

# TULE RIVER NEWSLETTER

*Tule River holds 'Topping Out Ceremony' for the Justice Center*



**Tribal Councilman Aaron Franco and Tribal Council Secretary Nancy McDarment sign the beam at the 'Topping Out Ceremony' for the Tule River Justice Center last month.**  
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## *Dan Hackey honored at Community Christmas Event*



**Willie Garfield, Vivian Christman, Dan Hackey, Joyce Carothers and Thomas Eugene with Neil Peyron at the Community Christmas Event last month. Story on page 3.**

- Tule River Tribal Council Chairman
- Neil Peyron Vice-Chair
- Amy L. McDarment Treasurer
- Kenneth McDarment Secretary
- Nancy McDarment Members
- Duane M. Garfield Sr.
- James Diaz
- Kevin M. Bonds
- Aaron Franco Sr.
- Yolanda Gibson

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## 'Topping Ceremony'



**After all signed the beam it was lifted into place.**

Last month Tribal Council, dignitaries with Clark and Sullivan Construction, Tribal members, Tribal employees and the construction crew gathered at the construction site of the new Justice Center to conduct a 'Topping Out Ceremony'.

Ted Foor, area manager for Clark and Sullivan welcomed everyone for coming and expressed how pleased he was that the Justice Center Project was coming along nicely, under budget and ahead schedule. He also acknowledged what a great crew he had and gave them praise for the fine job they are doing.



**The construction crew, employees and all Tribal Members were invited to sign the beam.**

David Nenna gave a little history of this time-honored ceremony. "The Topping out Ceremony is a tradition that was started by the Scandinavian countries as far back as 700 A.D. it is a builder's rite ceremony." He said, "The tradition migrated from Scandinavia to England, while common in many European countries; it eventually migrated to America with the European craftspeople." He went on to say that while the ceremony has no standard agenda, it usually includes placing an evergreen tree on the structure to symbolize growth and bring good luck. In large building construction, the topping out beam is painted white and signed by the ironworker crew, local dignitaries, architecture and engineering firms, donors,



**Tule River Fire Department personnel are just a few of the many who signed the beam.**

invited VIP's and owners before being hoisted into place. "What the topping out ceremony is really about is taking satisfaction in getting the hard part done. A great deal of labor still lies ahead but, by putting the last beam in place, all the world can see how far we have come, the little tree has many meanings, one being, new life, new beginning and hope." Mr. Nenna said, "This is a great tribal achievement and benchmark in Tribal history." Attendees all signed the beam then it was hoisted into place by a very large forklift with a round of applause as all watched.

A delicious lunch catered by Eagle Mountain Casino was served and all contemplated what a great accomplishment this is for the Tule River Tribe.

## *Tule River Christmas*



**'Bluejacket' entertained the masses at the Tule River Community Christmas last month.**

The Community came out in mass to attend the Community Christmas Event last month. It was reported that over 900 meals were served. So many attended that people were seated in the bleachers as all the spaces at the tables were taken.

It was a very festive atmosphere with 'Blue Jacket' providing the music and some were dancing. Seth Correa was invited to play his bass with the band for a time he will not soon forget and a great job he did of it too.

A Delicious meal from the Stan Santos family was provided and there was pie and cake galore for dessert. Santa was there to hand out gifts to the children and hear their Christmas requests. All were invited to have pictures taken with the 'jolly ole elf' himself.

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**Seth Correa joined 'Bluejacket' rippen it up with his base at the Christmas Event last month.**



**Destiny Santos helped to pass out the presents to the little ones.**



**All had a chance to get a picture with Santa, here is Krista Byars and her grandchildren.**



**'Bluejacket' entertained throughout the evening.**

## Remembrance Walk and Memorial Tree lighting



**The Remembrance Walk was started with a Talking Circle, many people shared their stories of loss and happiness in remembering.**

Last month Future Generations and the Tule River Recreation Department hosted the Annual Tree Lighting and Remembrance Walk.

Nicola Larson blessed the event and Melanie Santos welcomed all as they gathered in a Talking Circle. Many shared their feeling for their loved ones who have gone on. Some offered song. All walked the Gym due to the cold weather.

Tule River Indian Health Center's, Lisa Graham, Substance Abuse Counselor, was the guest speaker. She shared her feelings of grief when she lost her mother. "I feel that Native People deal with grief better than anyone by having events such as at this one," she said. "Just know that drugs and alcohol will not help with the grieving process."

Mitchell Savage, Future Generations, read the list of names to honor the loved ones to be remembered.

All were invited to make ornaments in remembrance of their loved ones and placed them on the tree.

It was a cleansing event and a very nice way to remember.



**Lisa Graham gave a very emotional talk on how people deal with grieving the loss of a loved one.**



**Priscilla and Albert Quintero with daughter Pauni walk in remembrance of their niece Alyssa Celaya.**



**Walking the gym to remember loved ones who have gone on.**



**Participants made ornaments in remembrance of loved one and decorated the tree.**

*In remembrance of Alyssa Alani*



**Fred Burrough, Albert Quintero and Vinnie Burrough prepare to plant the tree.**

Family members gathered together at Citrus South Tule last month to plant a tree in honor of Alyssa Celaya. Vincent M. Burrough Sr., little Alyssa’s grandfather spoke on behalf of the family saying, “We are planting this tree so that Alyssa will always be here. She loved school.” He went on to say, “We chose a Stone Pine, because it is a strong tree, just as Alyssa was a strong girl. She died saving her little sister's life.”

The men all sang songs and the tree was blessed with tobacco. All the children were able to bless the tree as well. Alyssa’s Uncle Vinnie Burrough had the children tell stories about Alyssa. One boy remembered racing with her another remembered playing tag. Others remembered what a good student she was. They all miss her. The event was somber, but the children like remembering Alyssa. She will always be in their hearts.



**Andrew Celaya, Alyssa little brother, blesses the tree with tobacco as Grandpa Vincent Burrough, Uncle Vinny Burrough and Lewis Christman look on.**



**Family members Vincent M. Burrough Sr., Vinny Burrough, Priscilla Quintero, Albert Quintero, Koda Quintero, Qamran Quintero and Andrew Celaya attended the tree planting event.**



**Students bless the tree with tobacco in honor of their friend and fellow student Alyssa Celaya.**

## 5th Annual Drug & Alcohol Awareness Night



**Vincent Peyron Jr. was the keynote speaker last month at the 5th Annual Drug & Awareness Night hosted by the Tule River Prevention Team.**

The community came together last month for the 5th Annual Drug and Alcohol Awareness Speaker Night. Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 presented the Colors, Rhoda Hunter blessed the event and Koby Nieto sang the 'Big Foot' song. The Tule River Language Department sang songs as well. Tule River Tribal Council Member Kevin Bonds encouraged the young people to listen to the Elders and not to drink and drive. Tule River Tribal Council Vice-Chairwoman Amy McDarment also welcomed guests and thanked Frankie Williams, TRAP Director for the fine job his program is doing on the Reservation. She also gave praise to the Prevention Team for the great programs they have made available to the community.

Juan Sanchez from the Tulare County Department of Education was on hand representing the 'Friday Night Live' program and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). He told the story of Casey Goodwin. "Casey was very involved in Friday Night Live, California Youth Council and DUI prevention projects throughout her teen and college years," said Mr. Sanchez. He went on to say that in 2003 she was driving home to attend her mother's birth-

day party when she was hit by a drunk driver taking her life. Over 2,000 attended Casey's funeral. Mr. Sanchez had also brought along the car Casey was in during the accident as part of a program called Casey's Pledge. This tragic accident launched this program. For more information on Casey Goodwin and Casey's Pledge, visit <http://www.caseygoodwin.org>.

Keynote speaker for the night was Vincent Peyron Jr. His story is like so many others, he told of smoking pot in the fourth grade and escalating to cocaine and on to crank by the time he was 13. He felt that his family wanted something from him. He kept getting into trouble "I wanted to be the first one of my friends to go to prison," he said. "I didn't make that goal, but did make it to prison...seven times." What turned him around was when his 9 year old daughter asked him, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" "That was the big eye opener," he said. He decided to enter the TRAP program. "I feel that going to TRAP was the best decision I ever made." TRAP put him in touch with his spirituality and he has been clean and sober for two years now. He went back to school earning straight A's and has joined an honors society. His goal was to become a Counselor, but now he is going to continue with his schooling. "I have good goals now and I am reaching for the sky!"



**Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 presented the Colors at the event to the accompaniment of the Little Creek Drum.**

## *A special thank you*

Eagle Feather Trading Post #1 employee Mary Hernandez sends a special thank you to the Tule River Tribal Council. She has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will be traveling to Chicago for treatment. Tule River Tribal Council has helped her with her traveling costs.

### **To Tule River Tribal Council and the Tule River Tribe,**

I want to thank the Tule River Tribal Council, every one of you and Alonzo McDarment too. I want you to know that your generosity has been felt in my heart. I will fight this disease and be back and working at Eagle Feather for many many more years. Tule River Tribe as well as Eagle Feather is a great place to work and my fellow employees are like my family.

*Sincerely,  
Mary Hernandez*

We wish Mary a speedy recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.

## *Santa visits Eagle Mountain Casino*



Here is Zoey and Chloe Vega just two of the many children that had the opportunity to visit with Santa just before Christmas last month. Yes, Eagle Mountain Casino made special arrangements with the jolly ole elf himself to visit Tule River so that all the good boys and girls could have a chance to tell him what they would like for Christmas. Not only did the kids get to see Santa, they were able to have their pictures taken with him and treated to cookies and hot chocolate too!

## *Tule River extends a hand*



**Tribal Council Member Yolanda Gibson presents Dr. Janice Rice, Director of EL GRANITO FOUNDATION with a check to help with the annual Christmas celebrations the Foundation holds every year. Also pictured is Foundation client Robert Wade.**

**The El Granito Foundation gives food and toys for Christmas to over 6000 people every year with the generous help of the Tule River Tribe. "We are blessed to have neighbors like the Tule River Tribe who extend a helping hand every year," said Dr. Rice. "Without your help we would not be able to serve the communities like we do. The need grows larger every year and we thank the Tribe for their generous help."**

*Community Meeting  
Don't forget the Community  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Saturday, February 1  
9 a.m.*

*Tule River Gym.  
All Community members  
are invited to attend.*

*Come out and  
voice your opinion.*

*Hear what your neighbors  
have to say.*

*See you there!*

## Horse round up to be held



**To all Tribal Members**  
**Dated December 18, 2013**  
**Re: Upcoming Horse Round Up**

Over the last five years, the population of feral horses on the reservation has increased tremendously. These horses have caused a substantial deterioration of the range resources and contamination of the reservation's water supply. Consequently, the Council has decided to gather these horses and ship them off the reservation. This exercise will take place at the end of January and will be coordinated by the Department of Natural resources.

The purpose of this memo is to give notice to all Tribal members that if your horses are not penned up on your assignment, they are in trespass and will be gathered and shipped off. Similarly, if your horses are in the horse pasture but you do not have a grazing permit, they will also be gathered and shipped off. You are advised to collect and pen any of your horses that are currently in trespass before January 29, 2014.

Should you have any further questions you may contact any member of the Tule River Tribal Council at 59-781-4271 or the Natural Resources Department at 559-791-2126.

*Respectively*  
*Neil Peyron*  
*Chairman, Tule River Tribal Council*



## Special Election Issue!

Please note deadline changes have been due to the Holidays. Hope to hear from you soon.

### Special Election Issue Coming!

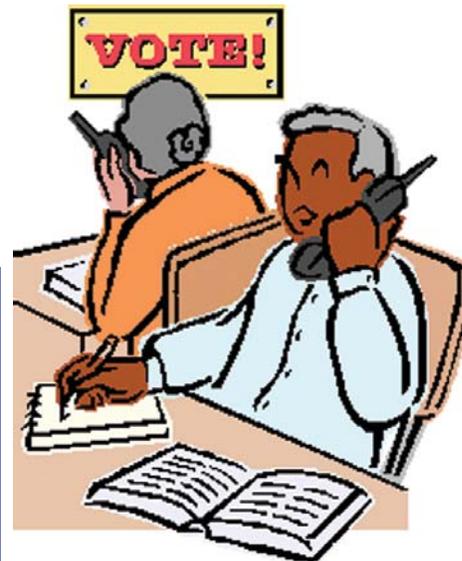
In the spirit of keeping the Community better informed of the upcoming election the Tule River newsletter will, once again, publish a Special Election Issue. This issue will be available to the voters on Wednesday, January 15th. This issue will carry pictures of the candidates and a brief narrative of what they hope to accomplish while in office.

If you are planning to run for Tule River Tribal Council, The Tule River Health Board or the Tule River Elders Council and wish to be included in the special publication, you must visit Frances Hammond, Tribal Council Community Liaison, at the Tribal Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to have your picture taken and to submit your narrative. Narratives must be 200 words or less. The deadline to be included in the Special Edition is Thursday January 9th by 5 p.m. There will be no exceptions!

The 2014 Special Election Addition will be available at the mailboxes and the Tribal Office, Wednesday January 15th after 2 p.m.

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

## 2014 Forum to be held



The 2014 Election Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, at 6 p.m. in the Tule River Gym. Come on out and get to know the Candidates for this year's election. Get to know what they stand for. Come on out and ask them questions.

It is sure to help you make an educated choice when you go to vote on Saturday,

January 18 in the Brafford Room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballots will be counted starting at 8 p.m.

## *Tribal vehicle vandalized*



Last month a Tule River Tribal member vandalized a new Tribal vehicle in the Tribal Office parking lot. A rock was thrown through the rear driver's side window causing over \$900 in damages. The repairs will have to be made using Tribal funds. The suspect is known and was supposedly involved in a domestic dispute he was later arrested for. Tribal Council will pursue restitution and the matter is still under investigation.

## *Tule River's own 'Blues Brothers & Sisters!'*



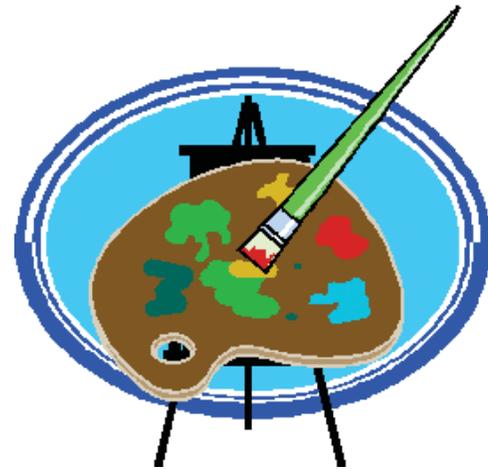
Yes it is Tule River's very own 'Blues Brothers and Sisters'. Dan Hackey with his Events Team Rondii Nieto, Vivian Christman, Thomas Eugene and Willie Garfield all attended a recruitment event for the Porterville Chamber of Commerce last month as the 'Blues Brothers' theme. Just keep making good neighbors.

## *Congratulations Jedi & Rebecca*



*by Rondii Nieto*

## *Logo Contest*



Calling all artists, the Department of Land Management is searching for a new Logo and is holding a contest. So get out your paper, pens, colored pencils, paints and have at it.

**You could be the winner of \$300.**

**You may submit your entries to the Office of the Chairman. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on**

**Friday, January 31th, 2014.**

**Good luck to you!**



# TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

## GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE ELECTION FOR January 18, 2014

1. The Election Committee shall be the remaining Council Members of the Tule River Tribal Council. The Tule River Tribal Council shall allow for 51% of the eligible voters to constitute an election.
2. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to those who qualify under #7 and #9, no later than Monday **January 6, 2014**. Absentee Ballots will be available on January 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2012 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for those eligible voters who will **NOT** be here on Election Day January 18, 2014 located at the Tule River Tribal Building Brafford Room. All eligible voters must come into the polls to vote. Eligible voters with Health risks may request an Absentee Ballot.
3. Eligible voters, when voting will be allowed to vote for four (4) or less candidates of their choice. Any ballot receiving more than four (4) votes will be rejected. Write-in votes will not be allowed and those ballots will be rejected.
4. Registration and Voting will be at the Tule River Tribal Building Brafford Room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2014.
5. The Election Committee will declare the polls closed at 8 p.m. on January 18, 2014. Tabulation of the votes will begin thereafter. The Council meeting will then commence to elect Tribal Officers, starting with the Chairman of the Tribal Council, who will then preside over the remainder of the Election of Tribal Council Officers and meeting.
6. The Tribal Council delegates authority to the Election Committee to settle all disputes. Disputes **must be submitted in writing** to the Election Committee Members no later than **Tuesday, December 30, 2013** by 5 p.m. and will be reviewed only on **Thursday, January 2, 2014** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tule River Tribal Building, Brafford Room. Verbal disputes will not be heard by the Election Committee. The Election Committee's decision on all disputes will be final.
7. Any enrolled member of the Tule River Tribe who has maintained legal residence on the Tule River Indian Reservation one (1) year continuously, immediately prior to the Tribal Council election of January 18, 2014 and must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, by (01-18-2014) is eligible to vote.
8. In order to qualify as a Council Candidate, you, must be an enrolled member of the Tule River Indian Tribe and have maintained legal residence on the Tule River Indian Reservation one (1) year continuously, immediately prior to the Tribal Council Election of January 18, 2014 and must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age by January 18, 2014, and **must be compliant on prior outstanding finance obligations from 01-01-99 to present, to the Tribe; and/or is not engaged in any legal action against the Tribe, or legal action that may conflict the Tribal Council, additionally the Tribal Drug Free Workplace Policy will be applicable to candidates who shall be required to pass an initial and periodic drug screens in accordance with Tribal Policy.**
9. Exceptions to these guidelines would be for those persons who are attending military service, an education institution, hospitalized, seasonal worker, incarcerated by order of an appropriate Court Agency. They must meet the residency requirements prior to entering the above-mentioned or for relocation necessary by HUD Housing Development or approval of the Tule River Tribal Council.



## TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

10. The closing date for eligible Council Candidates has been designated as **Friday, January 3, 2014** at 5 p.m. The posting of those eligible Council Candidates will be on or before **Monday, January 6, 2014**.

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

The Election Guidelines, Eligible Council Candidates, Eligible Voters and Non-Eligible voters' lists will be posted at the following locations on or before Monday, December 18, 2013:

- Tribal Council Administration Building
  - Tule River Indian Health Center (Administration and Clinic)
  - Tule River Education Center
  - Tule River Alcoholism Programs
  - Tule River Child Care Center
  - Tule River USDA Program (Yowlumne)
  - Tule River Housing Authority Office
  - Eagle Mountain Casino (Admin, Gaming Commission Office and Employee break rooms, security, compliance, surveillance)
  - Tule River Elders Council Office
  - Tule River Community Gym
  - Tule River Tribal TANF Offices - Reservation & Porterville Offices
  - Tule Postal Building
  - Tule River Department of Public Safety
  - Eagle Feather Trading Post
  - Tule River Study Center (Olive Avenue. Porterville)
11. There shall be no campaigning within 50 feet of the Tribal polling place.

**PLEASE CHECK LIST FOR YOUR NAME**

**The 2014 Election Committee consists of Nancy McDarment, Kevin M. Bonds, Duane M. Garfield Sr., Yolanda Gibson, and Kenneth McDarment. If you have any questions concerning the election, please contact one of the Committee Members at 781-4271.**

## News of and for the Elders



**Delores Martinez, David Lara and John Jones were the December babies at the Elders meeting last month.**

The Elders had a busy December with their regular monthly meeting, the Elders bi-monthly Breakfast, the upcoming elections and planning for and attending their Christmas Luncheon.

At their regular monthly meeting, plans were set in place for their Christmas celebration that was held at the Forest Buffet. Bryan Miller, EMC Food and Beverage Director came before the Elders to help with the planning. Menus were discussed and it was decided that they would dine on the Forest Buffet's excellent Prime Rib.

The location for the new Elders Building was under discussion. It was the impression of the Elders Council that the location was a 'done deal' and the building would be built near the Anderson property. The Elders Council will meet again with Tribal Council to ascertain just where in the process the project is at.

Ray Flores, Elders Council Member suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Tribal Council to address discrepancies with the Elders Council. He also expressed some worry about gang activity and gang retaliation in Porterville and warned people to be careful while in the city.

Also up for discussion was the 2014 Elders Council Elections, a meeting was held on December 16th to finalize election procedures and Elders were urged to run for Elders Council.

Lunch was served and birthdays celebrated after the meeting was adjourned.

The next day Elders filled the Forest Buffet to capacity for the bi-monthly EMC Breakfast. Matthew Mingrone, EMC Marketing Director, spoke to the full house informing them of all the upcoming entertainment. The Warrior's Cage will be January 24th with 'Black Out', Los

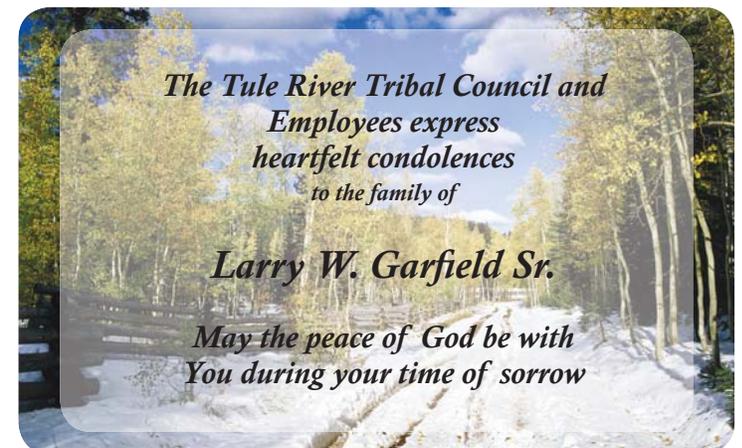
Yonic's and Los Caminantes will appear February 4th, a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day, on February 28th Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers will grace the stage of the EMC Event Tent and on March 29th Credence Clearwater Revisited will entertain Event Tent guests.

Rumor has it, and it is from a very good source, that the Elders Christmas Luncheon was very well attended. Again Elders filled the Forest Buffet to the max and all enjoyed each other's company dining on delicious Prime Rib with all the trimmings. Elders were also treated to gift cards From the Elders Council making it a very festive time had by all.

The Tule River Elders council extends a heartfelt invitation to all Tule River Elders to attend their next monthly meeting to be held in the Brafford Room on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 a.m.



**The house was full for the Elders Breakfast sponsored by Eagle Mountain Casino last month.**



# 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.

*A Tule River Christmas*



**Tracie Devine will have a healthy new year with this new juicer she won!**



**Ray Flores took home this very nice fire pit. He was sure to have a warm Christmas.**



**Stanley Santos Jr., will be cutting some wood this new year with his brand new Stihl Chain Saw.**



**Koda and Priscilla Quintero showing off her new Samsung Galaxy Note Pad!**

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## More Tule River Christmas

Winners of the Light Up the Rez Contest were announced. Elaine McDarment won the Most Rezed Out prize, Best Nativity Sean went to Megan Dabney and the Most Original went to Janice Sorondo.

After the fine meal and Santa handed out all the presents, the raffle was on. It felt like there were hundreds of gifts given away. There was Gift Cards, Gas Cards, EMC gift packages, camping gear, electronics, Galaxy Theater packages, kitchen appliances, chain saws, household items, rugs and much more. But the big winners were Andres Quintero and Tson-telle Manuel they each drove home a new Quad with very big smiles on their faces.

Tribal Council Chairman, Neil Peyron presented Dan Hackey a very special award for his diligence in the planning of these special events and his hard work. Dan shares this award with his hard working Events Team, Willie Garfield, Vivian Christman, Thomas Eugene, Rondii Ni-eto and Joyce Carothers. Good job guys!



**A very happy Andres Quintero will be exploring the Rez this year with his new Quad!**



**Shelly Gibson is off to the slopes this new year with her new snowboard.**



**Tson-telle Manuel is sure happy. She won the other Quad at the Tule River Community Christmas Event.**

*Tule River employees celebrate Christmas*



**DJ Cooch entertained with his off beat comedy.**

Last month Tule River employees gathered at the Porterville Memorial Building for the Annual Employee's Christmas Party.

It was a gala affair and the Event's Team out did themselves.

First, we were treated to a delicious dinner catered by the Alfredo and Connie Dulay while DJ Zenith Sound provided music. Later Zenith had some choice games that engaged members of the audience such as passing an apple for neck-to-neck, toothpicks and lifesavers from mouth to mouth and others providing some laughable entertainment. Next renowned comedian DJ Cooch put tears in our eyes with his zany comedic show.



**Zona Franco and her beau Phillip Yesslith play a game!**



**Dennis Sigo is enjoying his evening with his lovely lady.**



**Amanda Peyron and Auggie Duran were among the many who really had a great time.**



**Frankie Williams, TRAP Director and his wife Tara enjoyed their evening.**

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*More employee party*



**You can definitely tell these two are together, Esther and Ron Buckman.**



**Kathe Hawley and sister Maureen Price having a good time.**



**Liz Perez and Jolene Castle looking good!**

There were some great raffle prizes too, but the happiest of all was Chris Dabney taking home the 65" TV.

Some stayed to dance the night away. It was a great time had by all and we are very grateful and thank the Tribal Council for their generosity to award us with a great party. What great way to end the year.



**Ahh! How sweet do the Clowers look!**



**Chris Dabney went home happy she won the 65"TV!**



## Tule River Study Center



### Pillar of Character



Teanna Ceballos is Dr. C's sixth grade class candidate for Fairness! Teanna is a person that is happy when everyone plays by the rules and does their share to come up with ideas to make friendships and acquaintances more sincere and pleasant. "Friendships are not popularity contests," she says. Teanna doesn't like anyone to bully others or to refuse to listen when a person tries to say something or expresses an opinion different from yours. She stresses that everyone needs to learn to really listen to other people and not just shut down until you can get to talk again. Teanna works at treating everyone fairly, and she succeeds most of the time, and she's great to talk to if your feelings are hurt. She is a pretty quiet person—most of the time, and she's a friend all of the time. We're happy to nominate Teanna for the December pillar of Fairness. Dr. C.

Lauren Garcia is a perfect nominee for the pillar of FAIRNESS. Not only does she demonstrate all the fairness traits, but she is also extremely animated and comical in nature. She always has a smile on her face, and even when she doesn't, that frown can be turned upside down with a simple, "What's wrong Patty Reed?" greeting (inside joke). She respects her peers and never passes judgment upon anyone. She never speaks negatively and radiates positive energy wherever she goes. She plays fair, is always willing to share, and is an all-around great gal. She has been a joy to have in class and we are thrilled to have such an amazing kiddo! Lauren is a 5th grader at Belleview Elementary.

Courtney Cardoza, Monica Hernandez, and Natashia Lopez





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



Having the character of fairness means you play by the rules and treat everyone fairly. Although he is not in my class during the normal school year, Ruben Alcazar has been able to easily prove to me during our winter program that he possesses this character trait. Ruben is in our second grade classroom and is very engaged in the many academic games and activities that we have presented the class with. When he wins, he is gracious and respectful to others. When he loses he does not complain or whine. Ruben asks questions to make sure he understands the rules and is playing fairly. He waits his turn patiently while others may still be trying to understand how to play. Other teachers here at the Education Center have told me they see Ruben helping others on the playground or in the halls. Ruben the Fair is a fitting title.

Mr. South

I want to nominate Anneliz Ruiz for the Character of Fairness. Anneliz shows all the characters of Fairness by playing by the rules, taking turns and sharing, listens to others, and she treats everyone around her fairly. Anneliz works very hard not only with her homework but in all of her extra clubs she is in. We are all very proud to have Anneliz here at the Ed Center.

Julie Espinoza



Paradise Wheeler was chosen as our Character Counts for Fairness. She is a first grader at Vandalia Elementary. When she comes into the classroom, she waits her turn to sign in for her attendance. When we play board games, she will wait her turn instead of pushing to be first. Paradise has a beautiful smile. Thank you, Paradise for showing your classmates what a fair student is about!

Mrs. Price & staff

This month's Pillar of Character for the month of December was that of Fairness. The dictionary defines Fairness as, "being free from bias, dishonesty or injustice." Those are some pretty big words to live up to for a kindergarten student. However, Korin Morgan from the Kindergarten class is the perfect embodiment of that and more. Korin is not only as sharp as a tack but she is also incredibly fair and reasonable and she is only five-year-old! She doesn't hesitate to share what she has and isn't afraid to speak up when someone is doing wrong. Korin is a very sweet girl and so much fun to work with. Thanks Korin!

Miss. Angelina

*Photo on available at press time.*



## *Education in Indian Country: Betting on a School*

*California's Morongo Band of Mission Indians is sinking its casino-generated wealth into a new school, in the hope of reversing decades of low achievement. Morongo Indian Reservation, Calif.*

*First Published on December 4, 2013, at <http://www.edweek.org/ew/projects/2013/native-american-education/running-in-place.html#>,*

*Article by Lesli A. Maxwell submitted by Willie Carrillo Sr.*

Millions of dollars spent in the casino by gamblers playing the slots, shooting craps, and wagering on poker hands are flowing into the Morongo School and fueling what could be the tribe's most important enterprise yet: taking control over the education of its own children.

**The Morongo School**—which opened in 2010 on this 35,000-acre reservation tucked into a narrow pass between the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains—is the Morongo tribe's biggest bet at the moment. After nearly 20 years of stunning economic development and the virtual elimination of poverty for its 1,000 members, the tribe is investing millions of dollars in education in the hope of reversing decades of low academic achievement, high dropout rates, and low rates of college attendance and graduation for its children.

### **State-of-the-Art School**

On a drizzly October morning on the reservation, school bus No. 5 rolls up in front of the beige portable buildings that house the Morongo School's lower grades. Principal Mason Patterson and faculty members greet the stream of children and lead them through an open courtyard with expansive views of the mountains, covered with red oak, creosote bushes, and pinyon pine. The entire student body is 140 children, ranging from preschool through 9th grade. Older students now either attend public high schools nearby or use an independent-study program to earn their diplomas. The Morongo School will graduate its first class in 2017.

No class has more than 15 students, and every teacher in the lower grades has an aide. The school has adopted the Common Core State Standards, and its classrooms are outfitted with up-to-date educational technology, including iPads and Apple TVs. Completely funded by the tribe and available at no cost to children with a parent who is an enrolled member, the school operates mostly free of state and federal requirements around academic standards and accountability.

"We didn't want any government money," Mr. Martin says. "We didn't want the curriculum controlled by anyone else, and we know we are fortunate to be in that position."

"I think our small class sizes are so important," says 4th grade teacher Christina Alaniz, who grew up on the reservation and went to public schools. "We really know our students, and they really know each other well, too."

Twice a week, tribal elders spend the day with Morongo students, teaching them the nearly extinct Cahuilla (ka-wee-yah) and Serrano languages and cultural traditions unique to the Cahuilla people, a broader group of Native Americans that includes the Morongo tribe.

Most of the language instruction comes through the teaching of traditional "bird songs," which tell stories, often from the perspectives of birds, of journeys that the Cahuilla people would take from their desert and mountain homes and about the creation of the natural world.

Bridging cultural distances between the students and their heritage—which grew as tribal members' married outside the community and moved from the reservation—was another driving force behind the tribe's push to create its own school, says Mr. Martin, the tribal-council chairman. California is home to more Native Americans than any other state, and most tribal children are enrolled in public schools scattered across cities, suburbs, and rural areas—often with few other Native peers. In Riverside County, where the Morongo reservation is located, American Indian students make up less than 1 percent of public school enrollment, even though there are 12 federally recognized tribes in the county.

For Morongo children, most of whom attended the public schools in nearby Banning before the Morongo School opened, that disconnection from their heritage contributed to feelings of isolation and low self-esteem, Mr. Martin says. Tribal leaders believed that young people were not getting enough meaningful exposure to the history and experience of California tribes, which was affecting their achievement. And those youths were increasingly facing a new stereotype: the rich Indian.

"I saw it happen with my own daughter," Mr. Martin says. "She wanted to quit school in the 9th grade because of negative comments she heard a teacher make about Indians. We had to enroll her in independent study so she could finish."

### **Sharing the Wealth**

As Indian gaming has expanded rapidly across the U.S. over the past 25 years, some tribes like Morongo have been sinking their newfound resources into education programs and taking advantage of their sovereign status to build schools, hire teachers, and create a curriculum that they believe best serves their children.

For the Morongo tribe—with a sophisticated business portfolio that now includes a bottled-water operation, skilled-nursing facilities, and agriculture—raising a new generation of entrepreneurs and well-trained leaders is

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## *Education in Indian Country Cont'd*

critical to sustaining its enterprises.

"We'd known for years that the public schools weren't equipped to teach most of our children, because our kids were failing," says Robert Martin, the longtime chairman of Morongo's tribal council.

"We wanted to take control of how to educate our young people," he says.

The Morongo tribe is among the wealthiest and most influential in both California and the nation. It was the tribe's 1987 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Cabazon v. California*, that produced a ruling that state and local authorities could not shut down bingo operations and other gaming ventures on reservations. That led to federal legislation that threw open the doors to the gaming industry for tribes across the country.

More than 230 tribes operate about 400 casinos now, says Steven Andrew Light, a co-director of the Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

"If you look at gaming as an economic-development tool, nothing has impacted tribal communities more," Mr. Light says. "And tribes across the United States have made their own decisions on how to allocate their revenue, but the key pillars for investment have been housing; public services such as roads, police, and fire protections; and education programs."

Having started with a modest bingo parlor in 1983, the Morongo tribe opened a \$250 million casino and hotel in 2004 and now employs roughly 3,000 people in the region. Its business enterprises—primarily the Morongo Casino, Resort, and Spa—are estimated to generate \$3 billion in economic activity annually, according to an economic impact study commissioned by the tribe.

Enrolled members of the tribe receive regular "per capita" payments—Morongo leaders will not disclose how much—that provide most families with a comfortable living. Since 1996, the tribe has required members who turn 18 to earn a high school diploma or a GED credential before they can receive the payments.

On the reservation, though, many people are loath to forget the hardships that dominated the tribe's existence for generations. Families have built new, multilevel homes right next to the dilapidated houses and rundown trailers that sheltered them in more difficult times.

Yet economic success did little to move the needle on academic achievement for most of the tribe's young people, even though they were growing up in far more privileged circumstances than their parents and grandparents enjoyed.

Tribal leaders know only anecdotally that graduation rates were low and that too few young people were en-

rolling in college and earning degrees, even though the tribe covers all college and living costs for its students who enroll. (The tribe also fully pays for other postsecondary options, such as trade schools.)

### Building on Foundations

The tribe had already been running a preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, right on the reservation. And it had created and expanded a successful tutoring program in the late 1990s.

Working closely with the Banning school district, tutors hired by the tribe went into the schools with Morongo children to offer them supports, both in the classroom and outside of school, says Mr. Patterson, the Morongo School's principal, who began his career with the tribe as one of those tutors.

Tutors came to know students and their teachers, and provided a link between reservation families and the local schools. Graduation rates for Morongo students started to rise.

So when the tribe began serious discussions about starting a school, the community immediately bought into the idea, Mr. Patterson says.

"There was a lot of trust already that the tribe itself was in the best position to educate its own children," he says.

In 2012, the school received a three-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the regional accreditation agency.

Growth in mathematics and reading performance has been strong, according to the school's own data. At the end of 2011, the school's first year, only around 30 percent of students—at the time, there were 23 students in grades K-6—were reading and doing math on grade level as measured by their performance on the Stanford Achievement Test. Two years later, 61 percent of students were performing at grade level in math; 51 percent were doing so in reading.

For tribe member Norman Toro the school offers the promise of radically changing his family's education trajectory in one generation.

Forty years ago, Mr. Toro was an 8-year-old boy living in a crowded, ramshackle house on the reservation with his extended family. He was a high school dropout before he turned 16.

"I spent a lot of time up in the canyons hunting with my uncles," Mr. Toro says, "but when it came to my education, I didn't spend too much time thinking about it."

Now his 8-year-old daughter, Vanessa, is a 3rd grader at the Morongo School. Mr. Toro marvels at how much she loves school and how quickly she is absorbing the *Cahuilla* bird songs and language that he never learned.

"If I had had this school," he says, "I think I would have had a shot at graduating."

## *Kids enjoy Winter Break*



**The Yummy for my Tummy Show featured Chef Brown and Pita the dancing sandwich.**

This year the Education Center and the Recreation Department sponsored Winter Break and it was plumb full of fun things to do.

In the mornings, kids had their choice of electives at the Education Center of music, science, art, cooking, reading and computers.

In the afternoon, they all went over to the gym for more fun. Every day they played sports. Mondays, were Cultural Days where the kids worked on projects with Zona Franco. One day they were treated to the Yummy for my Tummy Show with Chef Brown and Pita the dancing sandwich. This was a delightful show with puppets and



**The kids were able to dance and sing with Chef Brown.**



**All the children made veggie faces, who said you can't play with your food!**



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## *Kids enjoy Winter Break*



**Just one of the many reptiles Eric had to show the kids.**

dancing all about healthy eating of fruits and vegetables. The kids were even able to make Veggie Faces. On another day the E & M Reptile Family was on hand with Eric Johnson and his family of reptiles. His show enabled the kids to hold and touch the animals with Eric's help of course.



**This little girl was a little hesitant to touch the tortoise.**



**But, not nearly as hesitant as these girls are about touching the snake!**



**All the boys really enjoyed holding the python!**

During the first week, they were also treated to a magic show. On other days, they worked on a community garden project and roadside and cemetery cleanups. Those who participated were also treated to incentive trips to Roller Town, bowling and pizza and a trip to the movies. All these fun activities must have made the Holidays even brighter.



## Words of Wisdom



Rocky “Eaglebear” Vela (Mono/Yokuts), a prisoner at Kern Valley State Prison, has more ‘Words of Wisdom for you’.

He Yuk, well, here I go again with another story for you all to enjoy. I hope you all enjoy these stories. It’s the time of the season when on cold nights you come to sit at home sharing stories, the young and the old, to enjoy life as it changes in the seasons, like the Holidays. May you all have a good time and may the Creator watch over you all always.

*All My Relations  
David Eaglebear Vela*

### ‘How the Crow Came to be Black’

In days long past, when the earth and the people on it were still young, all crows were white as snow. In those ancient times, the people had neither horses nor firearms nor weapons of iron. Yet they depended upon the elk hunt to give them enough food to survive. Hunting the big elk on foot with stone-tipped weapons was hard, uncertain and dangerous.

The crows made things even more difficult for the hunters, because they were friends of the elk. Soaring high above the prairie, they could see everything that was going on. Whenever they spied hunters approaching an elk herd, they flew to their friends and perching between their antlers, warned them, “Caw, caw, caw cousins, hunter are coming up behind that hill. Watch out! Caw, caw, caw!” Hearing this, the elk would stampede and the people starved.

The people held council to decide what to do. Now, among the crows was a huge one, twice as big as all the others. This crow was their leader. One wise old chief got up and made this suggestion, “We must capture the big white crow,” he said, “and teach him a lesson. It’s either that or go hungry.” He brought out a large elk skin, with the head and horns still attached. He put it on the back of a young brave, saying, “Nephew, sneak among the elk. They will think you are one of them and you can capture the big white crow.”

Disguised as an elk, the young man crept among the herd as if he were grazing. The big elk beast paid him no attention. Then the hunters marched out from their camp after him, their bows at the ready. As they approached the herd, the crows came flying, as usual, warning the elk, “Caw, caw, caw, cousins, the hunters are coming to kill you. Watch out for their arrows. Caw, caw, caw!” And as usual, all the elk stampeded off and away. All, that is, except the young hunter in disguise under his elk skin, who pretended to go on grazing as before.

Then the big white crow came gliding down, perched on the hunter’s shoulders, and flapping his wings, said, “Caw, caw, caw, brother, are you deaf? The hunters are close by, Just over the hill. Save yourself!” But the young brave reached out from under the elk skin and grabbed the crow by the legs. With a rawhide string he tried the big bird’s feet and fastened the other end to a stone. No matter how the crow struggled, he could not escape.

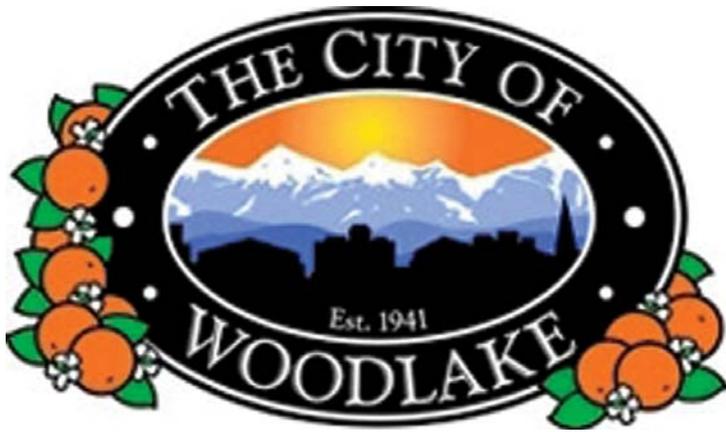
Again, the people sat in council. “What shall we do with this big bad crow who has made us go hungry again and again?”

“I’ll burn him up!” Answered an angry hunter and before anybody could stop him, he yanked the crow from the hands of his captor and thrust it into the council fire, string, stone and all. “This will teach you,” he said.

Of course, the string that held the stone burned through almost at once and the big crow managed to fly out of the fire. But, he was badly singed and some of his feather were charred. Though he was still big, he was no longer white.

“Caw, caw, caw,” he cried flying away as quickly as he could. “I’ll stop warning the elk and so will all the other crows. I promise! Caw, caw, caw.” Thus the crow escaped, but ever since, all crows have been black. Ayee!

## *Woodlake Valley Cultural Museum is on the way!*



This article was first printed in the Woodlake Union High School District Foundation Newsletter. Jennifer Malone thought you would be interested in this project and shared the article with us.

If you haven't heard, it's true; Woodlake is going to have a museum! It will be called the Woodlake Valley Cultural Museum.

The purpose for this project is to preserve and teach future generations the heritage and culture that existed throughout this area. Three prominent cultures that will be exhibited are:

1. Our local Native American Tribes culture and traditions. The traditional baskets will be on display to show materials used to make a basket and how they are utilized. The museum will have hands-on demonstrators to show the public the process of creating the traditional items. They will include the Wukchumni language and songs of the area to help our future generations keep the history alive.
2. Our Hispanic Culture that migrated to this farming area. Their contribution they brought to this land to make a better living for their families in times of hardship and in hopes of prosperity.
3. The Anglo settlers that established this community of Woodlake, with numerous items related to industries that were the foundations of this small city.
4. The museum will also display cultural artifacts, pictorials, first high school diplomas and other literature that describe the history for Woodlake.

Over all, this museum will show the growth of this prosperous land through its diverse culture and rich history, where industrious people worked hard for their families and community a period in time that we hope will never be forgotten.

To date there have been two planning meetings in January, a presentation in February and another in March. This has generated much community support. Mr. John Wood

has developed building plans for the museum and has provided us an estimated cost of \$100,000 dollars to construct this building, 79% of the monetary goal has already been raised. This has been enough to begin construction. We have acquired the land off Magnolia Street between the city park restrooms and the fire station. The Woodlake Chamber has donated \$10,500 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars local chapter, who has recently disbanded, donated \$1,500. The Trinity Apostolic Faith Church has volunteered labor and cabinets, an estimated value of \$6,000. An individual has also offered to install the central cooling system and estimated labor cost of \$2,000. A local lumber company has generously pledged the donation of all lumber required for this project approximately valued at \$7,000. The Woodlake Lions Club recently donated \$500. Along with other monetary donations, as of September, our total amount collected totals \$79,500. Everyone is excited and optimistic about the development of this community museum. At this point we are asking for your help, if possible. Donations are greatly needed, It has been decided that a donor's plaque will be mounted on the building in recognition for individuals, organizations and businesses that participate in the goal of completing this ambitious yet very worthy project. The plaque will display twenty names lines each representing a contribution of \$5,000 or more, whether it is monetary, materials or volunteer work equivalent. Any anonymous donors will of course be respected, but we would like to show appreciation for those in the community who believe in this endeavor as much as the founders do.

If you are interested in donating, any amount and/or materials will be greatly appreciated. The committee would be happy to provide you a presentation of our plans and goals for the completion of the Woodlake Museum. If you have any questions, concerns, or to donate any amount, please feel free to call Rudy Garcia at any time. Rudy can be reached at 559-564-0621. Please make checks payable to: Woodlake Chamber of Commerce, Museum, P.O. Box 550, Woodlake, CA 93286. The chamber can be reached at 559-564-3559. All contributions will receive a receipt with a Tax Id# for your tax purposes. To donate building materials or volunteer labor, please call John Wood at 559-564-2392 or 804-4705.

The Woodlake Valley Chamber of Commerce, our local businesses and YOU can keep this history in our hearts, spirit and soul! Through your contributions/donations, you can help us reach that goal! Work has already begun and you can be part of that history! Drive by, see the progress, and be inspired!

## A little history

### Tony Valdez ©

*A story by Lawrence Garfield written by his wife Andy Garfield*

Tony Valdez was already old when I was a young boy. He lived in a tiny little cabin beside Frances and Eddy Hunter's home, near the lower graveyard. Every month Tony received a small amount of money to live on. To get his money he had to go to town. To go to town he would have to find a ride with whomever might be going that way at the time. No one ever refused Tony Valdez as he always paid them back in some way. Sometimes he would buy some gas for their car or a bag of beans maybe a couple loaves of bread and lunch meat for a picnic on the way home, always something.

Tony wasn't normally a drinking man. Once in a while though he'd have a drink or two after cashing his check. Everyone knew when Tony had a little drink; which was about every 3 or 4 months. His "once in a while drink" would make our world smile and laugh a little. He'd walk over a trail or down the old dirt road yelling as loud as possible, which was very loud as he had a very big booming voice, "Waaaaa Hooooo, I'm Tony Valdez." It reminded me and others of wailing coyotes. Each 'Waaaaa Hooooo' lasted a while, It was a good happy sound and we were all glad Tony was so happy!

Tony was a peaceable man. He loved to talk, he loved to visit and he loved coffee, always walking from one house to another. He probably visited everyone's home at one time or another and may be many times over the years. Quite often he lingered at our home, even stayed over now and then. He and my Dad had been friends for many years, long before I was even born.

In some forgotten time, Tony left all his prize possessions at our house for safekeeping. My mother had them in a medium sized cardboard box in one corner of the house that served as a closet, an old-fashioned closet with a cloth door hanging like a curtain. He knew my mother didn't drink and she took care of what little we had.

Back to Tony, besides talking with the guys he loved coffee. He'd drink his coffee in a saucer. Back then, many older men drank coffee in a saucer. My grandfather Celestino Peyron sometimes did the same. From his cup, he'd pour the coffee into a saucer then slurped it up with lots of gusto, keeping his mustache out of the way.

When his cup was empty, he'd take his spoon and ding it on his cup. "More coffee, Ida," he'd call out dinging

again and again, louder and louder.

Ida would yell back and laughingly tell Tony to calm down a little she'd be there in a minute or so. 'Dinging' his coffee cup was one of the things I remember so well about Tony.

If Tony was going to stay a while he'd bring something to eat like a bag of beans for mom to fix. She was happy for the beans or anything else. Times were hard and if Tony ate we all ate. Tony was known as a generous man. Something else Tony was known for was singing 'Death songs' at the funerals of children. The songs were beautiful, soft and very sad. Only the old men sang them. All night long they sang to help the spirits of the dead children leave this life and go to the next life, When I was little there were only a few old singers left. They were Sam Garfield, Tony Valdez, Larry Alto and a couple others I can't remember. They had to sit in the church near the casket to sing. Most everyone else stayed outside near a bon fire, quiet and thoughtful, their sad thoughts blending with the songs. Many adults stayed all night.

When these men died, one by one, there was no more singing. I never wondered why till now in my old age. No matter what or why it was a great loss.

One day someone came down the road telling everyone that Tony Valdez, himself, was dead. He was found beyond Painted Rocks, near the last pool, what we now know as the last swimming hole beyond Painted Rocks.

This is where Tony liked to bathe. It was a quiet place and far more secluded than it is now. There were less roads and more trails in those days.

Everyone loved Tony Valdez and everyone went to see. The men went to guard his body until the coroner came to take him to town and to the place they took dead people. Back then I doubt that any of our people really knew what a coroner did nor why.

I went too, along with the rest. I stood on the trail above where Tony laid, about 6' away. Donald Garfield was with me. Tony looked like he was asleep. One hand was across his chest and the other one laid near his face. I wanted to say, "Hey Tony wake up." Like the death of Sam, I just couldn't believe it nor did I want to accept his death. Soon Donald and I turned away and walked home. On the way, we talked about Tony. Everything we talked about, how he always greeted us, how we greeted him whenever we met walking along the trails or at our houses. How he'd yell out at certain times, "Waaaaa Hooooo, I'm Tony Valdez."

The next day my mom told my dad that they must burn all of Tony's cloths and things that they'd been keeping for him. Toward evening, they carried his things, still in the box, up the hill a little ways behind our house. In a small shallow gully beyond the old familiar oak tree,

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**Tony Valdez  
1931 or 32**

## Tony Valdez Cont'ed

they carefully and neatly piled his suit that he never wore and a few other prized possessions. We collected small pieces of firewood to help the fire burn. My father lit a match setting it all on fire, as dusk turned to darkness we watched as Tony's things joined him in the spirit world. As it burned a few curious kids showed up to watch. Soon they were all seeing spirits everywhere among the trees and shadows. Some of them even thought they saw Tony himself in the light of the forbidden fire. I didn't actually see what they were seeing or thought they saw, but I believed them. My mom was really spiritual in those days when it came to funerals and owls. She was aware of all the 'does and don't dare do' when spirits were involved. Probably my dad was too but he was silent. I do know that a few of us kids went home a little frightened. Why? I really don't know. We lived in a very spiritual world. I guess we just weren't ready to join them and Tony yet. Sometimes when I am walking in an old familiar place and all is quiet, I can hear Tony Calling out "Waaaaa Hooooo, I'm Tony Valdez!"

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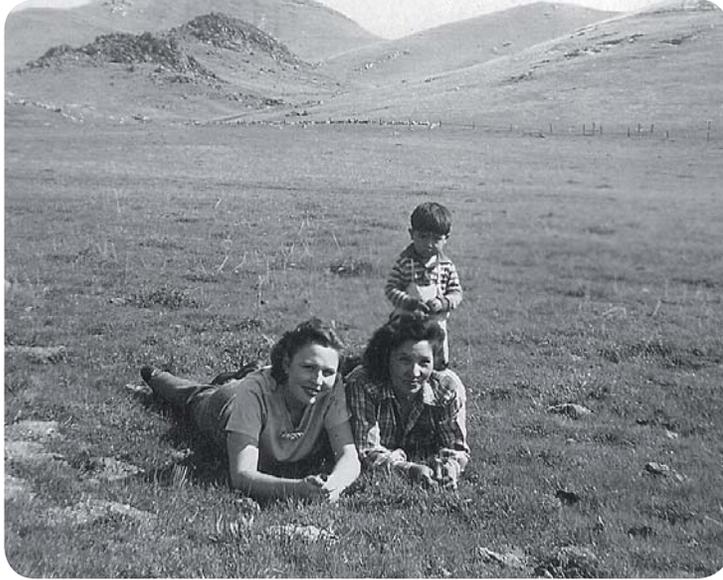
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***Guess Who?***

The game is on again this month. Do you know who these people are? If so please give me a call at 781-4271, ext. 1047, send me an email at Frances.Hammond@tuleriver-tribe-nsn.gov or just drop by the Tribal Office for a chat. I would love to hear from. You will receive credit just for guessing!



**This pictures was taken February 18, 1943**



**This one July 12, 1946**

***They are!***



**Lawrence Garfield be- No one seems to know  
lieves this is Leonard who this is!  
Manuel.**



**Lawrence Garfield knew that these people from the left are Little Freddy Peyron, Bonnie Kambick Garfield, Tino Manuel and Anna Lyda Peyron. We thank Fred Peyron for sharing these pictures.**



**No one guessed at these people ether!**

## January ~ National Blood Donor Month

What better way is there to start off the new year than to give blood? New Year's resolutions are still fresh and people are feeling ready to make a change. Due to the cold and flu season, January is a rough month for blood donation, which is exactly why it is National Blood Donor Month.

The Red Cross and the Central Valley has a lot on their plate, on average they need to collect 15,000 pints of blood every single day for the patients that need them. That being said, everyone's help is appreciated. The most necessary blood types are O negative, A negative, and B negative. Each blood donation brings hope to someone in need.

In addition to blood donation, platelet donation is also needed. Donating platelets can be done every two weeks. For those that don't know, blood is taken from the donor, ran through centrifugation, which isolates plasma and platelets, and then the remaining red blood cells are returned to the donor.

48-year-old John Baker has donated 100 gallons of blood. He commented on how it started with him. "My father gave blood as often as he could. I had never donated before, thinking it would hinder me in some way. I was very active in running in high school, and I thought it would limit my ability. It doesn't." Baker is the 18th donor in the Tampa Bay area to have donated 100 gallons of blood.

Another individual, Bill Cell, age 85, has donated 85 gallons of blood. He started back in 1946 due to the cash and insurance incentives but now continues to donate without them. "They'll tell me what my blood went for, like a cancer patient or an accident victim," said Cell, when asked to explain why he continues to donate. "I have met a couple of people who needed it." The connection is real, when people are in need of help individuals like Cell are there to help and have seen where the blood goes, where it needs to be.

Wanting to donate blood is one thing, but there are a few requirements that must be met. The donor needs to be at least 110 pounds, in good health, and bring a form of identification. For more information about where you can donate visit <http://www.donateblood.org>.

Hopefully 2014 brings happiness to many; to help, simply donate blood. Remember, January is National Blood Donor month. Due to the weather and holidays it may be hard to find the time to give a blood donation, but, that is why January requires the most help. The Porterville Donor Center is located at 93 N. Main St. and is open on Tuesday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call and make an appointment today at 559-719-2022.

## Donate Blood

You can give life to your community by donating at either a Central California Blood Center near you or by stopping by one of the many mobile blood drives held every day around the Central Valley. By donating you help to ensure an adequate supply of blood is available for your family, friends and neighbors when they need it.

### What to Expect:



**Blood donation is a simple four-step process.**

#### 1. Register

A photo ID and Social Security Number are required to register, then you'll be asked to verify your name and address.

**2. Mini-Physical and Interview** - The mini-physical consists of checking your pulse, blood pressure, temperature and iron level. In the confidential interview, a trained interviewer will ask questions about your general health and medical history, as well as questions concerning risk behaviors, foreign travel and other subjects.

Your mini-physical and interview are conducted to ensure that giving blood is healthy for you and that your blood is as safe as possible for the recipient(s). All information gathered during the physical and interview is kept strictly confidential.

#### 3. Whole Blood Donation

The collection of a unit, about one pint, of blood takes about 15 minutes. You may feel a small pinch when the needle is inserted, but most donors do not feel any pain for the duration of the donation.

Once a unit has been collected, additional small tubes of blood will be collected for laboratory tests. All blood collection equipment is sterile and used only once.

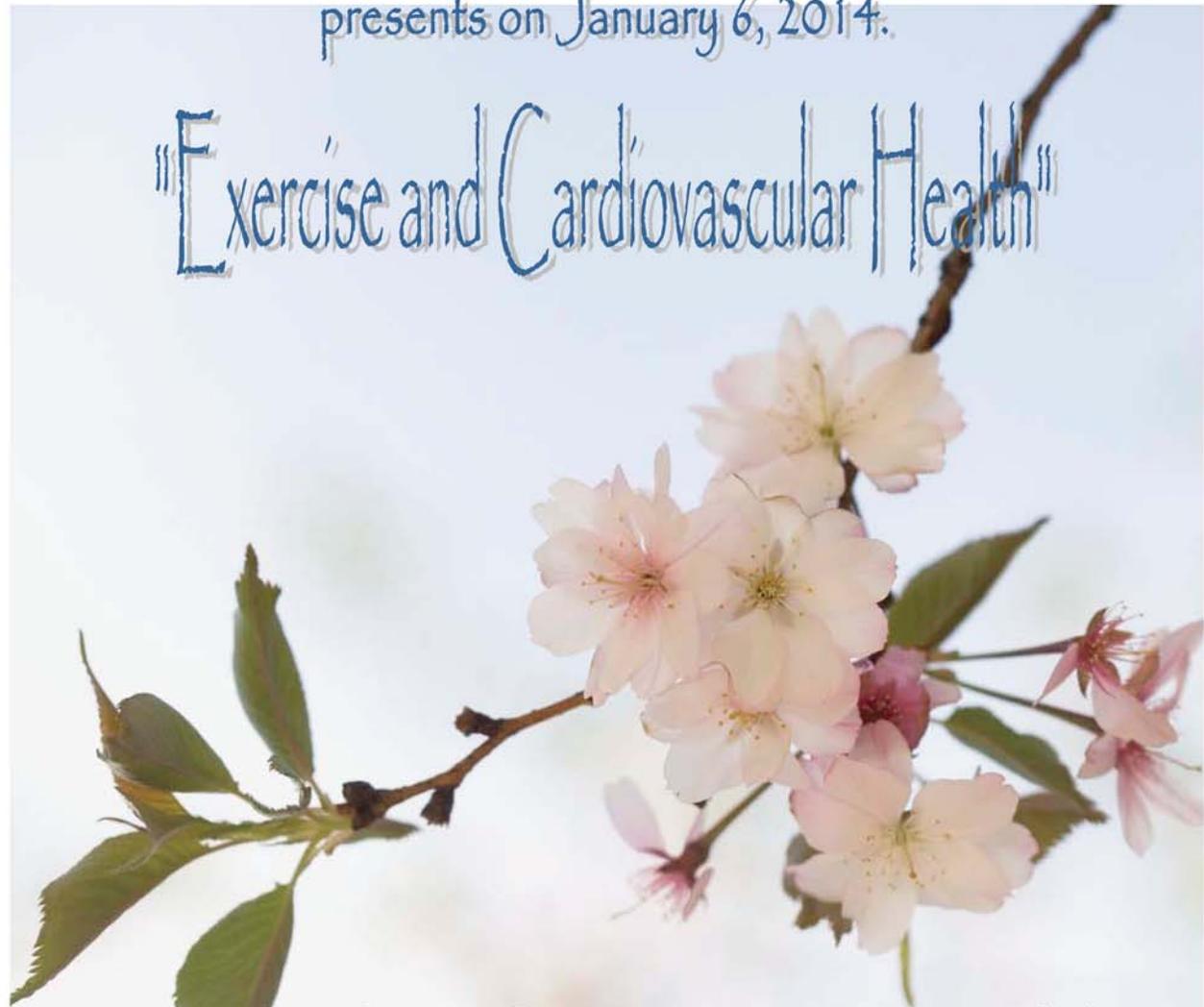
#### 4. Relax

After your donation, you can enjoy some refreshments to help replenish your fluids. At this time, you have the option of scheduling your next donation appointment. After you're done with relaxing and refreshments, you can resume your normal daily activities.

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# 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**

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# 2014 New Years Evolution!



## Women's Wellness Group

**6pm-7pm  
Every other  
Thursday  
Beginning  
1/9/14**

**Location:  
Tule River Gym  
(Conference Room)**

**Presented by:  
Donna Struble,  
Certified Life  
Coach**

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**Learn strategies that can help you to create, live, and enjoy the life you currently may only be dreaming of.**

- *How to bring dream into focus*
- *Setting goals*
- *Eliminate your obstacles*
- *Loving yourself*
- *Emotional Mastery*
- *Reprogramming your belief system*



## LeAnn Rimes gives a 'Rock'in' show



Last month Eagle Mountain Casino presented Tule River and Casino guests to a heartwarming holiday celebration with the ever-popular LeAnn Rimes.

Before the two Grammy Award winner started her show she treated guests to a 'meet & greet' where some very happy Tribal Members had the opportunity to meet the star and get some pictures with the cute pixie like lady.

After the 'meet & greet' event she took the stage and belted out song after song to the delight of concert goers. LeAnn took time out to sing 'Happy Birthday' to two audience members giving them an evening they will remember for a very long time.

Putting everyone in a holiday mood she sang 'Rock'en Around the Christmas Tree' and later on 'All I want for Christmas is you'.

LeAnn gave all what they came for with her old standards such as 'Spit Fire' and 'Blue' that was reminiscent of Patsy Cline. She was very up-close and personal with the audience leaving them wanting more. She did not disappoint coming back with 'White Christmas' sending all home with that warm cozy Christmas feeling.

Can't wait to see what Eagle Mountain Casino has in store of us this new year.



## Mega Scratch & Win \$100,000 at EMC



5 Guests Could Win  
**\$1,000**  
to  
**\$100,000**

January 6 - March 2

Starting January 6, 2014 and continuing through March 2, 2014 Eagle Mountain Casino guests will have the opportunity to win \$100,000.00, \$10,000.00 or \$1,000.00 in weekly Mega Scratch drawings.

Weekly drawings will be held January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and the final drawing on March 2. During the eight weekly drawings, there will be five winners each week with the opportunity to scratch 5 of 20 squares on the Mega Scratch board and a chance to win \$100,000.00 grand prize. If the guest reveals 5 winning symbols with their 5 scratches, they will win \$100,000.00. If the guest reveals 4 winning symbols with their 5 scratches, they will win \$10,000.00. If the guest reveals 3, 2 or 1 winning symbols, they will win \$1,000.00.

Eagle Mountain Casino guest received drawing entries through various means such as Direct Mail, slot play and other casino promotions. For more information regarding the Mega Scratch, drawings contact Eagle Mountain Casino Summit Club 559-788-1897.

## EMC has "BLACKOUT" for fight fans



Eagle Mountain Casino continues, the Warriors Cage, its popular extreme MMA fight series with "Blackout" on January 24 at 8:00pm at the Eagle Mountain Casino Event Center. Area fighters will be pitted against each other in the Warrior's Cage.

Eagle Mountain Casino is bringing live fights to area fans with the newest installment of the Warriors Cage "Blackout" on January 24 at 8 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$25 with Reserved at \$35. Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.eaglemtncasino.com](http://www.eaglemtncasino.com), via phone at 1-800-903-3353 or can be purchased at the Eagle Mountain Casino gift shop.

## EMC has "BLACKOUT" for fight fans

		Main Event			
	WAACHIM SPIRITWOLF	VS	MAX GRIFFIN		
	10-12	Record	7-1		
	5'8"	Height	6'0"		
	170 LBS	Weight	170 LBS		
		Co-Main Event			
	ISAAC DEJESUS	VS	MIKE CHRISTENSEN		
	10-6	Record	11-7		
	5'6"	Height	5'9"		
	145 LBS	Weight	145 LBS		
	SERGIO CORTEZ	VS	JESSE BOWEN		
	ADAM CALDERON	VS	VICTOR TORREZ		
	ANTOINE SMITH	VS	TBA		
	DAVID SIERRA	VS	RYAN RENEU		
	JOEY CABEZAS	VS	JC LLAMAS		
	OWEN RUBIO	VS	ANTHONY RUIZ		
	CAMERON RAMIREZ	VS	EDGAR DIAZ		
	DARREN CRISP	VS	ROBERT BRESLIN		

The Eagle Mountain Event Center will once again be the site of the valley's most exciting Mixed Martial Arts event. The Main Event pits two Welterweight fighters weighing in at 170 lbs with (10-12-1) Waachiim Spiritwolf from San Diego, a Striker representing Spiritwolf MMA who will battle (7-1) Citrus Heights, Max "Pain" Griffin a Mixed Martial Arts/Wrestler representing Marinoble's Martial Arts. The Co-Main Event features (10-6-1) Isaac DeJesus from Fresno, a Muay Thai fighter representing Goon Squad and (11-7-0) Mike Christensen from Cameron Park, a Wrestler representing Overcome MMA at 145 lbs.

"Our main event features two well rounded fighters who should put on a very competitive fight standing up as well as on the ground. These two fighters are well condition athletes and will be looking to expose the others chin," states Loren Lenares, Warriors Cage Promoter and Match Maker.

From debut fighters to accomplished professionals there should be some very exciting match-ups included on this fight card and it is wise to get your tickets early.

BLACKOUT is the nineteenth version of the Warrior's Cage Mixed Martial Arts Fights. The fights will be held January 24 8 p.m. at Eagle Mountain Event Center.



*What's Happening  
in the Event Tent*

**January 24 - WARRIORS CAGE 'BLACK-OUT'** - General Admission \$25, Reserved \$35 - Doors open 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.

**February 14 - LOS YONIC'S & LOS CAMINANTES** - General Admission \$30, Reserved \$40 - Doors open 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.

**February 28 - LARRY GATLIN & THE GATLIN BROTHERS** - Special guest **Joe Diffie** - General Admission \$30, Reserved \$40 - Doors open 7 p.m., show 8 p.m.

**March 29 - CRESCENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED** - Tickets on sale February 1 - General Admission \$30, Reserved \$40 - Doors open 7 p.m., show 8 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 proudly presents  
Live Music in the Lounge  
Every Friday & Saturday nights  
from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.**

- January 3-4** Brad Wilson
- January 10-11** ZZZZX
- January 17-18** Jerry Hall & Trick Shot
- January 24-25** Super Calibre
- January 31-February 1** Richie Blue



**January 23 - ELVIS TRIBUTE SHOW** - The World's Ultimate Elvis, Justin Shandor - Ticket Prices: \$15 - \$55 - Tickets on sale now! - Bingo Hall doors open 6 p.m. Show time 7 p.m. Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop only.



**February 6 - TACHI PALACE FIGHTS** - Ticket Prices: \$34 - \$125 - Tickets on sale now! - Bingo Hall doors open 6 p.m. Show time 7 p.m. Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop only.



**February 20 - AIR SUPPLY** - Ticket Prices: \$30 - \$70 - Tickets on sale now! - Bingo Hall doors open 6 p.m. Show time 7 p.m. Premiere Club Members receive \$5 off per ticket when purchased at the Hotel Gift Shop only.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

## *January 1*

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

## *January 2*

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

## *January 3*

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

## *January 4*

Nakiya E. Carazolez  
Tson-Telle C. Manuel

## *January 5*

Norman L. Barrios  
Ronan N. Carabay

## *January 6*

Gregory P. Chavez  
Izaac A. Eredia  
Gene H. Frost  
Andrew J. Garfield  
Joe M-G Herimeo  
Michael J. Maldonado Jr.  
Georgia K. McDarment  
Jaidah L. Silva

## *January 7*

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

## *January 8*

Jesus R. Aguilar  
Felicia M. Anderson  
Kyle S. McLemore

## *January 9*

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

## *January 10*

Richard T. Brown  
Shalina J. Dashner  
Gail A. Gibson  
Marilyn Hunter  
Rosie L. Moreno

## *January 11*

Elaine Flores  
Breanna R Garfield  
Michael A. Wilson Jr.

## *January 12*

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

## *January 13*

Jamie L. Belcher  
Sarah J. Carrillo  
K.C. T. McDarment  
Elijah S Mears  
Michael D. Peyron  
Dolly A. Standridge

## *January 14*

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

## *January 15*

Lorren E. Ensign  
Lionel L Nunez  
Teddy A Ramos

## *January 16*

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

## *January 17*

Jolie E. Varela  
Robert Villegas Jr.

## *January 18*

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

## *January 19*

Reyes F. Aguilar  
Karen A. Garfield  
Wyatt B. McDarment  
Sabon C Peyron  
Rudy P. Sierra  
Herminia R. Tovar

## *January 20*

Amaya L. Gonzales  
Lilly M. Jimenez  
Darlene R. Pena  
Josie M. Rios

## *January 21*

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

## *January 22*

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

## *January 23*

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

## *January 24*

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

## *January 25*

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

## *January 26*

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

## *January 27*

Linda S. Lopez  
Salena C. T. Rubio

## *January 28*

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

## *January 29*

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

## *January 30*

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

## *January 31*

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



## 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	S. Plano and Olive	S. Plano and Andres	S. Plano and Chase	Eagle Mtn Casino Park n Ride	Tribal Office (Southside)	Eagle Mtn Casino	Reservation Rd Loop	Eagle Mtn Casino	Tribal Office (Northside)	Eagle Mtn Casino Park n Ride	Eagles Nest	S. Plano and Poplar	S. Plano and River	S. Plano and Miranda	South County Justice Center	Transit Center
6:00 AM	6:03 AM	6:04 AM	6:06 AM	6:13 AM	6:38 AM	6:45 AM	6:52 AM	7:00 AM	7:02 AM	7:30 AM	7:36 AM	7:41 AM	7:43 AM	7:45 AM	7:47 AM	7:49 AM
7:00 AM	7:03 AM	7:04 AM	7:06 AM	7:13 AM	7:38 AM	7:45 AM	7:52 AM	8:00 AM	8:02 AM	8:30 AM	8:36 AM	8:41 AM	8:43 AM	8:45 AM	8:47 AM	8:49 AM
8:00 AM	8:03 AM	8:04 AM	8:06 AM	8:13 AM	8:38 AM	8:45 AM	8:52 AM	9:00 AM	9:02 AM	9:30 AM	9:36 AM	9:41 AM	9:43 AM	9:45 AM	9:47 AM	9:49 AM
9:00 AM	9:03 AM	9:04 AM	9:06 AM	9:13 AM	9:38 AM	9:45 AM	9:52 AM	10:00 AM	10:02 AM	10:30 AM	10:36 AM	10:41 AM	10:43 AM	10:45 AM	10:47 AM	10:49 AM
10:00 AM	10:03 AM	10:04 AM	10:06 AM	10:13 AM	10:38 AM	10:45 AM	10:52 AM	11:00 AM	11:02 AM	11:30 AM	11:36 AM	11:41 AM	11:43 AM	11:45 AM	11:47 AM	11:49 AM
11:00 AM	11:03 AM	11:04 AM	11:06 AM	11:13 AM	11:38 AM	11:45 AM	11:52 AM	12:00 PM	12:02 PM	12:30 PM	12:36 PM	12:41 PM	12:43 PM	12:45 PM	12:47 PM	12:49 PM
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shaded Area = Weekend Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>U.N.I.T.Y. Youth Council</b> <i>Meets Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.</i></p>		<p><b>Happy New Year</b></p> 	<p><i>Winter Break Activities</i></p>	<p><i>Winter Break Incentive Trip.</i></p>	<p>4 Youth Basketball @ McDermont Field House</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Prevention UCLA 5 p.m. UCLA Practice 6 p.m. MMA 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>7 TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m.</p> 	<p>8 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Elder Meeting 10 a.m. Adult Beading 4 p.m. FASGirls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5:30 p.m. MMA 6 p.m. UCLA Practice 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>9 TRTC meet 9 a.m. Health Walk 10 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Young Ladies 4:30 p.m. Wellness Topics 4 p.m. Women's Wellness 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Language, Arts &amp; Crafts 4:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m. Native Veterans 5:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>11 Youth Basketball @ McDermont Field House</p>
<p>12</p> 	<p>13 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Young Girls 4 p.m. Warriors 4:30 p.m. Prevention UCLA 5 p.m. UCLA Practice 6 p.m. MMA 6 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.</p>	<p>14 TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Positive Parenting 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Adult Beading 4 p.m. FASGirls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5:30 p.m. UCLA Practice 6 p.m. Youth Basketball Trip PC 5 p.m. Tule River Tribal Council Forum 6 p.m.</p>	<p>16 TRTC meet 9 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Young Ladies 4:30 p.m. Wellness Topics 4 p.m. Women's Wellness 6 p.m.</p> 	<p>17 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Language, Arts &amp; Crafts 4:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Tule River Elections 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> 
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 TRTC Meet 9 a.m. Tule River Youth 3 p.m. Positive Parenting 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice 5 p.m. Teen Weight Lifting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Adult Beading 4 p.m. FASGirls 4 p.m. Tule River Youth 5:30 p.m. MMA 6 p.m. UCLA Practice 6 p.m.</p>	<p>23 TRTC meet 9 a.m. Basketweaving 1 p.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Young Ladies 4:30 p.m. Wellness Topics 4 p.m. Women's Wellness 6 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Personal Trainer 6 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Yoga 10 a.m. Tule River Youth 4 p.m. Language, Arts &amp; Crafts 4:30 p.m. BART 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Youth Basketball @ McDermont Field House</p> 
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