

# Wiyot News

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## Annual Membership Meeting Notice

Tribal members are encouraged to attend the Annual Membership meeting to be held on April 4, 2009, 10 am at the Tribal Community Center. The Annual membership meeting is held the 1st Saturday in April each year. The highlights of the meeting will consist of Tribal elections (for Tribal Secretary and Councilperson at large) and Staff Departmental reports. Nominations to participate in this 2009 election had to be submitted to the Tribal office no later than January 15th, 2008.

The nominations for the 2009 elections are for secretary, Brian Mead and councilperson at large, Lenard Alan Miller

## Newly Constructed Tribal Website

[www.wiyot.com](http://www.wiyot.com) has a new look and feel. It has been a large undertaking and hope you enjoy how it was put together. Enjoy and please, any comments and/or upgrades are welcome. Email me at [linda@wiyot.us](mailto:linda@wiyot.us) or call me at 707-733-5055.

## Wiyot Tribe Homeowner's Improvement Grant Program

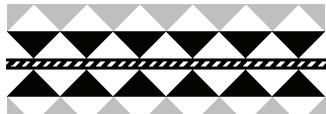
The Wiyot Tribe has established a fund of \$20,000 per year to provide a one-time grant of up to \$2000 per home from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. Applications will be accepted each year until funds are exhausted. Funds will be available to homeowners living on or off the Reservation. Of the \$20,000, \$14,000 will be earmarked for off-reservation homeowners, \$6,000 for on-reservation homeowners. Funds not used as earmarked will be used to meet additional requests. This grant, which is available only to homeowners, can be used for home repair or improvement. To qualify for funds, you must show proof of ownership. Funding decisions will be made by the Housing Grant Committee, and will be based on cost estimates and other information provided by the homeowner. You will be responsible for showing receipts, before and after pictures of improvement.

To apply complete a two page grant application. Describe your project as completely as possible. Obtain written cost estimates for labor and materials. If you live off reservation, please attach proof of ownership, a tax bill or other proof of ownership. Submit your application to the Tribal Office. Funding decisions will be made by the Housing Grant Committee, which meets monthly and recipients will be advised of award in writing as soon as possible. If funds will affect your monthly income, the Tribe can make checks payable to vendor.

If interested in serving on the Housing Grant Committee please contact the Tribal Office at 733-5055.

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## Mark your Calendar

- \*March 8
- Daylight Savings
- \*March 9
- Business Council
- 6:30pm
- \*March 23
- Business Council
- 6:30pm
- \*March 30
- TOWN HALL MEETING 6PM



## Of Interest.....

### Meet the Candidates

#### **LENARD ALAN MILLER**

##### **Running for re-election as Councilperson**

I am a twenty-nine year old native of Wiyot Country who grew up spending much of my time on the Eel River hunting, fishing and eeling. The grandson of Evelyn Horn, a 93 year old Wiyot elder, I am a lineal descendant of Sarah Maguire ( maiden name Gwenivere) Evelyn's grandmother.

Currently, I reside on the Table Bluff Reservation with my wife Trena and our four children. Spending time with my family is a priority for me. I love taking my kids hunting, fishing, and eeling. This is not only a great way for us to spend quality time together, but for me to teach them self-reliance, traditional values, and cultural beliefs.

Also, as a co-founder of Men's Camp, it is my desire to teach cultural beliefs to the young men of our Tribe. Our purpose is to prevent them from losing their way in life by providing them opportunities to learn things such as singing, making regalia and acorn paddles, etc. Doing things that build character such as cutting up firewood to distribute to the elders and cleaning up our land, Men's Camp provides a great place for the spirit of unity to be established and to serve our community.

Currently, I hold a position on the TBR Tribal Council. I have held a position as your councilman since 2007. I would sincerely love the opportunity to serve another term for you. As before, it is my goal to see the needs of our tribe met and to consistently move forward!



#### **BRIAN MEAD**

##### **Running for re-election as Secretary**

My name is Brian Mead, and I am a candidate for Tribal Council. For the past 5 years I have been a member of the Tribal Council. I have grown in the position, and I want to continue to offer my services to the Wiyot Tribe.

I have learned a great deal about tribal government, and how to understand what's in the best interests of my tribe. I have attended all Council Meetings, and participated in Men's Camp. I want to continue my services to the government.

As a parent, I want to see the tribe grow and provide for our children because they will be our future leaders. I believe both the cultural and educational programs that the Tribe offers benefit the youth and prepares them for the future. I think it is also important to care for our elders in every way that we can.

I would like to encourage every member to participate in the Tribe. Each person has something to give and the Tribe is stronger when we work together. I invite you to attend Council meetings and come to Tribal functions. It is important that your voice be heard to help us better the Tribe.





## ...Of Interest

### Tribal Office needs your Help

Please help us get in touch with the following people:

Tracy Johnson

Jennifer Woodhurst

Charlene Cody

Amanda Moon

Terry Lange

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

### Special Birthday Wish



Rylynn Nani Lane is celebrating her 1st birthday on March 25, 2009.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
from Mommy and Daddy. We love you.

### TOWN HALL MEETING

**MARCH 30, 2009**

**6PM**

**Wiyot Tribe  
Community Center**

### A Memo from your Child

Prose submitted by D. Meyers

Don't spoil me, I know quite well I ought not have all I ask for. I'm only testing you.

Don't be afraid to be firm with me, I prefer it. It makes me feel more secure.

Don't ignore bad habits. They are danger signs that you and I have problems.

Don't do for me what I can do for myself. It makes me feel smaller than I am.

Don't correct me in front of people if you can help it. I'll take much more notice if you talk quietly with me in private.

Don't try to discuss my behavior in the heat of the situation for some reason my hearing is not very good at this time and my co-operation is even worse.

Don't make me feel that my mistakes are sins. It upsets my sense of values.

Don't be too upset when I say "I hate you" I don't mean it but I want you to feel sorry for what you have done to me.

Don't protect me from consequences. I need to learn the hard way sometimes.

Don't nag. If you do I shall have to protect myself by appearing deaf.

Don't make promises. Remember, that I feel badly let down when promises are broken.

Don't forget that I cannot explain myself as well as I would like. That is one reason why I am not always very accurate.

Don't tax my honesty too much. I am easily frightened into telling lies.

Don't put me off when I ask questions. If you do, you will find that I stop asking and seek information elsewhere.

Don't ever think that it is beneath your dignity to apologize to me. An honest apology makes me feel surprisingly warm toward you.

Don't worry about the amount of time we spend together. It is how we spend it that counts.





# Cultural From the Ground Up...

## Cultural News and Updates

Coming home – the repatriation claims continue to demand more research, more time, more paperwork, more cash resources. Therefore, the Tribe is applying for NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation grant funding. This will allow hiring consultants to do the all consuming research to prove cultural affiliation to collections in museums locally and out of the area. This process can be difficult since so much Wiyot history was destroyed during a century of cultural disintegration. So we have to find the puzzle pieces and recreate the picture of Wiyot life. Fortunately, more and more information is being uncovered – some recent material is featured in this newsletter's "From the Ground Up" article. New collections will soon be displayed in the community center big room. The separate Heritage Center building will be used for temporary exhibits and permanent displays. The Center is also home to new secure/archival storage units and the office of the registrar. So space is limited for more display. However, we do have the coming of age dress on permanent display in the center. Feel free to stop by and visit.



Marina Center project is now being reviewed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The tribe responded to the Draft Environmental Impact Report with a request to determine where the two Wiyot villages were located before project planning is completed. With that information, the project could be designed to avoid and/or protect these resources. While there may be other issues with this project, the Tribe's concern and authority are focused on cultural resource management.

The Forest Service Nursery site is another topic of discussion between the local tribal governments and the Forest Service. This is a very old site with unique archaeological significance. The proposed disposition of the property will likely trigger additional (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) consultation among all interested stakeholders. Three local tribes will be meeting together and then with the Forest Service to explore the options for cultural preservation of this site.

An amendment increasing HPF (and therefore Wiyot THPO) funding was to be included in the federal economic stimulus package. Unfortunately, this amendment was a casualty in the final negotiations.

However, there is an additional \$3 billion included for tribal infrastructure projects in the final package.

**Next Cultural Committee meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Community Center. All are welcome.**  
**Get involved!**

by Helene Rouvier, THPO

**Plan early and save the date!**

The Wiyot Cultural Committee voted to celebrate this year's Elders' Gathering on the July 18<sup>th</sup> weekend. We will have food, fire ring, stories, honoring, and cultural activities. This is a time to talk with the elders, share memories, and learn new stories and family histories. For more information or to help plan the Gathering please call the Cultural Office at 707-733-5055.



## ...Cultural From the Ground Up

### The Russia Connection

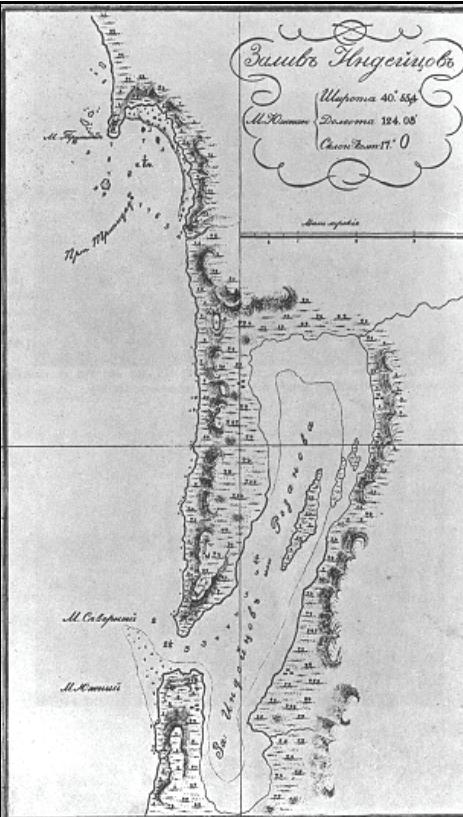
By Helene Rouvier, Cultural Director

Little evidence is known for early contact with the Wiyot. In 1806, Captain Winship was contracted by the Russians in Alaska to engage in the sea otter fur trade along the coast. In an atlas complied by Tebenkof in 1848, an explanatory note describes a bay "about eight and a half miles from the port of Trinidad" called the Bay of Indians with the entrance of Resanof.

*"According to the Colonial Documents of the Russian American Company, it appears that it was discovered by citizens of the United States. In 1806 there was in it (on an American Vessel), under the command of Winship, a sea otter party of Aleuts, under the leadership of Slabodtshikoff, which was met by the Indians inimically."* After studying the resulting map of the bay, archaeologist L.L. Loud surmised that Winship probably sailed up the bay between Samoa and Indian Island, failed to see Mad River and Eureka Sloughs, and also did not note the two village sites on Indian Island.

Loud further notes that "after Winship left, it is not known that the Russians visited the bay again, in fact it seems to be the testimony of the Indians that no other ship entered the bay previous to 1850." Recent research suggests, however, that Loud may have not known the rest of the story.

The Bancroft Library in Berkeley holds the handwritten notes and transcriptions of another early Russian trader. In 1824, Zakahar Tchitchinoff was sent with Russian captain Tarakanoff on a sea otter expedition up the California coast from Fort Ross,



WINSHIP'S MAP OF HUMBOLDT BAY, 1806

consisting of over fifty bidarkas (sea kayaks) each with two Aleut hunters. Tchitchinoff was charged with keeping a journal of the events. On the third day of sailing, they passed an Indian village. "When the Indians saw us many of them jumped into their canoes and tried to come out to us, but we were too fast for them... The next evening we camped on the beach, but just when we had gathered wood for our fires and caught some fish, some Indians appeared on the bluffs above us and though they gave no sign of hostile intentions Tarakanoff made us embark

at once and travel on for three or four hours more."

This encounter was apparently south of Humboldt Bay. "On the sixth or seventh day we entered a very large bay. It ran in the same direction with the sea coast and the entrance was about the middle. Several large rivers emptied into this bay and as the rocks about the entrance looked promising Tarakanoff concluded to stay there and hunt." Apparently Tarakanoff then decided to go up the rivers as far as possible, leaving only 10 men at the bar of the bay. This is where the story gets interesting.

The party went up one river for several hours when scouts saw a large Indian village around a bend in the river.

"Tarakanoff was afraid to go on and though we were suffering for want of fresh water (note: the river water was still brackish) he made the whole party stop here, hidden in the high grass until dark. Then we went in carefully in the middle of the river. When we came abreast of the village some dogs began to bark and then we could hear some Indians shouting to each other. Our party all moved close into the opposite bank of the river and as our paddles made no noise the Indians could not notice us and we went by unseen. In the morning we hid ourselves in the grass again and



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speared some fish from the bank of the river. We had the current and the tide against us and made but slow progress. About noon we came upon a village suddenly. About fifty men came running down to the beach and all the women and children ran into the houses and into the brush to hide. The men shouted and began to shoot arrows and spears. Tarakanoff saw that the river branched out a little above the village and hoping that we could get back to the bay by another arm without passing the village we had avoided during the night, urged us to paddle ahead as fast as we could. Some of the Indians jumped into wooden canoes and tried to follow us, but we were too fast for them, turned into the other arm of the river and went down rapidly with the current. We could hear the shouts of the Indians for a long time."

Their retreat was not over. After fleeing into the other "very crooked" channel, the party rested and ate fish raw to stay hidden. "An hour before sunset, while we were moving along fast, we suddenly came into the main stream again, just above the village which we had passed during the night. The Indians living there had been alarmed and were waiting for us. Ten or fifteen canoes were in the water, across the channel, and armed men were on both banks. They began shooting arrows as soon as we came in sight.

Aleuts who had a pistol, began to fire, but it did not seem to frighten the Indians much who continue to throw arrow, spears, stones and clubs. Some of the bidarkas, while avoiding the canoes in the stream, got into shallow water and some of the Indians waded out and captured them with their hands. Four bidarkas and their occupants were lost in that way."

The remaining party managed to escape and camped at the mouth of the river. "In the morning the captured bidarkas were seen floating down the stream, bottomside up. They were secured but they had been cut and slashed by the Indians beyond repair. The party remained two more days at the mouth of that river, suffering great hardship from exposure and hunger, in order to ascertain whether any of the captured Aleuts had made their escape, but the men were probably murdered or carried off into the interior." No one heard from them again, and their fate remains a mystery.

Back at the entrance to the Bay, the men left behind had caught a large number of fish. While the fish were drying, the Aleuts killed over 80 sea otters. Expecting another attack, Tarakanoff hurried to leave, and finding no other sea otter ground to the north turned back to Fort Ross.

Photo courtesy Anchorage Museum. Photographer: J.E.

**Thwaites?** Date: ca. 1908. Location: Iliamna Bay, on the Alaska Peninsula Aleuts in their bidarkas, Iliamna Bay, Alaska. There is no over-abundance of Aleut photography, but the Museum holds several interesting views of Aleut skin-covered boats. The term bidarki or bidarka is a Russian borrowed term, and is commonly used to name the Aleut boat commonly called kayak (or qayaq) in the Eskimo languages. B82.52.225



# ...Language

## Hou'l, Gudughuna Halunilh!

**(Water is really valuable!)**

by Lynnika Butler, Language Program Manager

Recently, I joined the Environmental Department's Tim Nelson for a presentation he gave to the Boys' & Girls' Club about the water cycle and water conservation. Tim talked about where water comes from, how it is distributed around the planet, and how much of it is available for human use; he also explained how different types of pollution affect the water supply, and what we can do to conserve water (see his article on p.g 9 ).

It's not surprising to find that the Wiyot language has a lot of ways to talk about water, oceans, rivers, and wet weather: water is vital to people everywhere, but it is especially plentiful in Wiyot territory. I have found Wiyot words for everything from 'the first rain' to names for local rivers and terms for different kinds of diving, swimming, and washing. For this month, I have chosen just over a dozen terms that relate to the water cycle. Read the hints below and see if you can match the Wiyot words with their English translations:

- \_\_\_ **Hou'l** is what makes life on Earth possible.
- \_\_\_ 97% of the water on Earth is in the **shou'r**.
- \_\_\_ We can swim in **pak**, but we can't drink it.
- \_\_\_ The **we'n** is the big blue thing above us; it also means 'day'.
- \_\_\_ **Lupdaw** are made of water vapor.
- \_\_\_ **Gutsounek** is cold and hard.
- \_\_\_ Our local **lalilh** have names like Eel, Salmon, and Bear; this word really means 'it goes'.
- \_\_\_ Men, women, and children are all **gouwil**.
- \_\_\_ You should **vurrach** several glasses of water a day.
- \_\_\_ Dentists recommend you **ga'lhou'rresh** after meals.
- \_\_\_ Some people **tighules** in a tub.
- \_\_\_ You can **elesv** with a sponge or in a machine.
- \_\_\_ There has been a lot of **pawu'n** this February in Humboldt County.
- \_\_\_ There is no Wiyot word for 'pollution', but you might say '**rrayuk**' instead.

a) bathe	b) brush teeth	c) cloud	d) drink
e) fresh water	f) ice	g) it's dirty	h) ocean
i) person	j) rain	k) river, 'it goes'	l) saltwater
m) sky, world, day	n) wash dishes		

### Reminders

**Language Committee Meeting March 23**

**@ 5:30...please attend!**

**Language classes (5:00 in Library):**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (March 2 & 16)**

**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)



## Language...

Here is a key to pronouncing the Wiyot words (this is a very rough guide, Wiyot does not sound like English!)

<b>Wiyot</b>	<b>Sounds like</b>	<b>Wiyot</b>	<b>Sounds like</b>
tighules	teega-less	shou'r	shoot-urr
ga'lhou'rresh	got-lhoo-desh	gouwil	goo-weel
lupdaw	lupp-dow	lalilh	lolly-lh
vurrach	vud-otch	pak	pock
hou'l	hoot-ull	we'n	wet-n
gutsounek	guts-oo-neck	elesv	ell-ess-v
pa'wurr	pot-wudd	rrayuk	hoot-ull die-uck

### Helpful Gardening Guide

*By Tim Nelson*

With March approaching and spring right around the corner, it is still not too late to sow seeds for onions, shallots, leeks, green onions, and peas. Also, March is the perfect time to start preparing to plant cilantro, dill, fennel, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, radish, turnip, baby bok choy, spinach, chard, beets, and potatoes (as weather permits). Direct seeding is the recommended planting technique for potatoes, cilantro, radishes, spinach, and beets while transplanting is the recommended planting technique for the rest. Sow seeds in flats (3-5" of potting soil), cover with a thin layer of soil, pat gently and **keep moist** but allow to dry a little between watering. For leeks, green onions, cilantro, dill, fennel, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, baby bok choy, radish, turnip, spinach, and peas, sow seeds in succession (every 1-3 weeks) for a continuous or extended harvest of these crops. For more gardening tips and information, contact Tim in the Environmental Department.





## ...Environment Around Us

### Tsunami Warning Communication Test!

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 10:15 – 10:45 AM

#### What is it?

This test will evaluate the ability to deliver tsunami warning messages to you, the public, through television, radio, and NOAA weather radio. In some populated coastal areas of Humboldt County, tsunami sirens may be tested at the same time.

#### Why is it important to have a test of the tsunami warning system?

A test of the tsunami warning system ensures that all of the components of the system will work as intended during an actual tsunami emergency. The delivery of warning messages through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) is the focus of this test. If we do not test the system, we will not know for certain that it will work in a real tsunami emergency.

#### What will happen during the test?

If you are watching television, you may see a message crawl across your screen with the tsunami warning and hear a voice telling you this is a test. If you don't hear the TV audio for any reason, please remember that this is only a test. Radio broadcasts will be interrupted with a voice announcement of the test, and NOAA Weather Radios with the alert feature will

be activated. You may hear a siren in some populated coastal areas of Humboldt County.

#### What should I do?

- You do NOT need to take any action
- Do NOT call 911 or local authorities
- Do NOT evacuate your home or business.

Some schools and communities in Humboldt County may be practicing their evacuation plans during the test. You will receive additional information about any planned drills in your area.

We encourage your feedback after the test. You can give your comments by following the links online or by telephone at:

[www.weather.gov/eureka](http://www.weather.gov/eureka)  
(707) 443-6484

This is a good opportunity to find out more about preparing for earthquakes, tsunamis or any other disaster on the North Coast. Contact the American Red Cross (Humboldt – (707) 443-4521; Del Norte – (707) 464-2277; Mendocino – (707) 463-0112) for more information on how best to protect yourself and your family. If you have questions about the test, please visit the website or call the phone number listed above.

#### Wiyot Tribe's Youth Activity:

#### Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention

This February, both the Environmental department and Language Program/Cultural Department teamed up to give a presentation for the Wiyot tribal youth on the importance of conserving and preventing the pollution of our most precious resource, H<sub>2</sub>O (water). The Wiyot youth learned about the total amount of water on Earth, the amount of fresh water available for human use, and ways that we can conserve this most precious resource and prevent possible pollution.

The Blue Planet, Earth, is given its name because of the large amount of water present for life to exist. Compared to other planets in our solar system (i.e. Mercury and Venus), Earth is at a distance where the temperature of the sun allows water to exist on the planet and life to survive. Think about Mercury and Venus...do they have life as we know it? No, why? Because the temperature fluctuations (800 °F to -300 °F), along with atmospheric conditions prevent the formation/collection of water and life to exist. Earth, on the other hand, is situated perfectly for the formation of hydrogen and



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oxygen and a viable atmosphere. Thus, with all these components, with water at the center, life on this planet was able to flourish.

As we take a look at Earth from space, it is hard to not notice that the good majority of our planet is comprised of ocean. You would be right to think that the majority of water in this world resides in the ocean (~97%) but, unfortunately the resource cannot be readily used without expensive desalination treatment. Besides the ocean, can you think of the other sources where water is found? Below is a list, along with corresponding percentages, of where water is found on Earth:

Oceans: 97%  
Ice caps/glaciers: 2.1%  
Groundwater: 0.6%  
Saline lakes: 0.1 %  
Freshwater lakes: 0.1%  
Soil moisture: 0.005%  
Atmosphere: 0.001%  
Rivers: 0.0001%

The Wiyot youth were astonished by the small amounts of fresh water available on Earth (~0.5%). Many were shocked to learn the large flowing **rivers** that they are very accustomed to in Humboldt County contain 0.0001% of the total water supply on Earth and are literally not even a drop in the bucket when compared to the total fresh water supply! The reason: right below your feet exists a reservoir of water supply called an aquifer made up of **ground-water**. This supply of usable H<sub>2</sub>O collects in an aquifer and is recharged (replenished) by water (i.e. rain, rivers) permeating through the ground and collecting in these large underground reservoirs. Through well installation, we are able to reach water

that at times may be 1000 feet below the ground surface. Below is a list of the fresh water available for human use:

Groundwater: 0.4%  
Freshwater lakes: 0.1%  
Soil moisture: 0.005%  
**TOTAL: 0.5051%**

As you can see, the one resource on this planet that is necessary for human beings to exist, water, is not as plentiful as one would imagine. It may be difficult to consider living on Earth without access to fresh water but in reality we are not only confined to the amount of H<sub>2</sub>O but also to its purity. Pollution comes from several different sources which threaten our fresh water supply. Some of these are: organics (i.e. bacteria), metals, pesticides, hazardous waste (i.e. motor oil, gasoline), acid rain, erosion/sediment, thermal (i.e. loss of vegetation along a stream bank), etc.

Pollution prevention is both global and local as Earth's fresh water supply faces continual threats from weak governmental regulations and lack of knowledge on pollution topics. Globally, countries must enact and regulate strict pollution laws that will ensure the availability of clean water to their citizens. Locally, you can make a difference by following proper disposal practices of our household hazardous waste in certified HHW containers, practice lawn care techniques that do not require the use of pesticides that may runoff into our rivers, lakes, and ocean, dispose of your trash and be sure to recycle, and much more. **Hou'l, Gudughuna Halunilh!**  
**Water is really valuable!**

For more information about tips on how you can conserve water (good for the environment and your wallet) and pollution prevention (disposal procedures of certain household items), call or visit the Environmental Department.

## ...News and Notes from Social Services

### Wiyot Parent Committee

The Wiyot Parent Committee will meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, at 6 pm. The committee will be electing officers, reviewing the recent 1<sup>st</sup> quarter valentine's fundraiser, and

### Coalition for American Indians in Computing

The Coalition for American Indians in Computing offers a 2 week computer summer camp at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, this July. All expenses are paid for the participants. CAIC is a coalition of Humboldt State's Computing Science Department and Local Native Tribes, and funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation. They also have on-going scholarship up to \$1000 per semester for Native American Computer Information Science majors and minors enrolled at Humboldt State University (Northern California). More information and applications can be found on their website at <http://humboldt.edu/~caic>. Click on the top links for the various opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Janet Sclar, CAIC Project Coordinator, 707-826-3338, <http://humboldt.edu/~caic>.

### 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

### United Indian Health Services Scholarship

Deadline April 18, 2009  
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.

Contact information: UIHS 825-4123

### Humboldt Area Foundation Scholarship 2009/10

Deadline: March 2, 2009  
Contact Heather Hostler [HeatherH@hafoundation.org](mailto:HeatherH@hafoundation.org), or Allison Neuman [AllisonN@hafoundation.org](mailto:AllisonN@hafoundation.org) 442-2993

### 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, [mi-chelle@wiyat.us](mailto:mi-chelle@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, [mi-chelle@wiyat.us](mailto:mi-chelle@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.

### Elders...Bingo is Back

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!

### Play to Benefit Wiyot Girls Cultural Program "Vachurr Wimouthwilh" (Girls, will be women)

Sanctuary Stage is proud to present V-Day 2009. V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of

## News and Notes from Social Services...

Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's Obie Award-winning episodic play, The Vagina Monologues, this year's performance includes two never seen monologues in Humboldt County. Also featured at the event will be Shoshanna and the Ya Habibi Dance Company and a live band.

The play has been staged internationally and a television version featuring Ensler was produced by cable TV channel HBO. In 1998, Ensler launched V-Day, a global non profit that has raised over \$50 million for women's anti-violence groups through benefits of The Vagina Monologues performance.

The Wiyot Girls Cultural program "Vachurr Wimouth-wilh" (translates to Girls, will be Woman) will be one of three four local programs to benefit from this play. Other programs will include the Emma Center, North Coast Rape Crisis Center, Women's Shelter in Southern Humboldt. 2009 Performances at Two Locations: Eureka February 26th & 27th 7:30pm Aunty Mo's Lounge (21 and over venue)

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### Training Program

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. 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.

Tribal members interested in participating in this program are encouraged to contact Michelle for assistance in completing the application process.

### Do you have Diabetes and live in the Sacramento area?

Join the Sacramento Native American Health Center's Diabetes Support Group. This group meets every Wednesday from 2-4 pm on the first floor of the medical department immediately following the community lunch. All support group participants will have the opportunity to meet with the doctor during the group. Some of the topics that may be discussed include: Managing diabetes in your life; coping with blood sugar, fears and frustration, coping with diabetes in relationships (friends, family and colleagues). Healthy eating, exercise and body image; coping with disappointment and distress, setting realistic goals. Please call Cathy Carmichael, RD for questions or more info (916) 341-0575 ext. 227. The Sacramento Native American Health Center is located at 2020 J Street, Sacramento, California 95811.

### CalWORKS & SSP - STATE STILL DELAYING PAYMENTS:

Many people on fixed low incomes budget carefully, however the state and counties have not settled when the "fixed" income will be issued. With the state set to run out of cash in weeks, state leaders have already



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shut off funding for \$3 billion in construction projects and delayed \$3 billion in tax refunds, welfare checks and other payments.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) did not receive the California SSP payment (state part of SSI/SSP) benefits for the elderly and disabled due to be paid on March 1.

California counties did not receive the state funds for several established purposes, including the state portion of CalWORKs Cash Grants scheduled for March 1.

Several counties are suing the state. Legal Services of the North Coast asked Del Norte and Humboldt Counties if their boards of supervisors plan to cover the state's portion of CalWORKs benefits in order to issue full benefits on March 1. At the time of this writing, both counties were considering options and neither could answer. The future is not clear. One version of the state proposed state budget reportedly eliminates annual cost-of-living increases for recipients of the state's welfare-to-work program, known as CalWORKs Cash Grant, to save \$79 million.

A version reportedly eliminates the state and federal cost-of-living increase for seniors and the disabled who are receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP), saving \$594.1 million.

### Northcoast Youth Summit

North coast youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. The Boys & Girls Club of Wiyot Country is looking for north coast youth aged 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up to attend the Northcoast Youth Summit which will be held on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Humboldt State University. If you or your child are interested in attending the youth summit please contact Jessica or Justin at (707) 733-5055 for an application. Some transportation will be provided on a first come first serve basis. The summit leaders are offering prizes to early registrants.

### Free Tax Preparation for Low Income Taxpayers!

California Indian Legal Services is again offering FREE tax return assistance from January 16 to April 15, 2009.

Qualifying families may increase their tax refund by as much as \$4,824. What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (or EITC)? EITC is a special federal tax credit for low-income workers.

Don't wait until April! Services may be limited if you wait! Contact them as soon as you receive your 2008 income tax documents (W-2s).

Call CILS at 800-743-8941 for more information or make an appointment or go to [www.calindian.org](http://www.calindian.org) for the link to complete your taxes on your own online. If they can't help you they can refer you to a local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for free tax preparation assistance.



Open Monday-Friday Noon  
to 6pm  
Except Holidays

Annual  
Meeting  
April 4th, 2009  
10 am  
Community  
Center  
Elections and  
Reports



# Happy Birthday



Lindsey Abernathy	Dianne Janese Albright	Corinne Alton
Karli Anagnos	Matthew Atkins	Stewart Atwell
Timothy Black	Robert Branchini	Mariah Buckley
Lois Chastain	Suzanne Christensen	Andrew Clark
Ramona Clark	Kathryn Crellin	Denise Earhart
William Frank	CaCindra Friend	Gabrielle Hale
Delores Hilton	Evelyn Horn	Albert E. James
Hazel James	Leo James	John W. Johnson
Mark Johnson	Mauricio Johnson	Novella Jones
Christopher Keisner	Evan Kingsley	Rylynn Lane
Kelcee Leaton	Fawn Lopez	Roxanne McKenzie
Brian Mead Jr.	Cody Meyers	Jeralyn Miller
Lenard Miller	Lilly Nicholson	Michael Pagua
Anthony Pedro	Javen Pedro	Jo Val Penunuri
David Preston	Tiaira Prater	Wayne Pullis
Anthony Purdum	River Purdum	Eugene Raymer
Jackie Richardson	Nakai Rios	Monique Rodriguez
Kendall Roessler	Naomi Santos	Brittney Scriven
Wilber Seidner	James Stagg	Aaron Stephenson
Tammara Sundquist	Barbara Webster	Hilanea Wilkinson



## Newsletter Options

In light of being resourceful and conserving our precious natural resources, we would like to open receiving the Wiyot Tribe Newsletter by EMAIL.

On the back of the newsletter you are reading now, there is a change of address form which has been updated to include an email address.

If you'd like to help in "saving a tree", just fill out the form and be sure to include your email address and mail it back to us or EMAIL your

Address to me....

**Linda@wiyat.us**

## WELCOME NEW TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

**November 2008 and February 2009 were busy enrollment months for the Wiyot Tribe.**

**Our newest members are as follows:** Tyler Cox, Guy Cox, Brittany Cox, Andrew Cox, Elodia Boyce, Chadae McDonald, Willow Johnson, Autumn Johnson, Raven Johnson, Heath Johnson, Talon Harper, Novella Jones, Natasha Sovereign, Nathan Sovereign, DeEtte Stewart, Nina Lippencot, Riley Atwell, Franklin Evenson III, Debra Neisius/Tompkins, Derek Donahue, Nakhia Wright, Rainnin Wright, Ezekiel Garcia and William Mead





# March 2009

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat****1****2****3****4****5****6****7**Wiyot Parent  
Committee 6pmParent Commit-  
tee 6pm**8****9****10****11****12****13****14**Daylight Saving  
Begins  
Spring ForwardBusiness Council  
6:30 pm**15****16****17****18****19****20****21**

St. Patricks Day

**22****23****24****25****26****27****28**Business Council  
6:30 pm**29****30****31**

# Change of Address Request Form

This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal # \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse**  **and/or children who will be affected: (list legal name and date of birth)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

