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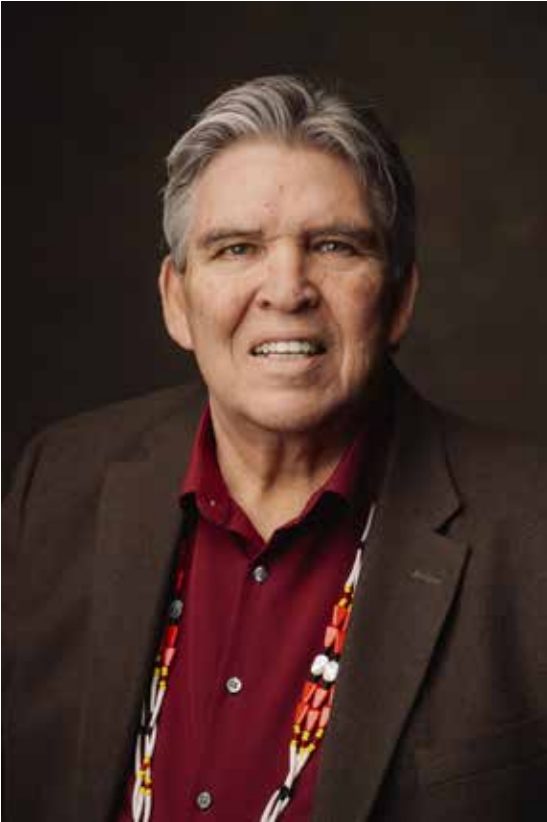
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From the Chairperson

Russell “Buster” Attebery

Chairperson Update



Chairperson Buster Attebery

Ayukii Koovúra,

I hope all is well. I want everyone to know Council is working hard to diversify and add more businesses to the Karuk portfolio. While the Karuk's Rain Rock Casino is successful, it will never reach its full potential unless we protect our sovereign rights. We are facing attacks from other Tribes wanting to do gaming and operate other businesses within Karuk Tribal aboriginal territories, but arguably the most dangerous threat to our sovereignty and economies is the prediction markets. Prediction markets directly attack the sovereignty of all 575 federally recognized Tribes. They offer unregulated, illegal online gambling that siphons Indian gaming revenues dedicated to Tribal education programs for our children, housing for our Elders, public safety programs, general welfare programs, and more.

Upon its formation, the United States acknowledged the sovereign authority of Indian Tribes, entering into hundreds of treaties to establish trade agreements, form alliances, and preserve the peace. Through these, Tribes ceded hundreds of millions of acres of homelands to help build this nation. In return, the government promised to provide for the education, health, public safety, and general welfare of Indian people. The Constitution itself provides that "Congress shall have power to...regulate commerce with foreign nations and among states and with Indian Tribes".

I have reached out to Indian Gaming Association (IGA) Chairman David Bean, a friend and colleague, and we will unite with IGA and other Tribal organizations to fight the prediction market organization because they are not a sovereign nation like the Karuk Tribe.

On the home front:

Work is continuing on our travel plaza in Yreka and looks good. We continue to make plans on a gas station in Happy Camp. If it is on trust lands, we will get a tax break, and this could provide a good revenue stream.

We are working on getting a construction company started. A construction company has the potential to create a good revenue stream, especially if we can get some forest restoration and water conservation projects going. We will need heavy equipment operators and mechanics. Check in with our TERO office for possible training opportunities.

As always, my door is open for any and all suggestions.

Kenneth Brink

Vice-Chairperson Highlight



Kenneth Brink

The Karuk Tribe Hosts Legislative Tours Highlighting Klamath Restoration and Fire Resiliency

The Karuk Tribe welcomed California legislators, Tribal leaders, staff, and partners on a series of field tours showcasing the progress of Klamath River restoration and the Tribe's ongoing collaborative efforts toward greater watershed and fire resiliency.

On July 7, 2026, California Assemblymembers Chris Rogers (AD-2) and Damon Connolly (AD-12) along with their staff, joined Karuk Tribal Council, Tribal staff, and partners for a visit to the former Iron Gate dam site and several

restoration sites along the Klamath River. The group reflected on the remarkable transformation of the river since dam removal and visited locations, including Jenny Creek, where significant improvements to salmon spawning habitat have become evident over the past several years.

Throughout the day, participants discussed the interconnected relationship between healthy rivers, beneficial fire, and thriving fisheries, while highlighting the importance of continued investment in Tribal-led restoration and management efforts. The tour also served as an opportunity to recognize Assemblymembers Rogers and Connolly for their leadership and partnership with the Karuk Tribe, including authoring AB 1891 and AB 1699, advancing funding for the Karuk Fire Resiliency Center, and authoring AB 263, which was signed into law in 2025, thereby establishing minimum instream flows for the Scott and Shasta Rivers.

"We want to thank everyone who helped make this day possible. It was my first time floating this stretch of the Klamath River since the Iron Gate Dam was removed, and seeing the progress firsthand was



Undammed Klamath River at the site of the former Iron Gate Dam.



Karuk Vice-Chairman Kenneth Brink with Assembly member Chris Rogers (AD-2).



Undammed Klamath River above former Iron Gate reservoir.

From the Vice-Chairperson



Assembly member Damon Connolly (AD-12) and Karuk Vice-Chairman Kenneth Brink.



Group photo at Iron Gate overlook looking out onto the undammed Klamath River.



Big Springs Ranch.



Parks Creek Diversion.

truly inspiring. The restoration efforts are thriving," said Kenneth "Binx" Brink, Vice Chairman of the Karuk Tribe. "Spending the day on the river reminded me just how beautiful our homelands are. I also want to thank Assemblymembers Rogers and Connolly for taking the time to experience this historic restoration work and to see the renewed habitat that is supporting our fish, wildlife, and future generations."

Later in the week, the Karuk Tribal Council and staff welcomed Assemblywoman Heather Hadwick (AD-1) for another collaborative field tour alongside partners from CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Trout, and The Nature Conservancy. The group visited Parks Creek Ranch and Big Springs Ranch, where ongoing restoration projects are improving salmon habitat and advancing landscape resilience.

Discussions focused on salmon habitat restoration including through both low-tech options such as beaver dam analogs (BDAs) as well as through more intensive mechanical methods, and also the opportunities for collaboration with land owners and land managers to improve salmon habitat within and adjacent to their lands.

Participants also discussed future opportunities for prescribed and cultural burning at both sites, including collaborative plans for implementing beneficial fire at Big Springs Ranch through collaboration between the Tribe, CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit and CDFW.

Following the field visits, participants gathered at Rain Rock Casino to continue their conversations about current and future partnerships that support the health of the Klamath Basin, and to offer appreciation to the Assemblywoman for initiating the \$10 million budget request for the Karuk Fire Resiliency Center, co-authoring AB 1699, and supporting AB 1891, two important pieces of beneficial fire legislation advancing this year and discuss hopes for future collaboration.

"We so appreciated the opportunity to get to spend time with Assemblymembers Chris Rogers, Damon Connolly, and Heather Hadwick, and that they made the effort to come up to the River," said Colleen Rossier, the Karuk Tribe's Director of Government Affairs. "It is critical that state legislators understand the needs and perspectives of the Tribes in their district, and root their legislative, budget, and policy efforts in the knowledge and needs of the people who have lived here since Time Immemorial."

The Karuk Tribe would like to thank Assemblymembers Rogers, Connolly, and Hadwick, their staff, as well as Klamath River Outfitters, RES (Resource Environmental Solutions), Rain Rock Casino, California Trout, The Nature Conservancy, CAL FIRE-Siskiyou Unit, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the planning team, and everyone else who made these field visits possible. Yôotva!

From the Vice-Chairperson



Karuk Vice-Chairperson Kenneth Brink, Assemblymember Heather Hadwick (AD-1), Karuk Tribal Council Secretary/Treasurer Scott Quinn, Karuk Tribal Council Member Laura Mayton, Karuk Tribe Director of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Bill Tripp, and Dozer at Big Springs Ranch in Yreka.



Group photo at Big Springs Ranch, including Assembly member Heather Hadwick and representatives from the Karuk Tribe, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and CAL FIRE.



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**DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



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I'VE COME BACK TO MY NATIVE PLACE

KARUK TRIBAL REUNION
2026

Fisheries Program



Tuekwe Ferris-Hunsucker and Chaas Hillman check for fish in a rotary screw trap on the South Fork Salmon River.

This spring, the Karuk Fisheries Program has been busy monitoring juvenile salmon and trout across the mid-Klamath. We use a variety of tools for this work, including traps and nets to capture fish, as well as unique tags to identify individual fish over time. In the Salmon River and the mainstem Klamath River, our crews have been using rotary screw traps to capture juvenile fish heading down-river toward the ocean. These traps consist of a large, rotating cone held afloat by two buoyant pontoons. Juvenile fish swim into the cone and make their way to the back of the trap, where they remain until our crews check it. We take the captured fish, identify their species, measure them, and, in some cases, take tissue samples for genetic analysis before releasing them back into the river to continue their migration. This effort is important for estimating population sizes, identifying any fish health issues, and determining what proportion of juvenile Chinook salmon are spring vs fall-run.

Elsewhere, we are using passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag technology to track the growth and movement of juvenile Coho salmon.

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on. PIT tags contain a unique code that allows us to identify individual fish as we encounter them over time. For example, in April of this year we recaptured 11 juvenile Coho in Horse Creek that had been tagged one month prior. By measuring them at both sampling events, we were able to work out that the average growth over that month was about 7 millimeters. Then, we can compare these average growth rates to groups of fish in other areas, which gives us insight into which streams or habitat types are most productive. We can use this data to measure the success of restoration actions or to identify areas of the watershed that need habitat restoration.

As we move into summer, we are shifting our focus to monitoring adult spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead that have returned from the ocean. Our crews are gearing up to perform snorkel surveys in just about every mid-Klamath stream in which these fish might be found. The counts we get from this effort help us track spring Chinook and summer steelhead population trends, which can be used to inform management decisions such as protection under the Endangered Species Act.



Juvenile Coho salmon PIT-tagged at Horse Creek.



Summer steelhead observed during a snorkel survey on the Scott River.

Karuk Tribal Forestry Camp



Forestry Camp after burning at Tishaniik with Karuk Fire and Fuels crew on Thursday, June 18. (Photographer: Stormy Staats, Courtesy of The Karuk Tribe)



Ron Reed opening the morning presentations, alongside Cody Conrad and Forrest Davis with Karuk Tribal Forestry, at Itrovutihirak [Oak Bottom Campground].



Campers learning plotting basics with Karuk Forestry and GIS at Haypress.

We are excited to announce the success of our second Karuk Tribal Youth Forestry Camp!

Day One:

On June 14, eleven youth from Oregon, California, Washington and Arizona came together in Orleans for the second Karuk Tribal Youth Forestry Camp, with the goal of providing a place for intergenerational learning and applying a focus on Karuk Ecological Knowledge and stewardship practices.

To start the week off, youth listened to opening presentations from cultural practitioners and Karuk Tribal Forestry.

Backpacking gear was checked out, camp was set up, and we ended the night with s'mores.

Day Two:

After some morning flash presentations on media, storytelling and relationships, we began our 2.5 mile hike into Haypress Meadows. Youth set up camp and spent time getting to know one another while enjoying High Country.

(Quote from Press Release about the Youth Forestry Camp): "Our Karuk Department of Natural Resources Pikyar Field Institute and our youth are just a few of the many reasons the Karuk Tribe is so strong," says Russell "Buster" Attebery, Karuk Tribe Chairman. "I am proud to support the many young people who are gaining valuable skills through Tribal Forestry and other hands-on learning opportunities that will help strengthen our communities."

Day Three:

Waking up to sounds of the dawn chorus, youth went on a birding hike with Wildlife to nearby meadows, stopping along the way to install an acoustic recorder to monitor possible wolf crossings.

After lunch, Karuk Forestry, GIS, and Habitat Restoration led activities in plotting and meadow mapping offering technical skills while also highlighting tools to pull from when looking at the land restoratively

Stormi Staats ended the day of meadow presentations with a spokesperson and advocacy in media training.

Day Four:

After two days in High Country, campers packed up and hiked out for a relaxing day on the Salmon River.

Day Five:

Building upon earlier presentations and activities, campers gained more background into the history of fire suppression, and the ongoing work Karuk people have implemented through various avenues. We heard from presenters on environmental law and policy, grassroots organization building and community activism, all centered in restoring relationships and bringing fire back onto the land.

Day Six:

After a late night burning, campers ate breakfast then traveled to Frank Lake's house for a walk of the property, discussing food sovereignty, regalia and the importance of fire in tending to native plants and relatives.

Despite Friday's overcast sky, after leaving Frank Lake's property, campers dived with Karuk Tribal Fisheries to count fish and snacked on smoked salmon and eel provided by Harold "Sonny" Mitchell. We ended the day with basketball and volleyball, reflection, and more s'mores.

Day Seven:

After seven days, our Forestry Camp staff said Súva nik to our campers, and they made their way back home.



Cleo Woelfle-Hazard with Karuk Habitat Restoration showing campers meadow maps in Haypress.



Ryan Reed (Karuk/Hupa) presenting on FireGeneration Collaborative (FireGen), a youth-led initiative he co-founded in 2022, at the Department of Natural Resources.



Emilio Tripp with Karuk Wildlife, showing campers new tech outside the Department of Natural Resources.



Campers putting fire on the ground at Tishaniik alongside Karuk Fire and Fuels on Thursday, June 18.

*(Quote from Press Release about the Youth Forestry Camp):
"The Karuk Tribal Youth Forestry Camp reflects a shared vision to provide culturally-responsive workforce development training for Tribal youth who want to learn about career opportunities in natural resource fields," Aja Conrad, Pikyav Field Institute Program Manager, Department of Natural Resources, said.*

"Through connecting youth with Tribal elders, field experts, and mentors, we are able to help show the next generation of environmental leaders how the work that we do is directly tied to our inherent and enduring responsibility to help "fix the world" as Karuk peoples. In return, we learn so much from our young participants, from them sharing their own perspectives and expertise"

Following Summer into Fall

Karuk Tribe DNR – Wildlife Team



Adult atipimáamvaan have bald red heads that are easier to keep clean while feeding on animals that have died.

A Summer Atipimáamvaan (turkey vulture) Nest and a Fall Call to Protect Púufich (deer) and Íshyuux (elk)

In early June, a collaborating Wildlife Team member, Emma Cox, conducting northern goshawk surveys in Karuk Aboriginal Territory, came across something unexpected: an atipimáamvaan nest in a hollow stump! These nests are very hard to find as they are very secretive.

Atipimáamvaan (pronounced ah-tip-pim-mom-wahn), which means atipim-rotten flesh and amvaan-eater, has an important role in nature as part of the land's cleanup crew. While soaring on warm summer air currents, they use their strong sense of smell to find dead animals by following scents carried on the wind. By feeding on deer, elk, and other animals that have died, they help recycle nutrients back into the land and reduce the amount of carrion left in the environment.

Atipimáamvaan do not make stick nests like most large birds. Instead, they choose places like hollow stumps or logs, rock crevices, small caves, or other dark and protected spaces. They may clear a small area and lay their eggs directly on the ground. An atipimáamvaan clutch usually contains two cream-colored speckled eggs, and both parents help incubate the eggs for approximately four to six weeks. When the chicks hatch, they look very different from the dark-feathered adults. Instead, they are covered in soft fluffy white down.

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Atipimáamvaan (turkey vulture) and Achvuun (Coho Salmon): A Wildlife Story of Seasonal Change

In Karuk Aboriginal Territory, atipimáamvaan are familiar visitors in the warmer weather of spring, summer and fall. They arrive as the weather warms, remain through the summer, and begin leaving as fall approaches.

A Karuk story tells of Atipimáamvaan and achvuun fighting in the fall. In a part of the story, achvuun pushes the turkey vulture's head toward the hot coals, leaving it bald and red, while the turkey vulture strikes the coho on the nose. During spawning season, male Coho Salmon develop the pronounced hooked jaw that has led some to call them "hook-billed salmon."

The story carries knowledge about the animals' appearances and also speaks about their different seasons. Returning adult coho enter the river during fall and winter, around the time turkey vultures are leaving. They spawn and complete their lives in freshwater. Turkey vultures return in spring and remain through the heat of summer. They both belong to the same Karuk homelands, but the returning adults are here in different seasons.

From Summer Observation to Fall Responsibility

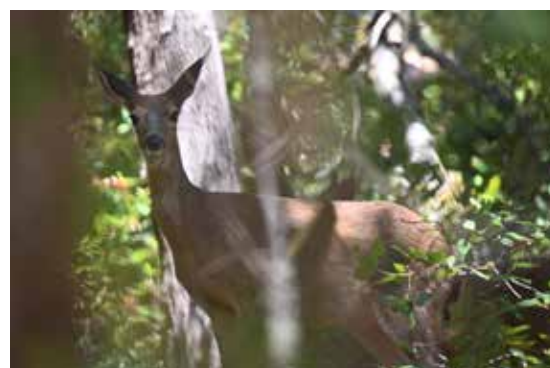
Turkey vultures, deer, and elk are connected through the larger food web. Vultures feed on animals that have died, including deer and elk, helping return nutrients to the land. But vultures are not a solution to wildlife disease. Some disease-causing materials, especially the prions responsible for chronic wasting disease, can remain in carcass tissues and in the environment for years.

As deer hunting season approaches, the Karuk Wildlife Program is asking hunters to help monitor for chronic wasting disease, commonly called CWD. CWD is a fatal neurological disease affecting deer, elk, and related animals. It is caused by abnormal, misfolded proteins called prions, which gradually damage the brain and nervous system. This disease is not in Karuk Aboriginal Lands yet, but we want to be prepared for it, as it has reached California. Central and Eastern California confirmed its first cases in 2024 in mule deer from Madera and Inyo counties.

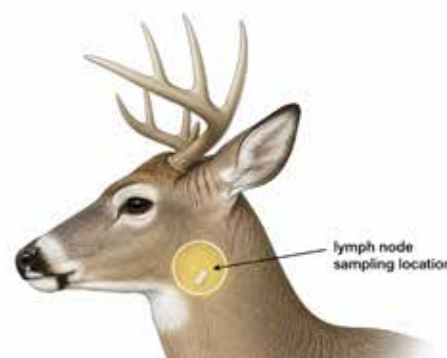
There is currently no vaccine or treatment, making continued testing and early detection especially important. The Wildlife Program tests lymph nodes located behind and below the jaw. Hunters can, but do not need to, remove the lymph nodes themselves. Our staff can assist with collecting the sample, or hunters can bring a harvested deer head to the Orleans office for sampling.



During spawning season, male Achvuun develop dark spawning colors and a strongly hooked jaw.



A picture of a doe(ipat) in Karuk Aboriginal Lands.



This shows the general shape and location of the lymph nodes in the neck. Online videos can help if you remove them yourself. Place the lymph nodes in a baggie and freeze them until submission.



Young atipimáamvaan chicks are covered in soft, fluffy white down.

We are also monitoring for elk hoof disease, formally known as treponeme-associated hoof disease. This painful condition can cause sores, damaged or missing hoof tissue, and hooves that become elongated, curved, overgrown, or deformed. Severely affected elk may limp or become unable to move, feed, or escape danger normally. The disease has been confirmed in Roosevelt elk in Del Norte County and other areas of the Pacific Northwest. No confirmed cases are in Karuk Aboriginal Lands, but we want to continue to be on the lookout for them.

Hunters: You Can Help Us Protect Deer and Elk

Hunting is an expression of continuance, strength, and survival. Karuk people have depended on deer and other traditional foods since time immemorial. Hunting keeps us connected to the land, to our families, and to the animals that continue to provide healthy food, hides, tools, and other materials.

One of the greatest risks of bringing chronic wasting disease into Karuk Aboriginal Territory is the movement of infected deer carcasses, heads, brains, spinal tissue, or other remains from areas where the disease is present. Hunting locally helps reduce that risk.

If you would like to help, you can contact the Wildlife Program after harvesting a local deer so we can collect lymph nodes for CWD testing. You may also bring the head to the Orleans Karuk DNR office, where wildlife staff can help remove the sample. If you harvest an elk and see abnormal hooves, please contact us as well.

Contact the Karuk Wildlife Program at our email: wildlifeteam@karuk.us or call us at 530-627-3446.

Please also report any roadkill with a location, and we can try to get samples of those animals to be tested as well. Every sample and observation strengthens our ability as a community to protect the deer and elk that people depend upon. The observations of hunters and community members help us recognize changes in the health of the animals around us.

Yôotva! Yôotva! Yôotva!

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Yreka Creek and Ishkayish Work Days



Before and after a camp along Yreka Creek.

Ayukîi Koovúra,

Yreka Creek, which runs through four miles of the City of Yreka, is a relatively unassuming stream. At first glance, it seems to face all the usual struggles of an urban waterway: garbage, runoff, channelization, invasive plants, etc. Many people have written it off as a lost cause; a place that was once great and usable that has fallen into disrepair. However, all is not as it appears. Despite the problems the creek is facing, something critical is happening just under the surface. Coho salmon, a listed endangered

species in this part of California, are utilizing Yreka Creek as spawning and rearing habitat, impressing scientists with their resilience. In fact, Yreka Creek is known as the last stronghold for Coho salmon in the Shasta River watershed. In 2024, Coho were even seen spawning behind the local Walmart!

Although the presence of Coho salmon is encouraging, the work is far from over. Yreka Creek once held healthy runs of salmonids, which have followed the unfortunate declines

The Karuk tribe DNR is interested in implementing restoration projects along Yreka Creek to help the struggling Coho population and increase public access along the creek for cultural revitalization and recreation.



Harrison Morrow (top) cleaning up an encampment along Yreka Creek.

seen throughout the Klamath River basin. Due to the impacts of the four dams formerly in place along the Klamath, climate change, mining, levees, road building, and shifting ocean conditions, salmon populations have been declining. The Karuk tribe DNR is interested in implementing restoration projects along Yreka Creek to help the struggling Coho population and increase public access along the creek for cultural revitalization and recreation. In January of 2026, a group came together to discuss the future restoration of Yreka Creek. It involved tribal and city employees, non-profit representatives, permitting specialists, and even the sheriff's department. Despite the varying backgrounds involved, it was simple for everyone to agree that we would do everything we could to move this restoration forward

Of course, large-scale restoration takes a lot of time and effort: funding, permitting, and contracting are all required before ground-breaking can begin. As a first step, the fisheries and habitat restoration departments decided to team up on organizing community stewardship workdays. These allow smaller-scale work to take place, while providing opportunities for community members to take part in the restoration of their community. The first event took place along Yreka Creek as an Earth Day celebration. 11 tribal employees and community members joined to remove trash from the creek's banks and

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remove invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry and Dyer's woad. Although the crew was small, the results were huge, and 2 large trailers were filled with trash. Several large willow trees were freed of the blackberry choking them out, setting the stage for creating a willow gathering area.

Following the trend of willow tending, we met at the Ishkayish ranch near Happy Camp along the Klamath River for our second community workday. Here, we worked alongside a chainsaw crew and Mid Klamath Watershed Council employees. We removed Himalayan blackberry from around willow trees and topped the trees to encourage straighter stems to grow. After tending the willows, we created piles for future burns. KDNR Fire Management crews also discussed conducting cultural burns at the ranch. As an existing gathering site used by elders, these improvements will increase the site's usability and access for tribal members.

Future community workdays are in the works, and we're working on acquiring additional funding. The goal of these events is to continue to improve sites for cultural, recreational, and biological values. Although the cultural connections to place were intentionally severed during colonization, these workdays bring us closer to a future where stewardship is the basis of community, and where people come together to care for the places we love.



KDNR employee Rachel Kayen and community members Amelia and Hazel before and after trash removal under the Oberlin Rd bridge in Yreka.



KDNR employees and community members pose in front of trash removed from Yreka Creek. (Left to right: Colton Dixon, Christy Wheatley, Kathleen, Hazel, Lulu Alexander, Rachel Kayen, Amelia, Harrison Morrow, Gary).



KDNR employees Rachel and Naomi and MKWC employee Elben tend willows along the Klamath River at Ishkayish Ranch.



KDNR employee Lulu Alexander and community members Hazel and Maiya remove invasive plants from along Yreka Creek.



A member of the KDNR Fuels crew uses a chainsaw to release a native willow from invasive Himalayan blackberry along the Klamath River.



Community member Gary removes invasive Himalayan blackberry from around a native willow tree at Yreka Creek.



KARUK TRIBE

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**KARUK TRIBAL
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority: Executive Director's Report



Sara Spence, Executive Director

Building Homes, Strengthening Communities

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) continues to make a lasting impact across the communities of Happy Camp, Yreka, and Orleans by providing safe, affordable housing paired with a wide range of services that strengthen Tribal families and improve quality of life. KTHA is committed to addressing the need for housing while investing in community wellness, safety, and homeownership opportunities to further its mission.

Providing Safe and Affordable Housing

KTHA has 45 employees who manage and maintain 226 affordable housing units in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans. Routine maintenance, inspections, insurance, and infrastructure improvements ensure homes remain safe and well-maintained for tenants. Over the past several years KTHA has successfully secured funding beyond its core HUD Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) by accessing grant funds from the Department of Energy, New Market Tax Credits, and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Additional funding from FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services have been used to improve wildfire resilience by retrofitting units with fire-resistant construction materials, conducting defensible space projects, and planning solar micro-grid backup power systems. KTHA maintains clean Finance Audits and compliance with HUD Funding Requirements allowing them to secure and manage these grants successfully.



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Expanding Housing Opportunities

On June 24, 2026 KTHA held an Open House for seven newly constructed homes in Happy Camp. Each home is 1,155 square feet with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, an open layout, and modern conveniences including solar hot water heaters, energy efficient appliances and heating/cooling systems, and wildfire-resistant construction materials. A special thank you goes out to the Force Account Construction Crew (Doug Goodwin-Construction Manager, Rod Allec-Lead Carpenter, and Jerry Dodgins-Construction Crew Member) who dedicated their time, skill, and effort to ensure these homes were built to welcome new tenants to the KTHA family. These homes were built with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA-IHBG) funds.

Construction is also nearly complete on eight single-family rental homes in Orleans. Each home is 770 square feet with two bedrooms, one bathroom, and modern conveniences including full solar systems to offset energy usage, backup generator transfer switches for extended power outages, energy-efficient appliances and heating/cooling systems, and wildfire-resistant construction materials. An Open House will be scheduled once they are complete and ready for occupancy. These homes are being built with HUD IHBG-COMP (Competitive) Grant funding.

Yreka Apartment Renovations

KTHA is entering the final phase of the Yreka Apartment Renovation Project which has been underway for several years. These 63 apartments were the first units constructed by KTHA in 1992 making them the oldest units at 34 years old. These units have been modernized with new kitchens, bathrooms, flooring, and lighting, significantly improving living conditions for tenants. The apartments have been renovated in phases, with existing tenants being transferred into newly finished units as they are completed. These apartments also received exterior fire-mitigation renovations in 2023-24 so they are now like new again, both inside and out.



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Orleans Wellness Center

Planning continues for the future Orleans Wellness Center, which will provide educational, health, fitness, youth, self-sufficiency and wellness programming designed to improve the quality of life for Tribal families. This project has been a longtime coming for the Orleans community and KTHA is optimistic that funding is finally on the horizon.

In late 2022, the Department of Natural Resources secured a Planning Grant from the Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities program for the Panámnik, sákriiv nukyâavish! (Orleans, we are making it strong!) Project. Over the next several years, they engaged the community of Orleans in planning and collaboration to identify what they wanted to see in their community. Not surprisingly, the Orleans Wellness Center was at the top of the list for both adults and youth and KTHA looks forward to seeing this project come to life. The new facility will be located on the former Orleans Mining Company parcel adjacent to the KTHA housing community.

Supporting Tribal Members Beyond Housing

KTHA provides a variety of housing assistance programs designed to meet the diverse needs of Tribal members. During the most recently audited Fiscal Year (10/1/24 to 9/30/25):

1. The Student Rent Voucher Program assisted 17 Tribal college students, helping them secure safe housing while pursuing higher education.
2. The Elder Voucher Program provided rental assistance to 16 Tribal Members, who are either Elders or permanently disabled, helping them remain safely housed by subsidizing their off-property rent within the service area.
3. The Temporary Housing Voucher Program assisted 4 Tribal Families experiencing temporary housing needs.
4. The Home Replacement Program completed one full home replacement project for a low-income Elder with another getting ready to break ground this fiscal year.
5. KTHA also offers home rehabilitation assistance grants/loans to income eligible Tribal Members within the service area, to address health and safety needs, and down payment assistance grants to help Tribal Members become homeowners.

Promoting Safe and Healthy Communities

Housing extends beyond providing a roof overhead. KTHA's Security and Emergency Services staff: Randy White, Security Officer III/ Emergency Services Manager Happy Camp, Wayne King III, Security Officer I Orleans, Charles Sarmiento, Security Officer II Yreka, and Christopher Carlin, Security Officer I/Surveillance-Cyber Tech Yreka, provide crime prevention programs, neighborhood safety initia-

tives, emergency preparedness activities, and participate in tenant activities throughout the year. The role of Security within the KTHA Communities is to observe and report, they are not law enforcement officers, but they collaborate and act as a liaison with local law enforcement to support tenants. They are also the primary contact for all tenants who require assistance outside of business hours. KTHA is in the process of expanding security camera systems throughout all three communities to better respond and support law enforcement when there are incidents.

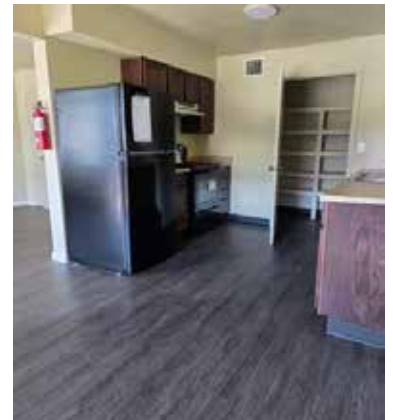
Looking Ahead

As housing needs continue to grow throughout the Karuk Tribe's service area, KTHA remains committed to expanding affordable housing, preserving existing homes, supporting homeownership, and providing services that strengthen Tribal families for generations to come. Through strategic partnerships and continued investment, KTHA is building more than homes, it is building stronger, healthier communities grounded in culture, opportunity, and resilience.

Applying for Housing

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 in the Service Area. KTHA also offers the following assistance to income-eligible Karuk Tribal Members: 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 U.S. 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 (at least once a year), complete, application is required to determine eligibility for KTHA assistance. This not only includes items from the applicant but also required third party verifications that must be obtained. 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. Additional documents may be necessary depending on individual circumstances for your household. All applicants will be notified if there are missing documents or additional items needed, as well as when the application is complete. Processing times are different depending on the program applied for due to the necessary documentation, research, and third-party verifications required for each program.

It is very important to understand that the length of time on the waiting list does not improve an applicant's position on the waiting list. Many people mistakenly think that if they

are on the waiting list long enough, they will eventually receive a unit. That is simply not the case, because there are not enough houses for everyone on the waiting list. Units are offered based on preference points, therefore the list is constantly shifting. There are some things that applicants can do to boost their points such as maintaining full-time employment of at least 40 hours per week or enrolling in college full-time.

Board of Commissioners

The current KTHA Board of Commissioners are: Kenneth Brink-Chairman, Arch Super-Vice Chairman, Charlene Naef-Secretary, Dolores Voyles-Treasurer, Sherile Grant-Commissioner, Deborah Whitman-Commissioner, and Wilverna Reece-Commissioner.

Board of Commissioners Tenant Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, beginning at 10 am, and are open to everyone. 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.



(From Left to right): KTHA Board of Commissioners: Deborah Whitman, Commissioner; Dolores Voyles, Treasurer; Arch Super, Vice-Chairman; Charlene Naef, Secretary; Sherile Grant, Commissioner; Wilverna Reece, Commissioner; Kenneth Brink, Chairman

Tenant Relations: Building Stronger Communities Together

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) Tenant Relations Department is committed to supporting our tenants through community engagement, education, and meaningful programs that strengthen families throughout the year.

Our Tenant Relations Officer (TRO) team consists of:

- **Ann Escobar** – Operations Manager/Assistant Director, Yreka
- **Ashlee King** – Tenant Relations Manager, Yreka
- **Rita Thom** – Tenant Relations Officer, Yreka
- **Courtney Super** – Tenant Relations Officer, Yreka
- **Terra Gaytan** – Tenant Relations Officer, Orleans
- **Melody Duncan** – Tenant Relations Officer, Happy Camp

Throughout the year, our Tenant Relations Officers work hard to provide services, organize community events, and create opportunities that promote healthy, connected, and thriving communities.

Holiday Giving

November and December are among our busiest months at the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority. During the holiday season, KTHA staff deliver turkeys and hams to tenants throughout Yreka, Happy Camp, Orleans, and to participants in our Elder Voucher Program living in the service area. These deliveries help ensure that families and elders can enjoy a traditional holiday meal with their loved ones.

These holiday deliveries also provide our staff with a meaningful opportunity to visit with tenants, check on their well-being, strengthen relationships, and share warm holiday wishes during the season of giving.



Ashlee King, TRO Manager



Honoring Our Elders

For the past several years, the Yreka Tenant Relations team has supported the annual Elder Holiday Luncheon. This special event allows us to honor our elders with a festive meal, holiday decorations, games, and prizes.

It has truly been a blessing to spend time with our elders, hear their stories, and show our appreciation for the wisdom and traditions they share with our community.

Easter Community Celebrations

Easter is one of KTHA's favorite opportunities to bring families together and celebrate our communities.

Easter 2026, the Yreka Tenant Relations team partnered with the Kahtishraam Wellness Center to host one of the largest Easter celebrations our community has seen in years. Families enjoyed an exciting Easter egg hunt, games, activities, prizes, and the opportunity to spend quality time together in a fun and welcoming environment.

In Orleans, Tenant Relations Officer Terra Gaytan supported the community's annual Easter Egg Hunt by helping organize and coordinate the event alongside local partners. Her dedication helped create a memorable experience for children and families. Terra continues to strengthen relationships with residents while supporting events that bring joy and unity to the Orleans community.

These celebrations would not be possible without the partnerships between KTHA, Tribal departments, local organizations, and community volunteers. By working together, we create meaningful experiences for our children, strengthen family connections, and continue building healthier, more vibrant communities for generations to come.



Elijah Butterfly and Madeline Davis

both Karuk tribal members, are joining together in marriage in October 2028. Elijah proposed on April 27th, 2026, at Samoa Beach in Eureka, CA. They have been together for three years. They currently reside in Yreka, CA, and enjoy spending quality time together and being outside.

Congratulations, Elijah and Madeline!

*Elijah Butterfly and Madeline Davis,
Beach in Loleta, CA*

Halloween Community Celebrations

Each year, the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Tenant Relations Department proudly partners with community organizations to participate in annual Halloween celebrations throughout our service area.

The Yreka KTHA Tenant Relations team partners with the Kahtish-raam Wellness Center to create a fun Haunted Spooky Entrance. Families enjoy walking through the decorated entrance before participating in games, activities, and trick-or-treating. The event has become a favorite tradition that provides a safe and exciting Halloween experience for children of all ages.

In Orleans and Happy Camp, our Tenant Relations Officers proudly participate in their local Trunk-or-Treat events. KTHA staff decorate their vehicles, hand out candy, and engage with children and families throughout the evening. These events provide a safe environment for children to celebrate Halloween while giving KTHA staff another opportunity to connect with residents outside of the office.

Back-to-School Support

Each year, KTHA provides backpacks filled with school supplies to KTHA youth throughout our communities. By helping students begin the school year prepared, we hope to set them up for success and ease some of the financial burden on families.

Annual Community Trash Clean-Up

Keeping our communities clean is everyone's responsibility. Each year, KTHA invites youth ages 3 to 18 to participate in our annual Community Trash Clean-Up.

During the event, local law enforcement officers visit with participants to discuss fire safety, personal safety, and other important community topics. As a thank-you for their hard work, participating youth receive a County Fair wristband, encouraging both community service and summer fun.

Shop with a Cop

KTHA proudly partners with local law enforcement and community organizations for the annual Shop with a Cop program. Children from each of our communities are selected to participate and receive a \$200 gift card to shop with a local law enforcement officer.





This program creates positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while helping children experience the joy of giving and receiving during the holiday season. We notice that very often these youth want to purchase gifts for their family, more than themselves, which is such a heartwarming thing to witness.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Each holiday season, KTHA encourages residents to spread holiday cheer by decorating their homes. Our annual Christmas Lighting Contest recognizes outstanding displays with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. This friendly competition helps brighten our neighborhoods and brings our communities together during the holidays.

Tenant Incentives

KTHA is proud to offer programs that encourage financial responsibility, education, and healthy lifestyles.

Christmas Rent Discount

Tenants who maintain a current rent balance throughout the year may qualify for a 15% discount on their December rent.

Student Rent Discount

Heads of household or spouses who are enrolled in a college, university, or vocational training program may qualify for a 30% rent reduction while pursuing their education.

Youth Activity Assistance

KTHA provides financial assistance to help tenant youth participate in organized sports and recreational activities, promoting healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and personal growth.

We're Here to Help

Our Tenant Relations staff are dedicated to promoting tenant success through education, community involvement, and supportive services. Whether you have questions about housing programs, tenant incentives, or community events, your Tenant Relations Officer is here to help.

Yôotva (Thank You),
Karuk Tribe Housing Authority
Tenant Relations Department



HHS Operations Manager Update

Welcome to the Karuk Tribe Health and Human Services Program. We have been working diligently to strengthen healthcare services and bring full-time providers to our communities.

At the Karuk Community Health Clinic in Happy Camp, recruitment remains a priority. Selina Clow, NP, will be returning in February, and we have another provider coming in early August who may consider staying long-term. Recruiting providers to Happy Camp can be challenging due to the limited resources available in our rural community. While Happy Camp is a beautiful place to live and work, rural living is not the right fit for everyone.

We are also working to fully staff and operate our X-ray equipment in Happy Camp. This will allow us to provide simple X-rays in-house and help reduce the need for patients to travel to Yreka for these services. Future dates for the Mammography Van and Public Health Vaccine Clinics in Happy Camp will also be announced as they become available.

We are excited to share that Cayla Earney is enrolled in training to become a Certified Medical Assistant for the Happy Camp Clinic.

Congratulations to Travis King, our newly appointed Orleans Clinical Manager. Travis is already a Certified Medical Assistant and is continuing his education to become a nurse. He is a valuable asset to our communities, and we wish him the best as he continues his education, training, and clinical duties.

In Yreka, we are pleased to be fully staffed. Our own Cecilli Gonzales, Public Health Nurse, is continuing her education to become a licensed Nurse Practitioner. Laurel Pena has also transferred to the Yreka Clinic as a Medical Assistant/Telehealth Assistant, helping us expand our Telehealth Program and increase access to care.

The Yreka Dental Clinic is fully staffed, while Happy Camp currently has a temporary dentist. We continue working to recruit a full-time dentist to serve the Happy Camp community.

This is just a quick look at some of the work happening throughout Karuk Tribe Health and Human Services as we continue improving access to care and supporting the health and well-being of our communities.

Jodi Henderson, BHA, MHA
Operations Manager



Jodi Henderson, BHA, MHA Operations Manager

Building Healthy Communities the KTHA Way



Florrine Super, Wellness Center Director

This has been a busy and rewarding year for our Wellness Center Programs. Across Yreka, Happy Camp, Orleans, and our river communities, we've continued creating opportunities for children, youth, adults, elders, and families to learn, stay active, strengthen cultural knowledge, and build relationships.

Every program has one goal in common: bringing people together. Whether we are learning Karuk language, creating regalia, exercising, receiving tutoring, or sharing a meal, every activity helps strengthen our community and carry our culture forward.

Youth Programs

Our After-School Program continues to provide a safe place where youth can receive homework help, spend time with friends, and stay connected to culture. We currently welcome 10 to 12 students each day.

Friday Teen Nights have become one of our most popular activities, regularly bringing together 30 to 60 teens. We appreciate our Youth Empowerment Siskiyou volunteers who continue helping make these evenings successful.

The Wisdom Keepers Program continued serving youth in Somes Bar, Montague, and Yreka, averaging 10 to 13 participants throughout the year. Each participant created a traditional 15-strand dentalium necklace while learning leadership, responsibility, and cultural teachings. We are grateful to our cultural practitioners and youth mentors, Alma Mendoza, Can Foster, Adam Foster, Preston Bentley, Isaiah Arteché, Austin Grant, and Carla Charraga for sharing their knowledge and helping strengthen the next generation.

Healing of the Canoe continues to help youth build healthy decision-making skills while strengthening their cultural identity.

Graduation season was another highlight. We were honored to recognize our Karuk language students with traditional pine nut necklaces and high school graduates received dentalium necklaces during the Title VI and Discovery High School ceremonies. Watching our students graduate while celebrating their language and culture is something our community can all be proud of.

Planning is already underway for a Youth Basketball Camp and a College Bound Basketball Tournament for our youth

Summer Enrichment Program

This summer, 52 students entering first through eighth grade participated in our Summer Enrichment Program.

A special thank you goes to Destinee Rodriguez for coordinating the Summer Enrichment Program, along with Barbara Wilson, Alyssa Abono, Taylor Odbert, Rachel Lyons, Can Foster, Erica Ambris, Ivan Super, Florrine Super, and our youth workers for creating a summer filled with learning, laughter, and new experiences.

In our river communities, we also want to recognize Shauniece Pol-mateer and Tasha Van Dunk for their dedication to serving Happy Camp and Orleans. While continuing established programs, they have also introduced new opportunities, including Movie Night and Ice Cream Socials, to bring families together and strengthen community connections. Building programs takes time, and we appreciate the continued support of our community as we expand activities and create more opportunities for children, youth, and families throughout our river communities.



The Karuk Booster Club Annual Indian Taco Booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair



Language connects generations. Our youth and KWC staff are learning, practicing, and sharing Karuk language together.



2026 Katishraam Wellness Center Youth Workers



Our SEP youth learned a new song and learning the importance of sharing what they've learned with others.



Káschiip Rose-Cortes is now a 1-year old! She is a Karuk Tribal Member, daughter of Jacqueline Rose and Lakota Cortes.

Students spent each day learning Karuk language, creating traditional jewelry, making art projects, exploring the importance of water and why water is life, practicing self-awareness, and staying active through daily fitness activities.

One of the biggest highlights was learning a brand-new Karuk song. It has been exciting to hear students singing it throughout the community, using Karuk words in everyday conversation, and proudly sharing the jewelry they created with family members and friends.

We were also fortunate to welcome Julian Lang, Rosie Liv Williams, Evauna Grant, Sammi Jo Jerry, and Scott Aseltine as guest presenters, sharing their knowledge, stories, and experiences with our students.

Thursday quickly became everyone's favorite day with our new field trip schedule. Students visited the local arcade, many for the very first time, explored the museum with Julian Lang sharing the history of the Karuk exhibits, listened to stories from Ivan Super while groups rotated through the museum, and enjoyed a family bowling day where parents and grandparents joined in the fun.

The excitement didn't stop when Summer Enrichment ended. Many students asked if they could continue beading, which led to our new afternoon youth beading class where they continue learning traditional skills together.

Elders and Families

This spring we partnered with the Elder Program to launch weekly Elder Cornhole. Nineteen elders attended the first session, and it quickly became a favorite opportunity to visit, laugh, and stay active.

Our programs continue offering bingo, community dinners, Wisdom Keepers gatherings, parenting classes with First 5 Siskiyou, grief support, Open Gym, Pickleball, and Gentle Fitness.

Families in Happy Camp and Orleans continue enjoying tutoring, preschool activities, STEM projects, beading, tie blanket workshops, and other activities designed to bring families together.

Culture in Action

Culture continues to guide everything we do.

Weekly beading and regalia classes welcome 15 to 25 participants, while basket weaving continues growing throughout our river communities.

Karuk language classes continue at Yreka High School and Montague Elementary, and this spring we celebrated our students together during a special language recognition event.

This year we also added Cricut classes, where participants are learning to create shirts, hats, mugs, and other personalized items. Our newly completed classroom has become a creative space where community members make regalia not only for themselves, but also

for graduation ceremonies, elders' giveaways, and the Tribe's regalia lending program.

Growing Our Team

As our programs continue to grow, so has our team.

In May, we welcomed Tasha Van Dunk as our new Youth & Families Activities Program Coordinator. Our Wellness Center team also includes Destinee Rodriguez, Barbara Wilson, Alyssa Abono, and Shauniece Polmateer, whose dedication helps keep our programs organized, welcoming, and running smoothly across Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans.

This summer we also welcomed Autumn Goodwin through the Karuk Internship Program. Autumn is a former youth worker and a student at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She will be with us through September before returning to school. Her creativity with Canva, organizational skills, and support with current and upcoming programs have already made a positive impact on our team.

We also partnered with the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) to provide on-the-job training opportunities for two youth workers; Taylor Odbert and Mariah Gallegos.

Together they organized our new equipment inventory system, created room maps and first aid kit locations, and assisted with regalia and graduation necklaces. Their work strengthened our program while giving them valuable workplace experience.

In June, we also hired and trained ten youth workers who completed youth safety and program training before working with our students.

Looking Ahead

Although our behavioral health proposal was not selected for county funding this year, our work continues. We are actively exploring additional funding opportunities, including Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Program grants available to California Tribal entities.

We are also looking forward to expanding services downriver and continuing to build opportunities for youth, families, adults, and elders in every community we serve. Every new class, workshop, and community event is another opportunity to strengthen our people, our culture, and our connections with one another.

Thank you to our staff, cultural practitioners, volunteers, community partners, and Tribal members for making these programs possible. Together, we continue creating opportunities where people belong, learn, and care for community, the Karuk way.

Florraine Super
Wellness Center Director



Our Yreka KWC youth workers sharing Karuk culture and knowledge with students at Grenada Elementary Summer School.



Our Yreka elders enjoyed playing bingo and bringing prizes from home to share.

Karuk Tribe Awarded \$1.505 Million for Staff Housing Construction



Emma Lee Perez, Grants Manager

The Karuk Tribe is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$1,505,000 through the Indian Health Service (IHS) Staff Quarters Construction Program to support the development of workforce housing for essential healthcare staff serving Tribal communities.

The Karuk Tribe's proposal was ranked among the top eight applications selected for full funding out of 22 eligible applications nationwide, demonstrating the strength of the Tribe's vision and commitment to addressing critical workforce housing needs in rural and underserved communities.

The funding will support the construction of three new three-bedroom staff housing units designed to accommodate healthcare professionals and other essential personnel serving the Tribe and surrounding communities. The homes will be constructed as stick-built, single-family residences and will be part of a larger workforce housing development already well underway.

Access to safe, quality housing remains one of the most significant challenges in recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals in rural Tribal communities. By expanding available staff housing, the Karuk Tribe will strengthen its ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, improve continuity of care, and enhance health services for Tribal members.

"This award reflects an important investment in the future of our community," said Russell "Buster" Attebery, Tribal Chairman of the Karuk Tribe. "Housing is a critical component of building and sustaining a strong workforce that delivers essential services to our people. These new homes will help us recruit and retain the professionals needed to support critical programs, strengthen our workforce, and contribute to the Tribe's long-term stability, growth, and resilience."

The staff quarters project aligns with the Tribe's broader efforts to expand housing opportunities, strengthen community infrastructure, and improve access to healthcare services throughout its service area.

Construction is anticipated to begin following final project approvals and completion of pre-construction requirements.

About the Karuk Tribe

The Karuk Tribe is the second-largest federally recognized tribe in California, with ancestral territory extending along the Klamath River. The Tribe is committed to protecting the health, welfare, culture, and natural resources of the Karuk people while advancing sustainable economic and community development opportunities for present and future generations.

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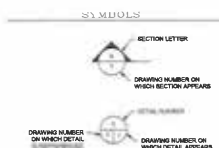
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Karuk Tribe Expands Homeless Services Through HHAP Round 4 Funding



The Karuk Tribe continues to strengthen its commitment to supporting tribal members experiencing housing instability through strategic investments in homeless assistance and prevention. A significant milestone in this effort came with the Tribe's award of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 funding, which will expand homeless assistance and prevention services while helping establish the Women's Transitional House—a safe, supportive space for women as they work toward permanent housing and long-term stability.

For many Tribal Members, housing instability begins long before they are considered homeless. Families often rely on relatives or friends for shelter, creating overcrowded living conditions that place financial and emotional strain on entire households. These situations can contribute to increased stress, family conflict, domestic violence, and youth homelessness. In many cases, unsafe conditions force individuals to leave without warning, abandoning their belongings and instantly becoming homeless. Without timely intervention, many victims find themselves cycling between homelessness and unsafe living environments, increasing the risk of repeated victimization.

The ongoing housing shortage, combined with the geographic isolation of many tribal communities and the social and economic challenges facing tribal members, underscores the urgent need for housing solutions tailored to the unique needs of Native communities.

Through the HHAP Round 4 award, the Karuk Tribe is expanding its comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness. Funding will support enhanced homeless assistance and prevention services while providing critical resources for the Women's Tran-

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sitional House, a program designed to offer women experiencing homelessness or housing instability a safe, supportive environment where they can heal, rebuild, and prepare for permanent housing. More than temporary shelter, the Women's Transitional House will connect residents with supportive services that promote recovery, self-sufficiency, and lasting housing stability.

In addition to transitional housing, the Tribe continues to provide rental assistance, emergency motel vouchers, and other homelessness-prevention services to ensure that tribal members have immediate access to safe shelter during times of crisis. These services help individuals and families remain safe while they work toward securing permanent housing and improving their overall well-being.

The Tribe also recognizes that preventing homelessness begins long before a housing crisis occurs. Karuk youth programming is intentionally designed to reach young people during pivotal stages of development, equipping them with cultural connections, life skills, and positive experiences that reduce the likelihood of experiencing homelessness later in life. Rather than responding to homelessness after it occurs, these programs focus on prevention by helping youth build the confidence, resilience, and skills needed for successful adulthood.

Together, the Women's Transitional House, emergency housing assistance, rental support, and youth prevention programs reflect the Karuk Tribe's holistic approach to addressing homelessness. By investing in both immediate assistance and long-term prevention, the Tribe is creating pathways to safety, stability, and wellness for tribal members today while building a stronger future for generations to come.



Ayukîi from the TERO Department!



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

The Vision of the Karuk Tribe TERO is for all members to be self-sufficient, having gainful employment free from discrimination for all future generations.

We are excited to share all of the new and exciting things happening within our department. As we continue to serve our membership, our goal remains to provide quality employment opportunities, meaningful workforce development, and valuable training that supports the success of our Tribal membership.

We are also thrilled to welcome new members to our TERO team!

Meet Our TERO Staff

- Michelle Cook – TERO Director
- Talonna Marshall – TERO Deputy Assistant
- Kenia Rodriguez – Summer Youth Worker

Our team is committed to providing excellent service, creating opportunities for our membership, and helping strengthen the Karuk workforce through education, training, and employment.



Talonna Marshall
TERO Deputy Assistant



Kenia Rodriguez
Summer Youth Worker

Growing Our Workforce Through Training

One of our greatest accomplishments this past year has been expanding training opportunities for both Tribal staff and membership. These trainings help participants gain valuable certifications, improve workplace skills, and prepare for future employment opportunities.

Recent Training Highlights!

October 2025

Customer Service with Trauma-Informed Cultural Sensitivity
This training focused on providing exceptional customer service while incorporating trauma-informed practices and cultural sensitivity in the workplace.

73 employees from the Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans communities successfully completed this training.



March 2026

Cultural Monitor Training

We proudly certified 13 new Cultural Monitors, consisting of both Tribal staff and community members. These participants are now equipped with the knowledge and skills to help protect and preserve our cultural resources during project activities.

April 2026

OSHA 30 for Construction

Safety remains one of our highest priorities. Through this comprehensive OSHA 30-hour Construction course, 19 staff and membership participants earned certification, strengthening workplace safety knowledge and increasing employment qualifications.

June 2026

Certified Flagger Training

A total of 21 staff and membership participants successfully completed Certified Flagger Training, earning credentials that prepare them for work in traffic control and roadway safety on construction projects throughout our region.



Upcoming Training:

Certified Food Managers Protection Training
August 17th - 18th, 2026, Yreka, CA

The TERO Department will be attending the 2026 CTER National TERO Conference at River Spirit Casino Resort
Wednesday, Aug 12 – Friday, Aug 14, Tulsa, OK

"What began as an anxious idea, turned into a new direction of life and change. Spending over 2 decades in a corporate leadership role, and its monotonous day-to-day routine, an idea turned into a new direction and with some solid advice... I was on my way in pursuing an alternate course in life. My new path led me to TERO for the KTOC. A few emails and calls later I was well on my way to a major life change! TERO was able to assist me with attending the 160 Driving Academy for commercial drivers. After 5 weeks of driving, I now proudly carry my CDL and work as a Driver/Operator/Foreman for SC Excavating, LLC. I could not have done this without TERO's help and commitment to ensuring the best for KTOC members."

Big thanks to Michelle Cook for guiding me in this insane life change!" - Joseph Burcell



Members who have received assistance from TERO!



"I completed lineman school on March 24, 2026 and also received my Class A CDL.

I sincerely appreciate all your assistance and financial support. Thank you for helping to making my career education possible." - Emmitt Griggs

The TERO Department remains committed to creating new opportunities for employment, professional development, and workforce readiness. We look forward to offering additional trainings, certifications, and employment resources throughout the coming year.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our programs and trainings. Your dedication to learning new skills and investing in your future helps strengthen not only our workforce, but our entire Karuk community.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming trainings and events!

Supporting Career Pathways and Employment Success

Our program is committed to helping individuals overcome financial barriers to employment by providing assistance with education, training, licensing, certifications, and other essential work-related expenses. We have proudly supported participants with:

- CDL and truck driving school tuition
- Lineman school tuition
- Cosmetology and beauty school programs, including nail technician training
- Phlebotomy courses
- Graphic and web design certificate programs
- Medical billing and coding specialist training
- Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) counseling program
- Certified Professional Coach certification
- Specialized Tribal Court Clerk training
- Tools and equipment required for apprenticeship programs and employment
- Firefighting gear and boots
- Live Scan fingerprinting reimbursement
- Driver's license issuance and renewal assistance
- Vehicle registration and smog inspection fees
- Ignition interlock (Intoxalock) installation and fees
- Youth work clothing and employment attire

These are just a few examples of the ways we help individuals gain the skills, credentials, and resources needed to enter the workforce, advance their careers, and achieve long-term success.

And more! If you don't see your trade, career path, training program, or employment-related need listed above, we encourage you to reach out. We support a wide variety of vocational and workforce development opportunities and may still be able to assist you in achieving your education, training, and employment goals.



**KARUK TERO DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANCE FOR DMV NEEDS**

*Investing in Our People,
Supporting Your
Success.*

The TERO Department has the following DMV handbooks available:

- California Driver Handbook - Quick Reference
- Commercial Driver Handbook (English)
- Motorcycle Handbook (English)

We Can Also Help With:

- Driver's license application fees
- Paying eligible driver's license fines
- Reinstating your driver's license
- California ID application fees

Contact the TERO Department to learn more about eligibility and available services.

64236 Second Av. Happy Camp, CA 96039 (530) 493-1615



Karuk T.E.R.O Department

Work Clothing/Gear Assistance!

Enrolled Karuk Members and Descendants

- ✓ *One time assistance for ages 18-25 entering the work force
- ✓ Clothing that aligns with Work Clothes Policies
- ✓ Boots for fire, natural resources, etc.
- ✓ *\$750.00 maximum in assistance

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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TERO Deputy Assistant Talonna Marshall - tmarshal@karuk.us 530-493-1600 ext 2030



Karuk Tribe TERO Department Vocational, Trade & Certificate Training Assistance

Investing in Our People. Supporting Your Success.

Up to \$10,000 in Lifetime Assistance Per Member!

Who Can Apply?

This opportunity is available to:
Enrolled Karuk Tribal Members
Enrolled Descendants of the Karuk Tribe

You do not have to live within the Tribe's service area to apply.

Eligible Programs?

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Cosmetology
- Lineman Training
- Phlebotomy
- Medical Coding & Billing
- Welding
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Construction Trades
- Healthcare Certifications
- And many other career-focused training programs!

How to Apply?

Complete a TERO Request Form and submit:

- Tribal ID
- Proof of enrollment
- School or training program information
- Tuition costs
- Program schedule or timeline

Contact TERO

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Contact the TERO Department today at (530) 493-1615 or visit our website here:



PURCHASED REFERRED CARE (PRC) SERVICES ELIGIBILITY

The following is an explanation of the eligibility criteria for the Karuk Tribe's Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Services to give applicants a better understanding of the eligibility process. Our goal is to assist all clients in obtaining the best services possible.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for PRC Services, you must:

1. Be a Tribal Member or Descendant of a Federally Recognized Tribe in California.
2. Be a permanent resident of Siskiyou County, California, or Orleans, California, for the past six months.

If you are eligible, PRC coverage is not automatic.

If you have an emergency requiring care at a non-IHS facility, you must notify Purchased Referred Care Services within 72 hours. Failure to do so may make you responsible for the bill.

PRC coverage is intended for emergency, life-threatening situations only.

The following are not considered emergencies:

- Sore throats
- Earaches
- Rashes
- Follow-up care
- Medication refills
- Similar routine medical concerns

Emergency visits may also be denied if a Karuk Tribal Health Care facility was available and closer, but you chose not to use it.

Referrals

Medical services that are not available at a Karuk Tribal Health Care facility may require a referral. Please note that receiving a referral does not guarantee payment for services. Each referral is carefully reviewed based on the patient's eligibility, medical priority, use of available alternate resources, and the availability of Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) funds. Following this review, referrals may be approved, denied, or deferred.

IHS-PRC Authorization

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) staff review all referrals and requests for care and make recommendations for approval or denial. Only PRC staff or their authorized designees have the authority to approve payment for services. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical treatment or one appointment. Patients should contact the PRC office before scheduling follow-up appointments or obtaining referrals to another specialist or facility to ensure their coverage remains active and authorization remains valid.

Alternate Resources

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) is considered the payer of last resort. Before PRC funds can be used, all other available resources must be billed first, including Medicare, Medi-Cal, private insurance, Veterans benefits, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, Workers' Compensation, or any other insurance or benefit program. Patients are responsible for providing the PRC office with their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) and any payment information as soon as it is received. Without an EOB, providers are unable to bill the Indian Health Service (IHS), which may delay payment or result in the patient receiving bills or being referred to collections.

Pregnancy / Prenatal Care

Patients requesting PRC assistance for delivery, newborn care, or hospitalization must first apply for OB Medi-Cal. Federal regulations require that all available resources be exhausted before PRC funds can be used. If an OB Medi-Cal application is denied, the denial letter must be submitted to the PRC office along with the patient's OB referral paperwork. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in denial of payment for services.

Appeals

Patients who receive a denial from Purchased/Referred Care have the right to appeal under 42 CFR 136.25. A written appeal must be submitted to the PRC Supervisor within 30 days of receiving the denial letter. If the Supervisor upholds the denial, the appeal will be forwarded to the Managed Care Committee for review. Should the Managed Care Committee also uphold the denial, the appeal will then be presented to the Karuk Tribe Health Board for consideration.

The decision of the Karuk Tribe Health Board shall be final. If you have any questions regarding the eligibility and payment process, please contact PRC at (530) 493-1600

Anna Myers, PRC Supervisor, ext. 2156, Cat Turner, PRC Clerk, ext. 2155.



PRC ELIGIBLE PATIENTS ONLY

If you have been referred to an outside provider (i.e., specialist, hospital, etc.), you **MUST** contact the PRC department **BEFORE** your appointment. If **YOU** have been to the ER, you **MUST** notify the PRC department within **72 HRS** of being released. This will **HELP** ensure your **ELIGIBILITY** for Purchased Referred Care Services. If you **DO NOT**, this may **IMPEDE** possible **PAYMENT** for services.

PRC is NOT an ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM, and an IHS REFERRAL DOES NOT imply that the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources.

You may contact the PRC department between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your cooperation.

This is very crucial to our process.

Anna Myers @ 493-1600 ext. 2156

Cat Turner @ 493-1600 ext. 2155

Yukon Sakota @ 493-1600 ext. 2157

Community Highlights

Elizia Cheryl Ann Camarena, a first-generation college student and proud Karuk Tribal member, recently achieved a significant milestone by earning an Associate of Science in Health and Natural Sciences along with a Medical Assisting certificate from Shasta Community College in Redding, CA. Her journey through college and life has been challenging, yet her unwavering determination and cultural involvement continue to serve her community and family. Interning at the Karuk Community Health Clinic in Happy Camp ignited her passion for healthcare and inspired her to pursue further education. While caring for her grandmother remains her top priority, she continues her educational journey to become the best caregiver she can be. She plans to take prerequisites to apply to OIT or Yuba College for a radiology program. Since graduating, she has started a full-time role at the Karuk Community Health Clinic as a Medical Receptionist. Elizia is deeply grateful for the ongoing support of her family, the clinic, and her community, which have been instrumental in her success. Her story is a testament to resilience, dedication, and the power of pursuing one's dreams against all odds. We are proud of you, Elizia!



Elizia Camarena, Shasta College, Redding, CA

Talonna Marshall

I'm taking a moment to celebrate something I've worked incredibly hard for. This summer, I officially graduated from Simpson University with my Bachelor's degree in Social Welfare. As a first-generation college graduate in my family, this achievement means more than I can put into words. There were challenges, sacrifices, and moments where the finish line felt so far away, but I kept going. I'm proud to show my children and my community that dreams are worth chasing, no matter how long the journey takes. Social welfare has never just been a degree to me; it's my calling. Standing up for people, advocating for those whose voices aren't always heard, and serving my community has always been at the heart of who I am. I'm grateful to already be putting this education to work as the new TERO Deputy Assistant for the Karuk Tribe. It is an honor to serve my people and help create opportunities that strengthen our workforce and our communities. This isn't the end of my educational journey. I'm excited to keep learning, growing, and finding new ways to serve. One degree down... and many more goals ahead. Thank you to everyone who believed in me, encouraged me, and walked beside me through this journey. This accomplishment belongs to all of us. Here's to the next chapter!



Talonna Marshall at graduation from Simpson University, getting her Bachelor's Degree in Social Welfare, May 2026

From the Bench: Karuk Judicial Update



Devin Flesher, Lead Judge

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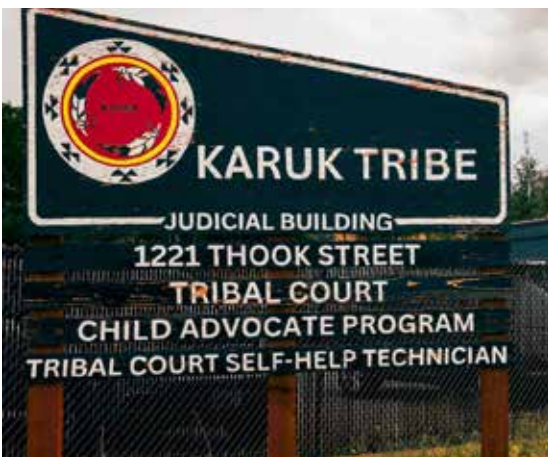
The Karuk Tribal Court continues to grow and strengthen its ability to serve Tribal members, families, and communities. It is an honor to be part of a judicial system that works to protect the rights of our people, support families, promote accountability, and uphold the laws and sovereignty of the Karuk Tribe.

The Judicial Department handles a wide range of matters, including child custody and visitation, guardianships, Youth in Need of Care proceedings, protective orders, and cases involving participants in the Youth Wellness Court. Every case presents its own circumstances, but our goal remains the same: to provide a fair, respectful, and accessible judicial process for everyone who comes before the Court.

Over the past several years, the Court has continued working to improve its procedures and strengthen coordination with Tribal departments, county agencies, service providers, schools, law enforcement, probation departments, and neighboring jurisdictions. These relationships are especially important in cases involving children, families, public safety, substance use, and individuals who may need additional services or support.

The Court's Self Help Program is led by Jennifer Johnson, Self Help Coordinator. The Self Help Program provides important assistance to individuals who may be unfamiliar with the court process or who do not have an attorney. Navigating court documents, filing requirements, and hearing procedures can be difficult, and the Self Help Program works to make the Tribal Court more understandable and accessible to the community.

The Tribal Court Advocate Program and Youth Wellness Court Program are led by Maria Rodriguez, Court Manager and Lead Advocate. Maria is supported by Coordinator and Advocate Rachelle Wilson and Coordinator Assistant Frankie Snider. Together, they assist individuals involved in court proceedings, coordinate services, communicate with partner agencies, and help ensure that participants understand the expectations and requirements of their cases.



Sign outside of the Karuk Tribe Judicial

The Youth Wellness Court continues to be an important part of the Judicial Department's work. The program provides eligible youth with additional structure, supervision, encouragement, and access to services. The Youth Wellness Court promotes accountability while also addressing the circumstances that may have contributed to a young person's involvement in the justice system.

Youth Wellness Court participants regularly appear before the Court so that their progress can be reviewed. The Court recognizes positive accomplishments, addresses concerns, and works with youth, families, advocates, schools, service providers, probation departments, and Karuk Child Welfare Services to develop meaningful plans for success. The program is intended to help youth improve school attendance, participate in treatment or counseling when appropriate, remain connected to their families and culture, and make healthier decisions.

The Court has also continued its work involving guardianships and Youth in Need of Care cases. These proceedings often involve difficult and sensitive circumstances. The Judicial Department works to ensure that decisions are made with the safety, stability, and best interests of children in mind while also respecting the rights of parents, guardians, relatives, and other involved parties.

As the Judicial Department continues to develop, we remain focused on improving court administration, expanding access to legal information, strengthening advocacy services, refining court forms and procedures, and building programs that reflect the values and needs of the Karuk community.

The work of the Tribal Court would not be possible without the dedication of our Judicial Department staff, advocates, service providers, Tribal leadership, community partners, and the families and individuals who participate in the court process. Court proceedings are not always easy, but we remain committed to treating every person with dignity and providing a process that is fair, respectful, and consistent with Karuk law.

Karuk Judicial looks forward to another year of strengthening services, supporting families, promoting healing, and protecting the sovereignty of the Karuk Tribe.

Yôotva,
Devin Flesher
Lead Judge
Karuk Tribal Court

Look what just rolled into town!

The Karuk Tribe's new Transit Van!

On Thursday, July 23rd, during the lunch break of the Orleans Council meeting, Vice Chairperson Kenneth Brink proudly signed the paperwork accepting delivery of the brand new 2026 Ford Transit van — officially welcoming it into the Karuk Tribe's growing fleet of vehicles. This moment marks a major milestone for our transit program. The van arrives fully loaded and thoughtfully up fitted with all required ADA accommodations, ensuring every rider in our community can travel safely, comfortably, and with dignity.

The excitement is building as we move closer to launching this long awaited service. What once lived in planning documents and community conversations is now becoming real, and this van is a powerful symbol of the progress we're making together.

Next up, we'll begin the search for our new Transit Driver/Assistant — a key role that will help bring this program to life. Keep an eye out for the upcoming job posting and be ready to get those applications in. Big things are happening, and we're thrilled to share each mile of it with you



Top left: Khristeena Fears, Misty Rickwalt, Council Member Robert Super, and Council Member Kristen King, Orleans, CA

Axmayikyav from the Enrollment Department

Enrollment Committee



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Kenneth Brink
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We currently have 3,634 Enrolled Tribal Members and 6,384 Enrolled Descendants

Please keep us informed of any address or name changes at your earliest convenience so you won't miss out on any future mailings, including all registered voters who are registered as Absentee

Our office offers an array of services:

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- 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. (Email is best for all renewals, both picture & form)
- 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

Araráhih Akúnvaan: Finding Our Karuk Language Hunters

As part of the Year of the Language Campaign, the Karuk Language Program continued its mission to introduce, strengthen, and celebrate the Karuk language throughout our River Schools. The campaign was built on a simple but powerful goal: to expose as many students, teachers, and schools as possible to the Karuk language and inspire the next generation of speakers.

This year's school initiative centered around Araráhih Akúnvaan—Karuk Language Hunters. Students were encouraged to become active learners by listening carefully, practicing consistently, asking questions, and embracing every opportunity to use the language. Rather than focusing solely on memorization, the program celebrated curiosity, perseverance, and a genuine desire to learn.

During the 2025–2026 school year, Karuk language instruction was offered across the Tribe's service area. Weekly classroom instruction was provided at Orleans Elementary School, Junction School, and Happy Camp High School, while students at Happy Camp Elementary School, Jackson Street School, Yreka High School, and Montague Elementary School participated in Karuk language lessons during lunch and recess weekly. Through these efforts, 208 students participated in Karuk language instruction during the school year.

The Year of the Language Campaign culminated with the 2026 Araráhih Akúnvaan – Karuk Language Hunter Awards, recognizing students who demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm, commitment, and passion for learning the Karuk language. Recipients were selected by the Karuk Language Coordinator in collaboration with Karuk language teachers.



Language Hunters Davian and Hazel Frantz with teacher Misty Jones.

Language



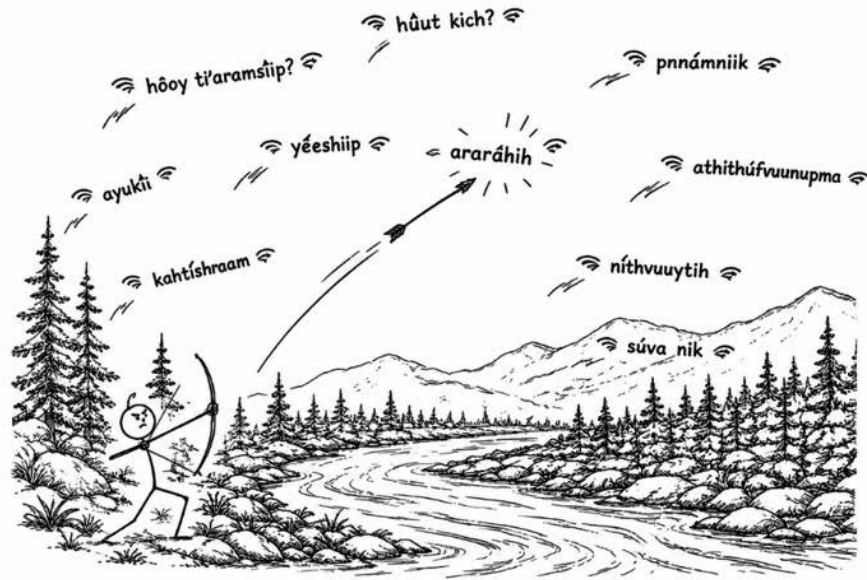
2026 Araráhih Akúnvaan – Karuk Language Hunter Award Recipients

- Roger Anderson
- Xúrish Donahue
- Hazel Frantz
- Davian Frantz
- Faith Goodwin
- Jacob Grant
- Kael Hurtado
- Jayme Jerry
- Delilah Laffoon
- Madison Lantow
- Scarlett Maple
- Re-wah Myers
- Zane Robinson
- Atáyraam Sims
- Maddie Thorton
- Ishnuraan Valentine
- Reya Whitecrane
- Hunter Willis

A special Araráhih Akúnvaan Award was also presented to Joyce Walton (Happy Camp High School teacher) for her enthusiasm and commitment to learning Karuk alongside her students.



Language Celebration honoring youth as they receive their certificates following Pajama Day at school!



The success of this year's program would not have been possible without the dedication of our Karuk language teachers, many of whom generously volunteered their time to share their knowledge with the next generation.

Yôotva (Thank you) to our Karuk language teachers:

- Chase Evans
- Ish Escobar
- Gerald Harrison
- Julian Lang
- Maymi Preston-Donahue
- Roseann Ritchison
- Arch Super
- Florrine Super
- Ivan Super
- Rosie Williams

As the Year of the Language transitions into the Decade of the Language, the Karuk Language Program remains committed to expanding opportunities for students, families, and community members to hear, speak, and live the Karuk language every day. One of the program's

long-term goals is to provide Karuk language instruction during the regular school day in every school throughout the Tribe's service area. Looking ahead, the program also aims to offer Karuk as a world language for A-G college preparatory credit at both Happy Camp High School and Yreka High School. The curriculum and vision are in place—the next step is developing and preparing enough qualified Karuk language teachers to bring that vision to life. Every new learner and every new teacher brings us one step closer to raising the next generation of Karuk speakers.

Interested in learning Karuk?

Whether you are interested in learning the Karuk language or becoming a **credentialed Karuk Language Teacher**, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please contact:
 Scott Aseltine
 Karuk Language Program Coordinator
 Email: saseltine@karuk.us
 Phone: (530) 493-1600 ext. 2034

Honoring & Remembering



Taia Lynn Peterson

Taia Lynn Peterson was born on Christmas Day 2010 and passed on April 1, 2026.

She was strong in ways that don't always get recognized. She kept going, even when things were hard. She loved fiercely, even when the world didn't always feel gentle. And she gave pieces of herself to others in ways that will live on long after today.

There are no words big enough to hold the love I have for her. And there are no words that can fully express the loss we feel. But what I do know is this-love like hers doesn't disappear, it doesn't end. It transforms. It echoes. It stays. She is still in the quiet moments. She is still in the laughter we'll someday find again.

She was and is an amazing person and while we wish for more time, we are forever grateful for the time we had. For every memory. Every smile. Every moment that now feels like both a treasure and a heartbeat we'll carry forward.

Taia leaves behind her mother Sheena Martin (Donald) her father Zane Peterson, her Meemaw Charlene, Grandma Rhonda, Great Grandma Barbara, Grandparents Cindy and Randy, Auntie Angel Uncle Steve (Sarah), cousins Travis, Bridgette, Salina, Stevie, Pakuni, Nae-Rew, Ishkaysh, Steven, Virgil, Ikpihan, Shantel, Cloe and Kingston and her boyfriend

Leroy who she shared in her laughter, her dreams and a love that will always be a part of her story. Also, her friends and family who were not just part of her life but part of her heart, her joy and her every day happiness.

Waiting on the other side, she joins her brother Donald "Trooper" Olson, Uncle Virgil, Cousin Scarlet, Grandpa Steve and Papa Danny.

If she were here, she'd say LOVE and PEACE OUT. YOLO, you only live once.

Lauris John Dobbins passed away surrounded by loving family at home in Redding, California, on May 26, 2025. Lauris and his twin brother Lairy were born in Happy Camp to Lauris Ellis Dobbins and Viola Sylvia (Humpreys) on November 16, 1935.

The family moved to a dairy farm just outside Orland, CA when the twins were only 1 year old. As a boy, Lauris would get up at 44 a.m. to milk the cows before he went to school. He was active in the 4H club and showed Holstein cows at the State Fair several times, earning awards from Future Farmers of America.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956 and spent most of his active military time in Japan. After his discharge in 1958, he found his father had sold their ranch and moved into Orland, CA, and his mother worked as a nurse in the Willows Hospital as his father lingered from several strokes. He continued to serve in the National Guard for another 8 years, even though he and his wife, Patricia Deming, moved to Santa Rosa, and he became a barber. They had two sons, Lauris (Jae) Dobbins and Jeffrey Dobbins. Later on in life, he met and married Shari Brewington. After he sold his barber-shop, they lived in Tempe, AZ, and their daughter Angela was born in 1970.

In 1972, Lauris graduated from Universal Technical Institute located in Phoenix, AZ, specializing in Refrigeration, Heating, and Air Conditioning. He worked in this field in major hotels as well as for the Department of Defense at Edwards AFB and Alameda Naval Air Station.

He taught himself how to fix electrical problems as well as many other types of handyman work. He built a waterfall and pond in the corner of their backyard when they retired and moved to Redding, CA, after living in Concord for 20+ years. He was proud of his Karuk Tribe membership and liked to visit Happy Camp, as well as making many RV trips to state and national parks, as both he and Shari loved the outdoors. His sense of humor and kindness to others earned him the respect of many.

Lauris is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shari; his two sons, daughter, three grandchildren, Jason, Jeremy, and Jennifer; and 6 great-grandchildren.



Lauris John Dobbins

Obituary



Betty Jean McKinnon

Betty Jean McKinnon, an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe, was born on December 8, 1946, in Los Angeles to Trella Aubrey and Loren Offield. She passed away on May 21, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and community.

Although born in Los Angeles, Betty was raised along the Klamath River, where she built lifelong roots and connections. She remained a lifelong resident of the Klamath River region and spent much of her adult life between Yreka and Happy Camp, creating memories and friendships everywhere she went.

Betty was a deeply caring person who loved to laugh, joke around, and enjoy life with the people around her. She was often surrounded by family and friends who shared her love for being silly, teasing one another, and simply having fun together. Betty had a long life filled with stories, memories, and laughter. She loved playing dice and solitaire and truly enjoyed the little moments in life.

Betty married Carl Steel at the young age of 16. During that marriage, she quickly stepped into the role of stepmother to seven children before the marriage later ended in divorce. After welcoming her children, Ricky and Carla, Betty later married Duane McKinnon in the early 1980s and continued building a life centered around family, resilience, and love. Through her marriage to Duane, she became a loving stepmother to Velda McKinnon, Deanna McKinnon, Juliet McKinnon Maestas, Dawone McKinnon, Connie McKinnon, Lare "Toss" McKinnon, and Valerie and Frank Richards.

Betty was a tremendous woman who faced many hardships and obstacles throughout her life, yet she always came out stronger and more resilient. She never let her struggles define her or bring her down. Through every challenge, Betty carried herself with strength, humor, and determination, continuing to care for those around her no matter what life handed her.

She was a woman who could be both outspoken and quietly observant. Known as a woman of few words until she decided she had something to say, Betty never held back from speaking her mind. Her honesty, humor, and strong personality made her unforgettable to those who knew her. Beneath that tough honesty was one of the kindest and most generous hearts. If Betty had something and someone needed it, she would give it without hesitation.

In her younger years, Betty worked as a roller-skate waitress at a root beer shop and later at a train diner, jobs that matched her lively spirit and gave her many stories to share over the years. She loved yard sales, thrift shopping, and shopping until she dropped. Betty enjoyed listening to rock and roll music and loved to dance. She had a way of amusing herself and everyone around her with her personality and humor.

Family meant everything to Betty. She was proud of her family and loved watching the younger generations grow. She was especially known in her younger years for making enchiladas that family still remembers fondly today. Betty was also a wonderful sister who was deeply cherished by her family. Though life dealt her a difficult hand at times, she continued moving forward with resilience and heart. Her family takes comfort in knowing she is no longer suffering and is finally at peace.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Duane McKinnon; her mother, Trella Aubrey; her father, Loren Offield; her brother, Loren Offield Jr.; her daughter, Carla Smart; her stepson, Dawone McKinnon; her nephew, Nakima Frye; great-nephew Anthony Gillespie; her niece, Tessa Donahue; and many beloved cousins and relatives.

She is survived by her son, Ricky Offield (Cecilia Arwood); her stepchildren, Connie McKinnon, Lare "Toss" McKinnon, and Juliet McKinnon; her sisters, Bessie Munson, Shirley Clark, and Donna Smith; and her loving nieces and nephews Talonna Marshall (Whits Marshall), Sonia Donahue, Shalayna Offield, Stephanie Sorrenson, Kelly Burns, and Loren "TwoFeathers" Offield.

In Loving Memory of Travis “Pabs” Gayle

With profound sadness and immense love, we announce the passing of Travis “Pabs” Gayle, who left us far too soon at the age of 35.

Travis was born October 7, 1990 and spent his entire life residing at Katimiin. Travis was deeply rooted in his family, his community, and the Klamath River. He was a lifelong steward of the land and waters, dedicating his career to caring for the place he called home. Travis began his service as a Karuk 1 firefighter, protecting the forests and communities of his ancestral homeland, and later worked as a Fisheries Technician, helping to restore and protect the salmon and river that have sustained our people since time immemorial. A traditional fisherman, he carried forward the teachings and responsibilities of his ancestors with pride and humility. The river was not simply where he worked, it was part of who he was, connecting him to generations before him and those who will come after.

Above all else, Travis was a devoted father to his two beloved daughters. They were the center of his world, and he loved them with all his heart. He also leaves behind his loving mother, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunties, partner and countless friends whose lives were made brighter by his presence.

To know Travis was to know laughter. He had an unforgettable smile, a contagious laugh, and a gift for making people feel welcome. Whether he was teasing friends, telling stories, or simply showing up with his easygoing spirit, he had a way of lifting those around him. His humor, kindness, and generous heart left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

His passing is felt not only by his family but by the entire community. Travis was part of the fabric of Katimiin and the Klamath River, and his absence leaves a space that can never truly be filled. While his life was far too short, the love he gave, the memories he created, and the laughter he shared will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

As we grieve this tremendous loss, we also celebrate the life of a man who loved deeply, laughed freely, honored his culture, and cherished his family. We will remember Travis every time we gather on the river, share a story around the table, hear a hearty laugh, or watch his daughters grow surrounded by the love of their family and community.

Though he has journeyed on, his spirit remains with us, in the river's current, in the strength of his family, and in the enduring love of the community that will always carry his memory.

Travis is preceded in death by his Grandfather, Willis Conrad; Grandmother, Florence Conrad; Uncles Willis “Tonner” Conrad and Slate “Wit” Boykin; Cousin, Harley Moore and Grandmother, Shirley Gayle. Pabs is survived by his Daughters, Melissa Key-p-se-nech Gayle and April Gayle; Father, Bob Gayle Jr.; Mother, April Conrad-Gayle; sisters Chelsea Gayle (Jacoby) and Misti Jones (Dewey); Nieces and Nephews, Will Jones, Myla Jones, Ava Jones, Jacoby Achane Jr. and Coby Achane; Partner, Samantha Norton; and many, many loved cousins and cuddies.

Pabs was laid to rest on May 19, 2026 in the Conrad Family Cemetery.



Travis Pabs Gayle



Karuk Tribe

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