



MHA Women's History Month 2019



Carol Ann Fredericks Newman

Carol Ann's given name is "Macuuca" "Sweet Grass", she is the daughter of Emma Snow Fredericks and Charles Fredericks. She is the granddaughter of Philip Snow, who named her. She belongs to the Miri Baadi "Waterbuster" Clan. She is a child of Apuhgaa "Low Cap" Clan. Carol Ann was born in Elbowoods and shares amongst the experiences of being raised in the bottomlands, speaking Hiráaca amongst her family and community. She is married to Allen Newman Sr. and continues to enjoy their time raising their family in Mandaree, and sharing the importance of our language and culture. Carol Ann recalled that it was when she was around the age of nine that her grandfather told her to always speak the language, to hold onto it. She has carried pride for our language in her heart and through every facet of her work and family life. While working with the Elder's program in Mandaree, before the creation of the Hiráaca Language Preservation program, she worked to assist her elders, and greatly benefitted by Hiráaca being her first language. She was able to visit with many of our elders in the Hiráaca language. These experiences and her love of her language and culture, continue to inspire her continued work for the Hiráaca Language Preservation program.