may continue to practice our living culture for future generations to come.

Applications will go out at the end of June and be due in mid-July, so if you are interested in participating, please keep an eye out. You can find us at Karuk Women's TRES on Facebook or KWTRES on Instagram if you want to follow along with our events. Contact us if you have any questions at ahish@karuk.us. *ahish means to light a fire in Karuk. 



Karuk Tribe is New Owner of Klamath River Resort Inn

By Erin Hillman, Director of Operations

At long last the Karuk Tribe was able to secure the purchase of the Klamath River Resort Inn. The KRRI (formerly known as Anglers Motel by many locals), has been a long-standing fixture in the community of Happy Camp since 1949 and is located just a short drive north of town on Highway 96.

Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant ARPA funds provided the funding to purchase the hotel, whose purpose is to provide a site for those people who need to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. The property is also a popular site for people who come to western Siskiyou County for gatherings, meetings, family reunions, fishing and hunting season.

The hotel is small, only 7 rooms in total. One room, the Hoover Suite is reported to have provided accommodations for President Hoover who liked to visit the area to go fishing. It is located on a tree-lined property with towering maple trees that shade the hotel rooms. Each hotel room has a beautiful view of the Klamath River and faces west toward the tribally owned Ishkaysh Ranch across the water.

For more information about the hotel please visit klamathriverresortinn.com, email klamathriverresortinn@



sisqtel.net or call 530-493-2735. All requests for accommodations needed for quarantine should be referred by your health provider. 🏹



Karuk Tribal Court

We are delighted to share the latest updates from the Karuk Tribal Court, highlighting the remarkable work of our dedicated team members. In the realm of child advocacy, the Tribal Court Child Advocacy Programs (TCCAP) have been bustling with activity throughout the spring season. Manager/Lead Tribal Court Child Advocate Maria Rodriguez, Program Coordinator/Counselor Rachelle Wilson, and Advocate Assistant Eduardo Escobar recently completed an intensive 8-week Tribal Judicial Administration Certificate Program. This comprehensive training provided insights into various aspects of tribal court systems and their comparison with American and international indigenous legal systems.

Furthermore, our team members Rachelle Wilson, Eduardo Escobar, and Deputy Administrator/Judge Devin Flesher attended the National Indian Child Welfare (NICWA) Conference in Reno, NV. With an estimated attendance of

over 1,400 individuals, this three-day conference serves as the premier national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Additionally, TCCAP, in collaboration with California Indian Legal Services (CILS), is in the planning process for an advocacy training later this fall.

In the realm of our Adult Healing to Wellness Programming, Lead Case Manager Rebecca Loughlin is preparing to attend the Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps for Men and Women training offered by White Bison, a nonprofit Wellbriety Movement dedicated to providing culturally-based healing. This training will enable Rebecca to better serve our community members by integrating traditional healing practices with contemporary treatment approaches.

For more information or to get involved, please visit our website at karuktribalcourt.org.

Make sure to come by the Tribal Court booth at the Karuk Tribal Reunion – we look forward to seeing you there! 🏹

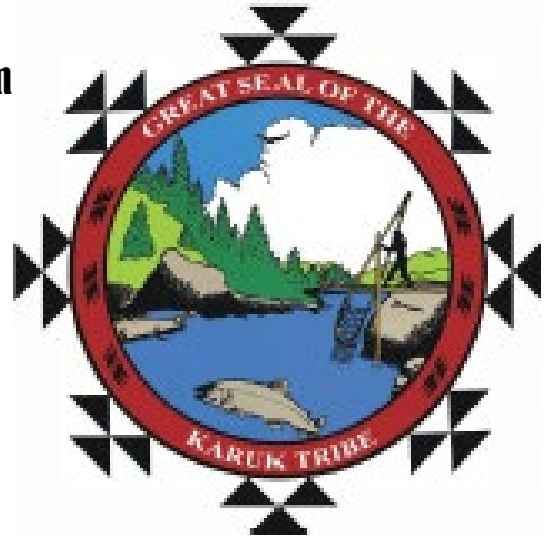


Newly constructed Tribal Court Room

24th ANNUAL KARUK TRIBE REUNION

Saturday, July 15th

- 8:00 am- 10:00 am:** Welcome Breakfast in Gymnasium
- 8:00 am:** FUN Run/Walk Registration
- 9:00am:** FUN Run/Walk
- 9:00 am:** Welcome Booth Opens
- 9:30 am:** Opening Ceremonies
- 10:00 am:** Demonstration Brush Dance
- 11:00 am:** Meet your Council Member (in Big Tent)
- 11:00 am:** Booths and Activities Open- Children's Activities
- 11:00 am:** Enrollment Office Opens to Membership (located @ 529 Jacobs Way)
- 11:00am:** Poker Tournament Starts
- 11:00 am:** Bike Rodeo
- 11:00 am:** Horseshoes & Cornhole Games
- 11:00 am-2:00 pm:** Color your Canvas/T-shirt
- 11:30pm:** Indian Card Game
- 12:00pm:** Snacks in the Gymnasium
- 2:00 pm:** Watermelon Eating Contest
- 3:00pm:** Booths Close
- 3:15pm:** Closing Ceremonies
- 3:30pm:** Reunion Dinner (No Charge– Everyone Welcome)
- 5:00pm- 7:00 pm:** Movies and Game Time (to be held @ 537 Jacobs Way)
- 6:00pm to 11:00 pm:** Reunion Dance at River Park



**Raffle Prizes
Will be
Drawn
Throughout
the Day!**

Sunday:

- 8:00 am to 9:00 am** Grab and Go Breakfast- Suvanik!

Muriel “Mooch” Frederick

Retirement

On March 31, 2023 the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority celebrated the career of longtime employee, and Karuk Tribe Elder, Muriel “Mooch” Frederick, to wish her well as she began the next phase of her journey...RETIREMENT!

Mooch began her long and diverse career at only 17 years old at Pence's Restaurant, previously the Frontier Café, in Happy Camp.

She married Tracy Ward and they welcomed two daughters, Tracy Lee and Vickie Faye.

At only 19 years old, she moved to Ketchikan, Alaska where she managed a small hotel and worked as a sous chef and waitress at 2 different restaurants, followed by a position as a Teacher's Assistant with a Child Care Center there.

Next, she moved to Arkansas to care for her Mother-In-Law where she lived on, and cared for, a 2-acre farm. Also, while in Arkansas, she worked in several factory positions: peeling watermelons for a pickling factory, raising thousands of chickens for a chicken company, making golf clubs, and dipping refrigerator and oven racks in coatings. She also managed a Conoco gas station there.

She returned home from Arkansas in 1974 to live with, and care for, her Grandmother. During this time, she also worked at the sawmill, chasing the chipper until the sawmill closed and she again returned to Alaska and worked spreading asphalt with a spreader box until the company went out of business. When she returned to Happy Camp from Alaska, one of her nephews wrote a song about her being a tough Alaska woman and named it “Lusty Alaska Woman!”

Mooch also worked brushing in the woods for Harold Smith Logging and the Noranda Grey Eagle Mine as a heavy equipment operator before she suffered an injury that drove her to enroll in the

Business Information Processing Program at Trend College in Medford, where she successfully graduated in 1990 with a 3.94 GPA and 100% attendance!

She began her longtime career with the Karuk Tribe from in 1990, first working for Chairman, Dave Titus, to purchase the property on Jacobs Way where the Happy Camp Head Start Center is currently located. That building was previously the main Tribal Administration Office, where she worked as a Receptionist alongside Alvis “Bud” Johnson and Kitty.

Tragically, in April of 1993, Mooch lost her daughter, Vickie Faye Hamer, who drowned at the Indian Creek Eddy, leaving her with two beautiful granddaughters, Mallory and Justine.

In 1992, Mooch began her position as Accounting Clerk for the Karuk Tribe's Fiscal Department until 1999 when she became the Assistant Director of the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Childcare Center. In 2001 she transferred to the Medical Billing Office of the Karuk Tribal Health Program where she worked as an Accounts Receivable Clerk. In 2008 she moved into her Fiscal Clerk position with the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority, where she remained for 14 years until her retirement.

Mooch initiated, planned, and volunteered to coordinate the Community Holiday Meals in Happy Camp for 14 years before turning it over to others.

Mooch has 1 living daughter: Tracy Lee Anderson; 6 Grandchildren: Alicia Rupe, Salvador Ruiz, Yolanda Ruiz, Antonio Ruiz, Mallory Hamer, and Justine Hamer; and 6 Great Grandchildren: Isabella Hernandez, Salvador Ruiz, Vonte Ruiz, Star Brennen, Blake Ruiz and Killian Ruiz.

Sadly, Mooch has been widowed twice, by Tracy Ward and Ralph Frederick, but she never let that loss diminish her ability to love deep. Her faith in God has comforted her throughout her life and wherever she has lived Church has always been, and remains, a big part of her life!

To quote Jackie Robinson, **“The measure of a life is not what that life accomplishes, but rather the impact that life has on others.”** Mooch has achieved many accomplishments in her long and diverse work history, but more importantly she has impacted those who were lucky enough to know her.

Congratulations Mooch! We wish you well in your Retirement. 🦋



Karuk Victim Services Program

The Mission of the Karuk Victim Services Program (KVSP) is to use a culturally sensitive approach to support eligible victims on their journey towards healing by providing advocacy and access to resources. And we envision an empowered community that is united, healthy, and safe. KVSP also does public awareness and education in an effort to bring awareness to the communities concerning different types of victimizations.



National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month was in April. KVSP held A Mile in Her Shoes events in Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka. The turn out for these events was phenomenal.



There were community members, community leaders, tribal employees, tribal leaders, law enforcement, fire fighters, and community partners

that participated in these events. Not only did they show up

to support the cause but they wore high heels while walking along a predetermined route with signs bringing awareness to the issue of sexual assault.

The month of May was the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Month. This is one of our biggest projects of the year. KVSP took part



in the planning of the first ever Missing in California Indian Country event. The Office of Native American Affairs put this event together with the help of National, State, Tribal, and local programs and agencies. The event was held in Blue Lake on April 22. There will be three more similar events held regionally in California.

KVSP does the Red on the River campaign each year during May. This is where we hang red clothing in select locations along the Klamath River from Yreka to Orleans. The red clothing symbolizes those indigenous people that have gone missing or have been murdered. Along with the clothing, posters of missing and murdered people are on display. There are also informational posters about MMIP and Red on the River. 🏹



For anonymous, confidential help available 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) OR The StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-762-8483 or strongheartshelpline.org.

Other Regional-Local Victim Resources

Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center, Yreka, 1-877-842-4068; Humboldt County Domestic Violence, Eureka, 1-866-668-6543; Harrington House, Crescent City, 707-465-3013

Announcement

Kevin Dale Campbell

Congratulations to Karuk Tribal Member, Kevin Dale Campbell! He is the proud son of Kelly (Miller) Totten, grandson of Donald Miller, Sr., and great grandson of Lucinda Ike Miller. Kevin is a proud descendant of Little Ike & Mary Ike.

On May 19th, 2023, Kevin graduated with 2 Associate of Science degrees in Accounting and Small Business Operations from Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA.

Since 2009, Kevin worked as a car mechanic & California smog technician, who later transitioned into building and repairing custom wheelchairs for patients in need throughout the Bay Area & Northern California. Kevin's passion for helping others quickly grew into a rewarding career but, unfortunately, was cut short due to a head-on collision in April 2016 that left him with lifelong medical conditions, including a traumatic spinal cord injury, PTSD, & chronic pain. As a result, Kevin could no longer work on cars or full-mobility wheelchairs and had to embark on his own journey to recovery.

In 2018, after a successful back surgery and completing a restorative physical therapy program, Kevin began his educational coursework toward a career change. He enrolled at Los Medanos College and discovered that he had a remarkable knack for numbers. Between Excel formulas, statistics math problems, and business communications studies, Kevin continued to raise his young daughters, Leila & Kalia, as a loving stay-at-home dad.

Through all of Life's challenges, Kevin meets each one with passion, persistence, and perseverance. This recent endeavor was no different. Some may see adversity as a roadblock. However, Kevin saw it as an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to become something else that was better meant for him. Kevin is a prime example of hard work, commitment, & self-determination and his daughters are very lucky to have him to look up to.

Kevin's family is incredibly proud and they look forward to all of his success in the future! 🏹



Taylor Rose Odbert

Our family happily announce the graduation of Taylor Odbert from the class of 2023 at Yreka Union High School. Brian and Shasta Odbert (parents), Clara Odbert (grandmother) Kathy Rose (grandmother), Larry Super (grandfather) and family wish Taylor the best and want her to know how happy we are to celebrate with her. All her hard work has paid off. Taylor plans to attend College of the Siskiyous and play volleyball for the Eagles. We will be there to cheer her on! Lots of love from all her family. 🏹

Jodi Henderson

Greetings,
I was born and raised in Happy Camp, I grew up when the economy and social climate was flourishing I married my childhood sweetheart and worked locally. In 1996 I went to work for the tribe at the Karuk Head Start but when economic times started changing they closed one of the sites so I went to work at the newly established Karuk Tribal Clinic in Happy Camp, I became the receptionist, when the clinic moved to the Administrative building I came to work as a Medical Assistant having become an Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate and soon a Paramedic with the help of our local ambulance service and the Tribal Health Board. I left for a while as my husband became ill and the next year I came back as Health information technology. I started college, and received my undergraduate degree in Medical Records and my Associates of Arts Degree. I then went into Medical coding and Billing from there I moved to accounts receivable and got my Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration. I then moved to Quality Management and worked with Lessie Aubrey as my mentor, I started my Master's degree program soon after getting my current position of Manager of HRSA, Compliance and Accreditation, Rondi Johnson then became my mentor and I received my Master's Degree in Health Care Administration with a concentration in Compliance and Privacy. I believe that anyone who is motivated and wants to get their education and make a career within the Karuk Tribe it is achievable with dedication and work. 🦅



Yōotva,
Jodi Henderson BHA, MHA
Manager HRSA, Compliance and Accreditation


Congratulations

2023 Karuk Basketweavers Gathering Raffle Prizes

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes!
We received nearly 90 handmade raffle prizes and raised over \$5,000, which will support future Basketweavers Gatherings!

Yôotva! Yôotva! Yôotva!



Basketweavers Gathering

April 2023

A note of thanks-

The Karuk Tribe Basketweavers Gathering is an event that many look forward to every year. It is a time for weavers to get together, share stories and laughter, gather materials, weave with one another, eat good food, and meet new friends. People travel from far and wide for this three-day event. It is truly an extraordinary weekend!

The Basketweavers Gathering could not happen without the employees, supporters, and volunteers who devote their time and effort to make the event so very special. First and foremost, many thanks to the Karuk Tribe Council for their generous support of this year's gathering. Thank you to the organizers of the gathering, who start planning the event months and months ahead of time to make sure everyone has a wonderful time: Brittany Souza, Carolyn Smith, Elaine Garcia, Paula McCarthy, and Verna Reece. Thank you to the Maintenance crew for all of their hard work to prepare for the gathering. Thank you to Josh Saxon, Elaine Garcia, Elizabeth Cushman, and Cathy Huggins at the Peoples Center for generously hosting the gathering year after year. Thank you to Nell Sakota and her crew Chena, Yukon, Stormi, and Donna

for providing delicious and healthy meals. And thank you to Leaf Hillman, Kenneth Brink, Buster Attebery, and Isaac Super for sharing blessings, songs, and good thoughts for our weavers.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our gathering, from working the registration table and taking photographs to cleaning and everything in between. Thank you so much to our volunteer extraordinaire, Cat Turner, who not only worked the whole weekend, but helped train new volunteers. Thank you to Heather Rickard and Beverly Chavez for covering the registration table. Thank you to Justina Harrison for taking photographs, locating extra tables and chairs, and supporting weavers through the whole weekend. Thank you to Jennifer Goodwin, who was our emcee, bingo caller, and raffle wrangler. Thank you to Lisa Hillman for providing an amazing, educational, and just fantastic basket cap demonstration and talk. And thank you to all of our other volunteers, who helped support the gathering and strengthen our community. Yöotva! Yöotva! Yöotva! 🏹



Tamera Alexander Travis King Lulu Alexander Priscilla Bear and Rebecca Randolph



Left: Travis King in the Willow Right: Lulu Alexander with Atimnam basket



Sheryl Steinrock and Kelsey Padgett



Wilverna Reece enjoying gathering



Yvonne Iverson Marge Kalama and Celest Effman Whitewolf



Neva Gibbons



Delores Davis and Khloe



Lisa and Leaf Hillman



Sherrie Williams Quartz Valley Tribe



Lisa Hillman basket cap start



Lisa Hillman shaping cap



Lisa Hillman basket cap



Pauline Attebery Cathy Seeley Jenna Seeley and Chairman Russell Buster Attebery at Gathering



Happy Camp District Council Representative Jennifer Goodwin enjoying the festivities



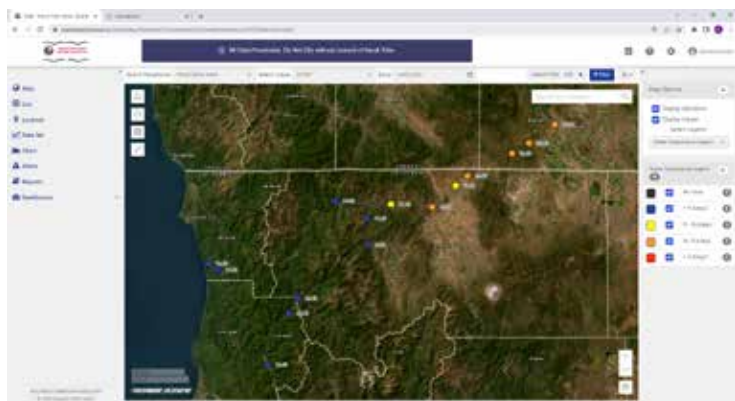
Brittany Sousa and new addition to family enjoying Gathering



Ivan and Florraine Super

Link to Water Quality Information

Water Quality-The Karuk Tribe's Water Quality Program would like to highlight our continued work on building out the Karuk's water quality webportal. The Water Quality Program has plans to expand this monitoring network to include a site on Indian Creek and adding another Klamath River monitoring site between Seiad and Orleans in the near future. For more information please visit this link: <https://waterquality.karuk.us/> 🏹



Emergency Water Grant

Waruk Tribe in partnership with the California Department Water Resources have been providing Emergency drinking water to the communities of Somes Bar and Orleans since December. We will be expanding to offer drinking water to Happy Camp as well for those that do not have a secure safe source to drinking water. Dates and times of Happy Camp distribution will be announced through social media or you can email Darrell Frost at dfrost@karuk.us for notifications concerning distribution dates and times. Orleans and Somes bar residents can go by the Orleans Medical Clinic during open hours to pick up water. Limit two cases per visit. Yōotva 🏹



Orleans Residents

The Karuk Tribe has water filters available at the Orleans Clinic. They are free, (One per Household) Stop by during normal Clinic hours to get yours. Comes with directions for use.



The TAP Filter helps ensure clean drinking water in areas where contaminated domestic water needs filtering before drinking or cooking.

These are available from a grant by: Charity: Water / Watercharity.org



About this item

Makes bacteria contaminated tap water potable; Ideal for use in rural locations, emergency kits, boil alerts, at campgrounds, festivals, events, in RVs, and for travel

Filter up to 500 gallons of water per day; reusable high-performance 0.1 micron absolute inline filter fits taps 17mm to 20mm (11/16" to 3/4"); hose bibs (garden hose spigot); and some (not all) faucet aerators

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TAP adapter attaches directly to other Sawyer filters such as MINI, Dual Threaded MINI, Micro Squeeze, and Squeeze Water filter (not included)

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Easy Filtering for Boil Alerts

Perfect for adding to your disaster preparedness kit to ensure access to clean water during emergencies, the Squeeze TAP Filter is great for removing harmful pathogens from residential water when boil alerts are issued.

It's ideal for use during natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes.

Hitting the road? Consider the Tap Filter your pocket-sized peace of mind for all questionable sources — campgrounds, festivals, events, in RVs, and when traveling internationally. 🏴‍☠️



Obituaries

Zelda Marie Brown

Zelda Marie Brown was born in Santa Rosa, CA on March 24, 1952 to Karuk Tribal Elder, Ella Vina Smith. Zelda's formative years were spent in Bell Gardens, CA where she was among a very large family of siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, and her grandmother, Daisy Pepper. Zelda attended elementary school at Garfield Elementary, and later graduated from Bell Gardens High School. After graduating high school, she enrolled in Marinello School of Beauty and got a license in cosmetology. She worked for many years along her aunt Ruth Wingo, and her sister, Mary Pepper doing hair in their salon.

In 1970 she met Clifford Brown, Sr. and two years later they were joined in marriage, from this union they had two children; Dana Monique Brown, and Clifford Monroe Brown Jr. The Brown's settled in Inglewood, CA where they raised their children.

Zelda was the 'big sister' and protector of her cousins, Mary Alice Campbell, and Evelyn Wingo Columbus from the time they were kids; they grew up more like sisters rather than cousins and that bond remained strong throughout their entire lives. She always made sure that they were taken care of, their kids were taken care of, always made sure they had a place to stay, and, that they were safe. She was the cousin they called if they were ever in trouble or needed anything because they knew they could count on her to show up. Zelda LOVED Marvin Gaye and cooking meals for her family; you could be sure that if it was your birthday that she was going to cook all of your favorite foods for you to enjoy!

On February 25, 2023, Zelda went on to be with her creator. She leaves to cherish her memories her children Dana Brown (Carlo), Clifford Brown, Jr (Rashawnda); five grandchildren; Keimyla Yarbrough, Khalil Brown, Chloe Brown, Brooklyn Batingan and Cairo Brown In addition, she leaves laughter, love and memories only they can share; her cousins Mary Alice Campbell and Evelyn Wingo Columbus, a ton of nieces and nephews, several siblings and one sister-in-law Roxie Tryon. She was preceded in death by Clifford Brown, Sr., her mother Ella Vina Smith, granddaughter Kaylah Yarbrough, siblings; Loretta, Vernon, John, and Mary, and her nephew, Sterling "Jay" Pepper. . 🦋



Evelyn Joyce Wingo-Columbus

A Life Well Lived

Evelyn Joyce Wingo-Columbus was born on January 15, 1954 in Bell Gardens, CA to Alvin L. Wingo Sr. and Ruth Wingo. Evelyn was the oldest of six siblings, and her brothers and sister affectionately referred to her as “Sis”. She was proud of her Native American Heritage; and she was a proud member of the Karuk Tribe of California.

After graduating from Bell Gardens High School in 1972, Evelyn went on to begin a career in retail and worked as a cashier, stocker and merchandiser; she enjoyed the work that she did, she loved being around people.

In 1972, she and a friend were in Los Angeles, CA when she met her future husband, Odis Columbus. She thought he was cool because of his Harley Davidson Sportster and although they didn't marry until 1987, they welcomed two children, Marvinette in 1975, Odis in 1977, and raised them in Compton, CA.

Evelyn loved to cook and would whip up a meal for anyone that asked. Her dad, Al loved her greens so she would make him a pot whenever he asked. She was famous for her “steak and tomato sauce” which never really had a name other than that. We all have memories of her making hamburger patties, rice, and creamed corn for dinner, her breakfast potatoes and, her INFAMOUS sweet potato pie – a recipe that many friends and family use to this day. Her door was always open – if you needed a place to stay, she would offer up some space in her home and make sure you were comfortable; it didn't matter how big or small her place was, if 12 people came to visit they would all stay with her; her giving and nurturing spirit drew everyone to her.

Evelyn loved her kids, she loved them so much that even when they became adults she continued to make sure they were always ok. Although she loved her kids, it was her grandkids, De'De, De'Jay, Kimora, and Remedy were her real loves. She embraced the role of a grandmother wholeheartedly, passing on valuable lessons and cherished



recipes. That love later transferred to her great grandkids; Ava, Nova, and Ocean. She enjoyed hearing stories about them, and they loved being able to ride around with her on her power chair; once they were born there was NEVER a time when she made a Walmart run and didn't get them anything...she didn't care if it was something really small, she had to get it!

She was everyone's favorite aunt and she loved spending time with all of her nieces and nephews. In addition to her siblings, she grew up closely with several of her cousins; her, Zelda and Mary Alice, were known for getting into 'good trouble' when they were together.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Odis Columbus, parents; Al and Ruth Wingo, grandmother, Daisy (Pepper) Wilder, brother, Kenneth Owen Wingo; grandchildren, Darian Jones and Nicholas Columbus, nephew, Sterling “Jay” Pepper, and sister-cousin Zelda Brown.



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