

# THE DA'LUK

## Tribal Chair Message

Ha'wa'lou,

Greetings,

I hope your holidays were great and that your 2017 New Year will be amazing filled with success and positivity. Our staff has a lot of projects going on for this year. The projects will be posted in our monthly newsletter so keep checking your mail. For example Tsek Houdaqh is planning a lot events with the youth and will be in collaboration with all tribal departments of the tribe.

Don't forget to attend our Annual Meeting on April 1, 2017 at 10AM at the Tribal Office. In the December newsletter there was a flyer stating what seats were coming up for elections. If you are interested to run for a seat or are planning to nominate someone for these seats, please have the nomination forms into the front desk by January 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 close of business. We also encourage everyone to attend our monthly business council meetings held twice a month and to participate in our various committees.

In other news the tribe is still focusing on Economic Development and growth. We are looking into future projects as well as our gaming compact with the State of California.

Please contact our office if you have any ideas or questions or would like to participate in upcoming events. Another reminder is if you have moved and not mailed in your change of address please do so. So that way we can get new information out to you that involves the tribe.

Hou'

Ted Hernandez



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

## **Star Quilt**

Submitted by Michelle Vassel



A number of local quilters participated in a project to benefit Wiyot Youth and Elder Programs. The quilters worked for months to complete a star quilt. Two tribal elders Melva Duclo and Cheryl A. Seidner were amongst the quilters. The quilt was donated to the Tribe to raffle in support of Youth and Elder programs. Drawing tickets were sold from August through December at the Tribal office and a number of local events. The drawing was held at the Annual Loleta Craft Fair and the winner was Judy Smith of Eureka pictured above with her husband Alan Smith.

## **Annual TBR Christmas Party**



Hailey Mead (L) & Wanda Hernandez (R)



Santa Clause



Lopez Family

It was another successful Christmas party here at the Bluff. The children put their wishes into Santa and the parents got to mingle amongst each other. A special Thank you to Alberta Wilson and Sarah Lopez for coming in early to get things done before Santa arrived from the North pole to visit the children.

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

*Please Help find Stacey Smart*



Stacey Smart (pictured on the left)

I am Nicole Santos-Hamann the oldest daughter of Stacey Smart. My Mother is missing from Lewiston Ca. When I reported my Mother Missing 11/2/16 I was expecting to hear from her within that week. We usually spend Holidays together. She has missed Halloween, Lewiston Bridge Lighting, Thanksgiving and she has missed my Great Grandmothers funeral. These are all events she would not miss. Now it has been over a month and still no sign. There still has been no activity on her debit card since October 16, 2016. It is not in my Mothers character to not contact her family or friends, or just leave without any notice. There is an ongoing

investigation with Trinity County Sheriffs Dept. We have hired a private Search and Rescue Team and we have had 4 community searches as well as small scale private searches. We have also hired a Private investigator to help with the case. We will not quit searching for my Mom until we get answers. We need continued support from the community for search expenses, private investigator and reward money for information leading us to my Mom. Thank you

**If you have any information you can contact the Family directly.**

Please help Stacey's mother Paula Smart is a member of the Wiyot tribe. The family is in desperate need of help .You can contact her Mother at [\(530\)778-0502](tel:(530)778-0502) or her Daughter Nicole Santos at [\(530\)778-3536](tel:(530)778-3536)

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-find-stacey-smart>

<http://www.krcrtv.com/news/local/northstate/stacey-smart-family-reaches-out-kidnap-ransom-consultant-for-help/199057675>

# **Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"**

Submitted by Tom Torma

The Lhatsik Houmoulu'l (Cultural Department) has been very busy in the month of December. We have been working with California Fish and Wildlife and the California Coastal Commission on the return of a redwood log that has washed up on the banks of a local river. We are hoping to get this log back for use in culturally traditional activities. This will supplement work with logs that we have repatriated through the BLM. Together, all this wood will be used to make planks, shingles, house posts, and cooking tools also for repairs down at the sweat house. We also want to start construction on a possible dance house at the dance grounds behind the reservation. If there is enough wood, we hope to start putting dances houses on all of our ceremonial grounds. However, this is likely to be a long process.

We are also working with the Natural Resource Department and with our Tsek Houdaqh on making eel hooks and eel baskets workshops with the youth of the tribe during the month of December. Thanks for this project go to the NAFSI (Native American Food Systems Initiative) grant that Natural Resources attained. The youth will be able to take these hooks home and, hopefully, will be to go out with the older men to try them out and start developing on their skills. All three departments are looking forward

bringing cultural practice back to our youth and to the community.

Lhatsik Houmoulu'l is also accessioning artifacts that were given back to the Tribe from the Clarke Museum. It is the goal of this department to bring home all of our ancestors home from all the museums that have our items. We are also consulting with museums right now on the return of our artifacts. Dr. Thomas Torma and Councilwoman Cheryl Seidner are visiting the Brooklyn Museum to as part of our NAGPRA program to try to bring culturally significant items home. These are some of the things that this department is doing. This department is open to any suggestions or ideals that you may have. Please feel free to visit or contact us with your suggestions 707-733-5055 ext. 107 or 108.

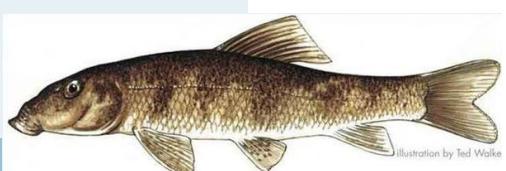


Pilar James, Hailey Mead, Wanda Hernandez, and Destiny Lewis

## **HOW EEL LOST HIS BONES**

Submitted by Tom Torma

Kutaw (Eel) said to Carogock (Sucker), "You have bones, and I have bones, and you have a mouth of the same kind as I have. You suck and I suck. So let's gamble. They started gambling to see who might win all of their bones. In a little while Sucker won all the bones. He really beat Kutaw bad. Kutaw didn't know what to do and said, "All I want now is that you make a little present to me, even though you won the bet. I want my backbone again and I want my teeth." So nowadays that is all that Kutaw has, his backbone and his teeth.



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted by Patti Torres



## A Brief Overview of Climate Change

The effects of climate change can be seen and felt all over the world. Glaciers in Alaska, Greenland, and the Himalayas are receding. Sea levels have been documented to rise at unprecedented rates all over the globe. Rising ocean temperatures have contributed to massive coral reef die-offs in Florida and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Extreme weather events have caused devastation in many parts of the world. Although climate change is widely discussed on an international level, knowing the basics is essential to understanding the human race's role in these changes. How does climate change happen? What evidence do we have to prove its existence? And to what extent will a warming climate affect mankind? For decades, and many more decades to come, scientists all over the world have dedicated their careers to answer these questions.

### *How Climate Change Happens*

Three natural cycles drive changes in climate. These are: eccentricity, obliquity, and precession. Eccentricity refers to the shape of the earth's orbit, which can vary from perfectly round circles to ovals around the sun. Obliquity is the “tilt” of the earth, and precession is the “wobble” of the Earth, which changes the direction of the axis towards or away from the sun. These three cycles, known as Milankovitch cycles, determine the amount and the duration of sunlight that hits the Earth, causing either periods of warming or cooling. Because these phenomena repeat themselves over time, they explain why there have been

periods of extreme cold and heat on Earth over millennia, and for the same reason, we are able to predict what the climate may be in the future. However, we are currently experiencing a departure from natural weather patterns. The Earth's eccentricity, obliquity, and precession can no longer explain the weather patterns we see today, and there lies the evidence that mankind is the driving force behind climate change.

Carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) and methane ( $CH_4$ ) are known as *greenhouse gases*. Massive amounts of carbon dioxide arise as a result of burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas. While methane results from many natural processes, the largest source of methane comes from raising livestock. Cattle manure releases large amounts of methane into the environment. These gases accumulate in the Earth's atmosphere, and trap heat from the sun, thus creating a *greenhouse effect*. The greenhouse effect is the phenomenon the scientific community largely agrees explains the climate trends we are observing today.



*The view of Humboldt bay from Table Bluff Reservation*

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# Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted by Patti Torres

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## *The Case for Climate Change*

Despite decades of research and strong evidence proving its existence, many powerful politicians and industries deny humans are influencing climate change. Large corporations in the fossil fuel industry have a vested interest in challenging climate science, and fueling climate skepticism.

Climate change doesn't only involve increasing global temperatures. The effects of climate change can be seen by extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and melting of ice caps, to name a few examples. In Bolivia, the city of La Paz depends on glaciers for its water supply. In 2009, one of the most important glaciers in the Andes completely disappeared, putting an entire city's water supply at risk. In Costa Rica, coffee production plays an important role in the economy. Increasing temperatures create an unfavorable environment for coffee production, threatening the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of Costa Rican people. Rising sea levels threaten the lives of millions of people in the Republic of the Maldives, the flattest country on Earth. Glacier National Park is losing the glaciers that give the park its name. It is predicted that in just a couple of decades, most of the glaciers will have disappeared. The effects of climate change are also felt closer to home. Reduced water levels in watersheds during the summer imperil salmon runs. In order to thrive, salmon require cold, oxygenated water. Warm stream water can be lethal for these iconic and culturally important fish. Rising sea levels means more frequent flooding and erosion in Humboldt Bay. Floods also have the potential to

allow contaminated areas to pollute the bay, for example, the city of Eureka wastewater treatment plant and the Humboldt Bay power plant. Increasing temperatures can also provide more favorable conditions for ticks to thrive. An increase in ticks may also mean an increase in tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease. Humboldt County already has the highest prevalence of Lyme disease in California, and there is still much research that needs to be done to understand how climate change may affect tick-borne disease dynamics. Hunters, fishers, and people who recreate in areas with high tick densities are especially at risk. The Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources Department is currently pursuing funding to study Lyme and other tick-borne diseases in Wiyot Ancestral Territory.

## *Reversing the Trend*

Reducing carbon emissions is vital to halting the dangerous effects of climate change. Scientific evidence suggests that in order to prevent catastrophic climate effects, we must reduce our emissions by 80% by the year 2050. While the damage cannot be undone, there is still much that can be done to ensure a healthy environment for future generations. Switching from burning of fossil fuels to renewable energy and sustainable agriculture are just two of many ways carbon emissions can be reduced. Also, support efforts to strengthen natural ecosystems to be more resilient in the face of climate change. Traditional Ecological Techniques and Stewardship has much to teach modern science in holistic management of natural systems. By raising awareness and using our vote to elect government officials that will advocate

for the environment, we can do our part in preventing climate change.



The Eel River

# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”**

## Community Water/Wastewater Update

The Tribe's water/wastewater operations lead, George Buckley, continues to treat and monitor the Tribe's drinking water to ensure excellent water quality for the Tribal citizens on Table Bluff Reservation (TBR). The Tribe's Public Water System (PWS #090506124) has met all primary drinking water health standards as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Tribe has taken extra efforts to prevent degradation via saltwater intrusion by working closely with Indian Health Service (IHS). Due to the ongoing drought, and forecasted future droughts, the Tribe has been monitoring the static water level in the community drinking water wells via electronic tape sounder. Recently, the Tribe worked with IHS to purchase two, permanently mounted well sounders that can be programmed to take multiple readings to provide us a more accurate representation of water levels throughout the year. Continued efforts to conserve water on an individual basis will make a cumulative impact to both water quality and quantity not only for the TBR community, but in our local communities as well.

Septic lines on TBR have two sections, a “downhill” and an “uphill” section. On the “downhill” section of the line, 6 houses (along the eastern side of TBR, on Bay View Rd.) are situated on a portion of the septic line that leads to a “lift station” that uses pumps to deliver the force necessary to carry waste to the septic tanks. Installed within this station is a grinder pump that ensures any flushed items (e.g., “flushable” baby wipes) are ground up before they reach the septic tanks. The “uphill” section of the septic system encompasses the majority of houses situated on TBR. This

section is gravity fed, requiring less energy to deliver to the septic tanks, but does not have a grinder pump installed. As a result, any flushed items from this uphill section of the system enters the septic tanks and can be problematic as filters installed within the septic tanks get clogged by this debris, risking overflows. The installation of two risers in the middle of our septic tanks help us access areas that were previously inaccessible but is only a management solution. In order to completely prevent septic tank problems, we ask you to please be conscientious of what goes down the drain/toilet and into the community septic system. This may include any “flushable” wipes, grease of any kind (waste vegetable oil can be disposed of at black tank outside of the TBR Community Center kitchen), etc.

This past year, the Tribe's water and wastewater systems did not require any improvements as they are functioning properly. We performed routine inspection and cleaning of the Tribe's water storage tank to continue providing pristine water for TBR residents. Thank you for helping to do your part to conserve water and please do not hesitate to contact our Water Operator with any questions or concerns related to water/wastewater issues.



Submitted by Tim Nelson

# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted by Tim Nelson

## New Natural Resources Department Director

It has been an honor to have served the Wiyot Tribal community as both Natural Resources Technician and Specialist since April 2007. It has been a pleasure to serve the Wiyot Tribe in these capacities and I look forward to continuing to serve the Wiyot community as the new Natural Resources Director. I genuinely look forward to the opportunity to represent the Wiyot Tribe’s Natural Resources Department on environmental matters important to you all. I am enthusiastic to continue the Department’s forward progress on fisheries and wildlife studies such as those focused on Pacific lamprey and green sturgeon in the Eel River, continue environmental protection efforts such as solid/hazardous waste reduction, increase collaboration with other watershed groups to bolster the Tribe’s highly respected water quality program, and many other existing environmental programs. I am also excited about potential new projects that will aid in assisting the Tribe with additional renewable energy sources such as individual solar panel systems for Tribal homes, increased access and awareness of local, culturally important resources through ethnobotany studies, habitat restoration efforts on all the Tribal landholdings, and new fisheries studies assessing salmonid use of the Eel River estuary. If I can be of any service or if you have any questions, please feel free to call or visit the Natural Resources Department.

Sincerely,

Tim Nelson



Tim Nelson  
New Natural Resource Director

# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted by Eddie Koch

## Waste Management on Table Bluff

The Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources Department (WNRD) has been awarded funding through the US EPA General Assistance Program (GAP) to create an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP). Along with the ISWMP, there are funds to perform various clean ups around the Rez. Look for 40 yard debris boxes that will be placed in the community center parking lot. Since the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1 2016) there has been four of these dumpsters, expect to see four more throughout the coming year. These debris boxes will help clean up the community by getting rid of accumulated waste in common areas and from around residences. Also, an ongoing e-waste and appliance program allows community members to unload any old appliances or e-waste conveniently at the Natural Resources Department. The Tribe will also be providing removal of non-operational vehicles from TBR, look for more info on that program in the next few months.

What is an ISWMP? Simply put, it is a document that outlines how the tribe will reduce, manage, and dispose of its waste. It identifies existing waste systems, assesses needs, and sets forth the ways to design, implement, and monitor a more effective and sustainable waste management program. The WNRD is looking forward to creating this plan and will be working hard to identify current waste management practices, identify any issues with the current system and identify opportunities for improvement in the current system. Community input will be a critical component of the development process. Tribal members are encouraged to contact the Natural Resources Department (707-733-5055) with any concerns regarding waste management on TBR. The WNRD will be reaching out to the community throughout the year through various waste collection events as well as the solicitation of input by way of questionnaires or community meetings.



40 yard debris box in community center parking lot

# **News and Notes Gou'will da lalouluwuk**

## **“Taking care of People”**

Elder lunch and bingo is on Wednesdays 12-1 at the community building. We are having signups for exercise classes, **SAIL (stay Active in Life)**. This program is designed to help build and/or maintain muscles and flexibility to prevent Elders from falls. If you are interested come to lunch and sign up so we can set a schedule for classes or call the Wiyot Office and talk to Myrna Rivera for more information.



### **Two Feathers Native American Family Services**

**Two Feathers Native American Family Services** will have a **Native Women’s Talking Circle on January 23 - February 20**. Group space is for 10 and transportation will be provided. You must be eligible for Two Feathers NAFS services and intakes must be completed before participation. **707-839-1933 or 1-800-341-9454**. Intake forms available in the Wiyot Social Services Office.



### **Work Request**

The Health and Human Services Department has two (2) NCIDC employees that can be assigned to do some work within the community. There are **Work Request Forms** that must be filled out so work assignments can be authorized and scheduled. Tribal Program Directors must also use the request forms for use of other program/grant staff to be assigned work under their programs. The **NCIDC employee hours are 9-1pm Monday-Thursday** which is why it was necessary to create forms to be able to schedule their short work day.

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:** The fiscal year 2017 LIHEAP allocation for the Wiyot Tribe LIHEAP assistance funds has not been determined by NCIDC. We expect funds to be disturbed in January, 2017. Please call Myrna at the Tribal Office for any questions 707-733-5055.



### **Elders Meals**

The Blue Lake Rancheria Elder Meals will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **Nutrition Classes**

Do you want to learn how to cook healthier and eat better, but don't know how or where to start? January 4th we will start a nutrition class for 6 weeks with Jessica Rebholtz a Family Nutrition EF-NEP Educator here at the Tribal Office. Come on by and start the New Year off healthier! If you have any questions please call the Tribal Office 707-733-5055.



Submitted by Myrna Rivera

# **Tsek Houdaqh “where the children are at”**

Submitted by Josefina Cortez

Greetings Tribal Families,

December has been a busy month for the youth here at Tsek Houdaqh. We have had a lot of activities going on, as well as new movie days with popcorn and hot chocolate! The youth decorated the club with their Christmas Decorations, and also set up their own Christmas tree.

Activities calendar for January will be posted at Tsek Houdaqh, and a copy will also be sent home with your child. To coincide with the activities to be planned, your input as parents is needed. There will be a parent meeting set for Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 5pm in Tsek Houdaqh Building. Your input is greatly needed in aiding in the determination of your child's needs, and how we can grow together.

I recently submitted a mini grant to California Indian Health Service which would allow the Tribe to obtain and distribute bicycle helmets, car seats, and smoke detectors within the community. Planning a community distribution event will begin to be planned as soon as we find out if we have been funded.

I look forward to continuing to work with your children, and your families.

Respectfully,

Josefina Cortez  
Youth Program Manager  
(707)733-5055 EXT. 117  
(707)683-6550



# **Hiwechk “Money”**

Submitted by Marie Essig

Office Move. The finance department has been busy settling into their new space across from the Community Center – formerly designated as the Social Services department. The move has allowed us more space to organize fiscal records and store them in one secure location. We are grateful for the added space!



Fiscal Year End. January is lining up to be a challenging month for finance staff. We are scheduled to have three auditors on site the week of January 9 – 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, January always brings fiscal year-end reporting and reconciliations that are required for annual wage statements (W-2's), Vendor reporting (1099's), and state and federal payroll tax returns. We will be mailing W-2's and 1099's in the last week of January 2017.



Address Changes. Please remember to report a change of address promptly. Too often checks sent to tribal citizens are returned because of a change in address that was not reported to the Tribal office before a mailing – we want to make sure that you receive RSTF payments, annual tax statements, and other information in a timely manner. You may fax your change of address 707-733-5601 or email [addresschange@wiyot.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyot.us)



# **Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”**

## **MOUL**

The next housing committee meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

Submitted by Michelle Vassel

# **Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”**

Submitted by Michelle Vassel

## December Council updates

*Submitted by Michelle Vassel*

A Tribal member presented a request that Council consider a cemetery on Reservation at Public Forum. Council

Directed the TA to prepare an Agenda item for the General Council Meeting in April.

A second complaint was presented to Council regarding a land ordinance violation regarding a travel trailer parked behind a residence for more than a month. The TA noted that a written notice had gone out after the 1<sup>st</sup> complaint. Council ordered a 48 hour notice to remove the trailer be sent out.

Council approved a Fiscal policies drawdown policy.

Council approved a proposal for audit preparation services.

Council authorized resolution 16-25 approval to submit a grant application to Humboldt Bridges Partnership.

Council discussed the Ramah settlement. The settlement resolves underpayments in self-determination contracts at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Tribes fought to be fully paid for years of shorting tribe's contract support costs until the Obama administration agreed to resolve the case last September.

Council authorized Resolution 16-24 a resolution approving the reprogramming of TPA funds in the amount of \$3,000 annually for the purpose of funding the Fee to Trust Program.

Council approved a step increase for a tribal employee.

Council directed staff to conduct an audit of sick/vacation/comp time beginning with recently hired staff and moving backwards to long term employees, due to a discrepancy recently reported by an employee.

Council meetings in January will be January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tribal members are encouraged to attend, and are welcome to speak on any issue in public forum.

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## **Wiyot Constitution Committee**

*Submitted by Michelle Vassel*

The Wiyot Constitution committee met on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. The committee is seeking input from the community regarding constitutional amendments that are being proposed for April General Council Meeting. Some of the proposed amendments include Absentee Ballots for Tribal Members who are unable to attend the Tribal Election by reason of health, disability, military service, distant residence or other legitimate reason; adding a requirement of 40% of the eligible voters to amend the constitution; setting term limits; changing the verbiage Ethics ordinance to Code of Conduct

to be consistent with the Tribes ordinance language; requiring Council Nominees to attend 6 business council meetings and sit on at least one committee or board prior to submitting a nomination; and definition what constitutes failure of the background check for tribal Council Members. The Wiyot Constitution Committee will meet on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

Submitted by Michelle Vassel

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**



## January Birthdays

AJ Anderson  
Shane James  
Katie Greenburg  
Katie Greenburg  
McKenzie Crawford  
Gwendolyn Espinoza  
Shayla Crawford  
Mikenzie Roper  
Asher Wilkinson  
Anthony Pedro  
Thomas Payton  
Elodia Boyce  
Jeremy Roberts  
Gail Green  
Vincent Woodhurst  
Deanne Meyers  
Henry James  
Harmon Tompkins  
Grady Atkins  
Marie Seidner  
Kimberly Rossig  
Kirsten Boyce  
Sharon Cooper  
Thomas Wilkinson  
Jeneene Roberts  
Darrol Evenson  
Tammie Bettis  
Patty Smith  
Jennifer Atkins  
Elaine Tompkins  
James Norman  
Timothy Deyarmie  
Jimmy Woodhurst  
Darrell Evenson Jr.  
Alexandra Wyland  
Jan Braaten

Timothy Burrus  
Karen Rodriguez  
Charlene Cody  
Flemette Reyes  
Jackie Zacha



DeEtte Stewart  
Barbara Brunner  
Jesus Brunner  
Eugene Kathman  
Robyn Norman  
James Stagg  
Please have them call the  
Tribal Office 707-733-5055  
or 800.388.7633

*Sorry we missed your birthday!  
Have a Happy belated birthday Linda Gonzales and  
Michelle Hernandez!*



Submitted by Fawn Lopez

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Tribal Office Closed New Year's Holiday</i>	3	4 <i>Elder's Lunch &amp; Bingo 12 pm</i>	5	6 <i>Recycling on Rez</i>	7
8	9 <i>Business Council Meeting 4 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Constitution Com- mittee meeting 9 am</i>  <i>Elder's Lunch &amp; Bingo 12 pm</i>  <i>MOUL-Housing Meeting 1pm</i>	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Tribal Office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</i>	17	18 <i>Elder's Lunch &amp; Bingo 12 pm</i>	19	20	21
22	23 <i>Business Council Meeting 4 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Elder's Lunch &amp; Bingo 12 pm</i>  <i>Constitution Com- mittee meeting 9 am</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted by Michelle Vassel

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2016-2020)  
Brain Mead.....Vice Chairman (2014-2018)  
Leona Wilkinson .....Secretary (2017-2021)  
Vincent DiMarzo.....Treasury (2015-2019)  
Cheryl Seidner.....Council Member ( 2017-2021)  
Alan Miller.....Council Member (2015-2019)  
Madison Flynn.....Council Member (2016-2020)



## Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Fawn Lopez..... Administrator Assistant  
Sarah Lopez .....Receptionist / Assistant Enrollment Clerk

## Gou'will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People”

Myrna Rivera.....Health & Human Service Director  
Tammie Bettis.....Health & Human Service Assistant  
Donna Wilson.....Health & Wellness Coordinator  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children are”

Josefina Cortez.....Youth Program Manager  
Donna Wilson.....Youth Program Assistant  
Hiwechk “Money”  
Marie Essig.....Fiscal Director  
Ashley Peterson.....Accounting Manager

## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l “House of Tradition”

Dr. Thomas Torma.....Cultural Director  
Ted Hernandez....Assistant Cultural Director

## Shawir Darrudaluduk “we belong to the Wilderness”

Tim Nelson.....Natural Resources Director  
Patti Torres.....Natural Resources Technician  
Eddie Koch.....Natural Resources Specialist  
Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Technician  
George Buckley.....Water Operator

Submitted by Michelle Vassel

## Nominations for Tribal Council

Two positions are up for election in April of 2017, one Council Member and one Secretary. Nominations for vacant Tribal Council positions will be accepted at the Tribal office beginning January 1 and nominations end on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All nominations must be post-marked by or received in the Tribal office by close of business on January 15 in order to be valid. Nominations must be submitted in writing by one eligible voter and signed by the eligible tribal member nominee in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution. The nomination document must specify the following information: Submittal date of the nomination, name of the nominee, position to which the nominee wishes to be elected, name and signature of the person making the

nomination, signature of the person being nominated, background (relations, number of meetings attended, committees or boards). Nomination forms are available at the Tribal office. Official notifications of qualified nominees will be listed in the February Tribal Newsletter. Between the months of February and April, but before the elections meeting all nominees will submit at least one article to the Tribal Newsletter or participate in at least one Town Hall meeting to discuss issues they and their constituents

## Now Hiring

Tsek Houdaqh –Youth Worker  
Part Time 15 hours weekly.

Receptionist /Administrative Assistant  
Full Time (After 3 months probation paid Benefits)  
Any questions please call Michelle 707-733-5055.





Wiyot Tribe  
1000 Wiyot Dr  
Loleta, CA 95551

## **Change of Address Request Form**

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_