



# The Da'luk

## **Congratulation's George Buckley 20 Years of Service!!**

On Friday December 4, 2020 George Buckley was presented a Pendleton Blanket and a Service award for his 20 years of service and dedication to the Wiyot Tribe as the Water Operator. Mr. Buckley has been employed with the Wiyot Tribe since May 30, 2000 due to the Global Pandemic of COVID 19 we weren't able to present Mr. Buckley in May his blanket and award however Mr. Buckley has numerous trainings and hours of service under him and has continued to strive and pass his knowledge on to others, he has moved our water system forward and does routine maintenance on all wells for the tribe. ***We Thank Mr. Buckley for all his hard work for the last 20 years and especially his dedication to the Wiyot Tribe!***



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Adam Canter

## Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) Field Reconnaissance to *Goukdi'n* (Jacoby Creek) Forest and the King Tides around *Wigi* (Humboldt Bay)

The WNRD continue to pursue opportunities for co-management of public lands within ancestral territory and strive to be part of the Tribe's eyes and ears as caretakers of this amazing homeland. The WNRD continue to work towards fostering our relationship with Humboldt State University (HSU) and the over 800 acres of forest within the *Goukdi'n* (Jacoby Creek) watershed which they acquired from Emmerson and Sons back in 2019 (Sierra Pacific Industries). Now that this large forest tract is in the State's hands, we have a timely opportunity to have a voice in the management, restoration, and possible repatriation of this significant timberland. This last month the WNRD went out with archaeologists with the HSU Cultural Resources Facility (CRF) and visited the upper portion of the watershed, which while heavily cut-over and steep in some areas, does

provide excellent wildlife habitat and potential hunting opportunities as well as huckleberries, salmonberries, hazelnut, wild ginger, bigleaf maples, bay laurel, tanoak, maidenhair fern, and red alder, to name a few of the culturally important plant species that call this forest home. We also had the opportunity to visit the lower portion of the forest tract, coming up from Jacoby Creek Road from the old quarry along beautiful *Goukdi'n* Creek. One species uncommon this far south that makes this forest unique for California is the abundance of western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*), where the champion diameter tree for the state was measured only a year ago, in December 2019 by local conifer expert, Michael Kauffmann. It was exciting to find on our reconnaissance that this old-growth red cedar stand is within the HSU parcel. The WNRD was joined by HSU Forestry graduate stu-

dent, Zachary Erickson, who has approached the Tribe regarding a thesis project that could identify Wiyot interests and goals for the forest through planning possible restoration treatments that could best achieve these goals while benefiting ethnobotanical and rare species habitats. If you are a Tribal citizen that wants to participate in this research project or want a parking pass for the forest, please contact the WNRD at [adam@wiyat.us](mailto:adam@wiyat.us) or 707-733-5055X105 Also, please come to the next WNRD Community Advisory Committee Meeting on Zoom January 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and watch the Wiyot website for WNRD updates. (wiyat.us)

# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted By: Adam Canter

The WNRD were also out at the November 16 and December 14<sup>th</sup> King Tide events, which are the highest tides of the year! King Tides are usually several feet higher than our average high tides and provide an excellent opportunity to see what projected sea level rise will look like by the end of this century. State Parks hosted Wiyot Cultural Liaison Cheryl Seidner at a virtual event, which looked at the King Tides at different parks from southern California up to Tuluwat. You can check out the recording of this Facebook live event at:

[https://m.facebook.com/events/237485224387647?context=%7B%22action\\_history%22%3A%22%5b%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22main\\_list%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra\\_data%5C%22%3A%5b%5d%7D%5d%22%7D&aref=0&ref=page\\_internal](https://m.facebook.com/events/237485224387647?context=%7B%22action_history%22%3A%22%5b%7B%5C%22surface%5C%22%3A%5C%22page%5C%22%2C%5C%22mechanism%5C%22%3A%5C%22main_list%5C%22%2C%5C%22extra_data%5C%22%3A%5b%5d%7D%5d%22%7D&aref=0&ref=page_internal)

If you would like to participate in the WNRD's climate resilience research, please also contact the WNRD at adam@wiyat.us. The next and final King Tide of the winter will be January 11-12, 2021. Get out and safely see the future of sea level rise in real time! In these inward times of winter and Covid-19 the WNRD want to encourage everyone to escape safely into nature and we wish you all the best in 2021.



Old-growth western red cedar grove,  
Goukdi'n Forest, November 2020



King Tide (8.7 feet), Tuluwat, December 14, 2020

# **Chatsik 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.*

Just a Friendly reminder We are in the process of making Sashes and necklaces for 2021 high school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates. Please contact Hazel James at (707)733-5055 or email [hazel@wiyot.us](mailto:hazel@wiyot.us). Please let her know by January 30, 2021 so we can get them done in a timely manner if you know a tribal youth that will need one.

We are also in the process of setting up regalia classes here in the near future for tribal citizens we will be doing virtual classes until it is safe to be able to do in a public setting. We are also looking forward to partnering with the Blue Ox Mill in Eureka on working on building our first dugout with the youth. This will be taking place in February of 2021 keeping in mind if we are able to meet in a group setting. We will be sending out notices when it comes closer to doing the workshop.

**Departments:** Soulatluk Hou gougou'wurruwisuqu'l

## **The language department:**

Due to COVID-19, we have discontinued face-to-face workshops indefinitely, and are requesting & receiving community input via Facebook, Padlet (an online tool for sharing ideas: <https://padlet.com/lynnika/6u11w4hhim8ixftt>), and via packets provided to Tsek Houdaqh. Recent topics we've been working on include birds, school & school activities, and directions (north, south, etc.). We have approximately 15 draft conversations currently in the works, with more on the way.



We continue to work with Marnie Atkins to come up with an appropriate name for the new Cultural Center. We have narrowed it down to several Wiyot phrases that have to do with return/homecoming (of traditions, songs, regalia, etc.).

## **Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program:**

Tsek Houdaqh is only open to the children of tribal employees and to the children residing on the reservation currently, we are looking forward to the day when we can open to the children off reservation. We are hoping that everyone is staying safe, wearing masks, and washing and sanitizing hands more frequently

## **JOM**

If your child (ren) need assistance with homework, they can contact Margaret Card our JOM Coordinator at Tsek Houdaqh (707)733-5055 or at [mcards@wiyot.us](mailto:mcards@wiyot.us).

# Crow

## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Hazel James

A Wiyot story recorded by Kroeber (1911), p. 404

1. Gatsirr woulebayukrrilh shouri luguw, wul-  
ebayukrrilh hiwoulughilh.

*Crow went to his relative-in-law across the  
ocean.*

2. Shouri luguw hilesilh.

*He crossed the ocean by boat.*

3. Tsaki douloulouwilh rrikurr.

*He took two children.*

4. Wouberaghuchkshilh plhetwaqh.

*He put them on the rocks.*

5. Gerruwaghatgari wouberaghutskshilh.

*He put porpoises there.*

6. Hikoulouwilh.

*He came back.*

7. Diwe rroulakame tsek?

*"What did you do with the children?"*

8. Gatsirr yelilh, "Goutskerre'l daqh daroudaqh."

*Crow said, "They are with their grandmother."*

9. Gatsirr Dil wiwul.

*Crow's wife was Eagle.*

10. Goukounan goulouwilh tsek.

*That night a child came back.*

11. Gatsirri goudumilh.

*Crow ran away.*

12. Dile dawililh gourrachechk.

*Eagle asked that boy (what happened).*

13. Qachel yagitemoutilh, "Yilil plhetwak de-  
woutemalhel."

*He told his mother, "I was put on the rocks."*

14. Hilughilh Dil.

*Eagle went.*

15. Hirrakshemilh.

*She chased him.*

16. Hiwoukouralhekanemilh.

*She caught him. (?)*

17. Gatsirri higouloutwouy.

*She brought Crow back.*

18. Dil danerilh.

*Eagle did it.*

19. Mesaqh hidatematou.

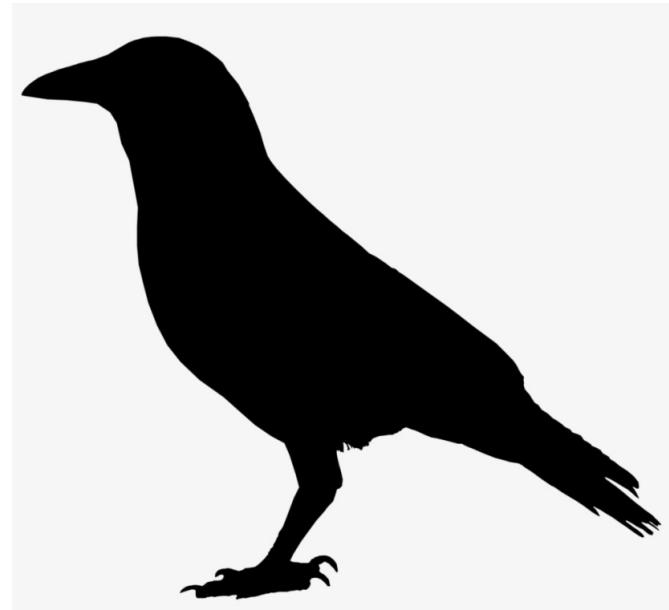
*She put him (made him  
sit?) in the fire.*

20. Dutgasilh mesi dali duks mesaqi.

*She put the top of his head in the fire.*

21. Higuduwalilh.

*He died (he fell in?).*



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

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

## **Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center Update**

There has been some small movement on the Cultural Center front. We have been meeting with repair and maintenance vendors to discuss the health and safety work that needs to be done so the Center can open. Small steps, yes, but steps nonetheless!

Our building is located at 417 Second Street, Eureka.

Watch our monthly Newsletter for ongoing updates! And please remember to send in your survey.



East entrance from the Gazebo side of the building

### **California State Parks King Tide Livestream Event**

On December 14, 2020, I was able to attend a livestream event hosted by California State Parks. The livestream event brought people from across California together to show the impact of rising sea levels on our ocean, bay, and river front lands. This is especially significant for Tuluwat, a large village located on Indian Island in the middle of Wigi (*Humboldt Bay*). Cheryl Seidner, Wiyot Tribe's Cultural Liaison, was the special guest interviewee on the livestream event. She was interviewed by Marnie Robbins, Interpretive Program Manager for the North Coast Redwoods District. Cameraman was Ryan Spencer, State Park Interpreter I, also from the North Coast Redwoods District. It was a beautiful day where a lot of information about sea level rise was shared.



Cheryl Seidner being interviewed by Marnie Robbins. Cameraman is Ryan Spencer from CA State Parks.

You can watch the entire recorded livestream event here:

<https://fb.me/e/cpdyyFMGZ>

If you would like to skip to the part of the event where Cheryl and Marnie talk, the timestamp is 1:26:21.



At the height of the King Tide on December 14, 2020, the water level was at approximately 8.67 feet at the village of Tuluwat (not shown here).

## **Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center Survey**

The Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center will be home to classes, lectures, and presentations, as well as displays of our cultural and historical items. There are questions on the survey about these topics. For example, what information would you like to see presented at the Center sooner rather than later? What about classes - what types of traditional cultural practices would you like to learn? What sort of presentation and discussion topics would you like to hear and learn about? Are there any presenters you would like to see and what topic would you like them to discuss? For those tribal citizens who do not live locally, what would you like to see presented in an online format? We will be holding Soulatluk (Wiyot language) classes at the Center, too!

I have been receiving surveys in the mail and online. Hou' (thank you) to those who have already responded! If you have not filled out a Survey yet, please feel free to send me one when you are able. I will accept them into the foreseeable future to ensure as many voices are involved in the future planning and development of exhibits, classes, and demonstrations. Based on your input, I will prioritize displays, classes, and informative discussions that you want to see first. If you do not have internet capability, or just prefer writing your thoughts down, please see the "Cultural Center Survey" included in November's Newsletter. The Survey was included in that Newsletter, along with a stamped envelope, so it is easy to return the Survey. If you lost track of your November Newsletter and need a Survey, the Survey can be found on our tribal website. There, you can download the PDF, fill it out, and mail (or fax or email) it back to me. Just look for the link on our main page. Finally, I am happy to speak with you on the phone and jot down your ideas. Feel free to give me a call if you prefer to give me input about our Cultural Center this way.

Survey link here: <https://forms.gle/vMfAjBeU8pQTERFP6>

Here is a QR Code to the survey:



If you have any questions or would like to chat about the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center, the survey, or anything else, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (707) 733-5055 or matkins@wiyot.us.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the new Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center!

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



## **December 14, 2020 Council Highlights**

- Council Presents:** Ted Hernandez, Leona Wilkinson, Linda Lange, Hazel James, Aaron Stephenson and Brian Mead
- Staff Presents:** Michelle Vassel, Ted Hernandez , Lisa Stephenson
- The agenda was approved**
- The consent calendar was approved**

**Ceremony Item:** George Buckley

**Guest Speaker:** Zachary Erickson

**Public Forum:** Chairman Ted Hernandez, Tammie Haney, Kirsten Boyce

- 1. Council approved new Tribal Citizen Leland Rasco**
- 2. Council approved land assignment holder Bruce Atwell to construct storage shed**
- 3. Tabled to next Tribal Meeting Letter of Support for Casting a Lifetime of Love**
- 4. Directive to send cease & desist letter to Sheanna Taylor to stop harassing Enrollment Coordinator & to provide appropriate enrollment documents that are needed to be enrolled.**
- 5.Council approved construction plans for lot 12 & fine of \$500 for unapproved construction.**

## **FREE COVID-19 TESTING for Tribal Communities**

January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

*Table Bluff Community Center*

*1000 Wiyot Dr, Loleta, CA 95551*

AB Medical Healthcare Solutions will provide saliva testing for members of Tribal communities wanting to be tested, including elders, adults, and youth. Parental/guardian permission must be provided in order for youth to be tested. The drive-thru and/or table testing sites will be set up for the Wiyot Tribe. ABMED will also offer contact tracing and additional guidance to people who test positive for COVID-19.

Please contact Heather Blevins at 707-733-5055 to learn where the testing sites are located and when they are operating.



*This program is sponsored by the California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc. with input from Tribal leaders and Tribal Health representatives.*





Gail Green  
Vincent Woodhurst  
Deanne Meyers  
Henry James  
Grady Atkins  
Marie Seidner  
Kimberly Rossig  
Kirsten Boyce  
Sharon Cooper  
Thomas Wilkinson  
Jeneene Osterman  
Jennifer Atkins  
Patty Wheeler  
Tammie Bettis  
Elaine Tompkins  
James Norman  
Timothy Deyarmie  
Jimmy Woodhurst  
Darrell Evenson Jr.  
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Jackie Zacha  
AJ Anderson  
Shane James  
Darrell Rasco  
Katie greenburg  
McKenzie Crawford  
Shayla Crawford  
Mikenzie Roper  
Asher Wilkinson  
Anthony Pedro  
Thomas Payton  
Elodia Boyce  
Jeremy Roberts  
Rebecca Steen  
Makai Fuentes  
Wyatt Wall  
Kota James

## Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Announcing the  
2020 Table Bluff Christmas Light Contest  
Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Melanie Shumard



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lisa Stephenson



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Pam James



*Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email [address-change@wiyot.us](mailto:address-change@wiyot.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*



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

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## **JANUARY 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <small>Tribal Office Closed New Years Day Holiday</small>	2
3	4 <small>Nominations open for Tribal Council positions</small>	5	6 <small>Agenda Items due 4pm for Council Mtg</small>	7	8	9 <small>COVID Testing 10-4pm TBR Center</small>
10 <small>COVID Testing 10-4pm TBR Center</small>	11 <small>Public Comments &amp; Link request due @ 12pm BCM 4pm</small>	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <small>Tribal Office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</small>	19 <small>Nominations close for Tribal Council positions @ 4pm</small>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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\*Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 1/11/2021 will be held by Tele/video conference or both. To submit public comments for this meeting prior to meeting, please email comments to [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us) by 12pm Monday 1/11/2021. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record during the regular meeting, also to receive a link for the meeting please request the link before 12pm 1/11/2021. Public comments received after 12pm will not be read into the record but will be included in the official minutes.

## 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  
Heather Blevins.....Emergency Operator  
Aaron Stephenson...Maintenance Technician  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Maintenance Assistant



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

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



## Hiwechk “Money”

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

## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l “House of Tradition”

Ted Hernandez.....Cultural Director  
Hazel James.....Cultural Assistant  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Pilar James.....Language Specialist  
Marnie Atkins.....Cultural Museum Manager

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## Tsek Houdagh “Where the Children are”

Hazel James.....Youth Program Manager  
Margaret Card.....Johnson O’Malley Coordinator  
Kathy Spott.....Youth Program Assistant  
Itzelt Rios.....Youth Program Assistant  
Izayra Rios.....Youth Program Assistant

Nomination's open January 04 for the following positions and close at the end of business day @ 4pm January 19, 2020

\* Secretary term ending 2021

\*Councilmember at Large term ending 2021

## Shawir Darrudaluduk “We belong to the Wilderness”

Eddie Koch.....Natural Resources Director  
Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Specialist  
Bri Philips.....Natural Resources Technician  
Hilanea Wilkinson...Natural Resources Technician in training  
George Buckle.....Water Operator  
Corrine Alton.....Water Operator Assistant in training

# 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):

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

Lolleta, CA 95551

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Wiyot Tribe

