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## Nominees for Election April 2010



Greetings fellow tribal members. My name is **Ross Lane** and I am 24 years of age and been a Wiyot tribal member my whole life. I am sending this letter out in hopes and aspirations of becoming a Council Member. I've been interested in having a council seat for quite some time now but needed a couple of years to study tribal politics. I can't say that I am a political genius but I'm headed in the right direction with your help. Some say that I might be too young but if I start now then I'll be a step ahead in the future. I say the future of our tribe depends on our youth. Below you'll see some of the ideas I have if inducted into the council.

\*Restoring our Culture-I've researched into our history and culture and come to find practically nothing, through consistent study we can change that, especially our language.

\*Helping our youth-More youth activities, counseling, school help etc.

\*Unity-Bringing the community together through cultural activities like cookouts, arts and crafts, dances, etc...unity is key to understanding each other and embracing our culture.

\*Housing-Trying to get more housing units for members, this runs in with the unity factor .

\*Schooling-More help to those that need it, rides, books, grant help, internet access, etc.

\*Fishing/Hunting rights-fighting for better rights on our customary hunting and fishing grounds.

### Training/Qualifications

Well, I've read into a couple of tribal law books and have a pretty good feel for tribal government. I also am really good friends with the vice chair of the Big Lagoon Rancheria and I take in knowledge of politics on a pretty consistent basis. All in all my greatest weakness (my age) could also be one of my greatest strengths.

With your help, we as a Tribe could possibly make change for the better in ourselves and in our community, I have only scratched the surface of what ideas could be done for us. Together we could undermine societies control over of what we can and can't do, where we can fish and can't fish, where we can dance and can't dance etc...I hope that this is the beginning of a long relationship between us (council and community alike).

Thank you for your time.

**VOTE ROSS  
For Councilmember**

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### Mark your Calendar

**\*February 10**

Enrollment 9:30am

**\*February 12**

Lincoln's Birthday Tribal office closed

**\*February 14**

Valentine's Day

**\*February 22**

Washington's Birthday Tribal office closed



## Of Interest.....

### Tribal Nominee Continued

**Randall R. Mead Jr.**

**Is running for the position of Councilmember at large** in the council elections on April 3, 2010. I am an active Wiyot member of 31 years. I feel that there are issues that need to be addressed with the Wiyot

Administration. Also I'd like to bring entry level jobs to tribal member first.

I have been a member of the tribal council for the past 8 years. During that time I was one of the founders of Wiyot Men's Camp, a group whose mission is to revitalize Wiyot Men's cultural practices. The group has been working with the tribe's youth programs to brush dance and was able to do that for the first time in the summer of 2009. Men's Camp has also began teaching Indian Stick games and formed a team which competed locally for the first time this last summer. Men's Camp also works with the community to complete service projects. One successful program, the Elder wood program, gathers chops, and delivers wood to elders.

I currently sit on the tribe's cultural committee, scholarship committee, minors trust committee, housing, and the Wiyot parent committee. I an the president and founding member of the Table Bluff Fellowship which has been operating on the reservation for six years.

I am dedicated to my tribe and community and look forward to serving my tribal members.

Juwaksh, (Goodbye)

Theodore Hernandez



He'valou' (Greetings),  
My name is **Ted Hernandez** and I am running for Vice-Chair of the Wiyot Tribe. I am a proud husband and father of 5 wonderful children. My wife, Rose, and I have been married for 21

years. I am a restaurant manager and have been working as Manager of the Eureka Taco Bell for the last 8 years.

Since moving to the reservation in 2001, I have been actively involved in renewing my family's traditional Wiyot cultural practices. Four years ago when my daughter asked to have a "Coming of Age" ceremony my wife and I worked diligently with the tribe and community to hold the first coming of age ceremony in more than one hundred years. I have attended numerous Wiyot languages classes, been active in working with elders and learning as much of tribes' history and traditional practices as I can. Recently, in collaboration with the Tribe's youth programs I have been participating in educational brush dance demonstrations.

Mark your calendar for

Wiyot Tribe

Annual Meeting

April 3rd, 2010

Election of Officers

For Wiyot Tribal Council

10am



## ... Of Interest

### Tribal Office needs your Help

Please help us get in touch with the following people:

**Charlene Cody\*\* Amanda Moon\*\***

We have either no address or the mail is being returned. If anyone has information on how to reach these folks, please call the Tribal Office at 707-733-5055



### Men's Camp

Men's Camp, when they have wood, will deliver on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you have questions, please call the Tribal Office 733-5055 and leave a message for Gary.



### Cultural Department Announcement

Upcoming training for Cultural Monitoring, topics covered include: NAGPRA / NEPA / ARPA / Section 106 / Historical Archeology / Map Reading / Field Study along with Testing and Evaluation / CALTRANS Site Project Course- the How and When Cultural Monitors are needed. This will be a TEST Certificate Training Course.

### Receptionist Trainee Position

If you are interested in learning the functions of a receptionist, are 18 years old and a Wiyot Tribal Member, there is an opportunity to learn skills associated with that position or fine tune skills you already have. The Wiyot Tribe has a 3 month trainee position to learn/or review (new term starts March 2. Some of the skills to be learned are typing, filing, answering the phone, receipting monies, data entry, being a team player and much more.

Please call Linda at 707-733-5055 for more information if interested or email her at [linda@wiyat.us](mailto:linda@wiyat.us)

**WHAT:** Cultural Monitor Training

**WHERE:** Ione, California

**WHEN:** February 22-26 2010.

**WHO:** Hosted by the Buena Vista Rancheria, Contact Jonathan Whipple, NAGPRA Coordinator at [jonathan@buenavistatribe.com](mailto:jonathan@buenavistatribe.com)

If you are interested in being a Wiyot Cultural Monitor, please contact Briannon Fraley, Cultural Director/THPO at [brie@wiyat.us](mailto:brie@wiyat.us) or call the Tribal office at (707) 733-5055.

### Council Contact Numbers

Gail Green	Ted Hernandez	Brian Mead	Leona Wilkinson	Joycelyn Teague	Alan Miller	Sharon Thurman
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# Environment Around Us...

## Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)

by Stephen Kullmann, EPA Director

There has been a lot of talk recently about the MLPA and what it means to Tribes and the Northern California community. It is an extremely complicated process that has not adequately worked with the sovereign Tribes of our region and could potentially attempt to restrict traditional hunting, fishing, gathering, and ceremonial practices. This article will cover what the MLPA is, what are the potential effects, what the Wiyot Tribe is currently doing about it, and what you can do about it.

### What is the MLPA?

The Marine Life Protection Act was passed in 1999 by the California Legislature and directs the state, through the Department of Fish and Game, to rework a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) throughout the state. The stated purposes of the areas are to protect and increase marine habitat, marine life, and marine natural heritage. MPAs can have different levels of protection and restrictions, ranging from not allowing any consumptive use (the strictest) to only restricting certain activities and allowing others.

The state has been divided into five regions, which will all be studied separately. We are in the North Coast Study Region, which extends from Point Arena to the Oregon border, and we are the fourth region to be studied. The MLPA is run by a public-private partnership called the MLPA Initiative.

### The MLPA Process

In order to create the MPAs, the MLPA Initiative is appointing three groups:

1. The Regional Stakeholders Group (RSG), made up of representatives from various groups in the community who are nominated by the community and appointed by the MLPA Initiative

2. The Science Advisory Team (SAT), made up of experts in Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.
3. The Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF), made up of people appointed by the MLPA Initiative who have some objective ability to decide what's best.

In addition to these three groups, community members have been invited to submit outside proposals, called external arrays, to the MLPA, which will be evaluated by these three groups. Community groups from our region have come together to form a Tri-County Workgroup (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino) with the goal of hopefully coming up with a single external array that is acceptable to a wide variety of interests. The Tri-County Workgroup has representatives from most of the area Tribes, commercial and recreational fisherman, oyster farmers, seaweed harvesters, conservation groups, and local government agencies. It is very difficult to get such a diverse group to come together and agree on anything, but all have agreed that the sovereignty of the Tribes needs to be respected by the MLPA and that traditional Tribal practices should not be restricted.



(Pictured above: left to right, Cheryl Seidner, Roberta Cordero, Stephen Kullmann Table Bluff Overlook)



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Tribes of the North Coast Region have also come together to form a Tribal Coalition to work on the MLPA issue. The following are Tribes that have attended and participated:

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, Cahto Tribe, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Elem Nation, Elk Valley Rancheria, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewarts Point Rancheria, Noyo River Indian Community (not federally-recognized), Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Potter Valley Tribe, Redwood Valley Rancheria, Resighini Rancheria, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Smith River Rancheria, Trinidad Rancheria, Wiyot Tribe, and the Yurok Tribe. Additionally, the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council has also participated and they are composed of ten federally-recognized Tribes (many of which have been participating independently)

The external arrays will be evaluated by the RSG and SAT and final proposal will be sent to the BRTF for approval and submission to the DFG. The stated goal is to select an array of MPAs that best protect the habitat while having the least amount of socio-economic impact. The MLPA plans to complete work on the North Coast by the end of 2010.

### The MLPA and Tribes

The MLPA process has consistently neglected to adequately work with both federally-recognized and non-federally recognized Tribes. The initial legislation makes no mention of working with Tribes, and no Tribal representatives were consulted in writing the legislation. Tribes have been invited to participate after-the-fact as one of many stakeholders, but no direct government-to-government consultation has occurred. California Tribes have no ratified treaties and have never ceded traditional hunting and fishing rights. The MLPA seeks to restrict activities, including Tribal activities, on traditional gathering areas within ancestral territory. The MLPA Initiative has consistently shown their lack of understanding about Tribes, Tribal rights, and traditional ecosystem management. They have been open to be educated by the North Coast

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Tribal Coalition, but how much response they will have remains to be seen.

So far the Tribal Coalition has succeeded in having a tribal citizen appointed to the BRTF. The MLPA Initiative resisted having a citizen of a local Tribe appointed to the BRTF, because they were concerned that person might only represent their own concerns, so they appointed Roberta Cordero, a citizen of the Chumash Tribe and an active advocate of traditional Tribal Coastal activities. The SAT has also been directed to create a workgroup devoted to incorporating traditional Tribal ecosystem management and science into their science guidelines, but to date no activity has taken place.



(Pictured right: Gary Markussen, Stephen Kullmann, Briannon Fraley, Roberta Cordero at McNulty Slough)



## Environment Around Us...

### What the Wiyot Tribe is Doing

As stated previously, the MLPA Initiative has done a poor job of working with Tribes and has made no attempt at government-to-government consultations. The Wiyot Tribe has done its best to inform itself as to what is happening and work to protect traditional Wiyot rights and territory.

The MLPA Initiative in the North Coast Study Region began at a time when the positions of Environmental Director and Cultural Director of the Wiyot Tribe were vacant, so other Environmental Department staff attended MLPA meetings and kept informed of developments. Upon hiring the new Environmental Director, Stephen Kullmann was directed by Council to be the Tribe's representative to the MLPA. Council also created an MLPA workgroup, consisting of Council Members Alan Miller and Brian Mead, Cheryl Seidner, Cultural Director Briannon Fraley, and Environmental Director Stephen Kullmann. Stephen was also nominated to represent the Tribe on the RSG.

The Tribe wrote and approved a position paper, which was presented to the National Congress of American Indians Fall Conference in October 2009, insisting on government to government consultations. Tribal representatives have been active participants in the Tribal Coalition and Tri-county workgroups, and Tribal representatives have also been regularly attending meetings of the SAT and BRTF and speaking during the public comment period. We also participated in a Tribal Coalition Panel Discussion at the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BRTF in Crescent City. The BRTF meeting was well-attended by Tribal citizens and concerned community members, including Cheryl Seidner, Briannon Fraley, and Stephen Kullmann representing the Wiyot Tribe. Speakers discussed Tribal Sovereignty and legal issues, cultural aspects of the North Coast Tribes that relate to the cost, and what the impact of the MLPA would be on those cultures. Speakers also expressed dissatisfaction at the MLPA Initiative's lack of appropriate and respectful consultation with the individual California Tribes.

As a result of this discussion, CA DFG Deputy Chief Sonke Mastrup has agreed to come meet with the Wiyot Tribal Council and citizens sometime soon. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Wiyot Tribe hosted BRTF member Roberta Cordero at the Table Bluff Reservation. Ms. Cordero met with Council members, staff, and Tribal citizens to hear our concerns about the MLPA and demonstrate the traditional Wiyot connection to the coast and the importance of coastal resources. The Tribe is also actively exploring legal options to challenge the MLPA and working with our representatives to introduce legislation to amend the act.

The Wiyot Tribe is not against the protection of our unique marine habitats, and is actively working on restoration projects in Wiyot Ancestral Territory. If an MPA array that is acceptable to the local community is created, the Wiyot Tribe and North Coast Tribal Coalition are interested in investigating co-management options. The CA DFG has admitted they do not have the resources and staff to manage and enforce new MPAs, so we would like to see that MPAs within Tribal Ancestral Territories are co-managed by the Tribes.

### What Can You Do?

The MLPA Website, <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/>, has information about the MLPA Initiative in each of the five study regions, including information on the members of the BRTF, SAT, and RSG (when appointed), and times and locations of upcoming meetings. All meetings are open to the public and broadcast on the web and there is usually a public comment period after lunch. Contact your local representatives with concerns about the MLPA and let your Tribal Council know if you would like more information about what the Wiyot Tribe is doing or have suggestions.

### Upcoming MLPA Meetings are:

#### BRTF:

January 13-14, 2010: Elk Valley Rancheria, Crescent City

March 3-4, 2010: Fort Bragg

May 5-6, 2010: Location to be determined



## ...Language

# Arcata Language Class Update!

## Introduction to Wiyot

Adult language classes in Arcata

*Classes have begun, but the location has changed to HSU's Native American Forum:*

### BSS Building Room 162

*(take 14th St. to Union, turn left & go up the hill)*

*Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

*Now through March 17, 2010*

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Meeting  
Dates and  
Fliers**

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July 21-22, 2010: Location to be determined  
October 26-28, 2010: Location to be determined

December 1, 2010: Sacramento

### SAT:

January 20-21, 2010: Red Lion Hotel, Eureka

February 11, 2010: Web Conference

March 16-17, 2010: Eureka

May 12, 2010: Web Conference

June 29-30, 2010: Eureka

July 28, 2010: Web Conference

October 13-14, 2010: Eureka

November 17, 2010: Web Conference

**RSG:** (all meetings after February are location to be determined)

February 8-9, 2010: Eureka

March 24-25, 2010

April 21-22, 2010

May 19, 2010

May 20, 2010

August 4-5, 2010

September 1-2, 2010



(Pictured above: Roberta Cordero, Briannon Fraley, Stephen Kullmann, Gary Markussen  
Cock Robin Island)

## Emergency Preparedness – Earthquakes

Here on the North Coast, there is the potential for major natural disasters that can come without warning and leave a devastating path of destruction. Many of us have experienced a large enough earthquake in our life that rattled us to our core and may have made us think twice about our personal safety or the safety of our loved ones and the possibility of damage to our property. Surprisingly, in 2001, FEMA stated that one of the three most serious threats to the nation was a major hurricane hitting New Orleans, a terrorist attack on New York City and a major earthquake in San Francisco. Being in such close proximity to San Francisco and living in a coastal area near fault lines, Californians should make it a priority to be well prepared. The time to prepare is NOW!!!

Earthquakes are random events that those who live within fault lines and subduction zones are most often going to experience within their lifetime. An earthquake can be caused by the subduction or adjacent movement of plates, explosions underground, sudden uplift or subsidence of the earth (main cause for tsunamis in the ocean), a large truck driving by your house, etc. Here in Humboldt County, off the coast at the subduction zone of the North American Plate and the Gorda Plate (Gorda subducts under NA) near Trinidad is where the 1980, 7.1 magnitude earthquake occurred. Traveling south, the Mendocino fault line meets the subduction zone to

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## Language...

### Hiwechk (Money)

Recently, as I have begun work on the huge task of processing Karl Teeter's three volumes of slip files, I have come across a lot of interesting new Wiyot phrases (new to me, that is). This month I'd like to share with you some words and phrases relating to money.

One of the traditional measures of wealth before the arrival of white settlers was *rrini'* (dentalia). Dentalia were counted in strings using the Wiyot number terms with the suffix *-waturr* (objects of different shapes are counted differently, as you'll see below).

- goutsewaturr      one string of dentalia
- rrituwaturr      two strings of dentalia
- rrikawaturr      three strings of dentalia
- rramawaturr      four strings of dentalia
- we'sagh huluwaturr      five strings of dentalia



After contact, of course, new forms of money came into the area. The Wiyot people referred to the various denominations of cents and dollars by describing their appearance. These terms give us a peek into history, since all of the words for dollars are based on the Wiyot term for 'disk': clearly, they came into use when coins (not paper money) were still the main form of currency.

Dollar amounts are counted with the same number words as you saw above for strings of dentalia, but with a different suffix *-etk* that is especially for counting disk-shaped objects.

- goutsetk      \$1.00      'one disk'
- goutsetk vesetk      \$1.50      'one disk + half dollar'
- rridetk      \$2.00      'two disks'
- rriketk      \$3.00      'three disks'
- rrametk      \$4.00      'four disks'
- we'sagh huletk      \$5.00      'five disks'

Most of the smaller denominations of coins also use *-etk* (and a related form *-echk*), but are descriptive rather than numbered:

- rranajuplhúghurrechk      nickel      'big thick disk'
- hushgurr      quarter      (meaning unknown)
- setk      half dollar      (probably just means 'disk')
- doughulhetk      gold coin      'yellow disk'

Finally, here are a few phrases a buyer and seller might use (substitute any amount of money):

- Shuwa gasvu'qi?      How much does it cost?
- Goutsetk (rritetk, etc.) ksawuqh.      It costs \$1.00 (\$2.00, etc.).
- Rra'duqh.      It's expensive ('costs big').



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line meets the subduction zone to create a triple junction. This was the site of multiple earthquakes in 1992 with magnitudes of 7.1, 6.6, and 6.5. Just early last month, the North Coast witnessed a 6.5 magnitude earthquake that struck 30 miles off the coast near Table Bluff Reservation.

What should we all take from this information? The knowledge that living in a fault/subduction zone can be location of constant geological movement. Plates will move against, under, and over each other, the earth will shift from random or caused events, and as a consequence, we can rest assured that we will feel the "seismic waves." Do yourself a favor and be prepared for the worst case scenario by following the guidelines listed below.

FEMA lists five ways one can prepare for an earthquake before the event takes place:

### Check for Hazards in the Home

Fasten shelves securely to walls.

Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.

Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.

Hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and anywhere people sit.

Brace overhead light fixtures.

Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.

Secure a water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor.

Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.

Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.

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### Identify Safe Places Indoors and Outdoors

Under sturdy furniture such as a heavy desk or table.

Against an inside wall.

Away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over.

In the open, away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines, overpasses, or elevated expressways.

### Educate Yourself and Family Members

Contact your local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter for more information on earthquakes. Also read the "How-To Series" for information on how to protect your property from earthquakes.

Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.

Teach all family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.

### Have Disaster Supplies on Hand

Flashlight and extra batteries.

Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries.

First aid kit and manual.

Emergency food and **water** (VERY IMPORTANT!!!)

Nonelectric can opener.

Essential medicines.

Cash and credit cards.

Sturdy shoes.



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### Develop an Emergency Communication Plan

In case family members are separated from one another during an earthquake (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), develop a plan for reuniting after the disaster.

Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, the study of earthquakes, etc. you can visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.humboldt.edu/~geology/earthquakes/](http://www.humboldt.edu/~geology/earthquakes/) or call/visit the Environmental Department for questions and/or brochures.

Emergency Management in Eureka is collecting damage reports from people in Humboldt County after the most recent earthquake. The number to call is 707-441-4164 which is the Earthquake Damage Hotline number. The information will be passed on the State and Federal agencies for assistance.

### Order your Girl Scout cookies here

It's that time of year again. Girl Scout cookies will be for sale by GS troop #70060 beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to order cookies please complete the order insert form and mail/fax in your order or call Michelle or Jessica at the tribal office (707) 733-5055. )



### Free Tax Preparation for Low Income Taxpayers!

This tax season, California Indian Legal Services is again partnering with the Legal aid society of Orange County to provide free tax return assistance to low income taxpayers using I-Can!™ E-file. I-Can!™ E-file is an online program designed to allow eligible taxpayers to e-file or print out and mail tax returns. The service is available to most households with incomes under \$50,000. Tax return assistance will be available over the phone through CILS at 800-743-8941 or through a link on the CILS web-page at [www.calindian.org](http://www.calindian.org) beginning in January 2009.

The program helps qualified users claim the earned income tax credit, a special credit for low-income workers. The EITC is overlooked by many taxpayers, even though it can add thousands of dollars to their tax return. Many who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit don't know how to claim it or lose out on much of their return by paying high fees to commercial tax preparers who promote high interest Refund Anticipation Loans. Even those taxpayers not eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit may still be able to complete their tax returns using the I-Can!™ E-file service if their household income is under \$50,000.

CILS has helped ensure that the I-Can!™ E-file system addresses many specialized issues faced by Indian taxpayers, such as reporting Per Capita and Revenue Sharing Trust Fund distributions correctly and determining what income earned in Indian Country may be exempt from state tax.

Don't lose out on this great tax credit and don't pay commercial tax preparers to help you get it. Call CILS's office at (800) 743-8941.

### Step Up For Youth Jobs

Humboldt County young people (aged 14-21) interested in finding a summer job may be eligible for the Step Up Program. Step up is a program that helps young people find work and explore career options. This program may help you to discover the perfect job for you. Create an online resume....let employers find you! In order to participate in the program you will need a photo ID and Social Security Card.



## ...News and Notes from Social Services

Water Resources Technician Training Program	Wiyot Parent Committee	Wiyot Higher Education Scholarship
<p>Each year the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Water Resources Technician Training Program offers training to American Indians. Applications for this program are being accepted now. The training will be held June 1-26 2009 (4 weeks) at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.</p> <p>Candidates must meet the following requirements to be considered for the training program: 1) Endorsement letter from his/her federally recognized tribal government, preferably the Chairman; 2) must possess a High school Diploma or GED; Have plans for future higher education of career development; 3) a brief, one-page statement on reasons for wanting to join the program; 3) complete and submit the application by the April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline; pledge to remain alcohol and substance free during the program.</p> <p>Tribal members interested in participating in this program are encouraged to contact Michelle for assistance in completing the application process @ 707-733-5055.</p>	<p>The Wiyot Parent Committee will meet on February 1st 2010, at 10 am.</p> <p><b>Scholarship Season is here</b></p> <p>If you are interested in attending college next fall now is the time to get started on Scholarship applications. The following are a few scholarships that may help to get you started:</p> <p><b>United Indian Health Services Scholarship</b></p> <p>Deadline April 2010</p> <p>High school Seniors from schools within Humboldt or Del Norte Counties that are UIHS registered or whose parents, guardians are registered UIHS clients who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or university in 2009/10.</p> <p>Contact information: UIHS 825-4123</p> <p><b>Humboldt Area Foundation Scholarship 2009/10</b></p> <p>Deadline: March 2, 2010</p> <p>Contact Heather Hostler <a href="mailto:HeatherH@hafoundation.org">HeatherH@hafoundation.org</a>, or Allison Neuman <a href="mailto:AllisonN@hafoundation.org">AllisonN@hafoundation.org</a> 442-2993</p>	<p>Wiyot Tribal members attending a 2 or 4 year college or university full or part time in 2009/10</p> <p>Deadline August 1, 2010</p> <p>Contact Michelle Vassel, <a href="mailto:micelle@wiyat.us">micelle@wiyat.us</a>, (707) 733-5055.</p> <p><b>BIA Higher Education Grant</b></p> <p>Wiyot Tribal members attending a 2 or 4 year college or university full or part time in 2009/10.</p> <p>Deadline: Prior to the start of classes</p> <p>Contact Michelle Vassel, <a href="mailto:micelle@wiyat.us">micelle@wiyat.us</a>, (707) 733-5055.</p> <p>Contact your college, university, high school counselor, or Michelle at the Tribal office for more information on how to find and apply for scholarships to attend college.</p>
<p><b>Elders Lunch and Bingo</b></p> <p>The Wiyot Elder nutrition program serves free lunch Monday through Friday to anyone over the age of 50. Drop in and enjoy a hot meal with friends on any weekday. Join us on Tuesdays and participate in a game or two of Bingo!</p>		



## News and Notes from Social Services...

### Cultural Program Manager's Report

It's good to meet new folks at the tribal office. If you would like to talk to me or offer any type of cultural ideas that you'd like to see developed, my door is always open.

Men's Camp is starting up the fire wood project again. We have delivered several cords of wood to tribal members. If you're interested in the fire-wood project, call me at 707-733-5055 or leave a message at the front desk. A big thanks to Mr. Buckley for helping out on the wood splitting.

In the next two or three weeks, we will be developing a mock Brush Dance Pit out of redwood and a plywood sheet base. If you're interested in having your boys help with this project, have them drop by and talk to me, the Cultural Program Manager, and sign up for the project by 1/25/2010 at the after school program.

What is a Brush Dance Pit! A Brush Dance Pit is really a redwood plank family house with the roof and the side poles taken off. In village times, the community or family from that village would, for example, help take the house apart for a healing Brush Dance for a small child. Today, we do not take the redwood family house apart. We conclude the dance and leave the pit after the Brush Dance is over. The village or family would put the sides and roof back together. The Brush Dance Pit would then become the family house again.

I have been working with the Boy's and Girl's Club program. I have been developing cultural events and sports for the boys. Wednesday and Mondays are good days to do these events at the club.

As soon as we get dryer weather, we'll begin stick game practicing. Boys don't forget your training, wrestling, and also the running. Any tribal member wishing to dance at the Brush Dance demonstration for the Candlelight Vigil, let me know so I'll know how many men and boy dancers to dress for the event.

I will also have a sign up sheet for boy's regalia making. We 'll be making Brush Dance necklaces. This spring or summer would be a good time to show off your new necklace to the tribal community. So sign up at the Boy's & Girl's Club or the afterschool program.

Thank You

Gary Markussen

Cultural Program Manager

### Food Program Drawing

Allie, Aubrey and Trinity won for the month of December. Hunter won for the first week of January.

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Aubrey Sherman won a Cat's Cradle Making Book



Allie Wyland won a potholder kit



Trinity Blevins won a play dough set



Hunter Blevins won Ipod headphones



## ...News and Notes from Social Services

### Toddler-Preschool Update

During the month of December the toddler and preschoolers participated in story time every school day from 12:30 to 1:00pm. We read a variety of books and the kids love going to the library. We have been doing a numerous activities from 1:00 to 2:30pm. They have been doing arts and crafts .They made snowflakes, a snowman that is hanging on the doors in the community center and winter pop cookies. They painted and also did a lot of other crafts. The children participate in Wiyot Language classes on Mondays at 2:00pm. We took two fieldtrips during the Christmas Break. We went to Laser Tag and Taco Bell and went to the movies where we saw Alvin and the Chipmunks the Sequel. We will be having toddler time Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30pm come and join us. Power Hour is still Monday thru Thursday from 4pm to 5pm. Come and earn points to attend the Homework Parties. Those who earned enough points and attended the December Homework Party are as followed:

Pilar James, Matt Hernandez, Matt Green, Jorge (Son) Lopez, Catalina Lopez, Trinity Blevins, Jeralyn Miller, Jon Miller, Alan Miller, Joyce Hernandez, Wanda Hernandez

The following children earned academic achievements and were rewarded with Target Gift Cards:

Tyler Miller, Jon Miller, Pilar James Lizzie Hernandez.

### New Boy & Girls Club Program Manager

Ha'wa'lou, I'm Rosario (Rose) Hernandez it is such a privilege to come aboard as the Program Manager of The Boys and Girls Club of Wiyot Country. I am excited and feel honored to be serving our children and community. I am married to Wiyot Tribal Member, Ted Hernandez. We have five children who keep us busy. I have worked and volunteered in many children's program and schools through out the years. Some of the programs were Head Start, MEES, parent policy councils, teacher aide for a School District, Boys and Girls Club and AWANA. I currently serve on the Wiyot Tribe Parent Committee and continue to volunteer on some of the Wiyot Tribe's activities and Loleta School.

I am looking forward to working along with Boys and Girls Club staff, parents and community to make this program all it can be to serve our children. Together, we will provide a place on their tribal land where they can go to enjoy healthy fun with peers, learn new skills, gain a sense of belonging to their communities and most importantly, their cultural heritage. We have many programs in our club that are specialized for different age groups and all kinds of interests. Some of those are: Toddler Time, Power Hour, Vachurr Wimouth-wilh (Girls to Women), Men's

Camp, Girls Scouts, Wise Guys, Torch Club, Keystone Club, Culture in the Family and many more.

I strongly encourage parents being involved in the Club. You can volunteer, support your child by visiting the Club, show an interest in programs that they are involved in. Parents can participate in parent programs, tutoring, coaching or mentoring, chaperoning field trips, becoming a recreational aide, monitoring special events etc. Just stop by to find out what it takes to participate.

Once again I cannot express how excited I am to have been given this opportunity!

Juwoks!



Rose  
Hernandez





# Happy Birthday

Sonja Anderson	Lucius Angell	Julieanna Atwell
Mathilde Atwell	Michael Atwell	Jerome Bartow
Michael Benitez	Dennis Black	Dylan Brown
Summer Cook	Vernon Crummert	Tyler Duncan
Franklin Evenson	Arlene Fry	Carol Goodson
Linda Johnson	Eve Kathman	Craig Keisner
Kraig Keisner	Denise Krauel	Britt Richard Madison
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April Rodriguez	Elmer Rossig	Addison Shelledy
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## June Schwigert

**April 13, 1926 to January 8, 2010**

June passed away peacefully on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, surrounded by her loving family...she will be greatly missed. You could find June at any given time, beautifully dressed, with her gorgeous jewelry and sparkling glittery fingernails, telling stories of camping at Horse Linto or of the many travels and adventures she had over the year, or contently sitting in the living room playing with her great-grandchildren, Natasha and Alexis as she watched them grow into beautiful young ladies, or getting her green bag full of goodies ready to go as she and grandpa headed out to play BINGO!

She was the most wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother we could have asked for. Thank you for the time you have given us.





# February 2010

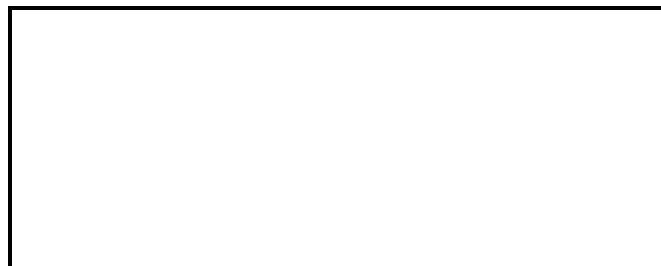
19SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Wiyot Parent Committee 10am	2	3 Girl Scouts 2pm	4	5	6
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14 Valentines Day 	15	16	17 Girls Scouts 2pm	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday office closed	23	24 Girl Scouts 2pm	25	26 Recycling	27 Candlelight Vigil noon to 7p
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