



# Wiyot News

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## Donations for Shanah & Henry James



Shanah James was hit by a car in Crescent City, Monday June 8th and she was medevacked to the Oakland Children's hospital where she remains in critical care. On Tuesday, June 9th, while the family was in Oakland, their home burned to the ground and all of their worldly possessions were lost. Friends and family are raising money to assist the family with the costs to re-establish themselves and maintain vigil with Shanah in Oakland. Funds raised from this drawing will be used to support the James Family. Donations can also be made to an account set up for Shanah & Henry James at Redwood Capital Bank. Friends and family held an Indian Taco Sale and raffle ticket sale which is on going until 7/15/09 to benefit the family. The drawing of the raffle tickets will be held 7/15/09. For more information, you can call (707)733-5055.



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### Mark your Calendar

- \***July 3**  
4th of July Holiday Tribal office Closed
- \***July 13**  
Business Council  
6:30 pm
- \***July 25th**  
Annual Summer Gathering  
11am to 5pm
- \***July 27**  
Business Council  
6:30 pm



## Of Interest.....

### Honoring Our Elders

The Wiyot Tribe invites all Tribal citizens and staff and their families to the **Third Annual Summer Gathering. Saturday, July 25th** from 11 am until 5 pm at the Wiyot camp on the South Spit of Humboldt Bay. A time for community, sharing, and honoring Wiyot elders. Old Ways, song, dance, drumming, even sand bread! Games, food, fire ring, Wiyot language, and stories for young and old alike. Please bring your stories, memories, and old family photos. With your permission, we can copy them for our files. The Tribe will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, soup, salad, vegetables, and beverages. Dessert is pot luck, so bring your favorite sweet dish. No alcohol, drugs, or dogs. Please call the Tribal Office at (707) 733-5055 with any questions.

### Kinetic Sculpture Visits the Reservation

The Kinetic Sculpture Race, a Memorial Weekend Event, ended Monday in Ferndale on May 25, 2009.



“Oct-o-mom”, one of the entries, came by the Tribal Office on Tuesday. The team consisted of, Brian Slayton, Aaron Carter, Evan Gibbs, John Davis, Don Barnes and Kenneth Lance. The pit crew was Jess Engle, Dan Barnes and Joe Lance. Loads of fun, trials and a good time was had by all.

### Sacramento County Fair

Tribal Member, Lee Ann Duclo, was notified of the following results for her canned entries this Memorial Day weekend at the Sacramento County Fair:

Strawberry Jam\* **2nd place**  
Lemonade Jam \***1st place**  
Pickled Vegetables\* **1st place**  
Apple Cinnamon Syrup \***1st place**  
Root Beer Jelly\* **1st place**

#### **BEST OF CLASS**

AND

#### **BEST OF SHOW**

**Congratulations**



### Water Water Water

Just a reminder to keep your garden green. July through September the basic water allotment is increased from 8,000 gals to 11,000 gals.





## ...Of Interest

### Tribal Office needs your Help

Please help us get in touch with the following people:

**Charlene Cody**

**Amanda Moon**

**Tracy Johnson**

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

### Attention !! Attention!!

Cornerstone Theater is looking for people to be part of their community play, *Golden Fleece: Jason in Eureka*. No experience necessary. Actors. Singers, musicians, dancers, technicians of all ages are welcome.

Auditions: July 12 & 13 at Ink People Center for the Arts (411 12th St.).

Rehearsals July 16-Aug 7.

Performs August 7, 8, & 9 at the Blue Ox.

For information: call 1-800-385-7791 / [www.CornerstoneTheater.org](http://www.CornerstoneTheater.org)



### Men's Camp

Men's Camp has wood for sale. Full cords or half cords are available.

For more information, please call Ted Hernandez, cell # 599-0888 or Alan Miller, cell # 496-8834.



### Water News

Starting July 1st and running thru September 30th the basic water allotment on the reservation will be increased from 8,000 gallons a month to 11,000 in order to keep lawns green and to facilitate watering vegetable gardens.

### We'd Like to Hear from You

Live away from Wiyot country and want to share something about yourself or where you live? We'd love to hear from you.

The Community Center and Tribal Office is located at 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551. You can email Linda if you would like to submit something for the newsletter at [linda@wiyat.us](mailto:linda@wiyat.us) or call (707)733-5055.

### Council Contact Numbers

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Council Member  
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### Bingo

Wiyot Language Bingo has resumed! Join us every Tuesday at Elders' Lunch at Table Bluff Reservation.

Win prizes, learn some simple words, and find out what's happening with the Language Program!

(For the occasional times when Lynnika is away, notices will be posted in advance at the tribal office.



## Cultural From the Ground Up...

### The Woman Called Lucy By Lynette Mullen

DRAFT Submitted to Hélène Rouvier, Cultural Director/THPO Wiyot Tribe, June 5, 2009

On February 25, 1860, Lucy Romero survived the massacre of Native Americans on Indian Island by hiding herself and two young daughters in a large barrel. By saving herself, she also saved her unborn son, Charles.

Lucy had lived around Humboldt Bay since at least 1850 and she was related to Rose Moranda (Evelyn Horn's mother), making it likely she was Wiyot. She would have watched the arrival of the white pioneers seeking an inland route to the gold mines and witnessed the influx of settlers that followed seeking new opportunities and the rich natural resources of the area. She would have also witnessed the conflicts between the indigenous people and the newcomers and felt the affects first hand.

Almost from the time the pioneers arrived, there were "outrages committed on... Indian women by white men". Women were attacked in single incidences while others were forcibly taken as "wives" by white "squawmen". Berryman Lack, a white man, fathered Lucy's oldest daughter, Carrie. Shortly after Carrie's birth, Lucy was taken as the "wife" of Jose Romero. Romero was an Indian fighter and veteran of the Apache Indian Disturbances who worked as a packer in Humboldt County. He fathered Lucy's second daughter, Annie, and Lucy was a few weeks pregnant with Romero's son, Charles, at the time of the massacre.

Competition for local resources also caused conflicts. The natives had lived in the area for eons, and within a few short years of the coming of the white man, food had grown scarce as settlers overfished, overhunted and over grazed the local lands. Rumors that Natives were killing cattle for food or revenge spurred volunteers to "chastise" the natives, which often meant violence perpetrated against them.

The massacre, while not an isolated incident of Native murder, was seen as particularly egregious by many of the people living in Humboldt County. The victims were mostly women and children, and even the editor of one local paper, who openly advocated for ridding the county of Native people, admitted he could "conceive of no wrong that a babe's blood can atone for."

Following the massacre, the Natives feared additional attacks and the whites living on the Bay feared reprisals from the Indians. The local newspapers claimed that even the "friendly" ranches along the bay had become "lurking places for the mountain Indians, who had always been the common foe of the whites". Local citizens helped the Indian Agent in charge of the Klamath Reservation, Col. D.E. Buel, gather most of the natives still living on the Bay, and Buel took them to the Klamath Reservation. At this time, many "squawmen" fought to keep their Native women and children with them. Some women were able to stay on the Bay after their white men married them. It is not clear where Lucy was at this time.

Poor conditions and a lack of food plagued the reservation and soon many Natives returned to the Bay. Unfortunately, continuing conflicts and white fears of Indian hostilities lead to another expulsion of the Natives in the fall of 1861. Many Native children were kept by whites as servants and Carrie, Lucy's oldest daughter, remained with Union pioneers Findley and Rebecca Lindsey. Lucy also remained in Union with Annie and Charles, living in a small cabin on property owned by Lindsey's daughter, Sarah Preston, and her husband, John.



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In early 1862, Lucy was almost blind and lived quietly on the Preston property. Rumors began that Lucy was harboring hostile Indians from mountains, or furnishing them with ammunition or information, though John Preston had seen no one. Both Sarah Preston and her father, Findley Lindsey heard threats made against Lucy and warned Lucy. They also urged her to join the other natives who were now being housed on the Smith River Reservation (the Klamath had been destroyed in a flood) but Lucy refused, saying only that she had no friends among the Indians and hoped that if she died in Union, the whites would take care of her children.

Lucy did not tell Sarah or her father that Jose Romero, Lucy's "husband", was believed "complicit" in the massacre on Indian Island and that the Indians killed him for his involvement. Lucy may have feared that she would be unable to care for Annie and Charles on the reservation and that the others might not help her because they were Romero's children.

In the early morning hours of Jan 12, 1862, Annie went to the Preston house to tell them that her mother was sick. She was dismissed. Hours later, Annie tried again, towing small Charles behind her. Charles face was covered in blood, but neither John or Sarah was alarmed. John thought Charles had a nose bleed and had rubbed the blood all over his face. Sarah "thought the squaw had been whipping the child..." and did not investigate. A neighbor, Alan Hill, examined the little boy for injuries. Finding none, he continued the visit and only later, as he passed Lucy's cabin, did he notice her "blood running on the floor." Annie and Charles were in the bed with Lucy's body. Annie said two white men killed her mother, but she couldn't identify them.

The coroner held an inquest. Though the murder of natives was common, Lucy's murder was called a particularly "foul and damnable outrage" By the local paper <sup>1</sup>. It was also in the middle of a town full of fearful whites.

Many witnesses were called, including a man who remembered seeing two men walking toward and across the Arcata Plaza at dawn the morning after the murder. One of the men had a stooped shoulder. Later William Lindsey, Sarah's brother testified that he "was not in the habit of sleepwalking" and did "not know of a man in town that walks stoop shouldered..." like he did.

During the questioning particular attention was also paid to James Brown, who generally carried "a rifle, butcher knife and tommy hawk with a three-inch blade." Brown made no secret of his opinion that "it would be better if all the Indians were killed," and was one of the few men publically identified as a perpetrator of the Indian Island Massacre. Despite the obvious interest of the inquest jurors, he was never questioned.

After three days of interviews and an examination of Lucy's body, the jurors determined that Lucy died due to "the effect of four wounds inflicted upon her head... with some sharp instrument... by some person or persons unknown." The local newspaper called the investigation "thorough" and the coroner expressed regret that the perpetrators were not identified.

Annie was kept by the Prestons, Charles was taken in by a childless German couple and Carrie was "given to the old pioneer Bowles family". As tragic as Lucy's death was, the results of her courage continue. In 2007, two years after I discovered the inquest record, my husband and I bought an old farmhouse in Blue Lake.



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Unlike many native children who did not survive the conditions of the reservations, Carrie, Annie and Charles all lived to adulthood. Lucy's descendants can be found throughout California today.

### **About the Author & The Story of Lucy...**

I am married to a registered member of the Yurok tribe and my husband's family stories sparked my interest in local history. In the fall of 2005, while researching old records in the basement of the county courthouse, I discovered the handwritten copy of the inquest that occurred after Lucy's murder.

#### **Sources:**

Arcata Union, 01/09/1919, obituary of Caroline Wright, Lucy's daughter  
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Per Sarah Preston-Bates, Arcata Union, April 12, 1928  
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### Cultural News and Update

*By Helene Rouvier*

New cultural resources continue to be "discovered," and the information gathered from the artifacts at these sites adds to native history. Often these are seasonal camps and along

trade routes used for thousands of years. And often they have been hidden from modern eyes by the thick vegetation typical of the Redwood Coast. With the departure of our regional CalFire archaeologist, the THPO will be devoting extra time to on site visits for development projects and timber harvest plans. I will also be participating in archaeological testing to identify these sites before any ground disturbing work. Eventually, we hope to receive grant funding for more thorough fieldwork and tribal training.

The Heritage Center is your resource for advice and training to preserve your family treasures. If you have questions on artifact types, basket care, etc. please contact us at 733-5055 or [cultural@wiyot.us](mailto:cultural@wiyot.us). Or drop by if you would just like to see our collection and chat. We are also working on the next exhibition on Indian Island and value your ideas and questions.

Marilyn Wilson and Helene Rouvier are completing a two week training at the Western Archives Institute at UC Berkeley. There is strong tribal presence among the participants, and the primary instructor is experienced in developing Canadian First Nations archive programs. This training will also help us secure further grant funding for Wiyot tribal archives. Since the Heritage Center has limited space, a new archive facility is included in the library expansion plans. This will be a secure and accessible research area for family records and other primary materials.

Cultural committee meetings are before the first council meeting of the month. We are responsible for reviewing high profile projects, grant programs, repatriation claims, and cultural activities. The committee also makes recommendations to the business council. Tribal members are encouraged to come and share their ideas. Currently discussions include the Humboldt Nursery property, NAGPRA claims, Elk River Trail restoration project, Elders Gathering, Tu-luwat interpretive trail design, summer youth

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program, and of course the Marina Center project. Agenda additions are welcomed (please contact me at [cultural@wiyot.us](mailto:cultural@wiyot.us)).

Third annual Elders' Honoring Gathering is Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see the announcement in this issue for more information. If you would like to contribute or volunteer, please let me know. Most importantly, please come share in the celebration with your family and the Wiyot community. All tribal members, staff, and family are invited.

This is the first issue in which a guest writer has generously contributed and shared her research. Please give both of us feedback on this new format. And let me know if you are interested in writing a guest column on Wiyot history and culture.

### Reminders

#### Language Committee Meetings

please attend!

#### Language Classes (5:00 in Library):

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays Every Thursday

### Notice

I would like to hear from anyone who is interested in an off-reservation language class (in Eureka or Arcata). Classes would probably be on a weekday evening.

Please contact me with your preferred day/time!

[lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us)

## Wiyot Language Multi-media Workshop

In mid-to-late July, I am planning to hold a workshop for anyone who is interested in the language resources and tools that I have been using for Wiyot language classes, presentations, and activities. I will be demonstrating:

Multimedia dictionary software (Lexique Pro)  
 Electronic flash card and game software (Byki)  
 'Low-tech' printed materials such as flash cards, paper dice, bookmarks, etc.

I will be giving away copies of many of these materials too, so please come even if you've never been to a class or played Language Bingo with us! The exact time for the workshop will be decided at the June 22 Language Committee meeting, and we will post announcements at the entrance to the tribal office and online at the [Wiyot language page](#).

In the meantime, you can download a free copy of the current Wiyot dictionary from the [language page](#), and/or [email me](#) for the most recent links to my growing collection of online vocabulary flash cards. Both the dictionary and the flash cards include images and audio of Wiyot words to help you study at home.





# Language...

## Wiyot Mini-Lesson: Very short sentences!

I'm working hard to try to figure out sentences in Wiyot, but it is not easy! However, I have more or less worked out one very simple sentence type, which translates to English as 'S/he is \_\_\_\_ing' (where the \_\_\_\_ contains a verb like 'eat', 'sleep', etc.). Here is how it works:

**Da (or Da')** = '-ing'      **ilh** = 's/he is'

By wrapping these two pieces around a verb, you get a sentence! Here is what I mean:

nitw	'sleep'	à	<b>Da'nitwilh</b>	=	'S/he is sleeping'
bishw	'count'	à	<b>Da'bishwilh</b>	=	'S/he is counting'
ruk	'laugh'	à	<b>Darukilh</b>	=	'S/he is laughing'
bouruk	'smile'	à	<b>Da'bourukilh</b>	=	'S/he is smiling'
boutsur	'whistle'	à	<b>Daboutsurilh</b>	=	'S/he is whistling'
liqlh	'cry'	à	<b>Daliqlhilh</b>	=	'S/he is crying'
tsuwes	'shout'	à	<b>Da'tsuwesilh</b>	=	'S/he is shouting'
soulatl	'speak Wiyot'	à	<b>Da'soulatlilh</b>	=	'S/he is speaking Wiyot'
liwuqh	'weave baskets'	à	<b>Daliwuqhilh</b>	=	'S/he is weaving baskets'
				man	<b>gouwi'</b> woman <b>guvouch</b>



Hija daliqhhlilh.  
The baby is crying.'



Rra'jujk da'bourukilh.  
The boy is smiling.'

To tell who is doing the sleeping, counting, etc., just put the person's name or a word like 'man', 'dog', etc. at the beginning of the sentence. For example:

<b>man</b>	<b>gouwi'</b>	<b>woman</b>	<b>guvouch</b>
<b>child</b>	<b>tsek</b>	<b>girl</b>	<b>vachur</b>
<b>black bear</b>	<b>maqh</b>		

Try to figure out how you would say the following sentences, using the words in the box below:

- 1.) The black bear is sleeping. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) The man is whistling. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) The girl is laughing. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) The woman is shouting. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) The child is counting. \_\_\_\_\_



## ...Environment Around Us

### Home: Greening Your Cleaning

By Tim Nelson

Cleaners, disinfectants, pesticides, etc. are produced to accomplish exactly as their name states: Clean, disinfect, and kill pests. However, the consumer is not immune to the effects of these products. Though household cleaners may be good for the aesthetic value of having a clean home, clothes, or body, these chemicals can have an impact on both your health and the environment.

#### HEALTH EFFECTS

The majority of products available to treat dust, mold, stains, or whatever the mess may be, contain chemicals harmful to one's personal health. According to a five-year EPA study, the air in an average American home has chemical contamination levels 2 to 5 times greater (up to 70) than outdoor air.

The EPA maintains that half of all illnesses occurring in the United States can be attributed to chemical contamination of indoor air. In fact, a 1985 EPA report states that household cleaners are three times more likely to cause cancer than outdoor air pollution.

Short or long-term exposure to such chemicals can have immediate to underlying effects and may include: respiratory problems, asthma, liver, kidney, and central nervous damage, reproductive problems, increased risk of cancer, fatal poisoning, etc.

Some key ingredients to avoid include:

- Phenol in air fresheners
- dry chlorine in dishwashers (#1 cause of child poisonings)
- sodium hypochlorite in mold/mildew cleaners and laundry room products
- triclosan in antibacterial cleaners
- hydrochloric acid in toilet bowl cleaners

These are just a **very few** chemicals in household cleaners that pose a serious risk to one's health and should be handled with care.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The harmful effects that household cleaners may have on one's personal health can also have a devastating effect on the environment as well. For example, in 2000, household cleaners resulted in 10% of the toxic exposures reported to the U.S. Poison Control Centers.

After using these products we rinse and flush a lot of these chemicals down the drain where they overwhelm the water treatment facility's ability to treat them and, consequently, are flushed out to contaminate the watershed. Many contain petroleum products which are slow to break down and end up in our creeks, streams, rivers, and eventually our oceans where further human and animal exposure can occur. By reading labels and buying a natural, biodegradable product, you lower your exposure to potentially life-threatening chemicals while being environmentally responsible.





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### ALTERNATIVES

A "green" cleaner is an alternative that is safer for the environment and contains little to no "bad" chemicals. As a good start, begin by looking for the Green Seal or any products containing the words "natural" or "biodegradable." Also, do your research and follow the websites below for a complete list of "green" cleaners and to learn more about how to be more health and environmentally responsible when it comes to household cleaners:

<http://consumerlawpage.com/article/household-chemicals.shtml>

Top "10" Hazardous House Cleaners

<http://www.greenseal.org/findaproduct/index.cfm#cleaners>

Provides a list of certified "green" cleaners.

<http://www.worldwatch.org/node/1484>

Provides a good general discussion of the issues with links to additional resources

<http://waterquality.cce.cornell.edu/publications/HouseholdCleaningSubstitutes.pdf>

A critical review of "alternative" cleaners

<http://www.watoxics.org/files/cleaningproducts.pdf>

A great 4 page PDF discussing the issues and suggesting alternative cleaners

<http://es.epa.gov/techinfo/facts/safe-fs.html>

Another comprehensive source that discusses the downside of the worst conventional cleaners and provides suggested alternatives



### Roadside Wildlife – Table Bluff Reservation to Arcata

If you have ever looked out your window and wondered what kind of bird was flying over head or what mammal scurried across the road, this quick field guide may help answer your questions. Of course, we strongly encourage safe driving and please do not become distracted while operating your vehicle. This guide is aimed to help explain the quick glimpses of wildlife that most drivers notice during their day-to-day driving schedules. This route takes us from the entrance of Table Bluff Reservation, to Hookton Road, a quick loop on Eel River Dr., then onto US Hwy 101 to Arcata.

#### The Top 10

1. *White-tailed Kite*: Mainly white bird with **black-shoulders** (previously named Black-shouldered kite); Habitat includes open fields or agricultural land where small mammals are abundant; Hunts by hovering (flapping rapidly) in one spot to stabilize eye control then diving quickly to capture prey

2. *Red-shouldered Hawk*: Named for the species' **distinguishing red shoulders and chest**; Prefers telephone wires to poles; Habitat includes open fields or agricultural lands where small mammals are abundant; Diet also includes reptiles and amphibians; Hunts from a perch, quickly diving on prey

3. *Red-tailed Hawk*: Named for the species' **distinguishing red tail**; Juveniles can be confusing but a stand-out characteristic is the white speckled V-shaped pattern on its back; Prefers telephone poles to wires; Habitat includes open fields or agricultural lands where small mammals are abundant; Hunts from a perch, quickly diving on prey or by kiting (using wind to hover)



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4. *Canada Geese (Western and Cackling)*: Commonly seen flying over TBR on their way to Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge; Also known as the white cheek patch geese; Westerns are larger in weight (~9.8 vs ~3.5 lbs) and have a larger sized bill than cackling; Prefers agricultural fields but can also occur around beaches and shorelines; Diet primarily includes grasses

5. *Great Egret*: Long white wading bird with a yellow beak and black feet; Prefers open water or marshy areas where fish and amphibians are abundant; Hunts by stealth, remaining completely still then quickly striking prey

6. *Red-winged Blackbird*: Drab brown during the winter season, this extremely territorial bird gains a distinctive popularity during the breeding season; Males sport a **bright red-shoulder with yellowish median coverts**; Prefers virtually any wet, brushy, or marshy area; Diet primarily includes seeds, insects, fruits, mollusks, and spiders

7. *Shorebirds*: If you are driving by Humboldt Bay on a low tide, you may be able to catch a glimpse of a variety of shorebirds including marbled godwits, willet, least and western sandpipers, Semipalmated plover, dunlin, American avocets, etc.; *marbled godwit*-bicolored bill, speckled brown in color; *willet*-straight bill, primarily grey, white band on wing while in flight; *least/western sandpiper-least* is primarily orange/rusty color with white chest and yellow legs, western has a longer bill, spots of orange/rusty color on wings, head, and cheek, with black legs; *Semipalmated plover*-related and similar to killdeer and snowy plover but distinguished by a **complete dark breastband**; *dunlin*-rufous colored back, black belly, and a slightly downward sloping bill; *American avocet*-medium sized bird with long skinny legs, rusty colored head, and an upward turned bill (females more than males); Diet consists of invertebrates; Hunting technique is based on bill morphology (i.e. straight/downward bills prod for prey deep in mudflats while upward bills sweep the surface for food)

8. *Turkey Vulture*: Large bird with a distinctive red head; Is distinguished by the **V-shaped form** it takes while in flight; Usually seen soaring on thermal uplifts and winds, this avian species has a superb sense of smell as it can detect decaying carrion (meat) from a mile away!; Prefers a wide range of habitats as diet is comprised of dead, decaying carrion

9. *European Starling*: Small bird with distinctive **spotting** all over body; Usually occurs in large flocks, has colorful purplish head, green sheen, and yellow bill during breeding season (Dec-Aug); Prefers a wide variety of habitats as this species is the most intrusive invasive avian species in North America; Diet consists of worms and insects.

10. *Brewer's Blackbird*: Similar to the red-winged blackbird but it is **uniformly black** to a **shiny purple-green sheen** (males-breeding season) with bright yellow eyes; Prefers agricultural lands to urban suburbs and can be spotted along the shoulders of highways

### Other Notable Species

#### **Birds**

Barn Swallow

Tree Swallow

Snowy Egret

American Kestrel

American crow

Common Raven

Western meadowlark

Mallard

Steller's jay

House sparrow

Black phoebe

American goldfinch

White-crowned sparrow

#### **Mammals**

Black-tailed deer

(Odocoileus hemionus)

Long-tailed weasel

(Mustela frenata)

Striped skunk

(Mephitis mephitis)

Raccoon

(Procyon lotor)

Virginia Opossum

(Didelphis virginiana)

Gray fox

(Urocyon cinereoar-

genteur)

## News and Notes from Social Services...

### Wiyot Parent Committee

The Wiyot Parent Committee will meet on July 6th, at 10 am. The committee will be making recommendations to council regarding Table Bluff Reservation playground equipment, use of Child Care Development fund recovery act funds, and continue discussions of summer activities and Table Bluff charter school. The Loleta school superintendent is expected to attend.

### Wiyot Girl Scout Troop

The Wiyot tribe recently started a new girls scout troop #70060. Most girls join a local troop or group for fun and friendship, but they also find out about building character and self-esteem and serving their communities—the core qualities of Girl Scouting. In Girl Scouts, girls find a safe place to grow and share new experiences, learn to relate to others, develop values, and contribute to society. This troop is now seeking new members. Girls scouts will be meeting on Tuesdays each week. Please contact Michelle or Jessica at the tribal office for more information (707)733-5055.



### Scholarship Season is here

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:

#### Wiyot Higher Education Scholarship

Wiyot Tribal members attending a 2 or 4 year college or university full or part time in 2009/10  
Deadline August 1, 2009  
Contact Michelle Vassel, [micelle@wiyat.us](mailto:micelle@wiyat.us), (707) 733-5055.

#### BIA Higher Education Grant

Wiyot Tribal members attending a 2 or 4 year college or university full or part time in 2009/10.

Deadline: Prior to the start of classes

Contact Michelle Vassel, [micelle@wiyat.us](mailto:micelle@wiyat.us), (707) 733-5055.

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.

### Elder's lunch served daily

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. Learn the Wiyot language, win prizes, and enjoy lunch. Elders interested in receiving frozen meals during that week please contact Michelle at (707) 733-5055.

### Welcome new Tribal Staff

Tribal member Tammie Bettis, who recently completed the tribe's employment training program, was hired by the tribe as the new social service assistant. Tammie will be working with the tribe's director of social services to transport needy citizens to necessary social service appointments such as trips to the food bank, Social Security, tribal TANF, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Social Service, General Relief, Calworks, food stamp offices.



## ...News and Notes from Social Services

Tribal citizens within the tribe's service area may contact the social service director, Michelle Vassel to make transportation appointments.



### Summer Youth Workers

The department of Social Services has offered Summer Youth work opportunities through a Supplemental Youth Services program administered through Northern California Indian Development Council since 2007. This program offers summer employment opportunities for eligible 16-21 year olds. This year's summer youth workers began work on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue to work until August.

#### **Corinne Alton-**

Boys & Girls Club assistant

#### **Kirsten Heinemann-**

Food program assistant

#### **Richie Green-**

Environmental Assistant

#### **Samantha Haney-**

Youth program assistant

This summer work program is designed to provide career exploration, training and skills to interested young people.



Open Monday-Friday  
9 am to 3pm  
Summertime Hours  
Except Holidays

### **FUN, GAMES, FIELD TRIPS, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION**

The Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods is hiring a Program Manager to work at the Wiyot Club site at Table Bluff Reservation. Interested applicants can submit resume's to: ATTN: Liz Smith, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods, 3117 Prospect Avenue, Eureka, CA 95583, or email resume to: lsmith@bgcredwoods.org  
**For more information about this position contact :**

**Liz Smith (707) 441-1030.**

### **Congratulations Graduates**

High school  
**Quentin Donahue**

Castle Rock School  
Crescent City, California

**Best of Luck**  
**Quentin!!!**



### **Mark Your calendar**



**Wiyot Parent Committee  
meets July 6th at 10 am**

**Minors Revenue Sharing  
Trust Fund meeting on  
July 6th at 6:30 pm**



# Happy Birthday

Robert Albonico	Shelia Alcantar	Mataya Amen-Sherman
Trenton Anderson	Taryn Antal	Kelly Anthony
Gregory Atkins	Madison Ayala	Dustin Bainbridge
Johnetta Barnett	Cyrus Betzold	George Buckley
Johnny Christensen	Jeffrey Clayton	Jason Cox
Tyler Cox	Michael Cunningham	Leslie Detrick
Kaye Deyarmie	Nancy Deyarmie	Alana MiMarzo
Mariena DiMarzo	James Espinoza	Carol Ann Evenson
Jason Evenson	Linda Fiester	Monique Grado
Raymond Gusatafson	Ayden Guyer	Talon Harper
Eric Hefte	Harold Henry	Leslie Henry
Matthew Hernandez	Kylie James	Pamela James
Ramona James	Cole Johnson	Jeremiah Johnson
Sinoe Johnson	Christina Jones	Chazz Kangas
Brooke Keisner	Dorene Kolb	Linda Lange
Kerry Lauth	Catalina Lopez	William Mager
Tabatha McMahon	Lisa Mendoza	Debra Nicholson
Dennis Palmer	Janie Raymer	Tasheena Reyes
Louis Robledo	Kylie Roper	Rex Russell
Robin Shelledy	Frederick Sundquist Jr.	Taylor Tompkins
Theodore Tompkins	Hazel Vargas	Shane Weekly
Marilyn Wilson	Nakhia Wright	



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Email me, [linda@wiyat.us](mailto:linda@wiyat.us)

## Native American Receipe Request

If you have a special Native American receipe that you'd like to share with others, and have published in our Youth Group Fundraiser cookbook. please email to [linda@wiyat.us](mailto:linda@wiyat.us) or mail to Wiyot Tribe c/o linda, 1000 Wiyot. Dr., Loleta, CA 95551 and we'll publish it for others to experience.



## Ella Marie Jeneene DiMarzo (announcement in June Newsletter) born May 8th, 2009

**pictured here  
with her daddy  
Vincent DiMarzo  
She weighed 8 lbs.  
and 9 oz. and 21  
inches long**





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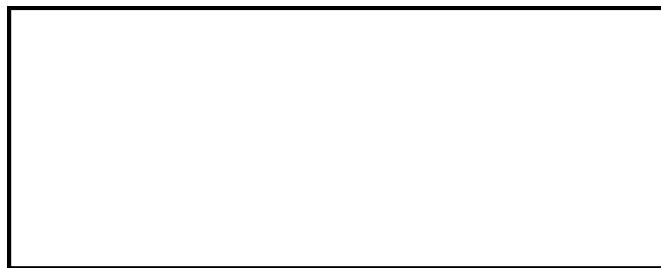
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**Wiyot Tribe**

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