



# *The Da'luk*

## California Tribal Nations Summit



Governor Newsom, his cabinet members, as well as all of the heads of all State agencies met on March 24, 2025, with California Tribal Nations in Sacramento. Topics included Tribal affairs in the Newsom Administration, an overview of the Administration's approach to tribal nations, as well as updates on several key initiatives. Participants also discussed Federal Policy shifts and how recent policy, funding and staffing shifts may affect California Tribal Nations, where there may be opportunities for alignment and how to work across jurisdictions to advance mutual proprieties. Tribes received updates from State Departments and agencies. Tribal Leaders and Governor Newsom discussed top priorities for collaborations in the new federal administration. State departments and agencies gave brief updates on current and upcoming initiatives and opportunities for tribal nations. Tribal leaders also discussed how to continue to advance tribal priorities while navigating differences with state, local and federal counterparts.



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: NRD staff

## Coastal Prairie Restoration and Food Sovereignty Project Kicks off at Table Bluff Reservation (TBR)

The Wiyot Tribe’s Table Bluff Reservation (TBR) occupies a legacy coastal terrace prairie system boarding south Wigi (Humboldt Bay), which is now dominated by introduced non-native grasses. The conversion of rich and diverse coastal prairies into more homogeneous and species poor systems has impacted ecosystem services and also contributed to the decimation of many cultural activities associated with the native plant relatives originally found in these systems prior to European contact and settler-colonialism. These impacts include a limiting of Tribal food sovereignty and cultural lifeways like basketweaving and subsistence gathering, skills and arts that have been passed on from generation to generation since time immemorial, where presently Tribal citizens have limited access to culturally important plants (Wiyot internal citizen survey 2016). The Wiyot seek to bring back traditional plants and cultural fire to the Table Bluff Reservation and to assist with future restoration efforts for re-establishing traditionally important plants by researching the effectiveness of fire and other treatments in restoring the legacy herbaceous dominated prairie that was once present on TBR lands and more common around Wigi.



*A burn-box in action and plots with pre-treatments implemented before planting. February 2025, A. Canter*

Five key culturally important plant species, including two bulbs or geophytes, two forbs, and one grass were selected for this study based on their current and historical occurrence in coastal prairies on the North Coast, along with cultural significance to the Wiyot and other area tribes and being associated with ethnobotanical and indigenous landscapes. The edible geophytes or “Indian potatoes” include [the oneleaf onion \(\*Allium unifolium\*\)](#) and [blue dicks \(\*Dipterostemon capitatum\*\)](#), the large forbs the coast angelica ([Angelica hendersonii](#)) and California figwort ([Scrophularia californica](#)), and California oatgrass ([Danthonia californica](#)), a keystone coastal prairie grass species. Given the tribal and state goals for the ecocultural restoration of coastal prairies and that little information is known about the effectiveness of some of these species in re-introductions, this study will provide useful information for future efforts at

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TBR and elsewhere and evaluate success based on the pretreatments, environmental variables, and the functional traits of the individual species and their floristic groups. Plants for the project came from TBR’s recently established native plant nursery, helping to illustrate how the nursery can contribute to beneficial restoration projects on Wiyot lands. The goal of the project is both to help inform future coastal prairie ecocultural restoration efforts and to get more traditional plants available for sustainable harvest within close proximity to Tribal citizens.

*WNRD staff and Cal Poly Rangeland Ecology students initiate a burn-box treatment at TBR. February 2025, A. Canter*



Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD) Director, Adam Canter, is taking on the study as part of a master’s thesis funded by Cal Poly Humboldt in the Department of Rangeland Ecology with Dr. Justin Luong, and he is excited to get back to his botany roots (no pun intended). Plot pre-treatments and plantings, including weeding and controlled burn applications using 1x1 meter burn-boxes made of corrugated metal, along with a combination treatment and control, were implemented this February, taking advantage of the winter rains, which will help to get our five plant relatives established. Thanks to all the students and staff that helped out! The WNRD will keep the community informed about the progress of the project along with opportunities to get involved. Remember to get out and enjoy the spring wildflowers and take happiness in knowing a few more of our plant relatives have come home to Table Bluff.

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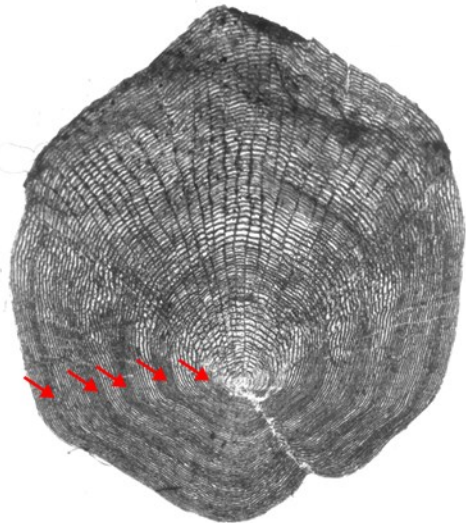
Submitted By: NRD staff

## Aging Sacramento Pikeminnow Scales: How Old Are They Really?

Last summer, WNRD fisheries staff started collecting scales from invasive Sacramento pikeminnow during suppression efforts. Like tree rings, fish scales can tell us the age of a fish by counting a “ring”, called an annuli, as one year in their life cycle. Learning more about how old fish are at what length can help us figure out how fast they grow and what changes their growth rates. For instance, male pikeminnow might grow slower than females, or pikeminnow from one area of the river might grow faster than another.

Once a pikeminnow was caught, at least 10 scales were collected from the side of the fish below the dorsal fin and each pikeminnow was given a unique identification number for their scales and their information. Additional information taken for each pikeminnow includes location, length, and how it was caught. Each individual group of pikeminnow scales was given its own envelope and taken back to the office for further examination.

Scales grow from the center and get bigger over time as new rings are added. When counting scales, it is important that we can count and see the center-most rings. Not all scales are as perfect as the one pictured on the left below - pikeminnow scales fall off easily during their life, and these are then replaced by newly grown scales. However, the center of the new scale will have no rings, and it is no longer possible to count the exact age. Scales that grow along the lateral line (the black line running horizontally along the pikeminnow) will have a long vertical scar that extends from the center of the scale that also covers the inner ring. We try to choose scales with the best view of all the rings and take a picture with a microscope camera. Currently we are each making our age estimations for each scale independently. Next, we will compare each other’s guesses before assigning scales to a certain age.



A Sacramento Pikeminnow scale with each annuli marked. This fish was 5 years old.



A scale taken from the lateral line

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

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

## **Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisugu'l**

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Wiyot people

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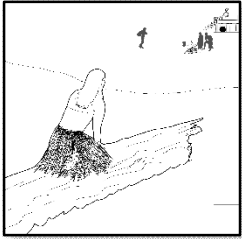
again

coming to life

### **We'sagh Hulutgudaluqh, 2025**

May ("the 5<sup>th</sup> month")

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



In April, Lynnika and Nina continued Soulatluk lessons at Loleta Elementary, completing Unit 7: **Lhatsik** (a traditional story of Fortuna). Students core vocabulary (such as people words, eel, toad, good/bad & like/dislike) from the **lhatsik** "Fortuna" and listened to Della Prince's telling of it. We also started Unit 8: **Rrou Gou'wik** (*My Family*), with students practicing words and phrases about relatives

and friends. At **Tsek Houdaqh**, participants continue learning Unit 6 (foods).



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

In May, we will teach Unit 9, which is all about **shou'r** (the ocean). We continue making progress in preparing the **Da Da'louy** (2<sup>nd</sup> year) Soulatluk curriculum with help from our pedagogical consultants.

Also in April, we held another hybrid (in-person and virtual) community language class! April's content focused on a few spring-weather phrases and related activities. Please join us for language classes in May! Check the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center section of the newsletter for May times and dates.

#### **LANGUAGE VIDEOS**

Don't forget to check social media for the latest Soulatluk video release! (Scan the code at right and navigate to the **Harouklhamu'n** playlist to see the latest videos.) Remember that we have the cameras, iPads, and staff to help you create your own short Soulatluk video for the tribal community (and perhaps even for this year's film festival...!).



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

Lynnika is making great progress in completing the master place names list for this project, with several hundred Soulatluk names. Cultural staff is assisting in marking each name on a master map for Tribal use. Look for a summary of the work completed in next month's newsletter.

**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)

# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## Ha'wa'lou DGRLLC Visitors!

The sun is shining, flowers are blooming, and we're gearing up for summer! There's a lot happening this May, so swing by the Cultural Center—open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 AM to 5:30 PM.

### May Arts Alive Featuring Emma Sundberg

Arts Alive returns on **Saturday, May 3rd, from 6–9 PM**, and this month we're featuring the talented **Emma Sundberg!** Emma will be at the Cultural Center showcasing her stunning hand-crafted jewelry. You can also explore her designs on Instagram at [@chee.gery.beads](https://www.instagram.com/chee.gery.beads) or check out a selection of her earrings in our gift shop!



### Stickers, Stickers, and More Stickers!

Sticker fans, rejoice—we've restocked our classics and added some exciting new designs! These stickers make great classroom prizes and thoughtful gifts for anyone interested in learning more **Soulatluk**. Plus, every sticker helps spread the language in everyday spaces and supports revitalization efforts. Grab yours today and join the movement!



### Final Month of Cultural Classes

May is the last month for cultural classes before we pause for summer, so don't miss out! Classes are intended for **Wiyot Tribal Members**. Call the Cultural Center to reserve your spot, and if you need a ride, contact the main office at **707-733-5055** to arrange transportation through the Health and Human Services Department.

### Class Schedule:



# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

- **Soulatluk Language Class**  
*Saturday, May 10 | 1:00–2:00 PM*  
Join in person or via Zoom.
- **Reading Hour**  
*Saturday, May 17 | 1:00–2:30 PM*  
We'll continue reading and discussing selections from *Ka'm-t'em*.
- **Soulatluk Language Class**  
*Saturday, May 24 | 1:00–2:00 PM*  
Available both in person and via Zoom.
- **Weaving Wellness**  
*Saturday, May 31 | 1:00–3:30 PM*  
Come learn how to weave with intention and care—plus, enjoy a meal with fellow participants!



## **New Exhibit Opening May 31st!**

Our youth docents have been working hard to bring you our latest exhibit: **Wiyot Jewelry**, opening **Saturday, May 31st**. The exhibit will run through the end of July.

Be sure to check the website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information and updates on upcoming events and exhibits.

## **Lhatsik Harutkshi Film Festival – Call for Submissions**

Submissions are now open for the next Lhatsik Harutkshi “Moving Stories” Wiyot Film Festival! Submit your film via FilmFreeway:

[filmfreeway.com/LhatsikHarutkshi](http://filmfreeway.com/LhatsikHarutkshi).

Take advantage of the Early Bird Deadline on June 1st!

- Free submission for Wiyot Tribal Members—call the Cultural Center for your discount code.
- All films must be Indigenous made.



# Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## Artifact of the month: Wiyot Eel Hook by Brian Mead Jr.



The Eel hook is used for catching Pacific Lamprey on their journey upriver to spawn. Modern-day hooks are made with Steel, Wood, and string. A wooden stick is carved and sanded down to its ideal shape. A hole is then drilled into the desired spot on the handle. A steel rod is bent and sharpened to take a hook shape, essential for catching the Lamprey. When the lampreys are making their way into the mouth of the river, they get caught by the waves, dragging them closer to the wave slope, allowing you to catch them. Traditional Eel hooks were made from wood, bone hooks, and sinew all held together by sturgeon glue.

Come on by and see the hook currently on display!





Multiple cohorts are being recruited to facilitate entry into a career in education.

Are you seeking a Single or Multi-Subject Credential?

**Potential openings starting in August 2025:**

Cohort A - 3 scholarships - need AA or in Jr. year of college

Cohort B - 3 scholarships for persons in Sr. year of college

Cohort C - 3 scholarships - need BA/BS or MA/MS

**Potential openings starting in August 2026:**

Cohort D - 3 scholarships for persons in Sr. year of college

Cohort E - 3 scholarships - need BA/BS or MA/MS

**Potential openings starting in August 2027:**

Cohort F - 3 scholarships - need BA/BS or MA/MS

**Program includes:**

- Full tuition to Cal Poly Humboldt during Bachelors & Credential Year
- \$500 a month living stipend during Bachelors & Credential Year
- Paid licensure testing & graduation fees
- Paid work-based learning placement during Bachelors
- 2 years of post-credential graduation career placement assistance and induction support including:
  - 20 hours of personal mentoring per year
  - Continuing education book studies
  - Professional development conferences
  - Native American Teacher & Administrator Network

SUPPORTIVE MENTORS



Network of Native Educators across California

## RECRUIT, RETRAIN & RETAIN EDUCATORS INITIATIVE

GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER (GYOT) &  
GROW YOUR OWN ADMINISTRATOR (GYOA)  
PROGRAMS ARE RECRUITING INTERESTED NATIVE AMERICAN PERSONS

# LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION?



## SUBMIT AN INTEREST FORM

Let Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Education Agency help you finish your bachelors degree and obtain your teaching credential.

A new GYOT program is in development and potential start date for program is August 2025

A new GYOA program is in development and potential start date for program is August 2026

Have questions?

Reach out to Alison Robbins, Executive Director at the contact information below:

707-668-5101

[tribaled@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov](mailto:tribaled@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov)



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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



## **Family Picture Night**

Friday, May 9th  
5 pm—7:30 pm  
Community Center

We will take your picture, print it and you build the frame!



Have great fun!

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

**Bring the whole family!!!**

Make a gift!



**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

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

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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



Attention Wiyot Elders,  
Now offering WEEKLY  
GROCERY  
SHOPPING!!!

When: Mondays in May

5/5, 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26

Where: Grocery Shopping

11:00 am –2:00 pm

5/5 —Costco—Eureka

5/12—WINCO— Eureka

5/19– Grocery Outlet—Fortuna

5/26—Safeway—Fortuna

If you are interested we are providing  
transportation and lunch will be

provided. Please call Elders Advocate,  
HHS Dept. @ 707-733-5055.



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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

## **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



Join us for a delicious time of sweet treats and good company!

**Friday, May 16th**

**1 pm—2 pm**

We will provide transportation for Elders to and from Jersey Scoops.

Indulge in your favorite flavors, share stories, and enjoy a refreshing treat with friends and family.

The HHS Department looks forward to sharing a sweet time with you!

**For more information, please contact:** Liz Edwards, Elder Advocate 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 <del>maximum</del> <b>minimum</b>
1	<del>\$34,040</del>		\$28,530		\$19,020		\$0
2	<del>\$48,745</del>		\$37,309		\$24,873		\$0
3	<del>\$61,450</del>		\$46,088		\$30,725		\$0
4	<del>\$78,155</del>		\$54,866		\$36,578		\$0
5	<del>\$84,859</del>		\$63,644		\$42,430		\$0
6	<del>\$98,564</del>		\$72,423		\$48,282		\$0
7	<del>\$98,759</del>		\$74,069		\$49,380		\$0
8	<del>\$100,953</del>		\$75,715		\$50,477		\$0
9	<del>\$103,148</del>		\$77,361		\$51,574		\$0
10	\$105,343		\$79,007		\$52,672		\$0
11	<del>\$107,537</del>		\$80,653		\$53,769		\$0
12	<del>\$109,732</del>		\$82,299		\$54,866		\$0
<b>Benefit Amount</b>		<b>\$300</b>		<b>\$400</b>		<b>\$500</b>	

**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

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

Dagoushipga'w (Monday)	Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday)	Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday)	Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday)	We'sagh dahuhvewi'gurr (Friday)
			1 Broccoli Soup	2 Turkey sandwich
5 Beef roast potatoes	6 Split pea	7 Spaghetti	8 Salmon	9 Chef salad
12 Pulled pork sand fruit	13 Chicken parm pasta	14 Chili pan bread	15 Meatball potato	16 Breakfast sandwich
19 Pork chops rice	20 Egg salad sand.	21 Venison stew	22 Chicken dumpling	23 Spinach salad
26 Tribal Office closed Memorial Day Holiday	27 BBQ chicken	28 Veggie lasagna	29 Hamburger potatoes	30 Ham wrap

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.



## THE WIYOT TRIBE WORLD RENEWAL CEREMONY

Location: Rrawuraglu' muk Dance grounds ("all my Relations")  
Table Bluff Reservation Back 40

Dates: May 24, Saturday Dance: Afternoon-12pm, Evening-6pm

May 25, Sunday Dance: Afternoon-12pm, Evening-6pm  
**Potluck Sunday only for Lunch**

May 26, Monday Dance: Morning-8 am, Afternoon-12 pm

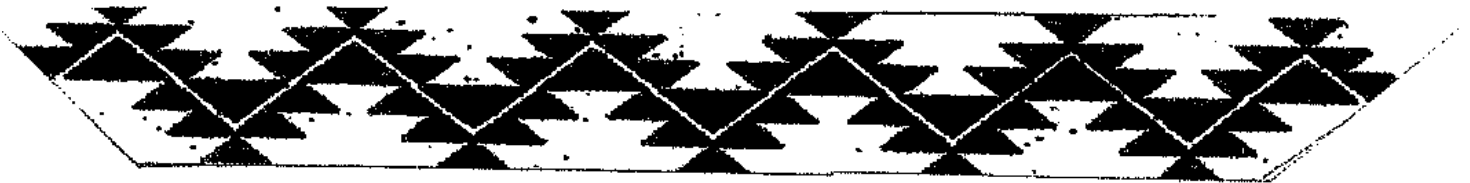
### What to bring:

- Please bring your own chairs or something comfortable to sit on
- Extra food for you and your family if needed
- Blanket
- Beverage

***Bring good thoughts and prayers!***

***• There will be no camping for this event!***

***This is an ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT***



# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Gary Markussen Jr.



## Wiyot Tribe General Council Meeting April 5, 2025

Total number of mail-in (absentee) ballots cast 38  
Total number of ballots cast in person April 5, 2025 8  
Total number of eligible voters 500

### Agenda Item NUMBER OF VOTES

- A. Election — Treasurer  
Vanessa Rios

Yes 40  
No 3

- B. Approve October 2024 General Council Minutes

Yes 42  
No 3

- C. Approve Constitutional Amendment

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."

Yes 26  
No 20

not  $\frac{2}{3}$  of votes  
not 40% of eligible voters

According to Article XIV, Section 1, "This Constitution may only be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the eligible voting Citizens voting at a Regular or Special Election called for that purpose, provided that at least forty percent (40%) of the eligible voters of the Tribe cast a vote in the election."

Sybil A. Lochte  
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League of Women Voters of  
Humboldt County  
Board Chair

Peg Gardiner  
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League of Women Voters of  
Humboldt County  
Board Member

Janine Randall  
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Board Member

Election conducted by

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Elections Service

P.O. Box 3806 Eureka, CA 95502 (707) 444-9252





# ALL MY RELATIONS POWWOW

MAY 16-18, 2025

## GRAND ENTRIES

Friday, May 16 – 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 – 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 – 1 p.m.

## HEAD STAFF

Head Man – Sheldon Shebaba • Head Woman – Paula Shebaba

MC – Randy Vendiola • Junior MC – Sage Vendiola

Arena Director – Merlin Kicking Woman • Junior Arena Director – Ladanian Kicking Woman

Host Drum – TBD

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Prizes in many categories, specials including a MMIW special, RV camping allowed.

## VENDORS

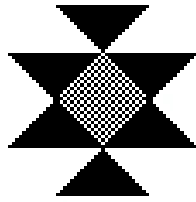
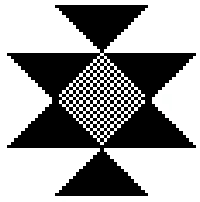
10x10 spaces – one space per vendor  
\$100 flat fee (please bring your own table).

## QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES

AllMyRelations@skagit.edu

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Redbird's 2025

## Children of Many Colors Native American Powwow

11 AM - 7 PM

Saturday May 31,

11 AM - 6 PM

Sunday June 1,

2025

Oxnard College

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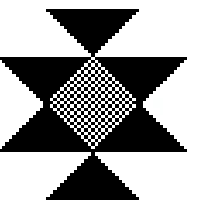
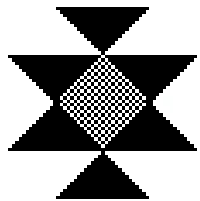
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Head Man - Jimmy Tall Can  
Head Woman - Kaelene Ashmore  
Head Young Man - Kenny Gonzales  
Head Young Woman -  
Hummingbird Montgomery  
Head Gourd - Adam Loya

Master of Ceremonies  
Randy Pico  
Arena Director Vic Chavez  
Sound - Mario Sanchez  
Host and Invited Drums  
Blue Star  
Wildhorse  
Hale and Company  
Gourd Dance and Intertribal  
Powwow



## In Honor of Our Children 38th Annual Powwow



When: Saturday May 17, 2025 Noon - 9 PM Grand Entries 1 PM & 7 PM

Location: Kelso High School, 1904 Allen St, Kelso, WA

Directions: I-5 Exit 39, East on Allen St approximately ¼ mile

**FREE ADMISSION & Open to the Public**

Native American Dancing, Drumming, Arts & Crafts  
Vendors, Food, Adult & Children's Raffles

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

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



## **"Walking For Wellness in Wiyot Country"**

is a powerful phrase that invites us to appreciate the history, culture, and environmental significance of the traditional territory while walking.

In efforts to promote health and wellness for you and the Community, walking can provide strength, support and opportunity to connect culture to a path for a healthier life.

**Every Tues/Thurs  
from 11:00am-12pm**

**This month of May we will have lunch at the  
Hookton Slough with our walking friends.**

**RSVP for a van ride to walking group.**

**Make sure to wear comfortable shoes!!!**



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Happy Mother's Day	12 BCM 4pm	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 World Renewal Ceremony
25 World Renewal Ceremony	26 Tribal Office closed- Memorial Day Holiday  World Renewal Ceremony	27	28	29	30	31

# Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Abernathy, Joshua  
Allen-Wright, Kit-tise  
Anderson, Alexis Nadine  
Anderson, James  
Bainbridge, Launnie  
Beauchamp, Jessica  
Beauchamp, Ronald K.  
Black, Zoe J.  
Brimmer, Taten  
Clair, Abigail  
Crawford, Daren  
Crellin, Gavin  
DiMarzo, Ella  
DiMarzo, Vincent  
Douglas, Kelly  
Duncan, Alzada  
Garcia, Nyemma S.  
Greenberg, Jessica  
Hayden, Sonia  
Hernandez, Joyce  
Howard, Craig  
Huber, Ardith  
James, Naomi  
James, Shanah  
Johnson, Eric  
Jones, Brooke  
Jones, Ian  
Kovacovich-Gilchrist, Natalie  
Letner, Diane  
Lopez, Dalila  
Mallett, Melissa  
Mead, Donivan  
Mead, Helynn  
Mitchell, Natissha  
Moore, Lee Ann  
Nunes, Michael  
Owen, Judith  
Riccatone, Brayden  
Roberts, Jordon  
Rodriguez, Gia  
Rodriguez, Mariah  
Sheets, Brendyn  
Steen, Sloane Nicole  
Stephenson, Hallister

Stewart, DeEtte  
Stone, Cody  
Stone, Tyler W.  
Sutherland, Rachelle  
Thomas, Lily  
Thurman, Sharon  
Wade, Isabella  
Waldron, Jude A.  
Woodhurst, Brett  
Woodhurst, Hannah



***Did you move and forget 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 quarterly Rou Wenout-wilh 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  
Pilar James.....Receptionist  
Larry Wheeler.....Front Desk Clerk  
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  
Randall Mead.....Solid Waste Technician

## Lhatsik Houmoulul’i “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 Resource Assistant Director  
Vacant.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Natalie Calderon.....Forestry Technician  
Lindsey Abernathy .....Climate Specialist

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Brian Mead ..... Tribal Chairman (2024-2028)  
Hazel Garcia.....Vice Chairman (2022-2026)  
Vacant.....Secretary (2025-2029)  
Vanessa Rios.....Treasurer (2023-2027)  
Melinda Ramirez.....Council Member ( 2025-2029)  
Vacant.....Council Member (2023-2027)  
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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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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



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