



# *The Da'luk*

## **Wiyot Natural Resources Department Receives BIA Tribal Resiliency Program Grant**

*Ha'wa'lou* from the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD). We hope that this newsletter finds you all happy, healthy, and well as we continue to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. We are blessed in *Wiyot* country to have almost boundless access to nature, and we urge everyone to get outside as much as possible, while continuing to practice distancing. Try to walk and ride bicycles and remember to bring your own water and supplies, to reduce use of facilities. Pack it in, Pack it out. One realization that Covid-19 has taught us is that we don't have to always jump in the car to experience the outdoors. We can gain its therapeutic energy simply by taking a walk out to the "back 40". The blackberries and salmonberries are popping so take a walk out at the Table Bluff Reservation.

Satellite images and personal accounts have attested to the decrease in air pollution related to the decrease in driving around the world. For the first time in over a generation, the Himalayas are visible from cities in India. Virtual meetings and working have reduced commuters and the associated pollution. As global warming, climate change, and sea level rise become ever more apparent, the Wiyot want to do our part to reduce our impact and plan for Tribal resiliency and adaptation. This is especially relevant to Wiyot cultural sites, as many

lie at our current sea level, which is only rising. How will the Tribe protect its low-lying cultural sites, like



*Tuluwat*? How can we be more resilient to climate change and preserve Wiyot culture and natural resources for future generations?

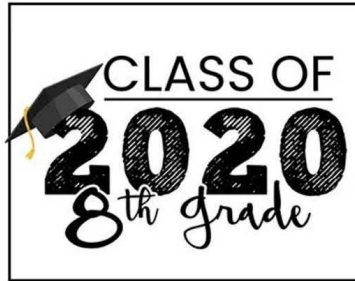
The WNRD was excited to receive a recent grant award for 60K from the BIA Tribal Resiliency Program to begin addressing issues related to climate change and building the Tribe's capacity to create its own future Tribal Resiliency Program. We are also excited to partner with the Humboldt State University Sea Level Rise Institute (<https://humboldtslri.org/>) (HSU SLRI) and local sea level rise expert, Aldaron Laird, with Greenway Partners. If you would like to learn more about this project and express your concerns regarding climate change and sea level rise and its impacts to Wiyot cultural and natural resources, please contact the WNRD at [adam@wiyot.us](mailto:adam@wiyot.us). We wish everyone a safe and happy summer! Get outside!

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

Submitted By: Hazel James



# Congratulations!



*Franklin Evenson Jr*



*Jorge Lopez Jr (Son)*

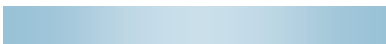


Mariena DiMarzo



Brian Mead Jr

**Congratulations Class Of 2020 you did it!!!!**



# Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Hazel James

Our culture is a living spirit that must continue to thrive. Our generation must carry on with the traditional ways and the stories from our elders and ancestors that have gone before us.



The Cultural Department would like to say congratulations to all our high school and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates. we are proud of you all and wish you all the best the future is you. To the Parents of graduates if you would like to email pics of your graduates please do so that way we can give them a special shout out in the next newsletter you can email them to [hazel@wiyot.us](mailto:hazel@wiyot.us)

The Cultural Department continues to work with the local government agencies on projects that come in daily. Once the shelter in place is lifted, we will be able to hold cultural classes. We are preparing for the Dress making workshop for the young girls and women. We are also preparing for traditional Dugout class with the Blue Ox Mill in Eureka please keep an eye out for more information to be coming. This Department is planning a lot of activities for the youth for this summer. The cultural department continues to hope and pray that everyone stays safe through these difficult times

## **Departments:**

### **The language department:**

check out the Wiyot webpage under the language section for the Rou Soulatlouy page. The language page also has words that you can hear or even scan with a bar code reader on your phone. Learn a new word a week. Remember that language is important to the Wiyot Culture.

### **Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program:**

Tsek Houdaqh has been doing a great job in making sure our youth is getting meals delivered to them during this difficult time.



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Eddie Koch

## Sacramento Pikeminnow TWG Project Grant for 2020

Happy Summer Solstice from the Natural Resources Department, we hope you are enjoying the long sunny days and warm nights while social distancing. Though Covid19 regulations have not yet allowed a complete return to normalcy, we continue, business as usual.

Recently, the department was rewarded a couple of grants for the 2020 fiscal year. One of which was for the continuation of the Tribal Wildlife Grant awarded in 2017 testing different population suppression and removal methods for the invasive Sacramento Pikeminnow along the South Fork Eel. Pikeminnow are piscivorous, predatory fish known to eat juvenile salmonids and Lamprey ammocoetes. Since their introduction, the Eel River has seen a dramatic decrease in population for these incredibly significant native species which has drastically altered the community mosaic of the Eel. A once thriving river, that was at one point one of the largest salmon producing rivers in America, has since suffered damming, water diversions and become a breeding ground for the invasive Pikeminnow. During the summer of 2019, the NRD ran trials for 4 different methods of Pikeminnow population suppression and removal, boat electrofishing, seine netting, bait trapping, and hook and line fishing. During these trials, fish were caught, removed and euthanized; stomachs were collected from each fish to run a diet analysis on the sample population collected. The purpose of this ongoing project is to assess the affect of the increasing pikeminnow population in the Eel has had on native tribal trust species such as Pacific Lamprey, and salmonid species such as steelhead, and to use the most effect method of removal to successfully suppress population in hopes to increase survival rate of native species. During the diet analysis portion of the project, pikeminnow stomachs were dissected to see what prey types were present in individuals of different size classes (100-200mm, 200-300mm, 300-400mm, +400mm). This would allow us to see what prey type pikeminnow eat during different life stages, and if in fact they are a threat to native fish. The NRD is excited to continue this project for the summer 2020 in hopes that grant funding for this research becomes ongoing, allowing us, with help from our partners and other agencies, to remove pikeminnow and allow for a significant increase in the native fish populations. Let's heal the Eel.

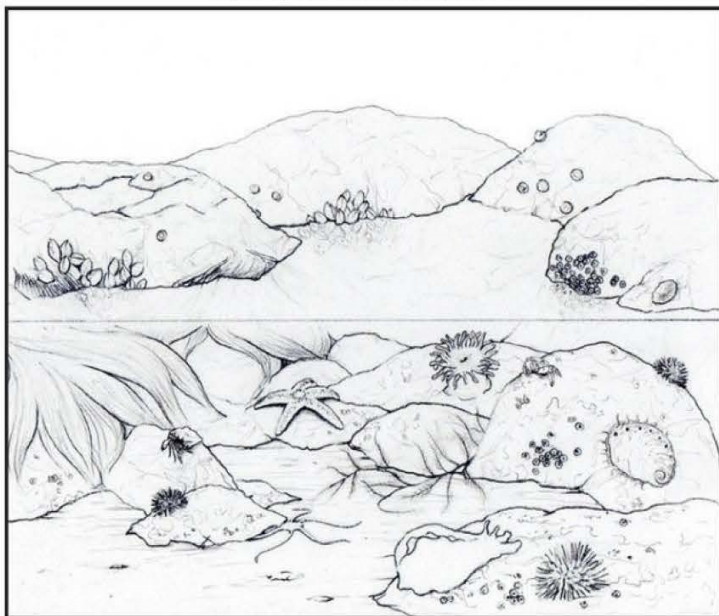


*Figure 1: Sam Rizza from Stillwater Science in Arcata and Emmanuel Cyr from the Karuk Tribe display pikeminnow caught from and Electrofishing pass*



## WNRD Environmental Kids Corner- Color the Ecosystems!

### Rocky Shore Ecosystem

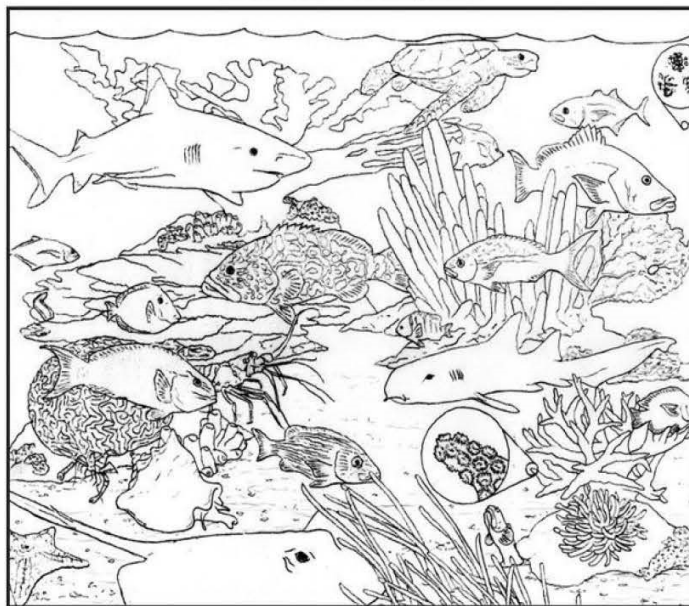


The **rocky** shores that lie at the edge of the ocean, between the high and low tides, are called the **rocky intertidal**. Over 1000 species of invertebrates and algae can be found in the **rocky intertidal** of central California, and this wide variety of life makes exploring the **rocky** shores fun and exciting.

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- **Coral** is a small animal that lives in warm water and attaches itself to rocks, with some types building a hard skeleton. **Coral** polyps create new polyps that also build hard skeletons and join together to form big groups called **coral** reefs that more than 25% of all ocean animals need to survive.
- This **coral reef** is home for thousands of species of plants and animals. The colonies of **coral** grow in warm, tropical waters close to the surface and are usually found near areas with waves. The waves help bring in food, nutrients, and oxygen to support the plants and animals that live in the **coral reefs**.

### Coral Reef Ecosystem



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# Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk *'Taking Care of People'*

Submitted By: Tammie Bettis

## Health & Human Services News

On June 8, 2020 Tribal Council passed a resolution to distribute COVID-19 relief aid to all eligible Tribal Members enrolled on or before June 8, 2020. **All adult Tribal Members** received a check in the amount of \$511.75, and **ALL Tribal Members** enrolled on, or before June 8, 2020 will receive other COVID-19 relief in the form of a gift card in the amount of \$300.00. The Tribe sent out COVID-19 emergency relief gift card selection forms to all Tribal Members. Anyone who didn't get their form in, will automatically default to Walmart.

While the Wiyot Tribal office is still closed to the public, we are doing business via email, fax and phone. If you need assistance, please call Tribal Office at 707-733-5055 and they will direct you to the appropriate Health and Human Services staff.

The Wiyot Tribe's Domestic Violence Prevention Program offers a variety of services to qualified adults and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and or stalking. These services include (food assistance, clothing vouchers, Transportation, resources and referrals, Women's groups, and Counseling). Some services have been altered due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please call Tammie Bettis at 707-733-5055 or 707-296-8874 or email [tammieb@wiyot.us](mailto:tammieb@wiyot.us) for more information.



[www.irs.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)



**Americans without a permanent address qualify for a one-time \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment.**

**No income is required to claim the payment.**

Individuals who normally don't file taxes, need to sign up with the IRS to receive their \$1,200 Payment.

Sign up by using the free online tool at [www.irs.gov/nonfilereip](https://www.irs.gov/nonfilereip).

#### Here's what's needed:

- Name, a mailing address and an email address
- Date of birth and valid SSN
- Bank account, if they have one
- IP PIN, if they received one from the IRS earlier
- License or state ID, if they have one
- Name, SSN and relationship for each child



The IRS will mail a letter to the individual's last known address within a few weeks after the payment is issued.

For more information, visit: [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus).

# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Betty Mead



# July



# 2020

## **Elders Lunch Menu**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 Spaghetti Green salad Garlic bread	2 Taco Salad W/ Fruit	3 Cold Cut Sandwiches W/ Chips	
	6 No lunch Office closed 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Observed	7 Honey sesame Chicken W/ Rice	8 Fish Tacos Cole slaw W/ Fruit	9 Pork ribs Corn W/ Biscuits	10 Shepherd's pie W/ Salad	
	13 Beef Goulash W/ veggies	14 Pork chops Roasted Veggies	15 Stuffed bell papers W/ Bread Sticks	16 Grilled chicken Broccoli salad	17 Egg salad Sandwiches W/ Fruit	
	20 Tuna melts W/ fruit	21 Stir fry Noodles W/ Fruit	22 Chicken enchiladas W/ rice	23 Chef salad	24 Meat ball subs W/ fruit	
	27 Chicken Alfredo W/ fruit	28 Pork roast W/ Veggies	29 Fajitas W/ fruit	30 Burgers W/ fries	31 Chicken sandwiches W/ Fruit	



## **June 08, 2020 Council Highlights**

- **Council Present:** Ted Hernandez, Brian Mead, Leona Wilkinson  
Linda Lange, Hazel James, Kirsten Boyce and Aaron Stephenson

**Staff Present:** Michelle Vassel, Fawn Lopez, Ted Hernandez  
Eddie Koch and Lisa Stephenson

- **The Agenda was approved.**
- **Guest Speaker:** Rain Marshall-Indigenous Education Advocate( NCIDC & ACLU)  
Letter to the Governor and the California Dept of Education to provide additional services to students with disabilities, IEP and 504 plan for the Fall school year.
- **Public Forum:** Received public comment from Tammie Bettis and Madison Flynn.

### **Action Items:**

1. Council approved enrollment of Victoria Maher .
2. Council accepted CCDF Supplemental funds & adopt the budget.
3. Council adopted Ordinance 16-20 (General Welfare Ordinance).
4. Council accepted SDVC Cares supplement Domestic Violence award and adopt the budget.
5. Council accepted Tribal Nations Grant Fund COVID-19 emergency Grant Award & adopt the budget
6. Council approved purchase of PPE (masks & hand sanitizer) with Emergency Assistant Grocery gift cards to all Tribal Citizens in the amount of \$300.00, deadline to choose a grocery store (Walmart, Costco, Safeway, Target and Winco) is June 22, 2020.
7. Council accepted CARES ACT award and adopt the budget
8. Council approved Resolution 20-15 authorizing COVID-19 Emergency response program to disburse one time payment of \$511.75 to each adult citizen as of June 08, 2020.
9. Council tabled request for land assignment holder Tammie Bettis to move back fence line to next Council meeting July 13, 2020 pending more information were water lines are located.





## Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



George Buckley	Debra Nicholson	Mariena DiMarzo
Raymond Gustafson	Cyrus Betzold	Jeffery Clayton
Pamela James	Chazz Kangas	Kylie roper
Jeremiah Johnson	Todd Brunner	Carol Mitchell
Nancy Deyarmie	Dustin Bainbridge	Kerry Lauth
Robert Albonico	Rex Russel	Ayden Guyer
Janie Raymer	Tasheena Reyes	Tyler Cox
Linda Lange	Dennis Palmer	Talon Harper
Jason Evenson	Catalina Lopez	Nakhia Wright
Cole Johnson	Leslie Henry	Gary Beauchamp
Christina Jones	Taryn Antal	Jaycob page
Madison Flynn	Fredrick Sundquist	Destiny Owen
Tracy Johnson	Kylie James	Ethan Owen
Taylor Tompkins	Gregory Atkins	Debra Anderson
Shane Weekly	Trenton Anderson	Roman Stephenson-Guerrero
Hazel Vargas	Jason Cox	Ayden Flood
Robin Shelledy	Alana DiMarzo	Joshua Biglow
Monique Grado	Kelley Anthony	Rowan Clair
Johnny Christensen	Brooke Keisner	
Tabatha Leaday	James Espinoza	
Mathew Hernandez	Lisa Mendoza	

Here are the items we are currently selling. Come on over and get a snack. Snacks are sold Mon-Friday 8am-4pm

Breakfast Pastries.....	\$1.00 Each
Popcorn.....	\$1.00 Each
Teriyaki Sticks.....	\$1.00 Each
Fruity Snacks.....	\$1.00Each
Noodles.....	\$1.00 Each
Cup Noodles.....	\$1.00 Each
Candy Bars.....	\$1.00 Each
Chips.....	\$1.00 Each
Instant Oatmeal.....	\$3.00 Each
Granola Bars Variety.....	\$1.00 Each
Trail Mix.....	\$1.00 Each
Variety Nuts.....	\$1.00 Each
Corn Nuts.....	\$1.00 Each
Gatorade Drinks.....	\$2.00 Each
Rock Star.....	\$3.00 Each
Chicken Bakes .....	\$ 3.00 Each (Freezer)
Noodle Bowls.....	\$3.00 Each
Cheeseburger.....	\$ 2.00 Each
Chicken n Rice Bowls.....	\$3.00 Each
Chicken Melts.....	\$2.00 Each

***Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email [addresschange@wiyo.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyo.us) This will help in getting your mail to you in a timely manner, if your address isn't up to date then this will slow your RSTF, newsletter and other important Tribal mail in getting to you. Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment for RSTF checks, our policy has always been Tribal members need to wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check. It is very important to keep an updated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check your address 707-733-5055 or 800-388-7633***

## Congratulations Alexandra Bettis & David Whisman

Johnathan Arthur Whisman

Born 6-17-2020

9 lbs 1 oz

19.3 inches



# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Enrollment Committee:



Upcoming meetings

June 1, 2020

**September 14, 2020**

December 7, 2020

March 1, 2021

JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i>
5	6 <i>Tribal Office Closed 4th of July observed-Holiday</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>BCM 4pm</i>	14	15 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>BCM 4pm</i>	28	29	30	31	



## Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2020-2024)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2018-2022)  
Leona Wilkinson .....Secretary (2017-2021)  
Linda Lange.....Treasurer (2019-2023)  
Kirsten Boyce.....Council Member ( 2017-2021)  
Hazel James.....Council Member (2019-2023)  
Aaron Stephenson .....Council Member (2020-2024)

### Da Rou Gawok "Everyone working Together"

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant to TA/Council Clerk  
Lisa Stephenson.....Enrollment Clerk  
Vanessa Rios.....Receptionist  
Vacant.....Operations Manager  
Aaron Stephenson...Maintenance Technician

### Gou'll da lalouluwuk "Taking care of People"

Betty Owen-Mead.....Laqilh Haluni Coordinator  
Mariah Buckley.....Laqilh Haluni Assistant  
Gary Markussen Sr.....ICWA Advocate  
Tammie Bettis.....Social Work Advocate  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

### Hiwechk "Money"

Misty Case.....Fiscal Manager  
Kirsten Boyce.....Fiscal Technician

### Lhatsik Houmoulul' "House of Tradition"

Ted Hernandez.....Cultural Director  
Hazel James.....Cultural Assistant  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Pilar James.....Language Specialist

### Tsek Houdagh "Where the Children are"

Donna Wilson...Youth Program Assistant  
Kathy Spott.....Youth Program Assistant  
Margaret Card.....Youth Program Assistant  
Itzelt Rios.....Youth Program Assistant  
Izayra Rios.....Youth Program Assistant

### Shawir Darrudaluduk "We belong to the Wilderness"

Eddie Koch.....Natural Resources Director  
Bri Philips.....Natural Resources Technician  
Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Technician  
George Buckley.....Water Operator  
Corrine Alton.....Water Operator Assistant in training



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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Wiyot Tribe  
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