

# Tule River Newsletter

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*Important drought meeting held at Tule River*

April 2014



Swimming hole at Painted Rocks - this picture was taken in the middle of March, but it looks like August!  
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## *Tule River receives gift from City of Porterville*



This fire truck is a gift from the City of Porterville to the Tule River Fire Department.  
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## *Dignitaries attend important water meeting*



### **State and Federal dignitaries visit Tule River's water treatment plant last month.**

Due to the passing of the Tule River Indian Tribe Emergency Drought Conditions Resolution passed in conjunction with the governors' Statewide Drought Emergency situation Tule River hosted an Emergency Drought Meeting held Wednesday, March 12th.

In attendance was the Tule River Water Team, Tule River Environmental Protection, Tribal Council, Mike Ennis Supervisor District Five, Tulare County Board of Supervisors, Virginia Gurrola Porterville City Council Member, Stewart Anderson, Office of Assembly Woman Connie Conway and Charles Lwenya Tule River Natural Resources. Other dignitaries in attendance were Shelly Abajian District Director Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office, Troy Burdick, Bureau of Indian Affairs, William Hayter W.L. Hayter & Associates, Lisa Butler Area Specialist for the Department of Agriculture and many others.

It was reported that this year the snow pack in the area is only 10% of average, rainfall has only been 20% of normal this season and the reservoirs are only 65% of average. 95% of the state of California is in severe drought condition with the Central Valley being hit the hardest. The forecast for April through July is being predicted at 13% of normal precipitation. That means no rain folks! No rain means no water!

It was also reported that the Tule River dried up last year and it will do the same this year. The water in the river is so low now that it looks like August flow and cannot be measured at this time.

Over several years, the Tribe had been diligently working to bring water to the Tule River residents. 35 wells have been drilled, but only five produce potable water. The Reservation sits on hard rock and ground wells are only a temporary solution to the water problems and are

very expensive. There is a need to find a more practical solution in the long run.

The jest of this meeting was to find a solution to the very probable threat of running out of water this summer. The quick fix, water conservation, also, all are advised to fix any leaks in the water system.

The best solution is an onsite storage facility; a dam. The Tribe has done numerous technical studies concerning the water shortage problem. Beginning in 1998 studies for a suitable dam site started.

Charmaine McDarment, Tule River General Counsel, read a statement written by John Carothers, BIA Fire Manager Officer. His statement said that the Reservation is in the most extreme drought conditions ever with 65% of live fuels meaning that fire season will began much earlier this year especially in the higher elevations. It was his belief that fire fighter assistance will not be available due to fires elsewhere in the state. He urged all to use spark arresters.

Richard Brown, Tule River Fire, asked everyone to conserve on water reiterating that fire will be a major concern this year. "Everyone must do their part," he said.

Kerri Vera, Department of Environmental Protection, stated that the fish are dyeing due to the lack of water in the river.

Charles Lwenya, Director Natural Resources, stated that the trees and wildlife are in trouble as well as the land being over grazed. He has been working with the BIA and the BIA recommends that all herds be reduced. He also said that BIA along with the Natural Resources Department are working to prepare the range for when the rains do come as they are bare from over grazing.

Troy Burdick, BIA, said that the department did not have all the answers, but will support and assist in any way possible.

Lisa Butler, USDA, offered to assist with federal aid if possible as well as Shelly Abajian from Senator Feinstein's Office.

Don Walton, Public Works Director said he is working with IHS on the Waste Water Treatment Plant to possibly use the effluent water for irrigation.

Many concerned Tribal members came forward to speak. The general vane of topic was that everyone needs to do their part, conserve water and fix leaks. Most felt that fingers needed to stop being pointed, the arguing needed to cease and everyone needed to come together and let Council do their job.

After lunch, state and federal dignitaries were given a tour of the Water Treatment Plant, Painted Rock, and one of the proposed dam sites.

## Demystifying the Tule River Justice Center



**New Tule River Justice Center under construction - Picture taken on March 26, 2014.**

by Dave Nenna

As early as the 1900's, our tribe has been looking at Tribal Law Enforcement and a tribal court; the Tribe never had the infrastructure or the financial resources to establish either. We relied on the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist us with disputes and other issues. There is existing correspondence between the Tribe and BIA that took years to actually make decisions or come up with a resolution to some of the problems. Many of the decisions that were made did not stay consistent over the years and were later overturned. A Tribal Constitution and By-Laws were developed around 1932 but, was not adopted until 1936, the one we presently have. When you read your constitution and by-laws, it outlines the duties of our tribal government, on page 3 (j) "To promulgate ordinances for the purpose of safeguarding the peace and safety of residents of the reservation, and to establish courts for the adjudication of claims or disputes arising among the members of the tribe," So even before we could establish a court, in 1953 Congress created a law called P.L. 83-280 (18 U.S.C.), this law came with consequences that tribes nor the state agreed to, it created a division in authority the tribe once had, (rule of thumb) anything that was criminal prohibitory was left to the states to enforce and anything civil regulatory was left to the tribal government to enforce. It is still this way today; we are living in what we call a PL-280 state.

As our tribe evolved over the years and as the need arose, the Tribal Council began creating ordinances as a foundation for our tribal laws. In 1974 the Tule River Indian Reservation was published in the Federal Register that we were authorized to establish our own law enforcement and judicial system. Funding was pretty scarce for the tribe, the only revenue was a little from timber and some administrative monies from administering our PL-93-638 Grants and Contracts money. The only Federal money

available through the Department of Justice could only be given to tribes that already have an established police force or judicial system in place.

With the advent of gaming, our tribal government was now able to bring to fruition what our tribal ancestors in the 1900's could only talk about, a tribal court. This new 43,000 square foot facility you see being constructed will bring positive change to our reservation. Once the judicial system is established and put in place, tribal members and employees will be able to have their appeals heard by an administrative law judge, Family court services, land assignment disputes, probation hearings; these are only examples of issues that can be handled on the reservation. The building will also house some of our existing programs, such as ICWA, Department of Public Safety, our Legal Department, and all of our Social Service Programs.

Not everyone agrees with the location of our justice center or the purpose but the community elected our Tribal Council to make decisions that are best for our tribe as a whole, this is a part of our evolution as a tribe and our people being able to carry out the goals our ancestors laid the framework for. This is a small part of what self reliance and self governance is about and leaves a legacy for our youth to build on, keep making the foundation stronger.

You can see the construction of the new Justice Center on line at [www.tulerivertribe-nsn.gov](http://www.tulerivertribe-nsn.gov), go to news page 2 and click <http://oxblue.com/open/clarksullivan/tuleriver>.

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## *Tule River gathered for Community Meeting*



### **Novalie McDarment gives the community a run down on the upcoming rodeo.**

Tule River residents and interested community members came before the Tule River Tribal Council last month for the Quarterly Community Meeting.

A letter from Roderick Gomez was read by Nancy McDarment. Mr. Gomez was concerned about Council and children's safety in regards to gang retaliation. Other concerns were rocks and dirt shifting from the remains at construction sites and sewer concerns.

Jolene Castle spoke for the Land Assignment Committee. She stated that there is a land shortage on the Reservation for suitable assignments for housing. It was her recommendation that duplexes and apartments be built on the fee land outside of the reservation.

Chris Dabney was concerned as well and wanted to know how Council was addressing the problem.

Nancy McDarment stated that the Hyder property, Springville Drive and McCarthy Ranch are all slated for homes. Some of these areas are in the planning stages right now. Zoning for Springville Drive is being looked into at this time.

"Five homes are in the first stage to be built on the Hyder property," said Neil Peyron, "With a total of 150. We are just waiting for the County now." He went on to say that Springville Drive property will accommodate 20 new homes.

It was the suggestion of Ms. Castle that existing apartment buildings should be purchased now to provide housing for the people.

Irma Hunter read the Land Assignment Advisory Board report and reminded everyone that the Board meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Brafford Room.

Dan Hackey gave a brief report on the newly developed Events Team. Team members are Dan Hackey, Willie Garfield, Joyce Carothers, Rondii Nieto, Thomas Eugene and

Vivian Christman. The Team has worked with no stipend and has produced events for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Community Christmas, as well as the Employee Christmas party. The Team also provided their services for the tree-planting day and the Title VII Incentive Luncheon. They are working on stream lining things and making the lines move faster. At the time of the Community Meeting the Team was working on the first Annual Tule River Golf Tournament, a fundraising event for proceeds to be given to the Tule River 4-H and Future Generations for a fire pit for a Talking Circle (Golf Tournament story elsewhere in this publication). Future events in the planning stages are an Easter Carnival, a Mother's Day event and a Father's Day event. Mr. Hackey thanked the maintenance crew for all their help. "It is evident with the growing community that we are out growing the EMC Event tent," he said. It was suggestion that there be two Christmas Parties this holiday season, one for the children and one for the adults.

Novalie McDarment, Chairwoman Tule River Rodeo Committee, gave her report. Committee members are Novalie McDarment Chairperson, Shawn Gonzales Vice-chair, Wendi Correa Treasurer, Harold Santos Secretary, Gerald Santos, Jesse James, Kat Nieto, Chris James, Jolene Castle, Leroy Chico and Gilbert Williams. This year the Tule River INFR Tour Rodeo will be May 2-4 at McCarthy Ranch. The Western States Indian Rodeo Association and the Indian National Finals Commissioners have approved the Rodeo application, have received all bids from Stock contractors, posted the 2014 Miss Tule River Rodeo Queen Application on the web site, [tuleriverrodeo.com](http://tuleriverrodeo.com) and have placed the order for all necessary staging equipment for the event.

Ryan Garfield questioned the importance of sponsoring a rodeo. He felt that the money might be better spent on ball fields and homes maybe a swimming pool and walking trails, all these thing are in the plans for McCarthy Ranch as well as rodeo grounds. Ms. Castle stated that the rodeo grounds would be a money-maker.

Chris Dabney voiced her concerns about the drought and what was being done to assure that the community would not run out of water this summer and why something hasn't been done sooner. Mr. Peyron sited that the Tribe has been working for several years by installing tanks and scoping for a water storage facility in the higher country. Ms. Dabney asked for better communication, "The people don't know what's really going on, there are rumors, but no one knows what is really going on."

Irma Hunter felt Council should follow through and complete what the previous Councils had planned. Willie Carrillo agreed with Ms. Hunter and felt that prior Council should meet with new Council members and brief them on what is going on. Yolanda Gibson felt the Newsletter

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## More Community Meeting



### Chris Dabney had concerns on water issues and the drought.

should go back to informing the community of Council agendas.

Sharon James, new Director of Family and Social Services, gave a report on ICWA. Mr. Carrillo touched on FEMA, Emergency Disaster moneys and Inter Tribal Council and believed that these agencies should be working with ICWA.

Nancy McDarment read the report on TRAP stating that Indian Health Services did a walk though and was reported to be doing very well.

The boys' group Big Tule Yokuts was brought up and questioned as to why it no longer was active. Mr. Peyron and others felt that the children's programs needed evaluation to ascertain whom they are serving and to become aware of what each program is doing. "The children are our future," Mr. Peyron reminded everyone.

Ms. McDarment read the Enrollment Committee report. To date the Tribe has 1,748 enrolled Tribal members and 574 direct descendants waiting to be enrolled. Nicola Larsen voiced some concerns with the Enrollment Committee and suggested that DNA testing be done.

Ms. McDarment also read the Law Enforcement Committee Report. This Committee meets weekly. A representative from the Tulare County Sheriff as well as Tribal Fire and DPS gives verbal reports. The Committee is working on presentations that consist of setting up a judicial system, administrative law, traveling circuit courts, family court, drug court and probation. These presentations are to help Tribal Council become more informed and to help create the Tribal Judicial System. The Justice Center is scheduled to be completed in September and will house some of the Tribes existing programs, such as ICWA, the Legal Department, and Department of Public safety.

Many questions were asked in regards to the new Justice Center. How will it be funded? Will it affect per-capita or

the Elder's monies? The Justice Center will be budgeted out of the general fund and fines. It should not affect per-capita or the Elder's checks.

"How can we stop people from coming off the casino grounds?" Curtis Murphy Gibson asked. He also said that criminal activity should be reported to DPS. "We need to stop fighting and come together as a Tribe."

Ms. Castle assured the people that DPS is diligently working to keep the Reservation safe. Soon a Community Notifier will be in place to inform the community of dangers. She asked that all keep track of strange vehicles and to report any unusual activity to DPS. "The Community needs to pull together," she said. "Lock your doors; keep your children in at night." Ms. Castle also encouraged all the youth to join the Explorer Program at DPS and the high school graduates to get an education in criminal law and justice as the new Justice Center will create many new jobs.

Willie Carrillo discussed employment issues and shared a story about a person not receiving a job due to a no-hire list of tribal members at Human Resources. Mr. Peyron said that he was unaware of any such list. He went on to say that, Tribal Council's job is to pass ordinances that the people want. He strongly promoted the new Justice Center, as the new system will take personal issues out of the Council's hands.

Mr. Carrillo wanted to know if there was a committee established for the casino move. Council said not at this time, but they are working on a memorandum to be presented to Tulare County.

Mr. Carrillo also suggested a Tribal Job Fair be held.

It was a good meeting with very informative questions being asked, but the main concern of the people was lack of communication. Starting next month the Tule River Newsletter will reinstate monthly Tribal Council Agenda reports in the hope of keeping the community better informed.



## ***Tule River golfs for Tribal youth***

It was the 'Luck of the Indians' last month for the first ever Annual Tule River Golf Tournament held on St. Patrick's Day at River Island Country Club. Yes, it was the wearing of the green for 30 teams that competed for some great prizes and raise some money for the youth of Tule River.

The Tule River Events Team coordinated by Willie Garfield put together a fun packed day with weather, a warm gentle breezy day, complementing the event as well. Teams were treated to goodie bags, bump up holes, Mulligans, team pictures, a hot dog lunch, drink tickets and rounding out the day a delicious good old Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage provided by River Island Coun-



**Noel O'Donoghue, CEO Lightlearn and Tule River's IT Technician was really in the spirit St. Patrick's Day at the First Annual Tule River Golf Tournament.**

try Club. Oh, and there were lots of great raffle prizes with the purchase of tickets and many took home some great gifts. But, that's not all, after the golfing was done, Noel O'Donoghue and his lovely wife, Patricia entertained with some good old Irish music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a perfect way to end the day.

But, the day wasn't just for fun, it was all about the youth. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to Tule River Youth programs. The Tule River 4-H received \$5,000 for their club. Future Generation was also the beneficiary to \$5,000 to construct a fire pit for Talking Circles and other events. The fundraising didn't stop there either. Tyson Gibson offered a 50/50 raffle that raised close to \$300 for his DSR Scholarship Foundation and was presented with \$1,000 from proceeds generated from the golf tournament. In addition, the Summit Charter Collegiate Academy Golf Team took over the #16 bump up hole where players could opt to move their ball closer to



**Ta Da! Tribal Member Manuel Ogdon, Art Navarro, Blue Water Casino and Travis Merritt, Rocket Gaming Systems achieved first place!**

the cup for \$5 and raised \$500 there for their team. You can see what a success the tournament was and the Tule River Events Team wants to thank all their sponsors, the Tule River Tribe, Lightlearn, Tule River Tribal Gaming Commission, MTC Distributing, Subway, Calif. Nation's Indian Gaming Assoc. Anderson Fence Co., Clark & Sullivan, Vigilant Employment Screening, Middle Town Rancheria, Valley Cleaning Restoration and Bally Gaming. More valued sponsors were Carroll's Tire Warehouse, Merle Stone Chevrolet Cadillac, The City of Porterville, American Gaming Systems, Joseph Eve, Wells Fargo, Team Denesha, Sierra View Hospital, Tom Rodgers, Sharon House, Blue Water Casino/SMP and Nestle



**After the golfing was done, Noel O'Donoghue and his lovely wife, Patricia entertained with some good old Irish music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.**

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## Golf Con't



Tyson Gibson, Ralph Eugene, Clinton Gibson and Jim Valencia all from Eagle Mountain Casino took second place.

Professional Beverages. Other sponsors to thank were Sysco Foods, Morongo Casino, PepsiCo, Black Oak Casino, Eagle Mountain Casino, Chumash Tribe, Tule River Economic Development Corporation, Big Sandy Rancheria, Tachi Palace, Bryan Clower and The Tule River Alcohol Program.

The Tournament was so successful that planning for the next one is already in the works.



Tyson Gibson accepts \$1,000 from Dan Hackey for his DSR Scholarship Foundation.

# Earth Day!!

**Date: April 22, 2014**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Where: Tule Gym**

Refreshments will be provided

Youth will participate in planting flowers around the Gym facility.

Keri Vera will speak on environmental issues

Come out and celebrate Earth Day with the Recreation Department Staff!

**HELP MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!**

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Any questions contact the Tule Gym at 559.782.5554 Ext . 2100

## Summitt Charter brings culture to Porterville



After blessing the event, JR Manuel shows the people the kitchen from long ago.

Last month a dedication ceremony was held for the new Tule River Natural History and Native American Center located on the campus of Summit Charter Academy.

Jeff Cozad, a science teacher with the Academy was the spearhead for this project. He has a Cultural Team of eight students who are there to mentor the younger students who use the facility.

Mr. Cozad gave Team Leader, Valeria Orozco the floor who then introduced Tule River Council Member Joyce Carothers. Ms. Carothers said, "I am honored to be here

today, I thank you all for coming."

Ms. Orozco also introduced Burton School District Superintendent Dr. Sharon Kamberg. "I praise Mr. Cozad for his achievement and applaud him for working with the high school students teaching them to work with the younger children."

Randy Daniels, Burton School District Board of Directors said, "This school represents the best we have. We want to take these things we have [the new center] to the children so that they can take their knowledge out to the world."

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Elder Bahe Billy entertained with Navajo song and drum.



Herminia and Imani Manuel pictured here with Valeria Orozco, the Head Cultural Team Leader.

## Culture Cont'd



**Azzie Padama preforms the Eagle Dance.**

JR Manuel gave a blessing, thanking the Creator asking for His blessing on the new center in a good way. He said, "We have come a long way. The culture left us, but we are bringing it back. We take the past and present and make it better."

Another member of the Cultural Team, Auzie Padama danced the Eagle Dance to all's enjoyment.

It had been a lifelong dream for Jeff Cozad to create a cultural center, a place to teach the children about Natural History and Native American Cultural and now the dream has come true. The two-room center rests on the campus of Summit Charter Academy in the Burton School District. One room houses many animal bones and hides as well as the animals themselves, a gift from taxidermy. The hides and many animal heads decorate the walls as well as many types of fish.

The other room is dedicated to the Native American Culture. There are several different types of dancing regalia and native dress on display, also a tule hut with fire for storytelling and a tule boat.

The center is open to the fourth graders from the Burton School District at this time mentored by the Cultural Team from the Academy. There are plans to make the center available to all the surrounding areas in the near future.

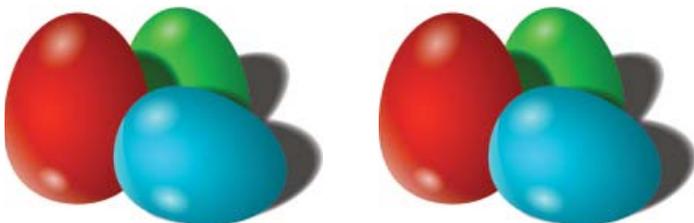
## Giant Sequoia Tree Planting

*Submitted by Natural Resources Dept.*



The Natural Resources Department completed a giant sequoia (sierra redwood) tree-planting project in March 2014. The trees were planted in areas that the forestry crew had brushed and prepared for planting late last year. The planted trees were one year old seedlings grown at the Southern California Edison Co. Nursery located in Auberry, CA. In 2013, the Tribal Forestry Program provided the Edison Nursery with seed gathered from selected giant sequoia trees located on the north side of the Reservation. Edison Nursery agreed to sow the seeds in individual containers using specialized potting soil, and nurtured the young trees at their nursery throughout the 2013 growing season. In early 2014 the one year old trees were removed from their containers and held in cold storage at the nursery until ready for planting. Tribal Forestry would like to thank the Edison Nursery for their generous support of the Tule River Tribe's giant sequoia planting efforts. Their assistance has contributed to several successful planting projects and is greatly appreciated.

Bernard Baga and Robert Gonzales headed up the effort that resulted in approximately 1,500 young redwoods planted for future generations to enjoy. Putting these young trees in the ground near where their parents and grandparents still grow provides them with a better chance for survival. Management of the giant sequoia sites on the Reservation remains a high priority in the Tribe's long-term forest management vision.



*Happy Birthday, Nancy!*



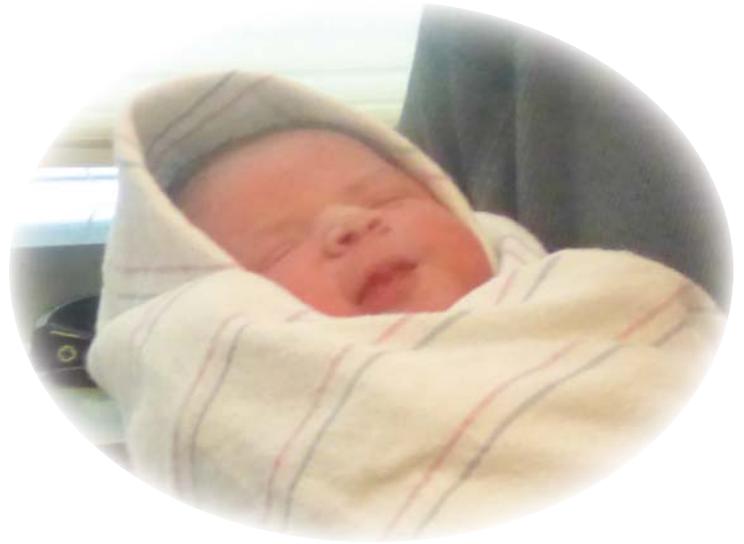
Nancy McDarment was treated to cake and ice cream last month in celebration of her X??X birthday as well as the entire Tribal Office, who sang the birthday song to the blushing lady. Many happy returns, Nancy and many more!

*Happy Birthday, Toni*



Toni Ramos was surprised by her office mates with a festive decorated cubical for her birthday last month. "You guys made my day," she said when she saw all the balloons and the big present! There was cake later that day also. Hope your day went just the way you wanted it to. Happy birthday to you and we wish you many more to come.

*Welcome little Anaxuwi*



Congratulations to Felix and Ce Ce Carrasco on the birth of their new baby girl Anaxuwi Alyssa. Anaxuwai was 8 lbs, 3 ozs. and 21 inches long. Anaxwai means meadow in the Chumash language, I'm sure you will agree that is a beautiful name.

Proud Paternal grandparents are Krista Byars and Felix Carrasco and proud maternal grandparents are Mike Covarrubias and Kim Lopez.

Please join the Tule River Tribal Council on welcoming and wishing the very best for this new little princess and her family.

*Easter Sunrise Service*

*Sunday ~ April 20th*

*6:30 a.m.*

*Bob Ojeda Ballfield*

*Hosted by Peter and Fidela Barrios*

*All are welcome to attend*

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## Bowling for Kid's Sake!



**Novalie McDarment took home the high bowler trophy, beating an NFL player. Way to go girl!**

Last month in the ever present atmosphere of being good neighbors Tule River participated in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser 'Bowling for Kid's Sake'. This year Tule River sent seven teams to help raise money for this wonderful charity that mentors children and helps send them on their way to productive lives. Fun was had by all, Novalie McDarment took home the 'High Bowler' Trophy and many went home with some great raffle prizes. Mitchell Savage and Dan Hackey won the grand prizes of brand new bikes. Looks like they'll get their exercise this summer!



**Many went home with some great raffle prizes, Dan Hackey included.**



**Tule River Tribal Council team Kevin Bonds, Dan Hackey, Amanda Peyron, Neil Peyron and Tina Peyron.**



**HR's team Charles Farmer, Diane Moranco, Linda Bejarano, Maribel Sanchez and Valerie Velasquez.**



**In the back are Wyatt and Rita McDarment and Dominic Garfield. Up front are Carley and Belinda Gomez.**

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*Basketball cont'd*



This team is - Starting from the left Sybil Avalos, Jose and Fatima Cota, Candace Varela and Irene Hunter.



With his friends way in the back is Heath Moisa. They all bowled for the kids too!



The family that bowls...Dexter Savage, Joanne Bonds, Travis, Cierra and Mitchell Savage.



On the left is Michele McDarment, Tyler Henderson, Casey Butler, Novalie McDarment and Monica Soto.



Dan Hackey was the proud winner of the grand prize a brand new bike.



Mitchell Savage won the other brand new bike.

## *Important information: Changes in Social Security Services*



To meet the increasing demands for our service, we need to make changes to how we provide some services to our customers. To protect the integrity of the Social Security Number and prevent fraud, we will discontinue providing Social Security Number printouts effective August 1, 2014. If you need proof of your Social Security number and you do not have your Social Security Card, you will need to request a replacement Social Security card by completing the *Application for a Social Security Card* (form SS-5) and providing the required documentation.

Also, effective October 1, 2014, Social Security will stop providing benefit verification letters in offices. You will still be able to get an instant letter online with a personal **my Social Security** account or you may call us toll-free to request a letter by mail.

See steps below for requesting a replacement Social Security Card or obtaining your benefit verification letter. We also encourage you to visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to learn about the many convenient online services available to you.

### *How to get replacement Social Security Cards*

Your Social Security Card is your legal proof of your Social Security Number. If you need proof of your number, and you can't find your card, you will need a replacement card. To get a replacement card, you must complete an *Application for a Social Card* (Form SS-5), which you can find online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber). You also will need documents proving your identity, age and citizenship or lawful immigration status.

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- Benefit amount and type
- Medicare start date and withholding amount (if applicable)
- Age

If you are unable to go online, you can call our toll-free number, **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) to request your letter be mailed to you. You also can use your annual cost-of-living adjustment notice or SSA form 1099 as proof of income from Social Security.

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- Your Social Security Number and Card (Publication No. 05-10002)
- What You Can Do Online (Publication No. 05-10121)

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)



## Gift Cont'd



**Porterville Mayor Cam Hamilton hands Tribal Chairman, Neil Peyron the pink slip to a shiny yellow fire truck as City Council Member Greg Shelton, Porterville Interim Fire Chief Glenn Irish and Vice-Chair Ryan Garfield look on.**

Last month Porterville Mayor Cam Hamilton, City Councilmen Greg Shelton and Porterville Interim Fire Chief Glenn Irish made a visit to Tribal Council.

The reason for the visit...Well... the City of Porterville donated a bright shiny yellow fire truck to the Tule River Fire Department. Why, you may ask yourself? Because Tule River has been so generous to the City and surrounding areas, Porterville wanted to reciprocate and extended a generous hand in donating the fire truck.

The truck is a 1988 Spartan FMC Pumper and the Fire Department is very happy to be the receiver of such a fine truck.

Tribal Council as a whole felt that it was very refreshing to see the City of Porterville reversing the generosity. Tule River and Porterville are becoming very good neighbors indeed.



## Unsung heros

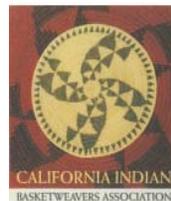
Tule River is full of heroes, but today I want to talk about the Tule River Maintenance Department. Last week I was running to take a picture of the new fire truck the City of Porterville donated to the Tule River Fire Department and got a flat tire.

Joe Silva and Nathan Burt from the Maintenance Department came to my rescue and changed the tire for me. Not only did they change the tire but Joe also aired up all four of my tires for me.

Thank you so much guys, you were life savers.



Sorry folks, no letters this month. The Letter page will return next month, same time same channel.



**CALIFORNIA INDIAN BASKETWEAVERS ASSOC.**

**24TH ANNUAL GATHERING**

**COMMUNITY CENTER – MALKI ROAD**

**MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION**

**BANNING, CALIFORNIA**

**JUNE 27-29, 2014**

CIBA cordially invites you to join with us as we celebrate California Indian heritage, celebrate the traditional art of California Indian basketry, and celebrate CIBA.

- Special programs on Friday for Basket weavers only
- Special Public Programs on Saturday
  - Weaving Demonstrations
  - Basketweavers' Showcase
  - Annual Fundraising Raffle

CIBA's vision is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate California Indian basket weaving traditions while providing a healthy physical, social, spiritual environment for basket weavers.

CALL CIBA AT 530-668-1332

OR VISIT THE website:

[www.ciba.org](http://www.ciba.org)

## Native Vets



**Leonard Manuel Sr. and Stanley Santos celebrated March birthdays at the Vets meeting last month. Allen Navarrette also had a March b-day, but alas he was AWOL!**

Tule River Native Veterans came together last month for their regular monthly meeting to discuss the placing of poles at Veterans gravesites that still need them. It was decided that Clay Garfield and Stan Santos would price the equipment needed to make the poles at Lowe's and Home Depot. Both gentlemen will construct the poles and a special day will be set aside to place the poles and hang flags where needed.

The new Veterans Building was also a topic of discussion. The building is set to be completed sometime in September so construction will start soon. All are on alert, as everything in the existing building will have to be moved into storage. A seatrain has been obtained for this purpose and all able-bodied men are needed to help.

The Vets will be very busy this month as they will be posting the Colors at the Tule River Health Center's Health Fair 'Don't Mask Your Health' set for April 18th at McCarthy Ranch at 10 a.m. They will also be participating in the Springville Rodeo Parade that will take place April 26th at 2 p.m.

Leland Castro announced that renowned Native American photographer Dugan Aguilar is compiling a book on the Korean Conflict highlighting Native American Veterans. He took pictures at a recent function at the State Capitol in Sacramento in which the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 was involved. Pictures of Louie Espinoza and Danny Franco will appear in the upcoming publication. The Porterville American Legion Post 20 honored Tule River Native Veteran Joe Martinez with a special dinner on March 19th. Many Tule River Vets were in attendance to honor their fellow member.

The Tule River Veterans Post 1987 would like to wish a speedy recovery for member Danny Franco after his back surgery. Mr. Franco is now at the Kaweah Delta Rehabilitation Hospital located on Akers Street in Visalia. If you get a chance, go by and say hi.

The next meeting for the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 will be Friday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. It is scheduled to be held at the Veterans Building, but may change due to the start of construction on the new building. Vets will be notified if the meeting place changes.

## Porterville Chapter California Indian Education Association very active

By Linda Hinojosa, PCCIEA Treasure

The Porterville Chapter California Indian Education Association (PCCIEA) completed its first annual year this March. The organization is strong and committed to Indian education. This grassroots organization commenced from the Statewide CIEA where Willie Carrillo Sr. is the President. Willie began his communication via texts and phone messages to both Holly Carrillo and Linda Hinojosa to form a CIEA in the City of Porterville. The next phase began with holding

meetings at the Owens Valley Career Development Center located at 191 West Poplar in Porterville. During this time, Frances Hammond, Misti Allen, Brian Plumlee, and Aaron Alafi met to establish weekly meetings in hopes of recruiting new membership. These meetings generated its membership with Rhoda Hunter, Linda Peterson, Koby Nieto, Cathy Cory, Ruben Ramirez, Tara Williams, and Frankie Williams joined the organization. PCCIEA has recruited seventeen members and has re-located its meeting place to 621 North Main Street, which is owned and operated by Linda Peterson. Since its evolution, the group has developed a Facebook group page and is currently developing a webpage (public domain).

PCCIEA has been active attending the Porterville College Native American Club activities to promote a better understanding of its history. The organization has been active with the Native American Club at their weekly meetings and events and is dedicated to promoting Indian unity, equality, and knowledge of Indian history through education and experience among the educational system and the City of Porterville. Its Board members advocate the need for higher education at both California community colleges and universities.

While Native American Club students fulfill their curriculum requirements, PCCIEA Board members mentor its youth (future generations) as an organized supportive network. PCCIEA works with Native American students providing positive alternatives, enhancing their education, and are representatives at weekly club meetings, mentoring, and events. Misti Allen, an Agriculture major preparing for graduation in 2015. She is a mother, grandmother, adoptive parent, wife, and full-time student. She is grateful to the PCCIEA for its support. Misti has witnessed the need of PCCIEA and joined the organization in 2013, so that she can help future generations. PCCIEA

has also been instrumental witnessing Willie Brown a Business major complete his A. S. degree in February 2014. He is currently interning at the C. H. E. M. A organization, under the direction of Alba Beltran providing assistance to the Porterville community. Currently, PCCIEA provides extra support for the Native American Club's youngest member Leslie Rangel who graduated from high school at age 16. Leslie is currently completing her second year as an Agriculture major. She has also acquired a part-time job working on a ranch preserving animal life. The Native Club (Native Americans Taking Initiative Valuing Education) and PCCIEA participate in vast events designed to help Indian students meet their educational goals, developing skills and leadership by networking together. The Native American Club currently has active seventeen members and six active Council members.

PCCIEA is committed to supporting the Porterville College Native American Club and its future educational event of "Dancing Salmon Home" journey of loss and reunification, across generations and oceans, presented by Chief Caleen Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe of Northern California, Winnemem Wintu Tribal members, three time Grammy Award winner Wil Doolittle, and Misa Joo. Live performances by Linda (Xe) Hinojosa and Danza Azteca at the event on Saturday, April 12 at Porterville College located 100 East College Avenue in Porterville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college theater. This is a free event. Open to the public.

PCCIEA attended the Spirit Hawk (Alan Salazar) cultural event at the Tulare Public Library on Saturday, January 25. Spirit Hawk, Chumash told traditional Chumash Native American stories at the Olympic Room among youth and adult groups for the purpose of sharing and preserving Native American culture and beliefs to inspire the audience.

All enjoyed Spirit Hawk's presentation, listening to his educational background, visiting the exhibit booth, listening to him elaborate on cultural preservation issues, and the way he connected to future generations. The PCCIEA highly encourage other organizations to attend future cultural heritage educational presentations of Spirit Hawk for the purpose of teaching others how to preserve Native American tradition for future generations.



## Family Social Services attends training

Directing Attorney, Nicholas Mazanec, of the Sacramento Office of California Indian Legal Services provided Advanced Indian Child Welfare Act training on March 21, 2014 for Tribal Staff at the Eagle Mountain Casino.



Pictured from left to right: Melanie Huerta, Crystella Coyote, Nicholas Mazanec, Heather Teran, Yolanda Gibson, Nancy McDarment, Robert Bonalla, Eddie Martinez, Vincent Burrough Jr., and Trudy Pacheco.

Congress enacted the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 to address systemic problems facing Indian families, in particular, the removal of Indian children from their families and Indian communities by public and private child welfare agencies. ICWA sets federal standards for nearly all Indian Child custody proceedings, including adoption, voluntary or involuntary termination of parental rights, removal and foster care placement of Indian children; but excludes divorce or child delinquency proceedings.

The Tule River Indian Tribe's Family & Social Services Department works directly with families to provide supportive services and partners with child welfare agencies to increase compliance with the federal law. Reunification services may include supervised visitation, transportation for ICWA clients, home visits, and referrals to culturally appropriate resources to achieve the goals of the case plan.



# APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

We All Can Play a Part in Making Meaningful Connections!

**Please join us for an informative afternoon as we come together to strengthen our families through Positive Prevention!**

**April 18, 2014  
Tule Gym  
11am to 2pm**



**The afternoon includes:  
Positive Motivational Speakers,  
Entertainment,  
Raffles, and Lunch.**



For more information contact: Trudy Pacheco, ICWA Coordinator  
Family & Social Services Department/ICWA 559-781-4271

## Princess Lee Lee parade schedule



Princess Lee Lee, Daddy & Grandpa will be starting this year's parade tour. Ray Flores Sr., his son Ray Flores Jr. and little Princess Lee Lee ride in parades to promote Eagle Mountain Casino. Check out their schedule through May.



*Princess*  
LEE LEE  
DADDY & GRANDPA

LEE-WAY-NIT MARLENE FLORES  
RAY FLORES JR.  
RAY FLORES SR.

Saturday, April 12th - Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival Parade

Saturday, April 26th - Springville Rodeo Parade

Saturday, May 3rd - Visalia Cinco De Mayo Parade

Monday, May 5th - Porterville Cinco De Mayo Parade

Saturday, May 10th - Woodlake Lions Rodeo Parade

Monday, May 26th - Farmersville Memorial Day Parade



# Tule Child Development Center

186 N. Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257 ☎ (559) 781-2519 ☎

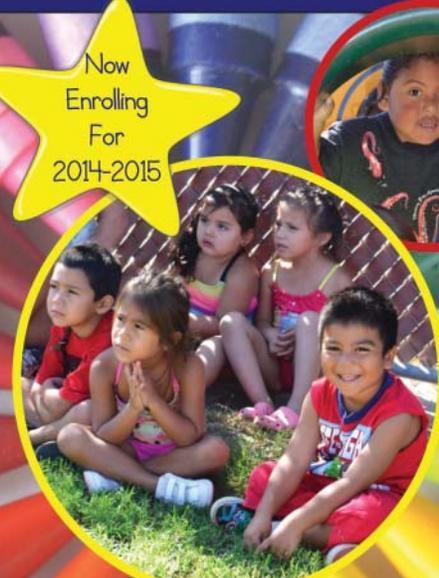
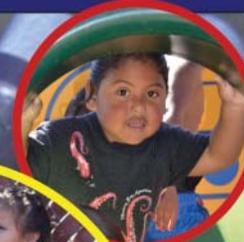
The Tule Child Development Center is seeking three and four year old children from the Tule River Community for upcoming 2014-2015 school year. **Four year olds will be given priority enrollment to help prepare them for kindergarten.**

**Preschool Program Provides:**

- Safe Learning Environment
- Health and Dental Screening
- Engaging Activities
- Safe Indoor/Outdoor Play
- Preparation For Kindergarten
- Cultural/Language Activities
- Educational Activities that support children's growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts and physical skills.
- Child Safety
- Healthy meals & snacks
- Services to meet Special Needs.

Pick up applications packets and/or information needed to complete enrollment!!!

Now Enrolling For 2014-2015


**Documentation Needed for Enrollment:**

- Proof of Income
- Birth Certificate or proof of custody for all children in the family under age 18
- If in school, proof of full time attendance (if requesting full day services)
- If applicable, current copy of Child's IEP/IFSP
- Child's current Dental & Annual Physical Exam (including Lead and Hemoglobin levels)
- Child's immunization record
- Child's TB Test with Results

Space is limited... Apply Now!!!

**Tule Child Development Center**  
 186 N. Reservation Rd.  
 Porterville, CA 93257  
 Phone: (559) 781-2519  
 Fax: (559) 788-2672  
 Supervisor: Maria Trevino  
 Email: [mtrevino@cc.tcoe.org](mailto:mtrevino@cc.tcoe.org)  
 Hours of Operation:  
 7:30am - 5:00pm





# Native Family Education Gathering

## Fri. April 11, 2014



### Native Family Education Gathering @ Fresno State

- April 11, 2014 9:30am-4:00pm
- FSU Satellite Student Union BLDG
- Open to parents & youth 6th-12th grade
- Held at CSU Fresno Satellite Student Union
- Continental breakfast & lunch provided

### Key-Note Speakers

- Traditional opening
- Welcome by FSU President Dr. Castro
- Mikela Jones, morning keynote
- Tom Phillips, afternoon keynote
- FSU First Nations & FCC NAISA Student Panel during lunch.

### Workshops

- CSU Fresno Program Tours, morning and afternoon sessions.
- College Prep workshops, morning and afternoon.
- Cultural demonstrations
- Pow wow etiquette, afternoon only
- Pow wow set up, 4pm—5pm, optional.

### Youth Grade 6-12th

### Register Online (students and chaperones)

- <http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/outreach/events/conferences.html>

### CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SEATING

### For More Info Contact

Owens Valley Career Development Center  
168 N. Reservation Road  
Porterville, Ca 93257  
(559)782-8211 [www.ovcdc.com](http://www.ovcdc.com)

- Connie Becerra [cbecerra@ovcdc.com](mailto:cbecerra@ovcdc.com)

### First Nations Pow-wow

### Saturday, April 12, 2014

- Hosted by CSU-Fresno First Nations Club
- O'Neil Park (Fresno State Campus)
- Grand Entry at 12:00pm

### For Pow-wow Info Contact

First Nations Club President  
Andres Fierro (559) 347-1600  
[fierroone@mail.fresno.state.edu](mailto:fierroone@mail.fresno.state.edu)

**FRESNO STATE Title IV-E Child  
Welfare Program**





# Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health

## Summer Institute 2014

The Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health is offering two, one-week long Institute courses during Winter Institute 2014, at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in Baltimore, Maryland. A limited number of scholarships, which include tuition, travel expenses, lodging, and some meals, will be awarded to qualified individuals to participate in this Institute.

### **Course Offerings:**

#### **Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods - 2 credits**

Course # 221.671.11

July 14 – 18, 2014

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

#### **Introduction to Data Management Using American Indian Health Research Ethics – 2 credits**

Course # 221.672.11

July 14 – 18, 2014

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Courses may be taken for credit or non-credit.

❖ **For credit:** a bachelor's degree is required with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

❖ **For non-credit:** 60 credits toward a bachelor's degree are required; OR at least two years of professional experience in a health-related capacity is demonstrated.

### **Target audience for the course:**

Tribal and Indigenous health leaders

Professionals and paraprofessionals serving Tribal and/or Indigenous communities; and

Potential graduate students interested in public health serving American Indian/Alaska Native or Indigenous communities

### **Scholarship application deadline is May 1, 2014.**

Details: [www.jhsph.edu/caih](http://www.jhsph.edu/caih) in the "Training and Education" section.

### **For more information please contact:**

Nicole Paré

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[npare@jhsph.edu](mailto:npare@jhsph.edu)

In Baltimore, MD

Kristen Speakman

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[kspeakma@jhsph.edu](mailto:kspeakma@jhsph.edu)

In Albuquerque, NM

## Tule River Study Center

### Pillar of Character



I picked Kristina Vigil for trustworthiness. Since I have temporarily been transporting for the Tule River Indian Study Center she has been in my van. Kristina is very helpful and she has always worked so well with others. She is a very pleasant little girl, with a great attitude. When she is assigned to do something, she is the one I can always trust. Kristina is an awesome student and she has always been appreciated by the staff and students.

Transportation

I have nominated Nathaniel Carrillo for the character of Trustworthiness. Nathaniel is always honest and reliable. He follows instructions when they are given to him. He always has the courage to do the right thing and if someone is not following the rules he is quick to bring it to their attention. He is a sweet and loyal boy. Ms. Vanesa



This month I have chosen Aliya Gibson for trustworthiness. I am very grateful to have such a trustworthy student in my classroom. You can always count on Aliya to do the right thing. She is very independent, respectful, friendly, and caring. It is wonderful; I can ask Aliya for help and without hesitation, she is on the job. Aliya is a great role model to our other students. Aliya is very deserving of such an honor. Her actions have shown her great character. I am very proud of this awesome girl!

Ms. Mayra & Ms. Salazar

Eric O'Neil Jr. is a third grader in Mrs. Gamble's class at William R. Buckley Elementary School. Eric is a perfect example of a Trustworthy student. He is very honest, reliable and a smart boy. Eric is well liked by all students, never participates in bullying and can always be counted on to do the right thing. Keep up the great work Eric!

Ms. Karri Carrillo



**Tule River Study Center**  
**Pillar of Character**

It is a pleasure to nominate Victoria Burrough from the Junior High for Trustworthiness, the March pillar for Character Counts. Throughout her years at TRISC, Victoria has been quietly outstanding. In 2012, as a young 7th grader, she was named the winning student in the Yokuts Tribal All America Student Classic. She made the highest score of the one boy and one girl entries for 7th and 8th grades. This award is given to the All Star Student in Academics and Sports.

Victoria is the Drum Majorette for the Sequoia Middle School band for the second year and won the Band Leadership Award. When she's not leading that marching band, she's a lead player in the clarinet section. She is a constant face at her school's quarterly Incentive Award Luncheons. She maintains an A average in school.

At TRISC she helps classmates with homework routinely, has a fun personality, is always respectful to and trusted by others. She always looks out for the smaller students and sees that they have their turn at basketball. She is a good big sister to the younger students and everyone knows and likes her. Her career goal is to become a medical doctor.

Monica Franks



Rayanna Camarena has been a student of mine for roughly three years and has always demonstrated all the traits of trustworthiness. At Rockford Elementary, where she is a fifth grade student, she is well liked by her peers and recognized by staff as being an awesome student. She always has a great attitude and we can count on her to do the right things. She is very forthcoming and honest about her homework and never gives her tutors a hard time. It has been a pleasure having her as our student over the years, and we look forward to watching her blossom into a reliable, loyal, and honest scholar.

Courtney Cardoza, Monica Hernandez, and Natashia Lopez



## Tule River Youth

...a fun place to play and learn!

- Monday from 5:30-7pm
- Tuesdays from 3 to 5 pm
- Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm
- Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 pm
- Fridays from 5 to 7 pm

Contact the Future Generations Department for more information @ 782-5554.

### Tule River Indian Health Center Inc.

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**New Clinic Hours:**

**Saturday (medical only)**  
8:00am-2:00pm  
Walk-ins 8:00am-12:00pm

**Monday thru Friday**  
8:00 am-5:00pm  
Closed Sundays

## Happenings at the Tule River Indian Study Center



The Tule River Indian Study Center planted flowers in their garden and in flowerpots on the first day of spring. Earlier in the month, they celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with crafts, books and yummy food.

*Submitted and Photos by Cassandra Williams, Lead Teacher*

## Summer School



**Towanits Education Center and Tule River Indian Study Center Summer School Applications begin April 14th at 8 a.m. Applications can be picked up from both centers. We strongly encourage you to sign up early because we do fill up quickly. If you have any questions regarding summer school, please call Cassandra at 781-1761 for the Study Center and Matt South at 784-6135 for Towanits.**



**Tule River  
Towanits Education Center  
Pillar of Character**



Nominated for this month's Pillar of Trustworthiness for Character Counts is Wes Franco. Wes is an 8th grade student at Pioneer Middle school. He is very active in sports at school and on the reservation. Wes shows many characteristics when it comes to Trust. He is honest, reliable, does the right thing, he is respectful, and most importantly he is loyal to his teachers and family. Wes is an outstanding student with a bright future. Keep up the great work Wes. Photo unavailable at press time. Mr. Jara

For the character count month of Trustworthiness, we have chosen Alex Hunter as one of the recipients. Alex has high attendance, hardly missing any days. She comes straight to the conference room and waits patiently for the teachers to assist her. She is honest and would never deceive any of the staff here. She is reliable in that she'll be there to get her Algebra done. She has been building a good reputation here, and we all enjoy her sense of humor and charm. She is also very gifted musically and regularly attends music club here at the Ed Center. We are happy to grace her with this nomination.

Mrs. Espinoza & Mr. C



I have chosen Uniese Carrillo for Character Counts- Trustworthiness. Uniese is a smart and all round student at the Ed Center as well as at school. She is our Student Council President. Uniese is reliable, built a good reputation, honest and stands by her family and friends all of the characteristics of Trustworthiness. I am pleased to have Uniese in our class. Julie Espinoza

Trustworthiness is the Character Counts Pillar for the month of March. For the 5th grade Ed Center Class Miss. Aiyahna Guerra is our Character of the Month. In addition to being incredibly, bright Aiyahna is the epitome of the type of student that we as teachers hope for in the classroom. She is sweet, smart and oh-so-very-sassy, in the best way possible! She can be trusted with just about everything from a small simple task or a friend's most sacred secret. Miss. Angelina



Farrah Bays is in third grade at Doyle Elementary. She has really grown as a student here at the Ed Center. She is always honest; she does not cheat and has grown to be reliable. She finally has gotten into the groove of how the program works and most especially recently working with a fellow teacher when I am not present. She at first was resistant, and now she has received a reliable and good reputation here. She is trustworthy to the core because I can trust that when I am not here, that she will behave. Farrah has had many challenges academically that other students cannot relate to, but despite that she is making so much progress this year and I am proud of her. She always leaves me flowers she has picked and always wants a hug. She is sweet and a great artist and I have had the pleasure of choosing her for the pillar of Trustworthiness. Miss Marie

**Citrus South Tule honors students**



**Student of the Month,  
Shayna Santos**

Last month at the first Friday BBQ Citrus South Tule once again honored their little achievers. Mrs. Brisco announced that the “Student of the Month” for February was none other than first grader Shayna Santos. Isaiah Garza received the “Kids of Character” award for exemplifying fairness and her “Teacher’s Choice” award went to Scarlett Jeff.



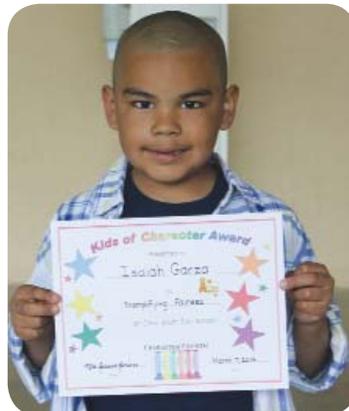
**“Kids of Character”  
Fairness  
Anthony Santos**



**“Teacher's Choice”  
Victor Garcia**



**“Teacher's Choice”  
Scarlette Jeff**



**“Kids of Character”  
Fairness  
Isaiah Garza**

The “Kids of Character” award for caring went to Laura Varela in Mrs. Loehner’s class and her “Teacher’s Choice” award was given to Moi-Yukh Rubio.



**“Kids of Character”  
Caring  
Laura Varela**



**“Teacher's Choice”  
Moi-Yukh Rubio**



**Little Tule River heroes. All these students achieved perfect attendance in February.**

Those who received perfect attendance for February were Temia Acosta, Bella Salata, Marcus Franco, Rehan Garduno, Imani Tovar Aitiana Cordero, Neh-Ehsh McDarment, Moi-Yukh Rubio, and Alina Robles. Also obtaining perfect attendance were Lexy Espinosa, Bryce Martinez, Nah-Kyah Yocum, Gabriel Amaya, Trystan DeSoto, Tee-la Hunter, Laura Williams and Winema Yocum.

And last but not least Ava Moisa, Bella Salata, Alec Bays, Shayna Santos, Neh-Ehsh McDarment, Alina Robles, Bryce Martinez, Trystan DeSoto and Laura Williams all received pencils for participating in the “Box tops for Education.”

A drawing contest was held in February also and the winners were: Tied for first place was Nah-Kyah Yocum, Ronnie Santos and Winema Yocum, Second place was Rayne Baga and third Antony Santos.

## *TreeCircus visits Citrus South Tule School*



TreeCircus an “edu-taining” show stopped by the Citrus South Tule School in celebration of California Arbor Week.

This high energy group performed for the entire student body. Their show dug into biology, urban forestry, and even careers in arboriculture. Students learned to understand how their local trees can lower the temperature and raise their spirits. Throughout the program student participants learned all about trees, including their value, why we should plant more of them, and even how to climb them like the pros.

The TreeCircus paid special tribute to Luther Burbank and John Muir, Celebrating the turn of the century horticulture experiments that changed the food we eat. Burbank is the only person to have a state’s Arbor Day celebrated on his birthday. Joining TreeCircus was Professor Arbor E. Tum, a larger-than-life squirrel tree research scientist, to the delight of the kids.

The show helped to educate students, on the value of trees, and how trees contribute towards building successful, healthy cities and neighborhoods, with humor the kids really understood.



**Everybody wanted to get into act!**



**Neh-Ehsh McDarment was one of the lucky ones!**



**Here is everyone that was lucky to be chosen as part of the show!**



**Everyone got to pose for this picture.**

## Land Management Department Community Notice

The Land Management Department is requesting the reaffirmation of your existing land assignments. This is to help us determine the boundaries, and acreage of each assignment. Please provide any documentation for your file. For example, any maps, letters of approval from Tribal Council, minutes from meetings, survey of the land, or letters of acknowledgment that you are the assignment holder. Please call and make an appointment with the Land Management Department, to come in and provide us with any of the documents needed. You may contact the Land Management Department at - 559-781-4271 ext. 1030 or 1053.

### Documents Needed:

- Maps
- Letters of Approval
- Minutes
- Letters of Acknowledgement
- Survey of the land

You may contact us at:  
(559) 781-4271 ext. 1030 or 1053.



### *A walk down memory lane!*

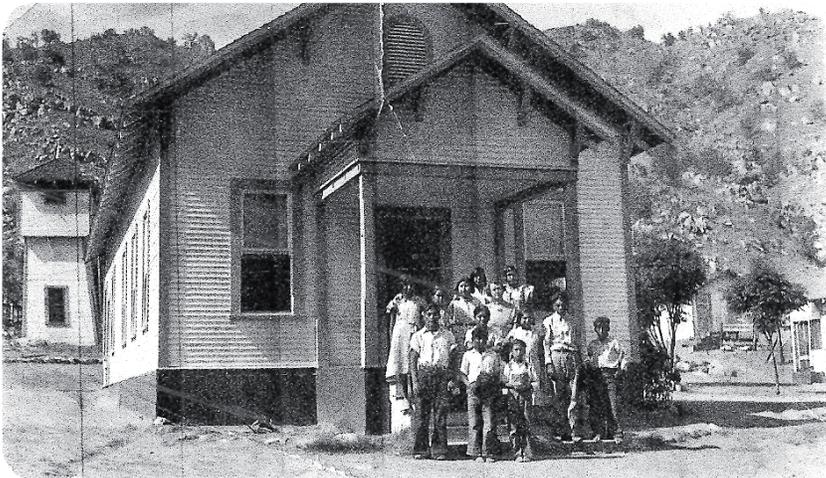


No one ventured a guess on these photos, but I am sure there are a few of you out there that will remember. They were taken in the early 1970's. This is the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Tule River Tribal Office. Does anyone know the date? We thank Chris Dabney for sharing these pictures with us.

## Guess Who?



OK, the game is on. Can anyone name any of the people in the picture? Here's a hint - the photo was taken in 1975 or 1976. If you can guess, please give Frances Hammond a call at 559-781-4271, ext. 1047 and your name will appear here next month.



Here's one just for fun! This is the old school house. Check out the surrounding area and that should tell you where it was. For those of you who know, give me a call to let me know. Also, the person sharing this picture would very much like to know who the people are. So get those magnifying glasses and check the people out. If you have any clue please call and share. The number is 559-781-4271 ext. 1047.

## 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@tulrivertribe-nsn.gov](mailto:news@tulrivertribe-nsn.gov) or just come by the Tribal Office.

## A little history

### The wagon ride ©

A story by Lawrence Garfield written by his wife Andy Garfield

When I, my relations and friends were young, about 72 or 73 years ago, there were all sorts of old broken down horse drawn wagons sitting around. Abandoned, shoved out of the way, saved for parts were these “relics of the old west.” It was sorta like the piles of old cars that we see laying around now a days.

One quiet peaceful morning three energetic, bored teenagers, but not quite men, began dreaming and planning a new adventure. They decided to take a fast ride on one of those old wagons, down a nearby hill.

So, it was that Brownie Garfield, his best friend George Vera and their friend Lizard, (Pete) Christman began searching for a reusable old wagon among the tall growing weeds. They were young strong and full of life itself, a wild carefree happy bunch of guys.

Their searching soon caught the curiosity of others nearby and passing by. It was especially exciting for the young boys like my friends and me. Even our moms came outside to watch and listen. There was Lupe Garfield, Mary Eugene, my mom Ida Garfield and their kids. Maybe even Maria Garfield was watching, she lived nearby. I didn't see her personally because I was too busy being a kid about 8 years old. She lived about a block beyond us. Our age group was roaming around close by the adventurers trying to keep up with them, but out of the way and still watching and listening.

As others came by, they stopped wondering why so many people were standing around talking and watching. All this was going on near the Federal Buildings and the church. The Federal Buildings were the place where nearly everything happened first. These buildings, scales and corrals were near our homes and a gathering place for all our people to see what was happening on a daily basis. Sorta like the “hub” on a wheel. So, there were lots of people stopping to watch and listen and making loud comments like, “You are all crazy,” “You will all be killed,” “Bravo!” and other things. They were the audience cheering our heroes on.

Meantime Brownie, George and Lizard found a wagon with four fairly good wheels, a little rusty, but not to bad. These wheels were held together by two axles in good condition and a sorta board chassis that held the two front and two back wheels in place. The tongue was missing. The whole rest of the body of the wagon was missing

which included the seat, the breaks, the four sides and the floor.

About then Edward Williams, Benny Williams and Joe Vera dropped by. They decided to help too. I think Casey Alto came by a little later.

Cleaning the foliage away, they began checking out the moving parts. After a rest and a little discussion, it was decided that they needed a length of strong rope and a long board to sit on. Their feet and legs would have to dangle in the air, like riding a horse bareback. The driver would have his legs and feet on the wood above the front axle. That would give the driver more control. Anyway that was the plan as the spirits smiled down upon them.

I might mention they had almost no tools, nor oil, not much of anything but daring and dreams and a borrowed hammer. A suitable rope was found, as was a dependable long strong board, the exact right size, as they had no saw. They soon had a bunch of old nails that they pounded straight.

Mean time little groups of people were still gathering, talking, shaking their heads, wondering what on earth these older teenagers thought they were doing. Comments were still flowing, followed by laughter and occasional advice.

By midday, the wagon was as ready as it would ever be. After resting again our heroes began looking for the best route down the mountain, well part of the mountain.

They chose an area between where Bonnie and Brownie spent their final years and where Lily, my sister, lives today. At that time there were no houses to consider, just a plain old mountain side bordered on the top by my grandma Annie's fence. Near the bottom of the planned ride were several obstacles, like the original road to our house and Fred and Lupe's. There were also two oak trees, the big bump over the irrigation ditch, which brought them to the main old dirt road. Both roads were cluttered with small water draining ruts, this way, and that. So, we had obstacles, lumps, bumps and road ruts to navigate. All was ready. The last and final plan was to get those heavy ironed rimmed wheels to the starting gate.

The three original wild planners had plenty of help and I'm sure they received lots of helpful advice as there were people everywhere.

The actual pushers were Brownie, George Vera, Lizard Christman, Benny and Edward Williams, Joe Vera and Casey Alto. They'd push a few feet then Block the wheels and rest a while, then push again. As the hill grew steeper, the resting grew longer.

It was so exciting to us smaller boys. We were just jumping all around trying to find the best position to hear and see and feel this “historical moment.”

At last, they reached the top of the run. The fenced barred their ability to go higher. Thinking back, it was probably

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## The wagon ride cont'd

a good thing that they couldn't go higher as I'm sure they would have.

They were ready. Who would sit in the front and drive the wagon, keeping it on course down the mountainside? They would have to make sure it went between the oak trees and stayed on the road in order to cross the small bridge with the big bump over the irrigation ditch across the main old dirt road to a small clearing, coming to rest in the soft bushes - hopefully!

Lizard was chosen, or volunteered to drive, which really doesn't matter now, because he really did it, almost!

As they stood there talking about the ride and looking down the hill Casey said, "Hell no! Are you Crazy? I'm not riding that thing down that hill!" Casey had a loud voice. Edward and Benny Williams and Joe decided they'd just help and watch it all. So, it was only the original three Brownie, George and Lizard that would ride. One of them called out, "Anyone else want to ride with us?" I was only a few steps away. In great excitement, I came running. "Me!" I cried out. One of the men picked me up and put me on the tail end.

Just as fast my mother came screaming and running from nearby, "Lawrence stop, Lawrence get off you'll be killed." I didn't get off myself. The men lifted me up and off.

Finely they were ready. As the rocks were being removed from the wheels, we kids were beginning to run down

the hill. Anyone in the pathway scrambled out of the way. The old wagon seemed to groan and creek a little. It moved a few slow inches. Then it was out to "break the sound barrier!" Over the grassy rock strewn hill it bumped and bounced. When it hit the ruts in the road it bumped, bounced up and down and sideways. Everyone who could was running down the hill behind the guys and the wagon. It was a marvel how well Lizard was able to control that creaking, groaning bouncing monster. It roared between the two oak trees and the small bend in the road. The bouncing and bumping got higher, the twisting increased - one wheel up and turning while another wheel came down - straight! Boom! When it hit the big bump, over

the irrigation ditch it did its ultimate twisting bounce.



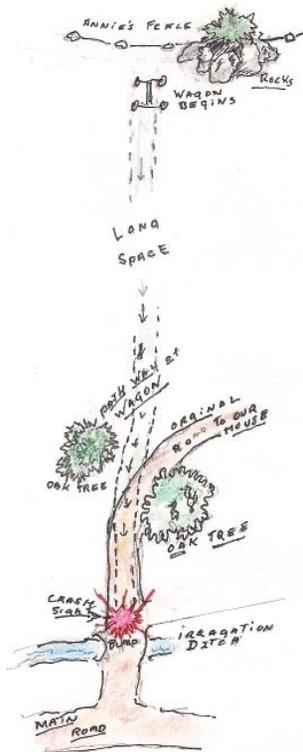
All three guys went sailing arms and legs flailing, trying to catch hold of something solid, which happened too soon as they hit the hard ground.

The wagon ended up on the main road - right side up. The guys stood up, laughing. The spirits of life had thrown the powers of nature at them.

They were alive, conscious, bruised and bleeding, and best of all laughing. Another story was born with new heroes to praise. Everyone was cheering and laughing. In conclusion, our three showmen "heroes of the day" walked over to the irrigation ditch and washed themselves off. Then they pushed the old wagon on its last small journey off the road into the brush and weeds to go no more.

Little by little, we all went home.

Note: Want to know where this all happened - ask me - most of it is still visible.



# WANTED

FOR 'A LITTLE HISTORY'

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

# TULE RIVER TRIBE EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

WELCOMES TULE RIVER TRIBE COMMUNITY FAMILIES  
TO JOIN US AT THIS FUN CARNIVAL EVENT...

**SATURDAY-APRIL 12, 2014**

**12:00PM-5:00PM**

**MCCARTHY RANCH**

*32657 Reservation Road, Porterville*

- **BOUNCE HOUSES**
- **MECHANICAL BULL**
- **ROCK CLIMBING**
- **CLOWN-BALLOON ANIMALS**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **MEET THE EASTER BUNNY**
- **GAME BOOTHS**
- **FOOD BOOTHS**



**FIRST 200 KIDS 12 & UP WILL RECEIVE \$5  
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BOOTHS.**

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**ADMISSION TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE  
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INFORMATION CALL  
THOMAS EUGENE  
(559) 781-3292 OR  
WILLIAM GARFIELD  
(559) 359-7624**

**Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc  
and Tule River Diabetes Program presents  
Diabetes Education  
on Monday April 7, 2014**

**Education By:  
Paula Cowdrey  
Registered Dietician for  
Tule River Indian Health Center**

**11:00 am-1:00pm  
Eagle Mountain Casino River Steak House**

**All are welcome!  
Limited Transportation Available**

**Please contact:  
Margaret Hernandez or Edith An-  
guiano**

**(559) 784-2316**

Future Generations Presents;  
**Native Women's  
 Wellness Conference**  
 "2014"

Saturday, April 26, 2014  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Visalia Convention Center  
 303 E. Acequia Avenue  
 Visalia, CA

*This Conference is open to all women, teen to elder.*

Topics:

(may include but not limited to)

- Historical Trauma
- Diabetic Awareness
- Healthy Communication
- Stress & Burnout
- Abuse (Verbal, Psychological, Mental and Physical)

Participants will receive:

- A tote bag with goodies
- Continental breakfast
- Lunch
- Raffles

Information booths and vendors will be available.

Registration is recommended!

For questions or to register please contact  
 Future Generations at (559) 782-5554, Ext. 2110, 2111, 2104.

*Native Women's  
 Wellness Conference*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax registration to arrive by  
 Friday, April 4, 2014 to:

Future Generations  
 P.O. Box 589  
 Porterville, CA 93258

**Phone:** (559) 782-5554  
**Fax:** (559) 788-0877



**Young Girls Class**

*Independence, Wellness, Motivation,  
 Tradition*



*Please come join us!*

**Every Monday from  
 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
 in the Conference Room of the Tule River Gym  
 Ages: 8 to 13**

Contact the Future Generations Department  
 for more information @ 782-5554.



**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 transporta-  
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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!**



Tule River Indian Health Center

2014 Annual Health Fair  
“Don’t Mask Your Health”

Please Join us in a celebration for a  
healthy lifestyle at our Mardi Gras  
Health Fair!

April 18, 2014  
10:00am–4:00pm

◆  
McCarthy Ranch  
32657 Reservation Road  
Porterville, Ca. 93257

Informational booths, activities, raffle  
prizes, entertainment!

All community members welcome!

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# Go Native!

*A Native-American Cultural Celebration*

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 31

Kaweah Oaks Preserve

Open to the public

Bring chairs/blanket

## Schedule:

10 a.m. Opening cultural blessing

Drumming

History of Yokuts Tribe

10:30 a.m. - Noon:

Weaving, Lunch

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Weaving continues

Hike around KOP, Children's activities all day



Indian Tacos &  
Native Plants  
Available  
for purchase

## Free Classes Open to the Public:

- Tule Decoy Ducks
- Coil baskets
- Clapsticks
- Cordage
- Pineneedle baskets
- Acorn cracking



**Contact:** Jennifer Malone, (559) 280-0712

**Directions:** From Visalia, drive east on Highway 198, turn north on Road 182 and drive 1/2 mile. Turn left into KOP parking lot. Address: 29979 Road 182, Exeter, CA 93221.

***Go Native is not responsible for theft, injury, or lost, stolen, and unattended items.***

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Conserving California's Heartland

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## Legends of R&B to Appear at EMC



Eagle Mountain Casino will host the Legends of R&B concert starring Rose Royce, Club Nouveau, Honey Cone and Midnight Star. They will be appearing at Eagle Mountain Casino on April 25 at 8 p. m. Tickets are available through Eagle Mountain Casino's web site [www.eaglemtncasino.com](http://www.eaglemtncasino.com) or the gift shop 800-903-3353; \$45 Reserved, \$35. GA; doors open at 7 p.m. shows at 8 p.m. In their twenty-five year recording history, Rose Royce music is currently being played on radio stations all over the world, such sensations as "Car Wash" "Wishing on a Star", "I Wanna Get Next To You", just to name a few. Many artists have covered or sampled Rose Royce's Mega hit songs such as ... (Beyonce) "Wishing On A Star" and (Seal) "Love Don't Live Here Any More" \* (Mary J Blige) "I'm Going Down."

Rose Royce hit recordings allows the band to continue to travel the world and although Rose Royce is best known for their great ballads, they are one of the funkier bands around. Dazzling audiences worldwide, Rose Royce has played to many standing room only crowds all over the world. They currently tour the United States as well as other parts of the world with their amazing show.

Rose Royce is a versatile group who possesses a multitude of talent and charisma and has successfully managed to stay fresh and attract new fans all over the world. Currently Rose Royce has released "Rose Royce Live in Hollywood."

### THE HONEY CONE

A female trio from Los Angeles featuring Edna Wright (sister of Darlene Love) joined by fate, just by being at the right place at the right time. They were all singers with accomplished individual careers, and were called together as a back-up group for a Burt Bacharach sequence

on the Andy Williams TV show. Producer Eddie Holland was watching and was struck by their talents as a trio. He named them Honey Cone because he thought they were such sweet girls. Their career was launched with their #1 million seller from 1971, "Want Ads". That same year the National Association of Television and Radio Announcers voted them the "Best Female Vocal Group". Their other chart hits include the #1 R&B hit "Stick-Up", "Girls It Ain't Easy" and "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show".

### CLUB NOUVEAU

Club Nouveau were formed in Sacramento in 1986 by record producer/performer Jay King after the breakup of the Timex Social Club (had a hit with "Rumors"). That break up inspired the group's name which is French for "New Club". Super producing team of Denzil Foster and Thomas McElroy were with Club Nouveau in the first two years when the group were signed to Warner Bros. and released four consecutive hits of disco-flavored and funk tunes, "Jealousy," "Situation #9," a cover of Bill Withers' "Lean on Me," and "Why You Treat Me So Bad." In 1987, Club Nouveau received 3 Grammy nominations for their recording of "Lean On Me" including Song of the Year and scored a Grammy win for Bill Withers for Best R&B Song that same year. Nowadays, the group with original members, Jay King and Valerie Watson English, continue recording and touring with energetic performances of their chart hits.

### MIDNIGHT STAR

Midnight Star began in 1976, at Kentucky State University, as a self-contained party band in the P-Funk/Earth, Wind & Fire mode, and quickly earned a strong live reputation throughout the world. A 1978 New York City showcase, inspired Solar Records chief Dick Griffey to sign the group and early 1980s albums like *The Beginning*, *Standing Together*, and *Victory* gave Midnight Star a chance to hone their chops. Everything clicked together with the certified Double Platinum plus *No Parking on the Dance Floor* album that established Midnight Star as world-renowned songwriters, producers, and entertainers.

So, what can we expect from Midnight Star today? Belinda adds "We will hit the stage with the high energy performance that we are known for, remembering all the things that were so special about the group...letting everybody's light shine." Boaz sums it up by saying, "We've all been able to go out and have our individual success and we've learned different things. We've brought these experiences to the group, and now we can enhance the talents that Midnight Star already had and make our music more exciting than ever." So you see, Midnight Star has been blessed with gifts and talents that could only come from God up above. There is no doubt about it....Midnight Star is back and ready to do it now and beyond.

"These Legends of R&B will be performing must-see old school favorites and we are pleased to present them to our guest," said Jim Valencia, Public Relations Coordinator for Eagle Mountain Casino.

## Cascading Cash at EMC



Starting March 3 and continuing through April 27 Eagle Mountain Casino guests will have the opportunity to win \$500 to \$5,000 in the first seven weeks and \$1,000 to \$10,000 on the final weekly cash drawing.

Weekly drawings will be held March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, and the final drawing on April 27. During these weekly drawings five guests will get to try their luck on a customized Eagle Mountain Casino “Plinko Style” game board. There will be nine prizes on the game board ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 during the first seven weeks and a \$1,000 to \$10,000 on the final drawing.

Eagle Mountain Casino guest received drawing entries through various means such as Direct Mail and slot play - when playing with their Summit Club card. Once all five guests are present, each guest in the order they were drawn will get a chance to try their luck on the “Plinko Style” game board and a chance to win \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Also every Saturday starting March 8 and continuing through April 26 Blackjack players will earn a chance to win \$100 in cash and a \$50 Bonus Chip. Every hour from 6pm through 10pm, two random guests who are actively being tracked playing Blackjack will be drawn and will win the \$150.00 prize. (They will 4 drawings per day – for more information contact the Summit Club.)

## Chatsworth man hits \$50,000 at EMC



**Leland Allen from Chatsworth Ca. took home a cool 50 grand last month from Eagle Mountain Casino.**

Leland Allen from Chatsworth Ca. went with his sister to Eagle Mountain Casino to play a few slot machines and have some fun. As Leland played the Double Jackpot Triple Sevens progressive slot machine at Eagle Mountain Casino, he hit a \$50,000 jackpot, the largest of his life.

“I had been playing a bank of slots and decided to go back to my favorite Double Jackpot machine. After playing it for about ten minutes three quick hits lined up on the pay line and the bells started ringing. I was kind of in disbelief and I thought I had only won \$10,000, but when the slot attendant came over he informed me that with the multiplier I had hit a \$50,000 jackpot,” said Leland of his good fortune. “I am extremely happy and feel very blessed to win this much money.”

Eagle Mountain Casino also had a guest hit a \$17,274 jackpot, playing .40 cents, on the penny slot machine Cirque Du Masquerade – Life of Luxury, but wanted to remain anonymous as many winners do.

“I have been anticipating a Big Jackpot to be hit because we currently have some large jackpot values on our casino floor. Better odds are why we have more winners here at Eagle Mountain Casino,” said Tom Stewart General Manager.



**BRONCO – “El Gigante de America”  
coming to Appear at EMC**



Eagle Mountain Casino continues its 2014 concert series with BRONCO, also known as “El Gigante de America.” They will be appearing at Eagle Mountain Casino on April 13 at 8 p.m.,. Tickets are available through Eagle Mountain Casino’s web site [www.eaglemtncasino.com](http://www.eaglemtncasino.com) or the gift shop 800-903-3353; \$40 Reserved, \$30 GA; doors open at 7 p.m. shows at 8 p.m.

Grupo BRONCO is a Mexican group from Apodaca Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Bronco's modern take on the Norteno style in the '80s and '90s helped earn them a number of international hits. Band members José Guadalupe Esparza, Ramiro Delgado, Javier Villareal, and José Luís 'Choche' Villareal crafted a sound that paid tribute to the Norteno tradition while incorporating modern instruments like keyboards, as well as a more melodic, pop style with elaborate costumes.

BRONCO, who had already experienced international fame partly by help of their international hit Que no Quede Huella (May no Traces be Left) from their 1989 album A Todo Galope, and being scheduled to tours that took them all over Mexico, to the United States, Puerto Rico, Spain, Argentina, Venezuela, Peru and many other countries, found themselves in the midst of a second power dose of famousness in 1993, when they acted in the Television soap opera, Dos Mujeres un Camino (Two Women, one Road), alongside Erik Estrada, Laura León, Lorena Herrera, Selena Quintanilla and Bibi Gaytán, among others. In addition to the acting, they performed the show's opening song, which was titled like the show. The CD Pura Sangre which included the song Dos Mu-

jes, un Camino, earned gold and platinum records in Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay, as well as in Mexico. All of Bronco's albums have achieved solid sales in the United States.

After Esparza announced he was going to pursue a solo career in 1997, the group broke up. After six years, in 2003, the band members finally announced a return, and later that year, the group was reformed. They intended to use the name BRONCO in Mexico again, but had a dispute over the copyrighted band name with their ex-manager, they chose to go by the name El Gigante de America. This name was the nickname their public gave them during their quarter century as BRONCO. Despite not being able to sing as BRONCO in Mexico, the group still uses the name BRONCO for their international concerts, where Mexican copyright laws do not count.

Grupo BRONCO has sold over 10 million albums to date. On September 30, 2012 Jose Luis Villarreal (Choche) died in Apodaca, N.L. and in February that same year former keyboardist and accordionist Erick Garza was kidnapped and died in Monterrey.

BRONCO’S newest album Live From Monterrey includes issues very representative of the group with the participation of The Colts, Rene, Joe and Javier, who along with Lupe Esparza and Ramiro Delgado offered a musical journey that highlights "Nunca te olvidare" Quiere como te Quiero," Espinas “, “Compadres “ y “Sergio El Bailador”, among others.

“BRONCO is a legendary group, considered icons to its followers and we are pleased to present them to our guest,” said Jim Valencia, Public Relations Coordinator for Eagle Mountain Casino.





### What's Happening in the Event Tent

#### April 13 - BRONCO - "El Gigante de America"

- Apodaca Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Bronco's modern take on the Norteno style in the '80s and '90s has earned them a number of international hits. This legendary group will be at Eagle Mountain Casino on Sunday, April 13 at 8 p.m. Doors Open 7 p.m.



April 25 - LEGENDS of R&B - Eagle Mountain Casino presents Legends of R&B Midnight Star, Rose Royce, Club Nouveau and Honey Cone! 4 great acts in 1 amazing show. Appearing Friday April 25 at 8 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.



Please note: "Concerts are open to persons under 18, for Tribal members only, excluding adult comedian shows and the Warrior's Cage Fights."

### Eagle Mountain Casino

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Every Friday & Saturday nights  
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March 7 & 8	Latin Lobos
March 14 & 15	Luther Davis & Blues Jams
March 21 & 22	Brad Wilson
March 28 & 29	Deluxe

## RODNEY CARRINGTON

— LAUGHTER'S GOOD —



#### April 17 - RODNEY CARRINGTON

- Ticket Prices: \$45, \$55, \$85
- Tickets ON SALE Wednesday, February 5th
- Bingo Hall Doors open at 6:00pm
- Show Time 7:30pm
- Mature Audiences Only
- \* Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop Only

AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WITH...



Thursday, April 10<sup>TH</sup>

Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$65

Show Time 7:30pm

Bingo Hall Doors open at 6:00pm

#### April 10 - AMERICA

- Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$65
- Tickets on SALE NOW.
- Bingo Hall Doors open at 6:00pm
- Show Time 7:30pm
- \* Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop Only



#### May 1 - MUAY THAI KICKBOXING

Ticket Prices: \$30, \$40, \$60, \$100

- Tickets ON SALE NOW
- Bingo Hall Doors open at 6:00pm
- Show Time 7:30pm
- \* Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop

Check for specials at <http://www.tachipalace.com/entertainment>.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

*Tribal Council wishes  
all a very Happy Birthday!*

## *April 1*

Weliyah J. Baga  
Lorenza T. Clacher  
Christopher C. Garfield  
Serafinah I. Gibson-Nieto  
Sherree N. Rodriguez  
Kala D. Ruiz Alvarez

## *April 2*

Mya M. Camarena  
Trestine M. Carabay  
Yvette A. Martinez  
Bryce A. McDarment  
Juanita B. Mejia

## *April 3*

Deborah L. De Lussa  
Vanessa R. Gonzales  
Daniel A. Hernandez  
Sheela L. Lingle  
Giovanni N. Navarro  
Laura A. Nylander

## *April 4*

Michael C. Franco  
Lawrence A. Macias Jr  
Aubree Y.H. McDonald  
Brandon T. Peyron Jr

## *April 5*

Noah C. Arteaga  
Jayden D. Behill  
Tiffani Y. Devine  
Stephanie M. Rodriguez  
Russell G. Silvas

## *April 6*

Monica M. Lopez  
David R. Perez Jr  
David R. Sierra  
Laura L. Williams

## *April 7*

Peter G. Barrios  
Regina R. Chavez  
Lynette C. Manuel  
Francis J. Peyron  
Joseph D. Vera Jr

## *April 8*

Daniel B. Franco  
Sage M. Nenna

## *April 9*

Candice A. Holguin

## *April 10*

Sandra K. Dalton  
Adalene A. Peyron  
John M. Valdez

## *April 11*

Frances A. Herrera  
Tara V. Magana

## *April 12*

Erica L. Caldwell  
Curtis L. Dulay  
Storm-Mee S.D. Gomez  
Jay J. Hunter Sr  
Rosalinda A. Moreno  
Duane M. Garfield III  
Sidney A. Rubio

## *April 13*

Brian D.M. Gonzales  
Sonja B. Hernandez  
Linda L. Peterson  
Sergio A. Robles  
William A. Villegas

## *April 14*

Lillian R. Bella  
Dana D. Dick  
Jeannie F. Dorchester  
Thomas R. Eugene  
Eva Flores  
Melissa L. Hunter  
Evelyn M. Lenares  
Frankie H. Williams

## *April 15*

Shelly M. Gibson  
William A. McDarment Jr  
Edwin R. Moreno  
Tina J. Porter  
Teresa E. Sanchez  
Angie D. Williams

## *April 16*

Gabriella C. Facio  
Wes S. Franco  
Adrian L. Hernandez Jr  
Remac P. McDarment

Justis L. Mekvixiang

## *April 17*

Joyce A. Carothers  
Sharon A. Christman  
Guadalupe I. Gomez-  
Martinez

Stephanie B. Sierra

## *April 18*

Larry L. Flores

## *April 19*

Beverly E. Aldaco  
Aaron J. Franco Jr  
Daniel D. Franco Jr  
Clinton L. Gibson  
Elias A. Peyron

## *April 20*

Farrell L. Bays Jr  
Addison B. Clower  
Justin C. Garfield II  
Guadalupe L. Pineda III

## *April 21*

Phillip M. Carrillo  
Karrie E. Cundall  
Andy W. Dick

## *April 22*

Annavelle C. Arriaga  
Broderick F. Gomez

## *April 23*

John T. Chavez  
Paschal A. Christman Jr  
Jonathon M. Elliason  
Lance D. Manuel  
Angela A. McDarment

## *April 24*

Valerie A. Murphy

## *April 25*

Ray A. Rodriguez

## *April 26*

Crystal N. Alto  
Pearl L. Franco  
Angel Robles Jr

## *April 27*

Linea I.A. Celaya  
Ava P. Moisa  
Duzzie A. Garfield  
Alex A. Robles  
Dawn V. Wheeler

## *April 28*

Paschal A. Christman Sr

## *April 29*

Wesley K. Chico  
Crispina G. Marrufo  
Patricia L. Vera

## *April 30*

Sonner B. Anderson  
Jarrett O. Franco  
Alyssa M. Gibson



## Route 9 expanded on July 1st

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	6:00 AM	6:03 AM	6:04 AM	6:06 AM	6:13 AM	6:38 AM	6:45 AM	6:52 AM	7:00 AM	7:02 AM	7:30 AM	7:36 AM	7:41 AM	7:43 AM	7:45 AM	7:47 AM	7:49 AM
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# APRIL EASTER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Softball practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. NAC -PMS</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Baseball 5 p.m. FAS Girls 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. NAC—PHS</p>	<p>3</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Wellness Topics 6 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay NAC—VAN</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Personal Trainer 6 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m. How-wow Time 5 p.m. NAC—GHHS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Baseball Lindsay</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Softball practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. NAC -PMS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Elders Meeting 10 p.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Baseball 5 p.m. FAS Girls 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Health Walk 10 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Women's Wellness 6 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Personal Trainer 6 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Bart 5:30 Native Vets 5:30</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Easter Extravaganza McCarthy Ranch Noon</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>HAPPY Easter!</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Softball practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. NAC -PMS</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. FAS Girls 5:30 p.m. T-Ball Camp 5:30 Youth Baseball 7 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. NAC—PHS</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. T-Ball Draft 5:30 p.m. Wellness Topics 6 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay NAC—VAN</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Personal Trainer 6 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Bart 5:30</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Baseball Lindsay</p> 
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Softball practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. T-Ball 5 p.m. FAS Girls 5:30 p.m. Youth Baseball 7 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Insanity 6 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Baseball/Softball Lindsay Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Personal Trainer 6 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Personal Trainer 11 a.m. Bart 5:30</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Women's Wellness Conference 9 a.m. Visalia Convention Center</p> 

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