



Tule River Newsletter

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Tule River Fire Captain Robert Gonzales 'Fireman of the Year'



Yes, Tule River Fire Captain Robert Gonzales was voted the '2015 Fireman of the Year' by the Tule River Fire Department. Congratulations for a job well done.

Tribal Building closes due to bomb threat



Tribal employees are directed to the school during an evacuation due to a bomb threat last month. *Story on page 2*

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Bomb threat causes evacuation



Management Trainee officer of the Office of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness, Joe Boy Perez, conducts an After Action Review Meeting.

December 17, 2015 the Tule River Tribal Office received a bomb threat via the telephone. Administration Clerk Jolene Castle received the call from an unknown woman stating there was a bomb in the building. Ms. Castle immediately began to follow standard procedure by notifying her co-worker Sabrina Nieto and then calling Tule River Police. Ms. Nieto notified the Tribal Council Chairman, Neil Peyron. Chairman Peyron then decided to evacuate the building.

Tule River Police came on scene and notified the Tulare County Sheriff. Tule River Fire Department set up road blocks so that the areas in front of the Tribal Building, Department of Housing, the gym and Towanits School were clear of traffic. All were directed to the school so that all people and children were located in one place. School personnel contacted parents and guardians to come and pick up their children and soon the school was evacuated as well. All Tribal personnel were sent home soon after that. Later in the day, children being bused from the Porterville School District were dropped off at the Justice Center until their parents or guardians could pick them up.

Sometime in the middle of the Day, Tulare County Sheriff personnel came on scene and searched the building finding nothing out of the ordinary. The scene was then deemed clear.

The following Monday, December 21, 2015, Management Trainee officer of the Office of Emergency Management - Disaster Preparedness, Joe Boy Perez held an After Action Review. It should be said here that Mr. Perez, was on the scene the day of the bomb scare coordinating the different responders and assuring that all were following procedure and that everyone was in a safe place.

Invited to the meeting were all the local Tule River departments, Tulare County Sheriff personnel, Porterville Police and Fire and the Porterville unified School District.

Mr. Perez began the meeting explaining that it was im-

perative that the review be done so that weaknesses and strengths could be identified. This information will be used to make changes if need be to Emergency Action Plans.

Sergeant Allan Knight with the Tulare County Sheriff Bomb Squad was on hand to offer advice. He said if the threat comes in via phone, keep the person talking as long as possible getting as much information as possible. Have all personnel check their surrounding areas for anything that is out of place or strange such as a strange backpack or package. If nothing is found, there is probably no reason to evacuate. All should stay calm and alert.

Dolly Standridge, representing herself as a parent, had some concerns about the notification process. Her children were dropped off at the Justice Center and she felt there was not enough supervision there at the time and parents did not know where to find their children. Many had questions for Porterville Unified School District superintendent John Snavely. Mr. Snavely felt that a plan could be made in these circumstances that will keep the children in Porterville until they could be picked up. He was adamant that the children's safety came first.

Another issue discussed was that some kids were not listening and left the School property headed for areas that could have been unsafe. It was decided that more education on emergency plans was needed for the children.

Mr. Perez ended the meeting saying that the information gathered during this time will be used to educate the different departments in forming the Emergency Response Plans. The Tribe will be working on a better notification process. He also stated that some radios have been purchased and will be used for communication during emergencies.

The meeting ended with a promise for more education, Emergency Action Plans for all departments and better communication in the event of future emergencies. Mr. Perez also plans to have more meetings like these with all emergency personnel in attendance.

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All applications will need to be submitted by February 2, 2016.

TREDC donates



Doug Vera, Jovi with Helping Hands, William Garfield and Edward Montoya.



Last month this ad ran on FaceBook. Many loyal customers of Eagle Feather Trading Post #1 participated by bringing canned food in for a cup of coffee. All the food was donated to Helping Hands of Porterville. Just one of the many ways that the Tule River Economic Development Corp. is being a good neighbor.



Community Notice

The Department of Planning & Community Development is happy to announce that Tribal Transportation will increase transit services to include routes that are not served by Route 9 (Porterville Transit Services).

These services will commence during the month of January 2016. Expanded services for handicapped community members will be initiated when a fully-equipped transit to accommodate the handicapped is purchased. Until then, transit services will be provided by a 5-passenger vehicle.

Transit services will be provided from 8am to 5pm and will be based on a Dial-A-Ride system...the number for services (559)853-6070, and the contact staff is Dessier Santos, Transportation Manager.

The services are free to Tribal Members (showing Tribal Identification)...and \$1.25 for non-members. The routes will cover North Reservation Road, Cow Mountain Road, Apple Valley and other rural roadways and will only provide services to connections to Route 9. No services will be provided outside the Reservation.

TRANSIT VEHICLE RULES AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

No Smoking

No Horseplay

No Soliciting, selling,

No possession of alcohol or illegal substances

Service will be provided for one-way, one-stop

(Tribal Building, Health Center, Justice

Center, EMC)...or to connect with Route 9;

there will be no waiting...

Children under 18 will not be served until a

'Waiver Form' is signed and approved by

parents and transit staff.

Please Note: This is a new program and

changes in policy, regulations, rules, etc will

undergo change over time.

Tribal Planning Program Vision Statement:

Submitted by Vernon Vera, Director of Planning & Community Development

“Consider future generations when planning for needs, wants, and desires of the Tribal Community. Social and Economic opportunities must be developed with sustainability in mind...and always remember to preserve the cultural traditions of the past...”

The Tule River Indian Tribe has embarked on a mission to improve the quality of life of tribal members. Through the initiation of the Tule River Program for the Master Plan, tribal leaders have worked with their community to create objectives in several key areas to continue to lift their members from poverty and sustain their way of life for generations to come. This Master Planning Program is being developed as a living document which reflects the Tule River Indian Tribe’s desire to plan for progress while preserving the past. It is the duty of the *Tule River Department of Planning & Community* to oversee the development of the Master Plan – and to respect the opinions of all community members in its development.



The Master Plan is centered on several critical planning principals, including;

- The stewardship of natural resources
- The establishment of quality housing for tribal members
- The conservation of water resources
- Making decisions considering the impacts to three future generations

By relying on these planning principals, common Tribal interests are combined to move the community forward in a balanced and organized manner. Reacting to planning challenges on an issue by issue basis can lead to an unbalanced society – one problem is solved at the expense of another. This Master Plan creates a balanced approach to growth, and is a touchstone for future development for the Tribe.

Tule River Indian Tribe

Current Tule River Reservation boundaries are the result of a series of Federal and State actions aimed at establish-

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Tule River Fire Department trains on 'Jaws of Life'



Last month Jeff Bonser and Chris Parano both representatives of L.N. Curtis & Sons a company that sells ‘Tools for Heroes’, made a visit to the Tule River Fire Department. Their mission was to demonstrate the new portable ‘Jaws of Life’ made by the Hurst Company.

Several of our first responders had the opportunity to operate this new device. The major benefit of the use of this product is that it contains its own power source. The fireman really liked how it preformed and because it does have its own power would be a great addition to the Department as it can be used where there is no access to power such as remote auto accidents in the mountainous terrain of the upper Reservation.

Captain Corey Carson wants you all to know that the item has not been purchased yet as a proposal has not been prepared for Council. It is standard procedure for the fireman to try out new equipment to see if any particular tools or equipment will meet the needs of the Department and a study and proposal will be made if and when the Department deems is appropriate. The final decision of any purchase is always made by Tribal Council.

SAVE WATER!!

Report Water Waste and Leaks

Call

783-8850 or 784-3155

Happy Birthday Willie



Last month Councilman Willie Carrillo was treated to cake and ice cream by Tribal Council to celebrate his birthday. All sang the birthday song and many made jokes like needing a fire permit to put all the candles on his cake. Mr. Carrillo took it all in stride though and all had their fill. Many happy returns Willie.

New Phone Numbers

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

- Language Department.....(559) 789-9013
- Public Works.....(559) 783-9594
- 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
- Elders Building.....(559) 853-6153
- Telecommunications.....(559)783-9537

Best wishes Lita



Lita and staff in the back is Dennis Sigo, Future Generations Counselor. In the middle row are Zelma Vigel, WIA Clerk, Alicia Martinez, Clerk, Janie Sanchez, Social Worker and Trudy Pacheco, ICWA Coordinator. Up front is Ms. Lita herself and Jennie Perez, Care Coordinator.

Lolita Garfield retired last month after a long and fruitful tenure as Director of the Family and Social Service Department. Actually, Ms. Garfield had retired a few years ago, but was asked to return to help out when the current director was having back problems and stayed on. That director left and once again Ms. Garfield stepped up to plate and reclaimed the director position. She is pictured here with her staff who are going to miss her very much. She has been an inspiration to all. Staff, friends and family met for a small luncheon in her honor to send her off with best wishes. She will still consult for Tachi and Tule River and be on hand for any help the department may need her for.. Her goal is to spend time with her 22 grandchildren. Sounds like she will be keeping very busy.



Son, Zane Santos, granddaughter Destiny Santos and son, Willie Carrillo pictured with Lita.

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ing sovereign land assignments for Native American populations. Today, the Tule River Reservation covers over 55,000 acres and includes portions of the southeast San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Reservation is approximately 20 miles east of Porterville, in the County of Tulare, California's top agricultural production center. Covering almost 85 square miles of largely undeveloped land, the Reservation is home to a diverse collection of flora and fauna, including the southernmost stands of Giant Sequoia trees.

The population on the Reservation is growing, and is currently home to 1,780 tribal members and relatives. It is estimated that an additional 3,000 tribal descendants and relatives are living in the vicinity of the Reservation within Tulare, Kings, Fresno, and Kern Counties.

Planning Context

So why Plan? The simple answer is planning assists in creating communities that offer quality choices for where and how people live. Planning is composed of both a process and a technical evaluation. It represents timeless visions leading to specific achievements. Planning is best served with community discussions, dialogue and debate which results in better solutions and designs. And in the best sense, planning allocates scarce resources and encourages economic growth while balancing environmental and cultural concerns.

Planning as practiced is an evolving concept. As such, it passes through eras and follows trends, which directly mirror culture and society. Of particular focus for this effort is the concept of sustainable development, which is the philosophy of designing the built environment and services to comply with the principles of social, economic, and ecological sustainability.

The following are Smart Growth Principles that cities and towns within the San Joaquin Valley establish as a benchmark for blueprint related decision-making and provide guidance for achieving the adopted San Joaquin Valley Blueprint. The adopted 12 Smart Growth Principles are:

1. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
2. Create walkable neighborhoods
3. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration
4. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
5. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective
6. Mix land uses
7. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
8. Provide a variety of transportation choices
9. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities
10. Take advantage of compact and smart building design
11. Enhance the economic vitality of the region

12. Support actions that encourage environmental resource management

Interestingly, some of these principles while relatively new to the planning field in California represent the basic principles of Tule River Tribal philosophy for generations. While specific to a modern city or county, they are very reflective of the Tule River Tribe's relationship with their natural surroundings and many of the Tribe's goals for the future.

The Tribe's historic relationship with the land, flora and fauna is unique in that it represents the perspective sought by cities and counties throughout the country. The Tule River Indians have maintained this "sustainable" connection with the land and its resources. Also, given the nature of Tule River Reservation's formation, its membership are descended from various bands of Wuchumni, Bankalachi, Koyeti, Yowlumni, Wowol, Monachi, and Western Paiute/Shoshoni, which occupied large portions of California. As such, their relationship extends far beyond the Reservation boundaries. In the modern sense they are seen by many public agencies and private groups as the stewards of Indian history and culture for portions of Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties.

Given that history, unique perspective and perpetual stewardship, the Planning document developed a study area that transcends beyond the legal boundaries of the Reservation. The study area reflects some of the historic tribal territory and includes influence areas surrounding the Reservation. The study area also includes off-Reservation property owned by the Tribe which will be maintained or developed in the future. The study area was developed to establish a sphere of influence which reflects the Tribe's commitment to the stewardship of both cultural and natural resources for future generations. The Study area encompasses approximately 204,400 acres. The Study area is bordered by Sequoia National Forest to the east, Giant Sequoia National Monument to the North, the City of Porterville to the west and Deer Creek to the south. The boundaries also reflect the interdependence between forest lands to the north and east and the Reservation. The study area will allow for additional economic development opportunities to be fully integrated with the Tribe's future planning efforts.

Tribal Planning

A Master Plan is an evolving, long-term planning document. The plan establishes the framework and key elements for the development of a community that reflects a clear vision created and adopted in an open process. This Master Plan holds additional significance as the Tule River Indian Tribe is a Sovereign Nation, responsible for determining its own future and the welfare of its members. As a Sovereign Nation, the Tule River Indian Tribe is not governed like a typical community. The Reservation is

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an area where tribal sovereignty applies and state power is limited. Day to day actions are governed by regulations enacted by the Tribal Council.

The Tribe also owns property that is not a part of the original boundaries of the Reservation. Some of this land owned by the Tribe is in “trust”. Tribal trust land is held communally by the tribe and is managed by the tribal government. The U.S. Government holds the legal title, and the tribe holds the beneficial interest. The last type of ownership is property owned by the Tribe but not in trust. Here property would be regulated like property held by a private citizen, and is subject to federal, state, and local laws that govern activities and development.

The Tule River Indian Tribe holds a variety of property under different ownership scenarios, and hopes to bring their land all into “trust” ownership status. However until that time, specific properties would be governed in different ways, which will require a coordinated and comprehensive approach to planning and development.

Regional and Statewide Planning

As a significant land owner in the southern San Joaquin Valley, as well as having a cultural interest in land distant from the Reservation, the Tule River Tribe is a key stakeholder in regional and statewide planning efforts. Relationships between tribal leaders, regional planners, and state agencies are critical for exchanging information about the needs of the Tribe and upcoming tribal or government projects. Communication regarding regional improvements on transportation, commercial development and natural resource conservation can coordinate efforts and funding to maximize the efficiency of projects and meet the needs of as many people as possible. Consultation with County or State government may also be appropriate to determine potential impacts of a Tribal development project on adjacent properties or the region as a whole. Depending on the ownership classification of a specific property, the Tribe may need to involve local and state decision makers in development opportunities.

National Planning

The Tribe’s relationship with federal agencies makes coordination between tribal planning programs and federal oversight critical. Direct relationships with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, surrounding land owners including the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and other federal agencies play important roles in the management of land and water resources, funding of tribal programs, and the transfer of land into tribal trust.

Master Planning Program

This document represents the first major Master Plan document for the Tule River Indian Tribe and as such, a number of considerations were integrated into the planning process. A few of these considerations include history of the land, history of the Tribe, and the significance

and influence of this reservation’s planning efforts on the local and regional scale. This scale is kept in consideration in terms of biological and natural preservation as well as planned development and economic growth.

While the day to day operations of public works, housing, tribal gaming, public safety, education, forestry, and environmental departments are already in place, there is a growing need to identify current conditions and common challenges that face Tribal members. The intent of this document is to serve as a definitive guide for future decision making. The Master Plan will ensure that despite inevitable changes in leadership over time, critical Tribal decisions are made in a consistent manner. This document will provide the framework for the development of the Tribe’s future to ensure that the best and highest use of resources is accomplished. Its purpose is to reflect a clear vision of the community by integrating Tule River Tribal culture and the communities’ aspirations while also understanding community specific factors that need to be effectively managed.

The Tule River Reservation Master Planning Program – in documentary form – is the first step in a larger master planning effort to address all aspects of Reservation life. It includes land use, natural resources, cultural resources, transportation, economic development and housing. This Planning Program document focuses on four elements: an Existing Conditions Report, Specific Plans for key development areas, a Comprehensive Housing Plan and a Transport Plan. These four elements address the Tribes’ greatest needs at this time. Additional chapters will be introduced in the future, which will include a comprehensive Land Use Plan, Transportation Safety Plan, Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and Implementation Plan.

Methodology

A variety of key sources of information and technologies were used as a basis for this Master Planning Program, including community outreach, meetings with tribal members and tribal Departments, site surveys, and geographic information systems. Initial processes conducted in order to complete this Master Planning Program are as follows:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

A Geographic information system, or GIS, is a computerized data management system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage and present numerous kinds of spatial or geographical data. For this study, GIS will be used to create a detailed inventory and to collect environmental, demographic, civil infrastructure and spatial information for the Study area.

GIS is an advantageous tool for understanding baseline conditions, environmental resources, potential restrictions and areas of potential development within the Study area. The GIS program has been coordinated with Tribe’s Department of Environmental Resources and C2 Consult Corp.

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Native Vets news



Nick Encinas gets a little help blowing out his candles at his surprise birthday party last month.

Last month Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 members attended a surprise birthday party for their fellow in arms Nick Encinas hosted by his family held at the El Neuvo Mexicali II in Porterville.

Nick was really surprised as Raina Nieto using a ruse to lure him to the restaurant where his friends and family awaited. All in attendance shouted "surprise," as he entered the room. "Sorry I lied," Raina said to Nick. Nick went around the room welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. All were treated to a great Mexican meal including with cake and Ice Cream.



Here's Nick with Leonard Manuel Sr. at his party. Leonard was just one of the many Veterans that attended the Party.

The next Friday at their regular meeting they discussed the upcoming election to be held in January when the Post will elect new officers.

When business was concluded all dined on a great meal and of course there was cake and ice cream in celebration once again for Nick and Louie Espinoza as he celebrated a December birthday as well.



Louie Espinoza also celebrated a December birthday.

*Tule River Native Veterans
Post 1987
Wish you all a*



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Community Surveys

Perhaps the most important element of the Tule River Master Plan is to conduct surveys which allow for meaningful community participation in the planning process. In January of 2014, the Tule River Indian Tribe's Planning and Community Development Department distributed a 14-question survey to enrolled tribe members. This survey discussed future development projects, problems faced by the community and areas for improvement. A second survey was conducted to create a land use inventory for all tribal lands on the Reservation.

Planning Program Elements

This Master Planning Program document includes the following elements: Existing Conditions assessments seek to create a shared understanding of past growth and change, and also identify potential drivers for future growth in order to confirm areas for more focused planning. Existing cultural and historical areas of significance for the Tule River Indian Tribe represent qualitative data, deriving primarily from information shared by the Tribal Council and other tribal leaders.

Goals and Policies

Working closely with the Tribal Council, this element addresses current areas of importance for the Tule River Indian Tribe. Today, the Tribe faces population growth, an aging on-reservation population, and deteriorating infrastructure. These are areas of improvement addressed by the Goals and Policies Element of the document, as well as potential economic development strategies. Policies for strategic future growth will be introduced in this section; however, subsequent discussion will be published periodically via this newsletter and in the tribal website.

Housing Plan

Currently, the most pressing issue facing the Tribe is a lack of affordable housing for enrolled members of the Tribe. This element as cited in the full report identifies the current housing situation on the Reservation, explores opportunities for new housing, identifies constraints and growing needs, and ultimately provides a construction plan for new and replacement units.

Specific Plans

Specific Plans function as a versatile tool for implementing Master Plans without substantial legal challenge to the nature of their use. They systematically implement the Master Plan for all or part of the area under its scope. The Specific Plan element in this document will identify priorities for development, discussing location, land use and implementation processes. Additional information regarding the details on the Specific Plans will be published at a later date.

Transport Plan

The Transport Plan was developed to address the need for the repair and maintenance of existing roads within

the Reservation and the expansion of the road network to serve future development of the Tribe. The Transport Plan includes an inventory of the existing Reservation road system, including road names, classifications, estimated daily volumes, pavement surface and condition, and comments on its functionality. A capacity analysis for future development was also prepared. A second access road has been identified as a significant long term need for the Reservation. The Transport Plan includes a proposal for this critical roadway. Currently, traffic is funneled onto Reservation Road. An alternative access route was evaluated as part of this effort which addresses capacity and safety considerations. Several alignments were developed and evaluated for constructability and environmental concerns. A preferred option was selected and a plan was designed to show its general location. Future sections of the Transport Plan will include a comprehensive road plan, transit plan, a pedestrian/bike plan, and other multi-modal trail plans.

Key Challenges

Maintaining Tribal direction/consistent vision/communication -Tribal leadership is essential for implementing goals and policies developed to improve life on the Reservation. Because tribal council elections are held yearly, there exists the possibility that work initiated under the previous tribal council will be abandoned or changed based on the vision of the new council. This change in direction of tribal leadership can delay the implementation of programs designed to improve housing, health, and welfare of tribal members. Thus, the importance of a guiding, living document that can stand the test of time – yet is sufficiently flexible to meet new demands and challenges.

TR Department of Planning & Community Development
Consists of: Vernon Vera, Director
Priscilla Quintero, Assistant Planner and Dessier Santos,
Transportation Manager
Contact: 559.853.6066

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News of and for the Elders

The Elders held their monthly meeting early last month as some of the Elder Council members attended a conference in Las Vegas. At the meeting their Christmas Party was planned and all were reminded of the Eagle Mountain Casino Bi-Monthly Elder Breakfast held the following week.



Members of the Elders Council attended a conference held in Las Vegas last month,



Elders and guests filled the Forest Buffet last month for the Eagle Mountain Bi-monthly Elders Breakfast.

The breakfast was very well attended and delicious too. Marketing Director Renee Garcia addressed the breakfast goers. She reminded the Elders that in 2016 the Casino will be celebrating its 20th anniversary and something is in the works to commemorate this special event. She also said that the Casino will be receiving new carpet and the pavement under the portal is scheduled to be redone. Price is Right is coming to the Event Tent on January 30th and 31st and in March auditions for Wheel of Fortune will be held at Eagle Mountain Casino in the Event Tent.



The new Food and Beverage Director Domenic Vertucci was introduced by EMC Marketing Director Renee Garcia.

Ms. Garcia then introduced the new Food and Beverage Director, Domenic Vertucci. Mr. Vertucci voiced his pleasure at his new appointment and said that he was very happy to have the Elders as guests. His immediate goal is to bring improvements to the Buffet to achieve a better feel. He also hopes to improve on the Food Court and Coffee House as well.



Pictured here at the Elders Christmas Party are the two oldest Tule River Tribal Elders and they are second cousins as well. They are Lydia Santana and Eva Flores.

Later in the month Elders celebrated with a great Christmas Party. There were gifts, dinner and bingo. Upon entering the building all Elders received a gift card and candy. The Elders Building was full to capacity.

Brook Franco facilitated as the bingo caller and eight games were played. The winners 'picked a pet' which were cute stuffed animals with gift cards attached.

Santa also made an appearance and was available for pictures. You can tell that all enjoyed themselves just check out all the pictures.

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More on the Elders



Netti Franco was the very first winner and took home one of the big prizes.



Marcia Hunter Estrada was also a lucky winner.



Cornie Williamson was also a winner.



David LaMotte was another winner.



Betsey Foote cuddles up with Santa, she has been a good girl!



Santa came to the party!

Tule River employees enjoy the Christmas season

Last month Tribal Council treated the employees to the annual Christmas Party held at the Porterville Veterans Memorial Building.

Dinner was provided by The Lunch Box and was very delicious. Fellowship was great and the entertainment was very funny as there were three comedians that put tears in our eyes.

There were lots of raffle prizes and big winners were Nick Martinez and Yolanda Gibson, both won gifts cards making their Christmas much happier.

Thank you Tule River Tribal Council and the Tule River Event Team, Dan Hackey and Rondii Nieto for making it a very lovely evening.

Here are just a few of the happy couples that enjoyed the party.



Roxanne and Nathan Burtt smiled for the camera.



HR's Linda Bejarano and her lovely husband had a great time.



Amanda and Rudy Sierra are enjoying their night out.



Jerky Santos and Ruth Perez enjoyed themselves as well.



Just how cute is this, matching shirts. Joe Boy Perez and his beautiful girlfriend, Margaret Prieto look happy.



INTEREST ONLY

March 24, 2016 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Parent Orientation
March 31, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Youth Orientation
April 7, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Group Support and Self Esteem
April 14, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Setting and Monitoring Goals
April 21, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Building Self Esteem, Beating the Blues
April 28, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Decision Making – Taking Steps
May 5, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Anger Management #1
May 12, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Anger Management #2
May 19, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Drug – Use Control- Making Health
Decisions
June 2, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
School Smarts
June 9, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm
Recognizing Progress and Staying On Track
Celebrating Graduation and Recap

Also a trip to Fresno State for the
Annual Youth Gathering and Speaker
Night
Graduates and Family Dinner



OVCDC and Tulare County Office of Education is offering a parent orientation and **12 workshops** for the youth from ages **11 – 16** to participate in this Pregnancy Prevention Program to help assist the youth at Tule River in coping with today's stress and struggles in a talking circle atmosphere with peers their own age.

Each class is from **5:30 – 7:30pm** every Thursday at the Tule River TANF Office. Every youth that completes **75%** of the classes will be eligible for an incentive trip if proposal is approved.
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

For more information contact Connie Becerra at **559-782-8211 Ext 375** or visit the OVCDC TANF Office at 168 N. Reservation Road



BINGO

Second Friday of the
Month
Brafford Room
Tribal Office

6:00 pm.—9:00 pm.

\$20.00 Pre sale

includes (3) Bingo games, 2 raffle tickets & 1 Dinner

\$25.00 at the door

includes (3) Bingo games, 1 raffle ticket & 1 Dinner

All participants must be 18 years of age, all proceeds will go to Tule Child care parent fund.

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**

Ways to Worship

Tule Grace 490 Church

Every Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

Tule River Gym

*Pastor John Moreno
559-741-5391*

Mater Dolorosa Mission

Mass held every Sunday at 1 p.m.

Officiated by

Monsignor Ronald Royer

or

Monsignor Scott Daugherty

Potluck 4th Sunday of every month
following services

Please bring your favorite dish to share
and Fellowship

www.mindsatchrist.com

Church on the Hill

Services every Sunday/Sunday School 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all Children

Transportation for Everyone!

190 N Reservation Rd.

Pastors: Roxanne and Nathan Burt

We take prayer requests 24 hours a day

Call and leave a message at the church

788-2060 or 560-7671

Or drop off your prayer requests at the church in
the prayer request mail box in front

God Bless You All!

JOB OPENINGS



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

Closes: 01/04/2016

Class B Part-Time Transporter

Closes: 01/13/2016

EFTP#2 Store Manager
EFTP#1 Part-Time Store Clerk
Family & Social Services Clerk

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Family & Social Services Director

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

- Completed Application
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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.

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Family Formation Fatherhood - GONA

Dates

- October 21 - Belonging
- November 18 - Mastery
- December 16 - Inner Dependence
- January 20 - Generosity
- February 17
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15

Meetings will be held in the
Brafford Room at the Tribal
Office 6:00 - 8:00pm

Guest Speakers:
Wednesday night workshops will
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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. Snacks will be provided.



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

Connie Becerra
559-782-8211 Ext 375



2016 Tule River Tribe Election Schedule

Tule River Tribal Candidate Forum

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Tule River Gym-6:00p.m.

Candidates who want to be included in the Special Edition Election Booklets will need to submit a summary and photo.

★ 2016 Tule River Tribe Election Day ★

Saturday, January 16, 2016

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

Tule River Tribal Office

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR:

- Tule River Tribal Council
- Tule River Elders Council
- Tule River Indian Health Clinic Inc.-
Board of Directors

Tule River Tribe Election Committee:



- Kevin Bonds
- William Carrillo
- Duane Garfield
- Yolanda Gibson
- Kenneth McDarment
- (559) 781-4271

Finding Our Savings Through Couponing Every Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm **snack will be provided**

Weekly Workshops at the Tule River TANF Office
168 N. Reservation Road
Porterville, Ca 93257

This is a Motherhood event – you are welcome to bring your children but childcare will not be provided



Come learn to budget and see your savings grow while having fun at the same time!



For more information call Connie Becerra at 559-782-8211 Ext 375

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

4-H spreads the 'Joy of Christmas'



Tule River 4-H went caroling last month to spread the joy of Christmas throughout the Reservation. The kids took up two trailers and sang their hearts out as they toured the loop, side roads, Eagle Mountain Casino and the upper road. After they were done the kids were treated to cookies and hot chocolate. What a great community project to part of. The club also made Christmas Cards for all the Tule River Employees. Thank you Tule River 4-H. Have a great New Year!

Computer glitch is to blame!

Last month was a strange month. Not only did we have a bomb scare, but the very next week the electricity went out during the storm on the 22nd just as I was downloading my pictures from the Fire Department's fundraiser Bingo for the Elders, the Youth Christmas Party and Santa's visit to Eagle Mountain Casino. All the pictures were lost and never to be found. Noel O'Donahue our TI Guy did his very best to recover them, however he was unable to locate them anywhere on my computer.

With that said, the Bingo fundraiser was very successful and the Elders Building was almost at capacity. Everyone was having a great time. Also true at the children's party the next day. Kids were able to visit Santa, received a gift and could make gingerbread houses and decorate cookies. Movies were also available for viewing. Again, all had a great time.

The following Monday Santa made his annual visit to Eagle Mountain Casino making himself available for photos. All were treated to hot chocolate and cookies. Oh, and the Jolly Ole Elf handed out candy canes too!

Congratulations



This beautiful lady is standing between her proud parents Michele and Richard McDarment for Amy McDarment has graduated from the Milan Institute of Cosmetology. What's next? She may attend barber college. Congratulations Amy, you have the ability to achieve all that you want in life.

Holiday giveaway fun



Julia and Elaine Flores won prizes in the Tule River Adult Christmas Drawing. There were all sorts of prizes, gift cards, electronic, games, kitchen appliances and much more. Big winners were Cricket McDarment, she took home the BBQ and the Viso Smart TV went to Delia Gamez, Mel Santos took home a \$500 Walmart card and Vivian Christman won the \$500 Target card making their Christmas very happy in deed.

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Second quarter incentive luncheons held

In November and the beginning of December the Title VII Incentive Luncheons were held. This year so many students qualified that four luncheons had to be held. To qualify for the luncheon the student must have at least a 2.0 average and meet the attendance qualifications.



The first luncheon was held in late November at El Tapatio for the Pioneer Middle School. This year 48 students qualified. A big shout out needs to go to Lily Garfield and Uniese Carrillo as they both earned a 4.0, good job girls and keep up the good work. Uniese also had a perfect attendance. Here are the other students that qualified from Pioneer, an asterisk at the end of their name means they had perfect attendance. We start with TaWunNuhl Acosta, Francisco Aldaco Jr.*, Amado Amaya*, Noah Arteaga, Laura Bad Moccasin*, Farah Brown, Tionay Burrough, Nakiya Carazoles, Alyssa Carrillo*, Nayeli Carrillo*, Evanesence Castaneda*, Brianna Ceballos*, Lorina Ceballos*, Teanna Ceballos* and Aaliyah Christie. Others attending the luncheon were Shane Christie Jr., Marcello Dabney*, Diego Dulay, Agustin Duran*, Alysa Duran*, Lexy Espinosa, Angela Eugene, Uriah Franco*, Aiyahna Guerra, Dakota Heggie*, Jonathan Hernandez, Teela Hunter*, Tommy Jaquez* and Angel Lara*. Paula Lucero, Ell-Ow, McDarment, Assyria Murrietta, Jacqueline Peyron Martinez, Marilyn Ruiz, Derek Sanchez*, Kylee Santos, Ronnie Santos, Clara Silas*, Jose Silva Jr., Angelina Songthiamphone*, Ethan Standridge, Richard Tapia, Tianna Vega*, Jeremy Vigil, Edward Williams* and Laura Williams all qualified for the incentive luncheon.



Two days later Poor Richards hosted the luncheon. Those from Bartlett Middle School qualifying for the luncheon were Breanna Garfield, Travis Harris, Sophia Kates, Analiah Lorta*, Brandon Murillo, Alexa Rodriguez and Bobby (Alex) Sandoval*.



Arrow Franco, Skye Hunter, Aspen Jackson, Samantha Llamas, Mariah Olmedo, Hailey Pineda, Jase Ramos and Demonic Teran were the honored students for Burton Middle School.

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More incentives



Harmony Magnet Academy honored Victoria Burroughs*, Michiela Franco*, Gino Guillermo* and William Villegas.



And Summit Charter Collegiate Academy honorees were Keith Carrillo, TahWunNahl Gibson*, James Martinez, Jesenia Martinez*, Auzrhia Padama and Gabe Padama.



Those attending Sequoia Middle School that qualified are Raymond Alfaro, Kelsie Anne Butler, Seth Correa*, Victoria Dabney*, Jacob Ellis*, Savannah Escalera and Yance Williams*

Not in attendance was Springville School's scholar Brianne Franco*



Carl Smith Middle School saw Aaliyah McDowell* receive a certificate. She is on the right.

Amber Peyron qualified from Butterfield Charter High School but was not in attendance.



Rayanna Camerena was recognized by Rockford Elementary School.

Gino Guillermo* on the left and Isis Perket (not pictured) were honored by Strathmore High School.

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And even more incentives



The next week put us all in the month of December and meeting at El Tapatio again to honor the students from Porterville High School. There were 50 students qualifying this quarter. We start with Dezaray Alfaro*, Fallon Alviso*, Frankie Alviso*, Maria Amaya*, Jazmin Aparicio* Raven Avila, Shanshelly Baga, Rodney Barrios, Michael Breedlove*, Joseph Canizales*, Sophia Carrillo, Felicia Celaya*, Daryn Dashner*, Claude DeSoto, Tatiana DeSoto*, Dana Dick* and Aaron Franco*. Also honored were Natasha Franco* Shy La Franco*, Tro Q Hill Franco, Lainey Garcia, Isaiah Gonzales*, Brittany Hernandez*, Julia Hunter*, Madison Hunter, Adrian Jasso*, Robert Jimenez*, Rudy Jimenez*, Aaliyah Leyva*, Serena Leyva*, Warren Maline, Paul Manuel Jr.* and Lila Martinez. Others qualifying were Aiyana McDarment, Ooh Shook McDarment, Isaac Patino*, John Patino*, Michaela Peyron, Qamren Quintero, Andrew Ramos*, Lea Ramos*, Josie Rios*, Matthew Rios*, Joaquin Santos, Shane Santos, Kidd Valdez*, Jesus Valle Herrera Jr.*, Analiyah Vasquez* and Isaiah Williams. And it should be said that Shane Santos and Daryn Dashner also received 4.0 GPA!



The following day the luncheon was held at El Nuevo. Cole Tyson Williams, Alfredo Abaraca, Jared Dick, Ruben Flores*, Alizabeth Jasso, Alyssa Jasso and Earlene McDarment were the students from Citrus High School.

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And even more incentives



Granite Hills High School saw Daniel Acevedo*, Andrew Alvarez, Michael Alvarez, Jesus Brachamontes, Ronan Carabay, Natalie Castaneda, Janessa Garay* and Courtney Hendrix recognized. Others from Granite Hills were Brandon McDarment*, Johnea McDarment, Kea Ortiz, Victoria Peyron, Patricia Robarte Gibson, Deserae Rodriguez, Dexter Savage and Tatiana Vega*



Angel Andrade, Antonio Andrade, Marissa Barella, Myckael Barella, Jenelle Camarena, Arrow Facio*, Alicia Gahart, Cheyenne Newsom, Shine Nieto and Melanie Trott were all honored by Monache High School.

All these students deserve a hand and we should all be very proud of them as they are working hard for their future. Congratulations to you all.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30-7:00; Thursday 3:30-5:00

ALL YOUTH WELCOME

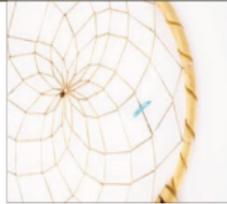
Come up to the Cultural Room and participate in fun arts and crafts. We always have a good movie playing and snacks will be provided.

For More Information Contact:

Cultural Coordinator-
Cricket McDarment
782-5554 x2105

Cultural Assistant-
Juanita Perez
782-5554 x2109

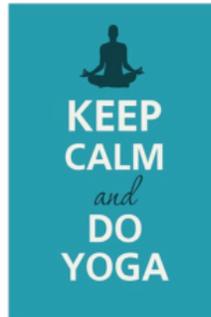
- . Beading
- . Crafts
- . Drawing
- . Puzzles
- . Games
- . Movies
- . FUN!



We will be taking incentive trips to the Porterville Art Walk the first Friday of every month. This incentive trip will be by invitation only, which will be based on Participation and Behavior.



Yoga



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
10am-11am

“You are one class away from a good mood”

- . People of all fitness levels are welcome.
- . Improve your balance & flexibility.
- . Come out and meet new people.
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OVDC TANF Office
Refreshments will be provided



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Tule River Recreation - Cultural Department

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- People of all fitness levels are welcome.
- Improve your balance and self esteem.
- Meet new friends that share the same goal.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Be fit, and be committed!
- Lose Weight
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- FEEL BETTER!



Questions call Personal Trainer/ Recreation Assistants Stevee Moya 782-5554 ext. 2106 OR Jessica Gonzalez ext. 2112

Teen Weight Lifting



Monday-Thursdays 4:00pm-6:00pm
 Starting August 17th 2015

- This program is for boys and girls.
- Come out for some hard working fun!
- Meet new friends with the same goal.
- Strength training and cardio training.
 - Get Stronger!
 - Better reflexes, better skills, better YOU!



Get in shape.
BE COMMITTED!

Ages: 12-17 yrs

*“Being defeated is often a temporary condition.
 Giving up is what makes it permanent.”*



Questions call Personal Trainer/ Recreation Assistant Stevee Moya 782-5554 Ext. 2106

TRIBAL COLLEGE – UNIVERSITY & CAREER FAIR JANUARY 7TH 9:00 – 3:00 P.M. Tule River Indian Reservation Eagle Mountain Event Center



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Tule River Study Center
Pillar of Character
Fairness



Kayley Harris, always gets her work done and helps Cedar stay on track on getting her work done as well. She is always making sure others are playing fair and behaving properly according to the classroom rules.

Ms. Jackie



First grader Diamond Carrillo has been chosen to represent the character trait Fairness. She is openly friendly to all of her classmates and she treats them all fairly. She always makes sure to take turns and share with the others around her. Diamond is a good listener and takes responsibility for her own things and her own mistakes; she does not try to blame someone else. She follows the classroom rules and checks with me if she wants to do something after her homework is finished. She is an excellent example of Fairness in action!

Charlotte Nebeker



Simitrio Gomez, Is an awesome student he is honest and friendly. He is fair and kind to his classmates.

S. Rodriguez



Natalie Sky Garfield is sweet and always willing to help her classmates. She is fair and treats her classmates with respect and takes turns during class activities. She is a spectacular student and shines bright in the classroom.

Ms. Rodriguez



I would like to nominate Tatiana DeSoto for the Character Count of fairness. Tatiana constantly demonstrates what it means to be compassionate and waits her turn to get help when there are multiple people requiring assistances. She is a pleasure to have in my class! Good job Tatiana!

Mr. C



I nominated Rylee Gibson for fairness because she displays honesty in every aspect. Rylee has a great attitude, she is funny, kind, and is open-minded. She is a smart girl and is very friendly to others. Rylee has a great demeanor and demonstrates great leadership as well. Overall, Rylee is an outstanding student!

Ms. A



Adrian Bravo is representing this month's pillar of Fairness. Adrian is a 4th grade student at Burton Elementary School. Adrian sets a good example daily and leads as a good role model for his peers. Adrian is unbiased, open minded, plays by the rules and will always take the time to listen to others. He is never quick to blame others or point the finger. Adrian is a joy to have in my classroom. Keep up the great work Adrian.

Ms. Courtney





Tule River Townits School Pillar of Character Fairness



Eric Vega is the second grade Student of the Month for December. He always arrives on time ready to start his day. Eric excels in almost everything he does. He is a wonderful reader, has perfect penmanship and loves to answer questions in class. Keep up the awesome work Eric!

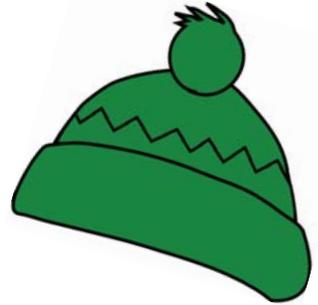
Miss Karri

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I would like to nominate Johnny Franco for the student of the month. Johnny is an outstanding student. He always comes in with a smile on his face and ready to learn. He is always willing to help others and gets along with everyone. I am glad he makes part of our class.

M. Salazar

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Tule River Townits Education Center Pillar of Character Fairness



This month is dedicated to Scarlette Jeff who is in the 2nd grade at Vandalia Middle School. Scarlette comes to the after school tutoring program every day. When in class she waits patiently for help, never complains, and sits quietly when doing her work. I've never heard a bad comment about anyone come from Scarlette. She treats everyone fairly, plays by the rules, and is a model student. This recognition is earned every day by her. She is a joy to have in class. Fantastic job!

Debra Lykins

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It is a delight to nominate Dominic Aldaco for the Pillar of Fairness for Character Counts. Dominic always treats others fairly and with respect. He is consistent in making good choices that affect others and for himself. He listens very well and is very patient when other students are crowding ahead of him. I seriously appreciate his attitude. Dominic is a person that I would be delighted to nominate for any of the pillars. Dominic, you are so appreciated. Mrs. Brumley & Ms. Diane Ed Center

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Education Center 8th Grade – Anneliz Ruiz Anneliz comes to class and always plays by the rules. She is open-minded and willing to listen to others. She is easy going and treats everyone very fairly. Way to go Anneliz!

Mr. Malone

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Towanits School holds historical Christmas Program



Students sing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' at the very first Towanits School Christmas Program and Awards Ceremony!

Last month just before the Winter Break, Towanits School held a historical Christmas Program and Awards Ceremony. Councilman Willie Carrillo along with Sky Hunter, Mike Franco and Jake Hunter blessing the event with song. Dr. Jerry Livesey, Education Department Director, Welcomed all and said that this program was the first to many to come in the future.



Mr. Gonzalez third grade class was first to grace the stage. The class sang 'Holly Jolly Christmas' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' to the joy of their family and friends.



Next under the direction of their teacher Miss Karri, the second grade class entertained their family with their rendition of 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer' and Run, Rudolph, Run'.

More Christmas and Awards



The first grade class sang 'Here Comes Santa Claus' and I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas directed by their teacher Mrs. Tapia for their family and guests.



This is the first grade class holding their Awards.



Not to be outdone the kindergarteners sang 'I'm a Little Snowman' and Jingle Bells' to the delight of friends and family with the help of their teacher Ms. Salazar.

All the children then entered the stage to sing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' to conclude the Christmas part of the program.



Here are the Second Graders.



Kindergartener's line up to show off thier Awards!

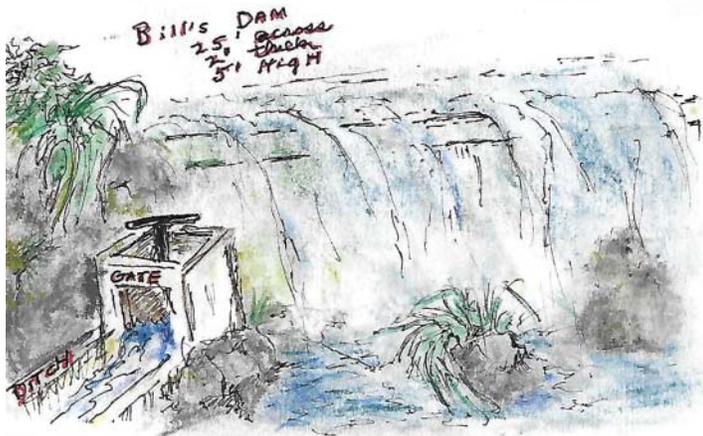


Lastly here are the Third Graders with their Awards.

Next was the Awards Ceremony. Awards were given for most improved in Math and Language Arts, perfect Attendance and those who are succeeding. Unfortunately the student's names were not available at press time. But you may see your children here in the pictures. After the awards were all handed out each child received a Christmas present and all dined on delicious pizza.

Mr. Waterman ©

A story by Lawrence Garfield written by his wife Andy Garfield



There was once a man I'm going to call Mr. Waterman (not his real name). He was an old white man that did his job and had the gift of gab. He was the man who checked on our irrigation systems each month especially in the summer.

Mr. Waterman wore an old blue work shirt, a pair of loose fitting dungarees held up by big wide suspenders that buttoned on his pants. His shoes were ordinary men's laced high top work shoes. On his half bald head he wore a hat that looked like a cross between a regular town hat and a cattle buyer's hat. Mr. Waterman was an average sized skinny old man. Maybe you can imagine what Mr. Waterman looked like.

I guess this character; Mr. Waterman, was checking and adjusting water gates for many years even before I was born. I do not know how many years, nor how many ditches and gates nor if there were more than the two ditches. About all I know for sure was the ditch by the graveyard and the one that came off at Bill's Dam and ended at the Rodilez's place. This ditch was the same one that watered the gardens of Bill Garfield, Sam Garfield, Fred Garfield, Mary Eugene, My grandma Annie Emeterio Garfield and later Bennie's garden. It also watered the school garden by the Catholic Church and the School's fruit trees, the Rodilez's Garden and maybe Jenny Hunter Franco's Garden.

It took about 15 minutes for Mr. Waterman to check this gate and adjust the flow. The last gate I knew about was the big one above Painted Rock at the big dam where no one swam because it was a scary place.

Maybe some of the rest of the real old timers remember if there were other ditches and where. People born and raised on the Reservation like Freda Carothers, Zelma Santos, Leonard Manuel, Bobby McDarment, Lonzo McDarment or Clifford Silvas or any of the older people I knew were there in the 30's, 40's or 50's, People who were really there might know more about the ditches and how many.

What most of us didn't realize at that time was the City of Porterville owned all the water in the Tule River which they kindly shared with us. Mr. Waterman's job was to see that we got our share! He'd unlock the big black lock; remove it from the big heavy chain that held the handles tight so no one could move it. We kids loved to follow Mr. Waterman around at least as far as Bill's Dam.

I heard as a child that Mr. Waterman had two jobs on the Rez., his first job was talking and his second job was adjusting gates.

He would begin his day at the Federal Buildings where lots of guys usually hung out. Everyone was happy to see and talk to anyone from the outside world, hoping to hear something new.

Remember we had no mail delivery every day, no newspapers, almost no radios, no TV, no telephones except for the one at the school. It was an old fashion crank phone on the wall at the school house. No cars going or coming to or from town and very few visitors.

Mr. Waterman knew everyone's name, even the names of the kids. Usually he spent the first couple hours at the Federal Buildings talking before moving slowly toward his big black shiny sedan and heading for Bill's Dam and gate number one. All of us kids who were able, ran after him. Once there we squatted down to watch him and listen. If Mr. Waterman spotted someone coming down the road on horseback, auto or walking he'd slow down, stop his car, get out of it, put one foot up on the running board, get out his pipe, knock out the old ashes, refill the pipe with new tobacco, tap down the new tobacco, light the pipe and take a puff or two then start a conversation. We kids watched every move. Mr. Waterman was casual, never in a hurry, very friendly like a best friend; he made everyone feel special putting everyone at ease. With little kids he'd ask questions about their moms, dads, cousins, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles. He ask simple things like are they working, in jail, sleeping, fighting and such. Just easy friendly questions. He accepted everything as we said, like it was the gospel truth. No arguments nor questions.

Or so it seemed!

We kids were so happy that he asked us to give him a kids view of the adult world. He never gave us a penny nor candy. He just agreed with the wonder of it all, making us boys feel proud and happy as he praised us like a good old grandpa would.

Well I don't know what happened, but one day Mr. Waterman got careless with all his information and really scrambled the facts.

By the time he left the Rez, that particular evening the upper Rez. were totally and thoroughly "MAD" at the lower Rez. to the point of no return. No body from the upper Rez. would speak to anyone from the lower Rez. and visa versa. Not even best friends or relations

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More on Mr. Waterman

spoke. This went on for a while, a long while. Boy even today I'd love to know what happened and what was said. It must have been a duzie, a rumor beyond all rumors. Probably no one told him anything in the one big story. Probably he just put together a lot of bits and pieces of information creating a whopper of a rumor. Casually and slowly he might have included the names of a couple donors. No one had a clue at first. Everyone was caught off guard. It took a while to figure things out, to figure it was Waterman. About a year later Bill, Fred and Bennie Garfield got together along with Larry Alto, Garman Santos and Eddie Hunter. They decided that they needed to get all the men together from all over the Rez. for a meeting. Bill Garfield was the leader in charge. He was the oldest son of Sam Garfield and a solid sober man. He never drank since he was young as he early on saw how drinking caused terrible troubles among his people. This he told me about later in life. At the time I was too young to understand what it all meant.

Anyway Bill spoke to all the men who came to the meeting. My dad later told me some of what Bill said. "We cannot fight among ourselves or it will be the end of us." What else was said we kids never knew. Everyone was told to be polite and say nothing more than, "It is a nice day," or such. We kids were told we could say "Hi" and nothing else. We were also told that they, the men, preferred we stay away from Mr. Waterman. Mr. Waterman was now a marked man.

Soon we all noticed it only took him until noon to check all the gates and water flow. He knew he was caught.

Even then it was a long while before all the friction died down.

One day he wasn't there anymore and no one cared. Now and then someone might say Mr. Waterman was a real trouble maker. A testimony to bad rumors.

***Community Meeting
Mark your calanders for
The Tribal Council
Community Meeting
Saturday, February 6th at 9 a.m.
Tule River Justice Center
All Community members
are invited to attend.
See you there!***

WANTED

FOR A LITTLE HISTORY

Do you have any old photos you would like to share?
Do you have some Tule River history you would like to share?
Maybe you would like to tell everyone a interesting storiy.
**If so please give me a call
At 781-4271, ext. 1047
Send me an email at
Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov
Or just come
by the Tribal Office
For a visit and a talk
Your community would
love to hear from you!**

WANTED OLD PHOTOS

Share you old photos for the 'Guess Who' game.
If you have old photos you would like to share.
Just bring them by the Tribal Office
to be scanned your picture will be returned you right then and there.
Or email them to me at
Frances.Hammond@tulerivertrib-nsn.gov
If you have any questions please
call Frances at 559-781-4271 ext. 1047

Guess Who?



The game is back on!

Do you know who these people are?

It is not known exactly when the above pictures was taken, however, (this is your hint) it probably was taken in the mid to late 50's and yes they are sister and brother! Who are they? Call your answer in to Frances Hammond 781-4271-ext 1047, you can email your answer to Frances. Hammond-nsn.gov or just come on by the Tribal Office for a little chat. If your answer is correct you get bragging rights and you name will appear here in the next issue of the Tule River Newsletter.

Do you know the little cowboy in the upper right hand of this page? This picture was taken in 1967 and bet you all know him! If you do let me know.

The picture on the right may be a little harder to guess. It was taken in 1934. Do you know her? If so you know what to do. Hope to hear from you soon.



Community Tae Kwon Do Class

**Every Friday beginning
January 8, 2016**

**Positive
Family
Function**

Sign ups will be taken at:

. Towanits Indian Education Center



Location:

Tule River Justice Center
Room 113

Ages 5-12 years 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Ages 13 and up 7:00pm-8:00pm

Up to 6 months

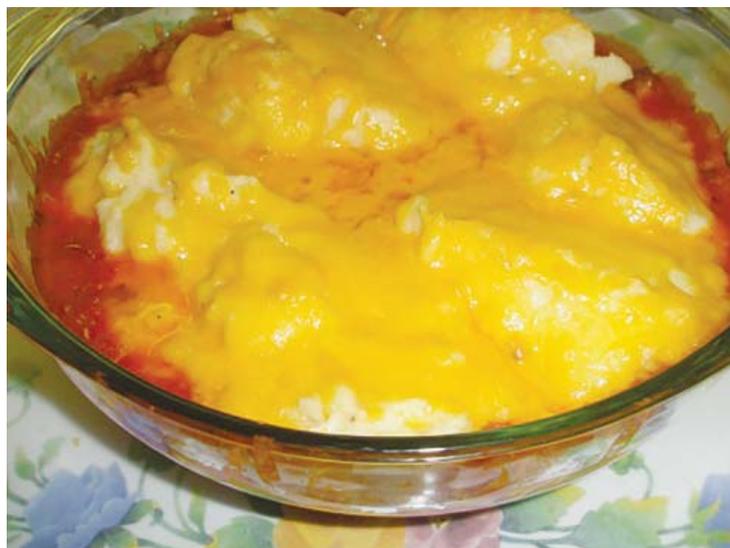
* All youth must be accompanied by an adult

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Porterville, CA 93257



*Co Sponsored by the Tule River Indian Health Center

Vegetable Beef Casserole



This casserole is a classic. Make a hardy lunch but is also a favorite for dinner too. Canned Green Beans can be substituted for the mixed vegetables.

Ingredients

- 1 onion chopped
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can tomato soup
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cans mixed vegetables, drained
- 1 1/2 cups prepared mashed potatoes
- 1/2 cup grated cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Brown onion, add ground beef and cook until done. Pour off grease.
3. Add tomato soup, salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly and add mixed vegetables.
4. Pour into casserole dish. Cover with mashed potatoes to edge of casserole. Sprinkle cheese on top.
5. Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes

Serves 8-10

Calories 280, Total fat 14g, Saturated fat 5g, Cholesterol 40mg, Sodium 460mg, Carbohydrate 23g, Dietary Fiber 2g, Sugars 0g, Protein 16g, Vitamin A 640RE, Vitamin C 20mg, Calcium 70mg, Iron 2 mg, Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

**January USDA Food
Distribution
559-781-3129**

**January 25 - Tule River
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**January 26, 27 & 28
Tule River Warehouse
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
& 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



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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
304 N. Reservation Rd.
Porterville, CA 93258
(559) 789-9013

christina.jaquez@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov

**Pregnancy Prevention
Youth Leadership Program**

Live,
Laugh &
Love

Starting September 1, 2015 through March 22, 2016
Every Tuesday 5:00—7:00 pm

Where: Tule River Gym
Cultural Room
308 N. Reservation Road
559-782-8211 Ext 375

Zona Franco will be facilitating this leadership event for our youth 14-18 years old. The youth will learn about leadership, higher education, vision crushers, work ethics, budgeting, confidence, respect and honor.



Please contact Connie Becerra Site Project Coordinator
if you have any questions @ the Tule Office 782-8211 Ext 375

Employee January Birthdays

*Tule River Tribal Council and
The Human Resources Department
Wish Tule River Employees A Very Happy Birthday
And a Happy New Year too!*

January 3

Pete Yazzie ~ Tribal Administration
Vincent J. Peyron ~ TRAP
Benjamin Garfield ~ Oak Pit

January 5

Margaret Madera ~ EFTP 2
Victor A. Rodriguez Moreno ~ EFTP 2

January 6

Teofilita Castillo ~ Education

January 8

Jesus Aguilar ~ Facilities

January 9

Brian Leypon ~ Oak Pit
Ray Manuel ~ EPA / Transfer Station

January 10

Richard T. Brown ~ Structure Fire Dept.
Juan U. Barrios ~ Telecommunications

January 14

Montoya, Edward P. ~ WIA
Shirley Franklin ~ EFTP 1

January 19

Rudy P. Sierra ~ Gaming Security
Peyron, Sabon ~ WIA

January 20

Adrian Noriega ~ Gaming Security

January 21

Jessica Tapia ~ Education

January 24

Jerald W. Livesey ~ Education

January 25

Pona Alviso ~ EFTP 1

January 26

Kim Christman ~ Facilities
Kenneth Clifford ~ DPS
Leticia Brown ~ EFTP 1

January 27

Adam Rodriguez ~ Education

January 28

John J. DeLeon ~ Gaming Security

January 29

Valerie A. Salas ~ Future Generations

January 30

Heriberto Martinez ~ TRAP

January 31

Maribel Sanchez ~ Human Resource

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



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Monday thru Friday

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Tule River Indian Tribe of California

GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE ELECTION FOR January 16, 2016

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 Tuesday **January 7, 2016**. Absentee Ballots will be available on January 12, 13, 14, 15 2016 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for those eligible voters who will **NOT** be here on Election Day January 16, 2016 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 four (4) or less candidates of their choice. Any ballot receiving more than four (4) 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 16, 2016.
5. The Election Committee will declare the polls closed at 8 p.m. on January 16, 2016. 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 **Wednesday, December 30, 2015** by 5 p.m. and will be reviewed only on **Thursday, December 31, 2015** 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 16, 2016 and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, by (01-16-2016) 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 16, 2016 and must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age by January 16, 2016, and **must be compliant on outstanding finance obligations as of Friday, January 1, 2016 to the Tribe; and/or is not engaged in any legal action against the Tribe, or legal action that may conflict the Tribal Council. Elected candidates shall be required to pass an initial and periodic drug screen (s) 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.

10. The closing date for eligible Council Candidates has been designated as **Friday, January 1, 2016** at 5 p.m. The posting of those eligible Council Candidates will be on or before **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**.

The above criteria are in conformance with Section II and III 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 6, 2016:

- Tribal Council Administration Building
- Tule River Indian Health Center (Clinic Lobby)
- Tule River Education Center
- Tule River Alcoholism Programs
- Tule River Housing Authority Office
- Eagle Mountain Casino (Admin and Gaming Commission office)
- Tule River Economic Development Corporation (Highway 190)
- Tule River Elders Council Office
- Tule River Community Gym
- Tule River Tribal TANF Offices - Reservation & Porterville Offices
- Tule Postal Building

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

PLEASE CHECK LIST FOR YOUR NAME

The 2016 Election Committee consists of William J. Carrillo Sr. Chairperson, Yolanda Gibson Secretary, Kenneth C. McDarment, Kevin M. Bonds and Duane M. Garfield Sr. If you have any questions concerning the election, please contact one of the Committee Members at 781-4271.

In the spirit of keeping the Community better informed of the upcoming election the Tule River newsletter will, once again, publish a Special Election Issue. This issue will be available to the voters on Wednesday, January 13th. 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 300 words or less. The deadline to be included in the Special Edition is Thursday January 7th by 5 p.m. There will be no exceptions!

The 2016 Special Election Addition will be available at the mailboxes and the Tribal Office, Tuesday, January 12th. None will be mailed out.

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

Make your living area a hazard free zone!



On behalf of the Tule River Building Department we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. During the Month of January we all know that the weather creates a more dangerous level of living. The rain has started to fall and frost begins to cover the ground, making for a hazardous environment. We here at the Building Department would like to express our commitment to safety and offer the community a few tips on maintaining a hazard free home.

- Keep walkways and exits free of debris and clutter.
- If it's a chore getting to your door, it may be time to do some early spring cleaning.
- Be cautious of the frost if you have a wooden porch. They can get pretty slippery.
- Clean your feet before entering your home to avoid any slips on the tile or linoleum.
- (This will also help you guys from getting yelled at by the wife.)
- Make sure water is running away from your house, not towards it.
- When water starts to pool up or seep under the house, mold and bacteria can start to grow and compromise the structure and safety of your home and family.
- Take a look at your roof, or have someone inspect it for you.
- Make sure there are no bad areas and no leaks. If there are any problems, get some help to fix it. (Remember yours and your families lives are at risk if there are problems with your roof.)

Jared Carrillo, B.A.
Tule River Building/ Safety Department

Dinner for Two

Valentine's Day Dinner Special
Filet Mignon with a choice
of King Crab Legs or Lobster Tail.
Served with Baked Potatoes, and
Seasonal Vegetables. - \$60.00

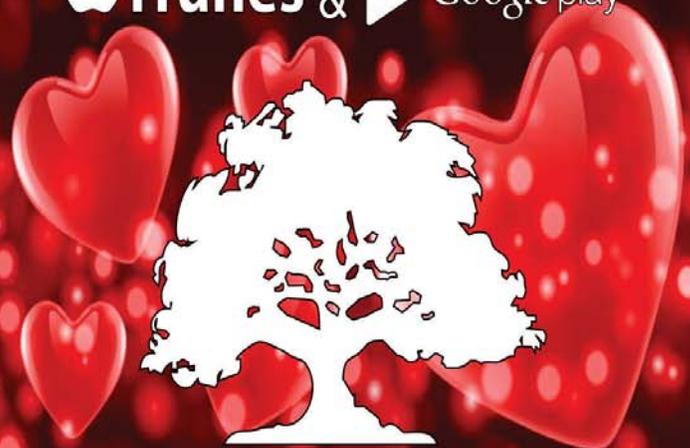
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\$100,000 winner at the Peoples Casino



Luis from Bakersfield is a very happy man as he hit a \$100,000 jackpot at Eagle Mountain Casino, the peoples casino!

It pays to play at the peoples casino, that's Eagle Mountain Casino where thousands in jackpot prizes are awarded on a daily basis. A very lucky guest from Bakersfield was the latest jackpot winner who walked away with \$100,000 more reasons to be happy, as he celebrates with his winnings to close out 2015.

Luis from Bakersfield was playing the 5x Pay, 10x Pay Reel Slot Machine with a \$10 denomination when he hit the large jackpot. This is one of his favorite machines that he always plays and is also a regular at the Peoples Casino. Luis was very happy about his win.

It pays to play while spinning the reels at Eagle Mountain Casino.

"It is always great to see our guests walk away with a reason to come back. Their patronizing efforts always seem to pay off and we're happy to see existing and new guests win jackpots big or small," said Rachel McDarment, Public Relations Entertainment Coordinator.



*Yokuts Coffee House hours
Monday-Sunday 7 a.m.-11 p.m.*

Espresso Drinks	Single	Double	Triple	Hot Teas	Medium	Large
Espresso	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	Green Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Americano	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	Black Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Latte	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00	Special Tea	\$2.50	\$3.00
Vanilla Latte	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$4.25	Iced Teas	Medium	Large
Cappuccino	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00	Green Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Mocha	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00	Black Tea	\$2.00	\$2.50
Caramel Macchiato	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.00	Special Tea	\$2.50	\$3.00
White Mocha	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$4.25	Smoothies	Medium	Large
Iced Coffee	Medium	Large		Strawberry	\$3.25	\$4.25
Coffee	\$1.75	\$2.00		Banana		
Latte	\$2.25	\$4.00		Yogurt Based		
Caramel Macchiato	\$3.50	\$4.00		Mango	\$3.25	\$4.25
Mocha	\$3.50	\$4.00		Yogurt Based		
White Mocha	\$3.75	\$4.25		Caribbean	\$3.25	\$4.25
Frappe'	Medium	Large		Sorbet Based		
Coffee	\$4.00	\$5.00		Strawberry	\$3.25	\$4.25
Chocolate	\$4.00	\$5.00		Sorbet Based		
Caramel	\$4.00	\$5.00		From our Bakery		
Brewed Coffee	Small	Medium	Large	Assorted Pastries	\$1.00	
Regular	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	Assorted Cookies	\$1.00	
Decaf	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.25	Croissants	\$1.50	
Hot Chocolate	Medium	Large		Extras		
	\$2.50	\$3.00		Shot	75¢	
				Flavored Syrup	50¢	
				Steamed milk	25¢	
				Whipped cream	50¢	

*Happy Hour!
Daily discount 20%
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.*





What's going on at the Event Tent?

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January 30 & 31 – **THE PRICE IS RIGHT** – The number one game show of all time will be live on state at Eagle Mountain Casino – This is your chance to play classic games and spin the Big Wheel to make it into the

Showcase – **SO COME ON DOWN** and be the next contestant on **THE PRICE IS RIGHT!**



February 12 - **THE LEGENDARY YONICS and LOS CAMINANTES** will be at Eagle Mountain Casino at 8 p.m. General Admission \$30, \$40 reserved

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Thursday, January 14 - **THE FOUR TOPS & TEMPTATIONS** - Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$75 -All Reserved Seating - Doors Open at 6 p.m.- Show Time 7:30 p.m.- Bingo Hall



February 11 - **MERLE HAGGARD** - Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$75 - All Reserved Seating - Doors Open at 6 p.m. Show Time 7:30 p.m

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

January Birthdays



January 1

Keith N. Burrough
Lorina L. Carabay
Johnny A. Gonzales Sr.
Kenneth C. McDarment IV

January 2

Shanell Eugene
Charles J. Lenares
Richard J. Manuel Jr.
Salvador E. Moreno Jr.
John M. Valencia

January 3

Katherine A. Anderson
Ladonna O. Devine
Shawn J. Manuel
Leslie A. Walters

January 4

Nakiya E. Carazolez
Tson-Telle C. Manuel
Chayanne K Regalado

January 5

Norman L. Barrios
Ronan N. Carabay

January 6

Gregory P. Chavez
Izaac A. Eredia
Gene H. Frost

January 7

Andrew J. Garfield
Joe M-G Hermieo
Michael J. Maldonado Jr.
Georgia K. McDarment
Nikko T.H. Quair
Jaidah L. Silva

January 7

William S. Alto
Lane E. Caldwell
Lyle H. Frost
Alicia R. Gotschall
Richard M. Martinez
Madilynn M. Medrano
Masyn S. Medrano

January 8

Jesus R. Aguilar
Felicia M. Anderson
Kyle S. Mclemore
Zyron M. Ramos
Rudy P. Sierra

January 9

Amber N. Caraway
Ruben A. Flores Jr.
Lawrence Garfield
Patrick M. Garfield
Faith S. Gomez
Nyah R Hernandez
Johnny Jaramillo III
Ray S. Manuel
Darian M. Murillo
Raymond A. Vega
Valentina P. Vega

January 10

Richard T. Brown
Shalina J. Dashner
Mercedes O. Fox
Gail A. Gibson
Marilyn Hunter

January 11

Elaine Flores
Breanna R. Garfield
Michael A. Wilson Jr.

January 12

Marlene R. Moreno
Sabrina M. Moreno
Aaron D. Morgan
Guy A. Nenna
Sharon L. Tatman

January 13

Jamie L. Belcher
Sarah J. Carrillo
K.C. T. McDarment
Elijah S. Mears

Michael D. Peyron
Dolly A. Standridge

January 14

Christian L. Garcia
Ambrose Manuel
Edward P. Montoya
Richard L. Peters Jr.
Roberta L. Silva

January 15

Lorren E. Ensign
Lionel L. Nunez
Teddy A. Ramos

January 16

Obrie L. Behill
Martin S. Corona
Paul Lara Jr.
Alina K. Robles

January 17

Jolie E. Varela
Robert Villegas Jr.

January 18

Paul S. Delgado
Cedar D. Farmer
Santiano J. Gomez
Paul A. Hunter
Shereen L. Macias
Elizabeth M. McDarment
Evander J. Peyron
Pearla J. Shutt
Shae-Lynn S. Teran

January 19

Reyes F. Aguilar
Karen A. Garfield
Wyatt B. McDarment
Sabon C. Peyron

January 20

Rudy P. Sierra
Herminia R. Tovar
Amya L. Gonzales
Lilly M. Jimenez
Darlene R. Pena

January 21

Josie M. Rios
James M. Diaz
Dale K. Frost
Michael E. Garfield
Francisco J. Gomez
Earlene A. McDarment
Jessica L. Tapia

January 22

Roxanne A. Aguilar
Savina A. Gibson
Delores Heggie
Jordan R. Manuel
Monique Munoz
Heatherann S. Teran

January 23

Tracy N. Behill
Adela M. R. Carrasco
Felicia C. Lona
Anna M. Mclemore
Angel R. Mejia
Michaela C. Peyron
Gabriel A. Pizano
Chancy S. Skiles
Stacy T. Skiles

January 24

Angelina N. Burt
Haiy'ali S. Hernandez
Jaden E. Hoffman
Rachel R. McDarment
Rolando R. Pineda
Dylan J. Shutt

January 25

Pona Alviso
Kembo Christman
Marcus M. Franco
Felina A. Robles

January 26

Leticia R. Brown
Alfredo Carrillo
Kim V. Christman
Lois F. Noland
Jesse D. Rayner

January 27

Linda S. Lopez
Salena C. T. Rubio

January 28

Sote J.B. Franco
Tucker R. Nylander
Valerie A. Peyron
Jolene L. Witthar

January 28

William P. Flores Jr.
Joshua H. Frost
Katherine E. Hoffman
Valerie A. Salas

January 30

Lloyd L. Bays III
Aaron F. Chavez
Tyra W. Lopez

January 31

Isaac A. Cordero
Ari T. Garfield
Jana D. Jones
Sara L. Lamas
David R. Perez III
Kenneth J. Quair
Jason L. Williams



Tribal Council wishes all a very Happy Birthday & Happy New Year too!

Route 9

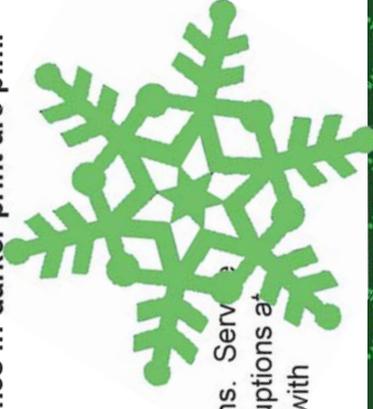
To Tule River Indian Reservation

Transit Center (Departure)	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	Transit Center (Arrival)
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Shaded area indicates Saturday Service

Border area indicates Sunday Service
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January 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

3

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Winter Break Activities
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.



10

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Youth Council 4 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.

17



24

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.



6

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Winter Break Activities
Tule River Tribal Council
Forum



12

TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m.
PT 10am-12pm
CRIHB Affordable Care
Act Training 10 a.m.
PT TRIHC 12 p.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Youth Council 4 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5

20

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Woman's Wellness 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.

27

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Women's Wellness 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.

7

TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m.
PT 10 a.m.
PT TRIHC 12-2pm
Winter Break Activities
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.



13

Elders Meet 10 a.m.
Yoga 10 a.m.
Women's Wellness 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Youth Council 4 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.



21

TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m.
PT 10am-12pm
PT TRIHC 12 p.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Teen Weight Lifting 4 p.m.
Basketball Practices 5 p.m.
Youth Basketball Practices

28

TRTC Meet 8:30 a.m.
PT 10am-12pm
PT TRIHC 12 p.m.
Youth Council 5:30 p.m.
Cultural Talent Show 5:30 p.m.



8

Winter Break Activities Incentive Trip 8am-5pm
Child Care Bingo 5pm-9pm
BINGO
Native Vets Meet 5:30 p.m.

15

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Youth Council 4 p.m.
Men's Basketball 5 p.m.



22

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth 3 p.m.
Youth Council 4 p.m.
Men's Basketball 5 p.m.

29

Yoga 10 a.m.
PT 11 a.m.
Tule River Youth
Student Store 3:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball 5 p.m.
Youth Council Elections
5 p.m.

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Youth Basketball at Exeter



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