Tule River Newsletter

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Tule River says good-buy to 2015 with a bang!

Tule River Tribal Council Chairman **Neil Peyron Vice-Chair Kenneth McDarment Treasurer** William J. Carrillo Sr. **Secretary Yolanda Gibson** Members Duane M. Garfield Sr. Rvan Garfield Kevin M. Bonds James "Nacho" Diaz Gary G. Santos







New Year's Eve was a blast with this spectacular display of fire works. As you remember 4th of July was canceled due to very dangerous drought conditions and this was the promised fireworks show. And what a show it was almost an hour of Pyrotechnic bliss to start the celebration of ringing in a new year! Thank you Tule River Event Team.

Here is your 2016 Tule River Tribal Council

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Your 2016 Tule River Tribal Council starting on the left in the back is Ryan Garfield, Vice Chairman Kenneth McDarment, Gary G. Santos, Chairman Neil Peyron, and Kevin M. Bonds. Up front are Duane M. Garfield Sr., Treasurer William J. Carrillo Sr., James "Nacho" Diaz and Secretary Yolanda Gibson.

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Tule River 2016 Election Results

Two of the three incumbents running for the Tule River Tribal Council won reelection last month. They were Neil Peyron and Ryan Garfield. Newcomers elected were James Nacho Diaz and Gary G. Santos; both have served on Council in the past.

Of the nine-member council, four seats were up for election this year. Returning for their second term will be Kenneth McDarment, Kevin Bonds, Duane Garfield, William J. Carrillo Sr. and Yolanda Gibson.

In the balloting, Neil Peyron received the most votes with 177, followed by Ryan Garfield with 113. James Diaz got 103 and Gary Santos 85 votes.

Following the count of ballots late Saturday night the 2016 Tribal Council met to elect their Executive Board, Neil Peyron was reelected as Chairman and Kenneth McDarment was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. William Carrillo Sr. was elected Treasurer and Yolanda Gibson was reelected Secretary.

Chairman Peyron thanked all for coming out to vote and said, "Please feel free to come and talk to any of us if you have questions or concerns."

Mr. Santos said, "Thank you to all of my supporters, I want to move the Tribe in a positive way."

Ryan Garfield also thanked the community for the support of all the council members saying, "I want to give everyone a fair shake, I won't play for favorites."

On the Elders Council, Patsy Vega was re-elected with the most votes of 55. Nicola Larsen won the second seat with 47 votes.

Elected as alternates were Raymond Flores Sr. and Ludrie Gonzales.

The new Elders Council met the following Tuesday to elect their Executive Board. The new Chairman is Nicola Larsen; Donna Devine was reelected as the Vice Chairman as was Darrell Vera Treasurer and Patsy Vega as Secretary.

Community Meeting
Mark your calanders for
The Tribal Council
Community Meeting
Saturday, May 7th at 9 a.m.
Tule River Justice Center
All Community members
are invited to attend.
See you there!

Welcome to Tule River Zack



Tribal Councilman Kevin Bonds has a new addition to his household. Pictured here with Kevin is Zachary Aiden Pals Bonds. Zach is now attending the new Towanits School and is the newest Tule River Commuity member. Please give a shoutout of welcome when you see Zack around the community.

In the 42nd Tule River Indian Health Advisory Board Election, there were four seats and two alternate seats up for election.

There were 567 eligible voters including 35 absentee ballots with 357 voting.

Receiving the highest number of votes was incumbent Gayline Hunter with 155 votes. Also reelected was Barbara Baga with 137 votes; Richard Brown with 102 Votes and William J. Carrillo Sr. with 83 votes. Yolanda Gibson received 79 votes gaining her the first alternate seat and Jade Garfield and Betsey Foote tied for the second alternate seat with 77 votes.

The Health Advisory Board met the following Tuesday to elect their Executive Board and to vote for the second alternate seat.

Reelected at Chairperson was Gayline Hunter. Elected as Vice-Chair was Joseph Garfield, Alberta Chavez was reelected as Secretary and Donna Medrano as the Treasurer. Winning the tie for the second alternate seat was Jade Garfield.

Due to an unfortunate accident pictures of the new Elders Board and Health Advisory Board were not taken. Look for these pictures in a future publication of the Tule River newsletter.



The Tule River
Enrollment Committee
will hold a Community
Meeting

Enrollment Community Meeting

March 15th

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Brafford Room

This meeting will be discussing the following agenda items:

- Committee Members
- Ordinance 2016
- **D.N.A.**'s
- 5 Year Plan Process
- Residency

All are welcome to attend.

Transportation Community Notice

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

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

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

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

TRANSIT VEHICLE RULES AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

No Smoking
No Horseplay
No Soliciting, selling,

No possession of alcohol or illegal substances Service will be provided for one-way, one-stop

(Tribal Building, Health Center, Justice Center, EMC)...or to connect with Route 9;

there will be no waiting... dren under 18 will not be served unt

Children under 18 will not be served until a 'Waiver Form' is signed and approved by parents and transit staff.

Please Note: This is a new program and changes in policy, regulations, rules, etc will undergo change over time.

Local business doing well at home



Periodically we like to bring to you information about your local Reservation Businesses. Here is a business that should surely interest you.

Hello! My name is Stephanie Nieto and I live right here on the Tule River Reservation. Living in this area, in the valley, playing sports, raising a family, all of these activities have a toll on the body and tend to compromise ones total health. With 4 children, my husband or me, we as most families do, spent some time in the doctor's office for various reasons such as allergies, colds, flu or injury. Every time inevitably we were prescribed some sort of medication. All of these medicines had side effects that I wasn't happy with. I was tired of jeopardizing my kids' health, kidneys, to treat symptoms that could be avoided. Almost 3 years ago, I found doTERRA essential oils and they have changed my family's lives for the better. No longer does my child have to take daily prescription allergy medication or weekly allergy shots, no longer do I suffer from pain due to inflammation in my joints, no longer do I have to worry about a recall on a seemingly simple over the counter child's fever medication. I was able to take control of my family's health by increasing their bodies' natural ability to fight illness all while reducing their toxic intake. YOU CAN TOO!! I, along with my great team of wellness advocates, would be so excited to share the gift of health and happier living with you! Give me a call, send me a message, stop me on the road, let me know that you are interested and I will be happy to arrange a class or meeting with you, your friends or family! Please see the flyer on the right.

Do you have a local business?

Do you have local business? If so the Tule River Newsletter would like to showcase you and your business right here in the Tule River Newletter.

It is simple, just call Frances Hammond at 559-781-4271 ext 1047, come by the Tribal Office for a chat, or email your information with a picture to Frances. Hammond@tulerivertrive-nsn.gov and an article, flyer or ad will be placed in the Newsletter. This is all free to Tribal Member owned businesses. So what are you waiting for? Give it a try. It just might increase your business. It will let your Community know you are there.



Take Responsibility for Your Health

Learn How Simple Natural Healthcare Can Be!

Do you want safer, cheaper, more effective healthcare? Join me to experience the healing benefits of Certified Pure Therapeutic Grade Essential oils

Learn to be a healer in your own home, while earning residual income!

Knowledge is Power

Stephanie G-Nieto Elite Wellness Advocate (559) 359-0250

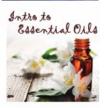
stephaniemgibson@gmail.com

www.mydoterra.com/stephaniemgibson

I am available for conference calls to teach classes or for individual consultations!

*Team classes will be held every Tuesday at Noon At the Tule Housing Authority







Happy Birthday 'Nacho'



Nacho celebrated his 70th birthday on January 22nd. TRTC had cake and ice cream in the Council Chambers.



Check out the picture on this cake! What a handsome young man he was!



Nacho is still not hard to look at! Here he is with Freda Carothers.

Submitted by Rondii Nieto

Many happy returns Maribel!



Teresa Ceballos, Eileen Yazzie, Linda Bejarano and Charles Farmer all surround their Human Resources Department partner for her birthday last month, celebrating with a western theme they surprised Maribel Sanchez with an old fashion round-up of fun. Hope your day was filled with wide open spaces and blue skys! Happy Birthday Maribel and many more.



Nacho is here with Susan Williams and Lola Ogden.

Later that evening, family and friends celebrated with Nacho. They enjoyed dinner, dancing and making new memories. Party goers arrived in a variety of ages.



EMC is a good neighbor!

Eagle Mountain Casino held its 15th Annual Golf Tournament at the Rio Bravo Country Club in Bakersfield, Ca last October. The Tournament raised \$50,000.00 that was split between five charitable organizations in Kern and Tulare Counties.

Eagle Mountain Casino hosts a yearly annual golf tournament to raise money for local charitable organizations. This year's recipients were the Tule River Scholarship Fund, Golden Empire Gleaners, Porterville Area Coordinating Council, Porterville Adult Day Services and Wounded Heroes of Kern County. Each organization was presented with \$10,000.00 towards their efforts to continue helping those in need.

Eagle Mountain Casino will continue to raise funds for five selected Charitable Organizations each year, based on a 2 year term. After 2 years, another local organization will be chosen to receive the raised funds. Congratulations to this year's recipients with a combined donation of \$50,000 from Eagle Mountain Casino.

Here is what the organizations had to say about the generous donations from Eagle Mountain Casino.



P.A.D.S.

"It is a very humbling thing to be able to share what we do and to have an organization that really cares about what we do and back it up with a donation as large as \$10,000.00. This is heartwarming for the Board of Directors, Staff, myself, the Caregivers and the Clients that we serve. Thank you so much, I am very grateful". – P.A.D.S. Executive Director, Cheri Taylor.



Wounded Heroes Fund of Kern County "Wounded Heroes Fund greatly appreciates the support Eagle Mountain Casino has shown over the years. Wounded Heroes Fund offers multiple programs to help Veterans and their families' transition from active duty to civilian life. This donation will help with our efforts in providing assistance and support to our local heroes". – Wounded Heroes Fund Office Manager, Erica Schaubschlager.



Tule River Education Department "On behalf of the over 40 Tule River Tribal students currently enrolled in college - Thank you Eagle Mountain Casino for your generous gift of \$10,000 made to the Tule River College Scholarship Fund! The gift is truly an investment in the future of the Tribe!" – Jerry Livesey, Tule River Education Department Director.



More EMC Donations!



Golden Empire Gleaners

"We are so grateful for Eagle Mountain Casino and their continued support of the Golden Empire Gleaners. This year's generous donation helped us to feed numerous needy families during the holiday season. It was a timely gift and much appreciated. Thank you!" - Director, Jim Wheeler.



Porterville Area Coordinating Council "It is an honor for PACC to be receiving this monetary donation from Eagle Mtn. Casino as it is allowing us to continue the great work done to help 12 communities in South Eastern Tulare County. The Drought has overwhelmed our office and this money will certainly help us to cover costs related to the both the Drought and general operations. Thank you Eagle Mtn. Casino for taking care of local non- profits. It is because of Eagle Mtn. Casino that Porterville and the surrounding areas prosper. Together we will continue to partner and fill the need of so many in our community who need a hand up!" - PACC Director, Elva Beltran.





INTEREST ONLY

March 24, 2016 5:30 - 7:00 pm Parent Orientation March 31, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm Youth Orientation April 7, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm **Group Support and Self Esteem** April 14, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm **Setting and Monitoring Goals** April 21, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm Building Self Esteem, Beating the Blues April 28, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm Decision Making - Taking Steps May 5, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm Anger Management #1 May 12, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm Anger Management #2 May 19, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm

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

Drug - Use Control- Making Health

June 2, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm

June 9, 2016 5:30 - 7:00pm

Celebrating Graduation and Recap

Recognizing Progress and Staying On Track

Decisions

School Smarts

Graduates and Family Dinner

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



Office of Education

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

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

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





Native Vets news



Here are the new elected officers for the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 from the left are Chaplain Leland Castro, Sgt. at Arms Carlos DeSoto, Treasurer Ryan Garfield, 1st. Lieutenant Clay Garfield, Capitan Matt Carabay and Commander Stan Santos.

Big news last month besides new officer elections was that Herschal Kaulaity is back in California and will once again become active in the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987. Welcome back Herschal.

Under old business was a discussion concerning conducting a Hunter Safety course at the Veterans Building. Sylvia Guerrero with the Army Corp of Engineers brought with her all the information. The course will be for Tule River Tribal and Community Members only and will be held at the Veterans Building on Saturday, February 20th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration forms are available at the Tule River Tribal Office and more information can be obtained by calling Stan Santos Sr. at 791-0294 or Ryan Garfield at 788-1032. You are asked to arrive and prepare for the class between 7:30 and 8 a.m. Lunch will be served and there will be a raffle for students age 12 and under. Students 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult there is a \$10 Certification fee for students 13 and older. Tule River Tribal Council will pay the fee for Students 12 and under.

Ms. Guerrero also invited everyone to the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge, an event sponsored by the Southern Tulare County Sportsman's Association. This event takes place Saturday February 27th at 8 a.m. at the Lake Success Wildlife area. For information on this event place call 660-6011.

It was then on to the 2016 Election of new Officers. The new elected officers for the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 are Chaplain Leland Castro, Sgt. at Arms Carlos DeSoto, Treasurer Ryan Garfield, 1st. Lieutenant Clay Garfield, Captain Matt Carabay and Commander Stan Santos.

When all the business was done all dined on a great potluck style dinner and as usual birthdays were celebrated with cake and ice cream. Both January birthday boys Delbert Davis and Pat Garfield were AWOL.



Pat Garfield's birthday was celebrated for he is a January baby, but he was AWOL last month at the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 Meeting!





Enroll Today! Certification on Day of Completion

This class is for the Tribal & Community Members Only



February 20, 2016

7:30a.m.-8:00a.m. Arrival/Prep for class

Instructors: Bill Moench & Robbie Hill

8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Hunter Education Course

Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 Building 340 N. Reservation Road, Porterville



Children 17 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Fee for students 12 & Under will be paid.
Students 13 and older need to pay \$10 (Certification fees) at the time of class.

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Raffle for Students Age 12 and Under Lunch will be provided.

Sponsored by the Tule River Native Veterans Post 1987 Pre-registration forms available at the Tule River Tribal Office Front Desk. Turn in completed forms to front desk or:

Stan Santos Sr. (559) 791-0294

Ryan Garfield (559)788-1032



Know your gun, your responsibilities, and proper ethics.



Hunter Education

News of and for the Elders



Karen Garfield wishes everyone a very Happy New Year.

The Elders started out the New Year with a big bang. All were treated to the Community Fireworks show New Year's Eve that was viewable from the Elders Building. After the show all dined and danced the New Year in. Music was provided by Ray Flores and friends. Just check out pictures and you can see what a great time everyone had.



Donna Devine had a little help from Shy-La Franco.



Ray Flores and Friends (I spy Frank Silvas!) played throughout the night at the Elder's New Year's Eve Party.

During their regular meeting Treasurer Darrell Vera gave a report on purchasing new sound equipment for the building. Mr. Vera had the building surveyed earlier and it is his hope that the building can be wired with speakers that will utilize wireless mikes. The estimate he received was around \$15,000, but he would like to submit a counter offer.



And as always there was plenty of very delicious goodies for all to dine on.

Shawn Gonzales the new Cultural Director for the Recreation Department came with Juanita Perez also with the Cultural Department to donate pictures from the department of Youth Pow-wows and other cultural pictures from other events.

Ms. Gonzales also had a request that the Elders would come and share with the students and for any suggestions for projects the Elders would like to be involved in at the Cultural Department.

More on the Elders

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Mary Herimeo and Donna Devine display artwork donated by the Cultural Department's by new Director Shawn Gonzales.

Also, Shane Christie has offered to help Elders by doing their yard work. Donna Devine had him do her yard and said that he did a lot of work and the yard looks nice.

Lunch was served and this month birthdays were celebrated with pie. January birthday babies were Marilyn Hunter and Elaine Flores. The Elders would also like to welcome new Elder Michele McDarment.

The Tule River Elders Council would like to invite all Tule River Elders to their next meeting to be held at the Elders Center on Wednesday, March 9th at 10 a.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship and lunch is always served.



These lovely ladies celebrated their birthdays in January. It is the very lovely Elaine Flores and just as lovely Marilyn Hunter. Many happy returns ladies.

A thank you from Patsy Vega

I would like to thank all the Elders for allowing me to remain on the Elders Council for the next two years. I will do the best I can to meet your needs.

Our Elders Center is open Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a beading class instructed by Linda Peterson if you are a beginner or you can bring your own project to work on to fellowship and it is a potluck too.

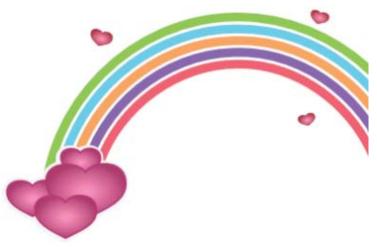
The Language class hours will be changed from 9 a.m. to an evening hour later in February. This class is instructed by James Diaz.

On Tuesday's from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Ludrie Gonzales has her Basketweavers Class, come and participate.

There are policies in place to request the use of our Center that goes before the Elders Council for approval or denial.

The last Saturday of the month we will have a Swap and Shop (swap meet) in the Elders parking lot. Possible fee of \$10 per space for any one Tribal at this time.

Thank you, Patsy Vega





Tule River hosts career fair



Tule River Vice-Chairman, Kenneth McDarment welcomed everyone to the event.

Last month during Winter Break Tule River Tribal Council as well as the Tule River Education Department, Eagle Mountain Casino and the California Indian Education Association hosted a University and Tribal College Career Fair.

Kicking off the festivities was Tribal Council Vice-Chair Kenneth McDarment welcoming all in attendance. Education Department Director, Dr. Jerry Livesey thanked all the College representatives for coming far and near to provide students with the many options available at each of their institutions. Vernon Vera and William J. Carrillo Sr. gave a blessing with song.



Dr. Jerry Livesey, Tule River Education Department Director thanked the colleges for coming.



Vernan Vera and Willie Carrillo bless the event with song.



Melvin Monette Past National Indian Education Association President was the first keynote speaker.

Keynote speaker Melvin Monette, Turtle Tribe from N.D. and a past National Indian Education Association President, gave a talk about mapping out your life. He told students that it is very important to decide what you are going to do and to check out all your options. He also said, "What you want to be depends on what you want to do!" he pushed engagement with those who can give you advice and that when talking to colleges remember that there are scholarships for everything." Mr. Monette also urged all students to vote and help to get others to vote.

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Need help applying for college financial aid??

The Tule River Education Department's Tribal Education Program (TEP) will be able to assist you in applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & the Cal Grant applications on the following dates and locations:

The Education Center's Computer Lab Located at 310 N Reservation Rd On February 9, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. & on February 23, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Study Center's Computer Lab
Located at 568 W Olive Ave
On February 11, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
& on February 25, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR AN OFFICE VISIT.

Documents You Will Need to Bring With You:

- Your Social Security number or your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent student.
- · Your driver's license number if you have one.
- Federal tax information or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and for your parents if you are a dependent student; IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ.
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans non-education benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student.
 Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks
 and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and
 farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact: Ron Carrillo at 559 791.9136 or by email at rcarrillo@towanits.com Marlena Escalera at 559 781.1761 or by email at mescalera@towanits.com

More on college fair



Tule River Tribal Member Johnny Nieto spoke to the group on his life's journey.

The next speaker was Tule River's own Johnny Nieto. Mr. Nieto talked about his past going to college in Los Angeles and doing the Pow-wow circle. He met many other Native Americans and has learned a lot from them. He said that joining the Pow-wow circle made him feel close to home. He is now attending school in Oaklahoma. His advice is do not let failure stop you. If something doesn't work try another way. "Don't be afraid to leave, but come back to teach the younger ones." He went on to say, "Listen to your Elders, listen to the school advisors,



sistant for Northwest Indian College spoke about her school.



Students gather to listen to the college reps speak on their schools.

listen to people, you learn something."

Many colleges were in attendance such as Fresno State, Porterville College, Clovis Community College, UEI College, Haskell and Northwest Indian College. Students were able to talk with the college reps and see just what each school had to offer. Each College Representative spoke to the group too.

Tule River Human Resources, Eagle Mountain Casino Human Resources, Tule River Department of Development and Planning, Tule River Education Department and the United States Department of Aquaculture had USFS personnel on hand to let students know just what education was needed for the various jobs offered by each.

Closing the program was Marty Meeden, a member of the Board of Directors for the California Teachers Association. Mr. Meeden had a beautiful print to donate to the new Towanits School.



Shoshaunee Elliott an admissions administrative As- Representing the California Teacher's Association was Marty Meeden. He donated this beautiful print to the New Towanits School.



2016 Hatsamaxo Mai Community Blessing & Walk



Saturday

February 20, 2016

10am-2pm



10am Welcome/

Blessing

11am Walk around the loop

12noon Lunch

Giveaways & Raffles

Shirts for All **Participants**



2016 Shirt Design







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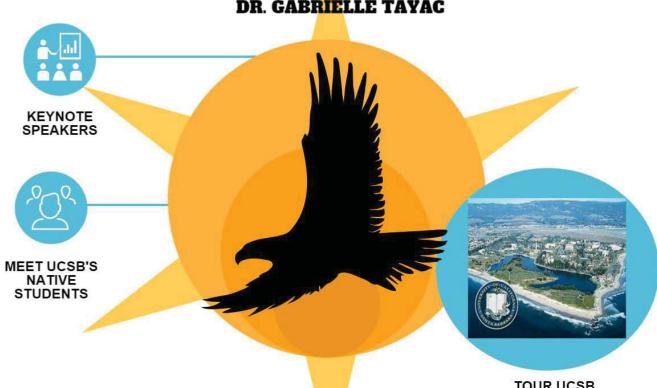


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PRESENTS S.T.A.N.D.S.

The University of California, Santa Barbara American Indian Students Association invites junior college, high school, and middle school students to attend our S.T.A.N.D.S. or Students Taking Action for Native Dreams and Success

REPATRIATION AND REVITALIZATION SYMPOSIUM ON FEB. 19TH FEATURING DR. GABRIELLE TAYAC



TOUR UCSB



STAY IN **DORMS**



LEARN ABOUT FINANCIAL AID



LEARN ABOUT THE ADMISSION **PROCESS**



DINE IN DINING COMMONS

EVENT IS ON FEBRARY 19-20

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP: UCSB AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCATION (AISA)



On behalf of UCSB's American Indian Student Association, we are pleased to invite you to spend a weekend with University of California, Santa Barbara American Indian students. This is an open invitation to all indigenous youth in both high school, junior high, and community colleges for the fourth annual Students Taking Action for Native Dreams of Success (STANDS) Outreach Conference on February 18th-20th

Founded in the early '70s to promote cultural awareness to the university's general population and to provide a cultural connection and sense of community for its American Indian students, the American Indian Student Association (AISA) is a student led-organization comprised of American Indian and Indigenous students. Today, AISA continues to seek an awareness of American Indian culture through knowledge of history, language, customs, and current events.

We are excited to host students at this retreat in conjunction with a symposium on February 19th. The theme of this year's symposium is on Repatriation and Revitalization of native peoples and cultures. Attendees will have the chance to meet with and hear of the latest projects from both Undergraduate and Graduate students in the relevant field areas. Attendees will also have the special opportunity to hear Dr. Gabrielle Tayac and Niki Sandoval give talks on Repatriation and Revitalization, respectively. Dr. Gabrielle Tayac is an historian at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. An advocate for indigenous rights, Gabrielle Tayac has published a number of important articles on indigenous issues, and her work as an historian is helping to revitalize and repatriate indigenous peoples and their cultures. Additionally, Niki Sandoval is the education director of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians where she is responsible for overseeing the tribe's education programs for tribal students. This will give a vital opportunity for Native American students to learn from an authority on Native American education about the importance of developing education programs that revitalize ancestral knowledge in education curriculum, especially for sovereign nations like the Chumash.

Aside from the symposium, attendees will have the opportunity to meet current American Indian college students from UCSB who will host them throughout the two-day event. Attendees have the unique opportunity to go on a campus tour tailored to their interests and learn about college life at UCSB by current American Indian Students. Also, attending students will have the chance to speak with campus representatives about the UC admissions process, academic counseling, Financial Aid for college, and student life activities.

Save the date for this special event you will not want to miss! Contact us at ucsb.aisa@gmail.com with any questions you may have and be sure to RSVP as soon as possible! The deadline to RSVP is February 1st.

There are a limited amount of scholarships available to assist with transportation, housing accommodations, and dining expenses. If you are interested in receiving assistance, please contact us ASAP.

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there! Sincerely, AISA

The Tule River Tribal Council and Employees wish to express their heartfelt condolences to the family of

Donna McCowan Williams

Words fall short of expressing our sorrow for your loss.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

The Tule River Tribal Council and Employees wish to express their sincerest condolences to the family of

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James Tyler Garfield

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Display Case Space Available!

Do you have Traditional or Cultural

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Artwork...

To Display?

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







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

Ways to Worship

Tule Grace 490 Church

Every Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.

Tule River Gym

Pastor John Moreno 559-741-5391

Mater Dolorosa Mission

Mass held every Sunday at 1 p.m.
Officiated by
Monsignor Ronald Royer
or
Monsignor Scott Daugherty

Potluck 4th Sunday of every month following services

Please bring your favorite dish to share and Fellowhip

Church on the Hill

Services every Sunday/Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School for all Children
Transportation for Everyone!

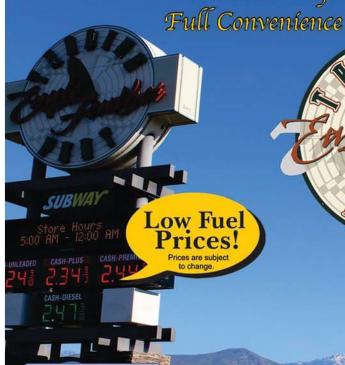
190 N Reservation Rd.

Pastors: Roxanne and Nathan Burtt
We take prayer requests 24 hours a day
Call and leave a message at the church
788-2060 or 560-7671

Or drop off your prayer requests at the church in the prayer request mail box in front God Bless You All!



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RV Dump



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Public Service Announcement!

In lieu of the recent gas leak situation in Los Angeles, our topic for the month of February is Home Gas/Propane Safety. If you are unaware of the situation occurring in Southern California, let me fill you in. A methane gas line began to leak on October 23, 2015, located 25 miles north of LA and continues to leak. This leak is said to be the worst natural catastrophe since the B.P. oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, 2010. Over 1,700 homes and 2 schools have been evacuated due to the noxious gas. It is estimated that it will not be fixed until March. Although, attempts are being made to correct the situation, this disaster could have been avoided. In 1979 one of the gas plants valves was leaking, and rather than replace it with a new one, they decided to do away with it all together. It may have been almost 40 years ago but, it goes to show you that not planning ahead for the future and neglecting to address the situation properly, have now lead to a severe situation.

We here on the Tule River may never see a situation quite this large on our own land but we should look at the situation in a way that pertains to us; and that is Home Gas Safety. Propane tanks are very common here. Most homes, if not all, are heated with propane, along with outdoor grill's, space heaters and Bar-B-Q's.

Here at the Tule River Building Department; the safety and wellbeing of our fellow Tribal members is priority number one. So here are a few simple things you can do to detect leaks in your own home that just may save your life.

- 1. If it smells like gas, unless you just ate some really good chili beans, you may have a leak
- 2. If you feel that you may have a leak you can use soap and water at connections to locate leaks. If you're seeing a constant "bubbling" in your soapy water coming from the treads, you more than likely have a leak.
- 3. Next time you have "the Propane Man" fill your tank, ask them to check the tank connections for leaks. After all you pay the company good money; the least they can do is check your tanks for leaks.
- 4. When you finish using your BBQ or propane powered space heaters, remember to shut off the gas.
- 5. If you do have leaks, or think you may have leaks, please notify someone. If you need assistance the Tribe has departments that will help you, all you have to do is ask.

If product release can be either controlled or eliminated, safety is effectively addressed. (NFPA)



Family Formation Motherhood Is Sacred

Dates

January 6 & 20th February 3 & 17 March 2 & 16 & 30th April 13 & 27th May 11 & 25th June 8 & 22

All workshops 10:00-12:30 pm Child care will not be provided

WOMEN'S FAMILY AWARENESS AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THEIR YOUTH Meetings will be held in the Porterville TANF Office. 191 W. Poplar Avenue Transportation will be available

Be sure to call your Site Project Coordinator at your site

Wednesday morning workshops will be facilitated by Frances Sandoval using the Motherhood Is Sacred curriculum.

This is a collaboration with Porterville and Tule River's Family Formation event for Mother's Health and Family Awareness. Snacks will be provided.



If you have any questions please contact: Frances Sandoval 559-791-9271 Ext 358 Or Connie Becerra 559-782-8211 Ext 375





Family Formation Fatherhood - GONA

Dates

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

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

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

MEN'S FAMILY AWARENESS AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THEIR YOUTH

This is a Tule River father and youth event for Men's Health and Family Awareness. Snacks will be provided. .



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

Connie Becerra 559-782-8211 Ext 375



ARTS&CRAFTS

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

ALL YOUTH WELCOME

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

For More Information Contact:

Cultural Coordinator-Cricket McDarment 782-5554 x2105

Cultural Assistant-Juanita Perez 782-5554 x2109 . Beading

. Crafts

. Drawing

· Puzzles

. Cames

. Movies

.FUN!



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



WITTEN STATES



Mondays, Wødnøsdays & Fridays
10am-11am

"You are one class away from a good mood"

- . People of all fitness levels are welcome.
 - · Improve your balance & flexibility.
 - . Come out and meet new people.
 - · Relieve stress
 - . Have FUN!

Questions eall the Personal Trainer/Recreation Assistants Stevee Moya 782-5554 ext. 2106 or Jessica Gonzalez 2112

Families Living In Sobriety

Meetings Every Saturday

Where: Catholic Church 350 N. Reservation Road Porterville, Ca 93257 9:00-11:00 am



Come and take the Wellbriety journey to a clean and sober family lifestyle. Talking circles for youth and adults. The entire family is welcome to come.

Facilitated by Lawrence (Ducky) Macias THIS IS A FAMILY FORMATION EVENT



Snacks and refreshments will be provided

For more information contact: Connie Becerra 559-782-8211 Ext 375 OVCDC TANF Office Refreshments will be provided



Tule River Recreation - Cultural Department

Adult Beading Class

Please join us on

Thursday Nights

5:00pm –7:00pm at the Tule Gym Cultural room

Dinner provided

Veed Help with a Project? Want to start a Project? Want to Learn?



For More Information Please Contact: Cultural Coordinator—Cricket McDarment 782-5554 x2105 Cultural Assistant-Juanita Perez 782-5554 x2109

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tule River Study Center Pillar of Character Caring

I would like to nominate Miss Isabel Burrough to represent the Pillar of Caring for the month of January. Isabel is a 5th grader in Mr. Lewis' class at Westfield Elementary. I have known Isabel for some vears now and as long as I can remember, she has been caring and genuinely kind to everyone. Isabel is a very attentive listener and always values what others have to say. She easily recognizes when others need help and is one of the first to lend a hand and never expects a reward for being amiable and considerate; it is just who she is. I can't imagine the Study Center without her there; she is truly a wonderful young lady. Well done Isabel!

Mrs. Courtney Cardoza

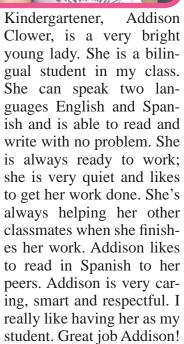


We nominated Grace Clower for Character Counts for being caring. She was being nominated because she is always nice and caring with her peers. She is always looking after others, if they need help she tries her best to help out. Grace is an excellent leader and participates in every class activity. She shows great determination and is a very good girl.

Ms. A and Ms. Maribel

Adalene Duran is one of my most caring students. She is always trying to help her fellow classmates with their homework and class projects. She does her best to include everyone in the games/activities she plays. Adalene has a good heart and warm personality, which brightens up Room 1 every day that she is here.

Ms. Jackie



Ms. Diane



First grader, Serafinah Gibson- Nieto, is one of the most caring people in my class. Serafinah is always willing to help others and myself. She's always worried about everyone else getting their work done. She is very helpful to the class. Serafinah is smart, helpful, caring and ready to work when she comes in. She's always smiling and has very good vocabulary when speaking, she can also speak two languages, English and Spanish, and she is very fluent. Serafinah will succeed in everything she does, she is a go-getter. I really enjoy Serafinah Gibson- Nieto in my class. Great job Serafinah Gibson-Nieto! Ms. Diane



For the pillar of Caring I would like to nominate Charee Dalisay! She constantly shows compassion towards classmates and tries her best to get along with everyone. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom and consistently thoughtful and helpful to the people around her. Good job Charee! Mr. C.

Photo unavailable at press time.



Tule River Townits School Pillar of Character Caring

I would like to nominate Naomi Vega for the student of the month. Naomi is very caring and spontaneous. When someone is upset she always tries to make sure they are okay. She shares and gets along with others. I am very pleased that Naomi makes part of our class.

M. Salazar

Temia Acosta is the second grade Student of the Month for January. She is one of the sweetest students I have ever worked with. Temia loves to talk about her family and you can tell how much she really adores and loves them all. She is well liked by her peers and gets along with everyone. Temia, you are a truly caring person!

Miss Karri





The third grade student of the Month goes to Kevin Franco. Kevin a caring individual. He makes sure all his peers are taken care of. He shows concern when any one of his classmates is upset. Kevin is a caring individual who makes a difference in our school. Thank you Kevin.

Mr. Gonzalez

The 1st grade Student of the Month is Jose Tapia. Jose is a very caring student. He tries to make sure his classmates are taken care of. He gets very concerned when any of his classmates are upset and tries to fix the problem. Mrs. Tapia







When I think of caring, I think of Lily Garfield. Lily is in the 6th grade at Pioneer. I also had her for tutoring last year. She is always so helpful when her fellow students need help. Lily is very polite and always says thank you. Her manners in the classroom are consistent. She never expresses a negative thought about anyone. She is very gracious and kind. It is a pleasure having you in class Lily. Keep up the great work.

Debra Lykins

No photos availabel at press time.

Gentle Giant of Tule River

By Ludrie (Manuel) Gonzales

Submitted by Judy Nieto with permission from Ludrie Gonzales, first published in the Tule Elk Culture Club Rodeo Program, September 2003.

Crashing through the Manzanita and chaparral brush like a flash flood out of control appears a handsome fearless dear devil on horseback. As usual He's chasing a herd of wild mustangs. His Indian name is Wah toh kai, he is better known as Ralph Manuel, Red or the Gripper.

Coffee, the high spirited black gelding he rides is just as daring as he, speeds by in hot pursuit. With sweat dripping, lathered from head to hindquarters and nostrils flaring, he too is focused on the suicidal chase. It ends in a cloud of dust with the capture of wild mustangs, the most beautiful creatures what roam the mountains and hillsides of the Tule River Indian Reservation.

Ralph was born July 19, 1918. He was the second of seven sons born to Albert and Maude (*Garner) Manuel. He also had two sisters, Hortense and Georgia. His brothers were Alfred, Celestino (tino), Lawrence (Opossum), Clarence (Moonshine), Leonard, and David. As I write this Leonard is the only child of Albert and Maude who is still alive.

My youngest sister Rebecca Banuelos and I still live on the Tule River Indian Reservation where we were raised by our parents Ralph and Ella Manuel. My three other sisters Crispina Sierra, Kathleen Nieto and Florentina Jeff are all deceased.

Dad told us about how it was when he went to school here on the Reservation. He said, "When I was a little kid, I had a face full of freckles and orange hair. Because of my ugly hair, I grew up with the nickname Red."

From Grandmother Maude's side of the family we have Pungkalache, Yawilminee and Irish ancestry. This is where dad inherited his freckles and red hair.

Dad said. "I hated the way I looked; I wanted to look like the other Indian children. I didn't like going to school because of my looks. One day I ditched school and hid on the side of a hill by some bushes and a rock pile. Along came Big Jim Alto the Truant Officer. He was checking up on children that didn't go to school that day."

"I watched him trot by on his big black horse. He was a big heavy set man with dark skin. He wore a big black trench coat and a black hat. Some of the children were afraid of him."

"I decided to scare his horse so I took my slingshot from around my neck and a small rock from my pocket. I took aim intending to shoot the rear end of his horse. Thuck! Big Jim quickly grabbed the back of his neck where my rock connected him."

"His horse got spooked and started to buck. Big Jim hung on and rode the buck out of his horse. He looked all around, still holding his neck and tried to find who shot

him. He rode a few steps in my direction then turned and trotted on down the dirt road."

"I was glad he couldn't find me. He never did find out who shot him because I never told anyone, I made sure he wouldn't find out."

Time brought welcomed changes for dad as he grew older, some of his freckles disappeared and his hair turned a beautiful shade of auburn that Clairol of Loriel couldn't match. He had waves and curls in just the right places. He liked to wear fancy western shirts, Levis, cowboy boots and a Stetson hat. Old Spice was his fragrance.

Dad taught himself how to play several instruments, the violin, guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele and harmonica. He enjoyed playing music with his friends. I liked to hear him play the violin. By the way he played, you could tell if he was feeling happy or sad. If he Played, "Sweeter the Flowers," he as feeling the pain and sorrow of grandmother Maude's unfortunate death which happened around 1937.

At times dad was a gentle giant with a heart of pure gold, Many times he took in homeless acquaintances, sharing no more than he had. Those who came to know him well admired and respected him.

Nothing stood in the way of his accomplishments, not even the hard bucking snorting palomino stallion he was breaking, it refused to be ridden. One day it threw him mercilessly to the ground, breaking his right leg.

Dad came home from the hospital wearing a cast from his thigh to the bottom of his foot. Three days later he was riding the stallion again, cast and all. My dad was incredibly courageous. He operated on true grit and nerves of steel. He often told me, "When you ride houses, you have to show them who's the boss." I wanted to be just like him.

When I was a small child, dad didn't come home one evening, I was the last family member waiting up for him, finally I turned out the kerosene lamp and climbed into bed.

As I placed my head on my pillow, I saw a little girl about my size come through the closed door in the room where I slept. I could see through her. I watched her come and stand by my bed next to the wooden orange create my kerosene lamp sat on. I got scared and covered my head. When I uncovered my head to look again she was gone.

Later I was told that she probably had a message for me. I didn't know much about spirits at the time but now I have a better understanding.

The next morning we got bad news that dad, his father Albert and few more passengers in the jeep dad was driving had gotten into a bad accident. They wrecked off the old Worth Bridge, a good 20 foot drop. They were all taken to the hospital by ambulance. We were told that some of them were in critical condition.

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More on the Gentle Grant

They must have had Indian insurance because all of them miraculously survived. Many days later, all of the passengers were released from the hospital. Dad had the worst injuries of all so he wasn't released. Later he escaped from the hospital and came home. It was obvious that he was still in a great deal of pain.

His left shoulder was broken, his whole back was badly skinned and his cheek was punctured where he could squirt water out of the hole. There was some damage done to his nose, sometimes it made a whistling sound.

One evening my sister Crispina and I were sitting under the black walnut tree with dad eating walnuts, he was telling us stories, "Listen, did you hear that?" He asked.

"What is it?" We both asked.

"Sounds like someone is yelling for help! Sounds like it's coming from Black Mountain. Listen real good and you can hear it." He added.

"Oh yeah, now I can hear it," Crispina said, with a serious look on her face.

"Me too," I added my foolish little two cents.

We kept listening, trying to hear more. Dad started laughing, "There's no one yelling for help. Listen. It's just my nose making that sound. It star0ted doing that ever since I wrecked our jeep at the old Worth Bridge."

All three of us had a good laugh. Dad liked to play tricks on us and laugh about it. He liked to tease us when he took us fishing. He was fun to be around.

Among his many acquaintances, dad was known for his strength and powerful grip. Winning arm wrestling and hand gripping contests was easy for him. I have often seen him turn other men's hands blue and bring tears to their eyes. Sometimes he would tease them and make them say "uncle" before he let go of their tortured hands.

Dad had a lot of neat life experiences. Wilber (Butch) Eugene, a Traditional Indian Doctor from Lake County lived with us a while when he was on our reservation. Dad use to smoke the pipe for him when he doctored people.

Dad said he learned a lot from Wilbur. The vast knowledge and wisdom he acquired regarding his heritage, culture, traditions and surroundings before and after Wilber come along amazed persons young and old.

He spoke to people in their language. Whether it was English, Spanish or any of the dialects of the Yokuts Indian Languages he had mastered. He also used sign language when the need occurred. Sometimes he didn't need to speak since his dark brown eyes had a language of their own.

On December 23, 1985 at the age of 67 a massive heart attack ended his life, fulfilling his own prophecy that he shared with one of his daughters several years prior to the closing chapter of his legendary life.

WANTED

FOR A LITTLE HISTORY

Do you have any old photos you would like to share?

Do you have some Tule River history you would like to share?

Maybe you would like to tell everyone a interesting storiy.

If so please give me a call At 781-4271, ext. 1047

Send me an email at

Frances.Hammond@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov

Or just come
by the Tribal Office
For a visit and a talk
Your community would

love to hear from you!

BINGO

Second Friday of the

Month

Bradford Room Tribal Office

6:00 pm.—9:00 pm.

\$20.00 Pre sale

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

\$25.00 at the door

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

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

They are!





First we would like to thank Vivian Christman for sharing this picture of her mother and uncle. They are Valores 'Debbie' Vera and her brother Virgil Vera. Vernon Vera recognized his brother and sister right away! Also guessing right was Judy Nieto.

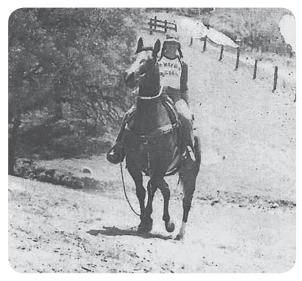


Judy Nieto also knew the young girl on the left. It is Francita (Emeterio) Nieto, her mother. Judy shared that she was well known as Cita, many Natives called her that. She also knew her Tachi native language very well. We thank Alonzo McDarment for sharing this picture of his God Mother.

No one knew who the cutie on the horse is. It is none other than Loren (Tubber) McDarment Sr. Everyone remembers the photographer coming around with the horse to take these



kind of pictures though! Thank you to Alonzo McDarment for sharing this photos with us also.



Here is another one to try. Do you know this girl? If so give me a call at 781-4271 ext. 1047, email me at Frances.Hammond.@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov, or just come on by. If you guess right your name will appear here next month.



Community Tae Kwon Do Class

EVER FRIDAY



Sign ups will be taken at:

. Towanits Indian Education Center



Location:

Tule River Justice Center Room 113 Ages 5-12 years 6:00pm - 7:00pm Ages 13 and up 7:00pm-8:00pm Up to 6 months

* All youth must be accompanied by an adult

Sponsored By: The Tule River Tribal Council PO Box 589 Porterville, CA 93257



*Co Sponsored by the Tule River Indian Health Center

Personal Trainer

With Stevee

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm



"Pain is weakness leaving the body"-unknown

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



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

Teen Weight Lifting



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

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

Get in shape.

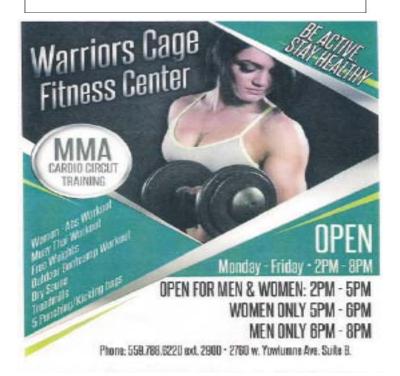
BE COMMITTED!

Ages: 12-17 yrs



"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent."

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



Blueberry Cheese Pie



This pie is great just the way it is or you can spread it with whipped topping and sprinkling with graham cracker crumbs to make it pretty. Enjoy it with your Valentine!

Ingredients

- Prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 8oz. Package reduced fat cream cheese
- 1 Tbs.+ 1 teas. Instant non-fat dry milk +1/4 cup water or 1/4 cup non-fat milk
- 2 tbs powdered sugar
- 1 21 oz can blueberry pie filling
- Fat-free whipped topping (optional)

Directions

- 1. Chill graham cracker crust in refrigerator.
- 2. In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, milk and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread evenly over the chilled crust.
- 3. Spread the pie filling over the cream cheese mixture and chill until firm.
- 4. If you like spread whipped topping on top of pie.
- 5. Sprinkle the top with graham cracker crumbs, if desired. Chill until serving time.

Serves 10

Calories 320, Total fat 20g, Saturated fat 0g, Cholesterol 40mg, Sodium 250mg, Carbohydrate 35g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 28g, Protein 3g, Vitamin A 190 RE, Vitamin C 0mg, Calcium 35mg, Iron 2mg, Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.



February USDA Food
Distribution
559-781-3129



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

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







Pregnancy Prevention

Health Awareness and Beading

Every Monday Night at
5:30pm - 7:30 pm at the TANF Office
OPEN TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Learn healthy food and nutritional tips and learn how to bead?

Come and try our workshops

On health and nutrition and beading class!

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



NEW CLASSES
Beading being facilitated by
Zona Franco



ALL WORKSHOPS ARE HELD AT THE TULE RIVER TANF OFFICE
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:
CONNIE BECERRA AT 559-782-8211 EXT 375

Pregnancy Prevention Youth Leadership Program

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

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

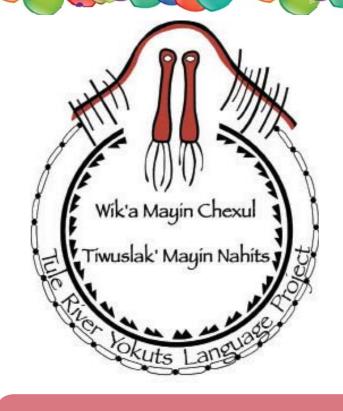
Zona Franco will be facilitating this leadership event for our youth 14-18 years old. The youth will learn about leadership, higher education, vision crushers, work ethics, budgeting, confidence, respect and honor.







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



Yowlumni Language Classes

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

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

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

christina.jaquez@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov

Employee Birthdays

Tule River Tribal Council and
The Human Resources Department
Wish Tule River Employees A Very Happy Birthday
And a Valentines Day



February 2

Richi I. Mininger - Gaming Security
February 3

Brian Pratt - Gaming Security
February 4

Jul Grzybeck – Education

February 5Jose L. Madrigal - Structure Fire Department

February 6

Daniel H. Williams - Public Works Ronald L. Buckman - USDA

February 8

Chase Williams - Public Works
Veronica E. McDarment - Education
Jessica James - Oak Pit

February 9

Dakota T. Smith - DPS

February 10

Charmaine McDarment - Office of General Counsel Adriana L. Rodriguez – Education

February 11

Diane Marenco - Education Jeremiah C. Garcia - Oak Pit

February 12

Kerry Vera - EPA

Robert Velasquez - Oak Pit

February 13

Daniel T. Wilson - Structure Fire Department Eric Calantas - DPS

Nick Martinez - Gaming Security

February 14

Alan Gonzalez - Education David Sylvester - Tule River Graphics

February 15

Gilbert Williams, Public Works Carlos J. DeSoto - Public Works

Roderick R. Gomez - Public Works

February 16

Alicia Martinez - Family and Social Services

February 18

Evristal D. Silas - TRAP

Fred A. Burrough, Natural Resources

Dezaray A. Alfaro, WIA 02/19

February 20

Jahida Zarate - Future Generations Angel Carreles - Natural Resources

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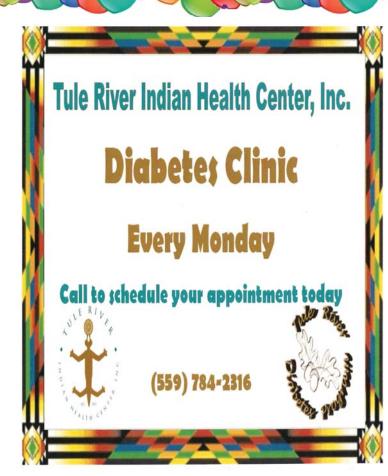
Rita R. McDarment - Facilities

February 29

Dennis Sigo - Future Generations

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





Finding Our Savings Through Couponing

Every Wednesday

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

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

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



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



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





TRIHCI Behavioral Health Dept. will be holding an all Woman's Talking Circle. Share your experience, strengths and hopes!

When: Fridays @ 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Where: Tule River Health Center Boardroom

If you have any questions please give us a call 559-784-2316 ext \$227\$

Court cards accepted! ©



Dinner for Two

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

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JOB OPENINGS



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

Closes: 02/24/2016

Server/Waitress - Oak Pit Restaurant

Bartender - Oak Pit Restaurant

Corporate Controller - TREDC

Crossing Guard - Education

Tutor - Towanits School

Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator / Trainee - Public Works

Closes: Open Until Filled

Chief of Police

Family & Social Services Director

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

- Completed Application
- Tribal Identification (if applicable)

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

An apology

I know you are well aware of the delay of the Newsletter this month and for this I do apologize. However coming to my own defense I had a slight accident last month falling from my front steps causing a fracture to my right knee and this did put me behind. I am back at work and will conduct business as usual to the best of my ability.

Thank you Frances Hammond Community L<u>i</u>aisonTule River Tribal Council



Thank you Tule River

We would like to thank the Tule River Tribal Council and all the Tule River Indian Community and for those who were able to participate in the donor swab test for our youngest sister Delores (Pebbles) Heggie. Our family greatly appreciates this help as it puts her closer to finding a match for the bone marrow which is much needed. Not only for her but this may also help with matching other Natives that are in need of the same kind of treatment.

We would like to thank you for the use of the brafford Room and the 4-H kids that donated refreshments. That was greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Katherine Brock (granddaughter of Katherine (Christman-Silvas) Calderon), Valerie Villerreal (daughter of Katherine (Christman-Silvas) Calderon) and Katherine V. Calderon Elder and member of the Tule River Tribe

Garfield's like "Poison"

Letter to the Editor:

To Luis Teran,

We read your poem "Poison" on addition of alcohol. Your words are powerful from the heart.

Great poem – Keep writing.

Lawrence & Andy Garfield

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Tule River Tribe of CA Hosts

For the Tule River Tribe and Community Members

2016 EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA SATURDAY-MARCH 12, 2016 Noon to 5:00p.m. McCartey Rance

32657 Reservation Road, Porterville, CA 93257

Food and Game Booths Needed

- . Rides
- Bounce Houses
- Easter Egg Hunt

More Information Contact
Tule River Tribe
Public Relations
Dan Hackey
(559) 781-4271 ext. 1020

Rondii Nieto (559) 781-4271 Ext. 1066 THE WHEELMOBILE ROLLS INTO EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO IN SEARCH OF CONTESTANTS TO PLAY ON "WHEEL OF FORTUNE," AMERICA'S #1 SYNDICATED SERIES



For the second time in its history, Eagle Mountain Casino will welcome America's Favorite Game Show by holding audition events when the Wheelmobile rolls into town on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. This event will be free to all participants, no purchase is necessary to attend the traveling Wheel of Fortune audition show.

On Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st, the Wheelmobile will be on-site to conduct three audition shows on Saturday and Sunday inside the Event Center at Eagle Mountain Casino, for a total of six auditions for the weekend. Registration is required to participate and will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Saturday and Sunday auditions will start at 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each audition is 1 hour long and will accommodate 1,000 Guests. During each hour, as many guests as possible will be drawn at random for their chance to audition and win Wheel of Fortune-themed prizes.

You must be at least 18 years of age to attend the Wheel-mobile event at Eagle Mountain Casino. This event will be held inside the Event Center. Applications for the chance to audition will be distributed outside of the Event Center. Directional signage will be posted throughout the Casino to assist patrons wanting to attend the Wheelmobile event.

Don't miss your opportunity to audition for Wheel of Fortune and win prizes on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st beginning at 11 a.m.











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

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

Eagle Mountain Specials

DECEMBER 28 - FEBRUARY 28



What's going on at the Event Tent?



LEGENDARY ICS and LOS CAMI-**NANTES** will be at Eagle Mountain Casino at 8 p.m. General Admission \$30, \$40 reserved

Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21 -

The Wheelmobile team is coming your way to find contestants at Eagle Mountain Casino! The Wheelmobile a 36-foot Winnebago that tours nationwide in search of contestants for television's #1 game show Wheel of Fortune. Wheel of Fortune is looking for



good game players who are energetic, enthusiastic and fun. This is your opportunity to shine. Show us what you've got! Registration is FREE and begins at 11a.m. both days.Rules: You must be 18 years of age.

\$26,600 February 12 -**EVERY SUNDAY · 5PM**









Tachi Palace entertainment



February 18 - TACHI PALACE FIGHTS - Ticket Prices: \$35, \$45, \$65, \$125 - All Reserved Seating Doors Open at 5 p.m. First Bout at 6 p.m.

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

Valentine's Day XOXO River Steakhouse February 12th - 14th Open 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. **Dinner for 2 - \$50** 7 oz. Filet Mignon Butterfly Shrimp Grilled Asparagus Garlic Mashed Potatoes Choice of Soup or Salads \$40 Bonus Cash (\$20 each) Tule River Tribal Council Wishes all a Very Happy Birthday

Februrary 1

Freda Carothers **Kash Chico Richard Facio** Renee Morgan

Februrary 2

Kendall Bays Roseann Gonzales Byron Morgan Lucas Pitigliano Warren Rubio Jr.

Februrary 3

Kyler Chico Viola Silvas Februrary 4

Merrissa Camarena-Dav **Diamond Carrillo Alivah Christie**

Pedro Christman Angel Corona Harvey Lenares

Tyberius Peyron Februrary 5

Myson Anderson Tenava Bounsavang Seth Guerrero **Marcus Hunter III** Julia Munoz **Koda Quintero**

Februrary 6

Sterling Flores Lawrence Macias Anamaree Martinez Daniel Williams

Februrary 7

Thomas Carrillo Norissa Franco

Februrary 8

Jessica James Paul Maldonado Veronica McDarment Phillip Peyron **Owen Rubio** Patsy Vega **Chace Williams**

Februrary 9

Chloeann Alvarado Louie Arroyo Sr. **Charles Dabney III Bernadette Garfield** Paul Lara Sr. Thomas Perez Jr. Carla Tourville

Februrary 10

Ashlev Carothers Charmaine Mc-Darment Tell Rubio **Februrary 11**

Stephanie Guillen

Februrary 12 Damron Alto **Darleen Bennett Preston Vega** Kerri Vera

Februrary 13

Trov Garcia Nick Martinez Ricky Martinez Februrary 14

Alan Gonzalez Valentino Lara Sr. Victor Ramos

Februrary 15

Bernadette Anderson Avanaco Cabral Carlos DeSoto Garrett Franco **Bernadette Gomez** Roderick Gomez Frank Hernandez Jr. **David Moreno Onava Rubio Gilbert Williams**

Februrary 16

Tiffany Byars Alicia Martinez Februrary 17 **Johnnie Bennett** Celestina Manuel Paul Manuel Jr. Februrary 18 Fred Burrough **Martin Flores Februrary 19**

Claude DeSoto III Johnny Franco Jr. **Fernondo Hunter** Luticia Sands

Februrary 20

Terry Carrillo **Anthony Chavez** Carolyn Delmuro William Franco Larry Garfield Jr. **Andrea Luther Kea Ortiz** Februrary 21

Roman Aceves **Brianne Franco** Julian Hunter Melissa McDarment Rita McDarment Yolanda Moisa Sho-Kio Peyron Februrary 22

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Ronald Carabay Jr. **Andrew Celaya** Ke'ana Franco **Christian Guzman** Lee Lara Jr.

Devin Crook Naomi Gibson **Jasmine Lenares Stephanie Roberts**

Februrary 24

Benjamin Franco Jennifer Ledesma

Februrary 25

David Ceballos III Chelsea James **Orlisia Morgan** Rosalie Ortiz **Daniel Robles Februrary 26**

Thoy-Yoxh Acosta Orval Castro Kai Franco

Brenda Salas Februrary 27

Marvrose Barrios Rhonda Belcher Naveli Franco **Eval Garfield** Adam Gomez **Richard Martinez** Floyd Sorondo **Evan Tyson-Williams**

Februrary 28

Sandra Barrios Raymond Flores Sr. Tew-Iss Franco **Brandon McDar**ment Moreno Girard Mc-Darment Sr.





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To Tule River Indian Reservation

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Girls Stay Clean 5:30 p.m. Girls Practice 6:30 p.m. Youth Basketball 5 p.m.

PT 11 a.m.

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CASINO	788-6220	TANF-PRTVL	791-9271
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ED. CENTER	784-6135	TRAP	781-8797
ELDERS	853-6153	TRAP LODGE	781-0636
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GAMING COMM.	781-3292	TULE HEALTH	784-2316
GAMING SECURITY	788-6230	TULE HOUSING	784-3155
GENERAL COUNCIL	853-6058	USDA	781-3128
NAT. RESOURCES	791-2126	WAREHOUSE	788-2902
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PTRVL STUDY CENTER	781-1761	WIA	853-6054
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