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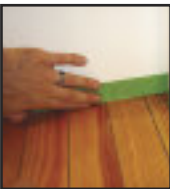
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## Tribal council sworn in

By John Rieping  
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Results of a Chukchansi tribal election early this month took effect with the swearing in of seven new council members this week. The ceremony had been delayed

during appeals filed by four candidates who lost the election. Indian Dispute Resolution Services, a non-profit organization based in Sacramento, rejected the appeals late last week. Seated on the council were Claudia Gonzales, Harold M. Hammond

Sr., H. Nokomis Hernandez, Dixie Jackson, Dora Jones, Thomas Walker and Morris Reid. All are allies of Reid, who led one of several factions battling for control of the tribe's Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino in recent years.  
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COURTESY OF NASEEM SELLS

New Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians council members are sworn in Monday night. Appeals by four opponents were rejected last week.

## Wallace Emmert: A Madera hero

*WW II pilot celebrates 100 years*

By Bill Coate  
THE MADERA TRIBUNE

On Saturday afternoon, Wallace and Charles Emmert sat side-by-side on a sofa engaged in animated conversation with each other, for they had a lot to talk about. Together their ages total 195 years, and most of that time they lived in Madera. The two brothers were surrounded by dozens of family members and friends who had gathered to join 95-year-old Charles in celebrating the 100th birthday of his older brother, Wallace. These included Wallace's three children, Margaret Ogle, Patrick Emmert, and Wallace Ernest Emmert II. They were also joined by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For more than two hours, the home of Keith and Cherise Bursey, Wallace's granddaughter, was filled with well-wishers who congratulated the



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Madera WWII pilot Wallace Emmert, center, looks on as his brother, Charles, and sister-in-law Lou Emmert, read a homemade birthday card Wallace received during his 100th birthday celebration Saturday with family and friends.

centenarian on his youthful appearance. Occasionally, Maxine Emmert, Wallace's wife, and Lou Emmert, Charles' spouse, joined their husbands in their reminiscing. Meanwhile, across the spacious living room a video was playing that brought Wallace's life into sharp focus. Produced by Emmert's niece, Pat Emmert Manning, and directed by Yurie Goto, it was entitled, "Grateful to be Alive," and told the story of how this son of a

Madera farmer survived being shot down in World War II and made it home alive. Wallace was the third child born to Charles and Ethel Emmert. He had two older brothers, Keith and Francis, a younger sister, Corrine, and the baby of the family, Charles. Wallace graduated from Madera High School and joined the Army in 1943. Intent on becoming a pilot, Wallace Emmert was sent to Tulare for his initial flight training in a

Stearman PT-17 Biplane. As if it was a portent of things to come, before he left Tulare, Emmert crashed into a fence and was taken to the hospital for overnight observation. From Tulare, Wallace was sent to Texas to learn to fly a B-17 bomber and from there to England to fly bombing missions across the English Channel against the Nazis. On his fourth mission, with Wallace in the pilot's seat, his plane was attacked by several Luft-

waffe fighters and shot down over Holland. Emmert, who was wounded in the chest and shoulder, lost his oxygen and lapsed into unconsciousness. By the time his co-pilot crash-landed in the marsh near Urk, Holland, Wallace had regained consciousness. Eight of Wallace Emmert's 10-man crew left the plane and were aided by the Dutch Resistance in eluding the Germans for a few days. Eventually all of  
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### BEHIND BARS



COURTESY OF MADERA COUNTY JAIL

Jose Sanchez Jr.



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David Cardenas

## Shooting suspects arrested

THE MADERA TRIBUNE

Madera police have arrested a pair of 18-year-old men suspected of shooting at people in McNally Memorial Park in eastern Madera during the daytime Oct. 2. Jose Sanchez Jr. and David Cardenas face charges that include attempted murder and committing an act for the benefit of a gang, Sgt. Giachino  
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### What's Up?

**TODAY**  
**Way Back Wednesdays Movie Night** — 5:30 p.m. Oct. 28, "Calamity Jane" with Doris Day. Cedar Creek, 500 N. Westberry Blvd. Contact: Ren Carter, 970-3646.

**Interact Haunted House** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at 1926 Modoc St., No. D. Contact: any Rotarian or Jeff Fagan, 363-7016.

**Preview of "Captain Louie," a Children's Musical** — 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at Madera South High School MSTC Theatre. Contact: Ginger Latimer, 675-4450.

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## Cedar Creek Chili Cook-Off sees record entries and visitors

By Leon E. Emo  
THE MADERA TRIBUNE

The fourth annual Cedar Creek-Madera Tribune Chili Cook-Off saw a record number of entries and visitors tasting and judging in the spacious backyard of the retirement facility on Westberry Boulevard. "This is the most entries and visitors we have ever had," said an excited Ren Carter, marketing director

for Cedar Creek. Judges for the event were Jon Basila of Basila Construction, Supervisor Rick Farinelli, Mayor pro-tem Will Oliver, Chris Mariscotti of The Vineyard Restaurant and Leonard Soliz, Madera Tribune treasurer. Judges were also treated to fresh cornbread and refreshments to cleanse the palette and cool the taste buds. In sampling the  
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### ROTARY HOSTS HALLOWEEN BALL



TAMI JO NIX/THE MADERA TRIBUNE  
Mike Giersch as pirate Jack Sparrow looms over beauties, from left, Rosemary Scott, Carmen Cortes and Genie Valenzuela. For more photos, see Page A6.



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