

Karuk Tribe

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Tribal leadership met with Dr. Homer Wilkes, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Randy Moore, Chief of the US Forest Service, Forest Supervisors, and staff to discuss Slater Fire impacts. Photo overlooking Indian Creek Watershed Courtesy of the Karuk Tribe.



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Greetings from your Tribal Council



Russell Attebery

Happy Camp
Chairman

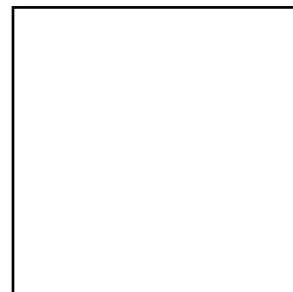
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Kenneth "Binx" Brink

Happy Camp
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2022- Nov. 2026



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Happy Camp
Secretary/Treasurer



Aaron "Troy" Hockaday

Happy Camp District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2020-Nov. 2024



Kristen King

Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2021-Nov. 2025



Jennifer Goodwin

Happy Camp
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2022-Nov. 2024



Renée Stauffer

Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2019-Nov. 2023



Arch Super

Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2021-Nov. 2025



Elizabeth Bentley

Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2022-Nov. 2026

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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 3,649 Enrolled Tribal Members and 5,870 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



Mildred Grant
Chair



**Jeanerette
Jacups-Johnny**
Vice Chair



Sammi Jo Jerry
Secretary



Charlene Naef
Member At Large



Kenneth Brink
Council Vice Chair

 ur office offers an array of services.

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all **Tribal Member** households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information). Please update your census with our office every three years.
- Process mail lists for Tribal Mailings; 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)
- Issue Family Trees
- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

Please feel free to contact our office 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,
I hope all is well in Indian Country. In an effort to be transparent to all Tribal Members I would like to share with you the audit that was done by REDW Advisors and Certified Public Accountants for the Fiscal Year Ending 2022. REDW serves more than 200 Tribal governments and organizations nationwide. I am happy to report that all records and information they requested were freely available to for their inspection; cooperation from the Karuk Tribe was deemed excellent from management and all levels within the organization. Accounting practices and policies included in the Karuk financial statements were appropriate, consistently applied and compiled with all industry standards.



L-R Erica Pinto, Chairwoman CA Tribal Chairperson's Association, Council Member Kristen King, Karuk Tribal Member Blanche Moore, and Chairman Russell Attebery

I recently attended the 56th Native American Day celebration in Sacramento. It was hosted by the California Tribal Chairpersons Association (CTCA). I was elected to serve on the Executive Board for the CTCA. The theme for this year's celebration was "Protecting our People through Sovereignty: Past, Present and Future". This doubles down on the promise of the self-determination era- that by strengthening Tribal Nations, California Native People can better survive a world that continues to endanger Native lifeways, worldviews, and value systems.

When California Native People are able to equitably and safely contribute to their communities, culture and governments, California as a whole is stronger. California Tribal Nations have demonstrated the wisdom and leadership to protect all Californians. Over the last decade, California Tribal Nations have led the state in historic efforts to improve forest health, strengthen wildfire resilience, restore ecosystems and launch culturally-informed wellness centers. Tribes must be able to take the lead in forest restoration and water

conservation projects and provide a sustainable economy for their people.

On the home front:

The Rain Rock Casino expansion is on schedule and we hope to have a grand opening next Spring or early Summer. Following the opening we will immediately move into phase three and start work on a mini-market and gas station. The Karuk Council is very proud of the group of parents and youth that attend the Native American Day celebration and performed demonstration brush dances. They danced at the dinner for Tribal Leaders and State Senators and Assembly Members and again the next day for all California Tribes at the celebration held on the lawns of the State Capital.

The Karuk Council along with Department of Natural Resources Director Bill Tripp, hosted United States Forest Service (USFS) Chief Moore and Undersecretary Wilkes, Department of Agriculture (USDA). We advocated for funding to help mitigate the destruction from the fires. They committed 25 million dollars to help with the restoration of the Klamath Basin. They have also committed to working with us on a Co-management level.

I truly believe that the Karuk People are family. Here are a few suggestions on how you can help our family.

- Find work so you can help support your family. If you need training contact the Karuk Tribe Human Resources (HR) Department or the Karuk Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and they will help guide you through the process. If you are a worker, you are a positive role model.
- Help our children. We have tutors for school work. Check with Scott Aseltine, Education Director. Teach them about our culture, hunting, fishing and gathering. Attend their after-school functions. It brings smiles to their faces when they see loved ones show up.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and pictures, feel free to submit anything you would like to see in future newsletters.

Suva nik.

Russell "Buster" Attebery

Chairman

Yootva. 



Chairman Attebery receives award from Native American Heritage Commission

Message from Vice Chairman

Ayukii

I would like to thank everyone who is helping with the new Elders Organic Produce Distribution Program. The Pilot Program, I am pleased to say, is going great. We are delivering fresh organic produce to tribal elders in the Yreka and Happy Camp communities each week. It is my belief that this is a step in right direction to prevent diabetes in our elders and to prevent diabetes is way cheaper than to the cost to treat diabetes.

Another great project, tied to making available health produce for our elders community is the Yreka Community Garden which is currently under construction. The location of this new garden area is directly behind the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority/ Karuk Administrative Office on Apsuun. The location is also adjacent to our Elders homes in Yreka. The Tribe's goal is to have community gardens in all three of our areas, and I will work hard to see that this happens. I believe that it's very important to combat diabetes with the food we put in our bodies. To eat fresh produce instead of processed foods is like medicine. We start to change the way we eat, and the way we feed our children, and our elderly creating a much healthier lifestyle.

I also continue to learn about all the programs and committees in our tribe. I am the Chair of the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Committee and sit on our Health Board, the Karuk Gaming Authority and the Enrollment Committee. There is still a lot to learn and I will strive to work hard and be honest. I will always keep my door open for the people to come speak to me in person. I will also work hard to bring culture learning and activities to our communities.

Yootva. 



Vice Chairman Brink at Elders Produce Distribution in Yreka CA

Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

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

The candidates pictured below will go on to the November 7th General Election for their respective seats of office.

Chairperson November 2023-2027

Secretary/Treasurer November 2023-2027



Crispen McAllister



**Russell "Buster" Attebery
(Incumbent)**



Scott Quinn



Robert Super

Due to running unopposed for the Member At large (Orleans) position and meeting all eligibility requirements per the Karuk Tribe Election Ordinance, Eli Hensher-Aubrey will be sworn in for his 4-year term beginning November 2023.

Congratulations Eli Hensher-Aubrey!



To view all candidate statements, visit: <https://www.karuk.us>

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

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority



YREKA
1836 Apsuun
(530) 842-1644



HAPPY CAMP
635 Jacobs Way
(530) 493-1414



ORLEANS
37960 Highway 96
(530) 627-3703

Arch Super appointed to HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary, Marcia L. Fudge, hosted HUD's first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (TIAC) meeting at the Robert C. Weaver Federal Building in April 2023. The two-day convening included Tribal leaders from across the continental United States and Alaska that make up the HUD Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. The meeting focused on Nation-to-Nation relationships with Tribal governments, Tribal Sovereignty, housing needs and challenges in Indian Country, and funding for Tribal housing and community development programs. Congratulations Arch!



Arch Super (seated on right) with TIAC Group

Upcoming Projects and Grants

Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka: Work on the Department of Energy (DOE) Grant is wrapping up. KTHA is adding solar panels and battery backups to 39 Elder units in all

three communities, as well as the Wellness Center in Happy Camp. Work began in May starting with Orleans first, due to their unreliable electric service. These units will provide uninterrupted, clean energy, to serve the needs of Elder tenants during outages.



HC Elder Units



*Above: Orleans Elder Units
Right: Typical Battery Installation*





Before



During



After



Underground



Septic



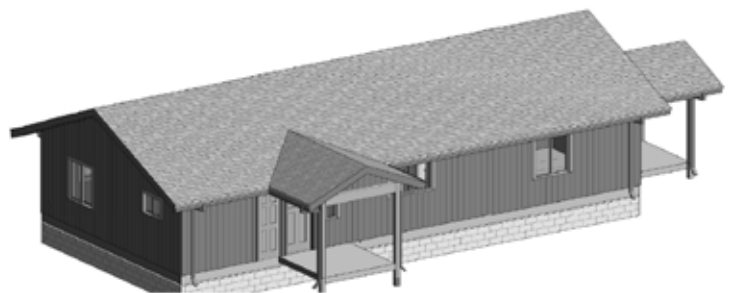
Future Orleans Site Layout



Orleans Homes

Orleans: HUD Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant funding is being utilized to construct eight (8) two-bedroom, single family units on the property previously known as the Pines RV Park. This project is finally moving forward with demolition nearly complete. The next step will be advertising the infrastructure work to be done, followed by home construction. This project took a long time to get moving due to Humboldt County permitting requirements, so it is exciting to finally see progress.

Happy Camp: American Rescue Plan Act IHBG funding will be used to construct seven (7) two-bedroom single family units in the Happy Camp community along Second Avenue, work is scheduled to begin 9/22. Cal OES funding was utilized to replace the failed backup generator at the Headway/ Senior Nutrition Building and KTHA is out to bid for four (4) additional generators to be installed in multiple locations throughout Happy Camp with FEMA funding.



Happy Camp Homes



Yreka Work in Progress



Yreka Completed Siding



Yreka Completed Siding



Yreka Completed Siding



Yreka Upstairs Railing



Yreka Downstairs Railing

Yreka: Work is underway on the Cal OES project to retrofit the exteriors of the Yreka units (with the exception of the Tax Credit homes) to mitigate wildfire danger. This project will be done in phases over several years from multiple funding sources to accomplish all of the tasks. The first phase beginning now includes siding/painting/decks on the apartments, siding on the 30 homes, and painting/decks for the Elder units. Future grants pending award from FEMA BRIC and Cal OES will be utilized for the remaining work which includes: metal roofing and fence replacement for the apartments/30 homes/elder units, and the updated decks for the 30 homes. The defensible space and fuels reduction work has already been completed and looks fantastic!

KTHA continues renovating the interiors of all Yreka apartments which are now over 30 years old! The kitchens, bathrooms, and flooring are all being replaced along with other non-routine repairs such as LED light upgrades and replacing exterior security lights and faucets. **Although it is frustrating to see so many vacant apartments, we ask everyone to understand that those units are not move-in ready, they must be fully stripped to complete this work.** Once the first batch is complete, the complex process of transferring existing tenants into their newly renovated apartments will begin, and continue until all units are renovated. This pairs nicely with the exterior retrofitting being done to the units. The dumpster doors are being replaced and all apartment landscaping will be replaced with eco-friendly synthetic lawn to finish off this long overdue project.



Before



After



Before



After

Programs and Applications

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

Samantha White, Admissions/Loan Specialist, receives and processes all applications for KTHA assistance. **We encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing needs to SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!** The income limits that determine eligibility are not as low as you may think; many working families are still at or below 80% of US Median Family Income Limits set by HUD. Samantha can be reached at (530) 493-1414, Extension 3108 or smwhite@karuk.us. We remind all applicants that a current, complete, application is required in order to determine eligibility for KTHA assistance. Applications are available from any KTHA Office or online at www.ktha.us/

Please be patient as you go through the application process and understand that everyone's experience will be unique. There is a checklist on the application listing mandatory items that must be included for all applications, including all of them at the time of application makes the process much faster. Additional documents may be requested depending on your individual circumstances while processing the application. All applicants will be notified if there is missing documentation,



Wilverna Reece Swearing In

or if additional information is needed, in order to continue processing the application, as well as when the application is deemed complete. Processing times are different depending on the program applied for due to the necessary documentation, research, and third-party verifications required for each individual program.

Board of Commissioners

The current KTHA Board of Commissioners are: Kenneth Brink, Dolores Voyles, Arch Super, Sherile Grant, Deborah Whitman, Charlene Naef, and Wilverna Reece who was sworn in April 17, 2023. The Board of Commissioners Tenant Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, beginning at 10am. The location rotates between the three KTHA communities as follows: January, April, July, and October in Orleans; February, May, August, and November in Yreka; March, June, September, and December in Happy Camp. 🏹



Celebrating our Karuk Heritage: A Reunion to Remember

In the heart of Northern California's Klamath Mountains, the Karuk Tribe recently came together for a momentous event that brought joy, unity, and a profound sense of cultural pride. The 24th Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 was a memorable gathering that allowed tribal members to reconnect and honor our heritage.

The Karuk Reunion was a homecoming for many. A chance to celebrate tribal families and renew bonds that have spanned generations. Tribal members from far and wide converged on ancestral territory, to share in the memories and experiences. For many, it was an opportunity to introduce the younger generations to their Karuk roots.

Festivities began with a heartwarming breakfast prepared with love and expertise from Tribal Council member Troy Hockaday and leaders of the Karuk Tribe's Management team, Joshua Saxon, Executive Director, Erin Hillman, Director of Operations, and others. The tantalizing aroma of a great breakfast filled the air and set the stage for a day of connection and celebration.

Opening ceremony followed, featuring respected Council members and a heartfelt blessing in the Karuk tribal language by Council member, Arch Super. Council Chairman, Russell "Buster" Attebery took the opportunity to reflect on the Tribe's history, recounting the events and accomplishments of the Tribe over the past year. He recognized the outstanding contributions of tribal community members that have played a vital role in the growth of the tribe. The tribal reunion was a platform for discussing important tribal matters, such as self-governance, land rights, environmental conservation and healthcare.

The Karuk Tribal Reunion offered a wide range of activities for all ages. Children enjoyed exciting activities like the Bike Rodeo, put on by the Tribe's Transportation Department. Festivities also included a traditional Karuk card game tournament, poker tournament, bouncy houses, face painting, a raffle, t-shirt giveaway and more while fitness enthusiasts participated in a 5K walk/run. Various community members showcased their talents in vendor booths. Karuk Health & Human Services staff provided valuable insights into wellness and health benefits, alongside an informative Enrollment booth.

Undoubtably, the highlight of the sweltering day was the Demonstration Brush Dance which was meticulously

organized by Council Vice-Chairman, Kenneth "Binks" Brink as well as David Arwood Sr. and David Arwood Jr. "Two Sticks". Over 20 dancers came together to share culture.

As the sun began to set, family members gathered for a delicious dinner prepared with care by Nell Sakota and helpers. The evening continued with a mesmerizing concert at the River Park, led by Hog Wild & the Roadsters, filling the night with memories.

Sunday morning was the conclusion of the reunion fun with a to-go style Suvaniik breakfast to say not a goodbye but a "see you soon". With a promise to return again next year. Thank you to the many Karuk Tribal members, staff and vendors for contributing to a wonderful reunion.

Yootva! 🏹



Vice Chairman Brink



CHP Rodeo 1



Council Member Arch Super prepares frybread



Council Members at Reunion



Demonstration Brush Dancers at Reunion



KTHA Security Staff Members White and Sarmento feed the crowd



Tribal children having fun



Tribal Members Linda Kufner and Pauline Attebery



Tribal Members at Reunion

Elders Organic Produce Distribution Pilot Project

Karuk Tribe Elders in the Happy Camp and Yreka communities were invited to participate in a one-year Pilot Project that distributes organic produce each week. The first distribution took place in Happy Camp on July 28.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Brink, who spearheaded the project, is excited to be able to offer this program to the two previously underserved communities. The purpose of the program is to prevent diabetes in our elder population, by providing local, fresh organically certified produce to our Tribal Elders. Interest in the Pilot Project will steer the effort to support grant applications to support next year's project.

So far, feedback for the project has been overwhelmingly positive. Tribal Member Paula McCarthy from Happy Camp stated at the first distribution: "I think it's great.", and is really looking forward to the fresh tomatoes that she puts on her sandwiches. Blanche Moore, also from Happy Camp also provided a positive review, saying: "This is a really wonderful program. Everything smells so great and looks great!" Blanche also added that she cannot wait to steam some of the vegetables that she carried home.

If you have any questions about the new program, please feel free to contact Vice Chairman Kenneth (Binx) Brink at 530-493-1600 extension 2040 or by email at kbbrink@karuk.us.

Yootva. 



Tribal Member Vickie Walden



Carrots Galore!



Tribal Members, Blanche Moore and daughter Shannon Rodriguez

Karuk Food Sovereignty Program

The Karuk Food Sovereignty Program, located at the Department of Natural Resources, is working to support Karuk communities. This programs main focus over the last several years has been on the Tishaniik Farm in Orleans, CA where fresh produce has been grown to help support access to healthy food choices during the pandemic when the rural area was even more isolated from accessible fruits and vegetables. With this small start, the need across Karuk Country has become very apparent and we hear often how much this kind of access is needed from Orleans to Yreka and everywhere in between.

The vision of this program is to build up capacity to have hubs in Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka that help provide

access to both traditional foods, fibers, and medicines as well as fresh, locally grown produce. With this grand vision, we are looking for staff to help grow this program, starting with a Food Sovereignty Program Manager (please check the Tribe's website for the full position description). We would love to find the perfect person for this position!

During wildfire season, the Tishaniik Farm was able to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to affected communities throughout Karuk Territory. Natural Resource Technicians drove around the fires to take loads up to evacuees in Yreka and other staff delivered food along their commutes from Happy Camp to Orleans. 🏹



Natural Resources Staff Delivers Produce to Yreka Wellness Center

Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation

Bike Rodeo Winners

Ayukii! Hope you all had a great summer and were able to attend the Annual Karuk Reunion held in Happy Camp. The Karuk Tribe Department of Transportation, in partnership with the California Highway patrol, once again hosted the Bicycle Rodeo. It was a huge success!

We were excited to have 10 really nice bikes and helmets of varying sizes for the kids to enter to win, thanks to the donation of Karuk Tribe CSD funds, and Karuk DOT. We had a total of 60 kids participate in the bicycle safety rodeo and enter to win a brand-new bike and helmet. That is almost double the entries we had in 2019!

Every child who participated in the rodeo received a free bicycle helmet to keep, learned how to ride safely through a fun “obstacle course”, and was entered to win a brand-new bike. Thank you again to all who contributed, assisted, and participated with the rodeo – it was a successful group effort and we can’t wait to do it again next summer!

Getting kids to wear bicycle helmets can sometimes be a challenge, but bicycle helmets are not an option when it comes to keeping your children safe. Starting helmet-safety the moment your child sits on his or her first tricycle or bicycle is the way to create a lifelong helmet wearer. The Snell Memorial Foundation and Safety Education Center reports the number of bicycle head injuries annually that require hospitalization “exceeds the total of all head injury cases -- including those from baseball, football, skateboards, scooters, horseback riding, snowboarding, ice hockey, in-line skating and lacrosse.” Please visit www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety for more information and some useful bicycle-safety tips.

Should you ever have any ideas, questions or concerns regarding any of our roads or projects, please don't hesitate to contact me at the following: mrickwalt@karuk.us, or (530) 627-3016.

Stay safe out there on the roads and trails. Suvanik! 🏹
Misty Rickwalt, Bucky Lantz & William Setzer
– Karuk DOT Crew



Clinic Construction Projects Nearly Complete

In June 2022 a ground-breaking ceremony was held in honor of the start of construction on the new medical and dental offices in Happy Camp, C.A. At this ceremony the audience was a medley of council members, employees and the public. They all came together to celebrate the building as it seeks to bring more space and state-of-the-art medical technologies to the region. By funding this project, the Karuk Tribe seeks to create a medical and dental facility that can provide the best care possible for our members and surrounding communities. Various members spoke at the groundbreaking and credited the medical team with being an integral part in their longevity. Now in September 2023 we are seeing this dream become a reality. The Karuk Tribe's Construction and Medical teams have been working towards this goal, (for the membership and community) for more than two decades. The facilities will be open to the membership and community early 2024. 🏹



Karuk Fire Policy Update

The Karuk Tribe Fire and Fuels Program plans and implements fuels projects within Karuk Aboriginal Territory which emphasize the cultural values of care, stewardship, regeneration, and learning from Relative plants, animals, and beings in the world around us. Karuk DNR strives to continue stewarding our Lands and Waters in a Good Way with Good Fire, placing importance on the lived, shared, and embodied knowledges of our Peoples as fire keepers who help to Fix The Earth. KDNR staff and local partners manage multiple long-term, landscape-scale forest plans geared towards the strengthening of Tribal leadership, sovereignty, and decision-making over our places. Over time, continued management led by Native People gives room for these spaces to heal, showing how the world gives back to us if we take care of the world in return.

Over the last spring, Karuk Tribe Fire and Fuels collaborated with the Six Rivers National Forest Service to conduct prescribed burning efforts on the Rogers Creek project area of the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project, a Tribally-led effort to bring together forest management personnel and leadership across Tribal, non-profit, state, local, and federal agencies. We saw multiple hundreds of acres of prepped hazardous fuels areas in a slow-moving, low intensity style understory burn, with firing

led by the Karuk Crew 1. The Karuk Fire Program seeks to build upon the positive aspects of these relationships with external agencies in order to grow the local, state, and national understanding and, hopefully, a genuine valuing of Indigenous leadership in fire.

We hold excitement and hope for ongoing diversification within fire policy and management, pushing always toward futures lead by Karuk, CA Native, and other Indigenous Peoples. We value having a crew of Native men with cultural knowledge in fire, and are growing efforts to center and uplift Native women and gender diverse Peoples into fire and fire management spaces (through efforts like the upcoming Karuk Women's+ TREX). We know that it is us as Tribal Peoples, those who otherwise face daily and life-long battles with inequity of access and opportunity, who know how to value and care for our Lands which have similarly been misunderstood, mismanaged, and exploited. Emboldening a Tribally-based fire workforce for prescribed and wildland fire efforts can work to affirm our cultural belonging by allowing more of us to find a sense of place on our local landscapes. We will continue to find dynamic and creative ways of keeping each other safe, despite the negative impacts fire suppression and climate disaster have had toward the continued wellbeing of our Peoples. 🏹



Wildfire Impacts

Karuk TRES Activities

After a stressful month of active fire activity within many critical locations within Karuk Aboriginal Territory, heavy seasonal rain events have dampened the extreme fire danger being experienced in the Klamath River corridor. Local fire resources, including the Karuk Crew 1, have come together to continue to plan and prep for our annual Klamath Training Exchange Events. Both Klamath TRES (KTRES) and Karuk Indigenous Women's+ TRES (KWTRES) will be holding our events from late-September to mid-October. You can find more information about TRES on Karuk Tribe social media and more general information about what a TRES is on The Nature Conservancy website.

The purpose of KTRES and KWTRES are, in part and upmost importance, to enact fire stewardship in a culturally-responsible manner to build the health of our forests, foods, animal

relatives, and Native Peoples. Communities of Happy Camp, Seiad Valley, Orleans, and Somes Bar still hold a dense and potentially dangerous level of understory growth from the rainy winter of 2022 merging into a wet spring season, with areas showing current growth, or "greening", as cooler fall nights start to linger. KTRES plans to focus efforts around the Wildland Urban Interfaces in the Orleans and Happy Camp areas, as much as fire conditions and weather allows for proper burn windows. We hope to conduct burning or prep work in strategic locations, creating fuel breaks to increase community safety while engaging in long-term stewardship techniques to better the health of cultural-use species. To help address the ongoing reality of fuels build-up from fire suppression on the landscape, TRES will continue in order to exercise our cultural right to fire stewardship as Karuk Peoples, and keep us moving ever closer to a fire-tended and fire-safe landscape in which cultural knowledge and values guide the lighting of health and wellness for future generations of all people. 



Lower Camp

Karuk Department of Natural Resources - Pikyav Field Institute

Ayukii! What an honor it is to be back working for the Karuk Department of Natural Resources (KDNR) serving my Tribal community in the capacity of the Pikyav Field Institute Program Manager! There are some very exciting happenings within our respective program as we continue to work towards providing fun, innovative, and culturally-based environmental education programming to local youth. If you're not familiar with our program structure, we currently have four divisions that include:

- K-12 Curriculum Development;
- Higher Education and Research;
- Sípnuuk Digital Library;
- Workforce Development & Internships (currently unstaffed).

Each of these divisions coordinate closely with our sister Food Sovereignty Program -- *that is currently seeking an enthusiastic and qualified Program Manager!* We also work with other Tribal staff at the KDNR and partner organizations to provide in-classroom visits to local schools as well as outdoor workshops and field trips focused on empowering Tribal youth as future land stewards.

Outside of the school year we also provide employment opportunities to local youth in the Orleans area as well as internships for college-aged students. Our seasonal youth workers and interns work within different programs within the KDNR, including: Wildlife, Food Sovereignty, Pírish "Plants", Fisheries, Cultural Resources, GIS, etc. to support mission critical work and gain exposure and experience in various jobs in natural resource management.

We've also recently started an email listserve for any youth interested in learning more about seasonal youth employment opportunities as well as scholarships and other upcoming opportunities. Contact sbourque@karuk.us to sign up and be notified of exciting opportunities!

And finally, one of my primary goals as the new Program Manager is to continue to build and strengthen relationships within our community to foster a collaborative planning process which will allow more community input for our various Pikyav program areas. If you are interested in learning more or possibly joining our *Pikyav Advisory Team*, please contact me directly at: aconrad@karuk.us. 🏹

Yootva!

Aja Conrad



Isha Goodwin, (Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator-Orleans) gathering Tayiith "Indian Potatoes" on an outing with KDNR staff, youth, and cultural practitioners.



Tayiith



Acorn Processing at the 2023 Karuk Youth Gathering at Katimiin



Salve Making Station at the Karuk Youth Gathering



Youth Workers teaching how to process woodwardia ferns at an Indigenous Science Camp.



Processing maidenhair fern, ceanothus sticks, and acorns at Indigenous Science Camp.

Summer Youth Gathering 2023

UUM YAV KUNKUPITIH PAYAAN'IIFTIHANICHAS

(Youth Will Do Well)

Summer Youth Gathering 2023, Uum Yav Kunkupitih Payaan'iiftihanichas (Youth Will Do Well) was a 5-day 4-night camp for youth 12-18 years old. The camp consisted of daily activities focusing on culture, language, team building, and peer support. The camp was held at the beautiful Klamath River Inn, this location was a perfect place for 100 youth to let loose for 5 days. With a fantastic view of the Klamath River and the surrounding landscape, large grassy areas for our tents, activities and movies nights. The amazing food for the entire event was prepared on location by The CHOMP Truck. Dinners were open to all families so our youth were able to interact and share a meal with our elders and council members.

On day one the kids were provided with a goodie bag of supplies for their stay including a SYG23, Uum Yav Kunkupitih Payaan'iiftihanichas t-shirt and shorts, sleeping bag and assorted essentials for camping. Logos for the event were created by Karuk Youth Leadership youth. Once everyone got settled, we ate and enjoyed a movie then off to bed for a good night's rest to get ready for all upcoming activities! The next few days were jam packed with all kinds of stuff to do. We split the kids into groups where 2 large groups would go white water rafting down 2 different routes of the Mighty Klamath. For the kids not rafting we had a 35-foot inflatable slip'n'slide as well as a giant inflatable water slide with assorted lawn games all over the property which we later tied into a team tournament over the course of the week. It was so exciting to see all these kids work together to split up their teams to align with their skills in order to maximize their possibility to gain points. Points were added up and tallied at the end so the kids could win awesome prizes to take home. Aside from all the fun games we had local cultural practitioners leading beading, basket weaving, and language throughout the week as well.

On Saturday the youth arrived at Katimiin for an immersive cultural experience put on in collaboration with the Karuk DNR K-12 team. The day allowed youth the opportunity to see dipnet fishing at Ish Pish falls, cook and eat acorn soup, tour native plants, and instructed on net-making practices. Youth engaged with multiple cultural practitioners and were able to make connections that continue the opportunity to establish mentorship relationships.

This week also tested their ability to deal with adversity also...because even though we did a ton of fun stuff. Starting on night 2 we got hit by a summer storm, it rained every night and culminated with a torrential downpour and lightning on the last night that forced us to seek shelter at the

Pithvuyram Center in Happy Camp. The next morning, we went back to camp to gather our belongings hand out prizes and laugh about how crazy the week had been. We'll see if we can top it next year!

We want to give special thanks to.....

Chaperones: Frankie Snider, Tanya Busby, Teresa Valin, Frank

Snider, Megan Merlin-Hernandez, John R, Nick Alexander

Education Staff: Scott Aseltine, Alora Sutcliffe, Chase Evans,

Kelli Macalister

Cultural Practitioners: Julie Arwood, Dennis Donahue, Kathy McCovey

KDNR Staff: Frankie Tripp, Heather Rickard, Beau Donahue

Childcare and TERO: Michele Spence, Dion Wood, Rick

Brownsfeild 



Lavina and Gail Wilson



Gathering for movie night



Regalia and meeting tent.



Volleyball after dinner.



Volleyball after dinner.



Regalia



Students strategizing for relay race.



Zachary Evans and Wally Donahue-Aubrey

Unity Mid-Year Conference

Arizona

At the end of February 2023, the Karuk Education Department (KED) in collaboration with other tribal departments took 5 advisors and 19 youth from Karuk Youth Leadership to the UNITY Mid-Year Conference in Tempe, AZ. The conference was designed to inspire youth and advisors to collaborate with Native communities from around the country to come up with youth-led solutions to the problems and social issues within their own communities.

UNITY trainers and peer leaders utilized their UNITY YOUth CAN! Curriculum to examine actions that youth can take to brainstorm and combat social issues. The Karuk Youth Leadership students split up into small groups to discuss action plans to create tasks and plan projects in order to help their local community's needs. The YOUth Can! curriculum involves 10 steps, allowing participants to determine objectives, goals, review milestones, measure progress, assign/accept responsibilities for specific assignments, and establish timelines to complete their tasks. The students learned that these action plans are an important part of strategic planning, and critical to the success of the projects they want to complete. With the skills, our KYL students came home and were able to assess the needs of their tribal service area, then create and implement projects around social issues that inspired them.

Beyond all of the social awareness tools and knowledge that the youth gleaned from this trip, they also had the opportunity to interact with other tribes from around the nation in a space that valued native culture, and witness firsthand the passion involved in preserving their ancestral ways for theirs and future generations. Multiple students returned home with an ignited passion to learn their native language in order to be able to introduce themselves at



future events. Others were compelled to seek a greater understanding of Karuk cultural dances and regalia. Students returned with new skills from connecting with other tribes, from learning governance and planning procedures to help their community, to increased success with public speaking and networking, and establishing new levels of friendships from Yreka to Orleans.

It was an honor to be an advisor for the UNITY midyear conference. Being able to work with advisors from so many other native regions was very insightful and powerful. It was incredible to witness our youth so engaged and intentional while working amongst each other and with youth from other tribes. Overall this conference was very impactful for advisors and youth alike.

Chase Evans

What an amazing trip! The students were outstanding! What a pleasure to see them connect with students from all across the nation, and discuss the issues important in their lives. They were mature and respectful - I couldn't be more proud of them! This was also a fantastic experience for the Education Department to connect with other Advisors and discuss the ways we all support our Leadership groups. It was several days of unity, support, love, and gratitude - very healing and empowering. And the students came back inspired and motivated - to learn their language, to support their community, to stand for river and culture rights, and to implement the ideas they discussed in their own breakout groups. 10/10 would definitely love to go again and take even more students! 🦋

KYL Advisors Melissa Blackinton & Chase Evans



Spring 2023 College Trip

The Karuk Education Department was excited to have its Spring 2023 College Trip. Out of the vast applicants ten(10) youths, between 6th and 8th grade, and four(4) youth mentors, between 9th and 12th grade, were chosen for the trip. The Spring 2023 College Trip was a five(5) day, four(4) night event where youth attended California Polytechnic Humboldt, California State University Chico and Butte College.

Day 1:

On their first day students arrived in Eureka for their tour of CalPoly Humboldt. Students were guided through the school by CalPoly Karuk students. They spent time in the Native Studies building to discuss food sovereignty clubs and programs offered on campus. Youth were able to take part in providing their own favorite native foods, practicing their language and discussing the impacts of native food removal from their communities. Youth were also provided with a specialized fire lab activity where they were able to interact with redwood materials, discuss fire impacts in their lives, and conduct their own fire experiment with pine cones. Upon returning to the house some youth started a game of basketball that attracted kids from the neighborhood to come and join in. At the end of the day youth mentors led the youth through a talking circle to discuss their opinions on the day and what they want to do in the future.

“We need mentors and they need mentors too. I think they (the youth) respond well to having mentors they know and connect with.”

- Ruby (Happy Camp)

Day 2:

The second day began with a youth-made breakfast of biscuits and gravy. Youth then attended the Big Time on CalPoly Humboldt campus. They spent two hours listening to culture music, experiencing various cultural dances and shopping from local vendors. After Big Time the youth mentors helped lead a talking circle about the importance of events such as Big Time where various tribes could come together and share their culture. Youth then built a bonfire on Samoa beach and enjoyed running in the sand as the waves chased them. For some youth it was their first experience at the ocean.

Day 3:

On day three the breakfast group made homemade french toast with chopped up strawberries and blueberries. After breakfast as a team the youth cleaned up the house and packed up into the cars for the 4 hour trip to Chico, CA.

Upon arriving students leapt into the natural pool at One Mile Park. The students then arrived at the house to enjoy the large pool, hot tub, karaoke machine, etc. After settling in, youths created a circle to discuss the native history of the Chico region including the impacts of the Bidwells, the local Mechoopda people, the last “wild” Indian (Ishi) and their connection with Karuk people in the Land of the Grasshopper Song.

“Chico State is so cool I’m going to go here when I graduate”

- Credence (Orleans)

Day 4:

It was an early wake up call on day four but youth still got up and made breakfast sandwiches for everyone. At 8 AM students arrived at Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) to learn about the Mechoopda people and the co-stewardship between Chico State and the Mechoopda tribe. Youth learned about the opportunities to work as stewards on the 3,000 acres that was returned by Chico State to the Mechoopda tribe. Next youth arrived on campus to meet with the Office of Tribal Relations and learn about the opportunities and resources that would be available to them. Following the campus tour, youth were given a specialized tour of the Chico State Farm. The youth were given tours of the sheep unit, dairy unit, aquaponics and organic vegetable project but overall the largest hit was the calf unit. Youth were quickly infatuated with the calves who came over to receive snacks of grass and pets. Upon returning to the house, the youth sat down with their groups for a final talking circle to discuss how they felt about each of the colleges and what they had gained.

“This experience helped me understand what resources are available to native students. I could see myself on these campuses.” - Jackie (Happy Camp)

Day 5:

On the final day of the college trip, youth created a taco breakfast with eggs, avocado, and salsa. Butte College was the last campus of the trip and youth were able to see an active baseball game, view student-made art on campus and learn about Butte College’s campus wildlife reserve. The tour ended with a language circle in which all youth participated.

The Education Department is thankful to the parents and grandparents who worked so hard to help us make this trip happen and for trusting us with their youths for multiple overnight stays. While a few pictures are found here the entire 2023 College Trip can be found on the Karuk Education website. 



There is always time for basketball



Swimming at One Mile Park in Chico.



Thadeus Williams



Bell Memorial Union at CSU Chico.



Youth cooking at the Airbnb.



Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve



Students at the fire lab at Cal Poly



Jackie Rose with new friends at CSU Farm.



This Airbnb has everything including a pool.



Braylon Evans with new friends at CSU Farm.



Visiting the beach – a first for some students

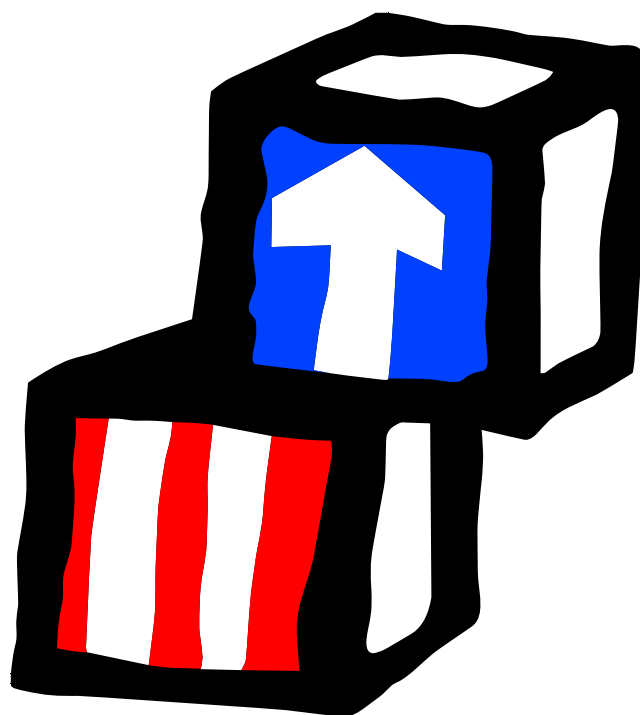
Karuk Youth Leadership's first Karuk Tribe Council Meeting

On May 25th 2023 the Karuk Youth Leadership (KYL) students got the opportunity to attend a Karuk Tribe Council Meeting. For the Youth involved this was an exciting time as KYL is meant to operate similar to Council. Over the past year KYL youth have been running meetings off agenda's, taking minutes, and voting on various projects in the same manner that the Tribal Council does. This was a first-hand experience to see the cultural significance of the language and practices used in their meetings. For many students this was their first-time meeting council members in person and were able to shake hands with each one personally prior to the start of the meeting.

Furthermore, the KYL executive team made up of Ivan Super (Chairman), Isabell Gomez (Vice Chairwoman), and Leveya Sabala (Secretary & Treasurer) had the pleasure of standing in front of Council and reporting back their impactful experience from UNITY's mid-year conference held in Tempe, Arizona. While the executive team were the only ones that spoke during the meeting, members from all KYL service areas were in attendance for this great experience. Due to normal time constraints of such meetings it would be impossible to highlight all the great work KYL youth has done over the past year. So, a report of their activity was given to council prior to the meeting which included updates on the 4 UNITY projects and various other community focused efforts in which KYL has served. Council took time to thank the youth for their diligence during the meeting and their actions to help their communities through KYL events. 🦅

Bookmobile Orleans Headstart Send Off

On May 22, 2023 the Karuk Education Department wrapped up the last stop for the 2022-2023 school year at the Orleans Head Start program. Thirty-five (35) students and teachers stopped in to stock up on books for their summer reading. Our team has worked hard this year on stocking the bookmobile with as many native stories and authors of interest in order to provide the students with a rich and diverse book collection. We encourage the kids to pick out books for siblings if they have brothers and sisters at home who need books, we also give the teachers copies of the Native stories to read and study with their students. I always love to go with bookmobile to the various service areas because the excitement to get new books from all the communities is inspiring. 🦅



Congratulations to Jodi Henderson!

Jodi Henderson, Manager of HRSA, Compliance and Accreditation recently obtained her Master's Degree in Health Care Administration with a concentration in Compliance and Privacy. A native of Happy Camp and married to her childhood sweetheart, Jodi is a long-time employee of the Karuk Tribe's Health and Human Services Program. She has held several previous positions with the tribe including Medical Assistant, Health Information Technician, Medical Coding and worked in Quality Management under Lessie Aubrey, one of her mentors. After obtaining her current position she began her Master's program, mentored by Rondi Johnson, Karuk Health and Human Services CEO. Jodi states that she believes "that anyone who is motivated and wants to get their education and make a career with the Karuk Tribe, it is achievable with dedication and work". Congratulations Jodi! 🏆



HUD & Tribe Fund Gymnasium Remodel

In 2019 the Karuk Tribe received an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to remodel and expand the Karuk Tribes outdated and dilapidated community center. Renovation of the 3,704 square foot facility included the addition of 2,100 square feet of additional office space and a fully remodeled commercial kitchen. The facility is the focal point of our administrative complex and a space that the Tribal Council can be proud to share with the community. This facility has increased the tribe's capacity to provide all levels of education services and workforce development opportunities to its membership through the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) and Education Department, while also expanding child care and educational support services to reduce the obstacles to educational success and professional success. 🏆



Pictured above the Karuk Tribe sponsored AAU Basketball Team. These girls utilized the newly remodeled gymnasium and kitchen to host a fundraiser for their traveling basketball team.

Karuk Youth Leadership At The Fair

Siskiyou County Golden Fair 2023 and the Karuk Booster Club offered an opportunity for The Karuk Youth Leaders to provide their services and learn important life skills at the Indian Taco Booth with Arch Super. The Karuk Youth Leaders and many other volunteers aimed to please and serve up Arch's Famous Indian Tacos to the community.

The Karuk Youth Leaders helped their elders every step of the way from setting up the screened cooking area, learning and preparing Arch's special recipes for fry bread and chili, running the sales counter to being Indian taco artists with mentorship provided by Arch Super, Chairperson Buster Attebery, Florraine Super, Scott Aseltine, Ann Escobar, Suzie Cost, Kris Taylor, Misty Porter, many others including myself, Roseann Ritchison.

All of the youth arrived each day ready to learn and provide the best service and tacos to the community. After the food service rush, the youth helped clean up and prepare for the next days volunteers. Scott Aseltine, Karuk Education Director mentored Elijah Smith in the cook shack as they prepared the chili and fry bread.

We would like to give a special Yootva! to Karuk Youth Leaders Ivan Super, Preston Bentley, Sophie Abono, Vinny Abono, Alyssa Abono, Juni Black, Chloe King, Evauna Grant, Autumn Goodwin, Schuldzie Bailey, Jayme Jerry, Juvanna Jerry, Iimnih Bailey, Elijah Smith, Layla Broulliette, Bella Martinez, and Annalee Hughes for dedicating their time and skills to the 5-day event. 🏹



News from Public Works Department

Ayukii (Hello),
My name is Jack Lantz, Director of Public Works for the Karuk Tribe. As the Director, I oversee and assist in multiple departments. These include Department of Transportation, Emergency Services, Information Technology, Land Management, Construction Management, and Indian Health Services and Sanitation Deficiency certifications.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to return home and work for our people. For the last two decades my wife and I have been away raising out three wonderful sons and working in the Sacramento CA area. During that time, I was able to work on many large-scale projects in the infrastructure realm, with people from all around the United States. Bridges, Earth Dam, Heavy Highway, and Natural Gas Transmission are some of the projects of my expertise.

For the last six months, I have been working in all three communities; Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans. The Tribe is seeing positive growth and development in all areas. Currently, we have multiple large-scale projects in the works, and I am noticing a large demand for skilled licensed tradesman and tradeswomen. The possibilities are endless when we work together for the common good of our people.

Looking forward to the completion of many projects that will enhance our Tribe, our people and the communities we serve.

Yootva! 🏹



Yreka Community Garden project (coming this Spring)



Bucky Lantz and William Seltzer completing re-striping of the Happy Camp Administrative Complex



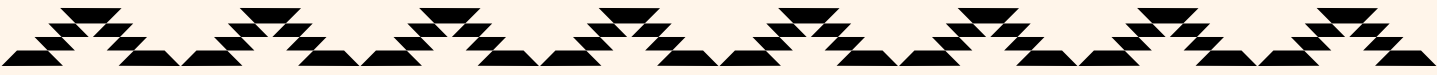
Finishing touches. Work finalized the newly constructed Karuk Judicial Building, Yreka CA.



Retaining wall created to stabilize construction of new Medical & Dental clinics in Happy Camp, CA



Ground work for building pad to support refrigeration Conex at the Tishaniik Farm, Orleans CA.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU REGARDING REFERRALS FOR HEALTH CARE

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Obituaries

Sharon “Sheri” Marie (Black) Hatten

June 27, 1944 to June 14, 2023



The first of six children, born in Coos Bay, Oregon, Karuk Tribal Member Sharon “Sheri” Marie (Black) Hatten grew up along the Klamath River and attended Honolulu School (elementary). She then graduated from Yreka High School in 1962. She made a career at the State of California, Department of Justice, and then retired to Alaska with her husband, only to move back to California once her grandchildren came along. She enjoyed collecting Roosters and Kokopelli's and Raiders stuff. She loved Elvis, watching birds, nature and flowers, playing and winning at the casino, watching her Westerns and Dr. Jeff! She had a green thumb, and always had the most beautiful plants. She was the most organized person you ever did meet and she loved her little dogs, Lillie and Susie. She gained her angel wings as she left us peacefully in her sleep on June 14, 2023, in Nampa, Idaho.



Sheri was a Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Mother In-

Law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Godmother, and Aunt to many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lena Mae Black, her father, Oscar Black and her brothers, Kenneth and Jerry Black. She is survived by her sister, Barbara, her brothers, Richard and Gary, her loving husband of 59 years, Paul D. Hatten, her twin sons, Paul (Lisa), Douglas (Minnie), Gary (Melissa), and Dion (Laurie) and her grandchildren, Andrea, Savannah, Rachel, Bailey, Elijah, Zach, Zoey, Zienna, Logan and her great grandchildren, Jazmyn, Aria, Rylee, Jordan, Jesse, Reagan, Liam and Reese. 🦋



Frederic J. Trimble Jr.

May 15, 1981 to July 24, 2023

Longtime Happy Camp resident Fredric J. Trimble Jr. passed away on July 24, 2023 in Happy Camp at the age of 42. Fred was born on May 15, 1981 in Eureka California to Frederic and Anna Trimble. He was the second of seven children. He attended school in Happy Camp Elementary where he was one of five on the basketball team, no breaks. He also played football, basketball and baseball for Happy Camp High School.

Fred was always walking somewhere; it helped him think. Fred had a mental disability due to his father being exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

Fred is survived by his mother and step-father, Anna and Dwayne Myers of Happy Camp; two sisters, Sahneewa Trimble and Ahwenga Myers; a brother Dillon Myers; grandmothers Ethel Nixon Garcia and Ernestine Sanderson Trimble, along with numerous nieces, nephews and many, many cousins. Fred was preceded in death by his father, Frederic Trimble, grandfather Frederic (Dudy) Trimble, his grandfather's Fred (Pete) Downs and three brothers, Alan Gibson, Lawrence Trimble and Sequoi Myers.

Fred was a big believer in all of his tribal ceremonies and has joined in all of them. He loved to jump center, dance and sing. Fred had many songs he could sing. Fred was a member of the Hupa Tribe, and was also Karuk, Yurok and Wintun.

A Celebration of Life will be held after all the Tribal Ceremonies are completed. 🦋





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