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New to the Wiyot Tribe... Youth Council/Unity

During Council meeting on May 10, 2010, Cheryl Seidner introduced the newly establishing Youth Council which is part of the Unity program. They will learn how to become responsible and productive citizens of the Wiyot Tribe.

"Today's youth of the Wiyot Reservation will be leaders of tomorrow; they need leadership training and experience to better prepare them for these important roles; the youth should be given the opportunity to bring about positive changes in the existing conditions on the reservation; young people should have a greater voice in matters concerning them and through their collective action can serve as a catalyst to bring about more unity and harmony on the reservation." With the presented Resolution, which Council approved, the Youth Council will be able to join the UNITY network, sponsored by the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. in an effort to bring about positive change and greater opportunities to work with other youth leaders throughout the nation.



Pictured above is Cheryl Seidner, who presented Lizzie Hernandez, Matthew Hernandez and Leo James, the first members of our Youth Council. The Resolution, that was presented to Council, allows them to start a Unity Program



on the reservation. They will be able to have elections, learn how to run meetings and take notes and then doing minutes for their program. They will meet every Tuesday at 4:30pm.

Pictured above is Gail Green, Tribal Chair, presenting the group with a special gavel to conduct their meetings with which was embellished with beadwork by Patti Meraz.

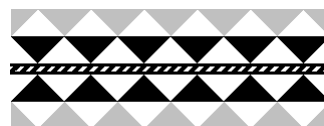
Stick game Signup

All young men who are interested and want to participate in stick games, please contact Rose Hernandez or the Tribal Office @ either 845-9223 or 733-5055.

Next Culture Committee Meeting will not be held until August 23rd at 4:30PM

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Mark your Calendar

- *June 7 Parent Committee
- *June 14 Business Council 6:30pm
- *June 16 Graduation Party 6:00pm
- *June 17-18 Youth Program Closed
- *June 20 Fathers Day
- *June 21 Summer Schedule begins 9-3pm for Boys and Girls
- *June 28 Business Council 6:30pm

**Of Interest.....****GO GREEN****SAVE A TREE AND****USE
TECHNOLOGY****VIEW THE NEWSLETTER ON
LINE AT****[WWW.WIYOT.COM/NEWS/
NEWSLETTER](http://WWW.WIYOT.COM/NEWS/NEWSLETTER)****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

**Free meals for children**

The Wiyot Tribe provides a free snack to all children ages 0-18 during the school year from 3:30-4:00pm Monday – Friday. The Tribe offers four sites which are; Boys & Girls Club of Wiyot Country, Loleta, Cuddeback, & South Fork. During the summer months the Wiyot Tribe serves breakfast at 9:00am and lunch at 12:00pm. All of the meals are based on the USDA requirements. The menus are posted and are also sent out in the Wiyot Tribes monthly newsletters. During the school months the B&GC of Wiyot Country offers the Kids in the Kitchen program. Club kids are able to help prepare, set up, serve, and clean up a snack. For questions or information contact Michelle or Trena (707) 733-5055

**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 receptionist trainee position. New term starts October 2010. 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@wiyot.us



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Council Contact Numbers

Gail Green	Ted Hernandez	Brian Mead	Leona Wilkinson	Ross Lane	Alan Miller	
Tribal Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Council Member	Council Member	Council Member
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Cultural from the Ground Up....

Fort Humboldt History Days

by Briannon Fraley, Cultural Director/THPO

Fort History as it relates to the Wiyot People:

The fort was built in 1853 by the US Army as a result of settlers encroaching on Wiyot Territory. It was said that the Fort was constructed to “protect” the Wiyot people from the “Gold Hungry Europeans.” The protection of the Wiyot people by the Army was anything but that. Wiyot as well as other Indians from the surrounding area were “rounded up” and forced into an 80 foot diameter corral burrowed in the ground, with no shelter. Many of the people died due to malnutrition, and harsh conditions. This time in history was detrimental to the Wiyot people.

The history of the fort is not well known by the community that surrounds it. Today the State Park staff is sensitive to the history of the fort as it relates to the Wiyot community, and wanted to make sure the harsh history was not played down. They asked the Culture Department to help plan this historic event. This was the first time the Parks have invited the Tribe to tell their story. The THPO department is responsible for educational outreach to the community, and this was a great opportunity to do just that.

We utilized our time with the children of the local community to tell them the truth about how Wiyot people were treated during this time, what life was like pre-contact, and what the Tribe is working on today to restore and preserve our precious cultural resources.

Working with the Culture Committee, the Social Services Department, the Boys and Girls Club, and UIHS’s Potowat community garden staff, the Wiyot station at Fort Humboldt History Days was a huge success.

The kids from the Boys and Girls Club went on a field trip to the garden to gather native strawberry starts to be handed out as gifts to the participants of the event. The Wiyot Station used the strawberry starts as a tool of education. Our favorite question to the youth was, “what kind of berries do you think Wiyot People gather from this are?” Almost every response was either “blueberries” or “raspberries.” And they were surprised to find out we had wild coast strawberries (lash-the Wiyot word) as a sweet treat. The children were so excited about the Tribe’s offering of a native food. It was a huge success and we have been asked to participate in this event in the future. Teachers from the schools also asked us if we could do class presentations to educate their children about the Wiyot people.



Pictured: Cheryl Seidner, Wiyot Tribal Citizen and Cultural Liaison
And Marnin Robbins of Ca State Parks



Cultural Director, Briannon Fraley, and for Council person Joycelyn Teague with local student



Wiyot Citizen, Michelle Hernandez and students. Matt Green, Wiyot Citizen was a participant of the event, and lent a hand to help educate his peers about being Wiyot



Strawberries gathered by the Boys & Girls Club



Joycelyn talks to the students about language

Thank you to everyone who made our presence at Fort Humboldt a positive and unique experience.



...Environment Around Us

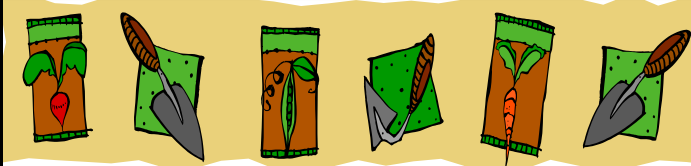
Helpful Gardening Guide

By Tim Nelson

Planting Schedule

June is the month to plant early spring seedlings such as bok choy, artichoke, zucchini, squash (winter/summer), cucumber, and melons, parsley, celery, and sunflowers, cilantro, dill, fennel, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, spinach, chard, beets, peas, onions, green onions, leeks, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, and tomatillos. If sowing seeds, use flats with 3-5" of potting soil, use a finger to make holes to desired seed depth, place seed(s) in, cover with a thin layer of soil, pat gently and **keep moist** but allow to dry a little between watering.

For more information regarding planting schedules and techniques, please call or visit the Environmental Department.



Gulf Oil Spill and the North Coast's Future with Offshore Oil Exploration

As many already know, the April 20, 2010 accident involving the explosion of an oil rig has crippled the Gulf of Mexico and is dispersing oil along the East Coast via a major current system. The well owned by British Petroleum (BP), has been spewing oil at a maximum estimated rate of 210,000 gallons/day and efforts to control the flow have been very slow and unfortunately, unsuccessful. Another well known oil spill, the Exxon-Valdez of 1989, ran aground Prince William Sound in Alaska spilling an estimated 11 million gallons (250,000 barrels) and was deemed one of the worst human-caused environmental disasters to ever occur in history.

If the well cannot be shut off by the beginning of June, there will be an estimated 9 million gallons of oil in our oceans.

Both federal and state officials, along with private organizations and environmental groups, have been working around the clock to minimize the impacts on our coasts. Currently, control efforts have included chemical dispersants, surface skimming, boom controls, controlled surface fires, pumping of oil into tankers, and attempts to choke off the well via underwater robotic machines. Another threat that little is known about, but some scientists have witnessed, are large "plumes" of oil under the surface that are choking fragile ocean ecosystems along the way and risk contaminating shorelines. Currently, efforts to keep the oil out of inland ecosystems such as wetlands, estuaries, and large rivers such as the Mississippi, have been difficult. But, with the emergence of underwater "plumes," the danger is elevated due to the fact that surface booms will not be able to capture the escaped oil. Impacts from this disaster are not solely environmental but are economic as well. Fishermen no longer have access to fishing spots as the oil has quickly made its way toward the coast, potentially contaminating everything in its path. Wildlife officials and oil spill emergency responders are working hard to rescue wildlife such as birds and mammals that have been devastated by the oil. Oil in the feathers of birds results in less buoyancy on the surface, inability to fly, increase in hyperthermia and ingestion of oil during preening. Furthermore, the Gulf serves as breeding grounds for many threatened or endangered species such as the brown pelican and the snowy plover. Other environmental impacts are affecting our coastlines and environments associated with our oceans.





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Fragile, depleted ecosystems such as wetlands that assist in the filtration of pollutants and house a large majority of species are in danger of being crippled by the large amount of oil. According to biologists, the environmental impacts of this disaster will be felt for decades!

So, how does all of this affect the chances that the North Coast of California would someday drill for oil? In reality, the spill in the Gulf of Mexico has caused Gov. Schwarzenegger to pull the plug on plans for oil exploration. This bittersweet victory for California only ensures that we may avoid a disaster that would be catastrophic to our community. Unlike the spill in the Gulf of Mexico (40 miles off the coast of Louisiana), any oil rigs in the North Coast would be situated closer to shore due to the proximity of the continental shelf. So what took weeks for the oil slick to reach land in Louisiana would take days for it to impact our coast. The North Coast enjoys a very fruitful fishing economy and various wildlife species (many threatened or endangered) utilize our bay and coastline both year round and during migratory seasons. The risk of any oil spill off our coast would be felt immediately and would spell disaster for residents and wildlife alike.



In conclusion, the disaster, like the Exxon Valdez, only proves that the energy sources we primarily use (i.e. petroleum based) pose serious environmental threats whether

during extraction, transportation, or consumption. This non-renewable resource is being extracted at rates far greater than it can be replenished. Since "fossil fuels" take millions of years to create, scientists believe that severe shortages to near depletion will occur around 2050. By that time, we will have another 40 years of potential oil spills such as the current and past events, smog issues from vehicle usage, water quality issues from runoff, atmospheric deposition of carbon and consequential increases in pH levels in our oceans, depleted

oxygen levels due to pollution issues and microbial activity, etc. In the midst of this environmental disaster our future appears to be grim but there is a light at the end of this tunnel. By switching our economy to focus more on renewable energy we can help prevent any future oil spills and decrease the amount of pollution that ends up in our ecosystems.

For more information on pollution or water quality issues, please call or visit the Environmental department.

Update on the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)

For better or worse, the MLPA has been progressing along. Wiyot Tribe staff, council members, and citizens have been attending meetings and working hard to protect Wiyot interests along the coast. The MLPA, while intended to protect marine resources, has the potential to severely impact traditional Tribal gathering along the California coast. Please refer to the February Wiyot News for a more detailed description on the MLPA Initiative.

Deputy Director of Fish and Game, Sonke Mastrop, visited the Wiyot Tribe at Table Bluff on Monday April 5 to discuss impacts of the MLPA and how best to mitigate them. He is advising a policy of avoidance of any areas that are significant for Tribal gathering and ceremonial use instead of an exception for traditional Tribal uses. The "avoidance" policy may not work well in practice, however, because all of the coast should be open to traditional Tribal uses.

On April 9, a meeting was held in Sacramento,



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attended by Council Members Ted Hernandez and Alan Miller as well as Tribal Administrator Maura Eastman, to establish procedures for the Dept of Fish and Game to consult with Tribes. Although this meeting was not specifically about the MLPA, it arose out of the lack of appropriate consultation that has occurred with the MLPA Initiative.

The MLPA Initiative declined to appoint a Wiyot representative to the Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG). Nevertheless, Wiyot staff members have continued to attend meetings, speaking at public comment opportunities, and working with Tribal RSG members. Prior to the April 20-21 work session meeting of the RSG, the Wiyot Tribe sent a letter to Tribal RSG members reminding them of their obligation to represent the views of Tribes not appointed to the RSG and objecting to the MPA areas in Wiyot Ancestral Territory, specifically at the mouth of the Eel River and in South Humboldt Bay. As a result of this, the proposed Eel River MPA has been relocated further south and off the coast. The fate of the South Bay MPA is still uncertain. Satie Airame, the Science and Planning Advisor to the MLPA Initiative proposed meeting directly with the Wiyot Tribe after the RSG submits its proposed MPA Array in order to determine what effects the proposal would have to the Tribe. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 28 at 5pm.

Upcoming MLPA meetings (updates will be posted on the Community Center Bulletin Board):

Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF):

July 21, 22; Fort Bragg
October 26-28, Eureka
December 15, Sacramento (Joint meeting with DFG)

Science Advisory Team (SAT):

June 29-30; Red Lion Hotel, Eureka
July 28; Teleconference/Webinar
Oct. 13-14; Red Lion, Eureka
Nov 17; Teleconference/Webinar

Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG)

July 29, Fort Bragg
July 30; Work Session*, Fort Bragg
Aug 30, Work Session*, Eureka
Aug 31; Aquatic Center, Eureka
* the RSG work sessions are open to the public, but there is no comment period and it is not recorded or webcast.

Other:

June 28, 5pm. Meeting with Satie Airame of the SAT at Table Bluff Reservation to discuss possible impacts of MPAs

All of the meetings, except the RSG work sessions, are webcast, available at this link:

<http://www.cal-span.org/>.

The schedule of MLPA meetings is available here, as well as recordings of previous meetings:

http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_n.asp#upcoming
March 24-25, 2010

April 21-22, 2010

May 19, 2010

May 20, 2010

August 4-5, 2010

September 1-2, 2010

Submitted by

Stephen Kullmann, Environmental Director



News and Notes from Social Services...

Toddler and preschooler Update

During the month of April and May, the toddler and preschoolers participated in story time every school day from 1:00pm-1:30pm. We read a variety of books and the kids enjoy the stories and the rest period. We have been doing numerous activities from 1:30-2:30pm. They have been doing arts and crafts, made macaroni pictures and tie dye coffee filters which are hanging in the community center. They painted, played with blocks. The doll house and little kitchen are very popular, computers and other activities are available. The children participate in Wiyot Language Classes on Mondays at 2:00 pm.

We took numerous fieldtrips to parks during Spring Break and the kids had a lot of fun. We will be having toddler time Monday thru Friday from 12:30 to 2:30 pm—Come and join us.

Power Hour is still Monday thru Thursday from 4pm to 5 pm. Come and earn points to attend the Homework Parties and tickets for the Grand Prize Homework Drawing on the last day of school. The more homework you do, the more tickets you get.

Wiyot Youth Programs

In April our program focused on “What to do in an emergency or disaster”. In light of all the natural events around us we had an earthquake presentation and demonstration. The Environmental Department educated our members on disasters and different forms of Earthquakes, strategies on what to do in a disaster, especially during earthquakes. We practiced protecting ourselves during an earthquake and the safest place to take cover or to be at. Mostly important, we learned staying away from the ocean and low lying areas in case of a tsunami.

During The Power Hour Program members have been working hard and turning 50 pieces of homework in for a raffle ticket for a drawing the last day of school to win the big prize. We have added different games and work sheets that meet the needs of members in different subject, ie. spelling, math, reading, and writing. Triple Play had fun games and activities outside when weather permitted. “Around the World” and “Bird in the Nest” were two favorite activities.

In Girl Scouts, the Cadet's, Ambassadors and Senior's planned a teen night. Planning and budgeting from fliers to food preparation were some skills acquired. Pizza and all kinds of goodies were for sale at this event. The 80's themed dance was well attended and the snack shack sold out of pizza. Daisies learned to initiate art and crafts activities to earn their daisy patch. The Wise Guy Club has commenced their stick game practice at the beach on Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. weather permitting and have also been working in their passports.



Some Culture in the Family Program members completed their necklaces. The number of family members participating in this program increased this month. Members of the Week for this month were: Alicia Jake, Lena Vassel and Jessica Blevins.

Lunch Program raffle winners were Alex Lopez, Hunter Blevins, Tyler Miller.

Congratulations to all raffle winners

Congratulation to Wiyot Tribal Members Andrew and Ramona Clark

Andrew and Ramona Clark are graduating from Elsie Allen High School in Santa Rosa. Andrew received a Special Distinguished Pathway Award as well as the Elsie Allen Creative Arts Scholarship. Ramona received numerous awards including a Humanitarian Award, Distinguished Pathway Award and Elsie Allen Creative Arts Scholarship. They plan to attend college in the fall and major in music.





...News and Notes from Social Services

Youth staff have been working on the summer youth activities and adding a couple of new programs. Music Makers and a Tribal Environmental Program are on the schedule for next month. The UNITY organization has submitted their authorizing resolutions to the Wiyot Tribal Council Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 and our Junior Council was approved.

The Wiyot Parent committee reviewed staff updates. The committee discussed flyers and forms for the 2nd quarter Peel a deal fundraiser. The Peel a deal fundraiser will begin May 4th. Youth sellers are asked to take orders collect money and return funds by June 15th. The Peel a deal coupons will be delivered to those who purchased them on June 21st.

The committee reviewed the draft summer schedule. The schedule includes environmental field trips, cultural field trips, Boys & Girls Club programs and Under discussion was the end of the month birthday party. The club birthday party has been skipped the last two months due to time constraints and the kitchen not having the cupcakes prepared. Parent's suggestion putting the Birthday party on the schedule for B&GC and the food program schedule. Michelle asked staff to add the Birthday party to the agenda and The food schedule was reviewed by the committee.

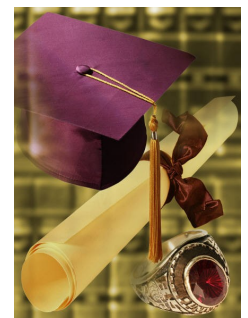
Thanks to the 9 volunteers that served the youth programs this month.

Thank you for sharing your time, knowledge and experience.

Graduation Party



The Wiyot Tribe will be holding a graduation party for graduates and their families from pre-school through college on June 16th at 6pm at the Wiyot Community Center. Please RSVP for this event by June 11th. Please help the Wiyot Tribe honor our graduates by sending in photos and information about graduates for our next newsletter c/o Michelle, Wiyot Tribe, 1000 Wiyot Dr., Loleta, CA 95551





News and Notes from Social Services...

Wiyot Parent Committee

The Wiyot Parent Committee will meet on June 7th, at 10 am.



NOTICE:

All Tribal youth programs will be closed June 16th, 17th and 18th to get geared up for summer. Parents effected by this closure may use the Boys & Girls Club of Loleta during this time. Please contact Michelle for more information at (707)733-5055 or by email at: michelle@wiyot.us.

Youth Conservation Corps Jobs available at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Refuge manager Eric Nelson announced that Humboldt Bay NWR will be participating the in Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program again this year.

Two of four applicants will be selected, once completing projects at the Salmon Creek Unit of Humboldt Bay NWR located in Loleta, CA and the other at the Lanphere Dunes Unit located in Arcata, CA.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15-18 who work and learn together by accomplishing needed conservation work on public lands. The eight week program will begin on June 21, 2010 and conclude on August 13, 2010. An equal number of male and female participants will be selected by drawing and will earn \$10.95 per hour. All participants must bring a lunch and be able to provide their own transportation to and from the refuge. Work schedules will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 4:30 pm each day, Monday through Friday.

The type of work to be performed includes: invasive plant control, wildlife habitat maintenance, basic construction, facilities maintenance and environmental education. Forty hours of natural resource conservation education programs will be incorporated into the scheduled eight weeks. These programs will provide information on the natural resources and responsibilities of the National Wildlife Refuge system.

Applications for the YCC summer employment program must be returned by Friday May 7th, 2010. For more information about the program or to download applications, visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/humbolddbay, call the Refuge at (707) 733-5406 or stop by the headquarters.





...News and Notes from Social Services

Tribal Member featured in Young Media Makers Big Screen Showcase

Loleta Elementary was one of two schools to be selected and funded for the project through the Humboldt Area Foundation Project Grant to Artists and the Carl Nielsen Memorial Fund. Through 20 hours of lessons, Barbara Domanchuk taught several sixth, seventh and eighth grade students basic video production and editing techniques. The first-time filmmakers also learned how to operate small digital video cameras, flip cameras, prepare needed props and costumes, set up tripods and choose camera angles and locations, according to the press release. Three flip cameras were donated by the Loleta Parent Teacher Organization. Once production was underway, the editing lessons covered assembling shots and adding sound effects, appropriate transitions, titles and credit.

The work of tribal member Elizabeth Hernandez received a judges award as well as the Directors award for her film which will be featured in a Chicago young media makers film festival.



Elders Lunch and Bingo

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!

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, 2010
Contact Michelle Vassel, michelle@wiyot.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, michelle@wiyot.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.

Now Hiring Prevention Specialist

P/T, year round. Prevention Specialist will be responsible for planning, coordination and implementation of culturally based prevention and diversion activities with adults and youth. Call 707-733-5055 for Michelle Vassel, Social Services Director and visit our website for more information.

First Time Home buyers get assistance with tax credit

Assembly Bill 183 was passed by the legislature on March 22 and give the Franchise Tax Board authority to extend a total of \$200 million in tax credits to California homebuyers, \$100 million for buyers of new unoccupied homes and another \$100 million for first-time buyers of existing homes. The credit will be extended from May 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The tax credit will be available to buyers on a first-come, first-served basis and is applied in equal amounts over a period of three taxable years. To qualify, the buyer must not be a dependant and must purchase a home that does not belong to a relative. For more information, go to gov.ca.gov.



Language...

Accelerated Second Language Acquisition

by Lynnika Butler, Language Program Manager

ASLA[®] stands for “Accelerated Second Language Acquisition”, which is just a fancy way of saying “learning a language fast”. It was created by Dr. S. Nexooyet Greymorning, who is Arapaho and professor of Native American Studies at the University of Montana. The method is specifically designed for Native American languages, many of which are critically endangered and cannot afford to wait years for traditional language teaching methods to produce new speakers. Dr. Greymorning has been successfully using ASLA to teach the Arapaho language to UM students and tribal members for several years.

I was lucky enough to attend a workshop with Dr. Greymorning in Missoula recently—along with speakers of Karuk (he’velou’ Julian!), Cree, Ojibwe, Shoshone, Salish, Innupiaq and other languages—and I have just begun using his methods in adult and childrens’ language classes at Table Bluff. So far the reaction has been quite positive. ASLA uses images and very structured content to help learners “figure out” the language—no grammar lessons, no quizzes, and no writing! I am keeping a video diary of our progress with the method, and I am optimistic that participants will be able to speak some simple conversational Wiyot in just a few months.

For those of you who don’t live near the Table Bluff Reservation but would like copies of the materials I am creating for our ASLA-style lessons, please contact me! For this month’s article, I am printing the images we are using for ASLA Skill Set 1 (nouns), along with captions in Wiyot. If you are able to go online, you can see the images and click to hear the audio on the language page of the Tribe’s website: www.wiyot.us/language.

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...Language



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maqh



wayits



halou'wi' di'n woudularrudalih



dutgughurrilh



dalh



NOTE: A few of these words have interesting literal meanings. Which word do you think matches each of the following definitions?

1. "it comes along"
2. "it stinks behind"
3. "it has a face"
4. "it goes inland"

4. di'n woudularrudalih

3. dutgughurrilh

2. vouchvi'

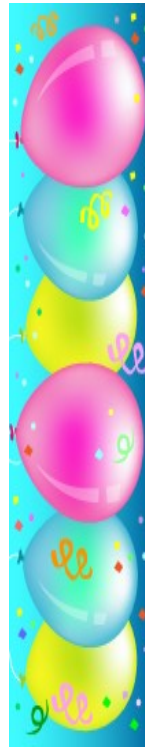
1. halou'wi'

ANSWERS:



Happy Birthday

Celeste Anderson	Holley Anderson	Boden Atwell
Riley Atwell	Anthony Bainbridge	Janyce Berens
Dean Bruner	Elaine Butler	Carol Claus
Mark Conley	Quintin Donahue	Melva Duclo
Teresa Duncan	Jonathan Friend	Samantha Haney
John Hefte	Kiley Hefte	Ralph Horn
James Hosp	Forrest James	Re'lee James
Brandon Johnson	Raven Johnson	Tina Johnson
Wayne Johnson	William Jones	Angela King
Robert Lippincott	John Mager	Jorge Mendez
Michael Owen	Jackie Pessoa	Evander Reyes
Jadacia Rodriguez	Lenard Romero	Maelena Rowlett
Cheryl Seidner	Leanne Sinigiani	Brandon Sovereign
Stacie Stout	Emma Sundberg	Tamara Terry
Tommy Tompkins	Claire Vinson	Hayden Winkler



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In light of being resourceful and conserving our precious natural resources, and utilizing technology to our advantage, you have a choice of the way you receive your newsletter. You can receive it through your email (**you'll need to download, for free, Adobe Reader at get.adobe.com/reader** or even better.....**visit the newly constructed website...**

www.wiyot.com/newsletter. You can download/print it for your reading enjoyment or just **read it on line!**... which is better yet saving the trees and **using technology.**

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**Boys & Girls Club
of
Wiyot Country**



A collection of
favorite recipes
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A Great gift



Obituary Notice

Billie A. Greene, born December 25, 1945, died April 22, 2010 at the age of 64. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert Greene and family.



Our sincerest condolences
The Wiyot Tribe



June 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Wiyot Parent Committee 10 am	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Business Council 6:30pm	15	16 Graduation Party 6pm Youth programs closed	17 Youth program closed	18 Youth Program closed	19
20 Fathers Day	21 Boys & Girls Summer Schedule begins 9-3pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28  Business Council 6:30 pm	29	30			

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