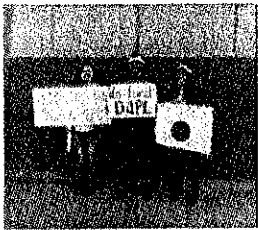


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Water is life!



(L) Pilar James, (M) Amos Albers & Kathy Spott



Pilar James (L) & Dalila Lopez

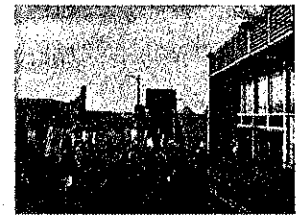


Traldine (L), John, Jessie & Josh (R)

On Saturday February 28th, 2017 protesters from all around Humboldt County came together to protest against Wells Fargo Bank, briefly blocking traffic and shouting phrases like "we got the power" and "Shut it down!" Protesters circled the front entrance of the bank, while others stood in front of the rear drive-thru ATMS. Wells Fargo Bank has invested millions of dollars into the pipeline.

Some Protesters slathered their arms in molasses, giving the appearance of being covered in crude oil. The protest remained peaceful throughout the morning. After the event, some loaded into their cars and car-

vanned to the Eureka Wells Fargo where they plan to continue to March. Our youth stood strong and that's what this is all about, fighting for our younger generations to come. "They deserve everything we as adults have already been blessed with. The opportunity to live a healthy life and receive the valuable lessons of life" Nah-Tez Jackson of Hoopa said. Water is life and there is nothing we can do to change that!



Rayna Sedno (L) & Mandi James (R)



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Secretary 2017-2021

* Leona Wilkinson

Leona Wilkinson

January 17, 2017

Wiyot Tribe
1000 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, CA 95551

Greetings Wiyot Citizens,

Let me introduce myself. I am a candidate for the position of Secretary for the Wiyot Tribe.

I was born and raised on the old Table Bluff Reservation. Attended a two room school house on the corner of Hookton and Copenhagen Roads as well as Loleta Elementary, Fortuna Union High School and moved to San Francisco to attend the Heald College of Business.

Employed at Humboldt State University at the Upward Bound Program for 35 years.

I have been instrumental in the Indian Island clean up and return of 40 acres as well currently working with the Wiyot staff and City of Eureka with the remainder of the city owned Island. Participated in the work group of the World Renewal Ceremony and the Coming of Age Ceremony for two young Wiyot women.

I continue to work with the Wiyot Tribe on our future endeavors. One of those endeavors is the restoration of Salmon Creek.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Leona Wilkinson



Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Council Member 2017-2021

- Kirsten Boyce
- Cheryl A. Seidner
- Lenard Alan Miller

For those of you who don't know me personally my name is Kirsten Boyce (Formerly Fowler) and I'm hoping to be your next general Council member if elected. I want to inspire the changes in our community that I wish to see. So I thought it has to start with me. I am the great granddaughter of Albert (Jim) & Beverly James. Grand daughter of Lois James and daughter of Stephanie Fowler. I am a mother of two Tribal members with a third on the way. I have lived my whole 26 years of life here on Table Bluff Reservation which has given me perspective on all the issues in our Community.

I currently work at Bear River Casino Hotel as Front Desk Supervisor. I've worked there for 4 years now. I have proved my maturity and leadership skills in that position which they trusted me to. I have worked in the past as a Native tutor to many of our tribal children at Loleta Elementary School as well. In addition, I have previously worked as the receptionist at our Tribal Office. There I demonstrated that I do not let personal

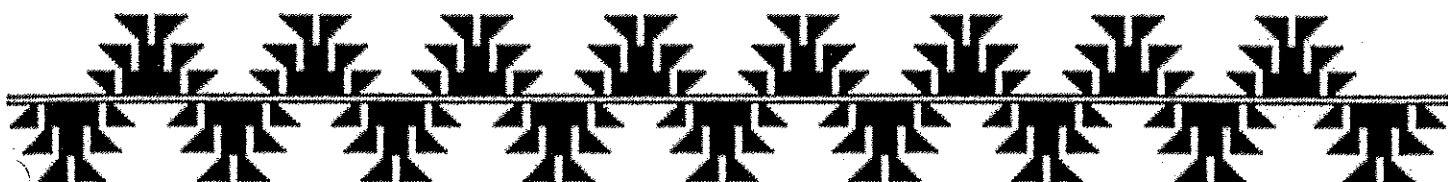
feelings or conflicts waiver my professionalism towards any Tribal Community members just as I wouldn't let it affect my decisions as a Council person.

I have been to many Council meetings that I left crying, frustrated because I didn't feel like I wasn't taken seriously or like they were going to help. I don't want that happening to others. I think we should be lifting our people up and become a stronger Community. I want people to feel heard and have faith in the ones they elected to serve them. I want to become a bigger part of us moving forward together. Like I mentioned before I want to be the change I wish to see not just for myself but for all of you. I am eager to step up to the plate if you shall have me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Cheryl A. Seidner
218 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, CA 95551

January 17, 2017

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1000 Wiyot Drive
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He'ba'lo' Wiyot Citizens,

Hu' (thank you) for this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the position of General Council Member of the Wiyot Tribe.

I was raised at the old Table Bluff Reservation. Attended the local schools of Loleta Elementary and Fortuna Union High Schools. I also attended Heald College of Business in San Francisco. I received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Humboldt State University and the California State University System.

I was an employee of Humboldt County Schools working for Northern Indian California Education Project, Indian action Council and twenty-eight plus years at the Educational Opportunity Program for Humboldt State University.

As former Chairwoman one of the biggest accomplishments was the purchase and clean up of Indian Island through donations and grants. Other major accomplishments were the return of forty plus acres of island to the Wiyot Tribe from the City of Eureka. A dream was to work on the Wiyot language, repatriation of regalia and the coming of Age Ceremony.

Currently there are many activities and interests. The river flow of the Eel River and the salmon and eel runs. The successful World Renewal Ceremony in 2014. Continuing to work with the Cultural Department in regards of repatriation and working with the Natural resource Department regarding our rivers and streams. I am also working with the Wiyot staff and the City of Eureka regarding remaining acreage of Indian Island that the city owns.

I am committed to our tribe.

Cheryl A. Seidner
Cawoks,
Wiyot Citizen

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Sincerely ,

Lenard "Alan" Miller

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Council Member 2015-2019 *

- Hazel James
- Betty Owen-Mead

January 13, 2017

Dear Wiyot General Council,

I would like to submit my nomination for Wiyot Tribal Council-Council Member At-Large. I wish to provide greater service to my immediate Table Bluff Community as well as the larger Wiyot Citizenry. It is my hope through my service and partnership with Tribal Council Members, that I can make a difference and support our tribal community in remaining strong and moving positively forward in the future.

I am the daughter of Melvin James Jr. and Diana Santos. My father was an enrolled member of the Wiyot Tribe and lived on the Old Rez all his life. He also served as a Tribal Council member and worked diligently to ensure the bright future for the Tribe. I know he would support my nomination if he not crossed into the spirit world in 1998. My mother Diana, is also an enrolled Wiyot Tribal member and has resided for a number of years in the Bay Area. My mother also supports my nomination for Tribal Council and wishes she could be more involved in Tribal affairs but due to distance it makes direct involvement very challenging. I am very fortunate to have a strong family as well as cultural foundation.

I have always been very active in the Wiyot Community, I have always attended Tribal Business Council meetings since turning (18). Over the past year (2016) I have attended approximately 10 Tribal Business Council meetings. I believe this defines my interest in and concern for my Tribe. Even now, but especially when I was younger, I am intrigued on the structural organization and governance policies. Tribal Council meetings have the power to bring Tribal members together or can be largely divisive. It is my expectation that I can bring to the Tribal Council a voice, a perspective and an invitation for a larger and more significant participation from Tribal members. It is my hope that we can return to a day when the Tribal building was filled to capacity with Tribal members at each and every Business Council and General Council meeting. Tribal governance is significantly dependent on the participation of Tribal members in determining the future short and long-term

strategic plans. It is necessary to make decisions today which will afford our Tribal youth a culturally and financially viable future.

I have served for a number of years on the Parent Committee as well as Economic Development, unfortunately for the past couple of years there has not been a chair for the two committees and as a result the committees have failed to meet on a regular schedule. These committees are essential and as a Tribal Council member, I will work to identify committee chairs as well as ensure quarterly meetings with reports being provided to Tribal Council and general membership.

Currently I sit on the Constitution and CBDO and they have been meeting regularly, we continuously work hard to provide change for all Tribal members.

As a parent, I care deeply about our children. One way I demonstrate this concern is through volunteering as often as I can for special events (Holiday parties, Wiyot Day, Etc.) I also volunteer and work for Tsek Houdaqh. This experience has provided me an additional opportunity to support healthy children as well as understand what additional services need to be offered for our children and families. I know I can be a strong leader and Tribal Council Member. I know this due to adversities I have faced and overcome in my life and accepting that I am responsible for identifying and securing the resources I need to support myself and family. I am strong working as an individual but appreciate the opportunity to work in a team. I have come to a point in my life that I want to "give back" and do all I can for the people.

I am a strong and proud Wiyot woman and would be grateful for your support and allowance in a Tribal Council Position.

Respectfully,
Hazel James

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Council Member 2015-2019 *

- Hazel James
 - Betty Owen-Mead
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Ha'wa' lou,

My name is Betty Owen-Mead I am currently running for council member at large on the Wiyot Tribal Council. I reside on the reservation with my family and have for a majority of my life. I am 28 years old, married and the mother of four beautiful children. I have been to at least six General Council meetings since September 2016. I currently sit on our tribes Constitution committee and Minors Trust committee as well as serve as an alternate for the Wiyot Tribe on The College of the Redwoods Community Advisory Board on Diversity and Inclusion. I am interested in filling a seat on our tribal Council because my culture has always been very important to me and I feel that I have many new ideals as well as a positive outlook for our children's future as a whole. I would love to see our tribe successful in economical growth and financially securing our tribes future which I believe both go hand in hand.

Sincerely,
Betty Owen-Mead



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Treasurer 2015-2019 *

- Vincent DiMarzo
 - Linda Lange
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1/17/2017

Greetings Fellow Wiyots,

My name is Vincent DiMarzo and I have been a Wiyot Tribal Citizen since the Tribe regained Federal recognition over thirty years ago, nearly all my life I have been involved with our Culture and Tribal government.

Since 2011 it has been my honor to serve as your Councilman. In 2015 I ran for the seat of Treasurer unopposed and was appointed by council. In these years, I have learned a great deal about the leadership and grown considerably. I've been able to gain a clear understanding about the issues facing us, as Wiyot Citizens today. Such as our lack of economic development and opportunity for involvement.

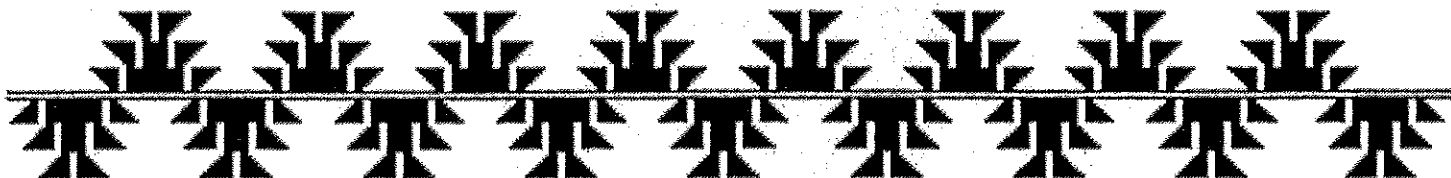
If allowed to finish my term as Treasurer some of the solutions I would propose would be;

- *A five-year plan including a portion dedicated to Economic Development
- *More transparency and more information going out to Tribal citizens
- *Improve services "to help our people to stand on their own"
- *Wiyot web page updated regularly, with member log in
- *Broadcasting of Tribal Council meeting so citizens far away can be more engaged with the Tribe

Most of all a Tribe that is thriving that we all can be proud of. With that I would like to ask for your vote for Treasurer on April 1, 2017. Lastly, I would like to close by expressing my deep gratitude for allowing me to serve you these several years and genuine excitement for the opportunity to potentially do so again.

Juwaksh,

Vincent DiMarzo
Treasurer



Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Treasurer 2015-2019 *

- Vincent DiMarzo
- Linda Lange

January 12, 2017

My name is Linda Lange. I have been married to Arthur Lange for 52 years. We have two adult children that we are very proud of. Both of our son and daughter enjoy sharing their Native Heritage. We also have 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 1 great granddaughter.

As a child, our family lived in a small house that is on the corner of Clough Road. When I was 3 or 4 years old we moved to the Light House Ranch. My sister and I played on the grass and in the "big woods" behind our home. Our grandmother showed us where her grandmother Lavina Duncan was buried, acrossed the 101 highway. She walked us up to where her parents, Henry and Ester Keisner are buried in Ferndale. My mother grew up at my grandparents home on Clough Road. She went to the one room school next to Hawk Hill Road with her siblings. My grandmother was born in 1901. It was still a time when Native people were not treated well. Even when my sister and I were young and told we were dirty, because of the color of our skin. Our family is very proud of our Native American Heritage.

I worked for Eureka City Schools for 22 years as a Literacy Tech, Teachers aide, after school aide and playground monitor. I was on South Bay & Pine Hill PTA, there I became president. I have served on many organizations HASA CWA and white collar negotiation team for Eureka City school. I was appointed two times by the Council, as a delegate to Northern California Indian Development Council. I have been on the Economic, MOUL (housing) and Constitution Committee.

I have attended 19 Business Council meetings, both Annual and Semi Annual meetings for the year of 2016. I also attended 10 NCIDC meetings.

In closing, I will do my best to serve all Wiyot Tribal members, If I am elected to the Council.

Sincerely,

Linda Lange



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Vice Chairman 2014-2018 *

*Brian Mead

* Lenard Alan Miller

1/17/2017

Greetings Tribal Members,

My Name is Brian Mead and I'm running for the Vice Chairman seat. I have served on Tribal Council for the last 12 years. During the time that I have served on Council I have sat on the Parent Committee, Economic Development and made sure Men's Camp kept running smooth and making sure Elders were taken care of. I have volunteered for many events and holiday parties and always willing to lend a helping hand. I have traveled to Washington DC and lobbied my voice for our people on Tribal issues and made sure that I represented my people to the fullest.

I grew up on the old Rez and went to the local schools and I have lived here my entire life. I have 4 children that are very involved with all the activities within the Tribe. During the time that I have served I have seen and made sure that the culture aspect has been followed through especially with the children. We have had several Eel hook classes and then taking the children down to eel. I have also had several classes on hunting, fishing and clamming then coming home to show them the way it's prepared.

As Vice Chair I will continue to fight for our Culture and to make sure programs are followed through.

Thank you for your support.

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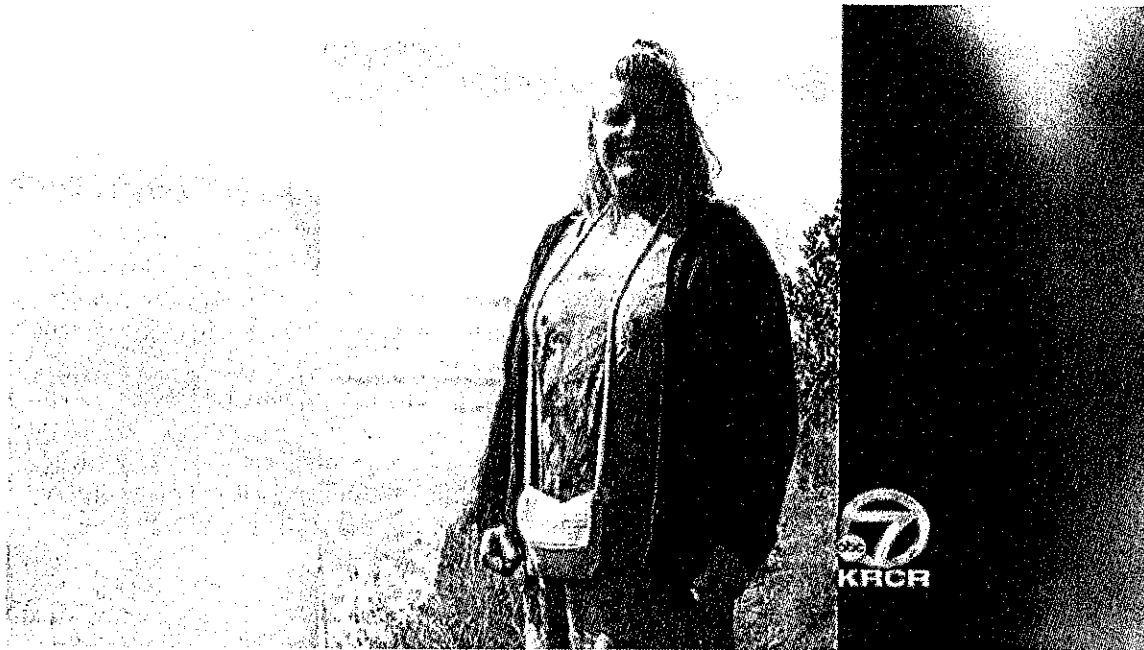
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Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted by: Michelle Vassel

Please Help find Stacey Smart



TRINITY COUNTY, Calif. - The Trinity County Secret Witness program is offering a monetary reward for information which leads to the location of Trinity County missing person, Stacey Smart.

Officials said the information must be viable and credible, and the monetary reward, of \$5,000, will not be dispensed unless it leads to Smart's present whereabouts.

Citizens who give information to Secret Witness do not have to give their names and will not be involved in the investigation. If you have information, you should call the Secret Witness number at 530-623-8138 or the Trinity County Sheriff's Office at 530-623-2611.

Stacey Smart, 52, was reported missing to the Trinity County Sheriff's Department on November 2, 2016. Smart's family believes she went missing on October 16, 2016 due to it being the last day they noticed activity on her debit card.

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 or her Daughter Nicole Santos at (530)778-3536

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

Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Items from Indian Island Come Home to Wiyot Tribe

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Pestle (anonymous donor)

The next artifact was a fishing weight that was also found on Indian Island by Rhett Imperiale grandfather, Robert E. Imperiale. Rhett said that his grandfather had found his weight when he had lived on the Island. He thought it was interesting so he kept it in his house for good luck. Rhett said he had seen the article about the auction for the pest, and he knew it was time for the weight to come home to the Tribe.



Weight (Rhett Imperiale)

The Tribe would like to thank these two individuals for bringing these pieces back home to the Tribe.

Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted by: Ted Hernandez

Wiyot THPO Program Highlighted by National Park Service

The Wiyot THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) program is funded by the National Park Service's Tribal Preservation Program. This program is tasked with preserving and protecting resources and traditions for Tribes throughout the country. This work involves both historic preservation, for example at archaeological sites, and cultural preservation, through cultural education for Tribal members and public education about Tribes.

Each year, they publish an annual report highlighting the most successful and innovative programs. This year, the Wiyot Tribe was singled out for special recognition by the park service with a full page article focusing on the redwood logs project.

This project was the result of collaboration with the BLM's field office and the tribe. As the THPO's office worked to develop a positive relationship with the BLM, we worked to find sources of old growth redwood from the Headwaters preserve.

Because of this work, we were able work within the headwaters to split these logs using traditional methods and bring them back to Table Bluff. Next summer, we plan to teach youth how to make a small dugout canoe and split wood for houses and sweat lodges.

Any young people who want to get more involved with cultural education, especially this redwood log project, should contact Tom Torma at 707-733-5055 or tom@wiyot.us.

The Flood

When the first people were born they were not right. When they talked, it was not right. They were furry. Above-Old-Man began to hear them talk. He began to think about it, "How am I going to get rid of them?" In time he knew it. Condor knew it what was going to happen. Water was going to come. That is why it (a basket) was woven. No one knew anything about it. Long time before the flood, the basket was finished. Water came. Condor's sister got in. It began to be tossed by the waves. They knew nothing any more. Suddenly it no longer moved. He thought it was at anchor. That is when they pushed it aside. They looked around. Land they saw. He knew people were no more. He started to look for them. He saw no one. Birds he saw. He saw wild pigeons, birds, turtle doves. He began to fly about. Then he saw coon in his track. He came upon arrival he called her sister. She did not look right. He kept on going. He came back. Upon arrival he poke again to her his sister. She did not like it. He began to study about it. He decided, "When I come back this way I intend to call her my 'My wife?'" She laughed. A long time before that word she had been thinking that she was his sister. They were married. Not long after, she became pregnant. A person was born. From then on people kept on being born. They were good. Above-Old-Man knew they were good. He liked them. He was content. That is why he liked them. (Copied with editions from Wiyot Grammar and Texts by Gladys A Reichard.



Jerry James



Submitted by: Patty Torres

The Importance of Spaying and Neutering Your Pet

Many of us enjoy the company of furry pets like dogs and cats. Pets make a great addition to our lives, they're happy to see us come home, they play with our kids, and are always up for a cuddle. It's important to keep them healthy so they have long, happy lives. An essential part of keeping your dog or cat healthy is ensuring they are sterilized, or *fixed*. Sterilization is also called spay for a female, and neuter for a male. Animals that are not sterilized are referred to as being *intact*. There are many, many benefits to spaying and neutering your pet. Unfortunately, there are also many myths. Below is a list of myths and facts when it comes to fixing your furry friend:

Myth 1: Neutering your puppy will stunt his growth.

Fact: That was a common belief many years ago, but evidence proves the opposite is true. Neutered dogs experience the same or greater growth than intact dogs. Hormones associated with sexual maturity in a dog or cat help develop cartilage that closes growth plates. Growth plates in dogs and cats remain open for a longer period of time in the absence of sex hormones, allowing for greater or equal growth in neutered pets.

Myth 2: Spaying or neutering is expensive

Fact: There are many low-cost spay and neuter clinics to help pet owners with the cost of fixing their animals. Humboldt Spay Neuter Network is a local organization dedicated to this mission. For more information, call Humboldt Spay Neuter Network at (707) 442-7729. The Sequoia Humane Society is another organization that provides low-income individuals with financial help to neuter their pets. You can call the Sequoia Humane Society at (707) 442-1782.

There is also a way to avoid paying for spay/neuter altogether: adopt from the animal shelter! Pets that come from shelters are already fixed, vaccinated, dewormed, and even microchipped.

It is also important to consider the costs associated with an intact pet. The costs of treating cancer, uterine infections, and complications from giving birth (for example, a C-section) can amount to thousands of dollars. Spaying and neutering are certainly less expensive options.

Myth 3: Spaying or Neutering will change your pet's personality

Fact: Changes in behavior after pets are neutered are good ones! Male dogs and cats are less prone to urine marking. Neutering also reduces roaming, fighting with other dogs, aggression, excessive barking, and other dominance-related behavior.

Myth 4: You should spay your pet after her first heat

Fact: Evidence suggests that females spayed **before** their first heat are healthier. In fact, spaying a female before her first heat lowers her chances of developing breast cancer by over 96%!

Myth 5: It's a good idea to let your pet have puppies/kittens just once

Fact: There are an estimated 6-8 million homeless pets currently in animal shelters across the U.S. Only about half of them get adopted, and many end up being tragically euthanized. Puppies and kittens are cute, but breeding your pet may only add to the problem of overcrowded shelters. Many people have the best of intentions when breeding their animals, only selling or adopting out their puppies to owners who promise to be responsible pet owners. However, there is simply no way to ensure every puppy will end up in a loving, caring home.

Cats that end up as strays are problematic for a variety of reasons. First, they can be a threat to wildlife. Feral cats kill millions of birds, small mammals, and reptiles every year. Feral cats rarely receive medical treatment, and can aid in the spread of disease outbreaks such as feline AIDS and leukemia.

Myth 6: Your pet will live longer if you leave her intact

Fact: Actually, the opposite is true. According to the Humane Society of the United States, neutered dogs live 18% longer than intact dogs. Spayed female dogs live 23% longer than intact females. Why is this? Intact dogs are much more prone to develop several types of cancer related to the reproductive system, such as testicular cancer and uterine cancer. Also, intact female dogs have a high chance of developing *pyometra*, a very dangerous infection of the uterus.

As you can see, there are many benefits to spaying and neutering your dogs and cats. As pet owners, we have a responsibility to ensure our animals live long, healthy lives. If you have any questions, feel free to call Patty at the Tribal office 707-733-5055.

Shawir Darrudaluduk "we belong to the Wilderness"

Submitted by: Eddie Koch

WNRD to Conduct Waste Audit

Have you ever wondered if the item you are about to throw in the trash is something that can actually be recycled? Or maybe you are completely convinced that what you have just thrown into the recycling bin belongs there. Oftentimes, bad items can taint an entire bin, resulting in the whole load going into a landfill. Cardboard pizza boxes obviously belong in the recycling bin right? Not so fast! It turns out that these boxes are often tainted with food and grease which can cause a mess.

Not to worry! The Wiyot Tribe Natural Resources Department (WNRD) will be hosting a waste audit sometime in March 2017. All community members are welcome to attend. One aspect of a waste audit is that it requires going through household trash. Usually a randomly selected number of trash cans from the community will be emptied on a large tarp in order to sort everything by hand, separating all the trash from the recycling. This can be a real eye opener, and usually results in a large amount of what we thought was trash to actually be recyclable. Also, we may attempt to recycle items that should be trashed. Stay tuned, next month's newsletter will contain more info on where and when this event will take place. If you have any thoughts, questions, or comments about this planned event please contact the WNRD at 707-733-5055.



Submitted by: Tim Nelson

Upcoming Humboldt Bay Projects

Humboldt Ocean Carbon Observatory Project

This spring, biologists from the Wiyot Tribe's Natural Resources Department (WNRD) will partner with local researchers, Humboldt State University (HSU) professors, and HSU graduate students to assist with an extensive eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) study in Humboldt Bay. The goals of the study are to advance understanding of the dynamics of ocean acidification along the open coast of the California Current System and within Humboldt Bay. Additionally, we aim to determine the effects of eelgrass on the carbonate chemistry of seawater (a key water quality parameter) in the Bay and interpret study results for aquaculture producers to help them tailor their operations and facilities development to make use of natural buffering to improve growing conditions. Also, the group aims to establish a bay-wide eelgrass monitoring program within the Bay to ensure that significant changes in the distribution or abundance of this ecologically-important species are detected. Together, the objectives of this project will contribute insight valuable to the operation and development of aquaculture and the management of eelgrass in Humboldt Bay.

Comparative Habitat Use of Estuarine Habitats with and without Oyster Aquaculture

Biologists from the WNRD will partner with biologists from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Confluence Environmental Company, professors from HSU and Oregon State University (OSU), geologists from the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District, and local shellfish growers. The project aims to assess the appropriate balance between competing economic and ecological uses of Humboldt Bay to support commercial fisheries, oyster culture, and other uses related to the viability of working waterfronts. This objective will be addressed by identifying how and whether oyster culture affects fish and invertebrate assemblages in estuarine habitats, focusing on commercially important species in Humboldt Bay. The study will begin this summer with project duration lasting until summer 2018.

Shawir Darrudaluduk "we belong to the Wilderness"

Submitted by: Tim Nelson

Humboldt Bay Mercury Study

The Tribe partnered with Humboldt Bay keeper and fisheries biologists from Ross Taylor and Associates to assess the concentrations of mercury in local game species of Humboldt Bay. The WNRD became involved in the study when biologists from California's Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) discovered that the highest concentrations of mercury in coastal California were discovered in the tissue of leopard shark (*Triakis semifasciata*) caught in Humboldt Bay. As a result, a grant was sought after and received to further expand testing to several different game species which have been known to bioaccumulate high levels of mercury. Species to be collected include, but may not be limited to, California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*), bat rays, shiner surfperch (*Cymatogaster aggregata*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), and three species of clams including Martha Washington and horse neck clams. The WNRD will assist with these projects in March or April and results will be made available this summer.

News and Notes Gou'will da lalouluwuk **"Taking care of People"**

FREE Tobacco Cessation Training

FEBRUARY 22, 2017 at the Crescent City Family Resource Center Community Room, 9:30-1:30. Be come certified to work with individuals who want to quit their tobacco addiction. Lunch will be provided. Call Jeff Wolsfeld, Tobacco Use Prevention Program 464-3191 Ext. 2831 or email jwolsfeld@co.del-norte.ca.us



We have **Small Farm-Master Gardener** application forms available. The classes start March 2nd to April 1st. Thursday night classes 5:30-8:30 and Saturday classes 11 a.m. – 1:30 pm. These UC Cooperative Extension classes will be at the Agriculture Center,



Submitted by: Myrna Rivera

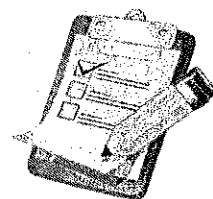
News and Notes Gou'will da lalouluwuk

"Taking care of People"

Submitted by: Myrna Rivera

A grant was submitted for cultural workshops and cradleboard basket weaving. We won't know if it is funded until mid-March. Please call 707.733.5055 if you are interested or want more information.

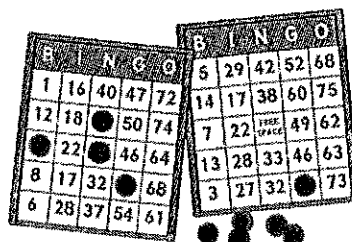
The HHS Department **Work Request Forms** can be filled out to assign workers for assistance in the community. Available work hours are 9-1pm Monday-Thursday. All work requests must be made two (2) days in advance of the chore requested.



LIHEAP energy assistance is available now but there is a limit on the assistance funds this year. Wiyot Elders 64+, disabled Wiyot citizens, Wiyot head of household with children, and income 150% of poverty guideline are the four (4) priorities for the NCIDC guidelines. The Native residents that are not Wiyot citizens must utilize the LIHEAP funds from their own tribes, TANF, or County programs. All citizens wanting to utilize LIHEAP here at Wiyot Tribe must fill out the applications in the office or we can complete form in your home. Please provide income verifications, your bills, and Wiyot Tribe identification. All adults living in the home must provide proof of income or if not working must sign a NON-WORK form. Income guidelines:

Number in household	monthly	yearly
1	\$1,396.25	\$16,755
2	\$1,891.25	\$22,695
5	\$3,376.25	\$40,515
8	\$4,861.25	\$58,335
15	\$8,326.25	\$99,915

Elders have hot lunch and bingo on Wednesdays 12-1 at the community building.

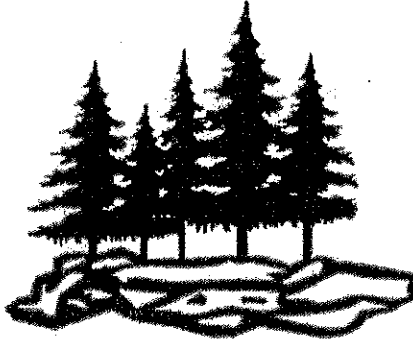


Tsek Houdagh "where the children are at"

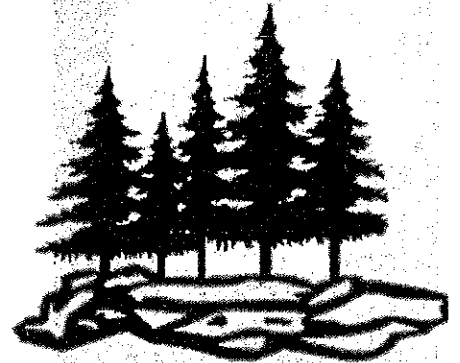
Submitted by: Donna Wilson



Wiyot Walkers



Walking Group every Thursday at 11am. We will meet at the Tribal Office, please come join us on our mission to a healthier you!! For more information please call Donna @ the Tribal Office 707-733-5055.



Welcome Donna Wilson

Donna Wilson is the new Health & Wellness Coordinator and Youth Program Assistant. Donna is a Wiyot Tribal member and has lived here on Table Bluff all her life. Donna was a Youth worker last Summer at Tsek Houdagh and comes with a lot of enthusiasm. Come stop by and say hello and go for a walk.



Tsek Houdagh "where the children are at"

Submitted by: Donna Wilson

February 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Young Wiyot film makers Beading	2 Basketball Horse / around the world	3 Free day Movie Day	4
5	6 Make your own paper Frisbee	7 Origami day!	8 Young Wiyot film makers Beading	9 Kickball	10 Free day Movie Day	11
12	13	14 Bean bag toss Balloon Tennis	15 Young Wiyot film makers Beading	16 What time is it Mr. wolf	17 Closed Holiday	18
19	20 Closed Holiday	21 Spinners Straw building Club open 9-5	22 Young Wiyot film makers Beading	23 Fill the bucket game, hopscotch & 4 square Club open 9-5	24 Free day Movie Day Club open 9-5	25
26	27	28				

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Chicken Pot Pie Bingo 12-1pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Tuna Casserole Mixed Vegetables Bingo 12-1pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Spaghetti & meatballs Green Salad Bingo 12-1pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Bacon Cheeseburgers & French Fries Bingo 12-1pm	23	24	25
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Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

February Birthdays

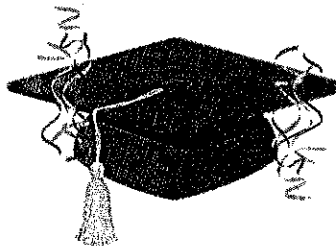
Vernon Crummett
Denice Steen
Linda Johnson
Summer Cook
Lucius Angell
Mathilde Carter
Franklin Evenson
Michael Atwell
Michael Benitez
Sonja Anderson
Joycelyn Teague
Eve Kathman
Johnny Woodhurst
Carol Goodson
Julianna Atwell
Dennis Black
Randy Nicholson
Serena Nicholson
Arlene Fry
Brent Robblee
April Rodriguez
Zyris Zacha
Denise Krauel
Kreig Keisner
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Katherine Pudnos
Charles Mager
Zennon Zacha
Illene McCall
Deborah Markussen
Aryana Guyer
Justin Buckley



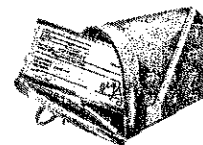
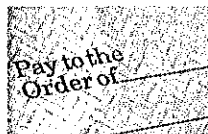
DeEtte Stewart
Robyn Norman

Please have them call the
Tribal Office 707-733-
50555 or 800.388.7633

Do you know someone that is graduating
this year 2017. If so please send a picture
along with their name and school to Fawn at
the Tribal office or email fawn@wiyot.us



RSTF DISTRIBUTION



The February RSTF distribution is coming quickly upon us, **PLEASE** have your address current with the Tribal Office, by doing this it will make RSTF checks delivered to you in a timely manner and not returned back to the Tribal Office, If your not sure if we have the right address **PLEASE** call 707-733-5055 or 800-368-7633 or email addresschange@wiyot.us
Thank You!

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Nutrition Class 1245-145 w/ Jessica Rebholtz Family Fun Night @ the Library -Eureka 6:30pm	2 Fortuna Caregiver Support Group 12-1pm Fortuna United Methodist Church	3	4 St. Joes Health Fair Bayshore Mall 10 to 3pm
5	6	7	8 Constitution mtg 9am Nutrition Class 12:30-1:30 w/ Jessica Rebholtz	9	10	11
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26	27 BCM 4	28				

Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted by: Michelle Vassel

Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted HernandezTribal Chairman (2016-2020)
Brain Mead.....Vice Chairman (2014-2018)
Leona WilkinsonSecretary (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 LopezReceptionist / 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 Houdagh "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 Houmoulul'i "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

Announcing the Candidates for the 2017 Election April 1, 2017

Secretary (term ends 2021)

Leona Wilkinson

Council Member (term ends 2021)

Kirsten Boyce

Cheryl A Seidner

Lenard "Alan" Miller

The following positions were filled by appointment due to an absence of a quorum at the regularly scheduled election.

Council Member (term ends 2019) *

Hazel James

Betty Owen-Mead

Treasurer (term ends 2019) *

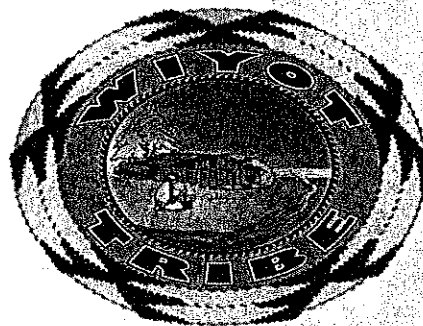
Vincent DiMarzo

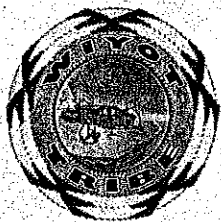
Linda Lange

Vice Chair (Term ends 2018) *

Brian Mead

Lenard "Alan" Miller





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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: _____