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Tule River Newsletter

Tule River Justice Center revealed

Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 raise the flags for the very first time last month at the Tule River Justice Center's Grand Opening. *Story on page 2*

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Elders take possession of new building

Chairwoman Mary Hermieo, Tule River Elders Council, cuts the ribbon with the help of many Elders and the Porterville Chamber of Commerce at the 'Grand Opening of their new building last month'.

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Grand Opening/Tule River Justice Center

The American flag was one flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C. and the California Flag was flown over the State Capitol in Sacramento.

Cold breezes did not detour more than 200 people from attending the Grand Opening of the Tule River Justice Center last month. Joey Garfield and J. R. Manuel blessed the building with song and sage asking Grandfather to help give all who will come through the doors wisdom and knowledge for the business to be done in the building. They also asked Grandfather to, "bless this building and watch over our people."

Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 raised the flags and Bloodriver offered honor songs. Porterville Amvets Post 56 offered a 21-gun salute.

Dignitaries from the City of Porterville, Tulare County and the State along with Tribal leaders and many community members gathered to witness this historic event.

Ryan Garfield, Tribal Council Vice-Chairman, said, "This building is here to provide a fair and equal justice system for our people."

Beautiful views can be seen from the 43,6700 square-foot two courtroom facility, with offices for the General Counsel, the Tribal Police, the Tule River Planning and Development Department, The Family and Social Service Department, the Workforce Investment Department, Future Generations and the Tule River Fire Chief. There are also offices for the Tulare County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol.

"This is a dream come true," said Dave Nenna, Project Manager. He went on to say that there was still a lot of work to be done. "It's not going to be an easy process," he said. Tribal Council is advertising to hire a court administrator and setting up the court system, hiring the court staff and putting a judge in place could take years.

Nenna noted the $16 million project was on time and under budget. "This justice center will serve our people. Tule River should be proud of what we've got," he said.

Grand Opening/Tule River Elders Building

J. R. Manuel and Adam Christman bless the building with song and prayer with Dan Hackey.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 19th to the delight of the Elders as they celebrated the grand opening of their new building.

Ceremonies began with a blessing of song and prayer by J. R. Manuel and Adam Christman. Mr. Manuel took the microphone to remind us all to, “Respect our Elders, and remember the stories.” He also said, “Be proud of this building, it will be here for the next generation to come.”

Elders Council Chairwoman, Mary Hermieo thanked Tribal Council, Dave Nenna, Project Manager, and all who worked to make this possible. She said, “It was a long time coming.” Ms. Hermieo also thanked Dan Hackey for organizing the events of the day.

Elders Council Member, Freda Carothers said, “I’m so glad to be here to see our new house!”

It is a beautiful building with three offices, a commercial kitchen, a beautiful entry and a great meeting room with a rock fireplace servicing the entry and meeting room.

Duane Garfield, Freda Carothers, Mary Hermieo and Dan Hackey.

Dave Nenna addressed the crowd with Mary Hermieo.

Elders Council members, Linda Santos, Lucy Rodilez, Freda Carothers, Mary Hermieo, Patsy Vega and Donna Devine pose with Dan Hackey and Clifford Silvas who provided the land for the new building.

Project Manager Dave Nenna shared that he hoped to have the building available in October, but lost a bet with Betsey Foote for his Elder’s food card for a month. “I’ll never bet again, she didn’t even invite me to lunch!” The building was behind schedule due to some materials being delivered later than anticipated. Mr. Nenna said that he hopes that the new facility will meet all the Elders needs and thanked all who worked so diligently to make the Elders dream a reality. "You now have five acres from now until infinity," said Mr. Nenna.

All in attendance were served a scrumptious lunch provided by Eagle Mountain Casino and held in the new meeting room.

Elders treated to Thanksgiving feast

Last month the Tule River Indian Health Center treated the Elders to an old fashioned Thanksgiving Feast.

This was the fourth year for the outstanding event hosted by the Health Center. Elders and guests gathered at River Island Country Club and enjoy visiting with each other. Then they were treated to a very delicious traditional meal with all the trimmings.

Zahid Sheikh, CEO TRIHC, Welcomed all in attendance. He said, "We are honored to have you here (Elders) today, we are also honored by your wisdom and welcome your guidance."

Shawn Gonzales and Susan Williams enjoyed the day.

It was on to Bingo MC'ed by Tule River's own Dan Hackey and many went away with some very nice prizes. Leonard Manuel sr., Frank Silvas, Marilyn Hunter and John Jones won gift and gas cards and Jessie Facio went home with a new 32" color TV just in time for the Thanksgiving games.

Charmaine McDarment accompanied her father Richard.

Papu here with Leonard Manuel Sr. He took home a prize!

Patsy and Frank Silvas, Frank was a winner also!

Deloris Martinez took home a new coffee maker!

There was also a great raffle and others went home with cameras, gift cards and much more. It was a great day of fellowship, food and lots of fun!

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Golf Digest honors Notah Begay III for his work with native youth

Notah Begay III receives the Golfers Who Give Back Award from Golf Digest's Editor-in-Chief Jerry Tarde.

First published at http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/ on 11/6/14.

The golf legend was honored at Topgolf in Dallas on November 3 with The Golfers Who Give Back Award fromGolf Digest.He was honored for his NB3 Foundation, which helps develop Native American children.

"Golf was a wonderful springboard to talk about important issues," Begay told the magazine.

The award was presented by Jerry Tarde, the magazine's editor in chief, at the Green Tie Gala, which was co-sponsored by Topgolf and Golf Digest to raise money for charity.

Begay also delighted the crowd with a success story about a young lady from San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico, who participated in his NB3 soccer program. The young lady was taken in by a foster family at 9 years-old.

"In the ninth grade, she tested at a seventh-grade math level and a fifth-grade English level," Begay said. "Now, as a senior in high school, she has a 3.7 grade point average, is the captain of her soccer team and just got accepted to two universities. We changed the surroundings that this lady was living in and that dramatically changed the course of her life."

Read more at http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/11/06/golf-digest-honors-notah-begay-iii-his-work-native-youth-157729.

Leech Lake youth sing honor song for capitol Christmas tree

Northern Eagle Hand Drum Group from Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota offer holiday tribute in honor of the National Capitol's Christmas Tree.

First published at http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com on 11/4/14

A group of young men from the Leech Lake Reservation performed an honor song, written for the 2014 Capitol Christmas tree, as it left Bemidji, Minnesota. The tree was cut down on October 29 and will make its way to the Capitol by November 20.

According to the Facebook post by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, the song is meant to honor the life of the tree, and to respect its gift of life.

"At a young age you are taught to respect life, nature, and your surroundings, and to only take what is needed," says the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facebook post. "With this gift of the tree we are able to share the beauty of the land with the nation and to build and strengthen relationships with our neighbors."

Read more at http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/11/04/video-leech-lake-youth-sing-honor-song-capitol-christmas-tree-157676

Community Meeting not well attended!

Not too many showed up for the quarterly Community Meeting last month, but those in attendance did have a lot to say.

Chairman Neil Peyron gave the Treasurers Report and all is still in good standing. Though, the Casino did not make as much money as in past years it is still making a considerable profit. Eagle Feather Trading Post I is showing an increase in income mostly by tobacco sales and Eagle Feather Trading Post II is holding its own. It was discussed that if Eagle Feather Trading Post II does not begin to show a profit soon the Council will consider selling the store.

Land issues were also discussed. The Lowe property had some title problems to be addressed and amended boundaries issues are being taken care of. The Diaz property is in the phase I reports process and the Hwy 190 property is on hold to concentrate on the Lowe property.

The Tribe has adopted the State guidelines for 21-day quarantine if any Tribal members or employees travel via international airports for the safety of all on the Reservation due to the danger of contacting Ebola. These guidelines may be viewed at http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Documents/EbolaCoverLetterGuidanceForms10292014.pdf.

Jolene Castle suggested the Check Point at Cholollo Campground be manned year round for the safety of Community members and the safety of travelers that may not realize that the area is for Tribal members and guest only. Chairman Peyron stated that it was in the works. She also thanked the Events Team and Tribal Council for providing a safe and sane Halloween for the kids. “We do appreciate the Council and all that you do,” she said.

Linda Peterson had questions concerning cutbacks in Tribal employment. She also expressed concerns about the Tribe operating in the ‘Red’. Chairman Peyron assured everyone that the Tribe is not in the red, just that income was not as large as in past years. He also informed the audience that there would be no employee bonuses this year. “Cutting back when times are hard is a good thing,” Ms. Peterson said.

Patsy Vega thanked the Council for the cutbacks saying, “It only makes sense.”

Alec Garfield wanted to know why Eagle Feather did not sell lottery tickets and scratchers and the Chairman said he would check into it.

Kimberly Nenna voiced concerns about the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the treatment of Community members. She requested a public meeting with Council, the Community and DPS. Council Member Heather Teran said she had been looking into federal law on what Tribal Police should be responsible for and how the department should conduct itself. “Hopefully the Community can come together with DPS and discuss all of this,” she said. Ms. Castle reminded all that the Law Enforcement Meetings were every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Brafford Room

Jolene Castle addresses Tribal Council at Community Meeting last month,

and urged all to attend. Kris Dabney called for a clearer picture of what ordinances are being made.

Ms. Nenna also had questions about the new waste water system. Is it operational? 50 families were hooked up at the time of the meeting. Ms. Nenna suggested that the community should be educated on how to use the new system to avoid problems from misuse.

There was also some apprehension regarding credit card use problems at the Oak Pit. It appeared that the billing was not done in a timely manner and some were billed twice. Chairman Peyron assured all that the problems were taken care of and it was safe to use your credit cards at the restaurant.

Ms. Teran said that she had visited Eagle Feather Treading Post II and there didn’t seem to be very many people stopping. She suggested that the Tribe use their marketing skills to bring in more trade. “Kettleman City is very congested especially at holiday time,” she said. “We need something to bring in the people.”

Darla Bush, Tribal member said that more signage was needed further away from the store. Ms. Peterson, Willie Carrillo and many others thought an Indian Village like the one at Yosemite to create tourism would draw people in especially those with children . Ms. Castle suggested that a Facebook page be started. Constructing an old western town was another idea that Ms. Peterson had. Many had some great ideas on how to draw customers to the store. Many liked the notion of making it a mini cultural center to attract tourists and others believed creating a fruit and vegetable Mecca would boost cliental. Council suggested that contacting Chris Garfield, CEO of the Tule River Economic Development Corporation, with their suggestions would be a good idea.

Tribal member, Sandra Towns discussed problems with the Oak Pit Steakhouse. She wondered if the eatery could be renovated into a buffet. She also voiced concerns about employees and the service they are providing and questioned the fact that Tribal members are not holding the po-

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More Community Meeting

sitions. Ms. Dabney felt very strongly that outsiders should not be running the Tribal departments. “We have enough educated people with ethics. We should allocate money to bring our people up to speed,” she said.

Ms. Peterson also questioned the Council about the Tribal school and wondered if or when that was going to happen. “What’s more important than our kids’ education?” She asked. “If we don’t have the funds for a school we should be looking for grants.” “Our kids are our next generation; they are our future Tribal Council.” “We need to have our own school with our own culture.”

Reports were given on the Land Assignment Committee, TRAP Committee, Enrollment Committee, the Health Board and the Legislative Committee.

The poor attendance was discussed and some felt that people did not attend because they felt that nothing gets done.

Council Member Kevin Bonds reminded all that everything could not be accomplished in one day. He sighted that the Tribe does have a new waste water treatment system and plant and that there was a huge Marijuana eradication project just completed as well as new buildings, the Justice Center, Veterans Building and Elders Building.

So, even though the attendance was small the discussion was large. Come out for the next quarterly meeting to be held at the Tule River Gym on February 7th at 9 a.m. and you may voice your concerns and express your ideas.

Employees celebrate Halloween!

Many participated in the Employee Halloween Costume Contest last month, but judges decided that these were the three best. Receiving third place was Wendi Correa as the Black Plaque Doctor (Ebola is the new Black Plaque), Second place went to Eileen Yazzie as Poison Ivey and ta da first place went to the very beautiful, but evil Meleficent, Novalie McDarment.

Not to be outdone, Eagle Feather Trading Post employees really got into the holiday too! Just look at Leticia Brown, Casey Dye, Melynda Gibson and Britney Morgan. They were handing out candy as well!

Tule River had a large showing at The 96th annual Porterville Veterans Day Parade

Pictures by Rondii Nieto, Linda Hinojosa and Frances Hammond

Veterans Day started out as a cool overcast day, but that did not keep the community for coming out to pay homage to the men and woman who so gallantly protect our freedom. Over 25,000 people lined the streets to watch the 96th Annual Porterville Veteran's Day Parade.

Nick Encinas shows off the trophy. Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 won first place!

Bloodriver drummed and Herschel Kaulaity held the trophy proudly.

Nick Garfield and Jeremy Vigil danced behind the float.

The Color Guard proudly marches in the Parade.

Frankie Williams honors his son, Keith.

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More parade

Yendi Juarez, Aianna Guerra and Johnny Nieto

Tule River was well represented in the parade. The Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 Color Guard marched as well as Frankie Williams carrying a banner in honor of his son Keith, who gave his life to God and country. Their float followed with Bloodriver drumming as Johnny Nieto, Yendi Juarez, Aianna Guerra Nick Garfield, and Jeremy Vigil danced along the route to the cheering of the crowd. Because of the gifted decorating talents of Raina Nieto, the Veterans entry placed first in the miscellaneous category.

President Rhoda Hunter, Treasurer Elaine Flores and Secretary Linda Hinojosa of The Porterville Chapter of the California Indian Education Association followed the Tule River Vets.

Ray Flores and his granddaughter were in the parade as well.

Ray Flores entertains the crowd.

Leonard Manuel Sr.'s whole family came out to honor him and his service to his country.

Leonard Manuel Sr. was honored by his family, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren!

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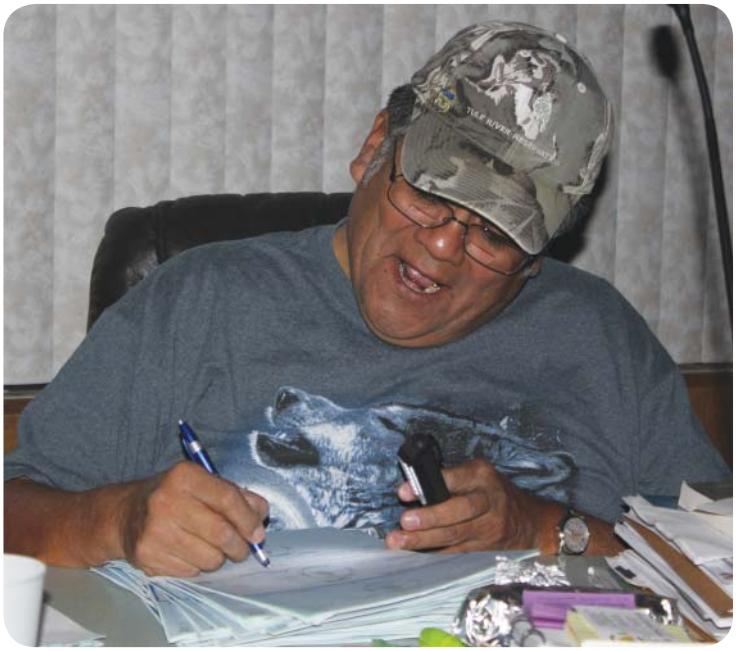
Good job Duane!



The week before Thanksgiving we all came to work only to find the power was out. We all waited for the power to come back on, just visiting and shooting the breeze. But, what I found was the only one working was Council member Duane Garfield. Yes, he was, and this is ironic, signing utility checks! With the aid of a flashlight, he diligently worked away in the dark! Good Job Duane!

Oh, that's not true, Irene Hunter was washing windows as we all loafed, not too long as the electricity was only down for 45 minutes. Kudos to her too!

Native Vets news

Looks like Albert and Herschel had a little help celebrating their birthdays at the Tule River Native Veterans meeting last month.

As always, the Vets were very busy last month. Aside from marching in the Porterville Veteran's Day Parade and holding their annual community event, they also raised the flags at the Grand Opening of the Tule River Justice Center.

The Veteran's Day event was great and the Tule River Native Vets want to give Raina Nieto a shout out and thank you for all her hard work. As a result, of her artful decorating the Post won first place in the miscellaneous category. All thought the decorations at the BBQ were great as well. They thank Raina for this also and the Tule River 4-H. The Post donated $100 to the 4-Hers for their hard work.

Matt Carabay represented the Post at the Wounded Warrior Event held in Bakersfield presenting a check from Eagle Mountain Casino for $7,000. He said it was a very nice event. Over 1,000 people were in attendance.

The Tule River Elders sent a thank you letter for the trip to Sacramento on California Indian Day. Raina Nieto also coordinated the trip and the Tule River Veterans are very grateful.

Security of the new building was discussed. Both 1st Lieutenant Clay Garfield and Herschel Kaulaity, Post Chaplain feel that security cameras and lights should be installed. Further discussion will take place in the future.

A workday is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at 10 a.m. to move the Vets items from the sea-train into the new facility.

A delicious meal was provided and birthday boys were Albert Quintero and Herschel Kaulaity.

2015 Elder Election information

A. Five member's terms are up
1. Mary Hermieo
2. Freda Carothers
3. Fred Peyron
4. Raymond Flores Sr.
5. Lucy Rodilez Aguilar

Two Alternates
1. Ludrie Gonzales
2. Donna Devine

Remaining Members and the 2015 Election Committee are
1. Linda Santos
2. Patsy Vega

B. Candiate sign-ups will start December 8, 2014 and will close on December 29, 2014
C. Non-eligible Candidates will be posted on December 30, 2014

D. Appeal date will be January t, 2015 at the Elder's Trailer from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

E. Candidates running for Elders Council will be posted by January 7, 2015

F. Voting will be at the Tribal Building on January 17, 2015 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Article II Elections - The Elders Council shall determine the rules governing annual elections.

The Elders council Elections will be held the third Saturday in January of each year. Any enrolled member of the Tule River Tribe who has resided on the Tule River Reservation one (1) year prior and 55 years of age or older by that date shall be eligible to vote in the election.

1. Any enrolled member of the Tule River Tribe 55 years of age or older by the date of election and who resides on the Reservation one (1) year prior may announce his/her candidacy for the elders Council by notifying the Election Committee in writing of his/her candidacy, December 8, 2014 to December 29, 2014 at 5 p.m. Appeals will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Elders Building. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to post the names of the Candidates who have met the requirements ten (10) days prior the election.

2. It shall be the duty of the Elders Council to see that each nomination be made in strict accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws and shall certify as to the legality of such nomination, otherwise is shall be considered illegal by the elders Council.

2015 Elders Election Guidelines

1. The election Committee shall be the remaining member of the Tule River Tribal Elders Council. 51% of the eligible voters will constitute an election.

2. Absentee ballots will be available.

3. Vote for five (5) candidates that you think will do the best job on the Elders Council.

4. Voting will be at the Tule River Tribal Building from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2015. You must register before you vote.

5. Any Tribal elder that has maintained residence on the reservation for one (1) year immediately prior to the Election may qualify to be a candidate and also be an eligible voter in this Election.

6. No Tribal Council Members will be allowed to be a member of the elder's Council if elected 2015.

New Phone Numbers

Several departments have moved to the Justuce Center and their phone numbers have changed, here are the new numbers:
The Office of General Counsel.....(559) 853-6058
Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Sierra.....(559) 853-6114
Notary Public/Legal Clerk
Gayline Hunter.....(559) 853-6115
Legal Assistant
Roxanne Burtt.....(559) 853-6112
General Counsel
Charmaine McDarment.....(559) 853-6111
WIA
Training Coordinator Charlotte Salas.....(559) 853-6054
Director Teri Dobson.....(559) 853-6092
Department of family & Social Services..(559) 853-6057

TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE ELECTION FOR January 17, 2015

1. The Election Committee shall be the remaining Council Members of the Tule River Tribal Council. The Tule River Tribal Council shall allow for 51% of the eligible voters to constitute an election.
2. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to those who qualify under #7 and #9, no later than Monday **January 8, 2015**. Absentee Ballots will be available on January 13, 14, 15, 16, 2015 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for those eligible voters who will **NOT** be here on Election Day January 17, 2015 located at the Tule River Tribal Building Brafford Room. All eligible voters must come into the polls to vote. Eligible voters with Health risks may request an Absentee Ballot.
3. Eligible voters, when voting will be allowed to vote for Five (5) or less candidates of their choice. Any ballot receiving more than five (5) votes will be rejected. Write-in votes will not be allowed and those ballots will be rejected.
4. Registration and Voting will be at the Tule River Tribal Building Brafford Room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2015.
5. The Election Committee will declare the polls closed at 8 p.m. on January 17, 2015. Tabulation of the votes will begin thereafter. The Council meeting will then commence to elect Tribal Officers, starting with the Chairman of the Tribal Council, who will then preside over the remainder of the Election of Tribal Council Officers and meeting.
6. The Tribal Council delegates authority to the Election Committee to settle all disputes. Disputes **must be submitted in writing** to the Election Committee Members no later than **Tuesday, December 30, 2014** by 5 p.m. and will be reviewed only on **Wednesday, December 31, 2014** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tule River Tribal Building, Brafford Room. Verbal disputes will not be heard by the Election Committee. The Election Committee's decision on all disputes will be final.
7. Any enrolled member of the Tule River Tribe who has maintained legal residence on the Tule River Indian Reservation one (1) year continuously, immediately prior to the Tribal Council election of January 17, 2015 and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, by (01-17-2015) is eligible to vote.
8. In order to qualify as a Council Candidate, you, must be an enrolled member of the Tule River Indian Tribe and have maintained legal residence on the Tule River Indian Reservation one (1) year continuously, immediately prior to the Tribal Council Election of January 17, 2015 and must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age by January 17, 2015, and **must be compliant on prior outstanding finance obligations from 01-01-99 to present, to the Tribe; and/or is not engaged in any legal action against the Tribe, or legal action that may conflict the Tribal Council, additionally the Tribal Drug Free Workplace Policy will be applicable to candidates who shall be required to pass an initial and periodic drug screens in accordance with Tribal Policy.**
9. Exceptions to these guidelines would be for those persons who are attending military service, an education institution, hospitalized, seasonal worker, incarcerated by order of an appropriate Court Agency. They must meet the residency requirements prior to entering the above-mentioned or for relocation necessary by HUD Housing Development or approval of the Tule River Tribal Council.

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10. The closing date for eligible Council Candidates has been designated as **Friday, January 2, 2015** at 5 p.m. The posting of those eligible Council Candidates will be on or before **Wednesday, January 7, 2015.**

The above criteria are in conformance with Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tule River Tribe.

The Election Guidelines, Eligible Council Candidates, Eligible Voters and Non-Eligible voters' lists will be posted at the following locations on or before Wednesday, January 7, 2015:

- Tribal Council Administration Building
- Tule River Indian Health Center (Administration and Clinic)
- Tule River Education Center
- Tule River Alcoholism Programs
- Tule River Child Care Center
- Tule River USDA Program (Yowlumne)
- Tule River Housing Authority Office
- Eagle Mountain Casino (Admin, Gaming Commission Office and Employee break rooms, security, compliance, surveillance)
- Tule River Elders Council Office
- Tule River Community Gym
- Tule River Tribal TANF Offices - Reservation & Porterville Offices
- Tule Postal Building
- Tule River Department of Public Safety
- Eagle Feather Trading Post I
- Tule River Study Center (Olive Avenue. Porterville)

11. There shall be no campaigning within 50 feet of the Tribal polling place.

PLEASE CHECK LIST FOR YOUR NAME

The 2015 Election Committee consists of Neil Peyron, Ryan Garfield, Heather Teran and Joyce Carothers. If you have any questions concerning the election, please contact one of the Committee Members at 781-4271.

and even more parade!

Many Tribal members lined the streets to cheer on their Native Vets, just check out who was caught by the camera!

Larry DeSoto watched the parade.

Amy and Willie were there!

Amanda and her girls.

The Nieto family.

And last to cheer everyone on was Loleta Garfield.

Bluejacket entertained at the annual community event.

Following the parade, the community was invited for the Annual Veteran's Day celebration at the new Veteran's Building. All were treated to a delicious meal provided by The Lunch Box and Bluejacket entertained throughout the day to dancers delight.

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and still more parade!

Terrance Perez and Johnny Nieto

Darrell Garcia striking a pose! He's a natural don't you think?

Ways to Worship

Mater Delarosa Mission

Mass held every Sunday at 1 p.m.

Officiated by:

Monsignor Ronald Royer

Or

Monsignor Scott Daugherty

Potluck to follow services

Please bring your favorite dish to share and fellowship

Tule Grace 490 Church

Every Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

Tule River Gym
Sometimes by the Rocks
Sometimes by the River at the Tables

Pastor John Moreno
559-741-5391

Church on the Hill

Services every Sunday/Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Services 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School for all children and transportation available for everyone!

190 N. Reservation Rd.
Pastors: Roxanne and Nathan Burtt

We take prayer requests 24 hours a day - you may call and leave a message at the church 788-2060 or 560-7671, or you may drop off your prayer request at the church in the prayer request mail box in front.

God Bless You All!

FSSD receives new computors

The FSSD/ICWA provides a service array to meet the unique needs of the individuals and families involved with ICWA cases. The FSSD works in tandem with the state, county and other tribal child serving agencies throughout the service area. The FSSD provides individualized responses and strengthens the familial capacity to maintain children in their own homes. The department has a Social Worker and two ICWA Coordinators that provide professional case management services to the tribal membership. The FSSD Director works to develop the infrastructure needed for a foster care program and she is currently working on procedures for the department as well. Together, the FSSD staff work to support families in crisis to keep families together in accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

In an effort to enhance the Family and Social Services Department's capacity to participate in online trainings and communicate more effectively; Ms. Sharon James-Tiger, Director of the Family and Social Services Department submitted a proposal/application to the National Indian Justice Center for a technology grant for new computer equipment, monitors, and software for staff. The Tule River Tribe was awarded funds through the Native American Children Training Forum of the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) to purchase technology equipment. The NIJC expands the capacity of Tribal Social Services Programs that serve Native American Children who have been abused and/or neglected, or are at-risk. Congratulations!

The Family and Social Services Department is now located at:

Tule River Justice Center, 2nd Floor, 129 South Reservation Road, Porterville, California 93257. Mailing address is: 340 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, California 93257.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Sharon James-Tiger, Director, Phone: (559) 853-6057, Cell: (559) 719-7911, Email: Sharon.James@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov.

For Tribal Member Assistance Programs: Tribal Member Utility Program, Burial Assistance, and/or the Elder's Wood Program, please contact the following staff: Crystella Coyote, Temporary Clerk. Phone: (559) 853-6057, Email: Crystella.Coyote@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov.

The FSSD works in the spirit of ICWA to prevent the breakup of an Indian family. The Tribe provides services to the family prior to the removal of the child from his or her parent or Indian custodian. If the child is removed, the Tribe assists the Child Welfare Services in providing active efforts to reunify the child with his or her parent or Indian custodian. For child welfare matters or the Indian Child Welfare Act

Welcome Marilisa

Marilisa Manuel at her new computor provided by a grant from the Native American Children Training Forum of the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC).

The Family and Social Services Department welcomes new staff Ms. Marilisa Manuel; our new Indian Child Welfare Act Coordinator.

Hi-yok! My name is Marilisa Manuel. I am a new ICWA Coordinator at the Tule River Tribe's Family and Social Services, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department.

I am very honored to be working for my tribe and for my people again. I look forward to assisting Indian Community and keeping tribal ties strong and our children safe and healthy.

I am an enrolled member of the Tule River Tribe and am also Comanche. My parents are Leonard Manuel, Jr. and Susan Manuel, who immersed and instilled in me the respect and reverence of our Native American culture and traditions. I was also raised to value the importance of education as a tool to improve my life and the lives of tribal peoples.

For my general education I attended Porterville Community College and received an Associates of Arts in

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More on Marilisa

Studio Art. I proceeded to obtain my Bachelor of Arts in Child Adolescent and Family Studies at California State University of Bakersfield in 2010. Currently, I am not pursuing my education however; I hope to obtain a Masters Degree in the near future.

Soon after graduating, I began working within the Indian Community. For close to 3 years I was employed with the Tule River Tribe's Future Generations Program as the Youth Outreach Counselor. At the beginning of this year I started working as a Youth Activity Leader at the Owens Valley Career Development Center, Porterville Site where I assisted the Site Project Coordinators with events and classes.

I find joy in creativity through art, beading and sewing. Reading, family time and attending cultural events are other ways I like to allocate my time. These activities help maintain my balance so I can focus on helping others, building strong families, and protecting our children—all important tribal values which I will strive to enforce.

I look forward to working with you all! Please feel free to visit me at the Tule River Justice Center if you have any questions or concerns regarding Indian child welfare matters. I can be reached at 559- 853-6057 or by email at Marilisa.Manuel@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov.

Relay for life's Christmas Bake Sale

December 18, 2014
6:00am till gone
Eagle Mountain Casino's Administration

All of your favorite holiday goodies, stocking stuffers and much more.

Join our fight in Finding a Cure!

If you would like to make a donation of baked goods or other items please feel free to do so, all donations can be dropped off in Human Resources or be brought to the sale.

For more information please contact:

Billie Jo Brown at 788-1881 or ext. 1881

ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES

Once again keeping in the spirit of better informing the Community of the upcoming election, the Tule River Newsletter will publish an Election Special Issue. This issue will be available to the voters on Monday, January 12, 2015. This issue will carry pictures of the candidates and a brief narrative of what they hope to accomplish while in office.

If you are planning to run for Tule River Tribal Council, The Tule River Health Board or the Tule River Elders Council and wish to be included in the special publication, you must visit Frances Hammond, Tribal Council Community Liaison, at the Tribal Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to have your picture taken and to submit your narrative. Narratives must be 200 words or less. The deadline to be included in the Special Edition is Monday January 5, 2015 by 5 p.m. There will be no exceptions!

The 2015 Special Election Addition will be available at the mailboxes and the Tribal Office, Monday, January 12, 2015.

If you have any questions please call Frances Hammond at 781-4271, ext. 1047.

Merry Christmas

Saturday
December 13, 2014
3:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

- **Gifts from Santa** (17 & Under)
- **Family Photos**
- **Cookies**
- **Hot Chocolate**

Tule River Gym
308 N. Reservation Road,
Porterville, CA 93257

Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

17 & Under will receive a gift from Santa...

From
The Tule River Tribe

For More Information Contact:
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Tule River Tribe/Public Relations
559-781-4271 x1020

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE EVENT

What's happening at Eagle Feather?

Gladis Madrigal, Eagle Feather Trading Post Employee of the Month.

This month Gladis Madrigal was named the Employee of the Month. Gladis was born and bred in Porterville and is a graduate from Porterville High School.

"Gladis, a shift supervisor is always willing to fill in for any shifts," said Jim Nordness, Store Manager. "She has excellent customer service skills and is hard worker. This makes her a very valuable asset to the store."

Gladis came to Eagle Feather with 5 years experience working in convenience stores. "Out of all the stores I have ever worked at this is the best one," she said. "I really love my fellow employees. I love the team work we share, that's why I take any shift I can when I am needed."

Be sure to give Gladis a shout out when you see her at Eagle Feather Trading Post. Oh, and she celebrates a birthday this month too! So, Happy Birthday Gladis and congrats to you on earning "Employee of the Month."

As you can see behind Gladis there are several Native American gift ideas for the holiday season. They have statues, jewelry, arts and much more. Check it out!

TRADING Eagle Feather POST

Memorial Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Refreshments will be served!

Come and join us in remembrance of our loved ones!

We will be hanging up Christmas Tree bulbs off the tree with our loved ones names on them!

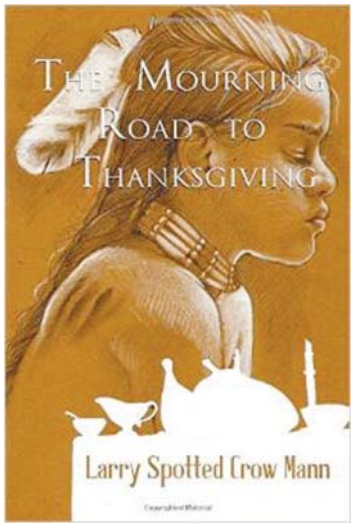
December 6, 2014
At the Tule Gym
10:00am-1:00pm

Feel free to contact Future Generations for any questions 559.782.5554

Thanksgiving vs. the National Day of Mourning

By Peter d'Errico, first published at indiancountrytodaymediannetwork.c om on 11/13/2014. Thought this would be of interest to you.

*A new historical and c*ultural novel by Larry Spotted Crow Mann (Nipmuc),'The Mourning Road to Thanksgiving', challenges the stereotypical American holiday tradition. The story centers on the experiences of a 40-year-old Nipmuc man coming to terms with his life experiences in the midst of family and societal crosscurrents. Mann's writing evokes memories of struggle, leavened with humor and laughter, as it moves toward a resolution of cultural contradictions built into the notion of Thanksgiving in America.



November was declared "Native American Heritage Month" in 1990, when President Bush first signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress to that effect. Previously, a variety of days and weeks had been declared to "honor" Indians, sometimes at the behest of Indian leaders and organizations. Even when promoted by Indians, however, it seems the theme was more identity politics than historical honor: images of feathers and drums, rather than a time of reflection about American history.

Mann's novel plays with all this, managing to work through the ways Indian identity politics affect Indians as well as non-Indians. The story opens with his protagonist, Neempau, returning home after a decade or more away. Neempau has been radicalized not only by his experiences of anti-Indian racism, starting in grade school, but by his involvement with the National Day of Mourning movement begun in the 1970s by United American Indians of New England.

Neempau wants to put an end to the Thanksgiving holiday. His sister, Keenah, has made her peace with the dominant cultural narrative, though she clearly remembers their parents as American Indian activists. The relationships among brother and sister, her Nipmuc husband who has a successful job with an insurance company, their two children, and other members of the Nipmuc community provide the fictional framework to work through layers of confusion and contradiction in American and Indian cultures.

Native American Heritage Month offers an annual fork in the road for American culture: one path celebrates the stereotypes of Indians and Pilgrims and ignores the history of the American Holocaust; the other path uncovers the history and explores its continuing effects in the world. Both paths may include family and community gatherings around tables of food.

A federal Native American Heritage Month website sponsored by a coalition of agencies, chief among them the Library of Congress, provides an extensive menu of educational materials that peek beneath the surface of American culture, but without ruffling too many feathers. These materials appear to aim for the middle ground between the two paths—safe for people who only want the turkey and cranberry sauce, but pointing to deeper issues for those who want food for thought.

TheTeacher's Guide to primary sources on the website includes memoirs and photographs from the infamous Indian boarding schools. The introduction states (understates), "Indians have weathered conscious attempts to replace their traditional ways with those sanctioned by the U.S. government." It adds that the purpose of the boarding schools was "to remove Indian children from the influence of tribal traditions and offer them a proper education."

"Conscious attempts" surely indicates the boarding schools were not an accidental tactic, but it doesn't come close to acknowledging that "removing Indian children from the influence of tribal traditions" meant kidnapping Indian children from their homes. And the Guide doesn't put "proper education" in quotes, which it should be, because the definition of "proper"—like "beauty—arises in the mind of the beholder. There is and was nothing "improper" about traditional Indian education.

The Guide goes on to say that the purpose of the boarding schools was "to make Indian children patriotic and productive citizens." This implies that traditional Indians were not "productive." As for "patriotism," the boarding schools were actually trying to undermine organic Native patriotism and replace it with a synthetic patriotism of allegiance to the United States.

One more example from the Guide: It says the boarding schools "strictly adhered to the speaking of only the English language. They were conducted with military-like schedules and discipline." This doesn't admit that the tactics employed included brutal beatings, solitary confinement, and other horrible punishments, often resulting in children's deaths.

When we add what the Bureau of Indian Affairs website says about National Native American Heritage Month, we have all the evidence we need to prove that conventional Thanksgiving does not accurately symbolize American Indian—or American—heritage. According to the BIA website, "Americans both Indian and non-Indian

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More on Thanksgiving vs. mourning

have urged that there be permanently designated by the nation a special place on the calendar to honor the contributions, achievements, sacrifices, and cultural and historical legacy of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States."

Needless to say, this "special place on the calendar" does not substitute for the historical dispossession of Native peoples from their special places on Earth. The reference to "sacrifices" hardly touches the surface of the American Holocaust. The "contributions [and] achievements" barely hints at the heroic survival of Native peoples against nearly overwhelming violence, disease, displacement, racism, religious discrimination, and all the other historical events that have burdened and endangered Native peoples.

Larry Mann's book deserves a special place among the resources available to teachers and students trying to learn what makes Thanksgiving a contested holiday. His novel touches all the atrocities that a sensitive and critical character cannot forget as he comes face-to-face with yet another Thanksgiving, struggles through his anger and memories, and comes to understand that "every day is Thanksgiving, so we don't need any special time or day."

If you want to know more about the history of Thanksgiving as a special day, the websites mentioned above have useful starting points, but they can only help you come to terms with that history if you read critically and with an open heart and mind. Larry Mann's book can help you do that.

More information on the book 'The Mourning Road to Thanksgiving' may be found at http://www.wordbranch.com/store/p4/The_Mourning_Road_to_Thanksgiving.html and at Amazon.com.

Peter d'Errico graduated from Yale Law School in 1968. He was Staff attorney in Dinebeiina Nahiilna Be Agaditahe Navajo Legal Services, 1968-1970, in Shiprock. He taught Legal Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1970-2002. He is a consulting attorney on indigenous issues.

I had a dream

Before I share my dream, let me tell you about what happened when we were younger and growing up playing baseball together. I'm talking about Greg Franco, Phil Hunter and myself. Greg was my half brother, but like myself, Greg was raised by his mother. I think that's why he went by Franco. He knew we were half brother. Phil, Greg and I played on a baseball team in town. We had no casino back then. Times were hard, hard to get a ride home after ball games. Sometimes we would walk from Porterville to the tomato patch. When we had to rest on the warm asphalt road, we would doze off. I really don't know how we got a ride home, but someone or something was watching over us, cause we always got home.

I remember Philip's dad, Marcus Hunter, would come and pick the three of us up whenever he could and would take us to the café at the Frontier Club and buy us fries and hamburgers. That was very nice of him, cause we were always hungry after the games.

I know Phil Hunter was liked and well respected. That is why, when I had this dream, I talked to Rhoda Hunter. I told her of my dream and asked her if I could share this. I don't know what this mean, but I think it has to mean something. Rhoda to me it was OK to share.

On the 13th of November the night before I had to go for my second opinion for surgery, I went to bed. Sometime during the night, I started to dream.

I was walking in the woods, hunting or something. There was someone else with me. I was talking with someone, but there was no one there. We kept walking and I saw three people running. I said, "did you see that one of those people was Philip Hunter?"

Whoever was with me said, "no your seeing things. That was not Phillip."

We walked some more, for how long, I don't know. But, I walked under a tree. Someone yelled and started laughing. "You didn't even see me up here," he told me. It was Phillip Hunter; he jumped down from the tree. We shook hands, we started talking. I wasn't scared, he was happy and so was I. We started to walk, this time there was someone on the other side of him. It was Irma or Sonnie, I'm not sure which sister it was, but I know it was one of them. We walked and talked. I remember asking Phil, "Can I hug you just to make sure you are real?"

He smiled and said, "Sure." I hugged him and this is why I want to share this, cause it was real. We were there together. We kept walking, we came to the top of the hill, and there were people on the other side of this hill. Phil looked at me and said, "I can't let them see me now. I have to go back."

I don't know, but I hope that I did the right thing by sharing this dream.

Thank you, Rick Gomez

From all of us brothers we would like to thank the

Tule River Tribal Council for sponsoring us for the 2014 INFR.

Sote "Broom" Franco 2 years old

Rozen Santos 11 years old

Baby Johnny Franco 4 years

Sote and Baby Johnny with the INFR World Champion Bull Rider

Sote with the Jr. Roper Champion Saddle

Below: Grandma Kimm with her boys

Baby Johnny and Rozen with the INFR World Champion Barrel Racer

Thank you Tule River

Clay and Jessica go to Flagstaff

Submitted by Jessica Gonzalez Tule Recreation Staff.

On November 7th Recreation Assistants Clay James and Jessica Gonzalez completed two trainings in Flagstaff, Arizona. They both are now Certified Personal Trainers and Personal Trainers for Medical Conditions & Exercises. They both are here to help the Community in any fitness needs. Feel free to stop by the Tule River Recreation Department and put their trainings to use. They are here every day to better the lives of youth to Elders in any fitness. Also the Tule Gym would like to recognize Jessica in receiving the award for most outstanding participant out of 30.

Certified Personal Trainers

Most everything in the training was a hands on experience to help with our visuals of posture and balance.

Working with Medical Conditions and Exercise rehabilitating the ankle.

Certified Personal Trainers with Medical Conditions and Exercise

Check out what's happening at the Gym

Submitted by Jessica Gonzalez Tule Recreation Staff.

Youth Flag Football season came to an end, but four Tule River Youth: Jermey Vigil, Diego Dulay, Giovanni Navarro and Marcello Dabney, were chosen for the All-Star Teams from the Recreation Department Team, coached by Youth Activities Coordinator Brent Moody and Volunteer Coach Charlie Dabney, Jr. Three of the youth were selected to go to Bakersfield on Saturday, November 22nd. Diego Dulay and Jeremy Vigil were on the Cowboys who took 3rd place in the Tournament; while Giovanni Navarro played for the Warriors who took 4th. All three youth will be playing in Los Angeles on December 6th for State. We'd also like to recognize Tomas Salas who plays with the Warriors as well.

Pictured Left to Right: Diego Dulay, Marcello Dabney, Jeremy Vigil, and Giovanni Navarro.

Roping 101 with Recreation Assistant Clay James had their 1st Dummy Roping Contest on November 18 at 5:30. Winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd all received a brand new rope. 1st place Little Greg Franco, 2nd place Zack Quair and 3rd Rozen Santos. Every participant received a $5 Gift Card to McDonald's.

Pictured left to right: Back Row: Sean Good and Recreation Assistant Clay James. Middle Row: Zack Quair, Jared Quair, Haley McDarment, Rozen Santos, Richard Tapia. Front Row: Little Greg Franco, Soto Franco, Johnny Franco, Jr., Gleesin Franco.
Not pictured: Dominic Teran, Jr. and John Wayne Franco.

Pictured here are 1st place Little Greg Franco, 2nd place Zack Quair, 3rd place Rozen Santos with Recreation Assistant Clay James and Soto Franco.

Tule River Champs!

Submitted by Jessica Gonzalez Tule Recreation Staff.

Native Youth competed at the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Local completion held a the Tule River Recreation Department on September 12 th. The winners competed in the Sectional competition on November 2nd in Fresno and two won their age division. Congratulations to third place winner in the Girls 12/13 Uniese Carrillo, Second place Boys 12/13 winner Koby Nieto and the two Tule River first place winners were Nayelli Carrillo, winner of the Girls 10/11 year olds with a score of 130'8" and Paul Manuel Jr., winner of the 14/15 year old boys with a score of 264'2". Paul has won this competition three years in a row! Both winning youth will compete at the Team Championship on December 7th at the Oakland Raiders vs. San Francisco 49ers game.

PCCIEA is alive and well

Rhoda Hunter and Elaine Flores marching in the 98th Annual Porterville Veterans Parade with Linda Hinojosa bring up the rear showing their support for our troops for the Porterville Chapter of the California Indian Education Association.

The Porterville Chapter of the California Indian Education Association (PCCIEA) met twice last month. Once was to finalize their by-laws and constitution and all were sent home to think about the Mission Statement of the organization.

PCCIEA walked in the 98th Annual Veterans Day Parade to show honor to all our Veterans.

The group met a second time to make arrangements for an entry in the Porterville Children's Annual Christmas Parade. Children are invited to participate in this event. Parade Committee is Irene Hunter and Elaine Flores.

Elaine Flores was also elected as the new treasurer and Linda Hinojosa will retain the Secretary seat. There was more discussion on the by-laws and constitution and some amendments will be made. The next meeting will be on January 8th at 5:30 p.m. at LA Fuente restaurant on Main Street in Porterville in the big room in the back.

In the back Elaine Flores, Linda Hinojosa, Rhoda Hunter, Terrence Perez, Koby Nieto and Tylor Perez. up front Frances Hammond and Irene Hunter. Planning for the Christmas Parade.

TRIBAL COLLEGE - UNIVERSITY & CAREER FAIR

DECEMBER 13TH, 8AM-2PM
TULE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION
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Lunch & Door Prizes provided, open to all students and interested adults.
Come and meet top college recruiters.
Come see what they have to offer Native American Students.

Two Keynote Speakers: Bernard Navarro FCC
& Ricardo Torres Ret. Professor Sacramento State

RSVP to: wcarrillo2@hotmail.com by December 5th or call Matt South @ 559-784-6135
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Tule River
Towanits Education Center
Pillar of Character

We at the Education Center are proud to announce that Marissa Baldwin has been accepted to Fresno State and CSU Bakersfield (While other schools are pending) for the fall 2015 semester. We at the Education Center are proud of you Marissa!

Marissa Baldwin- I would like to nominate for responsibility Marissa Baldwin. She has kept herself accountable for her homework and grades. She is focused on the task at hand and has proven herself a student with tremendous potential. Her obligation to school has shown great character!

Mr. Carrillo

Ira Garfield- For the kindergarten class, I nominate Ira Garfield for our Character Counts program this month. Ira comes to class on time, is more than willing to get his work done, and take on extra learning challenges. He shows great interest and pride in learning and is a good example to all the other students. Way to go Ira!

Mr. "M" (Mr. Malone)

Cheritan Washburn- Cheritan Washburn is a 6th grade student from Pioneer and is the Student of the Month for the Transportation Department. She is incredibly responsible when it comes to following the rules of transportation. Cheritan is very caring and helpful. If she sees something that needs to be done or if another student might be in danger, she isn't afraid to speak up. She doesn't need to be reminded of what is expected she is truly a character that someone count on!

Transportation- Miss. Stephanie, Ms. Veronica & Mr. Alfonso

Dominic Aldaco- This is Dominic's first year at the Ed Center and he is SO responsible it seems like he's been at it for years. He comes in and gets straight to work, is always on top of what needs to be done and is incredibly responsible. He isn't shy about asking for help when he isn't sure about how to do something and is always willing to help anyone else that needs help. Very glad to have him in my class. Expect great things from this kid!!

Miss. Angelina

Mariah Hernandez- Responsibility is demonstrating self-control, doing one's best, and being accountable for one's decisions. Mariah Hernandez is very responsible. She comes into class at the Ed Center with a big smile and immediately starts on her homework. She helps her classmates stay on task and often helps them with assignments. Her classroom behavior has been excellent. The one time that I spoke to her about speaking too loud in the classroom, she immediately apologized and asked the other children around her to speak more softly. I appreciate how self-disciplined Mariah is.

Mrs. Brumley

Tule River Study Center

Pillar of Character

I would like to nominate Cade Correa for the pillar of Responsibility. He always makes sure that as soon as he walks into class to take out his homework and starts working on it. Not only does he do it quietly but also knows that as soon as he is done he has other responsibilities before he gets his free time. He also shows accountability for any actions or choice he makes. That's why I know Cade Correa is perfect for this pillar.

Maria Salazar

This month I have chosen Aliya Gibson for responsibility. Aliya is a 3rd grade student who truly is a responsible individual. Her ability to be prioritize her work and everything else she has going on, is amazing. Aliya is involved in cheer, soccer, baton, hip-hop, 4H, basketball, and softball. Despite having a full schedule, Aliya excels in her academics. She is a true role model for other students here at the study center. I am very happy to have Aliya in my classroom.

Mayra Castaneda

Miss Eugene is currently a 7th grader at Pioneer high. Angela has been a model student here at TRISC. She comes in with a great attitude and completes her homework assignments with ease. She is a positive role model for all students to emulate, and her willingness to do extra studying is superior. She tackles all subjects with superb energy and is willing to take concepts to a higher level. Angela is an excellent candidate for Character Counts and the November theme of "Responsibility."

Bret Davis

Rozzalyne King comes to class ready to get down to business. She never has to be asked what homework she has because she already has the paper ready when she gets to class. She is always on tasks and moves through her homework without little or no coaxing. She does not do things that will get her into trouble nor does she involve herself in the actions of others knowing she could get into trouble. Rozzalyne has shown responsibility from the first day she stepped into my class.

Jessica Tapia

I chose Isaiah Garza from 2nd grade because he has shown great responsibility and pride in completing his homework. He usually has a large workload given to him every day, and he is diligent about making sure he completes all of it before he goes home. He also is very focused and productive, and is always excited to complete his supplemental work in a timely manner as well. He is a great kid who has gone above and beyond to prove he is responsible. Picture unavailable at press time.

Lori Sandoval

Citrus South Tule School celebrates Thanksgiving

Students from Kindergarten and First Grade sing a song about the first Thanksgiving.

The day before Thanksgiving Citrus South Tule celebrated their 26th Annual Thanksgiving Feast.

The Kindergarten \ First Grade class entertained with a song about the first Thanksgiving to the delight of all in attendance.

Then it was on to the "Feast". Parents and teachers prepared traditional turkey, stuffing and potatoes. This was accompanied by venison, corn bread, rolls, green beans, corn and numerous pies for dessert.

Each class made something to contribute to the tables. The younger children made turkeys out of spandex gloves that were adorable, another class made place mats and one class proved fall leaves and candied corn to give the school that Thanksgiving spirit.

It was a day filled with food and fun, but also a learning experience.

Parents and teachers help the little Indian and Pilgrims dish up.

Students enjoy the feast!

Dancers and Drummers Invited to Participate in the Porterville Christmas Parade

December 4, 2014

PARADE STARTS AT 7PM

MEET AT 5:30PM AT THE OAK PIT TO DECORATE.

TO SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Culture Assistant: Johnny Nieto 782-5554 ext. 2109

Culture Coordinator: Cricket McDarment ext. 2105

A little history

The Midnight Trek - Starring Lonzo McDarment and Lawrence Garfield ©

A story by Lawrence Garfield written by his wife Andy Garfield

Lawrence Garfield

'Lonzo' McDarment

Recently I was watching the Cowboy Channel on TV. One show would end and another began. Sorta half awake and half day dreaming when the screen announced "Colorado Territory" starring Joel McCrea. That got my attention. I laughed a little remembering many years ago when I was 15 and Lonzo was 11 or 12 and our "great plan". Our "great plan" was to go see that same movie. The plan we made as the spirits smiled and laughed.

Lonzo was one of the sons of Hollis and Sara McDarment. Lonzo had four other brothers and five sisters; the boys being Glen, Bobby Mac, Earl and Sammy. The girls were Josephine, Velma, Zelma (twins), Geraldine and Rebecca (Becky). If there are any more I can't remember.

Our 'great plan' was to go to see this same movie "Colorado Territory" starring Joel McCrea. We both had enough money about 50 cents each. That would buy two tickets, two bags of popcorn and two sodas. That was all we needed except a ride to town and a ride home. We came to believe it was 18 miles to town. The starting point on our end was the gate where the stone teepees were. Where the marker was in Porterville, we never knew. I think this movie started on Friday night, but I'm not sure after 65 years!

Only a few days were left to find a ride, with luck we did find a ride to town on Friday afternoon. Lonzo asked me, "How are we going to get home?' I'd been thinking about it. I told him we'll go down to the Frontier Bar. The Frontier was a local favorite bar. Lots of men and a few women hung out there in the evening to sip beer and visit awhile. I tole Lonzo we'd just hang out and wait until someone we knew went home. Then we'd ask for a ride home. Indians never refused another Indian a lift if they had room to spare. both of us agreed it was a great plan.

Movie Day finally came. without a worry or another thought we caught our ride to town. For those times, "Colorado Territory" was a spectacular western movie, the kind that grabs you body and soul. Your imagination soars as you ride with the actors across the screen in another space and time.

Then it was over. It was 10 p.m., dark and a long way from home. We walked from the Porter Theater down to Main Street where the Frontier Bar was. We looked around, we peeked inside. There was no one we knew. We hung around for a while. We were worried and hoping someone would show up. Often people moved around going from one bar to another. The night was moving on. It was 11 p.m. and we had seen no one we knew.

The moment of truth! Me and Lonzo decided to start walking in the right direction toward home. Maybe someone would see us and give us a ride.

Back then in 1949, there was no Hwy 190, no dam, no service stations beyond Alta Vista, no bars, very few homes, mostly just a farmhouse now and then, and seldom any cars. In fact, beyond Alta Vista along the road there was nothing. There wasn't a great amount in Doyle Colony nor Alta Vista, not at all like today. Even the road was narrower past Alta Vista.

Past AltaVista was the natural countryside, with tall weeds, scattered brush and many large old trees that often blocked not only the sun, but also the moon light. There were many wild animals out and about at night, although we seldom saw them. Our big concern was rattlesnakes. Rattlesnakes and most all other snakes liked to lie on the warm paved road as the night cooled.

It was a dark night lit by a tiny sliver of a moon that gave off a pale eerie light.

Keeping all of this in mind, we began to walk. As we walked, we talked. This sort of kept our thoughts off of the cold facts. "It was a long ways home."

It was probably after midnight when we passed Alta Vista into the countryside. The road began to climb a little around a small hill with small cliffs where the road was cut.

Around the bend, we could see the big cottonwood trees that lined the river across a small valley. Across that same little valley was the farm where Bonnie Garfield and Toots Christman grew up. It was a pretty little farm, owned by Bonnie and Toots' folks the Kambicks. It was so nice, that Walt Disney chose it to make the movie "So Dear to My Heart."

Everything was dark, it was late, everyone was asleep. What time? We really didn't Know. Lonzo and I walked on. We weren't even half way home, our legs were tiring.

A couple miles or so after Alta Vista the road forked. One road went to Springville and Success Valley. The other road going south for a couple miles crossed the Tule

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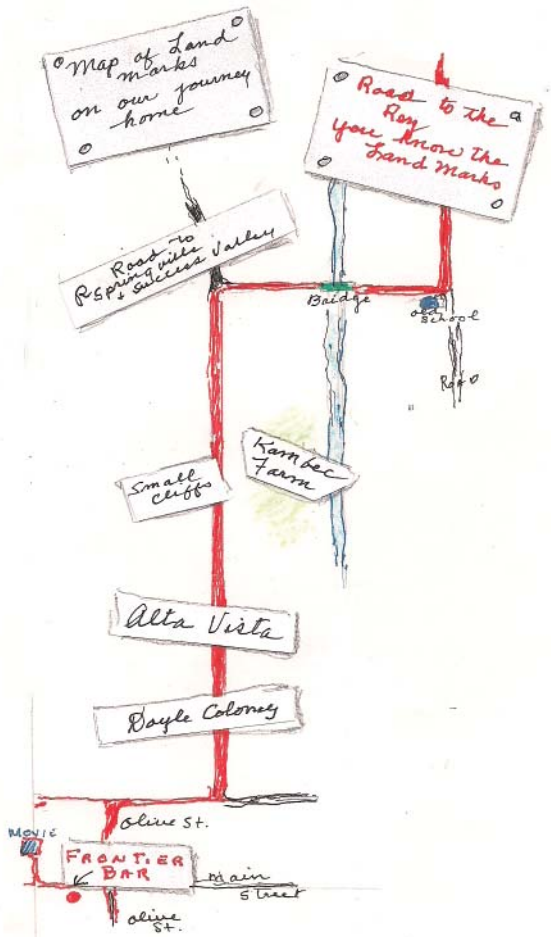
Midnight Trek Cont'd

River then dead-ended on to the Reservation Road near the old school house. We took this road, the one that went south. It was the shortest way home. It was very much the same road we usually take today as it was in 49. At the end of this road, we turned east toward home, the Rez, just as we do today.

By now we knew we were walking all the way. We kept a show pace. Again we were slowly walking uphill.



We kept talking about anything and everything. It was a long climb. On the way, we passed Ed Trailer's Ranch, not even half way to the top. How much of 18 or more miles had we walked? We tried not to think about it. It is all about the same today as it was then. So, as you drive along today imagine a couple of young guys walking alone in the dark of the night with only the faintest light of a tiny piece of the moon showing the way.

We crossed the first steep hill. We could barely see Ramona's place off to the right side, like the rest of the sleeping world it was dark. Ramona was the half sister to Juana Silvas Peyron my grandmother and grandmother to many other people. Ramona was also the mother of Art McDarment, Kenny and Woodrow.

As we passed this cut off or fork in the road, we decided to rest a short while. We sat down beside the road. We were afraid to fall asleep where rattlesnakes traveled freely. So, we nearly forced ourselves to get up and start walking again. Once again, it was all up hill. Our next milestone was Bonzer Hill. That is where the night really got scary. The narrow road got narrower. It was lined with trees whose branches reached high and across the road from both directions. Everything twisted and turned - the road, the tree branches, the bushes. The big white rocks scattered nearly everywhere glowed in the pale moon that lit their strange shapes and spooky faces. We began to think about the ghost stories so artfully told to us by Eddie Hunter. These stories about headless, twisted necked Indians riding wild black horses with fiery eyes. Ghosts and spirits must have been watching us too! It felt like it. Our pace quickened a little. Thankful it was all downhill.

As we crossed the land beyond Bonzer Hill, we could see the ridges of the big mountains near home. We could see the tree line and the faintest hint of morning. Soon we passed the many mailboxes where all the Rez got their mail. Those who never have seen them they were on the North West corner of the road where Success Valley joins the Reservation Road.

It was still a ways to home. Again we were thankful, it was a downhill walk for a while. From the place where the McCarthy Ranch is to the road along the Tule River and the high cliffs it was even more spooky then Bonzer Hill, more crowded with trees and rocks.

Morning was dawning as we passed by Danny and Louise Williams'. We were home, just another mile or so to go. Soon, we passed the Federal Building.

I walked Lonzo to the cattle crossing past the Old Sand Corrals. Lonzo still had a ways to go to get home to the McDarment house. It was beyond Eddie and Frances Hunter's home, up Gibbon Creek a ways.

As we parted, we agreed never to do this again.

I turned back. Our house was nearby on the hillside. When I walked into the house mom was up. She asked me how the movie was. She smiled. She knew. All I remembered after that was waking up hours later.

If ever there was a test of guys going from childhood to manhood it was that night so long ago.

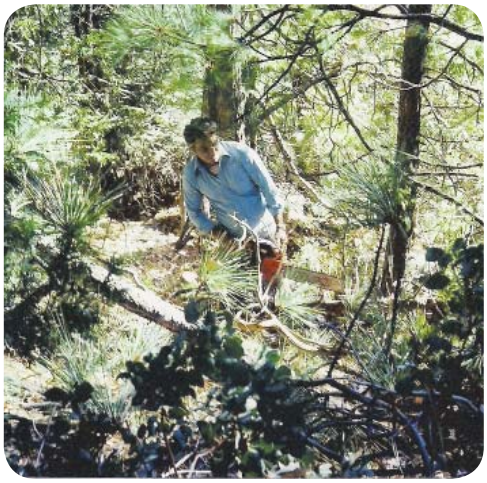
Note: In the same valley as the Kambicks place, an old railroad track went to Springville. It was used on the Disney Movie too. Mr. Kambick was also in that movie.

WANTED

Pictures for the 'Guess Who' game.
Bring your pictures by the Tribal Office
To Frances Hammond, Community Liaison
To have scanned or email them to:
Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov
Information give her a call at 781-4271 ext. 1047

They are!

First, let us thank Lisa Garfield for sharing these pictures. Kevin Bonds helped to identify the people in these phonots and belives they were taken in the late 70s or early 80s. Rachael McDarment was the only one to guess on these photos. She knew her grandpa Isidore Garfield in picture number 2 and she knew Dewey Hopson in picture number three.



This is Jerry Jeff.

Tommy Gibson is in the back, with Isidore Garfield in the center and in fromt is Mike Franco Sr.

Mike Franco Sr., with Dewey Hopson.

Some Franco family history

The Butterbred story

By Jesse Franco Montijo

Top left is Fredrick Butterbredt, wife Betty, Kathey Butterbredt, Virginia Apslatea Butterbredt hold Ida Butterbredt Izqerdo and John Butterbredt. On the bottom are Fred Butterbredt, Emma Rice Liebel, Ella Skinner Bencoma, Louise Butterbredt Skinner holding Joe Skinner and James Skinner.

The Butterbred story goes like this. My mother's grandmother, Rosa Garner Franco mother's sister was this relative married to Fredrick Butterbred. Rosa Garner Franco raised Gloria Franco Montijo Hernandez and her sister Natividad Franco and shared the story of a family link to a great aunt that was married to a Butterbred. I found the story and a picture that brought this to my attention. The picture is of this great aunt and her family. I found this information with the help of Facebook and Fredrick's great grandson, Wayne Buttterbred (living in Las Vegas). With this material, I was able to find Wayne on facebook and connect with him.

German gold miner Frederick Butterbred found his wife Mary/Betty alone with a newborn named Charley after the Whisky Flats Indian Massacre of 1863 at the present town of Kernville, about Lake Isabella, east of Bakersfield. Later he had two sons John and Thomas and raised Charley who lived a long life.

Mary/Betty (is is unclear what name she took) was a Paiute with possibly the Indian name of Neva Vine.

The Franco family has linked her with Tule River as my Great Grandmother's Great Aunt. I am grateful to have found this piece of family history.

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PIONEER FREDERICK BUTTERBREDT

Story By Dusty Roads published 8/1/2007 at http://www.dustyway.com/2007/09/pioneer-frederick-butterbredt.html, and confirms Jesse's story. Hope you enjoy reading it.

Cross Mountain, Scodie Peak, Hoffman Summit, Walker Pass, McIver Spring, Kelso Creek and many other terrain defining features are named for early settlers who lived along the eastern slope of the southern Sierra Range in the 1860s. The name Butterbredt, often misspelled as "Butterbread", is of special interest to those who recreate in the Jawbone/Dove Springs open areas and explore along designated routes of travel and trails in the area west of Highway 14 and south of Highway 178.

Fredrick Butterbredt arrived from Germany sometime before 1860. We pick him up around that time prospecting in the Southern Sierra Ranges near Claraville in the Piute Mountains. By 1867, he, along with 500 or more other gold seekers, descended the high mountains and took up placer claims along Kelso Creek which they duly recorded in the minutes of the New El Dorado Mining District. It wasn't long before merchants appeared on the scene bringing their wares and providing services of the type usually found in mining camps throughout the state at that time. They named the camp "Sageland".

A hotel, a boardinghouse, a general store, a number of saloons and an opera house sprang up near the intersection of the trail up Piute Mountain and the wagon road along Kelso Creek. Buildings were thrown together using materials at hand or parts of buildings brought down from Claraville. Typically, miners lived in tents and small units which they moved from camp to camp on flat bed wagons. These units and tents scattered along the creek placed each miner near his find as protection against claim jumpers. Only a few hard rock mines proved successful and unfortunately what little placer gold found in the creek bed soon gave out.

By 1879, most prospectors and merchants had moved on to the next discovery at White Pine Nevada leaving behind a few boarded-up buildings with for sale signs nailed to the door. Sageland, less than two years in the making, suddenly became a ghost town.

The 1870 census lists: Frederick, his wife Mary, and two sons John and Thomas living in Kelso Valley. Mary, a full blooded Piute Indian, claimed membership in the Kern River Band. According to their story, Fredrick found Mary huddled with her small child in "thick tules" near the site of the Whiskey Flats Indian Massacre of 1863. A small detachment of U.S. Army soldiers was ordered to put down the Indian problems caused by a renegade tribe living in the Owens Valley. The local Kern River Band had no connection with those in the Owens Valley. According to personal accounts, they had always been on good terms with the settlers in the Kern River area. To show that they didn't want to have trouble with the army, they turned their rifles over to the justice-of-the-peace so that the soldiers would know that they were not armed. This did not deter the captain in charge who was determined to inflict extreme punishment. His action resulted in the death of 35 men shot and stabbed while their loved ones looked on -- typical military justice on the western frontier.

The official report by Capt. McLaughlin stated as follows: "This extreme punishment, though I regret it, was necessary, and I feel certain that a few such examples will soon crush the Indians and finish the war in this and adjacent valleys." Mary was one of the survivors. The massacre took place on Whiskey Flat in the present town of Kernville.

In the 1870 census, Frederick gave his occupation as "teamster". This is interesting. The wagon road from the Kern River country to Los Angeles was established in the early 1860s by John Kelso for whom the valley was named. It ran from Kelso Road southeast down Hoffman Canyon to intersect with Jawbone Canyon Road that connected to the main wagon road between Los Angeles and the mines in Owens Valley. I'm going to guess that Frederick drove wagon teams along this and other routes throughout the region and that he, over the years, became familiar with the places that now bear the name Butterbredt. According to relatives, he spent the rest of his life prospecting for gold while the family farmed and raise vegetables to sell in the area.

In later years, both sons, John and Thomas, being of Indian blood, each qualified for Indian Allotments of 160 acres of public land and obtained patents issued by the U.S. government. Both tract + [p- s are located in Section 10 near the center of Kelso Valley. The Butterbredt clan expanded and continued to live in Kelso and the surrounding region for many years.

The US Geologic Survey started producing a series of maps in about 1910. The first issue of this area, "Mojave Quadrangle" at a scale of 2 miles to the inch, only shows a misspelled "Butterbread Peak." The other Butterbredt features are shown on later maps beginning in the 1950s. They include the spring, canyon and well.

Community Meeting

Mark your calendars
Next Community Meeting
Saturday February 7,2015, 9 a.m.
Tule River Gym
Be informed - voice your concerns

WIA NEWS

The W.I.A. Office has relocated to the Justice Center, 129 S. Reservation, Suite 177. The telephone number to schedule appointments with Training Coordinator Charlotte Salas is 559-853-6054, and the telephone number for WIA Director Teri Dobson is 559-853-6092. The office is located on the first floor, just as you enter the building, first door on the right. Office hours remain the same – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We will start having workshops beginning in January. In these workshops, participants will learn how to complete employment applications, compose a resume, learn how to job search, take a series of assessment tests to learn more about themselves, watch a variety of work-related videos, the World of Work workbook will be introduced, as well as Career Choices curriculum. Notice will be put out mid-December with the exact dates of the workshops, which will be held weekly.

Pregnancy Prevention through

Nutrition and Cultural Beading

Tuesday Nights at 5:30pm - 8:00 pm

Need a new way to learn how to eat healthy and learn how to bead ?

Come and try our nutrition and beading class !

- Beginners to experts are welcome.
- Snacks and most materials will be provided.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your interest in our class please call

559-782-8211 Ext 375 Connie Becerra

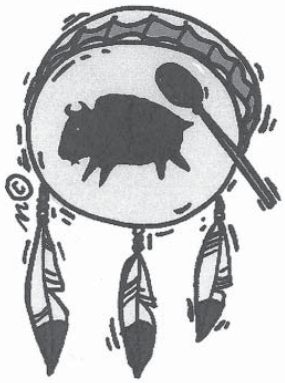
WANTED

FOR 'A LITTLE HISTORY'

Do you want to share your old photos?
Do you have some Tule River history
you would like to share?
Do you have some interesting
stories you would like to tell?
If so please give me a call
at 781-4271, ext.1047,
send me an email at
news@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov
or just come by the Tribal Offices
for a visit and a talk.
I would love to hear from you.

Tule River Youth and Adult

DRUM CIRCLE



Everyone Come Drum and Sing

BEGINNERS WELCOME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
5:30PM-7PM
CULTURAL ROOM

For Info Contact: Culture Assistant: Johnny Nieto 782-5554 ext. 2109
Culture Coordinator: Cricket McDarment ext. 2105

New Phone Numbers

Several departments have moved to the Justus Center and their phone numbers have changed, here are the new numbers

The Office of General Counsel.....(559) 853-6058
Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Sierra.....(559) 853-6114
Notary Public/Legal Clerk
Gayline Hunter.....(559) 853-6115
Legal Assistant
Roxanne Burt.....(559) 853-6112
General Counsel
Charmaine McDarment.....(559) 853-6111
WIA
Training Coordinator Charlotte Salas.....(559) 853-6054
Director Teri Dobson.....(559) 853-6092
Department of family & Social Services..(559) 853-6057

Eagle Mountain has special visitor!

Eagle Mountain Casino had a very special visitor last month.

He or She especially liked the Dumpster!

Tule River Indian Health Center Inc.

Clinic Hours

Saturday (Medical only)

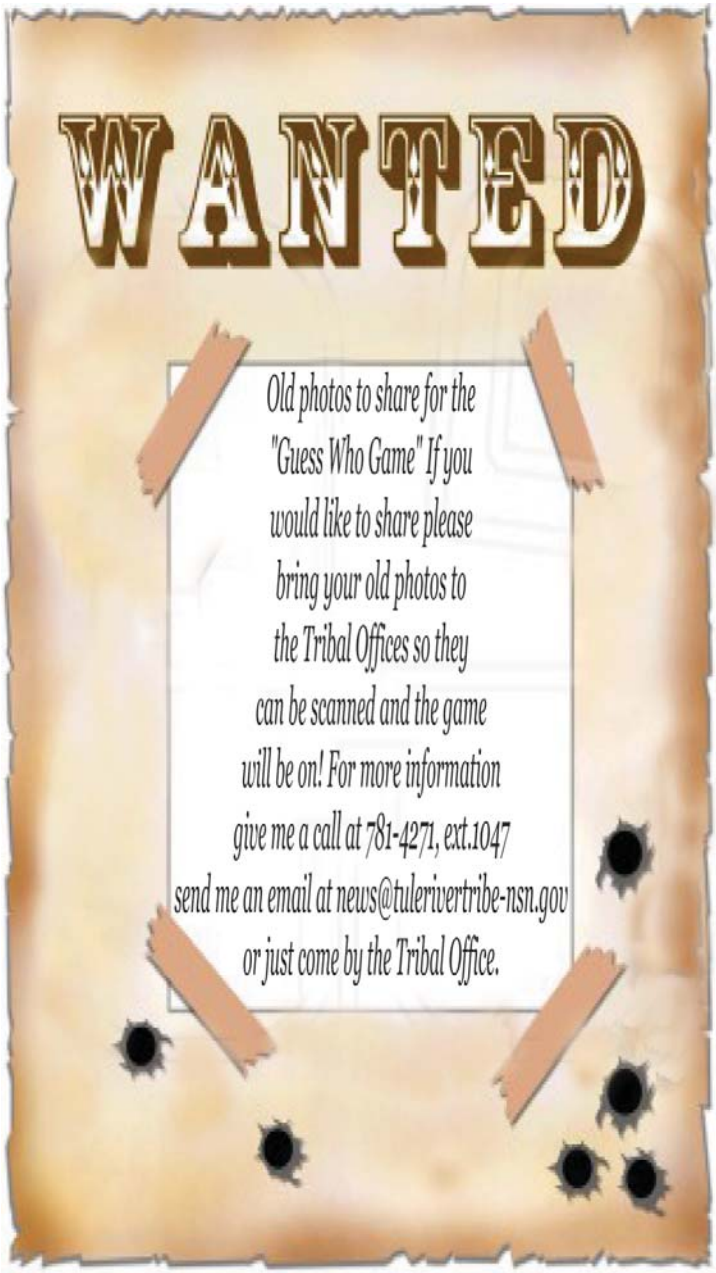
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Walk-ins 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays



December USDA Food Distribution

December 1 - North Fork
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 2 - Picayune
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December 4 - Big Sandy
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 8 - Cold Spring
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

December 10 - Dunlap
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

December 12 - Onyx
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

December 15 - Tuolumne
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

December 16 - Morada
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

December 17 - Tule River
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

December 18, 19 & 22
Tule River Warehouse
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
& 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All-Purpose Baking Mix

Makes 9 Cups
Recipes on next page

Ingredients

4 Cups All-Purpose flour
4 Cups Whole Wheat flour
1 1/3 Cups Instant Non-Fat Dry Milk
1/4 Cup Baking Powder
1 Tsp. Salt

Preparation

1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Keep in airtight container at room temperature.
3. Stir mix before using.

Calories 420 - Calories from fat 15 - Total fat 1.5 g. - Saturated fat 0.5 g. - Cholesterol 0 mg. - sodium 630 mg. - Total Carbohydrates 87 g. - Dietary Fiber 8 g. - Sugar 7 g. - Protein 17 g. - Vitamin A 70 re - Vitamin C 0 mg. - Calcium 150 mg. - Iron 5 mg.This recipe has not been tested or standardized by the USDA. Taken from the Western Region Cookbook, a cookbook with tasty recipes using USDA Commodities and from Native Americans throughout the United States.

Eagle Mountain Casino
Now has home baked
Cakes and Pies
for sale
Order yours now for the
Christmas Holiday
Pies from $8 to $9
Cakes reasonably priced
Low and no sugar also available
Orders must be made 24 hours in advance
to order or for more information call
788-6220
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Golden Pumpkin Muffins

Hardy muffins for Christmas Brunch.
Makes 12 servings

Ingredients

1 1/2 Cups Baking Mix (see page 37 for recipe)
1/2 Tsp. Cinnamon
1/2 Tsp. Ginger
1/2 Tsp. Nutmeg
1/2 Cut Vegetable Oil
1/4 Cup Egg Mix+1/2 cup Water or 2 eggs
1 (13.5 oz) Can Pumpkin
1/2 Cup Raisins or Chopped Prunes
1/3 cup Walnuts, Chopped

Preparation

Preheat oven to 400ºF.

1. Spray muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray or use paper liners.
2. In a large bowl, combine baking mix, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Add oil, eggs and pumpkin.
3. Gently stir in raisins and walnuts. Stir until smooth, but do not beat.
4. Fillmufffins cups half full. Bake at 400ºF about 20 minutes.

Calories 200 - Calories from fat 110 - Total fat 12 g. - Saturated fat 2 g. - Cholesterol 35 mg. - sodium 130 mg. - Total Carbohydrates 26 g. - Dietary Fiber 3 g. - Sugar 7 g. - Protein 5 g. - Vitamin A 810 re - Vitamin C 2 mg. - Calcium 40 mg. - Iron 2 mg. This recipe has not been tested or standardized by the USDA. Taken from the Western Region Cookbook, a cookbook with tasty recipes using USDA Commodities and from Native Americans throughout the United States.

Commodities Biscuits

Biscuits always make breakfast better!
Makes 10 Biscuits

Ingredients

2 Cups Baking Mix (see bottom of page)
2 Tbsp. Vegetable Oil
½ Cup Water

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Stir all ingredients until blended.
3. Turn dough out onto floured board or tabletop.
4. Knead 15 to 20 times. Roll or pat to 3/4” thickness.
5. Using a cutter of knife, divide dough into 10 equal parts.
6. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake 12-15 minutes at 400 F.

Calories 110 - Calories from fat 30 - Total fat 3 g. - Saturated fat 0.5 g. - Cholesterol 0 mg. - sodium 125 mg. - Total Carbohydrates 17 g. - Dietary Fiber 2 g. - Sugar 1 g. - Protein 3 g. - Vitamin A 15 re - Vitamin C 0 mg. - Calcium 40 mg. - Iron 0 mg. This recipe has not been tested or standardized by the USDA. Taken from the Western Region Cookbook, a cookbook with tasty recipes using USDA Commodities and from Native Americans throughout the United States.

More Elders Thanksgiving

Gloria Hernandez with her daughter Susie Moore.

Arlene Robles and Betsey Foote smile for the camera.

Marilyn Hunter went home with a gift card.

Donna Medrano and Ludrie Gonzales enjoyed the day.

The Franco's had a table together.

Verdo Caldwell and family fellowshipping.

Storytelling

Come and join us for a evening of Storytelling and spiritual/cultural learning! this will begin at 4:30 pm!

Date

December 12, 2014

Place

Tule Gym (Arbor on side of gym)

For any questions feel free to Contact Future Generations 559.782.5554

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association

Fatherhood Is Sacred™/Motherhood Is Sacred™

The Family is at the Heart of Native American Cultures

Family Formation

Fatherhood is Sacred

Dates

September 8 & 9th

October 15 - Belonging

November 19 - Mastery -Way of Life Demonstration

December 17-Inner Dependence

January 21 - Generosity

February 18 - Recap

March 18 - Recap

Graduate Dinner March 25 all workshops 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Meetings will be held in the Brafford Room at the Tribal Office

Guest Speakers:
Wednesday night workshops will be facilitated by Joseph Garfield using the GONA curriculum.

Dinner will be provided

MEN'S FAMILY AWARENESS AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THEIR YOUTH

This is a Tule River father and youth event for Men's Health and Family Awareness. Dinner will be provided. To qualify for the end of event dinner participants must attend 75% of workshops.

If you have any questions please contact :
Willie Carrillo
559-793-6116

Connie Becerra
559-782-8211 Ext 375

OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Owens Valley Career Development Center

Job and Resource Fair

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Porterville TANF Office
191 West Poplar Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257

For more information please contact Sherri Macias at 559-791-9271.

Tule River Employee's December Birthdays

Tule River Human Resources Department and Tribal Council wish Tule River Employees a Very Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas too!

December 1
Alyssa Morgan, Oak Pit

December 4
Kea Franco, Public Works

December 5
Yu Cha, Security
Sarah Vidaurri, Oak Pit

December 6
Gladis Madrigal, EFTP 1

December 7
Froilan Sarmiento, Finance
Eilene Yazzie, HR
Wendi Correa, Admin

December 8
Rachel De La Rosa, Oak Pit

December 9
Darcey Heggie, Public Works
Abraham Almaguer, Oak Pit

December 10
Sharon James, ICWA
Andrea Diaz, EFTP 2

December 11
Dyana Garfield, DPS

December 12
Gerardo Cortez, Security

December 14
Evett McDarment, DPS

December 17
Roxanne Burtt, Legal

December 18
Eric Vega, Public Works

December 23
Maribel Cuffman, Finance
Teresa Dobson, WIA
Julie Silva, Education

December 24
Gerald McTier, TRTGC

December 28
Frank Chavez, Jr, Public Works
Christian Avalos, Fire Dept

December 30
Michael Franco Sr., TRAP
Gina Milinich, Oak Pit

December 31
Jared Carrillo, Public Works
Cecilia Chavez, Admin
Kimberly Minor, Oak Pit

Did we miss your birthday? If so, please stop by the Human Resource office to update your information.

HR Manager Valerie Velasquez taken aback last month with a pre-work day birthday surprise from her fellow employees. Later in the day, a hansom man was seen delivering roses! We hope that Ms. Velasquez had a great birthday and will celebrate many more.

Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc.

Diabetes Clinic

Every Monday

Call to schedule your appointment today

(559) 784-2316

Eagle Mountain Casino donates $7,500 to the Wounded Heroes Fund

Matthew Carabay, Tule River Native Veteran Post 1987 and Ador Cardenas, EMC Slot Manager present check from EMC at Wounded Heroes Event in Bakersfield last month.

On Saturday November 8th, Eagle Mountain Casino presented a check donation in the amount of $7,500 to the Wounded Heroes Fund of Kern County at their annual Salute to Heroes event held at the Bakersfield Fairgrounds. On hand to present the check was Marketing Manager Ador Cardenas and Tule River Tribal Navy Veteran Matthew Carabay.

"I was surprised and excited with the amount of the check" said Executive Director Wendy Porter. "We've seen our largest crowd and this has been the most successful program so far this year. It'll be even better next year".

The Wounded Heroes Fund serves Veterans by helping them with travel expenses, mortgages, assisting in their military installations, finding a new home, or retrofitting a current home for wheelchair accessibility. The organization also helps in finding pro-bono Doctors for the wounded, providing grocery money to families of a deployed heroes, and hosting appreciation events to recognize these brave heroes.

EMC Donates 200 Turkeys

Eagle Mountain Casino teamed up with The Salvation Army to donate 200 Turkeys to those in need last month. Story on page 44.

Yokuts Coffee House now open at Eagle Mountain Casino

Something new is brewing at Eagle Mountain Casino. Yokuts Coffee House is now open for your convenience. Coffee and tea lovers can now indulge in a hot cup of Joe, latte or enjoy a hot cup of tea on a chilly day. The Coffee House will feature the traditional coffee house drinks such as brewed coffee, espresso and latte's, as well as specialty drinks and frappe's. Hot and iced teas will be available, including smoothies and an assortment of pastries to pair with your favorite drink of choice. All pastries are made fresh daily in Eagle Mountain's in house bakery. Fresh fruit, Yogurt and parfaits will be added to the menu soon. So come check out the new Yokuts Coffee House for a pick-me-up or to just relax with a cup of tea!

Joey Garfield blesses the new Yokuts Coffee House at Eagle Mountain Casino.

Thursday, December 4 - MUAY THAI 2 ULTIMATE CONQUEST Ticket Prices: $40, $60, $100 - Tickets On Sale NOW! - Doors Open at 5 p.n. - Show Time 6 p.m. - Bingo Hall - * Player's Club Members receive $5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop Only

Thursday, December 11 - LEE GREENWOOD / CRYSTAL GAYLE CHRISTMAS SHOW - Ticket Prices: $35, $45, $65 - Tickets On Sale NOW! - Doors Open at 6 p.m. - Show Time 7:30 p.m. - Bingo Hall - * Player's Club Members receive $5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop Only

EMC Donates 200 Turkeys

On Wednesday November 26th Eagle Mountain Casino and Sysco teamed together to donate 200 Turkeys to the Salvation Army of Visalia. Through our donation along with other businesses and individuals, the non-profit Organization was able to hand out over 500 Turkeys and food boxes to local needy Families for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Salvation Army prides itself on assisting the needy and offering programs for hunger relief, housing and disasters to name a few.

"Being a community partner is a priority to Eagle Mountain Casino. We are very much honored to team up with Salvation Army and help our community," said Marketing Director Renee Garcia.

dECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tribal Council wishes all a very Happy Birthday

December 1
Rachel M. Manuel
Alyssa M. Morgan
Carissa M. Ramirez

December 2
Victor Y Nunez
Stephanie D. Pena
Kelley D. Ramirez
Craig J. Silas

December 3
Casey R. Carrillo
John M. Pina
Tyler A Ramirez
Diego A. Sanchez

December 4
Priscilla Arroyo
Alfred J. Facio Jr.
Kea T. Franco
Denise J. Hunter
Melanie M. Hunter

December 5
William L. Garfield, III
Alexandra M. M. Williams

December 6
Shannen K. Curlin
Marcello J Dabney
Angel F. Rubio

December 7
Garth Lucyo Aguilar
Christine A. Alto
William J. Carrillo Sr.
Wendi R. Correa
Sheneah D. Franco
David R. Lamotte
Marnie M. Manuel
Eilene C. Yazzie

December 8
David H. Lara Jr.

December 9
Donna Devine
Levi R. Guiterrez
John M. Jones
Aspen C. Nieblas

December 10
Paula M. Lucero
Teresa L. Villegas
Michael C. Wilson

December 11
Elaine M. Chester
James H. Dabney
Zona L. Franco
Dyana M. Garfield
Loreeta W. D. Garfield
Andrew J. Ramos

December 12
Decemberrain A. Garfield
Riley C. Mueller

December 13
Antonia Aguilera
Adam T. Alvarado
Lee J. J. Cruz
Justin M. Hoffman
Sherri J. Macias
Jade C. Perez

December 14
Josie P. Diaz
Delores C. Martinez
Evett L. McDarment
Terance W. Williams

December 15
Meagan A. Dabney
Kristine L. Gomez
Angela M. Morgan

December 16
Georgia M. Balthazor
Jessica C. Flores
Carlos P. Guzman Jr.
Alisha N. Vera

December 17
Roxanne K. Burtt
Jolissa J. Carazolez
Jarod K. Frost
Connie V. Santos
Sara I. Santos
Yance A Williams

December 18
Martin M. Martinez Jr.
Robert L. Munoz
Brandon T. Peyron
Eric T. Vega

December 19
George W. Alviso Jr.
Rance W. Alviso
Keith S. Ramos Sr.
Juan R. Tovar, IIII

December 20
Henry D. Nieto

December 21
Robert M. Alva
Farah R. Brown
Bernice D. Hernandez
Raina F.M. Nieto
Gilbert F. Sorondo
Russell N. Williams Jr.
Trent D. Williams

December 22
Daniel W. Alviso
Charles P. Dabney Sr.

December 23
Zandria R. Flores
Brittany N. Franco
Julie A. Silva
William A. Stroud
Kidd K. Valdez

December 24
Trystan O. DeSoto
Arianna P. Carabay

December 25
Jeanne M. Baga
Branden R. Peyron

December 26
Cheyenne D. Bradley
Uniese L. Carrillo
Stordy R. Dick
Rebecca Y. Manuel

December 27
Brianna M Ceballos
Jason N. Nieto
Moi-Yukh O. Rubio

December 28
Sophia Carrillo
Julia M. Hunter

December 29
Ava J Christie
Valarie C. Pizano
Saquoiah R. Wright

December 30
Michael H. Franco Sr.

December 31
Jared A. J. Carrillo
Cecilia M. Chavez
Theodore B. Garfield
Bethany C. McDarment
Isais M.B.P. Pena

Porterville Transit has expanded Route 9 and times of the schedule have changed as of July 1st. Below is the new schedule. Bus transportation is still free to all Tribal Members.

Transit Center	S. Plano and Olive	S. Plano and Andres	S. Plano and Chase	Eagle Mtn Casino Park n Ride	Tribal Office (Southside)	Eagle Mtn Casino	Reservation Rd Loop	Eagle Mtn Casino	Tribal Office (Northside)	Eagle Mtn Casino Park n Ride	Eagles Nest	S. Plano and Poplar	S. Plano and River	S. Plano and Miranda	South County Justice Center	Transit Center
6:00 AM	6:03 AM	6:04 AM	6:06 AM	6:13 AM	6:38 AM	6:45 AM	6:52 AM	7:00 AM	7:02 AM	7:30 AM	7:36 AM	7:41 AM	7:43 AM	7:45 AM	7:47 AM	7:49 AM
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Shaded Area = Weekend Service

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Tule River Youth 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	2 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Young Boys 3:45 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. PIP Class 5:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m.	3 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:340 p.m. Young Girls 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	4 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. 60 min. of fun 4:30 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m. NAC-VAN	5 Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p .m. NAC-GHHS Porterville Art Walk 5 p.m. *Remembrance Walk 5 p.m.*	6 *Future Generation Christmas Tree Lighting 10 a.m.*
7	8 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Tule River Youth 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	9 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Young Boys 3:45 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. PIP Class 5:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m.	10 Yoga 10 a.m. Elders Meeting 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:340 p.m. Young Girls 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m.	11 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Health Walk 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 4:30 p.m. 60 min. of fun 4:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m. *Family Speaker Night Alcohol Prevention 5:30 p.m.*	12 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Native Movie Night 5 p.m. *Cultural Night Storytelling 4:30 p.m. Fire Pit*	13 *Youth Community Christmas Event 3 p.m.*
14	15 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Tule River Youth 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	16 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Young Boys 3:45 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. PIP Class 5:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m.	17 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:340 p.m. Young Girls 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	18 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. 60 min. of fun 4:30 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. Drumming 5:30 p.m. NAC-VAN	19 Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Native Movie Night 5 p.m. NAC-GHHS *Citrus South Tule School Christmas Program 11 a.m.*	20 *Youth Basketball McDermont Field House*
21	22 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	23 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	24 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	25 Merry Christmas		27 *Youth Basketball McDermont Field House*
28	29 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	30 TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Team Roping 5 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	31 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Teen Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. *Winter Break Activities*	UNITY Youth Council meet every Monday at 5 p.m.		

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