



# *The Da'luk*

## WNRD Awarded \$470,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation

Way back in 2023, WNRD applied to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (from hereon Culvert AOP Program) and was awarded funding. The project area is along Butte Creek, a tributary to the Little Van Duzen River which eventually feeds into the Van Duzen River. The proposal aims to design a new stream crossing structure to replace a culvert that blocks passage to four miles of climate-resilient, cold-water spawning and rearing habitat for federally threatened steelhead and Pacific lamprey.



The photo shows the culverts that are parallel to each other and made from corrugated metal. They were designed for overtopping and act as a “low water crossing” but this pair of culverts has degraded over the years, so much so that they put steelhead at risk by blocking access to prime cold-water habitat. Pacific lamprey struggle with these culverts too, because the lips of the culverts are tearing and hard angles that make it difficult for lamprey to use their mouths to attach onto. For this work to be carried out, WNRD is seeking an engineering firm for the design work. The request for proposals can be found on the Tribe’s website.

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

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## **Ha'wa'lou DGRLCC visitors!**

It is officially February, and we hope that you are feeling the love this month!

**Arts Alive** is on **Saturday, February 1st**, here in Old Town, Jaroujiji (Eureka), from **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**. The Cultural Center will remain open late to participate in this fantastic event! Come by and celebrate local artists and vendors by visiting the many galleries and local businesses open late for this occasion.

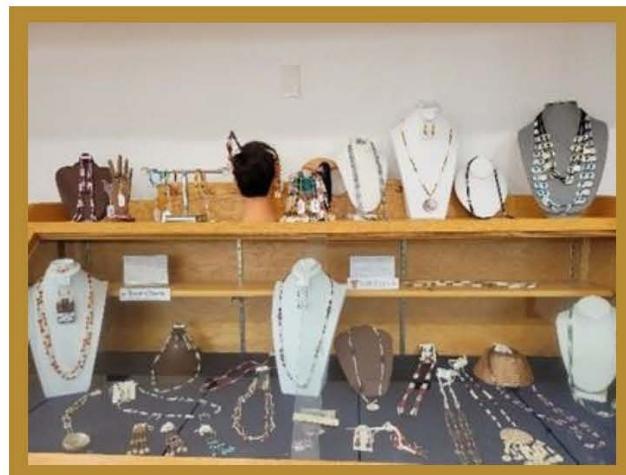
If you are an artist and would like to be featured here at the DGRLCC for Arts Alive, fill out one of our **Arts Alive Tabling Forms**, available on the Wiyot Tribe website or in person. We'd love to hear from you!

While you're down here, don't forget to check out our gift shop, located on the first floor.



Pair it with a card from our carousel of selections. To express our love and gratitude to you, we are offering 10% off all jewelry from February 9th-13th.

Looking for that perfect Valentine's Day gift for your loved one? We got you covered! We have plenty of items to choose from, including locally handcrafted jewelry.



When you're finished in the gift shop, be sure to visit our **museum space** on the mezzanine, which is now featuring our current exhibit: **Wiyot Traditional Foods**. This exhibit has been curated by our youth docents and focuses on some of the traditional foods that Wiyot people enjoy! There is also an interactive display where we are requesting that the community share some of their favorite recipes with us! Participation is available both in-person and online via the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center Facebook page.

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## **Exciting News: Youth Ambassadors!**

Speaking of our youth docents, we have some exciting news! The Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center is now a proud host site for **Two-Feathers' Youth Ambassadors**. They will be assisting in the curation of future exhibits, helping in our gift shop, graphic design, and more! Be sure to give them a warm **ha'wa'lou** next time you visit!

## **Holiday Hours:**

There are a couple of holidays we are observing this month. On **Friday, February 14th** and **Monday, February 17th**, the Cultural Center will be observing Washington and Lincoln's birthdays. Not to worry, you can still visit us over the weekend on **Saturday and Sunday** during our regular winter business hours.

## **Da Gou Rou Louwi' = "The Ongoing Return of All"**

We want to take this opportunity to share with the community some incredible donations that have recently made their way back home. Da Gou Rou Louwi' translates to "the ongoing return of all," which reflects our mission to serve as a space for Wiyot culture, language, belongings, and people to return and be embraced by the community. While we don't know the creators of these items, we are overjoyed to have them and deeply thank the donors for bringing them home. Join us in welcoming these recently donated items back:



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

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

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

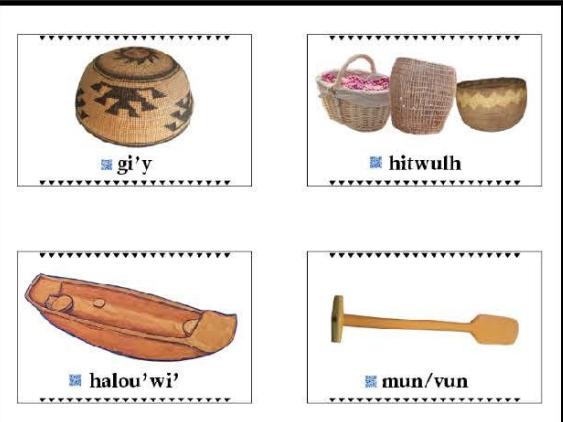
*the language of the Wiyot people*      its      again      coming to life

### **Ve Rridutgudaluqh, 2025**

*February ("the second month")*

#### **ANA SOULATLUK CURRICULUM AND LESSONS**

In January, Lynnika and Nina continued Soulatluk lessons at Loleta Elementary, with the entire 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade class (approx. 10 students) now participating! We are progressing through Unit 5: **Shouwa da ninatou?** (*What is it called?*), in which students learn the names of cultural items such as **halou' wi'** (canoe), **gi'y** (basket cap), and **voutw/ moutw** (front skirt/apron skirt), as well as some of the materials they are made from: **vadi'/ madi'** (wood), **hiqh** (hide/deerskin), and **huwighurruk** (plants). We will finish this unit in early February and will post the content online (scan the QR code at right). Please feel free to use this for your own self-study, or just to keep up with what your **tsek** (child/ren) have been practicing at school.



*NOTE: Email [lynnika@wiyot.us](mailto:lynnika@wiyot.us) if you would like copies/links to content from previous units.*

#### **BIA LANGUAGE VIDEO GRANT**

The videos for this grant were completed in December. However, we will continue to post one language video online (on YouTube & through social media) each Saturday for the next several months. Be sure to check the Soulatluk YouTube link regularly! (Scan the code at right and navigate to the **Harouklhamu'n** playlist to see the latest releases.) We hope you will enjoy (and learn from) these videos, and that they will help build your interest in Soulatluk. We also hope to inspire you to make your own language video this year: we have cameras, iPads, and knowledge gained from this project to help you create videos for whatever aspect of Soulatluk you'd like to share with each other.



#### **IMLS PLACE NAME MAPPING GRANT**

Lynnika is working to finalize the list of documented place names in the next month or so, in order to bring them to the Culture and Language Committee to recommend which content can be shared on public-facing maps and what information should remain tribal-access only. A recording of the project talk given on January 25 can be accessed via the Tribe's website at <https://www.wiyot.us/165/Projects> (middle of the page, in the "Qhili Soulatluk" section).

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## **VIRTUAL SOULATLUK LESSONS IN FEBRUARY**

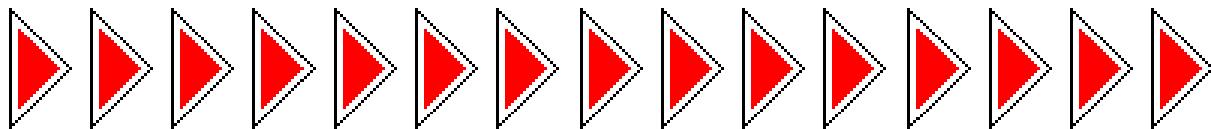


Wiyot people anywhere of all ages are welcome to join us **Wednesday, February 5 & Wednesday, February 19 from 4-5 p.m.** Please check the calendar at <http://www.wiyot.us/Calendar.aspx> (or scan the QR code at left) for the Zoom link.

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

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

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



## **14TH ANNUAL TWO-SPIRIT BAAITS POWWOW**

*Save the Date  
Saturday, February 1*

*Fort Mason Center  
San Francisco*

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

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Meet Tsek Houdaqh’s Eel River Valley High School Site Lead**

*Alfredo is joining the Education Department’s team as the Humboldt Bay Native Youth Community Project’s Eel River Valley High School Site Lead. The purpose of the Humboldt Bay Native Youth Community Project is to increase community collaborative efforts that promote college and career readiness in Native American students.*

My name is Alfredo Calderon, the new High School Site Lead working for Tsek Houdaqh. I am 33 years old, was born in San Diego, and lived in Mexico for the majority of my life. I went to elementary school in Mexico and for middle school I started transitioning to going to school in San Diego. My education continued in San Diego up until community college where I had a set ideal on getting a physics degree, I didn't know how hard it would actually be. It took me years to take the classes needed for me to do so and my 4-year college experience became a lot longer because of all the courses I had to take. When I finally finished my transfer courses for that degree, I moved to Humboldt in 2016 to continue my education. The one problem that I faced here which I did not expect to have experienced was that I felt an incredible loneliness; with no one that I could turn to for support when needed, it became very difficult to adjust to life here. As a result of that, I unfortunately had to leave school. In order to gather some funds to get myself back on my feet, I started working here and eventually left Humboldt in search of a better life. I tried many places and ultimately, I noticed that I was not happy; it wasn't because of where I was living but it was because I wasn't happy with how I left my dreams of studying physics. It took me a long time, perhaps a little bit longer than I would have wanted, to realize it. I had gone through so many jobs that were fun and in which I learned a lot but jobs in which I would always be remembered of my education path and how I missed it. After having a couple of jobs which made me realize that I could have been doing so much better if I had finished my degree, I decided to go back to school. All that time that I spent looking for a new life

served me as a lesson to realize that I could not leave my old life behind because it involved my dreams and the people that I love and the promise I made to them and myself. I am very happy to say that as of 2024 I am a graduate of Cal Poly Humboldt in Physics with emphasis in Astronomy. My goals after achieving that were always to help students who, like me, also struggle with their education in any way; for them to find their career paths and/or dreams and how they can uphold themselves and bring others close to them up as well. I would love to eventually be a teacher and inspire more students to continue even if it seems like a very hard subject to learn like Math or Physics can be. If I can do it, so can everyone else. I am very excited to be a part of the Tsek Houdaqh team and be of service and help to the Wiyot Tribe; wishing the best to everyone and for the opportunity to learn as much from you as possible. You'll be finding me more at the Fortuna High School site where I will have an office, but I will also be at the reservation some days. As an extra, feel free to recommend anyone who needs help in Math or any Science class over so we can find the right way to learn.



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Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez



## **2024/2025 Honoring Wiyot Graduates**

The Wiyot Education Department would like to honor Wiyot Graduates graduating College (honor sash), high school (honor sash), junior high/middle school (two strand necklace), and kindergarten/preschool (one strand necklace). To be eligible you must be a Wiyot citizen. Students are eligible for a graduation honor once per lifetime per graduation type.

Honor cords are provided to recognize Wiyot citizens at graduation ceremonies. Students may submit a complete application to [scholarship@wiyot.us](mailto:scholarship@wiyot.us).

Students applying for this program need to meet the guidelines below.

### **Guidelines**

The following items need to be included together to be considered:

1. Completed Wiyot Graduation Honor application form.
2. A copy of the student's most recent high school transcript (official or unofficial)
3. Student must be a registered citizen of the Wiyot Tribe
4. Student must be attending presently attending school.
5. Students are eligible for one graduation type Event PER LIFETIME.
6. Students must be classified as graduating.

Application deadline for honor cords is March 31th. Any applications received after this date may not receive an honor cord in time for graduation. Honor cords will be mailed out by April 14th, if the application is received by late applications will not be accepted.

**\*\*\*See Next Page for Application\*\*\***



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

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **2024/2025 Honoring Wiyot Graduates Form**

*Application must be received by March 31th to ensure processing time. Return to 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551 OR [scholarship@wiyat.us](mailto:scholarship@wiyat.us).*

### Section I. Applicant Information:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Wiyot citizenship ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Suffix

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Home phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Pickup at: Tribal office \_\_\_\_\_ or Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student (parent if minor) email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student (parent/guardian if minor) signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or legal guardian name (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Suffix

### Section II. Event Type: (Each event available once per lifetime):

Preschool/Kindergarten

Junior high school/middle school

High school

College

### **Section III. Graduate Verification:** (counselor or school administrator Section)

By signing below, you are verifying the above student is graduating and in good standing to graduate:

Signature and title of counselor or school administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of counselor or school administrator \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ School district: \_\_\_\_\_

Student expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Required Document: The most recent school transcript is required, including homeschooled students. Transcript can be unofficial and must accompany this application

*Application will be completed in its entirety. The student's most recent transcript is required for processing of the application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.*

*\*\*\*NOTE: Submission of this application is not a guarantee. \*\*\**

**\*\*\*End of Application\*\*\***

# **Tsek Houdagh "Where the Children Are At"**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **2024/2025 Scholarship Awardee Spotlight: James Tipton**

*Native American students everywhere continue to pursue their higher education and job training. Whether you are working to achieve a personal goal, earn higher wages, or advance in your career, the Wiyot Tribe may have a scholarship/grant right for you and your educational journey. This month the Education Department spoke with, James Tipton, a 2023/2024 scholarship awardee, about his higher education journey and experience applying for Wiyot scholarships and grants.*

### **What inspired you to pursue your higher education?**

My inspiration to pursue higher education stems from a deep commitment to justice and advocacy for Indigenous communities. The injustices faced by Native Americans, from historical atrocities to modern systemic challenges, drive my passion to specialize in tribal law. I aim to help tribes address land disputes and preserve cultural rights, empowering them to protect their sovereignty and shape their futures.

Becoming a lawyer allows me to use the law as a tool for meaningful change—advocating for fairness, transparency, and the preservation of Indigenous voices. My education is a step toward honoring the resilience of our people and ensuring progress for generations to come.

### **What has the higher education experience been like for you?**

My higher education journey has been transformative, and I owe so much of my success to the unwavering support and guidance of my parents, Martha and Thomas. They instilled in me a simple yet powerful belief: with dedication and hard work, I could achieve anything I set my mind to. Their encouragement laid the foundation for my confidence and determination to pursue my dreams.

From a young age, I was fascinated by the law—its structure, its potential for justice, and its power to create change. That fascination grew into a calling,

motivating me to earn a master's degree in compliance law before embarking on my journey through law school. Each step along the way has been challenging, but it has also been deeply rewarding. My parents' words constantly echo in my mind, reminding me that perseverance and commitment can overcome any obstacle.

### **What is one piece of advice you would give a Native American student who is considering pursuing a higher education?**

For Native American students considering higher education, I want you to know that your dreams are within reach. Pursuing higher education is more than a personal achievement—it's an investment in yourself, your community, and the future of our people. Every degree earned by someone in our community strengthens our voice, our representation, and our ability to drive meaningful change.

I would advise Native American students to seek mentors, join student groups, and surround yourself with people who support and inspire you.

If you have a dream, pursue it wholeheartedly. We are fortunate to live in a country where opportunities abound, and with dedication, hard work, and belief in your potential, there are no limits to what you can accomplish. Remember, every step you take toward your goals helps pave the way for others to follow.

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

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## **2023/2024 Scholarship Awardee Spotlight: James Tipton (Continued)**

### **What has your experience been applying to the Tribe's higher education scholarships/grants?**

My experience applying for the Tribe's higher education scholarships and grants has been overwhelmingly positive. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been awarded the Wiyot Higher Education Grant both as an undergraduate pursuing my bachelor's degree and more recently as a law student. These grants have significantly lightened my financial burden and allowed me to focus on my studies and aspirations.

Director Hernandez has been instrumental in this process. Not only has she provided up-to-date application documents and clear guidance, but she has also gone above and beyond by sharing leads on external scholarship opportunities. Her support has been invaluable.

I am deeply grateful to my Tribe, Director Hernandez, and the Mary, Bill & Goldie Fund for Higher

Education, as well as everyone involved in making these grants possible. Director Hernandez's collaboration with my law school made the verification and disbursement process seamless, further demonstrating her commitment to supporting Tribal members in their educational journeys.



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

### **2024/2025 School Year Deadlines:**

**FAFSA: 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 can be found at [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us).**

**For more information about scholarships, please contact the Education Department at (707) 733-5055 or [scholarship@wiyot.us](mailto:scholarship@wiyot.us).**

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

Submitted By: HHS

**The NCIDC Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program for Wiyot families in California is coming soon!**

**Provides support for your energy bills, including:**

- ◆ Electricity
- ◆ Gas—natural, propane
- ◆ Firewood (must follow the Men's Camp pricing & reside in the Tribe's service area for delivery)

**Look for a notice in the March newsletter  
for the opening announcement!**

**Contact the HHS Department Social Work Advocate at  
707-733-5055 if you have any questions.**

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Submitted By: Valerie Reed

### **ATTENTION!!!!!!**

Free Tax Preparation  
Services Available!



**Eligibility:** Individuals and families in Humboldt County with an annual income less than \$73,000. The service is designed for basic tax returns and **excludes** returns involving rental property or digital currency, farms and returns with “married filing separately” status.

**When:** Feb. 6 through April 15, 2025, by appointment only

Contact: **707-443-9747**, x1241 for the following locations

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Salvation Army (2123 Tydd St.) on Saturdays.
- Willow Creek
- Southern Humboldt
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**Fortuna location and contact: 707-726-9203**

- Fortuna Senior Center on Mondays throughout tax season

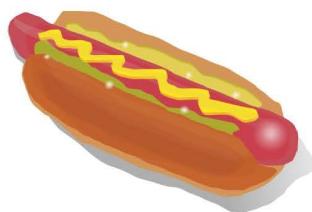
# Celebrate Community

## A Village Way of Life

### *Family Game Night*

**Friday, February 21st, 2025**  
**6 to 8 PM**

**Come bring the whole family to  
Play, eat and have lots of fun!!!**



**Hosted by HHS Department**

# **CALL HHS TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP!!**

## **How can the Homeowner's Assistance Fund work for you?**

The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund program can help qualified households that have had hardship because of and since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to assist with the following: (applicants must meet certain requirements):

### **Payment Assistance for Homeowners:**

**Mortgage Payments**

**Utilities**

**Principal Reduction**

**Internet**

**Insurance**

**Taxes**

**Down Payments**

**Loans**

Find the application on the Tribe's website <[www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us)> or call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate for more info at 707-733-5055.

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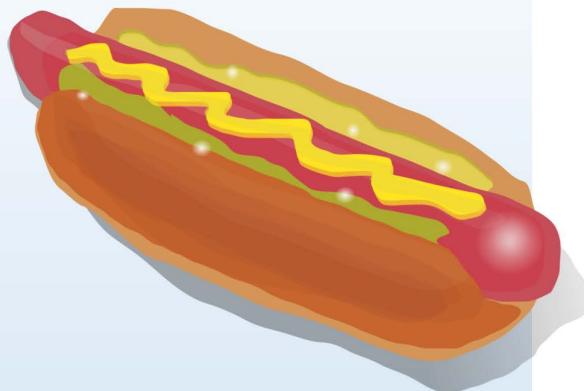
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Submitted By: Valerie Reed



**Gou'wil da lalouluwuk  
(Taking Care of People)  
Health & Human Services**

**Presents a  
Celebrate Community  
Village Way of Life  
event!**



***Family Game Night***



**February 21st, 2025 6—8 PM**

**Come bring the whole family to play  
various board games  
With a hotdog dinner**

# **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

## February 2025 Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elder) Lunch Menu

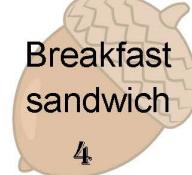
**Dagoushipga'w  
(Monday)**



Elk stew

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**Darritvewi'gurr  
(Tuesday)**



Breakfast  
sandwich

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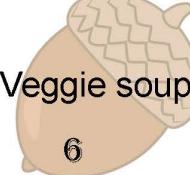
**Darrikvewi'gurr  
(Wednesday)**



Baked  
chicken

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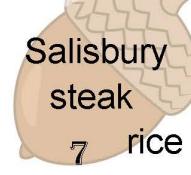
**Darra'vewi'gurr  
(Thursday)**



Veggie soup

6

**We'sagh  
dahuluvewi'gurr  
(Friday)**



Salisbury  
steak

7 rice

Egg salad  
sandwich

10

Turkey  
cabbage  
soup

11

Veggie  
lasagna

12

Tuna  
lettuce  
wrap

13

Office  
closed

14

Office  
closed

17

Turkey  
cheese  
sandwich

18

Pork chops  
potatoes

19

Chicken  
parm pasta

20

Veggie  
wrap

21

Denver  
omelet

24

Salmon  
potatoes

25

Turkey  
stir-fry  
rice

26

Spaghetti

27

Chef salad

28

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)

For a Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff Reservation,

please call the HHS Dept. for more information at (707) 733-5055.



# Stretching Class

*With Elizabeth Edwards*

*Elder Advocate*

*Health and Human Services Dept.*

**Every Tues/Thurs**

**Jan 21st– Feb 28th from 11:00am-12pm**

**Held At :**

**Wiyot Tribe Tribal Office– Big Room**

**1000 Wiyot Drive**

**Loleta, CA 95551**

**(707) 733-5055**



## **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

# **February 2025**

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 BCM 4pm	11	12	13	14 Tribal office closed ob- servance Washington Holiday	15
16	17 Tribal office closed ob- servance Lincoln Hol- iday	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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### **FREE WOOD ROUNDS!**

Please call Brian Mead at the Tribal Office 707-733-5055 before going to the wood yard. Hours for wood pick up is Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. NO WOOD PICK UP during holidays or weekends.



Congratulations to Jocelin Fowler & Anthony Gomes!

Grayson Anthony Gomes was born on August 14, 2024, weighing 7lbs 5.3 oz. and 19 3/4 inches!



# Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

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Anderson, Sonja  
Angell, Lucius  
Atwell, Julieanna  
Banks, Summer  
Bartow, Jerome  
Benitez, Michael  
Bigelow, Audrey F.  
Black, Dennis  
Black, Eaden A.  
Brown, Dylan  
Buckley, Justin  
Carter, Mathilde  
Crummett, Vernon  
Duncan, Tyler  
Durazo, Marilyn  
Evenson, Franklin  
Goodson, Carol  
Guyer, Aryana  
Keisner, Glenn Jr.  
Kitts, John-Morgan A.  
Krauel, Denise  
Leady, Brayleigh  
Madison, Britt Richard  
Mager, Charles  
Mallett, Austin  
McCall, Illene  
Miller, Jonathan  
Nicholson, Randy  
Nicholson, Serena  
Pudnos, Catherine  
Reyes, Arlene F.  
Robblee, Brent A. Rossig  
Rodriguez, April  
Shelldy, Addison  
Steen, Denise  
Thurman, Ralph M. Jr.  
Tipton, Joseph  
Tompkins, David  
Wilson, Linda  
Woodhurst, Johnny  
Zacha, Zennon  
Zacha, Zyris



***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 Rou Wenoutwilh check.***



## Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together” Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant  
Hazel Garcia.....Administrator Assistant  
Farzad Forouhar .....Finance Manager  
Julian Herman....Accounts Payable Specialist

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

Valerie Reed.....Health & Human Service Director  
Robert Pitts Jr.....Social Work Advocate  
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Advocate)  
Brian Bolden .....Transportation Driver  
Vanessa Rios..... Laqilh Haluni (Cook)  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Michelle Vassel.....Director  
Donna Wilson.....Property Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Project Manager

## Lhatsik Houmoulu’l “Cultural Department

Ben Brown.....Da Gou louwi” Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk Curriculum/Data Specialist  
Jazzmin Fontenot.....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Manager  
Sadie Hall.....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent  
Josh Rosewolf....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent  
Brian Mead Jr.....Da Gou Rou Louwi’ Docent

## Ga’muluk Hagu’n Public Works Department

Ted Hernandez.....Public Works Director/THPO  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper  
Dakota James.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance  
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  
Tiffany Douglas.....Fisheries Technician  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Vacant.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Natalie Calderon.....Forestry Technician  
Lindsey Abernathy .....Climate Specialist

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Brian Mead .....Interim Tribal Chairman (2025-2028)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)  
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Vanessa Rios.....Treasurer (2024-2027)  
Vacant.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2024-2027)  
Leo James .....Council Member (2025-2028)



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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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