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Veterans Sculpture Due To Arrive This Week



A great deal of preparation has gone into the area east of the Tribal Administration Offices, where the memorial will be installed. Joel Smith and Norman Osborne can be seen above (at left) supervising the D&G Concrete crew pouring the sidewalk that will surround the eagle.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Quechan Post 802 is preparing for the arrival of their giant white Eagle this week, to commemorate all of the Tribal members who have fought and died for the United States over the past hundred years.

Created by renowned Indian Sculptor Doug Hyde, the 22 foot tall Eagle will arrive on Thursday morning. Heavy Industries of Canada, the group that translated Mr. Hyde's hand carved alabaster original into the giant representation that

will stand in front of the Tribal Administration Offices on Indian Hill, should have mounted it on a low-boy trailer last Friday in preparation for the long trip.

Joel Smith, of Quechan Facilities, has arranged to have a crane ready on the hill, along with his crew, to assist a technician from Heavy Industries with the installation. With the site prepared right at the eastern edge of the hill, the best place to watch will be from the parking lot of the Paradise Casinos.

The area the sculpture is being installed is right next to the Tribal Council's reserved parking spaces, so room for the tractor, trailer and crane will be tight. Lookie-loos will NOT be welcome on the hill, since everyone involved will be wanting to concentrate on the business at hand, rather than having to watch for spectators. And with the large equipment involved, that also means parking on the hill on Thursday morning will also be carefully controlled,

and limited to those areas away from the Administrative Offices and the adjoining Property and Supply Building.

Once the Eagle is in place and fully secured to the raised base, a set of bronze discs will also be attached to the cloud base of the sculpture, depicting the seals of all five branches of the American military. There will be a seal each for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard attached along the eastern edge, facing the morning sun.

Finally, the installer from Heavy Industries will attach a bronze dedication plaque, in preparation for the Veteran's Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 9. Post 802 has sent out invitations to veteran's organizations all over the desert southwest, and they expect a great turnout this year.

Constructed of space age materials, the new Quechan Veterans Memorial is much lighter than a solid bronze statue would be, yet it still weighs over a ton. Once securely fastened to its concrete base, it is expected to last decades without needing maintenance, other than a periodic wash and rinse.

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Veterans Memorial Dedication Set for Sunday, November 9, '08

Once the new Quechan Veterans Memorial is installed atop Indian Hill this week, local veterans and the Quechan Tribe will hold an official dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 9. With the national Veterans Day Holiday the following Tuesday, the dedication will come as a timely reminder of how much we owe to those who have served in our defense.

Gene Moore, current Commander of Quechan Post 802 says that most of the details for the ceremony are settled, and they only await final confirmations from the various guests and color guards invited to attend. Set to begin at 10:00 AM, Sunday's dedication will open with an invocation by Gordon Osborne, who's brother Norman spearheaded the entire project and spent the better part of a decade working out the logistics, contacting Doug Hyde, the renowned Native Sculptor who created the centerpiece Eagle, and working with past and present Tribal Council members to make his dream a reality.

After the invocation there will be a presentation of the colors by the U.S. Border patrol's Yuma Sector Color Guard, who are hoped to be able to provide a piper to play "Amazing Grace" as apart of their presentation. Guests invited to appear include Lee Quarcelino, American Legion 30th District, 5th Area Commander, Quechan Tribe Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr., and Quechan Tribe Presi-



The finished Eagle photographed in the Canadian workshop where it was created. Heavy Industries Photo

dent Mike Jackson, Sr.

U.S. Senator and 2004 Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Viet Nam War has also been invited to serve as the Key-note Speaker at the event, but his reply to the invitation was unconfirmed as of press time.

With Veterans Day growing out of the Armistice Day Holiday declared at the end of World War I, representatives of the Imperial Valley Living History Association (IVLHA) will also be on hand with three cannons to fire an 11-gun salute, recreating "The Legend of 11-11-11".

On November 11th, 1918, the armistice that ended "the war to end all wars" was scheduled to go into effect at "the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month." With every soldier wanting to fire the last shot of the war, every gun, from the largest cannon to the smallest pocket pistol was

fired at that exact moment on the Western Front in commemoration of the advent of peace. What followed was later described as "the largest silence in history." Finally, a bugler somewhere (no one knows who he was, or of what nationality) began blowing Taps. Others began to join in, and within moments the only sound heard for 100 miles up and down the front was the haunting strains of Taps, blown by thousands of bugles, in memory of those who were no longer there to hear the silence.

The IVLHA will bring three cannons to recreate that moment, firing one shot every 30 seconds beginning at 10:54 AM, and firing their last shot at precisely 11:00 AM. They will have a 4-Pound Cannon from the Revolutionary War period, a 6-Pound Cannon from the Civil War, and a 12-Pound "Mountain Howitzer" as used by American forces up until the time of the Spanish American War on hand, firing in rotation. Each cannon will be served by a crew in authentic uniforms of the period, and they will fire from the east edge of the Indian Hill parking lot (just north of the Property and Supply Building) out over the valley next to the Paradise Casinos. The 11-11-11 recreation will be sure to impress the crowd that is anticipated.

Parking on Indian Hill will be limited in the area immediately surrounding the new Memorial, so be sure to arrive early, and be prepared to walk!

New Lighting for Walking Park

A long awaited improvement to the Quechan Diabetes Walking Park has finally been accomplished, with the installation of better night time lighting for the walking paths.

Joel Smith, Facilities Director for the Quechan Tribe says the Quechan Tribal Council approved funds to have Westmoor Electric of Yuma install a new lighting grid for the park in October. Crews equipped with bucket lifts put in new wiring and installed new mounts that permit up to three high intensity lights to be mounted on each of the poles that border the one mile paved walking path.

The new lights will be on a timer system, set to come on at dusk 7 days a week. Although the lights won't be on all night, Mr. Smith says they will remain lit until at least the scheduled closing of the park each evening. There may be nights (such as some weekends) when the lights stay on even later, but that's still being worked out.

There will also be a manual switch installed to bypass the



A Westmoor Electric employee installs the first of three lights atop a pole at the Quechan Diabetes Walking Park. Photo by William Isbell

timer, for special events at the park such as the recent Indian Days Gathering. The manual bypass switch will enable the lights to be switched on all night, if necessary.

Additional lighting on a separate circuit was also installed during the recent upgrade to shine lights into the interior of the park, also for special events.

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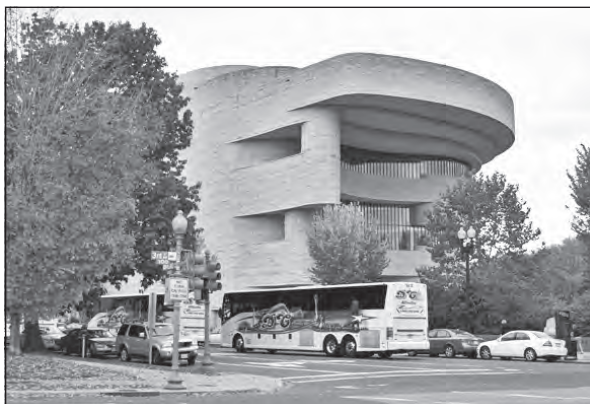
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Just call the QUECHAN NEWS office Monday through Friday at (760) 572-3912, or email your stories and story ideas to w.isbell@quechantribe.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



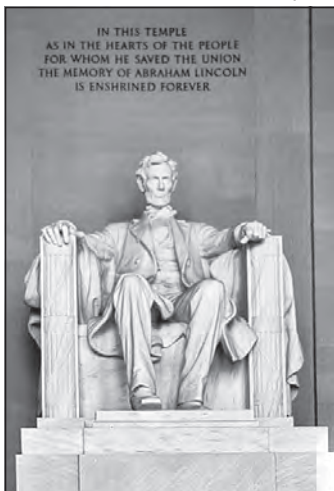
Heritage & Culture

Seniors Immersed in History On Washington, D.C. Trip



Tribal seniors toured the National Indian Museum, one of the Smithsonian Institution's group of Museums. They also toured Statuary Hall at the Capitol (center) where they were guided by a German exchange student who is in America studying history. From left are John Weeks, Beverly Waters, Connie Amador, Julianna Comet, Ed Meeden and Pat Brown, as well as their guide. Seniors also got the chance to just "roam" the area, and enjoyed strolling the various parks around Washington. At right, taking in the first glimmers of the fall colors are Rosalinda Dewey, Trudy Lopez, Beverly Waters and Francis Aguilar (all facing the camera).

Quechan Senior Trip Photos by Gene Moore



The Lincoln Memorial

The Quechan Seniors Tour left for Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 12, arriving in Baltimore at 9 PM. A quick bus ride to Arlington, Virginia brought them to dinner and their hotel. With a full schedule for the week, they'd have to hit the sack soon to be back on the bus at 10 the next morning!

The first stop on their tour was the U.S. Marine Corps Memorial, better known as the "Two Jima" monument. The famous photo of Marines raising

the flag atop Mount Siribachi is recreated there in bronze, about 5 times life size. Gene Moore tried to get everyone together for a group photo, but he says, "Ever try to get 50 people together, facing the same way for a picture? I didn't!" Most of them are facing the right way, though, and you can see that photo below in the center.

For lunch that first day, they also went to check out the Ronald Reagan Building, which has a food court on the lower level,

which gave everyone a chance to pick what they wanted. A true example of one of the strengths of democracy!

The first day continued in the vein of recognizing America's veterans, as the tour continued to the Lincoln Memorial (honoring the sacrifices of all who died in the War Between the States), the Viet Nam Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

Gene says everyone was pretty tired after all that walking the

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The Viet Nam War Memorial



The group often maneuvered around security barriers in the Nation's Capital. On the left are Nancy Brown, Yvonne Galvan, John Weeks, tour guide Dean McWilliams (with umbrella), Norman Jackson Jackson and Phyllis Jones. Note the security barriers and fencing to the rear. In the center, they pause to get a group photo in front of Ira Hayes and his fellow Marines, atop Mount Siribachi at the Marine Memorial. Finally, at the right, is Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, "Glamorous Glennis", which broke the "sound barrier" in 1948.

Elder Village Planning Moves Forward

Community members continue to meet at the Quechan Senior Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, moving ahead with plans for the Elder Village in the new Quechan Nature Park taking shape below Indian Hill.

The meetings are being facilitated by Allyson Collins and Brian Golding of the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Chase Choate, a Tribe member employed by Fred Phillips Consulting, the design contractor on the project. Over the past two months, the group has identified areas needing immediate attention, to move the project forward on schedule, as actual work proceeds in preparing the area for construction and plantings due

to begin in 2009.

The areas of concern are the need for consultations with elders having knowledge of actual construction techniques and materials used in traditional (pre 20th Century) Quechan housing, the need to gather and train a community workforce to build the Elder Village, and the logistics of putting it all together, once the designated area is ready for construction to begin.

To meet the schedule, the members meeting to plan the village have broken up into "subgroups" to tackle the three areas needing immediate attention. Since the objective of the meetings is to encourage cross-generational cooperation, and the transmission of traditional methods through

hands-on learning, each subgroup has at least one adult advisor with a number of teens or young adults making up the bulk of the subgroup. Faron Owl and Vernon José (adults) are joined by Brendan José, André Estrada and Ruben Polk to consult with various elders, in researching the materials and techniques used to build the structures that will make up the living history Elder Village. They have selected a design for the first home to be constructed, and hope to create a model of it soon, to guide the workforce in construction. Other home structures from Kwat'san tradition will be built around it in the months to come, to complete the Elder Village.

The second subgroup of Val-

verine Barley (adult), Janyse Collins, Sarah Duwyenie and Danell Ortega (youths) is beginning to recruit a workforce to help in the construction of the home, which may start as early as sometime next February.

Finally, adults Melvin and Yvonne Choate are working with Janyse Collins, Haley Duncan and Danelle Ortega in putting together a list of tools that will be needed for the work and rounding those up. The logistics subgroup is also looking for tables and chairs that will be needed on-site for the workers to take meal breaks, as well as ice chests, cold drink tubs and portapotties to support the project.

Although the entire group has already determined which of

four structures will be built first, they are still working on the final look of the permanent arbor, ramadas and amphitheater to be built in the Nature Park where the Elder Village will be located. They will also be discussing the requirements and materials to be used for the interpretive signage and the park's major water feature, and may be taking suggestions for a formal, Kwat'san name for the Nature Park.

If you'd like to be a part of history, and make your contribution to a project you can share with your grandchildren in the future, you still have time to join the meetings that are putting this all together. Contact Allyson Collins at the Quechan EDA for more information: (760) 572-5270.



Oregon Fitness Conference Inspires November Fitness Gathering Here

The staff at the Special Diabetes Project Wellness Center had the opportunity to attend their first Native American Fitness Conference in early October, and returned to Fort Yuma "jazzed" with enthusiasm. While there, they met Brian Laban, a co-founder of the Native American Fitness Council and a certified personal trainer, a Hopi/Tewa who lives in the village of Moenkopi, Arizona.

Brian is also a Tae Kwon Do expert/coach, and he and the other trainers led the group through a number of games, from "Tag You're Fit" to a version of Stickball very similar to the game of "Shinny" once played by the Quechan. His experience as both a coach and motivational speaker inspired the Wellness staff to really learn all they could at the Conference, and they found that even a simple game of tag can become infectious, as adults cast off their inhibitions and re-

ally throw themselves into the game, achieving new levels of aerobic fitness without even realizing it.

The group also took classes in Hip Hop Dance for Fitness and Functional Fun Training, learning new ways to move and keep the calories burning without growing bored.

Now that they are back, they are preparing to share the excitement they felt in Oregon by holding their first annual "Come Play On Our Land Day" at the San Pasqual High athletic fields. The date for the event will be Saturday, November 15th, and it will run from 10 AM until 3 PM. The games will have no age limits, and everyone from toddler to elder is encouraged to come out and participate.

Activities designed for all ages and abilities are being arranged, and there will be prizes and recognition for all. To insure that the games are fair (and

that everyone has a good chance at succeeding in at least one event), the age groups will be:

- Pre-school
- K thru 5th Grade
- 6th thru 8th Grade
- 9th Grade to Adult
- Seniors
- Special Needs

The entire event will have a "fitness fair" feel about it, and community organizations are welcome to come out and show the public what they have to offer. The QTDHE (Housing Department) has made 10 booths available for those interested in promoting their programs, and they will be set up at the west end of the football field, near the snack shack, which will have water available for hydration. The organizers also planning to serve a simple "box lunch".

With November being National Diabetes Awareness Month, this will be an excellent opportunity for the entire community to

come together and do something positive to combat this scourge, and have fun at the same time!

Even those confined to wheelchairs or of limited mobility will be able to gather outdoors with friends and family, and enjoy the activities. Simply taking part can keep your joints moving and blood circulating!

Those who are so inclined will also be able to join in group activities such as Tag and Shinny. (Shinny is a kind of field hockey, and it can get pretty rough, but as long as it's all in fun, it's a great way to get moving!)

Brain Laban has even been invited to come down and speak, offering his philosophy and fitness wisdom. You've really got to come out and meet this dynamic, driven individual!

With Nike Shoes having sponsored the Native American Fitness Conference in Beaverton, Oregon, and offering Community Grants for Fitness from

the profits generated by the sale of their N7 Native American Fitness Shoes, it is hoped that this event can be used to demonstrate the Quechan community's commitment to fitness, and help secure a grant to build a playground in the new housing subdivision next year. The bigger the turnout, the better the chance we have of showing them what we have to offer.

If you'd like to volunteer your efforts to this event, or just take part in the planning to see what's coming and what you can do to help the Tribe make this a great success, planning meetings are still being held every Wednesday morning at the Quechan Senior Center Conference Room. The meeting next Wednesday, November 5th will be starting at 10:00 AM.

The Wellness Center can confirm the times each week, so call the Center at (760) 572-4057 for additional information.



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR AT THE QUECHAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Photos by William Isbell



There were booths with lots of goodies, from cookies to cakes!



President Jackson served hot dogs!



Dozens lined up for the evening's costume contest for ages 0 to 17!



Face painting was really popular!



So was the Haunted (Pool) House!



Baby 2nd and 3rd Place winners were Ivanna the Skeleton and So-norah the Sugar Plum Fairy.



Darth Vader and Obi Wan duelled between Costume Contest breaks!

National Relief Brings "Candle of Hope" to Senior Center

Representatives of the National Relief Charities (NRC) hosted a dinner and "Candle of Hope" ceremony at the Quechan Senior Center on October 24th.

Leslie Escobar and Shannon Hadley, Service Coordinators for the NRC's Phoenix office brought relief packages for up to 70 elders, consisting of warm blankets, toiletries and new LED flashlights for dispensing to the Quechan seniors after a dinner of turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Although the makings for the dinner were provided by the guests, the Senior Nutrition kitchen staff pitched in to prepare and serve the meal.

Each year, National Relief Charities chooses a location that



Don Menta cradles the giant "Candle of Hope" as elders Louise Tannheiser, Mark Owl, George Bryant and Noreen Hill join together to light it. At the right, Leslie Escobar of NRC looks on. Photo by William Isbell

exemplifies participation with their programs. They look for a partner that shows a real interest in the elders they serve.

"This year we chose your center because you have dem-

onstrated a real concern for the elders in your community", said Ms. Escobar, in an email explaining the selection. "Dedicating your time and going above and beyond to make sure your

elders are receiving their delivered meals and keeping center activities going. The emphasis you have placed on activities is a model that other centers strive to reach." To celebrate that selection, NRC provides a meal and the bonus incentives as bookends to the "Candle of Hope" ceremony.

The ceremony consists of one large red candle that is lit at sunset. This candle represents the assistance of NRC donors in giving hope for the future of Native American Elders. It also represents a hope for the teachings of elders that can be passed from one generation to the next. At least 60 people turned out to take part in the event.

This year's ceremony saw

Donald Menta, Maintenance Supervisor of the Senior Center being given the honor of holding the Candle of Hope as elders George Bryant, Louise Tannheiser, Noreen Hill and Mark Owl gathered around him on the east portico of the Senior Center to light it after the dinner prayers by Trudy Lopez and Candle of Light Ceremony prayer by Noreen Hill. A Kwat'san language prayer by Barbara Levy followed the lighting to close the ceremony.

Senior Center Acting Director Juanita Flores says she is thrilled that the NRC recognized the hard work of all the staff and volunteers at the Quechan Senior Center, and that they enjoy working with the NRC.

Seniors Trip to Washington

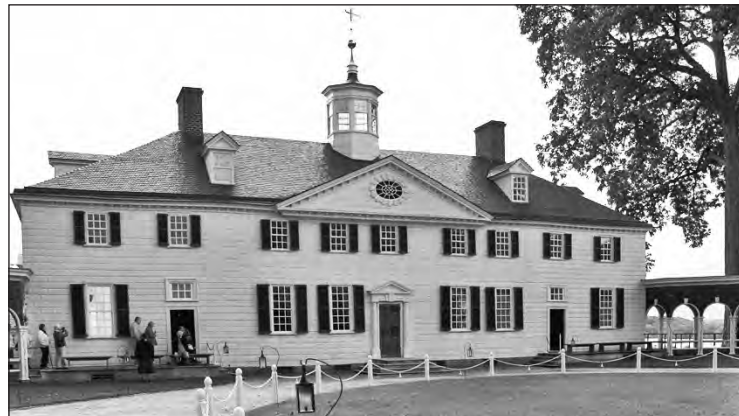
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first day, so they were glad to get back to the hotel!

The continuing round of historical education on day two included trips to the National Aerospace Museum, where they saw a lunar module on display, the Spirit of St. Louis (that Charles Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic, solo, in 1927) and the first plane acknowledged to “break” the sound barrier, “Glamorous Glennis”.

They then moved to the National Indian Museum and the U.S. Capitol, where they toured Statuary Hall and got an explanation of all the personalities on display from a German (!) who is there to learn about America.

They returned to their hotel to rest and change for a dinner cruise down the Potomac River, which included dancing on the after deck. (They must have served wine with dinner, ‘cause even Gene got up and danced!)



The main house at Mount Vernon. Everyone enjoyed this stop on the tour, but once you enter the main house, photography is prohibited. If you want to see where George Washington slept, you'll have to make the trip yourself!
Photo by Gene Moore

The next major tour was a trip to George Washington’s plantation home at Mount Vernon. They say it was a very pleasant morning in a beautiful setting.

They also got a chance later to visit the National Holocaust Museum, and returned to the Reagan Building for another lunch at the food court.

The seniors wrapped up their trip with a dinnertime visit to Falls Church, Virginia, and a morning’s bus ride back to the Baltimore Airport for the flight home. Their final bus ride was from Phoenix Sky Harbor to the Quechan Senior Center, arriving at 9 PM on Saturday night, a tired, but happy group

Day Labor Program Needs Your Assignment

The Quechan Day Labor Program officially began operations on September 29, 2008.

The program provides tribal members with financial assistance in return for work on tribal needs. Quechan Tribe members are allowed to work up to 40 hours per month on various projects while enrolled in the program. They are paid at the end of every workday at a rate of \$10 an hour. The program is open to both men and women.

Bill Hirt (of the Quechan Special Projects Department) is coordinating project development and prioritization. Deshaune Taylor is the work crew supervisor, and Lynette Vicenti, Human Resource Department Administrative Assistant is keeping the workers’ records and registering program applicants.

Day Labor personnel have worked on a wide variety of projects all over the reservation since the program kicked off. Examples include cleaning up the stomp grounds and painting the vendor booths to prepare for the Indian Day Holiday.

They also cleared debris at the old La Fiesta Motel and the abandoned Shy Betty residence in Winterhaven, performed grounds maintenance and made improvements at Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park, assisted Laguna Dam RV Park management with grounds maintenance, and are helping the Quechan Economic Development Administration with cleaning up the tribally-owned Railroad Exchange building complex in Old Downtown Yuma, preparing the property for lease, assisting the Work Force department in cleaning up the tribal cemetery grounds, and helping Scattered Sites Project personnel with septic tank system construction and road im-

provements.

Many other projects can be accomplished with this program. The only limit is our collective imaginations.

Bill Hirt is asking all tribal program managers and supervisors to contact him with project ideas. If you have jobs that you just have not had the time or available personnel to tackle, please call him concerning your needs at either (760) 572-2577 or (928) 920-0536.

The project has a passenger van and a project trailer stocked with a wide assortment of hand tools so that workers can be delivered to your jobsite with all the tools they need to carry out your project. There is no cost to your program except for incidental materials needed to do the work, such as paint, etc. We are anxious to help you, no matter how big or how small the project, and our Day Laborers are eager to keep working on worthwhile projects.

Individual tribal members who need help on small projects on their property, such as clean-ups, should make a written request to Mr. Keeny Escalanti, Sr., Tribal Vice President, specifying what they want done. These requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Tribal members who are interested in working in the program should contact Lynette Vicenti, Administrative Assistant in the Quechan Human Resources Department, in the Tribal Administration Building at (760) 572-0213) to apply.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, must be enrolled members of the Quechan tribe, and be currently unemployed. Applicants must present Tribal Identification to Human Resources to verify eligibility.



Applications are now available for the Quechan Tribe’s

WINTER SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM:

Monday, November 3rd, 2008 at 8:00 AM

UNTIL

Wednesday, December 31st at 5:00 PM

RECEIPTS MUST BE DATED:

November 3, 2008 to January 31, 2009

Original Receipts Only

No faxed or handwritten receipts will be accepted.

Receipts mailed must be postmarked by January 31, 2009

One application required per student, must be an enrolled Quechan Tribal member with Tribal ID or Certification presented at time of application. Adults making application must have guardianship or custody of minor student/applicant with a copy of the Court Decree to present at the time of application. Students must be enrolled Full Time in an Educational Facility from Head Start thru 12th grade, or enrolled in College, University or a Technical School or enrolled in Home School. GED students are eligible for one-time participation only. Information will be verified with an official of the school listed.

Applications are available at the Quechan Tribe Administration Office.



Bill Hirt and Deshane Taylor, Special Projects Manager and Day Labor Program Supervisor for the Quechan Tribe, took time out last week to ask for your help in providing assignments for their workers. In the background, a day labor crew loads up for a job at the Laguna Dam RV Park, where they've been clearing brush since mid-October. Workers make \$10.00 an hour, and provide a much-needed service for the community.

Corrections on Miss Quechan Contestant

Stella Iron Cloud, a contestant for the title of Miss Quechan in the last issue of *Quechan News* had her first song of the program incorrectly attributed as being of the Hunkpapa Sioux tradition. That attribution was the result of an error made by the writer - NOT based on the actual dance she performed.

She sang a Vosbo Kwat'san "Deer Song", which was taught to her by her great uncle, and passed down through family tradition. She added in her introduction that a box is usually used to provide the percussion beat for the song, but she substituted an animal skin drum.

Miss Iron Cloud told the audience that the song is about a great storm that was coming, and how it was going to go the other way. She also danced a traditional bird dance, sung by her cousin, Troy Townsend.

Stella also went on to place third in the overall Bird Dance Competition on Saturday.

FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC SPECIAL VACCINE CLINICS

Flu Vaccines Childhood Vaccines Adult Vaccines

For patients of all ages registered at the
Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic

Date(s):	Wednesday, 11-5-08	1:00 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday, 11-12-08	1:00 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday, 11-19-08	1:00 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday, 11-26-08	1:00 - 6:00 pm

To be held at the Public Health Nursing
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If you have any questions, call Claudia Lorenz, PHN
or Janice Emerson at (760)572-4225/4226 or
1 (800) 862-4911, Extensions 4225 or 4226

Mass Vaccination Excercise to be Held At Fort Yuma Clinic



flu shots will be administered to our patient community and staff. All ages from six months on up are welcome to receive the flu shot.

A similar event was held last year. However, this year the scope of the event will be smaller, but we are hoping that the number of flu shots administered will be greater.

The important thing is to have the flu shot available to more community members and this is a great way to do it.

The clinic is required to hold emergency drills as part of their accreditation.

"We thought that offering real flu shots would give us required emergency drill practice and offer a service to the community all at the same time," says Kathy Shaffer, a Nurse at the clinic.

"We are excited about this event. We're looking forward to November 7th and learning everything we can from the experience. So, come on down that day for your flu shot, if you haven't had one already!"

The Fort Yuma Indian Health Service (IHS) is planning to be part of a mass flu vaccination exercise on November 7, in order to test readiness for a real, widespread health emergency.

The Indian Health Service office in Phoenix is conducting an emergency drill in which various IHS facilities will be operating mass vaccination centers. Participating facilities will be testing their emergency response capabilities for handling mass numbers of people, and testing how to set up a POD (a place for mass dispensing of medication or vaccine).

As part of the exercise, real

Do you transport children?

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**Lisa Aguerro at the
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You can sign up for this training at:
<http://www.safekids.org/certification/>
(Don't forget to search "California")

Let's All Go To The Pumpkin Patch!



The preschoolers at Quechan Head Start got the chance to visit a giant pumpkin patch and select their very own pumpkin to bring home. Mom or dad could then use to make pie or a Halloween Jack O' Lantern! Set up in the Johnson O'Malley playground, the pumpkin patch also had giant scary trees where the tetherball poles usually stand, an inflatable "Great Pumpkin" and hay bales for seats. The kids also got to eat popcorn and cotton candy with fruit punch - to give them the energy needed to find and carry away the biggest, most perfect pumpkin they could find! Everyone wants a memory of a day like that, so the teachers even set up a special hay bale with pumpkins, a black cat, crows and a scarecrow or two, to give everyone a chance to sit for their own picture to take home to mom! Miss Jeneen even did her best to get a group shot of her whole class: From left (in the rear) are Alex, Yamarie, Ethan, Charles, Kieya, Akira and Miss Janeen. Sitting in the front are Gilbert, Johnny, Caiden, Elias, Zion, and Braeden with Annabelle facing away from the camera and Chazlen on the end.

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Fry Bread Dinner
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

*All Profits Will Go Toward The
Quechan Elders Program*

Admission is FREE!
Program Begins at 6:00 PM

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