



# *The Da'luk*

## **Daniel Lee Ramirez Stephenson**



Our family suffered the immense loss of Daniel Lee Ramirez Stephenson on March 5th, 2024. Daniel is survived by his daughter Laiyana, Mother Dalila Ramirez, siblings Esmeralda Ramirez, Armando Ramirez, Alan Ramirez Stephenson, Marissa Ramirez Stephenson, Nayeli Ramirez, his grandparents, many cousins and aunts and uncles. Preceded in death by his father Alan Leo Stephenson Jr. Daniel was only 16 years young and in those 16 years he lived so much life and touched so many people in a positive way. He was always a joyful and easy going person who loved spending his free time with his family. Daniel welcomed his firstborn baby girl Laiyana into the world on July 25, 2023. This incredible loss is almost unbearable for his family. Daniel was in an accident with his Uncle Guadalupe Ramirez who also sustained major injuries. Daniel and Guadalupe were extremely close and worked together and spent much of their free time together helping one another

with life's everyday obligations. This accident is one of the worst tragedies our family has suffered. It would be greatly appreciated if you're able to donate anything to his mother to help cover some of the costs of the funeral expenses as she is doing the most unbearable and painful thing for a parent in planning the funeral arrangements for her son. If you cannot donate we ask that you say a prayer to keep our family strong during these very difficult times and we appreciate any loving memories you have with Daniel to be shared.

Our family asks that you give his mother and siblings space from any questions during this time and allow them to grieve in peace. His mother and siblings are planning a funeral for their brother. It's already a very hard time for them as soon as they have all the details worked out they will be shared publicly, thank you.

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

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”**

### **Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarships**

#### **Important Dates:**

FAFSA deadline for 2024-25 School Year: **June 30, 2024**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **August 1, 2024**

Mary, Bill & Goldie Scholarship (SRCF): **August 1, 2024**

All application forms are on the Tribe's website at [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us), or for more information contact the Education Department at (707) 733-5055.

### **Tsek Houdaqh Youth Center**

### **After-School CACFP Meal Program**

*Throughout the school year, the Tsek Houdaqh Youth Center will be serving after-school snack and supper to all children, up to the age of 18 years old.*

*Meals are served Monday through Friday (except on holidays).*

#### **Daily Meal Times:**

- ◊ **Snack 2:30 PM– 3:00 PM**
- ◊ **Supper: 5:30 PM– 6:00 PM**

**\*All meals are served with 1% or Fat-Free Milk\***

For more information, call (707) 733-5055

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.**

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

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”**

Tsek Houdaqh's Youth Center Weekly Schedule					
	Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh da-huluvewi'gurr (Friday)
<b>1:30 PM</b>	CLOSED				After School Open
<b>2:00 PM</b>					
<b>2:30 PM</b>	After-School Open/Snack	After-School Open/Snack	After-School Open/Snack	After-School Open/Snack	Snack
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
<b>3:30 PM</b>	JOM Tutoring/ STEM Activity	JOM Tutoring/ Art Activity	JOM Tutoring/ Culture Activity	JOM Tutoring/ SEL Activity	Soulatluk Language
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play	Triple Play
<b>5:30</b>	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
<b>6:00</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

### Tsek Houdaqh's Youth Center Activity Calendar

April 2024

Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh da-huluvewi'gurr (Friday)
1 DIY LAVA LAMPS	2 Egg Carton Flowers	3 Cultural Activity	4 DIY Flextangle	5 Soulatluk Language
8 DIY Bouncy Ball	9 Spring Flowers	10 Cultural Activity	11 DIY Photo Wheel	12 Soulatluk Language
15	16	17	18	19
Open 8 AM– 4 PM for Spring Break				
22 Seed Bombs	23 Canvas Painting	24 Soulatluk Language	25 Fidget Bracelet	26 Soulatluk Language
29 Will It Float? Pool Noodle Boats	30 Emoji Coasters			
To participate in youth program activities, children must have a current and complete Tsek Houdaqh Membership Packet on file for the 2023-2024 program year.				

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

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Tsek Houdaqh “Where the Children Are At”**

### **Educational Services:**

#### **After-School Child Care**

Our after-school childcare program, strives to provide Native American children with a high-quality learning environment through the implementation of developmentally appropriate and culturally inclusive teaching strategies.

**Eligibility:** Native American families, who work or are enrolled in post-secondary/job training courses and have children between the ages of 4-12 years old.

#### **Johnson O’Malley (JOM)**

Our Johnson O’Malley program aims to promote student success through academic and cultural supports.

**Eligibility:** Wiyot tribal members in grades K-12th.

#### **Youth Activity Program (YAP)**

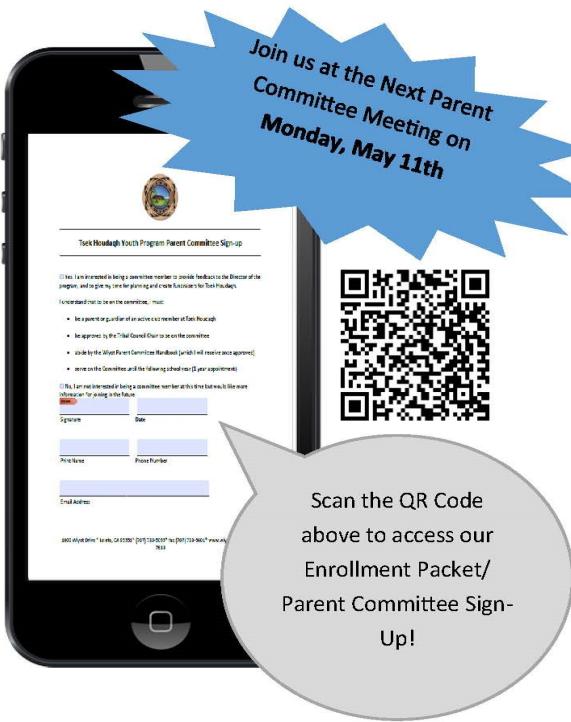
Our Youth Activity Program plans and implements fun and engaging activities for local youth during our after-school hours.

**Eligibility:** Native American Youth who live on or within 5-miles of the Wiyot Reservation or are children of Wiyot Tribe Employees.

To enroll in educational services, call the Wiyot Tribe’s Education Department at (707) 733-5055.

### **Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee**

Are you interested in participating in the Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee? The role of the Parent Committee is to help guide Tsek Houdaqh staff as they develop and implement activities that meet the Johnson O’Malley (JOM), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), and Youth Program goals. Parents are invited to attend the quarterly committee meetings, make suggestions for individual activities, and offer suggestions to help improve the overall Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program. The Parent Committee will also guide the program’s eligibility requirements, program rules, and volunteer requirements.



**ITEPP** Presents

Indian Tribal & Educational Personnel Program

14th Annual  
Cal Poly  
**Humboldt.**  
**California Indian**  
**Big Time**  
**& Social Gathering**



Saturday, April 6th, 2024

11:00am to 6:00pm

Forbes Complex - West Gym



Building Community by honoring  
and celebrating California Native  
Traditions through songs, games,  
resources and arts & crafts.

For more information or accommodations  
please contact ITEPP: (707)826-3672  
or email [ssr19@humboldt.edu](mailto:ssr19@humboldt.edu)

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Yaqui  
2021 ITEPP Graduate

**H.** Social Work



# **Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l “bringing the Wiyot language back to life”**

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

## **Soulatluk**

## **Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l**

*its again coming to life*



Scan to listen!

**Ya Ga' Boukva'r<sup>1</sup> / Giya Ga Bouqhar<sup>2</sup> / Giya Bou'qhar<sup>3</sup>, 2024**

*April (“the one [month] that is never mentioned/ counted”)\**

*\*Della Prince (1956) said that April is a “bad month” (possibly because there are not a lot of fish to be caught at this time of year).*

### **ANA SOULATLUK LESSONS AT LOLETA SCHOOL & TSEK HOUDAQH**

In March, staff linguists Lynnika and Nina continued teaching twice-weekly Soulatluk classes at Loleta Elementary School as an elective for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, as part of our ANA-funded Wi Soulatlouy (“we will speak Soulatluk”) curriculum development grant. Recently we have been joined by observers from College of the Redwoods, Two Feathers, and more, and our students have taught them several Soulatluk words and phrases 😊.

Here you can see some of our regular students making “bets” on whether they can accurately describe pictures the pictures being shown to them in Soulatluk (faces covered at their request):

We continue to practice introducing ourselves at the beginning of each class, and we recently added the phrase **Yil \_\_\_\_ da** = “I live at \_\_\_\_” to our self-introductions.

(**Yil Jaroujiji da.** = I live in Eureka. / **Yil Guduwalha't da.** = I live in Loleta. / **Yil Rraloughugu'w da.** = I live at Table Bluff.)



In Unit 3, we learned a lot of animal words and continued practicing the phrases “I see \_\_\_\_.” / “What do you see?”. Here are the key phrases we used in Unit 3 (visit <https://www.wiyot.us/449/Ship-Dalouy-Unit-3> for an online version with audio):

<sup>1</sup> Della Prince's (1956) pronunciation

<sup>2</sup> Jane Searson & Amos Riley's (1922) pronunciation

<sup>3</sup> Jerry James's (1922) pronunciation

# **Soulatuk Hougougou' wurrusugu' "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"**

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

Ship Da'louy	Unit 3 Key Phrases	Multimedia link
<i>maqh/vaqh</i>	<i>bear</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclJR5">qrco.de/bclJR5</a>
<i>tsoutsgish</i>	<i>bird</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclTaD">qrco.de/bclTaD</a>
<i>halalilh</i>	<i>duck</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclTk5">qrco.de/bclTk5</a>
<i>wayits</i>	<i>dog OR horse</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bcibPb">qrco.de/bcibPb</a>
<i>quqh</i>	<i>frog</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bcxcu7">qrco.de/bcxcu7</a>
<i>ket</i>	<i>Cat</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bdWUBQ">qrco.de/bdWUBQ</a>
<i>halhuqh</i>	<i>deer</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclJNW">qrco.de/bclJNW</a>
<i>malhuk/valhuk</i>	<i>salmon/fish</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclU2Z">qrco.de/bclU2Z</a>
<i>gou'wil</i>	<i>person, people</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclWtv">qrco.de/bclWtv</a>
<i>tsek</i>	<i>child(ren)</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclXHg">qrco.de/bclXHg</a>
<i>Shouwa hiyu wulut?</i>	<i>What do you see?</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/beIrlV">qrco.de/beIrlV</a>
<i>Hiyu wulu ____.</i>	<i>I see ____.</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/beFcft">qrco.de/beFcft</a>
<i>Hiyu wulut ____.</i>	<i>You see ____.</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/beIrlV">qrco.de/beIrlV</a>
<i>Shouwa?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/behcUa">qrco.de/behcUa</a>

We also practiced pronunciation with a set of short words with the “i” sound, which you can listen to and/or download at <https://www.wiyot.us/279/i-words>.

In Unit 4, we started learning to count animals and people! Here are the key phrases we practiced in Unit 4 (visit <https://www.wiyot.us/451/Ship-Dalouy-Unit-4> for an online version with audio):

Ship Da'louy	Unit 4 Key Phrases	Multimedia link
<i>gou'wil</i>	<i>person, people</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclWtv">qrco.de/bclWtv</a>
<i>tsek</i>	<i>child(ren)</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclXHg">qrco.de/bclXHg</a>
<i>laqilh</i>	<i>elder(s)</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclI9h">qrco.de/bclI9h</a>
<i>wayits</i>	<i>dog(s)</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bcibPb">qrco.de/bcibPb</a>
<i>bouchvi'</i>	<i>skunk(s)</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bd8ho7">qrco.de/bd8ho7</a>
<i>maqh/vaqh</i>	<i>bear</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclJR5">qrco.de/bclJR5</a>
<i>Shouwa hulurr?</i>	<i>How many are there?</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/be7Y96">qrco.de/be7Y96</a>
<i>goutsurr</i>	<i>(there is) one</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclIjv">qrco.de/bclIjv</a>
<i>rri'durr</i>	<i>(there are) two</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclIxN">qrco.de/bclIxN</a>
<i>rrikurr</i>	<i>(there are) three</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclIzV">qrco.de/bclIzV</a>
<i>rriya'wurr</i>	<i>(there are) four</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclJ1d">qrco.de/bclJ1d</a>
<i>we'sagh (hulurr)</i>	<i>(there are) five</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bclJ62">qrco.de/bclJ62</a>
<i>gutsurr</i>	<i>there are many</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bdWJ5G">qrco.de/bdWJ5G</a>
<i>qa lu wulou'</i>	<i>there are none</i>	<a href="https://qrco.de/bdZhZo">qrco.de/bdZhZo</a>

# **Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l “bringing the Wiyot language back to life”**

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Our pronunciation practice for Unit 4 was a set of short words with the “ou” sound, which you can listen to and/or download at <https://www.wiyot.us/280/ou-words>.

At Tsek Houdaqh, we have been practicing phrases about wishing we had something, giving things, and looking for things (with cultural items):

<b>Shou wulu ____.</b> <i>I wish I had a(n) ____.</i>	<b>hiwa't,</b> <i>abalone,</i>	<b>tsabi',</b> <i>arrow,</i>	<b>halou' wi',</b> <i>canoe,</i>	<b>walupt,</b> <i>feather,</i>	<b>gi'y</b> <i>basket cap</i>
<b>Hutsuvous ____.</b> <i>I give you a(n) ____.</i>	<b>toul,</b> <i>pestle,</i>	<b>moutw/voutw,</b> <i>front skirt,</i>	<b>shvat,</b> <i>bow,</i>	<b>wutk,</b> <i>tule mat,</i>	<b>hiqh, rra'l</b> <i>hide, loose plate basket</i>
<b>Dawikuvu ____!</b> <i>Look for a(n) ____!</i>	<b>bitw,</b> <i>basket mortar,</i>	<b>mun/vun,</b> <i>oar,</i>	<b>malhulh/valhulh,</b> <i>pipe,</i>	<b>hus,</b> <i>harpoon head,</i>	<b>lhoum</b> <i>olivella</i>

## **VIRTUAL SOULATLUK LESSONS IN APRIL**

We had some technical difficulties in March, but we were eventually able to begin practicing



language around clothing (both Native and **dīqa'**). In April, virtual Soulatluk practice will be **Wednesday, April 10 & Wednesday, April 24 from 4-5 p.m.** Please check the calendar at <http://www.wiyot.us/Calendar.aspx> (or scan the QR code at left) for the Zoom link (please email [lynnika@wiyat.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyat.us) if you don't see it on the March calendar!).

## **DO YOU HAVE FAMILY PHOTOS OF SOULATLUK SPEAKERS?**

Hou' to Tribal community members who have shared family photos of Soulatluk speakers!

It has been very helpful to show pictures of the elders (so far, Della Prince & Nettie Rossig) whose voices we listen to in Soulatluk classes at Loleta School & Tsek Houdaqh.

If you have a family photo of a Soulatluk speaker that you would like to share, we would love to scan it and use it in our language classes, events, and materials; we will be sure to credit you!

The speakers whose words or voices we have a record of are:

• Aleck Sam	• Elsie Barto	• Sarah McGuire
• Amos Riley	• Jane Searson	• Tom Brown
• Bill / William	• Jerry James	• <b>Winnie Buckley: Hou' to George for sharing!</b>
Brennard & his wife	• John Sherman	• Warren Brainard
• Birdie James	• Miranda Berry	• Weaver Denman
• Cy Thomas	• <b>Nettie Rossig: Hou' to Cindy for sharing!</b>	
• Dandy Bill	• Nora Koonskin (Miller)	
• Della Prince		

Please contact Lynnika if you have photos of any of these elder speakers that you would like to share, or any other information about them!

**Rra'dutwasuduk** ('We respect/think highly of you' = respectfully),

**Lynnika Butler** (Gutsviyaqhulilh / Linguist) [lynnika@wiyat.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyat.us) | (707) 798-1949 x302

**Nina Lorence-Ganong** (Curriculum Development & Language Data Specialist)

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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

## Health & Human Service Groups Table Bluff Reservation Community Center

CALL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPT AT 707-733-5055 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGNUPS.

### GROUP COUNSELING

- Motherhood is Sacred/Fatherhood is Sacred
- Men's & Women's Talking Circle
- Children's Talking Circle at the Tsek Houdaqh program



### EXERCISE GROUP

- Yil da lal, gouts gou lalh ("I am walking, I feel good again")  
Mon & Wed, 1 –1:30 PM with Liz Edwards



**Contact HHS Dept Social Work Advocate at (707) 733-5055 for more information about any of these activities and to sign-up.**

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## **Tribal Citizen Services**

HHS Department offers a variety of services to Wiyot Citizens:

- ⇒ Burial Assistance up to \$500.00 (Tribal Citizens)
- ⇒ Hunting/ Fishing license reimbursement (one per Wiyot household or for an Wiyot Elder, every 12 months)
- ⇒ RSTF loan up to \$200.00 (Tribal Citizens, one every 12 months)
- ⇒ Large garbage dump reimbursement (outside Table Bluff Reservation Tribal Citizens, once every 12 months)
- ⇒ Chimney Cleaning reimbursement (one per Wiyot household every 12 months)
- ⇒ Elders/Disabled wood: Elders/disabled Citizens get one cord per year from Men's Camp

**Contact HHS Dept Social Work Advocate at (707) 733-5055 or go to [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us) for the application forms.**

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

Submitted By: Robert Pitts

**Chromebooks available for  
school-aged children &  
College/vocational students**

**Just 9 left!**

For more information and application contact  
HHS Dept Social Work Advocate at (707) 733-5055.



### **HEALTH EDUCATION—Influenza (The Flu), COVID-19, RSV**

Talk with your medical provider or local pharmacy about getting vaccines against the triple viruses this winter —Influenza, RSV, & COVID.

- State of California still mandates that COVID vaccine and boosters are provided for free (may require a reimbursement request through your insurance for some).
- Know your health history & status. If immunocompromised:
  - Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
  - Avoid crowds.
  - Avoid poorly ventilated spaces.
  - Wash hands often.

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or  
contact the Social Work Advocate at 707-733-5055.

## **Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elders program)**

**(Native American, age 55+)**



- ◆ Lunch meal delivery, Monday through Friday (except holidays)

- ◆ Light chores at your home (vacuuming, sweeping, sanitizing)

Within our service area, 30-mile radius from Table Bluff Reservation.

**For application or more information contact  
the Health & Human Services Department at 707-733-5055.**

## **Gutswurak da rou da'louy**

**("There Are a Lot of People Gathered There  
and They Are Talking")**

**Domestic Violence Advisory Board**



We are looking for interested Wiyot Citizens to be a part of a DV Advisory Board. The goal of the committee is to bring forth ideas and solutions to the Health & Human Services Department to increase and improve safety for victim's of domestic violence in your communities

Meetings will be held at the Community Center at Table Bluff Reservation, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551 once a month on a Thursday from 5 PM to 6 PM. A Social Work Advocate will be overseeing the meetings. The first meeting date will be determined by interest.

Interested participants will go through an application and background check to ensure the intent of the board and safety of the members.

**For more information and to apply, call the  
HHS Department Social Work Advocate at 707-733-5055.**

## **The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund is now open!**

Assists specific households that have had hardship since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to pay for their mortgage, home or other insurance related to their home, property taxes, utility bills for their home, home repairs to ensure the habitability of the home, homeowner's association fees, and assistance in mortgage reduction.

Max \$2,600.00 per household. Ends 9/30/2026 or until funds are expended.

Must meet certain requirements. Find the application on the Tribe's website.

**Call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate for more information at 707-733-5055.**



## **Tax Filing 2024**

The New Year means a new opportunity to file your tax return!

Filing a tax return helps and your family receive funds from special federal and state stimulus programs, including COVID/pandemic stimulus monies. Incentives are held for those who did not yet file, including previous years.



*You can even file late, even if you don't owe anything.*

**If you need support filing taxes, call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate at 707-733-5055 so that they can find the right tax filing program for you.**

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

Submitted By: Adam Canter

## **Wiyot Nursery, Staff, Plants, and WSP Members Shine and Renew at Ocean Ranch Watershed Awareness Volunteer Event (WAVE)!!!**

On March 16, 2024, perhaps the most gorgeous day yet of 2024, the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and our California Conservation Corps (CCC) Watershed’s Stewards Program (WSP) corpsmember’s Kasie Tyler and Regine Familara successfully recruited 72 volunteers to help with establishing a Wiyot Cultural Demonstration Garden at the recently restored Ocean Ranch Unit of the Eel River Wildlife Area on Table Bluff. The garden is in a triangular shape bordered with driftwood in the spirit of a Wiyot basket design within close proximity to the parking lot and easily accessible to elders and youth and contained some of the first Wiyot cultural plants from the fledging Wiyot Native Plant Nursery to be out- planted in ancestral territory, which is under the competent helm of garden intern Mariah Buckley. Some of the Wiyot cultural plant relatives planted were used for food, basketry, regalia, or cultural items and included Coltsfoot (*Petasites palmatus*) Columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*) Giant chain fern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*) Hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta* ssp. *californica*) One-leaf onion (*Allium unifolium*), mock orange (*Philadelphus lewesii*) monkeyflower (sticky) (*Mimulus aurantiacus*) Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*) Oregon grape (*Berberis nervosa*) Pacific reedgrass (*Calamagrostis nutkaensis*), Sandberry (kinnikinnick) (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), Vine tea (*Clinopodium douglasii*).



## **Spring Solid Waste Event for Reservation Residents**

A Solid Waste event will be held April 22-26 for Table Bluff Reservation Residents. This large bin is intended to remove bulky solid waste items from the Reservation. Please bring over items that are too large to fit in your regular weekly pickup. Please do not stack around the bin, or overfill the bin and do not dispose of recyclable materials, hazardous waste, biohazards, or divertable waste (electronics, tires, and large appliances).



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

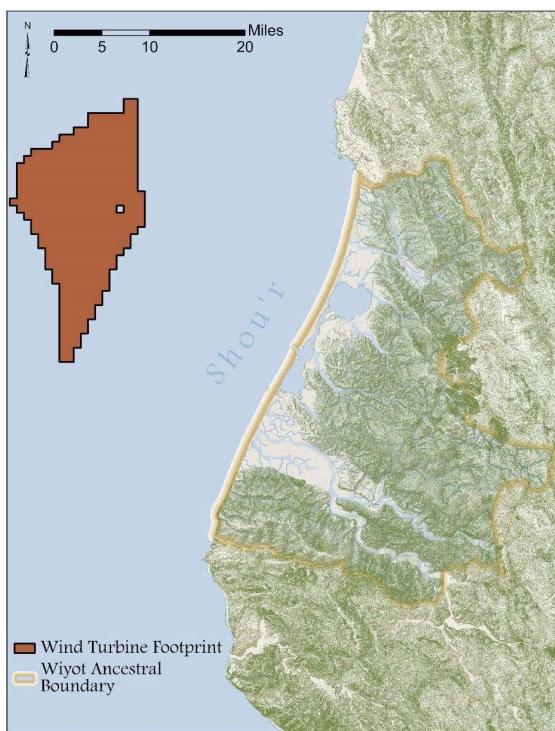
Submitted By: Adam Canter

## Tribal Cultural Landscape Assessment

Offshore wind (OSW) has dominated conversations in Wiyot Tribe ancestral territory and beyond. Many government agencies and private OSW companies are promising clean energy, jobs, and a way to move past the use of fossil fuels. But there are many questions that have been left unanswered, such as what impacts OSW can have on places and animals. The WNRD is working with the Wiyot Tribal Community to identify special areas of concern, so that we can convey this information (in an appropriate manner) to the Bureau of Offshore Energy (BOEM). While the conversations about OSW continue, this is an opportunity to support the potential consultation process which will occur as these projects are pushed to move forward.

OSW will not only impact the ocean with the 200 mi<sup>2</sup> footprint of hundreds of wind turbines. There will also be impacts where these turbines will be built. The proposed location for construction, called the “heavy lift terminal”, is approximately 1,500ft from Tuluwat. Furthermore, the cable that will transfer electricity from the wind turbines to the grid will also most likely be making landfall and travelling through Wiyot ancestral territory. The potential extent of these impacts is still unknown, but we do have an idea of where they will occur.

The WNRD is compiling cultural site information, culturally important plant and animal occurrence data, and locations where Tribal citizens hunt and fish to prepare the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the potential upcoming formal consultation.



With the help of elders, knowledge holders, hunters, and gathers, we can tell the complete story of the Wiyot connection to the land. As stated earlier, the agencies require “proof” for example, that a location is sacred. If there are stories of ceremonies that took place there, we can point to that information and say, “this is why you cannot build here” or this is how certain impacts to an area or resource will affect Wiyot culture and subsistence.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, please reach out to the WNRD and keep an eye out for upcoming outreach meetings about the Tribal Cultural Landscape Assessment.

If you have places, plants, or animals that you don’t want to see OSW development to impact, please contact:

Adam Canter- [adam@wiyat.us](mailto:adam@wiyat.us)

Zack Erickson- [zerickson@wiyat.us](mailto:zerickson@wiyat.us)

# Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center

## Reciprocal Land Relationships

Reciprocal Land Relationships, an exhibit by the Wiyot Tribe, is scheduled to take place during the month of April at the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center at 417 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Eureka. The opening reception of the exhibit is scheduled to take place during Arts Alive on April 6th, 2024, from 6-9 pm. There will be a meet and greet with Aldaron Laird and Marnie Atkins, and the new book "A Photographic Exploration of Wig" and the Shawir Darrudaluduk (Natural Resources department) will have an interactive table to learn about Native plans and make and take Native seed balls to grow at home or to plant in public spaces.

The exhibit will showcase Lhatsik (traditional story) the Stolen Salmon Story and teach visitors about reciprocal relationships that exist between the Wiyot people and their ancestral homelands. Guests will learn some specific traditional methods for caring for native plants that feed us. There will be two environmental restoration talks. The Shawir Darrudaluduk (Natural Resources department) will be speaking regarding the Wiyot Native Plant Nursery and traditional foods on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 3-5 pm. Join us on Earth Day April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm

for a talk that will focus on the Restoration of the Eel River -- Wiyot Pikeminnow project on April 20 from 1-3 pm. The Natural Resources team will be tabling at both Arts Alive and Earth Day.

Displays will be interactive and there will be opportunities to interact with the exhibit online through the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Facebook and Instagram page: <https://www.facebook.com/DGRLCC> and <https://www.instagram.com/dgrlcc/>



### A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION OF WIGI

BY ALDARON LAIRD



Meet and Greet & Book Signing  
With Aldaron Laird  
Joined by Marnie Atkins

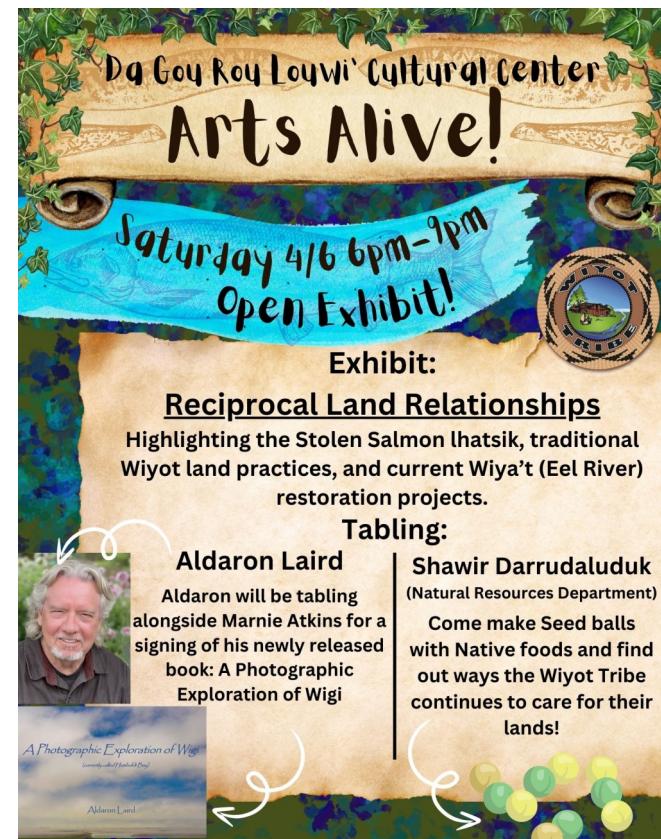
April 6th at 6pm  
@ The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center

If you would like to order prints please send  
an email to [aldaronsimages@gmail.com](mailto:aldaronsimages@gmail.com)

Digital Book Download



Wiyot Tribe  
Soulatluk Placenames





# Goutgou'lik Gotsuwe'n

*the whole world*

*Earth Day*

*one sky = day*



we'n (sky)



shou'r  
(ocean/beach)



Wigi  
(the bay)



lalilh  
(rivers)



jechach  
(animals)

lughurruk  
(land)



gou'wil  
(people)



huwighurruk  
(plants)



*Soulatluk (the language of the Wiyot People)*

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## Recaps March Exhibit Transformer Lhatsik

Very prominent throughout the Northwest Coast, Transformer stories are stories where transformations happen in the World. They include transformations of gou'wil (people), jechach (animals), and lughurruk (land). In Soulatluk, these stories include monster-slaying adventures of tricksters and teaching of mores and folkways that are deeply rooted in place.

Indigenous people from other parts of the country have similar stories with regionally common characters like Spider, Blue jay, Raven, Coyote, Rabbit, Maui, and the Twins in Soulatluk we have

In Soulatluk we say Gouche da wulh... "Long time ago... Butterflies were used as a symbol of the metamorphosis we all experience in our own lives.



# **Da Rou Gawok (Everyone Working Together)**

## **Two Spirit Day of Appreciation and Celebration March 19**

County of Humboldt, City of Eureka and City of Arcata proclaimed March 19, 2024 as Two Spirit Day of Appreciation and Celebration. Becoming the first, Second and the third US government entity to proclaim Two-Spirit Day of Appreciation and Celebration. Held on the spring equinox, the holiday highlights the Two-Spirit identity, described as an umbrella term as an intersection of Indigenous and LGBTQ+ identities. These proclamations set the holiday and encourage people to learn about Two-Spirit traditions a day to celebrate our Gou'mel (both together) an umbrella term in Soulatluk used to include our Two Spirit Wiyot relatives.



## **Nex Benedict Vigil was held March 9th**

In February an Oklahoma Native, Non-binary 16 year old, Nex Benedict, was beaten by three girls in a school bathroom. The next day Nex died. Memorials for Nex happened across the country. Nex died after a long pattern of bullying, both at school and from the Oklahoma state government who enacted hateful policies impacting the daily lives of gender diverse students across the State, empowering hate in schools.

There is a lot more to say about the circumstances leading up to and following the death of Nex, such as the way the school failed to call for an ambulance or document the hate event, and local law enforcements questionable handling of the situation, but for now we will just say this: Two Spirit, Queer people, Native people, and allies across the country are mourning this tragic, preventable, and predictable death. The Wiyot Tribe's Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center stayed open for the event and Two-Feathers NAFS provided mental health clinicians and support at the event.



# Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted by: Michelle Vassel

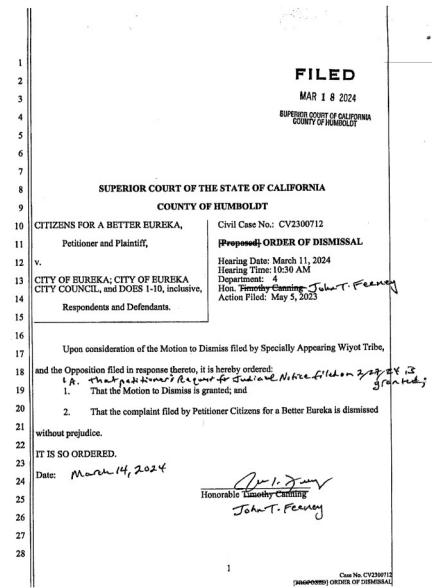
## Case Dismissed

The Wiyot Tribe prevailed in lawsuit filed against the City of Eureka by a special interest group, “Citizens for a Better Eureka. The group funded by Rob Arkley’s business Security national, sued the City of Eureka for their parking lots to affordable housing project. Two of the sites in the parking lots to affordable housing project were awarded to the Wiyot Tribe to construct housing in downtown Eureka. The law suit , which sought to preserve parking, argued that the City of Eureka filed to follow CEQA in that it didn’t adequately study the environmental impacts of loss of parking was previously rejected by the California Attorney General’s Office.

The lawsuit would have directly impacted the Tribes ability to move forward on contracts, gain site control, reduced opportunity for grant funding and financing. The Tribe intervened in the lawsuit, thus the Tribe intervened arguing that the Tribe was an indispensable party in the lawsuit and that the lawsuit would have prevented the Tribe from accessing financing site control and created construction delays and that the Tribe has sovereign immunity and therefore could not be joined in the suit and so the suit should be dismissed. After oral arguments the judge needed time to make the decision. A week later the judge issued a single page order of dismissal.

## Notice of Open Nomination Period

No nominations for the two open positions Tribal Chair or Council member were received by the Tribal office by the nomination deadline for the April Election. With no qualified nominations, the Tribe is reopening the nomination period for the Tribal election which will occur in October of 2024. The following position is up for election in 2024, Chair and council member at large. Nominations for vacant Tribal Council position will be accepted at the Tribal office beginning June 1st, 2024 and nominations end on June 15th, 2024. All nominations must be postmarked by or received in the Tribal office by June 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 July Tribal Newsletter. Between the months of July through October, 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 find important to the Tribe.



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted by: Michelle Vassel

## **Annual General Council Meeting**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

Annual General Council Meeting-Election

**Date:** April 6, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Time** Polls open 10am to 1pm

**Details:**

**Location:** Community Center

**Address:** 1000 Wiyot Drive  
Loleta, CA 95551



## **JOB OPENINGS**

**Climate Specialist**

**Dishgamu Director**

**Forestry Technician**

**Fish Technician**

**Temporary Maintenance Worker**

**Wiyot Talent Pool**

Don't see a position that suits you? Send us a resume and job application to be added to our database of candidates.

To apply, send your resume with a completed job application found at [wiyot.us/jobs](http://wiyot.us/jobs) to [humanresources@wiyot.us](mailto:humanresources@wiyot.us) or drop off at 1000 Wiyot Dr. Loleta, CA.

The Wiyot Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package for full-time employees including employer-paid medical, dental, and life insurance, a 401(k) plan with a 7% match, and a generous paid leave policy along with 16 paid holidays.



## **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

# **April 2024**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	1 April Fools Day	2	3	4	5	6 General Council Meeting Polls open 10am-1pm
7	8 BCM 4pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Income Taxes Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



Anderson, Datrianna  
Angell, Elaine  
Atkins, Nakayla I.  
Atkins, Marnie  
Atwell, Justin  
Beach, James  
Beauchamp, William  
Betzold, Caleb T.  
Brown, Ramona  
Brunner, Jesus  
Chapman, Lucinda  
Claire, Rita  
Cox, Andrew  
Cox, Guy  
Crummett, Kasen  
Cyphers, Joyce  
Dan, Bobbi  
Durazo, Kolton A.  
Dutra, Cynthia  
Earhart, John  
Espinoza, Rochelle  
Evenson, Austin  
Evenson, Maddison  
Farmer, Violet  
Friend, Catrina  
Guyer, Avery  
Hefte, Cassandra  
Hernandez, Theodore  
Holdner, James  
Ingle, Vickie  
Johnson, Alexander  
Johnson, Jared R.  
Keisner, Lauren  
Keisner, Stacia  
Lange, Abigail  
Martin, Jennifer

McDonald, Calena  
Miller, Desirae  
Moon, Amanda  
Nelson, Jacqueline  
Page, Makiya  
Rasco, Desiree Rose  
Reyes, Rhianna  
Rodgers, Sally  
Sheets, Cambria  
Sheets, Jadyn  
Shumard, Melanie  
Silva, Julencia  
Sovereign, Rayvn Marie  
Sperling, Kylie  
Stephenson, Theodore L.  
Thompkins, Douglas  
Thompkins-Neisius, Debra  
Tipton, Thomas K.  
Tompkins, Ernest  
Van Eck, Stephanie  
Wade, Liliana  
Wade, Tommy A.  
Womrath, Kristina  
Wright, Patsy



B General Building License. Ronnie can do new construction, remodels, framing, siding, doors, windows, decks, carpentry .

**Did you move and forget to change your address?**

**Address changes can be faxed (707) 733-5601 or Emailed:**

**addresschange@wiyot.us**

*If your address isn't up to date you may not receive your quarterly Rou Wenoutwilh payments, newsletter and other important Tribal mail. Also, when changing your address make sure to include children who are part of your household.*

*Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment to replace checks lost in the mail. This is a recovery fee for the bank charge to stop payment on the check. To avoid this fee keep your address up to date wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check.*



# Free Guided Walks

♦ 9a.m. to 11a.m.♦

Meet at the Visitor Center  
1020 Ranch Road, Loleta CA



♦ Every 1st Wednesday

*with volunteer naturalist  
Louise Bacon-Ogden*

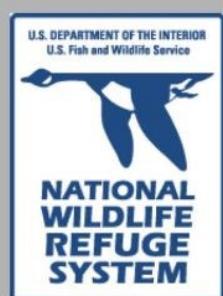
♦ Every 2nd Sunday

*Birding with Redwood Region  
Audubon Society*

♦ Walks last about 2 hours and  
cover around 2 miles

♦ Bring your own binoculars

♦ Unvaccinated, please wear a  
mask and practice social  
distancing on field trips.



# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

## Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together” Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Vacant.....Administrative Analyst  
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant  
Heather Blevins.....Administrative Assistant  
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist  
Farzad Forouhar ....Finance Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Human Resource Manager  
Katherine Culleeney.....Accounts Payable Specialist

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

## Gou’will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People” Health And Human Services Department

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director  
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Program)  
Brian Bolden .....Transportation Driver  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Dishqamu Community Land Trust

Vacant.....Director  
Kristen Crooks.....Project Manager  
Vacant.....Advancement Manager

## Lhatsik Houmoulu’l “Cultural Department

Vacant.....Da Gou louwi” Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk curriculum/Data specialist

## Ga’muluk Hagu’n Public Works Department

Ted Hernandez.....Public Works Director/THPO  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper  
George Buckley.....Water Operator  
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance

## Tsek Houdaqh Education Department

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Director  
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant

## Shawir Darrudaluduk “Natural Resources Department”

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director  
Stacy Giraldo.....Fisheries Technician  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Zack Erickson.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Mariah Buckley....Intern Gardener  
Vacant.....Nursery Manager

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted Hernandez .....Tribal Chairman (2020-2024)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)  
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Michelle Hernandez.....Treasurer (2024-2027)  
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2024-2027)  
Vacant .....Council Member (2020-2024)



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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):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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