

# Tule River Newsletter

*Tule River goes to the polls*



**Tule River  
Tribal Council**  
**Chairman**  
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**Kenneth McDarment**  
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**Joyce Carothers**  
**Secretary**  
**Yolanda Gibson**  
**Members**  
**Duane M. Garfield Sr.**  
**Kevin M. Bonds**  
**Ryan Garfield**  
**William J. Carrillo Sr.**  
**Heather Teran**



**2015 Tule River Tribal Council starting in the back from the left are Duane M. Garfield Sr., new Vice-Chair Kenneth McDarment, Chairman Neil Peyron, Kevin M. Bonds, William J. Carrillo Sr. and Ryan Garfield. Up front are Heather Teran, new Secretary Yolanda Gibson and Treasurer Joyce Carothers.**

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Polls closed Saturday, January 17th for the 2015 Tule River Tribal Elections. All three elections had an excellent turnout.

In the race for the five available seats for Tribal Council, four incumbents were re-elected. Nancy McDarment did not run for re-election. 377 people voted out of 496 eligible voters. 29 candidates ran for the five available seats. Kenneth McDarment received the highest number of votes with 108; Duane M. Garfield Sr. was second with 103 votes. Newly elected this year was William J. Carrillo Sr. receiving 89 votes. Kevin M.



**The 41st Tule River Indian Health Advisory Board from the left in the back are William J. Carrillo Sr., Alternate Jade Garfield, Barbara Baga, new Treasurer Joseph Garfield and Richard Brown. Up front are Vice-Chair Donna Medrano, Chairperson Gayline Hunter and Secretary Alberta Chavez. Not pictured is Alternate Veronica McDarment.**

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## *More on the Elections*

Bonds received 84 votes and Yolanda Gibson 83.

After the count, the new Council held their first meeting at 12:20 Sunday morning. Neil Peyron thanked all who came out to vote and welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Peyron opened the meeting to nominations. Once again, Chairman Peyron was re-elected as the 2015 Chairman by acclamation. Kenneth McDarment was elected to the Vice-Chair position with Chairman Peyron having to break a tie, Yolanda Gibson is the new Secretary and Joyce Carothers will remain Treasurer.

After the Executive Board was elected Chairman Peyron opened the meeting up for comments from the newly formed board.

Duane Garfield said, "Thank you all for coming out to vote. It is evident by the vote that the people are happy with what we are doing." Ms. Gibson thanked all who voted to retain her on the Council and Heather Teran was very pleased with the turn out and thanked everyone for coming out. Kenneth McDarment also thanked all the voters and those who supported him.

"Thank you all I will continue to do my best for you, I will work for you," said Kevin Bonds.

"I am glad to be back," said William Carrillo. He urges all to be fair with the Council, "If you have a problem come talk to us." He said.



**The 2015 Tule River Elders Council from the left in the back are Vice-Chair Donna Devine, Chairperson Mary Hermieo, Secretary Patsy Vega, Lucy Rodilez-Aguilar, Linda Santos and Alternate Raymond Flores Sr. Up front are Alternate Peggy Christman, Betsey Foote and Treasurer Darrell Vera.**

Joyce Carothers said that she was very glad with the turn out and reiterated, "My door is always open for you."

The Tule River Elders Council election had 120 eligible voters with 92 voting. There were five seats up for grabs plus two alternate seats. Receiving the highest number of votes with 38 was Lucy Rodilez-Aguilar, reelecting her, second highest votes went to Donna Devine with 35 votes, Devine served as an alternate last term, Betsey Foote was third with 33 votes, the fourth seat went to Darrell Vera with 32 votes and Incumbent Mary Hermieo was reelected with 30 votes. Raymond Flores Sr. will serve as an alternate. He received 29 votes and Peggy Christman was also elected as an alternate receiving 28 votes.

The New 2015 Tule River Elders met Monday, January 19 to elect the Executive Board. Mary Hermieo retained the Chairperson seat. Donna Devine was elected as the Vice-Chair, Patsy Vega was elected by acclamation as Secretary. Darrell Vera was elected as the Treasurer.

In the Tule River Indian Health Advisory Board's 41st Annual Election, there were three seats up open for election and two alternate seats. There were 531 eligible voters with 346 voting. Donna Medrano, an incumbent received the highest number of votes with 104. Also, an incumbent Alberta Chavez came in second with 85 votes and receiving third place with 78 votes was Joseph Garfield. William J. Carrillo Sr. was elected as the first Alternate with 63 votes. There was a three-way tie for the second alternate seat, Jade Garfield, Darrell Vera and Veronica McDarment, all received 60 votes.

The 2015 Tule River Indian Health Center Board of Directors met Tuesday, January 20 to elect their Executive Board and break the tie for the second alternate seat.

On this morning still serving on the health board was Yolanda Gibson who was elected as Tule River Tribal Council Secretary Sunday morning turned in a letter of resignation sighting that she felt she could not devote the time needed to sit on the Health Board. William J. Carrillo Sr. was seated as the seventh member of the Board by acclamation. The Board then voted for the two alternate seats. Veronica McDarment was elected as the first alternate and Jade Garfield was elected as the second alternate.

By acclamation, Gayline Hunter once again will fill the Chairperson seat. Donna Medrano was elected as the Vice-Chair. Alberta Chavez retained her seat as Secretary by acclamation and Joseph Garfield was seated by acclamation as the Treasurer.

## *Tule River and FAIHP partner-up!*



**Dr. Jamie Bartgis, Cherokee, will be gathering the information needed to create surveys for this new grant.**

The Tule River and the Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP), an urban Indian health program in the City of Fresno was awarded a grant of \$4 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The grant is called the Circles of Care, a 4-year federal grant through the Center for Mental Health Services targeted specifically at enabling Indian communities to evaluate their current children's mental health system and develop a model program based on the systems of care principles.

The system of care model is an organizational philosophy and framework that involves collaboration across agencies, families, and youth for the purpose of improving access and expanding the array of coordinated community-based, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports for children and youth.

A meeting was held with state and county agencies as well as Tribal departments to explain what is going to be the first step in utilizing this grant. The grant is a fact finding grant with questionnaires being established by Elders, Youth, the Community and the many Tribal departments. The reason for the questionnaires are to ascertain just what services and programs are needed and which ones are being duplicated. The results of the surveys will create a database that will be used to obtain more grants that will create more services and programs for the local Native community.

The grant will also allow the tribe and FAIHP to implement a trauma-informed comprehensive and holistic system of care for American Indian youth and families in the San Joaquin Valley. It will increase the availability of direct mental health and substance abuse services for American Indian and Alaska Native people in the region. The project will also provide greater outreach and prevention services to reduce the stigma that surrounds mental health care, as well as promote information about the importance of accessing services. The service system will integrate traditional health practices and cultural services as well as a culture based approach for working with youth and families in need.

This project represents an unprecedented partnership between a tribal government and an urban Indian health program in the delivery of a system of care for behavioral health services for Native American families that will serve an eight county region. With over 93,000 estimated Native Americans in the San Joaquin Valley, this funding is critical to meet the needs of these rural and urban tribal communities. The grant proposal was developed in response to a comprehensive needs assessment of the Native American community, conducted by FAIHP and published in 2013, which found that 77% of respondents reported they did not know how to access mental health services in their community. While access to care is clearly a barrier, 55% of American Indian youth reported having a friend or family member that used drugs/alcohol, and 43% knew a friend or family member who tried to end their own life. "Despite the benefits of health care reform including Medi-Cal expansion, American Indian Communities face some of the highest rates of health disparities, chronic disease, and lack of access to care, in the nation. Inaccurate public assumptions that tribal gaming revenues and the limited funding available through the Indian Health Service should be sufficient to meet the health needs of tribal and urban Indian communities can create barriers to securing the resources necessary to raise the quality and quantity of available care," said Jennifer Ruiz, the Executive Director of FAIHP.

For these reasons, the tribe and FAIHP are optimistic about this cooperative agreement with SAMHSA, and the partnership's ability to sustain the services once the grant program is complete. For more information, please visit <http://www.faihp.org>.



## Let's double Fresno State's enrollment of American Indian students, President Castro says



**Fresno State President Joseph Castro**

By Hannah Furfaur first published in *The Fresno Bee* January 12, 2015

Fresno State President Joseph Castro says he wants to double the number of American Indian students enrolled at the university by 2016, reversing the tide on a trend that's shown a sharp decline in native students since 2010.

Castro made the announcement Monday during a speech for faculty at the Save Mart Center.

The push is part of Castro's new American Indian Recruitment and Resource Initiative, which will include partnerships with local schools and tribal agencies to increase college access to young American Indians.

Castro has offered few details about the program so far, but says he's committed to doubling the university's current American Indian population — currently 82 students — to 164 within the next few years.

Enrollment has steadily dropped since 2010, when about 134 native students took classes at Fresno State. Native students make up less than one half of 1% of the university's student body today.

Castro said he first noticed the plunge in American Indian enrollment just after he was hired in 2013. He suspects the deepening recession caused many to choose cheaper options, noting "we did see decreases in some students going to college because of their concerns about cost."

"Through the deepening of the relationships and increasing our credibility, we'll become more of a first-choice destination for them," he said during an interview after his speech.

He's reaching out to tribal leaders, parents and students to find out how to best recruit more high school graduates. This school year only seven of the university's 3,533 first-

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## New program aims to increase Native American social work graduates

The Department of Social Work Education at Fresno State is working to increase the number of Native American graduates in the department through implementation of SERVE: Indigenous Community Social Workers for Change.

The goal of the SERVE program is to preserve the culture of Native American children and families, particularly those working in the area of child welfare. SERVE also seeks to foster leadership development and partnerships among tribal nations and indigenous communities in Fresno County.

Fresno State is surrounded by 24 counties with large Native American populations. "Despite the large number of tribes in the region of Central California, that number is not reflected through the number of Native American students on campus", said Dr. Virginia Rondero Hernandez, principal investigator and chair in the Department of Social Work Education.

There has been a 50 percent decrease in American Indian and Alaska Native students within a 10-year period at Fresno State, according to 2012 data from the University's Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Among master's level students, the two-year graduation rate fell from 100 percent in 2003 to 33 percent in 2010.

"These numbers are alarming in the social work arena given the disproportionate representation of Native American children in the child welfare system in the region and nation," Rondero Hernandez said. "These children account for 0.9 percent of the population in the U.S., yet they make up 2.1 percent of the population in foster care."

In December, Fresno State announced its American Indian Recruitment and Resource Initiative with the goal to double the number of American Indian students enrolling at Fresno State by fall 2016.

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## Vets news

The Veterans met for their monthly meeting to the delicious aroma of Commander Stan Santos' BBQ. The guys have been taking a well earned break from their duties during the Holiday season so this was more or less a social meeting. Patrick Garfield was on hand to celebrate his birthday with the traditional cake decorated in Navy blue to commend his service.

Last month Clay Garfield had submitted his resignation, but the Vets received good news. He has decided to stay in his position as First Lieutenant for the time being. Clay and his lovely wife are planning a move when she retires in a few years. So Clay will stay around for awhile. And that is good news indeed!

## *Social work grads Cont'd*

In the Social Work Education Department, a project coordinator will be hired through SERVE to recruit and provide outreach to Native American students interested in applying for a bachelor's or master's degree in social work with a specialization in child welfare, which is offered through the department's Title IV-E program.

The project coordinator will work with Native American students in field placements and internships in tribal agencies or agencies that work with a large tribal population, as well as to help identify and build relationships with tribal communities.

According to the 2011 National Indian Education Study, almost two-thirds of American Indian and Alaska Native eighth graders never speak with a school counselor regarding high school courses or future college plans. At the high school level, 25 percent of these students were without diplomas.

"It's important to continue letting youth in rural and urban areas know that higher education at Fresno State is an option for them," said Hector Cerda, regional coordinator with the California Youth Connection. "We need to target them at a younger age and give them this information so they can be exposed. Producing and training more social workers who can then go back into tribal communities as child welfare and social workers is crucial."

Cerda, a Fresno State alumnus, received his bachelor's (2008) and master's (2011) and was responsible for founding the First Nations Student organization on campus in 2006.

Fresno State joins three other California State University campuses that have implemented the SERVE program: CSU Stanislaus, Humboldt State and San Diego State.

SERVE was founded in 1981 through the University of California, Berkeley American Indian/Alaskan Native Program in Social Welfare, known then as the American Indian Recruitment Program. It was adopted by the California Social Work Education Center in 1999 and expanded in 2011 to increase statewide outreach across all regions and communities.

For more information, contact Dr. Virginia Rondero Hernandez at 559.278.8478.

## *Fresno State enrollment Cont'd*

time freshmen are American Indian. According to 2013 U.S. Census figures, 1.1% of Fresno County residents are American Indian.

The university's social work education department is making its own go at attracting native students. On Monday, department chair Virginia Rondero Hernandez announced the department is recruiting students with an interest in child welfare, with the hope that those who study to receive a bachelor's or master's degree will do field work or internships with tribal agencies.

## *PCCIEA alive and doing well!*



**Vice-President Linda Peterson, Cathy, Jim McCatney, Secretary Linda Hinojosa and Treasurer Elaine Flores at the PCCIEA meeting held at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant.**

The Porterville Chapter of the California Indian Education Association came together last month for their regular monthly meeting at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant.

Over delicious chicken and fish tacos, the group discussed different ways to fundraise. It was decided that Irene Hunter would be contacted to put together a basket for a future raffle. Moneys generated from the raffle would be used for administration costs such as mailings and copier ink.

What the association would like to achieve this coming year was another topic of discussion. One thing is for sure all the members would like to see the infrastructure nailed down and the group get down to the business of promoting Indian education. Once again, the bylaws, policies and procedures were under discussion and it was decided that the document created by Secretary Linda Hinojosa would be sent to all members so that finalization could be achieved at the next meeting.

Members were very excited at the results of the Education Fair that was held in December at the EMC Event Tent. The event, hosted by the Tule River Education Department and the California Indian Education Association where many Native American Colleges and Universities as well as Hoopa was represented at the fair. It is the hope of this Association to help bring more events like this one to the area.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Vice-President Linda Peterson's building at 621 N. Main in Porterville, Thursday, February 12th at 5:30 p.m.

If Indian Education is a passion of yours please come join us in this grassroots organization, bring your ideas to the table on how to improve the education system for the Native American student. For information on the Association please give Frances Hammond, PCCIEA Public Relations Officer a call at 559-781-4271, ext. 1047 or email Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov.

## News of and for the Elders



**Elders Karen Garfield and Elaine Flores celebrated their birthdays with cake at the Elders Meeting last month.**

Once again, the Elders had a very busy month. First, they met for their monthly meeting.

On the agenda was Victor Silvas Jr. He introduced his guest James McFadden, a businessman and pro basketball player. Both men were there to represent a health product manufactured by the Zija Company. This company's products are derived from the Moringa Oleifera tree. This tree grows in the Philippines and has many benefits to enhance health and energy. Mr. Silvas and Mr. Mc-



**Gail Nichols Bartlett and Connie Nichols Ervin donate basket to Elders pictured here with Mary Hermio, Elders Council Chairperson and Nacho Diaz.**



**Victor Silvas, Tribal Administrator, talked about the System Care Grant and asked for Elders input.**

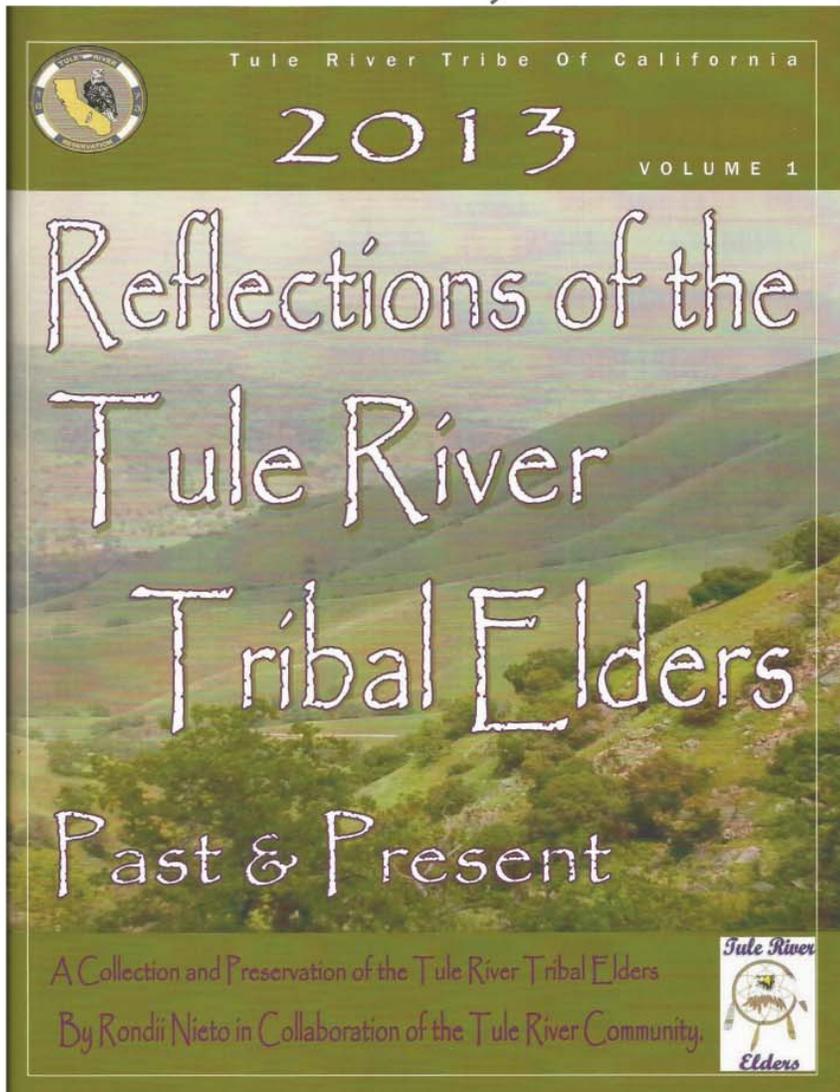
Fadden gave testimonies as to the great benefit of using these products. They lower cholesterol, maintain blood sugar, give energy and is known to be almost a perfect food source. All were treated to the SuperMix, a powder you add to a bottle of water. If you would like more information on these products and the Zija Company you can visit [drinklifein.com](http://drinklifein.com). You may also search Moringa Oleifera to see all the health benefits this tree has to offer.

Other guests that day were Connie Nichols Ervin and her daughter Gail Nichols Bartlett. The Nichols family use to own the Success Market on Hwy 190. Many years ago, Ms. Ervin was given a basket as a birthday present from a young couple from Three Rivers. She said it was about 56 years ago. The basket was believed to have been found around Hospital Rock and is very old. Ms. Ervin wanted a good home for the basket and decided to donate it to the Elders. "I wanted to return the basket to its rightful owners," she said. To the delight of the Elders Council the basket will now be on display at the Elders Building.

Victor Silvas Sr., Tribal Administrator, was also on the agenda. He came before the Elders to explain about a grant the Tribe as received in conjunction with Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP). You can read more about this grant and the project on page three of this publication. Mr. Silvas was there to also solicit the Elders help in preparing a questionnaire to be used in the grant study. "I want this questionnaire to be from the people, Elders and the youth," said Mr. Silvas. "I want it to be your questionnaire." He went on to explain that the study once completed, would offer the availability to bring more and better services needed to the Tule River and surrounding areas for the Native American community. The data collected from the grant study should also provide an easier avenue for obtaining more grants.

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# 2013 Reflections of the Tule River Tribal Elders Past & Present, Volume 1, booklet is here!



The "Reflections of the Tule River Tribal Elders" was a project approved by the Tule River Tribal & Elders Council. The focus was to begin to preserve some of our elder photos, stories, and history of everyday life.

A Few Topics Included Are:

- 2013 Tribal Elders Photos
- 2013 Elders Council
- The Early Years: Music, Redbloods
- The Early Years: Fastpitch
- Buffalo Riders
- San Juan's Day Rodeo
- Culture
- Forever In Our Hearts
- And More....

Thank all of you who have submitted stories and photos for this issue. The stories are great and bring back so many memories for our Tribal people, family and friends.

There is so much more that needs to be told. We need to preserve our memories, continue to show our love, & respect to our Elders past and present.

The Elders have requested I begin collecting photos and information for volume 2. If you have any suggestions on stories, and or memories of Tule River, please feel free to share.

Thank you,  
Rondii Nieto &  
The Tule River Elders Council

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The Tule River Tribal & Elders Council has reserved a copy of this booklet for Tule River Tribal Elders and Tule River Tribal Members 18 and up.

This booklet is available at the  
Tule River Tribal Office

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday.

We will also have 125 copies available to purchase for \$10.00 per book.

Booklets will be mailed upon requests to out of town Tribal residents on Friday, February 27, 2015.

If you would like your copy mailed out please submit your address to:

Email: [rondii.nieto@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov](mailto:rondii.nieto@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov)



# Wood & Pellet Stove Safety

As the temperature drops outside, wood and pellet stoves may be fired up inside the home. What you may not realize is that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.

- »» Have a QUALIFIED professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
- »» Stoves should have the LABEL of an independent testing laboratory.
- »» In wood stoves, burn only DRY, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- »» Have your chimney and stove INSPECTED and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall just before heating season.
- »» CLEAN the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
- »» Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.
- »» Keep a CLOSE EYE on children whenever a wood or pellet stove is being used. Remind them to stay at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- »» Stoves need SPACE. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- »» INSTALL and maintain **carbon monoxide alarms** (CO) outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect the CO alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.

## SMOKE ALARM SENSE

Install and maintain smoke alarms on EVERY level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms. When one sounds, they all sound. TEST all smoke alarms at least monthly.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)



# Wildland Fire Safety

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

## Action steps for around your home:

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- **SCREEN** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **DISPOSE** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.

## AND DON'T FORGET...

The more actions a community takes, the more fire adapted it becomes. Learn how you can make a difference in your community. Visit [www.fireadapted.org](http://www.fireadapted.org) and [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more information.



### FACT

- ! There are more than **45 million** homes near or in the wildland.
- ! More than **72,000** U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire.



## *A day of prayer*



### **Joseph and Tommy sing with their mother Christina Jaquez, Language Program Director.**

Last month the Tule River Language Project held its 3rd Annual Hatsamaxo Mai (walking for a new beginning) Community Blessing and Walk. The event started with song, blessings and a talking circle.

“We have had a lot of sorrow and grief on our Reservation, the reason we have this walk is to pray for our Reservation and our people for blessings on the New Year,” said Christina Jaquez, Program Director. She encouraged all to pray as they walked.

“Remember to pray for yourselves, too,” said Curtis Gibson.

Kelly Carrillo felt very blessed to be there and urged the people to take advantage of the language classes saying, “We have an awesome program here on our Rez.” She went on to say that, the Tule River is very fortunate as the Tule River Language Project is very advanced compared to others.

Joseph Jaquez was thankful that, “God has accepted our wish, that our family is all here.”

“I am blessed to be working with the Language department,” said Shawn Gonzales. “We should all learn



### **Shawn Gonzales urges all to learn their language.**

our language, our language is very important to us.” She went on to say that, the language is getting out there, “We have a lot of children from 2nd grade on learning, and that makes the adults want to learn too.”

Johnny Franco reminded everyone to stop and notice all the plants and animals, “Use the language to identify them,” he said. “It’s all about sharing.” “All our ancestors are looking down on us saying ‘Look they are finely doing it’.”

All walked the loop to pray and meditate asking Grandfather to bless their homes, family, friends and the community ending back at the gym for a delicious lunch provided by The Lunch Box.



**Raina Nieto, Rhoda Hunter and Koby Nieto had a special guest this weekend. It was Rhoda's Great-Grandson Jeremy Facio from Tachi.**



**The community came together last month to pray for and bless the Reservation for the New Year.**

## *“Board Resonsibility”*



**Pictured here are Gilbert Williams, Vice-Chair, Michelle Diaz, Member, Donna Fairbanks, a HUD and Native American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) consultant, Ray DePerry, Housing Director, Joey Martinez, Chairman and Patsy Vega, Secretary/Treasurer. Not pictured is Alonzo McDarment, Member.**

The newly appointed Tule River Indian Housing Authority (TRIHA) Board received some very important training on January 9th and 10th addressing “Board of Commissioners Roles and Responsibilities.” Donna Fairbanks, a HUD and Native American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) consultant, as well as a former Housing Board Member and Executive Director of her own Housing Authority on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota, conducted the training.

The focus of the training was on TRIHA’s primary funding source, which is called NAHASDA (Native American Housing and Self Determination Act); ordinances and by-laws; preparation of meeting agendas; staff reports; financials and general business operational matters.

The newly appointed Board consisting of Joey Martinez, Chairman; Gilbert Williams, Vice-Chairman; Patsy Vega, Secretary/Treasurer; Michele Diaz and Alonzo McDarment are looking forward to improving the quality of housing opportunities for the tribal community.

Housing Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month beginning at 5:00PM in the Conference Room of the Housing Authority Office.

## *Solar Panels come to Tule River*



Some of you may have already noticed it, the installation of solar panels on the roofs of some community members. Through the cooperative efforts of the Housing Authority and GRID, a solar panel company, it is expected that 10 units of the Housing Authority’s total inventory will be receiving the energy saving panels within the next couple of months.



This joint cooperative effort is being made possible through the state’s tax credit program for energy conservation and families who meet the income criteria. Once installed and operating, these lucky families will receive savings on their energy bill.



**NA/AA TALKING CIRCLE**

Talking circles are held:

**Mondays 5:30 pm-6:30pm**  
**TRIHCI Board Room** (Behind the clinic)  
**380 N. Reservation Rd**

**Thursdays 5:30pm**  
**Porterville tribal TANF**  
**191 W. Poplar Ave**



For More  
 Information Call:  
**784-2316 X227**

## Chambers gets a facelift



Last month the Tule River Tribal Council Chamber received a much overdue facelift provided by the Maintenance Crew. The old dizzy making wallpaper was stripped away. The walls were then sanded and textured.



Then a brand new coat of paint was applied in a very soothing minty green to match the dais and the carpet. Check out the great job the guys did and attend a Council meeting at the same time!



Pictured here is the crew that worked on the Chamber. Starting from the left in the back is Jose Silva, Mike Chaparro, Jose Rios and Pete Yazzie. Up front are Nathan Burt and Curt Nieto.

## Community Meeting

*Don't forget the Community  
 Tribal Council Meeting*

*Saturday, February 7th, 2015  
 9 a.m.*

*Tule River Gym.*

*All Community members  
 are invited to attend.*

*See you there!*

## *More for the Elders*

Linda Santos said the Elders Council met with Tule River Health Center representatives in regards to the aforementioned grant. This grant will also avail traditional medical practices. The health center was recruiting the Elders input obtaining the information needed to put these practices to use. The Health Center is now working on a procedure.

Rondii Nieto has completed the Elders Book and Tribal Council approved the printing of 300 copies. The book is now available. See page seven to learn how to get your copy.

Once business was conducted, the meeting was adjourned and a very tasty spaghetti dinner was served provided by Donna and Company. Lunch also included Clay Garfield's amazing beans! After all had their fill, January birthdays were celebrated with cake.

The next Saturday Elections were held on the Tule River. Elected to the 2015 Tule River Elders Council was Lucy Rodirez-Aguilar, Donna Devine, Betsey Foote, Darrell Vera, and Incumbent Mary Hermieo. Raymond Flores Sr. and Peggy Christman were elected as the two alternates. You can read more on the elections on page two. The following Monday the new Council met to elect the Executive Board. Mary Hermieo is once again Chairperson, Vice-Chair is Donna Devine, Patsy Vega is the Secretary and Darrell Vera holds the Treasurer seat.

The new 2015 Elders Council would like to invite all Tule River Elders to their next meeting to be held in the Elders Building, Wednesday, February 11th at 10 a.m. The very next day, Thursday, February 12th, Eagle Mountain Casino will be serving breakfast for all the Elders at 9 a.m. in the Forest Buffet, hope to see you all there.



## *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 Burt

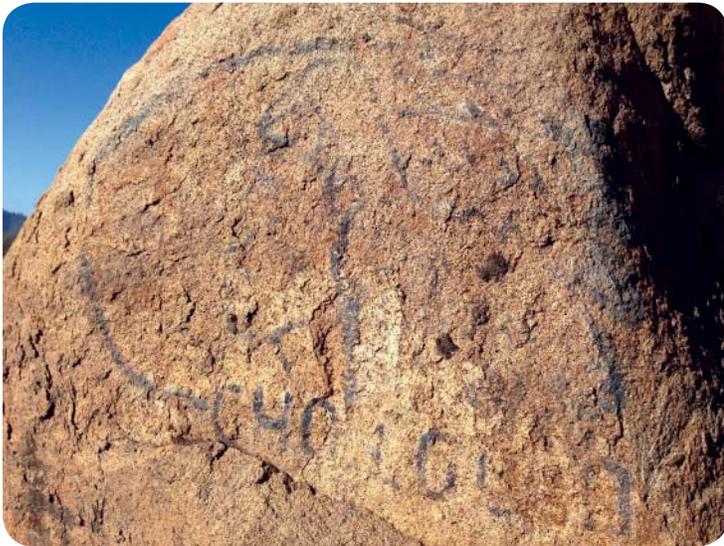
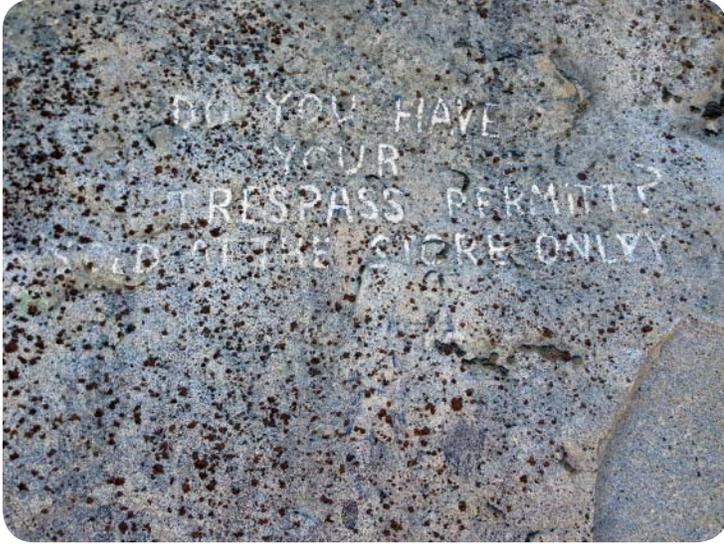
We take prayer requests 24 hours a day - you may call and leave a message at the church 788-2060 or 560-7671, or you may drop off your prayer request at the church in the prayer request mail box in front.

***God Bless You All!***

## ***Around the Reservation***

*Submitted by Kenneth McDarment, Tule River Tribal Council*

Tribal Council Vice-Chairman, Kenneth McDarment wanted to share these photos taken on the mountain road on the Reservation. He would also like to know if anyone has better shots of these areas. If so please contact Frances Hammond at 559-781-4271 or email the photos to [Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov).



## Don't go hungry join Porterville Gleaners



The Porterville Gleaners is a local non-profit organization that has been incorporated since 1986. The Gleaners were established originally to help the low income Senior population here in Tulare county. The Porterville Gleaners is proud to announce that the age limit has been lowered to 25 years of age (no proof of age required). For a small annual or bi-annual fee the Gleaners give out 20 to 30 lbs. of food every week for 50 weeks each year. They rely on a group of loyal constituents and volunteers. The Porterville Gleaners also has a Thrift Store at 680 South Main Street in Porterville that sells food and other donated items at a very reasonable cost.

• 6 month membership \$40 • 1 year membership \$75  
For more information you can call Michael Avalos at (559)784-1196.

\*We kindly accept donations

\*Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Saturday  
GIANT RUMMAGE SALE AT OUR 680 S MAIN ST.  
LOCATION ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th, 8 a.m.  
to 3 p.m.

Note: Mr. Avalos has said that if 20 or more join the Porterville Gleaners there is a possibility that a Thursday delivery can be added to the schedule for the Reservation.



### *One Happy Guy*

I just wanted to thank all the people that voted for Mr. Rick Gomez. Though I did not make it on Council, I never expected to receive so many votes either. That makes me happy, because that shows me how much people see what I see, all the wrong happenings here on our Reservation. So, let us just hope more people see what is happening here and not worry so much about what is happening on the outside.

I would also like to thank all the people who signed my petition for the stockpile yard to be located below Les Nieto's drive way. Tribal Council has informed me that they are moving forward with a stockpile yard project.

*Once again thank you all,  
Rick Gomez*

### *Loved the 'Midnight Trek'*

"I would like to let Lawrence Garfield know I loved his story, 'The Midnight Trek starring Lonzo McDarmont and Lawrence Garfield.' Times were so different back then. It was so cool how they wanted to see the movies so bad that they watched it, then walked all the way back to the Rez. I couldn't imagine kids walking home now days. The details of the story, "no service stations, no bars, the darkness and how long it took them to get home was great. I enjoyed how they went to the Frontier bar, but didn't see anyone they knew and were scared of rattlesnakes.

I hope Lawrence continues to write the articles for the newsletter. I love his stories.

*Renee Varela Hunter*



The Letters to the Editor section of the Tule River Newsletter is to highlight letters addressed to the Newsletter. These can be letters to the Editor, Community requests or just what might be on your mind. All letters must be signed by the writer and will be printed with Tribal Council approval only. If you would like to submit a letter please feel free to bring your letter to Frances Hammond, Tribal Council Community Liaison at the Tribal Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or you may email Ms. Hammond at Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov. If you have any questions please give her a call at 559-781-4271, ext. 1047.

## *Marcia Hunter Estrada honored*

Last month many came from near and far to pay tribute to Marcia Hunter Estrada. They met at the Tribal Council meeting on January 27th to conduct a special ceremony to present Ms. Estrada with a plaque to commemorate her

ago at Painted Rock and sang the first song he learned there. Mr. Alec also sang another song along with his wife in Ms. Estrada's honor.

From the Tachi area, Fernando Ramos came to pres-



**Friend and family of Marcia Estrada Hunter honored her for her 25 years of decaded service to the Tule River Womens Spiritual Retreat.**



**Ron Alec and Joey Garfield here with Marcia and her beautiful Plaque.**

25 years of service to the Tule River Women's Spiritual Retreat.

Joey Garfield gave a blessing with sage asking the Creator, "to keep the women strong and healthy." He then sang an honor song for Ms. Estrada.

Marta Bear traveled from Fresno to attend the ceremony and sang an Eagle Song as she played her hand drum in special tribute.

Spiritual Leader Ron Alec traveled form Squaw Valley to conduct the presentation ceremony with his wife Susanne. Mr. Alec had Ms. Estrada's granddaughter, Elogia Silvas and her niece, Raina Nieto present the beautiful plaque to her as the women of her family surrounded her. He also honored her by presenting her with a beaded necklace called the 'Star Child' that he had received years

ent Ms. Hunter with a Hawk Feather for her strength and cleverness. He also presented Debra Hopkins a Medicine Pouch from one 'Fire Keeper' to another.

After the very moving presentation ceremony, all were invited to a great potluck reception held at the Elders Building. People in attendance shared stories past retreats and visited with old friends. Roxanne Mulvey along with Ruben Verdugo, both representing the sacred lands just outside of Oakhurst, presented Ms. Hunter with another beaded necklace in honor of all the ceremonies she has presided over.

The day ended with a very large group picture, only showing how many heart and minds Ms. Hunter has touched in the last 25 years.



**Roxanne Mulvey presents Marcia Estrada Hunter with a beaded necklace.**

*Eagle Mountain Casino's Forest Buffet holiday menus!!*

*Valentine's Day, February 14th*

FRIED CHICKEN  
MASH POTATOES  
GRAVY  
CALI VEGGIE MIX  
RICE PILAF  
WHOLE CORN KERNEL  
CHILI BEEF & BEANS  
CORN BREAD  
JALAPENO POPPERS CHICKEN  
SEASONED POTATO WEDGES  
BBQ RIBS  
TAMALE PIE CASSEROLE  
CHICKEN POT PIE  
FRIED MUSHROOMS  
BATTERED ALMOND PORK  
CHOPS W/ SAUTED ONIONS  
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP  
VEGETABLE SOUP  
CARVING STATION:  
PRIME RIB ALL DAY

*President's Day, February 16th*

FRIED CHICKEN  
MASH POTATOES  
GRAVY  
STEAM VEGETABLES  
WHOLE CORN KERNEL  
RICE PILAF  
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE  
SCALLOP POTATOES  
MACARONI & HAM CASSEROLE  
CHILI BEANS  
CORN BREAD  
VEGETABLE ALFREDO PASTA  
VEGETABLE BEEF STEW  
TAMALE PIE CASSEROLE  
LEMON HERB CHICKEN  
BROCCOLI SOUP  
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP  
CARVING STATION:  
DIJON CRUSTED PORKLOIN

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Valley New Year's Eve Red Road Pow-wow

Fresno Convention Center– December 31, 2014 & January 1, 2015



Left: Rebecca Manuel, Mya Hernandez, Imani Manuel-Tovar, Leonard Manuel Sr. and Lorenzo Janoko, Jr Boy Dancer.

Tule River Families made their way to Fresno to bring in the New Year with traditional dance. Families started off the New Year Alcohol & Drug Free. Leonard Manuel Jr. was the Arena Director and Lorenzo Janoko, was the Jr Boy for the Pow-wow.



Topanga Towns



Nicholas Garfield & Cynthia Valdez



Brandon McDarment



Danny Franco

Herminia Tovar



Leonard Manuel Jr., Arena Director, in Teal Ribbon shirt.



Left: Loren, Jazmine and Charles "CJ" Lenares



Left: Nicholas Garfield, Unknown, Loren Lenares and Zachary Janoko



Left: Aliya Gibson, Samirah Gibson-Nieto, Ziah Acosta, Jesenia Martinez, Serafinah Gibson, Tah-Wun-Nahl Gibson

*Submitted by Rondii Nieto*

# Pow-Wow Fridays



**FEBRUARY 20 & 27**  
**CULTURAL ROOM @ 5:30PM-8PM**

**MARCH 6, 13, 27; APRIL 10, 17, 24**  
**GYM @5:30PM-8PM**

**Practice Dancing, Drumming and Singing**

(YOU DO NOT NEED REGALIA TO PARTICIPATE)

**BEGINNERS WELCOME**

**Regalia Making**

(FIX UP OLD REGALIA OR MAKE SOMETHING NEW)

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPANTS ONLY!**

For More Information Contact: Culture Coordinator- Cricket McDarment 782-5554 ext. 2105

# Tule River Child Care



# BINGO Fundraiser

Players & Guest must be 18 & over. Participants subject to ID Check upon entry.

## Open to the Community

Monday, February 16, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Tule River Gym

## \$20.00 Donation

Bingo Daubers will  
be for sale at  
the event.

(Includes Bingo Games & 1 Raffle Ticket)

Prepay for your spot with Carla Carothers  
Includes Bingo Games and 2 Raffle Tickets

Hosted by the Child Care Parents

For More Information Contact:

Carla Carothers: (559) 791-2526

Win  
\$100 per  
game!

All proceeds benefit the TR Child Care Students end of the year trip.

## Drug & Alcohol Free Event

*Opportunity for American Indian,  
Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists*



To date, 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and culture makers have been honored with a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship. NACF Fellows clockwise from left, work by Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), visual artist Sonya Kelliher-Combs (Athabaskan/Iñupiaq) in studio, work by Alan Michelson (Mohawk), performance by author Sherwin Bitsui (Navajo), still from documentary film by Christen Marquez (Native Hawaiian) and weaver Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy) in studio.

American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists nationwide have until April 6 to apply for the 2015 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Artist Fellowship.

**2015 NACF Artist Fellowships**

The coveted national award includes support ranging up to \$20,000 per artist. Awards will be made in six artistic disciplines, including: performing arts, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts. “To meet a broadening need in the arts community, this year we invite applications in the discipline of performing arts,” said NACF Program Officer Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chippewa descent). “More Native artists than ever before are exploring performing arts through multi-disciplinary approaches. We are looking forward to seeing what Native performing artists have been up to around the country!”

**DEADLINE: Monday, April 6, 5 p.m. P.S.T.**

To apply, artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria and complete an application at <http://your.culturegrants.org> before the April 6, 5 p.m. PST deadline.

The foundation will announce award recipients in August 2015. For questions and technical support, contact Program Officer Andre Bouchard at [andre@nativeartsandcultures.org](mailto:andre@nativeartsandcultures.org) or (360) 314-2421.

One of the only opportunities in the U.S. of this magnitude dedicated to supporting Indigenous artists and culture makers, the foundation’s national fellowship has been awarded to 41 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists so far. Artists who have received the award in the past are ineligible to apply for the 2015 NACF Artist Fellowship. Past fellows include visual artist Nora Naranjo Morse (Tewa), recording artist Keola Beamer (Native Hawaiian), choreographer Emily Johnson (Yup’ik), author David Treuer (Ojibwe), multidisciplinary artist Shan Goshorn (Eastern Band Cherokee) and film director Andrew Okpeaha MacLean (Iñupiaq).

Since it began operating in 2009, the nonprofit foundation has invested \$5,113,574 in programs to support Native arts and cultures across the nation, including direct support for over 127 Native artists and organizations. To learn more about the foundation’s mission and past fellows awarded, visit [www.nativeartsandcultures.org](http://www.nativeartsandcultures.org).

## Sharing cultural talent



**Burlap wrapped Lavender with Yokuts basket designs adorned the table.**

Last week as one entered the Gym one saw the tables adorned with lavender plants wrapped in burlap decorated with traditional Yokuts basket designs. On the stage, Tules bunched together to give the appearance of Tule Huts with Painted Rock pictographs and basket designs truly brought the aspect of the Yokuts culture to the room. This all for the Cultural Talent Show hosted by the Family and Social Service Department in honor of the passing of ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) 35 years ago.

Guest speaker of the night was Rhoda Hunter. Ms. Hunter shared a very personal and moving story from the 70s that spoke of her encounter with the Tulare County Sheriff and CPS (Child Protective Services) that resulted in her children being removed from her home and the ordeal she had to go through to get them back. At the time, her children could have been placed with her mother, however at that time Indian children very rarely were placed in Native American homes. Her story was also about how the Native community came together to go to Sacramento and lobby for the passing of ICWA.



Jennie Perez, TRIHC Behavioral Health Department, spoke on a new program available through TRIHC called HOOPs. HOOPs is a prevention project that gives children between ages of 10 years to adults 24 years old a place



**Redblood played for the dancers and entertained during the dinner hour.**

to talk and activities with the ultimate goal to reduce depression and suicide for Native youth and promoting affirmative mental health. If you are interested in signing up your kids or joining yourself, please contact Ms. Perez at 559-784-2316 ext. 293.

Several members of the community had the opportunity to showcase their cultural talent. Some read a story and sang, other just sang and then others danced.



**These girls read the story of Bigfoot, before singing the Bigfoot Song.**

Even TRAP (Tule River Alcohol Program) got involved; some clients brought their specialties for all to view.

Carrie Franco and Linda Peterson also had a great basket collection they shared and urged all to think about learning how to basket weave. "It truly is becoming a lost art. It is time to bring that cultural aspect back to the Reservation," said Ms. Peterson.

El Polo Loco provided dinner and the ever present raffle was had with many taking home some great gifts. The event was very educational and enjoyable at the same time.

*More sharing of cultural*



Sonny Mae Rubio sang a song from her Tribe up north.



Rabbit shared a story about the ducks and coyote.



Tule River Language Department got into the act as well.



Ell-Ow McDarment and Jeremy Vigil danced as Red-blood played.



Linda Peterson and Carrie Franco shared their baskets to the delight of us all.



Members of TRAP came to share too. There were artists, a beader and a singer.

# Winter Break at the Gym

## In the Cultural Room

The Cultural Room has been in full effect since a little before Winter Break Activities started for our Tule River Youth. Some of the youth have begun working on projects since the beginning of December.

**Savannah Farmer is almost done with her butterfly which she started right before Winter Break Activities.**



**Jacee Correa is slowly working on a batman.**



**Cedar Farmer is working on a star rosette.**



**Salvador Rios just started his project the last week in January.**



**All the Tule River youth and workers from each department on the Incentive Trip in Fresno.**

## Incentive Trip

Winter Break Activities were a great success for all departments that contributed. The Recreation Department, Cultural Department, Future Generations and Education Department came together once again in UNITY to utilize all department skills into one. Doors opened at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Departments Rewarded all youth who participated in activities and good behavior every day to the Winter Break Activity Incentive Trip. The youth came to the Tule Gym on Friday, January 9th, for the trip that some said was one of the best they've been on. We took the youth on a Charter Bus to Aero Sports and John's Incredible Pizza in Fresno.



**Above from the left is Ooh-Shook McDarment, Jeremy Vigil, Ell-Ow McDarment and Dominic Teran playing dodge ball. On the right is Tah-Wun-Nahl Gibson if he wasn't playing dodge ball he was in the Foam Pit doing flips.**



Submitted by Jessica Gonzalez

## Winter Break at the Tule River Study Center

This year all departments that are geared toward the youth and education came together to provide a very entertaining and educational winter break for the kids. All the classes did special projects at the Tule River Study Center this year. Just check them out. Some kids learned to make gingerbread men, others the solar system, world economics, party place settings, hatch history and use and even an environmental project. There was also music and art too!



Photos Submitted by Raylene Clower

# Tule River Study Center

## Pillar of Character



I would like to nominate Conway Mallory for the Pillar of Caring. Conway demonstrates to his classmates in a daily basis that he is a caring individual. He is kind to others and likes to help his classmates who are in need. He knows how to forgive and always expresses his gratitude toward others. This is why I believe Conway is a great candidate for the Pillar of Caring.

Maria Salazar

I nominate Adalene Duran from my 2nd grade class. Adalene is very caring towards her classmates and teacher. I notice her pushing chairs in desks at the end of the day and cleaning up messes (even if they're not her mess) before she leaves. Adalene is a great student.

Lori Sandoval



My Character Counts nomination for Caring is Jenelle Camarena. Jenelle is an excellent person of character who is always willing to help others and is grateful and appreciative of any help I offer. She cares for those around her and I can count on her to assist others if I cannot get to them in a timely manner.

Mrs. Franks

I would like to take the time to bring a special student to the attention of the Study Center. This person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. She always takes the time to think how every decision or action will affect others. Zoey Vega always expresses gratitude for anything she receives. This is why she has been nominated for the Character Counts Pillar of Caring this month.

Mrs. Ramos



This month we have selected Ava Chavez for the pillar of Caring. Ava is the epitome of caring. Though quiet, it doesn't go unnoticed that she is kind and considerate of others. She speaks compassionately of others, especially her family, and is always excited to share family news with us. She is very receptive to people and their feelings, which is welcoming to be around. Ava always expresses gratitude when receiving anything, whether it is homework assistance, or a special treat. We love having her in our classroom.

Ms. Courtney and Ms. Natasha

Tule River  
Towanits Education Center  
Pillar of Character



Aiden Cordero truly represents Fairness. He is a very sweet boy that has never shown ill will towards others. Aiden always plays by the rules, takes turns and is one of the first to share what he has with others. He always works on his homework and doesn't worry about what other students are doing. Aiden minds his own business and never tells on anyone over petty issues. He is a great student and I have enjoyed working with him. Keep up the awesome job Aiden! Ms. Karri Carrillo

When the subject of caring gets brought up, there is one student that quickly comes to mind: Broderick Gomez. Very often, while helping Broderick, he is asked to make a response to some question on his homework. His answer is usually "I love my family" or "I like to spend time with my family!" He also enjoys spending time playing with his friends and helping them when he can. Way to go Broderick, you are awesome!



Mr. Malone



I would like to nominate Joseph Jaquez for caring. Joseph is a very kind and polite young man. He cares for his fellow classmates; Joseph stays after hours to help some of his younger classmates with reading and math homework. Joseph is a great example for his classmates.

Mr. G2

There are a million ways to show someone you care. Neh-Ehsh McDarment will show you a million and one ways that he cares for you. This little boy is such a character and not quite like anyone I've ever met. If he's not running around showing off his beast marble skills, or checking in on his grandma, he's probably cracking up a group full of peers and or teachers. While he is more than a handful at times, he goes completely out of his way to make you smile. If you have this kid in your corner, you've got a friend for life.



Miss. Angelina



I would like to nominate Kea Ortiz for Caring. Kea has shown compassion towards her classmates as well as her teachers in multiple occasions. She tries her best to be polite and respectful towards everyone in class.

Mr. C

Photo unavailable at press time.

Mykah Escalera is very considerate of his classmates. He is always polite and says "thank you" whenever appropriate. He is very forgiving when his classmates bump into him or disrupt whatever he is working on. Mykah is always willing to help pick up a pencil or paper for a classmate and always seems surprised when someone thanks him for his deed. I am delighted to nominate Mykah Escalera for the month of January's pillar of caring.

Mrs. Brumley

Photo unavailable at press time.



# Be A Responsible Teen Class



"We don't always have to agree, we just always have to respect each others differences in opinions when we don't"



- Adolescent Development
- Healthy Life Skills
- Parent/Teen Communication
- Goal Setting
- Self-Respect



- Making Positive Decisions & Understanding Your Values
- Learning/Practicing Assertive Communication



**CULTURE**  
You already possess everything to become great...  
~Crow~



## BART Classes

Every Tuesday

5:30 p.m.

Tule River Gym Culture Room

Youth age 12-17



**Honor Tradition.  
Choose  
A Healthy Relationship.**

For More Information  
Contact :  
Tule River Recreation  
Department  
(559)782-5554 ext. 2100

## Positive Indian Parenting Tule River Class of 2015



**In the Back is Dennis Sigo, middle from the left is Kevin Bonds, Carl Ramos, Amanda Sierra, Rhoda Hunter, Kiesha Loya, Loretta Gomez and Josh Peyron, up front is Irene Hunter and Gaynell Manuel. Not Pictured are Marnie Manuel, Teddy Ramos.**

Family and friends came together to honor the graduates of the Positive Indian Parenting Class of 2015 hosted by class facilitator Irene Hunter.

Rhoda Hunter gave the blessing and the Little Creek Lodge Drummers sang honor songs for the seven graduates.

Keynote speaker was Sonne Nieto who congratulated the students on completion of the class. Her talk was of positive reinforcement of what the Positive Indian Parenting Program teaches. "Always try to be positive," she said. "Be nice to everyone and you will feel much better about yourself."

Positive Indian Parenting is an eight week class designed to provide a brief, practical culturally specific training program for Native American parents to explore the values and attitudes expressed in traditional Native American child-treating practices and then to apply those values to modern skills in parenting. For hundreds of years Native American parents were guided by traditions that never left parenting to chance. These traditions were passed from one generation to the next, but they all had the same purpose: to ensure the tribe's future through its children.

Class facilitator Irene Hunter stood before graduates and guest with some items in front of her to give them a visual with a message. She filled a large mayonnaise jar with rocks and asked if the jar was full. All agreed that it was full. She then picked up a box of pebbles and poured

them into the jar. She shook the jar lightly and watched as the pebbles rolled into the open areas between the rocks. Again, she asked if the jar was full and all agreed once again.

Ms. Hunter poured sand in the jar filling the remaining open areas of the jar. She said, "I want you to recognize that this jar signifies your life. The rocks are the truly important things, such as family, health and relationships. If all else was lost and only the rocks remained, your life would still be meaningful. The pebbles are the other things that matter in your life, such as work or school. The sand signifies the remaining "small stuff" and material possessions. If you put sand into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks or the pebbles. The same can be said about your lives. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are truly important. So pay attention to the things in life that are important. Take time to get medical check-ups, play with your children. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house in other words take care of the rocks first – things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand." She then poured chocolate milk over everything in the jar to remind us all that, "there is always time for chocolate!"

Graduates were awarded certificates of completion and gifts honoring them for a job well done. Those who graduated that night were, Marnie Manuel, Carl Ramos, Gaynell Manuel, Loretta Gomez, Kiesha Loya, Josh Peyron and Teddy Ramos.

All were treated to a delicious meal of Indian Tacos and the celebratory cake a perfect ending to an evening of paying homage to the graduates.



**The graduates honored Irene Hunter with this beautiful gift basket.**

*Photos by Rondii Nieto*

## Helping to keep the culture alive

Submitted by Kat Nieto



**This is the newest Cradleboard Kat has made. She worked on the Cradleboard for four months and it just went to a Tribal Member who had her little girl in December. What a lucky mother she is!**

Kat Nieto is the owner of "WolfKlan Kradlez" and this is her story.

She began attending language classes with the Yowlumni Language Program in 2003, where her aunties Nicola Larsen, Margaret Valdez and Leona Rodilez Dabney were teaching classes every Saturday.

One Saturday, the class began talking about baskets and trying to remember the names of the baskets their Mother Petra and Grandmother Mary would weave. They remembered gathering for their Mother and Grandmother, the class began to bring together the words for the plants, the baskets, the awl and it all fell in place from there.

Nicola Larsen then wrote a grant and was funded to teach basket weaving. The grant bought backpacks, tools, weaving materials and hired a teacher.

Our teacher was Maggie Sample Marquez a basketweaver from Big Sandy Rancheria in Auberry. Their first project was a miniature doll cradle, then a larger one, they ran out of supplies, it was the time that weavers normally gather materials.

Ms. Marquez said: "girls, it's about time you learn to gather for yourselves, I enjoy selling you my materials but if you're going to keep weaving you need to learn when to gather, where to gather, what to gather, how to clean and store your materials."

They travelled around the mountain areas of Auberry under the watchful eye of their teacher Maggie. "She

was a tough teacher but you learned how to do things the right way," says Kat.

"I can remember her looking over my weaving and if I missed a weave she would say: 'you need to take it out, back to here,' I would laugh but it was frustrating because I thought I was doing so well and I usually broke a few weavers in the process."

Kat has a few cradleboards on display at the Eagle Mountain Casino. She also does restoration work

and recently restored a cradle for the Casino that was so fragile but when she finished restoring it, was so proud of herself. The cradle is estimated to be 75-100 years old. She has made many cradles, newborn and double-back styles for boys and girls over the years.

"I always think of Maggie when I am weaving or gathering. I know her spirit is around making sure I don't miss a weave and pick the straightest sticks," said Kat. "For many years, my Aunt Nicola Larsen and I had basket weaving demonstrations, together; we teach students how to weave cradles, cradle belts and coil baskets." They have travelled to many places to gather their materials, as far as Kern County to Bishop.

"Today I continue to weave/gather and share my knowledge with my children Kara, Bear, Shayna and Destiny. We have met and made friends with other weavers along the way, it has been an awesome journey for my family."



**A close up look at the bead work for this little girl's Cradleboard.**



# Display Case Space Available!

Do you have  
Traditional or Cultural  
Yokuts items or  
Artwork...  
To Display?

This case is located at the  
New Justice Center, and  
reserved for Tule River  
Tribal members.



If you would like to  
display your items or  
artwork,  
please contact:  
Tribal Environmental  
Department  
Kerri Vera or  
Christina Dabney  
@ 783-9984

## A little history

You are probably missing the monthly story from the Garfield's. They are taking a little time off to take care of some personal business and promise that they will have more stories of life on the reservation 'back in the day' real soon. I know that you miss the stories as much as I do.

### In the meantime:

Jessie Montijo, a man in search of local history (Tule River History) ran across the following article from the Porterville Recorder dated January 20, 1915. This perked his interest and he thought it might yours.

The headline reads:

### **Mineral water will be shipped locally from Indian Spring Viviro Mineral Water is named of new product from Reservation.**

A permit has been granted to Reed & McNutt to bottle and ship water from the soda water spring on the Tule River Indian Reservation, according to A. P. Edmondson, agent at the Reservation. Who is in town today.

The spring in question is located at the old agency three miles above the present headquarters. Agent Edmondson declares that it is the finest soda spring in the state,

containing a large amount of sulphurous acid. The water is medium cold and the capacity of the spring is about 200 barrels a day.

The product of the spring will be known as the Vimro Mineral Water and will be shipped all over the country.

The spring will be cemented and the water piped to the bottling works. The first load of material went in yesterday and workmen are already engaged in placing it.

"Whatever became of this enterprise?" Asks Mr. Montijo. If anyone out there has any information about the Vimro Mineral Water company please give Frances Hammond a call at 559-781-4127 or send an email to Frances. Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov. It would be fun to know the history on this.

We did not receive any 'Guess Who' photos for this month. Hopefully the 'Guess Who' will return next month.

## They are!



Judy Burrough knew. So did Lucy Rodilez, Kim Nenna, Nicola Larsen and even Alma Hunter called all the way from Seattle, WA to say she knew her mother, brother and father! Both Nicola and Alma shared that that was the day Phil Hunter was inducted into the service. So if you have not guessed yet the people in the photo are Virginia, Philip and Marcus Hunter! We thank Twyla Nieto for sharing this "Little Bit of Tule River History" with us.

**Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc.**

**Diabetes Clinic**

**Every Monday**

**Call to schedule your appointment today**



**(559) 784-2316**



# Tule River Employee Birthdays

*Tule River Tribal Council and  
The Human Resources Department  
Wish Tule River Employees  
A Very Happy Birthday and  
Happy Valentin's Day too!*

## **February 3**

Brian Pratt

## **February 4**

Julie Grzybek

## **February 5**

Jose Madrigal

## **February 6**

Ronald Buckman

Daniel Williams

## **February 8**

Jessica James

Veronica McDarment

Chace Williams

## **February 9**

Dakota Smith

## **February 10**

Charmaine McDarment

Adriana Rodriguez

## **February 12**

Kerri Vera

## **February 13**

Eric Calantas

Nick Martinez

Jose Rios

Daniel Wilson

## **February 14**

Alan Gonzalez

## **February 15**

Carlos DeSoto

Rick Gomez

Gilbert Williams

## **February 16**

Alicia Martinez

## **February 18**

Fred Burrough

Evrystal Silas

## **February 20**

Angel Carreles

Jahida Zarate

## **February 21**

Rita McDarment

## **February 29**

Dennis Sigo

## 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](mailto:news@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov)

or just come by the Tribal Offices  
for a visit and a talk.

I would love to hear from you.

## WANTED

Old photos to share for the  
"Guess Who Game" If you  
would like to share please  
bring your old photos to  
the Tribal Offices so they  
can be scanned and the game  
will be on! For more information  
give me a call at 781-4271, ext.1047  
send me an email at [news@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov](mailto:news@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov)  
or just come by the Tribal Office.

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

## **Community Meeting**

Mark your calendars

Next Community Meeting

Saturday February 7, 2015, 9 a.m.

Tule River Gym

Be informed - voice your concerns

*Don Rose Propane*

**Don Rose Propane will help in an emergency.**

**Call 559-733-4717 for emergency weekend delivery and the on call person will get back to you.**

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

## **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

## **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**



# JOB OPENINGS



Tule River Indian Tribe of California  
340 North Reservation Road  
Porterville, CA 93257  
559-781-7142

**Closing date: 2/4/2015**

**Activities leader (Tribal Members Only)**

**Records Clerk (Tribal Members Only)**

**Closing date: 2/5/2015**

**General laborer**

**Computer Lab Tutor**

**Closing date: Open until filled**

**Court room Clerk**

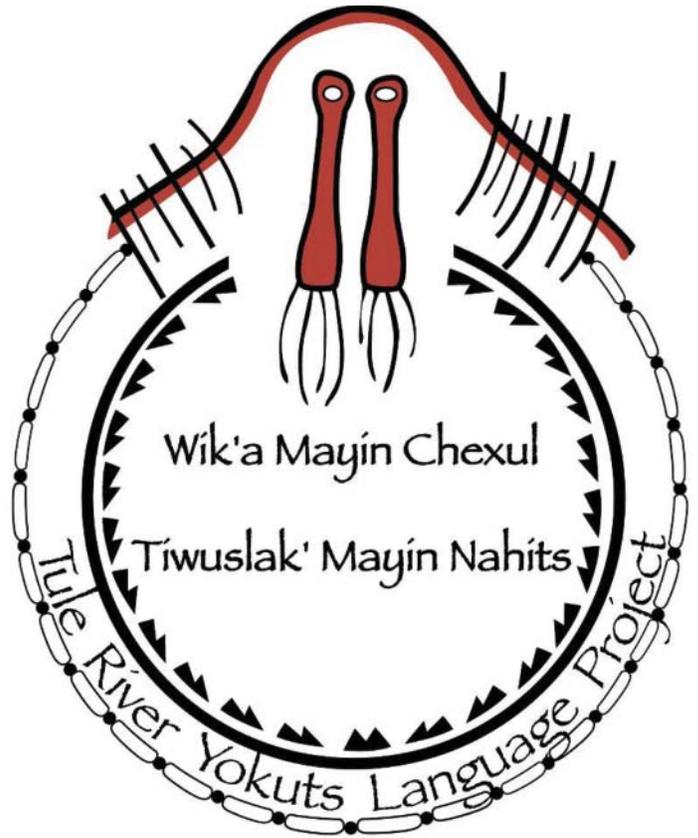
**Court Administrator**

**WWTP Operator III**

If you are interested in this position, please submit the following:

- Completed Application
- Tribal Identification (if applicable)

All requested information must be in the Human Resources office by 5:00PM on the closing date. Incomplete applications or failure to submit the requested information will result in the disqualification of your application.



## Yowlumni Language Classes

Monday - Friday	9am-11am	Tule Child Care
Monday - Friday	3-5pm	TRYLP Office
Tues-Wed-Thurs	6pm	TRYLP Office

Classes are open to everyone, and are free of charge. For more information on the language program, or to inquire about cultural presentations, please contact:

Christina Jaquez, Director

P.O. Box 589

Porterville, CA 93258

(559) 782-8361

## SAVE WATER!!!

### Report Water Waste and Leaks

Call

783-8850 or 784-3155



## Cherry Upside Down Cake



Sure to put a smile on your Valentine's face. This cake makes 12 servings

### Ingredients

#### Top:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 Cup sugar
- 2 cans (15.5 ounces) Cherries drained

#### Cake Portion:

- 1 1/2 cups All-Purpose Flower
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 egg (or 2 tbsp Egg Mix + 1/4 cup water)
- 1/2 cup Low-fat milk (or 2 tbsp Nonfat Dry Milk + 1/2 cup water)
- 3 tbsp butter or margarine, melted

#### Top:

1. Melt the 1/4 cup butter or margarine and spread in a 9-inch pan.
2. Mix cherries with sugar and pour into pan.

#### Cake Portion:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Mix together all ingredients and pour over cherries in the 9-inch pan.
3. Bake 30 minutes.
4. Immediately after baking, invert and put on a serving plate.
5. Enjoy!

Calories 220 - Total fat 7 g. - Saturated fat 1.5 g. - Cholesterol 20 mg. - Sodium 260 mg. - Total Carbohydrates 36 g. - Dietary Fiber 1 g. - Sugar 22 g. - Protein 3 g. - Vitamin A 110 RE - Vitamin C 2 mg - Calcium 40 mg - Iron 9%. This recipe is taken from the Western Region Cookbook USDA Foods Cookbook. Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet.

## February USDA Food Distribution 559-781-3129

February 2 - North Fork  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

February 3 - Picayune  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

February 5 - Big Sandy  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

February 12 - Dunlap  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

February 17 - Onyx  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

February 19 - Tuolumne  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

February 20- Morada  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

February 23 - Tule River  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

February 24, 25 & 26  
Tule River Warehouse  
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
& 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## *Start of a very good year for EMC winners!*

Over half a million dollars in jackpots were won at Eagle Mountain Casino in January!

The spirit of giving is still in full swing at Eagle Mountain Casino where \$644,399 in jackpots have been awarded to several lucky guests this month. Jackpots ranged between \$5,000 – \$50,000. The majority of our January jackpot winners hailed in from Bakersfield with others from Poplar, Porterville, Shafter and Pixley. Jimmy Martinez of Bakersfield who won \$5,100 and has been an EMC guest for 18 years now, said he planned on giving his winnings to his Wife for her company. He also won a \$10,000 jackpot at Eagle Mountain within the past 4 months. Many of our larger jackpot winners declined a post win interview however, their jackpots were \$21,013, \$25,000, \$28,003, \$30,405, \$39,205 and \$50,000. Photos of our latest jackpot winners can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EagleMountainCasino>.

“It brings us joy to hear of so many local jackpot winners. We wish all of our valued guests the best of luck in the new year!” says Renee Garcia, Marketing Director.

## *New Phone Numbers*

Several departments have moved to the Justice 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) 853-6058
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
Telecommunications.....	(559) 853-6101

**If there is a department out there with a new phone number please contact the Tule River Newsletter to update your information at 559-781-4271 ext. 1047 or email [Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov](mailto:Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov).**

## *Eagle Mountain Casino Gives Back*

Throughout 2014, Eagle Mountain Casino has donated thousands of dollars in sponsorships, charitable contributions and in-kind gifts to charities, individuals, businesses and non-profits within Tulare, Kern and Fresno Counties.

Some of the most notable recipients of our monetary donations were The Wounded Warriors Project, Big Brother's Big Sisters, Bakersfield Homeless Shelter, American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Ruiz for Kids, St. Jude, Habitat for Humanity, Porterville Adult Day Services, Helping Hands of Porterville and the Tule River Scholarship Fund.

In Kind donations include the City of Porterville, Porterville Peace Officers, Sierra View District Hospital, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army to name a few.

Supported sponsorships were the Honor Flight for Kern County Veterans, California State University of Bakersfield, Tulare County Fair, Family Services Justice Run for Domestic Violence and the Tule River Education Center.

These charities and organizations have benefited from Casino revenues in order to help those less fortunate and in need. There are organizations Eagle Mountain benefits on an annual basis and those who simply need an extra one time boost of funds, assistance or hands on help.

“Eagle Mountain Casino is very much honored to be able to give back to the local community and we're pleased to participate in the giving process throughout the year.” – Rachel McDarment Public Relations Entertainment Coordinator.

## *Eagle Mountain Casino Gives Back*

Hundreds of Guests walked away with extra money in their pockets as Millions in jackpot prizes were won at Eagle Mountain Casino in 2014. 444 Guests walked away from the Casino having won a jackpot that ranged anywhere from \$5,000 - \$100,045. There were also guests who won multiple jackpots throughout the year.

When asked what they would do with their winnings, many of them said they planned to upgrade their home, pay off their debts, go on vacation, buy Christmas gifts, give some to charity and help friends and family in need. Some were even so excited about their jackpot winnings that they were too speechless for an interview.

“For a smaller property like ourselves, we are excited to have had 444 jackpot winners and are looking forward to having more in the future months ahead.” – Matthew Mingrone, General Manager.

“We want our past, current and future Guests to know we appreciate their patronage in 2014. Thank you for a wonderful year and allowing us to take care of your entertainment needs. May you all have a prosperous New Year.” – Rachel McDarment, Public Relations Entertainment Coordinator.



*Relay for life's  
Valentines Day  
Raffle*

A Romantic night for two with  
Keith Sweat concert tickets  
& Dinner in the River Steakhouse

Tickets are \$1.00 each

Sold in E. M. C. Human Resources office

Drawing will be held on 2-12-15 @ 2:00pm

Contact Billie @ 1881

# Relay for Life's Valentines Day

## Bake Sale

### 2-12-15

In E.M.C. Admin  
6:00am—till Gone

If you wish to donate baked goods please bring  
to HR on Wednesday or the day of sale.

Contact Billie Jo @ 1881



At Eagle Mountain Casino

On Monday February 16, we will be having a Presidents Day Slot Tournament from 4pm – 6pm and is free to all guests; No Summit Club Membership is required. All participants will receive \$20 bonus cash and Summit Club Membership is required to redeem the bonus cash.

All new, past, present and future guests 18 and over are welcome to participate. The More you play the more we pay at Eagle Mountain Casino.



Visit the New  
**YOKUTS**  
COFFEE HOUSE

*New coffee shop hours  
Starting February 2nd  
Monday-Sunday 7 a.m.-11 p.m.*

Espresso Drinks	Single	Double	Triple
Espresso	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00
Americano	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50
Latte	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00
Vanilla Latte	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$4.25
Cappuccino	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00
Mocha	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00
Caramel Macchiato	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00
White Mocha	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$4.25
Iced Coffee	Medium	Large	
Coffee	\$1.75	\$2.00	
Latte	\$2.25	\$4.00	
Caramel Macchiato	\$3.50	\$4.00	
Mocha	\$3.50	\$4.00	
White Mocha	\$3.75	\$4.25	
Frappe'	Medium	Large	
Coffee	\$4.00	\$5.00	
Chocolate	\$4.00	\$5.00	
Caramel	\$4.00	\$5.00	
Brewed Coffee	Small	Medium	Large
Regular	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00
Decaf	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.25
Hot Chocolate	Medium	Large	
	\$2.50	\$3.00	

Hot Teas	Medium	Large
Green Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Black Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Special Tea	\$2.50	\$3.00
Iced Teas	Medium	Large
Green Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Black Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Special Tea	\$2.50	\$3.00
Smoothies	Medium	Large
Strawberry Banana Yogurt Based	\$3.25	\$4.25
Mango Yogurt Based	\$3.25	\$4.25
Caribbean Sorbet Based	\$3.25	\$4.25
Strawberry Sorbet Based	\$3.25	\$4.25
From our Bakery		
Assorted Pastries	\$1.00	
Assorted Cookies	\$1.00	
Croissants	\$1.50	
Extras		
Shot	75 ¢	
Flavored Syrup	50 ¢	
Steamed milk	25 ¢	
Whipped cream	50 ¢	

*New Specials Everyday  
Come on by and check us out!*

EAGLE MOUNTAIN  Casino



**Friday, February 13** - SYLVIA BROWNE REMEMBERED - 8 p.m. - A special evening of audience readings, spiritual healing and personal stories. Hosted by her son Psychic Chris Dufresne.



**Sunday, March 22** - LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE - 7 p.m.

**Friday, April 17** - KEITH SWEAT - will be rocking the stage at Eagle Mountain Casino with hits like "Make It Last Forever", "Nobody", "I Want Her" and many more - 8 p.m.



**Saturday April 25** - Oak Ridge Boys - One of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry, having spawned dozens of Country hits and a Number One Pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades everywhere - Tickets on sale March 6 - General Admission \$35 - Reserved \$45 - 8 p.m.

**Valentine's Specials at EMC**

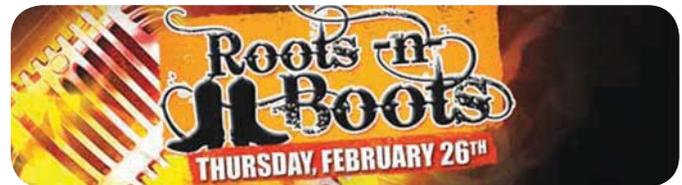


The Forrest Buffet will be serving Prime Rib special on Valentine's Day



**Thursday, February 5** - TPF 22 - CHAMPIONS COLLIDE

- Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$65, \$125
- Tickets On Sale NOW!
- Doors Open at 5 p.m.
- First Bout 6 p.m.
- Bingo Hall



**Thursday, February 26** - ROOTS & BOOTS - Featuring Sammy Kershaw, Darryl Worley, James Otto, and Aaron Tippin

- Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$75
- Tickets On Sale Now
- Doors Open at 6 p.m.
- First Bout 7:30 p.m.
- Bingo Hall

Player's Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop Only

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tribal Council wishes all a  
very Happy Birthday

## February 1

Freda D. Carothers  
Kash R. Chico  
Richard D. Facio  
Renee M. Morgan

## February 2

Kendall D. Bays  
Roseann M. Gonzales  
Byron O. Morgan  
Lucas J. Pitigliano  
Warren J. Rubio Jr.

## February 3

Kyler J. Chico  
Viola G. Silvas

## February 4

Merrissa M. Camarena  
Diamond S. Carrillo  
Pedro A. Christman  
Angel T. Corona  
Harvey J. Lenares  
Tyberius C Peyron

## February 5

Myson D. Anderson  
Tenaya P. Bounsavang  
Aliyah R Christie  
Marcus Hunter III  
Julia L. Munoz

Koda L.B. Quintero  
Seth A. Guerrero

## February 6

Sterling I. Flores  
Lawrence J. Macias  
Anamaree Martinez  
Daniel H. Williams

## February 7

Thomas A. Carrillo  
Norissa S. Franco

## February 8

Jessica R. James  
Paul M. Maldonado  
Veronica E. McDarment  
Phillip K. Peyron  
Owen V. Rubio  
Patsy J. Vega  
Chace D. Williams

## February 9

Chloeann J. Alvarado  
Louie J. Arroyo Sr.  
Charles P. Dabney III  
Bernadette E. Garfield  
Paul Lara Sr.  
Thomas I. Perez Jr.  
Carla L. Tourville

## February 10

Ashley Carothers  
Charmaine A. McDarment  
Tell M. Rubio

## February 11

Stephanie E. Guillen

## February 12

Damron W. Alto  
Darleen P. Bennett  
Preston S. Vega  
Kerri M. Vera

## February 13

Troy N. Garcia  
Nick Martinez  
Ricky Martinez

## February 16

Tiffany A. Byars  
Alicia E. Martinez

## February 17

Johnnie A. Bennett  
Celestina P-C Manuel  
Paul A. Manuel Jr.  
Theodore W. Vega

## February 18

Fred A. Burrough  
Martin R. Flores

## February 19

Claude L. DeSoto III  
Johnny R Franco Jr.

Fernondo A. Hunter  
Luticia R. Sands

## February 20

Terry A. Carrillo  
Anthony R. Chavez  
Carolyn M. Delmuro  
William E. Franco  
Larry W. Garfield Jr.  
Andrea M. Luther  
Kea C. Ortiz

## February 22

Randal R. Albitre  
Ronald L. Carabay Jr.  
Andrew E. Celaya  
Ke'ana S. Franco  
Christian B. Guzman  
Lee F. Lara Jr.

## February 23

Devin Z-H. Crook  
Naomi F. Gibson  
Jasmine R. Lenares  
Stephanie J. Roberts

## February 24

Benjamin M. Franco  
Jennifer N. LeDesma

## February 25

Chelsea M James  
Orlisia M. Morgan  
Rosalie C. Ortiz  
Daniel J. Robles

## February 26

David Ceballos III  
Orval M. Castro  
Kai E. Franco

## February 27

Brenda Salas  
Maryrose Barrios  
Rhonda R. Belcher  
Nayeli L. Franco  
Eval D. Garfield  
Adam J. Gomez  
Richard A. Martinez  
Floyd G. Sorondo  
Evan L. Tyson-Williams

## February 28

Sandra L. Barrios  
Raymond P. Flores Sr.  
Tew-Iss K.A. Franco  
Girard D. McDarment Sr.  
Brandon K. Y. McDarment  
Moren



## February 14

Alan I. Gonzalez  
Valentino R. Lara Sr.  
Victor I.K.Y Ramos

## February 15

Bernadette A. Anderson  
Avanaco Cabral  
Carlos J. DeSoto  
Garrett K. Franco  
Bernadette T. Gomez  
Roderick R. Gomez  
Frank Hernandez Jr.  
David R. Moreno  
Onaya R. Rubio  
Gilbert D. Williams

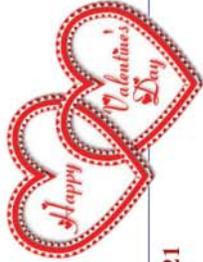
## February 21

Roman L. Aceves  
Brienne L. Franco  
Julian J. Hunter  
Melissa M. McDarment  
Rita R. McDarment  
Yolanda Moisa  
Sho-Kio M. Peyron

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
7:00 AM	7:03 AM	7:04 AM	7:06 AM	7:13 AM	7:38 AM	7:45 AM	7:52 AM	8:00 AM	8:02 AM	8:30 AM	8:36 AM	8:41 AM	8:43 AM	8:45 AM	8:47 AM	8:49 AM
8:00 AM	8:03 AM	8:04 AM	8:06 AM	8:13 AM	8:38 AM	8:45 AM	8:52 AM	9:00 AM	9:02 AM	9:30 AM	9:36 AM	9:41 AM	9:43 AM	9:45 AM	9:47 AM	9:49 AM
9:00 AM	9:03 AM	9:04 AM	9:06 AM	9:13 AM	9:38 AM	9:45 AM	9:52 AM	10:00 AM	10:02 AM	10:30 AM	10:36 AM	10:41 AM	10:43 AM	10:45 AM	10:47 AM	10:49 AM
10:00 AM	10:03 AM	10:04 AM	10:06 AM	10:13 AM	10:38 AM	10:45 AM	10:52 AM	11:00 AM	11:02 AM	11:30 AM	11:36 AM	11:41 AM	11:43 AM	11:45 AM	11:47 AM	11:49 AM
11:00 AM	11:03 AM	11:04 AM	11:06 AM	11:13 AM	11:38 AM	11:45 AM	11:52 AM	12:00 PM	12:02 PM	12:30 PM	12:36 PM	12:41 PM	12:43 PM	12:45 PM	12:47 PM	12:49 PM
12:00 PM	12:03 PM	12:04 PM	12:06 PM	12:13 PM	12:38 PM	12:45 PM	12:52 PM	1:00 PM	1:02 PM	1:30 PM	1:36 PM	1:41 PM	1:43 PM	1:45 PM	1:47 PM	1:49 PM
1:00 PM	1:03 PM	1:04 PM	1:06 PM	1:13 PM	1:38 PM	1:45 PM	1:52 PM	2:00 PM	2:02 PM	2:30 PM	2:36 PM	2:41 PM	2:43 PM	2:45 PM	2:47 PM	2:49 PM
2:00 PM	2:03 PM	2:04 PM	2:06 PM	2:13 PM	2:38 PM	2:45 PM	2:52 PM	3:00 PM	3:02 PM	3:30 PM	3:36 PM	3:41 PM	3:43 PM	3:45 PM	3:47 PM	3:49 PM
3:00 PM	3:03 PM	3:04 PM	3:06 PM	3:13 PM	3:38 PM	3:45 PM	3:52 PM	4:00 PM	4:02 PM	4:30 PM	4:36 PM	4:41 PM	4:43 PM	4:45 PM	4:47 PM	4:49 PM
4:00 PM	4:03 PM	4:04 PM	4:06 PM	4:13 PM	4:38 PM	4:45 PM	4:52 PM	5:00 PM	5:02 PM	5:30 PM	5:36 PM	5:41 PM	5:43 PM	5:45 PM	5:47 PM	5:49 PM
5:00 PM	5:03 PM	5:04 PM	5:06 PM	5:13 PM	5:38 PM	5:45 PM	5:52 PM	6:00 PM	6:02 PM	6:30 PM	6:36 PM	6:41 PM	6:43 PM	6:45 PM	6:47 PM	6:49 PM
6:00 PM	6:03 PM	6:04 PM	6:06 PM	6:13 PM	6:38 PM	6:45 PM	6:52 PM	7:00 PM	7:02 PM	7:30 PM	7:36 PM	7:41 PM	7:43 PM	7:45 PM	7:47 PM	7:49 PM
7:00 PM	7:03 PM	7:04 PM	7:06 PM	7:13 PM	7:38 PM	7:45 PM	7:52 PM	8:00 PM	8:02 PM	8:30 PM	8:36 PM	8:41 PM	8:43 PM	8:45 PM	8:47 PM	8:49 PM
8:00 PM	8:03 PM	8:04 PM	8:06 PM	8:13 PM	8:38 PM	8:45 PM	8:52 PM	9:00 PM	9:02 PM	9:30 PM	9:36 PM	9:41 PM	9:43 PM	9:45 PM	9:47 PM	9:49 PM
Shaded Area = Weekend Service																

# FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. 	3 TRTC 8:30 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m. 	4 Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Couponing 12 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Girls Basketball 6:15 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	5 TRTC 8:30 Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Basketball Picture Day 5:30 p.m.	6 Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m. 	7 Community Meeting 9 a.m. Youth Basketball McDermont Field House Lindsey 	
8	9 Yoga 10:30 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Elders PT 12 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	10 TRTC 8:30 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m.	11 Yoga 10:30 a.m. Elders Meet 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 12 p.m. Couponing 12 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	12 TRTC 8:30 a.m. Health Walk 10 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m.	13 Yoga 10 am. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m.  Native Vets Meet 5:30 p.m.	14 Youth Basketball McDermont Field House Lindsey  	
15	16 	17 TRTC 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m.	18 Yoga 10:30 a.m. Elders PT 12 p.m. Personal Trainer 12 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	19 TRTC 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5:30 p.m. 	20 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m.  Powwow Fridays 5:30 p.m.	21 Youth Basketball McDermont Field House Lindsey	
22	23 Yoga 10:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Youth Mud Bowl 5 p.m. UCLA Basketball 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	24 TRTC 8:30 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m. Youth Mud Bowl 5 p.m. UCLA Basketball 6:30 p.m.	25 Yoga 10:30 a.m. Elders PT 12 p.m. Personal Trainer 12 p.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Adult Beading 4:30 p.m. Youth Mud Bowl 5 p.m. UCLA Basketball 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	26 TRTC 8 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Weight Lifting 3 p.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m.  Youth Basketball Awards Dinner 5:30 p.m.	27 Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Crafts 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Youth Crafts 3:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m.  Powwow Fridays 5:30 p.m.	28  Flag Football Mud Bowl Lemoore 10 a.m.	

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