



# *The Da'luk*



Wiyot Tribe  
General Council Meeting  
April 5, 2025  
Polls open 10 am-1pm  
**Agenda**

1. Call to order

2. Election

3. Treasurer (2023-2027)

Vanessa Rios

4. Minutes

Approve October 2024 General Council Minutes

5. Amendments

Constitutional Amendment-Proposed New Language to Article III. Citizenship Section 1 Citizenship Criteria d) Strike "All other persons with a minimum 1/8 degree Wiyot Indian blood, provided they are not enrolled in another tribe, reservation, band or rancheria, and replace with "All other persons with a Certificate Degree of Wiyot Indian Blood, provided they are not enrolled in another tribe, reservation, band or rancheria.

6. Reports:

- A. Chairman's Report
- B. Vice Chairman's Report
- C. Secretary's Report
- D. Treasurer Report

7. Adjournment

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

Submitted By: NRD staff

## **6PPD-Q: What Is It and Why Does It Matter**

In January, WNRD staff did some water quality testing in streams for a chemical called 6PPD-Q. This chemical is a pollutant of concern to our waterways that comes from stormwater runoff. Most commonly, the chemical 6-PPD is found in tires and is vital to ensuring the longevity of your vehicle’s tires. 6PPD-quinone (6PPD-Q) is the byproduct of 6PPD that has reacted with ozone in the atmosphere. It is used by manufacturers to prevent rubber from reacting with ozone and oxygen, inhibiting premature degradation or cracking.

This chemical is concerning because there is still so much, we do not know about it. What we do know is that when it rains, 6PPD residue, left by tires on busy roads, runs off into waterways. The busier the road, the higher the concentration of 6PPD that is left on the roadway. Aquatic species, especially coho salmon, are particularly sensitive to this chemical. The research that has been done thus far shows that some trout species, including rainbow and cutthroat, are somewhat sensitive to this chemical while Chinook and Pacific lamprey seem to be less affected.

Generally, concentrations of 6PPD-Q are highest after the first flush of the water year. The first flush refers to high concentrations of pollutants in stormwater runoff during the first part of a rainstorm. The first rainstorm of each rainy season is typically going to have the highest concentration of pollutants since the ground surface has had many months of buildup. A few weeks without precipitation can also cause a

minor first flush effect. After a dry period, in late January, Shawir Darrudaluduk staff sampled water from four creeks in Wiyot ancestral territory: Jolly Giant Creek in Arcata, Powers Creek in Blue Lake, Salmon Creek in Loleta, and Strongs Creek in Fortuna. At the time of sampling, a half inch of rain had already fallen after no precipitation in the 24 days prior to that. Since we sampled on a Friday, we stored the samples in the refrigerator throughout the weekend before packing them up and shipping them off for lab analysis the following week.

Results came back quickly. Jolly Giant Creek had the highest concentration of 6PPD-Q. The second most affected stream was Strongs Creek with Powers Creek following not far behind. The results showed only one of the sample sites having an absence of 6PPD-Q, Salmon Creek. The amount of 6PPD-Q present in Jolly Giant and Strongs creek were both above the EPA screening value for acute exposure in freshwater. This means that in Jolly Giant Creek, the amount of 6PPD found is high enough to indicate we could expect over half of recently hatched coho salmon to die if they were exposed to this level of pollution for 24 hours. As far as we know, this is the first time 6PPD-Q has been detected in streams around Wigi/Wiya’t. Moving forward with this information, we hope to test more locations in the future. One goal we have is possibly to test one location multiple times throughout a storm to determine when the peak concentration for receiving waters is.



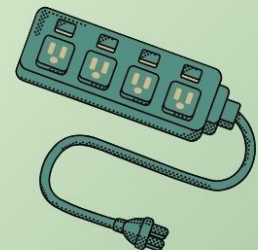
# **Wiyot NRD is Now Accepting E-Waste!**



**Are old phones, computers, or cords taking up space in your life? Bring your unwanted electronic products over to WNRD and we will take it to a local waste center for you!**

## **We Can Accept:**

- hand-held devices (phones, iPods, tablets)
- TVs
- VCRs and DVD players
- batteries
- stereos, digital clocks
- fluorescent light bulbs
- computers, monitors, fax machines, copiers
- cords, keyboards and mice
- small household appliances (toaster ovens, microwaves, etc.)



**Please contact WNRD with questions about other items that can be disposed of or about disposal of hazardous items, at [marisa@wiyot.us](mailto:marisa@wiyot.us) or 707-733-5055 x106**



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: NRD staff

## Hiksha’ri is Full of Fish: A Spawner Survey Update

Back in October, the Wiyot Tribe, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), took the lead on two large woody debris habitat restoration projects, where 140 trees were felled and placed into Hiksha’ri (Elk River). Most trees were added in the upper South Fork section to create new habitat for aquatic species including coho salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey. Hiksha’ri is known for having the strongest coho salmon return throughout the Wigi watershed. After the first early rainstorms, coho salmon began arriving to spawn in Hiksha’ri around mid-December. The Wiyot Natural Resources Department and the BLM fisheries crews worked together to begin counting coho salmon on spawner surveys for a population estimate.

On a spawner survey, teams of surveyors walk upstream a mile or two, taking care to disturb as little habitat as possible. Each team usually consists of two to three surveyors and carries a measuring stick, flagging, and a data sheet. Surveyors look for redds (salmon nests) and salmon. Each redd is counted, and flagging is tied to a nearby tree, so future surveyors can recognize the redd and record how it changes over time. Each individual salmon is counted, their sex (male or female) and length are recorded. If the fish is alive, surveyors will approximate the length of the fish. However, if the fish is dead, surveyors will collect an actual length.



*Figure 1: Male coho in the last stage of life on the Hiksha’ri spawning ground. The salmon’s body will keep the watershed healthy for its offspring and future generations.*

spotted utilizing the habitat that the woody debris has added to build their redds.

In addition, there has been a large log jam in an upstream survey section which has historically been impassable for adult fish. This means they could not access a large section of river above the jam for spawning. Between a combination of loosening efforts from BLM and natural shifting of the logs during high flow events over the last year, over 50 coho (and a few steelhead) have been seen making it past the jam this year! We plan to continue surveying for fish through February, in hopes of catching steelhead spawning.



*Figure 2: Four coho salmon building redds in newly placed large wood habitat.*

## Mouralherwaqh 2022 – NOW

The WNRD is approaching the tail end of the Mouralherwaqh grant from the Ocean Protection Council (OPC). The OPC provided the grant which made the reacquisition of Mouralherwaqh possible. Also supported by this grant, we were given opportunities to collect data to develop plans, engage with the community, and develop partnerships and friendships, all while gaining limitless appreciation for this piece of land.

Cal Poly Humboldt, College of the Redwoods, and South Bay Elementary School have all enjoyed tours of Mouralherwaqh. In addition to their visits, students and professors at the university have helped collect data in support of the WNRD’s planning efforts. This included Environmental Engineering students who took measurements of the culvert between the two wetlands, Ecological Restoration students who collected data on vegetative species, and students from both colleges have participated in summer internships where they have collected data on Mouralherwaqh’s trees, plants, and wetlands. Some of the students who have been involved are also citizens of the Wiyot Tribe. We’ve also partnered with Humboldt Baykeeper, giving us the ability to conduct water quality monitoring within the wetlands.

From now until the end of March 2025, our department is working on deliverable items to be sent to OPC. Some of our last deliverables include benthic macroinvertebrate surveys, and California Rapid Assessment Methods (CRAM) on the wetlands, as well as land surveys, a cultural resources investigation, and installing a sign acknowledging our source of funds, as required by OPC. You may find any of the WNRD specialists, technicians, or our director out at

Mouralherwaqh working on these tasks.

Our findings will be added to our current version of the Mouralherwaqh Forest Management Plan (FMP). We thank Zachary Erickson, our recent Forestry Specialist and a Registered Professional Forester, for working hard to put the FMP together. Our next steps with this plan involve applying for funding to pursue restoration on the property. We hope this plan can see light and make way for the tender love and care that Mouralherwaqh deserves.



Figure 1: South Bay Elementary students visiting Mouralherwaqh



Figure 2: Student interns collecting tree data at Mouralherwaqh, supervised by Zachary Erickson

# WIYOT TRIBE IS HIRING



Wanna join our team?

- Forestry Technician
- Solid Waste Technician
- Forest Specialist
- Eel River Valley Elementary Education Site lead
- Green Energy Specialist
- Eel River Valley Tutor

*For application, job description and additional information contact Wiyot Tribe Human Resources at online at:*

*<https://www.wiyot.us/Jobs.aspx>  
or email  
[humanresources@wiyot.us](mailto:humanresources@wiyot.us)*

*Resume's and CV's are not accepted without a signed application. Positions are open until filled*

*Native preference applies to Native American applicants under section 7(b) of Public Law 93-638.*





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

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

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

Spring is upon us, and we have some fun and exciting new things happening here at the **Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center!**

### **Arts Alive is Happening on Saturday, March 1st!**

*From 6 PM to 9 PM in Old Town Eureka*

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.

### **Calling all artists!**

If you are an artist and would like to be featured here at the DGRLLCC during 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!

### **Spring Showers Call for New Umbrellas!**

Be prepared for those early spring showers by picking up a new umbrella from our selection in the **gift shop!** These umbrellas are from **Rabbit Studios** and feature beautiful designs by **Cherokee artists Bill & Traci Rabbit.**

### **Calling All Indigenous Artists & Crafters!**

If you or someone you know is an indigenous artist or crafter and are looking for a space to sell your goods, we would love to offer you that space! Simply fill out a **Supplier Intake Form** and return it to the center to get started.



### **Exciting Announcement: Cultural Classes Coming Soon!**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a series of **cultural classes!** These classes will be held on **Saturdays** and are open to the **Wiyot community.**

There is a limited number of seats for these classes, so be sure to **call the Cultural Center** and reserve your spot today! This series will run through the **end of May.**



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

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

If you need transportation to any of the classes, please contact the **main office** to arrange a ride with **Health and Human Services**.



## **Schedule of Classes:**

**Sat. 3/8, 1 PM – 2 PM: Soulatluk Language Class**

*(Virtual participation through Zoom offered)*

**Sat. 3/15, 1 PM – 2:30 PM: Book Reading**

Come and enjoy a reading of excerpts from books related to Native American issues and cultures. Participate in a group reflection.

**Sat. 3/22, 1 PM – 2 PM: Soulatluk Language Class**

*(Virtual participation through Zoom offered)*

**Sat. 3/29, 1 PM – 3:30 PM: Weaving Wellness with Brandon Duran**

Learn how to weave using wellness! This class is open to all ages and experience levels.

Food will be provided for participants.

## **Youth Docents Curating the Next Exhibit!**

Our **youth docents** are hard at work curating our next exhibit: **Transformer Lhatsiks (Transformer Stories)**, set to open this month.

For updates on the opening date, please check out our **website** or follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

**Da Gou Rou Louwi' – 'The ongoing return of all':**



# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

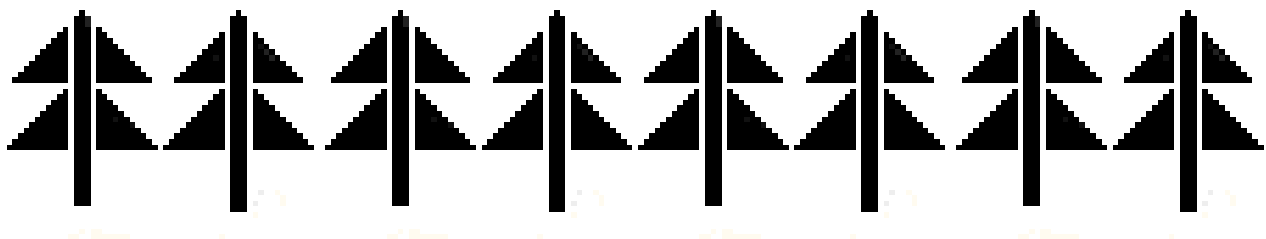
This past month, we had the honor of celebrating two important **repatriations** that have found their way home. Three **ceremonial pipes** and a **ceremonial cap** were returned from the **Field Museum** in Chicago. Additionally, the **Corning Museum of Glass** in New York returned a **ceremonial blade**, which had been in their collections since **1965**.

We are especially grateful to **Wiyot Tribe Council members Hazel Garcia and Vanessa Rios**, who traveled all the way to **New York** to personally bring the blade home.

Join us in celebrating their **journey home** and the return of these significant cultural items.



*Wiyot Tribe Council Members Hazel Garcia and Vanessa Rios (center) with Corning Museum staff (left to right) Carole Ann Fabian, Katherine Larson, Karol Wight, and Warren Bunn, after the transfer of the ceremonial blade. P.C. the Corning Museum of Glass.*



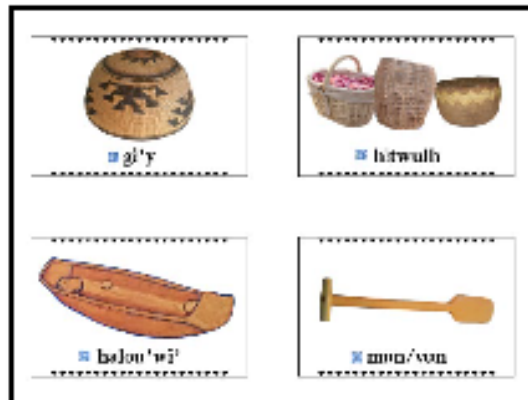
# Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

**Ve Rrikutgudaluqh, 2025**  
*March ("the third month")*

## ANA SOULATLUK CURRICULUM AND LESSONS

In February, Lynnika and Nina continued Soulatluk lessons at Loleta Elementary, and completed



Unit 5: *Shouwa da ninatou?* (*What is it called?*), in which students learned 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), *high* (hide/deerskin), and *huwighurruk* (plants). The unit concluded with a wrap-up project in the style of a Cultural Center docent's presentation. You can watch a video or download a printable PDF summary of Unit 5 at <https://www.wiyot.us/446/Ship-Dalouy> or by scanning the QR code above with your phone.



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

In March, we will teach Unit 6, which focuses on language about traditional foods. We are also making great progress in preparing the Da Da'louy (2<sup>nd</sup> year) Soulatluk curriculum.

## BIA LANGUAGE VIDEO GRANT

Don't forget to check your social media for the latest Soulatluk video release from our project that wrapped up in 2024! (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 continues working to finalize the list of documented place names in order to bring them to the Culture and Language Committee.

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

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

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

**Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisugu'l**  
the language of the Wiyot people      its      again      coming to life



# **Tsek Houdagh ‘where the children are’**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **Girl's Regalia Workshop: Traditional Dentalium Halos**

**Native American Students in grades 6th to 12th** are invited to participate in a **2-day workshop learning about traditional Halos and how to make one.** At the end of the 2-day workshop, students will be able to take their Halo home. **Supplies/materials and a light dinner will be provided!**

**Dates:** March 13th & March 20th

**Time:** 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

**Location:** Wiyot Tribe Community Center, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA

## **Honoring Our Graduates Beading Days**

The Wiyot Tribe's Education Department invites you to our **Honoring Our Graduates Beading Days.** Together the Wiyot Tribe's Education staff and community members will bead **honor necklaces and sashes for our preschool, middle school, high school, and college graduates!** We ask that you come in good spirits, so that our positive thoughts and prayers go into the Honor Necklaces and Sashes. Together we will celebrate and honor our next generation of scholars!

**Dates:** April 1st & 2nd

**Time:** 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM

**Location:** Wiyot Tribe Community Center, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA



# **Tsek Houdagh 'where the children are'**

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 Houdagh 'where the children are'**

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@wiyot.us](mailto:scholarship@wiyot.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

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*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'**

Submitted By: Elizabeth Hernandez

## **2024/2025 Scholarship Awardee Spotlight: Wanda Hernandez**

*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. This month the Education Department spoke with, Wanda Hernandez, a 2024/2025 scholarship awardee, about her higher education journey and experience applying for Wiyot scholarships and grants. Wanda is currently in her second year at California State University of Sacramento. Wanda is working towards receiving her Bachelor's of Arts in Biological Anthropology and Archeology.*

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

Throughout high school, I always knew I wanted to go to college. I originally thought that I would become a Marine Biologist, but as I began researching different schools and programs, the anthropology program at Sac State caught my attention. I found that getting my degree in anthropology, would lead to more opportunities in life, like traveling the world and experiencing the different cultures.

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

My experience has been great at Sac State!

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

Do your research! Always look at the departments and programs for the major you're interested in. Some schools have really great programs that will meet your needs and fit your individual learning style, while some might not be a good fit. This is your experience, so make it as great as possible!

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

My experience applying for the Tribe's higher education scholarships was great! The application process was quick and easy. And the tribe sent me updates to let me know when my application was accepted for review, when I was awarded the grants and scholarships, and how much I was awarded. But contact your school's Financial Aid Office early! I had a few setbacks with mine due to my FAFSA.



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

### **2025/2026 School Year Deadlines:**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

BIA Higher Education Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

BIA Job Training Program Scholarship: **August 1, 2025**

Mary, Bill & Goldie Scholarship (SRCF): **August 1, 2025**

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).**





Attention Wiyot Elders,  
You are Cordially Invited  
to a fun-filled field trip!

When: Friday March 14th

Where: Clarke Museum Guided Tour

11:30 am -1:00 pm

& Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center

1:00 pm—2:00 pm

If you are interested we are providing transportation  
with pick-up and drop off. Lunch will be provided.



Please call Liz Edwards, Elders Advocate  
at (707) 733-5055 for more info and to  
schedule transportation .

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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



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

*Rourraguou' Muk (All My  
Relations) - Family Violence  
Prevention Services*

**A Celebrate Community  
Village Way of Life event!**

***Family Movie Night***

**March 21st, 2025, 6—8 PM**

**Come bring the whole family!  
Dinner & snacks will be provided.**

**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.**



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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

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

**Dagoushipga'w**  
(Monday)

Apple 3  
Spinach  
Salad

**Darritvewi'gurr**  
(Tuesday)

Tuna 4  
Casserole

**Darrikvewi'gurr**  
(Wednesday)

Shepard's 5  
Pie

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

Turkey 6  
Stir-fry

**We'sagh  
dahuluwewi'gurr**

Breakfast 7  
Burrito

Veggie 10  
Pasta

Pork 11  
Chops

BBQ 12  
Chicken

Salmon 13

Egg Salad 14  
Sandwich

17  
Corned Beef  
& Cabbage

18  
Quinoa  
Salad

19  
Spaghetti

20  
Salisbury  
Steak

21  
Chef  
Salad

24  
Chili

25  
Bok  
Choy Stir  
-fry

26  
Pulled  
Pork  
Sandwich

27  
Veggie  
Lasagna

28  
Turkey  
Wrap

31  
Chicken  
Parmesan

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)  
For a Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) meal delivery within 25 miles from  
Wiyot Tribe Reservation .

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

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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



The NCIDC Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program  
for eligible Wiyot Citizens in California is Now Open!

Assistance for your energy bills, including:

- ♦ Electricity/gas AND/OR Propane
- ♦ Firewood\*\* OR Pellets

\*\*must follow Men's Camp pricing & reside in the Tribe's service area for delivery)

## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Household Size	Maximum Income Eligibility Guideline	100-75%	75% of maximum income	75-50%	50% of maximum income	50-0%	Categorically eligible participants receive minimum
1	\$8,040		\$28,530		\$19,020		\$0
2	\$18,745		\$37,309		\$24,873		\$0
3	\$26,450		\$46,088		\$30,725		\$0
4	\$38,155		\$54,866		\$36,578		\$0
5	\$44,859		\$63,644		\$42,430		\$0
6	\$50,564		\$72,423		\$48,282		\$0
7	\$56,269		\$74,069		\$49,380		\$0
8	\$100,953		\$75,715		\$50,477		\$0
9	\$103,148		\$77,361		\$51,574		\$0
10	\$105,343		\$79,007		\$52,672		\$0
11	\$107,537		\$80,653		\$53,769		\$0
12	\$109,732		\$82,299		\$54,866		\$0
Benefit Amount		\$300		\$400		\$500	

Contact the HHS Department Social Work Advocate  
at 707-733-5055 to complete an Intake Form  
or if you have any questions.

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

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](tel:707-443-9747), x1241 for the following locations

- Eureka—Humboldt Senior Resource Center (1910 California St.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Salvation Army (2123 Tydd St.) on Saturdays.
- Willow Creek
- Southern Humboldt
- Rio Dell
- McKinleyville

**Fortuna location and contact:** [707-726-9203](tel:707-726-9203)

- Fortuna Senior Center on Mondays throughout tax season

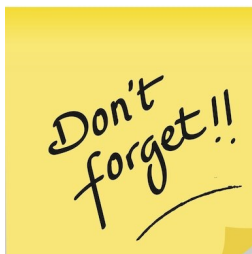




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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 Enrollment Mtg 10 am	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 International Women's Day
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 BCM 4pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Absentee Bal- lot Request Due	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Annual General Council Meeting will be held on April 5th, 2025.  
Polls will open 10am-1pm.  
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Abernathy, Lindsey  
Albright, Dianne Janese  
Allen-Wright Majeztik  
Alton, Corinne T.  
Anagnost, Karli  
Atwell, Benjamin  
Atwell, Stewart  
Black, Cody  
Black, Timothy  
Brimmer, Nadia  
Buckley, Mariah  
Burrus, Dyllan G.  
Burrus, Trig R.  
Carlson, Kathryn  
Carter, Jazlyn  
Carter, Wylder  
Castaneda, Marie A.  
Chastain, Lois  
Christensen, Suzanne  
Clark, Andrew  
Clark, Ramona  
Earhart, Denise  
Frank, William IV  
Garcia, Hazel  
Gilchrist, Paige  
Hale, Gabrielle  
Hilton, Delores  
Howell, Andrew H.  
Huffman, Kendall  
James, Leo  
James-Sedeno, Amanda  
Johnson, Mark  
Jones, Novella  
Jones, Tamera  
Keisner, Christopher  
Khonach, Matthew  
Lane, Colton Leroy Allen  
Lane, Rylynn  
Leaton, Kelcee  
Lopez, Fawn  
Maher, Victoria  
McKenzie, Roxanne  
Mead, Brian Jr.

Mead, Dylan  
Miller, Jeralyn  
Miller, Lenard Alan  
Nicholson, Lilly  
Paguia, James Michael  
Pancoast, Barbara  
Pedro, Javen  
Powell, Layla  
Prater, Tiaira  
Pullis, Wayne  
Purdum, Anthony  
Purdum, River  
Putnam, Elija  
Raymer, Eugene  
Rodriguez, Jo Jo  
Rodriguez, Monique  
Roepcke, Kurt  
Santos, Naomi  
Scriven, Brittney  
Staggs, James  
Stephenson, Aaron  
Stephenson, Marissa  
Sundquist, Tammara  
Wall, Cylas  
Wilde, CaCindra  
Wilkinson, Hilanea  
Wilkinson, Leona  
Wolf, Evan  
Woodhurst, Jacob  
Wright, Muhkai  
Wright, Rainnin



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to change your address?***

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

***[addresschange@wiyot.us](mailto:addresschange@wiyot.us)***

***If your address isn't up to date  
you may not receive your quarter-  
ly 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 re-  
place 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  
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## 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 Houmoulul’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 Houdagh Education Department

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Director  
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant  
Alfredo Calderon.....Site Lead Fortuna Highschool

## 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)



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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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