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## Items Of Special Interest To Tribe Members



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# New Ladder Truck For Winterhaven Fire Dept



The Winterhaven Fire Protection District conducts a test on their latest acquisition - a 108 foot ladder truck, which was added to their fleet in early March. During this test on March 10th, they pumped water from a hydrant all the way up to the top of the ladder, to check for leaks. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The primary fire service provider contracted to the Quechan Indian Tribe has managed to acquire a new (to them) fire engine that once served the City of Tucson, at almost no cost.

Fire Chief Steve Taylor of the Winterhaven Fire Protection District (WFPD) says they have taken delivery of a 108 foot ladder truck that will enable them to perform rescues and fight fires in structures up to 80 feet tall. Since the tallest building in their service area is the Quechan Casino Resort, with a rooftop approximately

65 feet high, they now have the capability to respond to any emergency in the area with the equipment needed to reach anyone in need of rescue.

It was good old fashioned "horse trading" that got them the new equipment. Chief Taylor heard that the City of San Luis Mexico had bought the ladder truck at a surplus sale, only to get it home and find out it was a bit too large to fit down some of the streets in San Luis. Since Winterhaven had two 1200 gallon high pressure pumpers in their station, they

approached the San Luis Fire Department a few weeks ago, offering to make a trade. The deal was completed in early March, with Winterhaven taking delivery of the 1988 IFT ladder truck on March 6th.

"This gives us a total of four engines we can use for any response," says Chief Taylor. "We have our "first-out" pump truck that belongs to Winterhaven, this new ladder truck, plus two trucks at our station that belong to Imperial County that we can also use. In the event we were to have a mishap at the Casino,

all those trucks would roll."

The two County trucks are a 1200 gallon high pressure pump truck and a 2000 gallon tanker.

"This shows the pro-active approach that Winterhaven is now taking to fulfill their contract with the Quechan Tribe, in providing our fire service," says Pearl Cowan, the Tribe's Safety Officer. "Even though the ladder truck is designed for 'high rise fires, and a high rise is anything over six stories tall, and our Casino Hotel is only five stories, they'll be able to handle any kind of rescue there or fight a fire from the top down, now."

Chief Taylor says that the WFPD will need to spend only about \$15,000 to refurbish the truck to bring it up to national fire fighting standards, and that they are utilizing the City of Phoenix high rise fire fighting course to train at least 6 men on operating the truck right away.

"That will give us two firefighters each shift who can operate this truck, and every man trained on it will have to be able to climb the ladder all the way to the top," says Taylor, "and that includes everybody, all the way up to the Chief!"



# Career Day Planned for Middle School This Wednesday

Students of the San Pasqual Middle School will be taking a break from their normal course of study today, as they receive visitors from nine different professional fields to learn what it takes to join the workforce in today's economy.

The March 25th Career Day will be presented in partnership with the Fort Yuma Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP).

A recent survey of students at San Pasqual Middle School indicated interest in careers involving technical services, journalism and broadcasting, as well as information technologies.

Brian Warner of Fort Yuma ADAPP and Jeraline Swift Arrow at the middle school spent the better part of a month contacting local businesses to locate qualified representatives from the fields requested to spend the day with the students and explain their jobs.

Representing the legal profession, our own Quechan Tribal Court Chief Judge, the Honorable Claudette White will make an appearance to tell the students about her own path to becoming a judge, and give them advice on how to prepare for rigors of study in law school.

Those who want to learn about business in general and the many ways of making a profit while providing the services the public demands, will

want to sit in on the presentation by Brian Golding, Sr., Director of the Quechan Economic Development Administration.

Although Mr. Golding is very good at fielding questions and giving clear answers, the inquiring minds of the middle school students will still give him a good work out!

Another local professional who will be there to explain the opportunities and special demands of the health care field will be Claudia Lorenz, the Public Health Nurse for Indian Health Services at Fort Yuma.

And Joe Derma, the Principal of the Bill Young Middle School in Calipatria, California has agreed to give the presentation on careers in education. By bringing in an outside educator, Mr. Warner hopes to help the students feel more relaxed about asking questions and to be a little more open about their own concerns in perhaps choosing to be a teacher.

Local "celebrities" Tommy Tran and Michelle Velez, newscasters at KYMA Television have confirmed they will stop by in the morning to give a talk on the closely related fields of journalism and broadcasting. Students who attend that presentation may also want to sit in on the sessions given by local freelance photographer Michael Schaaf and that of graphics artist Cameron Chino of Arizona

Western College.

Of course, some of the boys (and maybe even a few of the girls) could see the military as a way to advance their prospects in life and help pay for their education in any number of fields. Representatives of both the U.S. Army and the Marine Corps will be on hand, to each make a pitch on why their service can better fulfill a young person's career goals. That should prove interesting!

Additional representatives of the public service sector will also be at the middle school from the U.S. Border Patrol and the Aerovac Air Ambulance Service. Although John Dance of Aerovac probably won't be flying in to land on the field, perhaps he will have a video presentation to capture the imaginations of those wanting to be pilots or flying EMTs. There is a good chance Mr. Dance could reinforce the choice to join the military for flight school and emergency training, and then seek out Aerovac as a life-long career once the students have a bit of experience.

In any case, those who come in a vehicle with lights and a siren always draw a crowd, so the biggest audience on career day may well be the one that gathers around Captain Dennis Robertson of the Winterhaven Fire Department. He'll have some of the best "visual aids" of the day!

# Students Complete BIA Fire Fighter Training



**New BIA wildland fire fighters who graduated** the basic course in February are (from back row, left) Donald Cachora, Joshua Gilbert, Blase Smith, Angel Montaldo and Instructor David Olin, (middle row, from left) Instructor Alberto Mendez (holding up one finger), Robyn Waco, Marian Ocegueda, Israel Reyes, Andrew Garcia and, kneeling in front are: Ivanna Kelly, Michael Allen, Phelina Roosevelt and Jason Lomaintewa.

Photo Courtesy of the Yuma BIA

A group of local students has completed their training to become wild land fire fighters with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Yuma, and are now ready to take part in fire emergencies both locally and throughout the U.S.

The Basic Fire Training Course was held at the BIA Office at Third Street and Second Avenue, and covered tactics, teamwork, weather, how to "set" a fire line, and safety, among other subjects. The final days of the course included practical exercises in the field, cutting fire lines and getting some experience actually handling the equipment they will use.

Of the 11 students who participated, 8 were tribal members from both the Quechan and Copah Tribes.

Speaking to the *Quechan*

*News* in mid-March, Matthew Soulier, Yuma BIA's Supervisory Forestry Tech said "We did our final physical agility test last week, where the fire fighters have to carry 45 pounds of gear over 3 miles in 45 minutes, and everybody passed, so they're all on-call now. Everybody's excited that they're going to be able to join us and help fight fires."

The students will receive their "Red Cards" this week, showing their qualifications, and they will then be placed on a phone list to be called as needed.

Explains Soulier, "Hopefully, sometime before the middle of April we will receive our 'severity funding', and as we get into the severe fire season, we will be able to put them to work. We will be on-call for fires here, but we may be called as far away as Idaho, Utah, almost anywhere."

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## Have a story idea, or an event you want covered?

QUECHAN NEWS is here to cover the special events and everyday lives of Quechan Tribe Members, and the issues that affect you in the world today. This newsletter is here to keep the lines of communication open, to expand opportunities, and uplift the Native Spirit of the San Pasqual Valley. Your ideas and input are welcome!

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](mailto:w.isbell@quechantribe.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!





# Progress & Development

## Rainbow Pool Preparing For the Summer Months



**The Quechan Rainbow Pool** next to the Community Center on Picacho Road will be receiving an acid cleaning and new paint job this month. Willis Hawkins at the Pool says he hopes to repaint the slides next year. Once again this year, there will be parties with food, drinks and music. The staff also hopes to have a "Cool Deck" coating applied over the sidewalks and patio area behind the pool house, to make it more comfortable to walk on when temperatures soar over 100 degrees this summer. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

With warm weather coming (and already here, some days!) Willis Hawkins at the Quechan Rainbow Pool is preparing a little "spring cleaning" to get everything ready for the busy season of summer.

He ordered a complete acid wash for both pools, which was applied over the final part of last week. Mr. Hawkins says both the adult and children's pools were drained and the acid wash

scrubbed on with huge brushes. A good acid wash will take off all stains and the old paint surface, right down to the plaster.

"Once that's rinsed off and drained, and everything dries, we're putting on a new coat of paint," he says, "a nice, deep blue color, rather than the white we've had in the past. It should look real sharp."

He says all the work is being done by himself and the main-

tenance crew who assist him on most projects, Vernon José and Patrick Two Hearts. They plan to have the new paint job done by the end of this week.

As far as the water slides are concerned, Mr. Hawkins says he had a contractor out to look them over, and they advised waiting until next year to apply a fresh coat of paint there.

Still, he's looking into having a layer of "Cool Deck" sprayed

over all of the sidewalks and the back porch area behind the poolhouse, to help lower the surface temperature and cut down on the need to do the "hot-foot two-step" when standing in line for pizza and drinks. He's already had one local pool company give him an estimate, and once he has three bids, hopes to proceed with that also.

The plan is to have everything ready and looking good by the

middle of May, when the San Pasqual Schools usually begin making plans to use the pool, giving the students one more outlet for all of their energy..

They plan to be open for business on Memorial Day, with the usual "Splash Day" kickoff for the entire community soon after the schools get out on June 5th.

In the meantime, the Rainbow Pool will be available to rent as soon as the paint is dry!



## One Time Stimulus Payment for SSI Recipients

Cheri Arnott, the Associate Commissioner for External Affairs at the Social Security Administration is taking the time to send out fax notifications to many businesses and government agencies, publicizing a one-time payment of \$250 to all Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries nationwide.

This one-time payment is provided for under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The payment will be sent separately from Social Security or SSI benefits, meaning it will not count as income or earnings for Social Security disability benefits.

If you were eligible for Social Security, Supplemental Security

Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009, you may be eligible for the one-time payment.

Those SSI beneficiaries who receive their monthly benefit by check will have the Stimulus Payment delivered by check.

Those whose benefits are paid by direct deposit or Direct Express® debit card, will receive the one-time payment the same way.

Only adults over the age of 18 (or over the age of 19 if they are still in high school) will receive the payment. However, adult children who receive disability benefits on a parent's record will

also receive a payment.

After June 4, 2009, you can call a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or contact the local Social Security office if your payment has not arrived. Please wait until then to ask about your payment, because the Department of the Treasury will be sending payments until the end of May.



# Girls Softball Returns to San Pasqual This Year



**Sarina Salas, one of five seniors** to return to the girls' softball team at San Pasqual, takes third base as a player from Antelope High looks on. The game on March 10th was their first home game in more than a year, having spent the 2007/08 school year without a girl's softball coach. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



**Sarah McDade** stepped in on March 10th after the other pitcher suffered a pulled a muscle.

The girls' softball program got a real "shot in the arm" after a year on hiatus, when three staff members at San Pasqual Valley Schools volunteered to step in and provide the adult guidance necessary to form a team.

Denise Lindeman, the Educational Projects Coordinator for the schools has joined forces with Nadia Moe, an administrative assistant in the district office and the campus security officer,

Nancy Williams, to step in and help 11 freshmen and sophomore girls learn the concept of organized team sports on the softball field, with the assistance of five seniors who had played on the junior varsity team in prior years.

The underclass team members "have never played organized baseball before," says Ms. Williams. "Only the senior girls have been in team sports before, the rest of them had just played on the playground in grade school, just as a way of having fun. But they've come a long way already."

Nancy Williams says that the five seniors on the team have been a real help in explaining the importance of being where you are supposed to be, and watching your area on the diamond, but it's Ms. Lindemann that everyone involved really looks to.

"She the one that has all the experience," says Williams, "because she's been here for 28 years, and she's been a coach before." Right now, though, the other two coaches are doing double duty putting the team

in shape, since Ms. Lindeman is working overtime to secure student academic improvement grants, as well as grants to bolster technology and the library materials at San Pasqual.

Speaking of the team's progress, "The girls are starting to come around to what's expected of them already," says Williams. "Their learning their positions, and starting to get locked on to what it's going to take to build a team."

"We really have to build on the players that have never played organized ball before," says Coach Williams. "All we have to do is to teach them the skills they need and keep working on that each year, so that by the time those girls are juniors and seniors, we'll have a really strong team."

Right now, the coaches say what will really help the team develop is to see more people coming out to watch the girls play, to reinforce the team spirit with an extra helping of Warrior pride. Says Williams: "We're only just now learning what their real skills are."

# Update on the North Channel Project

*Courtesy of Fred Phillips Consulting*

The North Channel project of the Yuma East Wetlands has been moving forward at fast and steady pace. The earth moving for the Quechan Nature Park in the Wetlands was completed in early January, and already the wetland planting in the 22.5 acre slough area is complete.

The wetland plants were all transplanted from other areas of the Yuma East Wetlands Projects. At present these transplants are beginning to revive from their winter dormancy and we are seeing an excellent survivorship rate, on the level of 90%.

The dormant period is the optimal time to transplanting these species as the plants have all of their energy stored in their roots in preparation for spring growth. In the next few months, as the plants begin the new season we will see them spread and grow as the marsh turns from the brown of newly moved earth to the lush green of a healthy habitat.

Planting in the 35 acre agricultural fields began almost as soon as the fields were complete.

Inland salt grass, blue grama, dune evening primrose, and sandbar willow have all been planted. The remainder of the plants needed for this area have all been ordered and are expected near the end of March. As soon as the ordered plants are ready, planting of this area will begin in earnest. In the next few weeks the cover crop of barley will be disked under to prepare for the final planting effort. The disking will precede the planting by a few weeks as the fields must be disked before the barley seed becomes viable, since barley is not a native species and has no place in a native landscape.

By summer looking out across the project, we will see a vibrant, healthy, native ecosystem begin to develop, and as it matures it will attract more and more animals back to the area.



## Office of Special Trustee (OST)

The Office of Special Trustee will be available at the Fort Yuma Agency at the end of this month on these dates:

### MARCH

• 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday): 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### APRIL

• 1<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday): 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

If you have any questions, please contact The Fort Yuma Agency at (928) 782-1202 or the Colorado River Office of Special Trustee at (928) 669-7196



# New North Picacho Well Ready to go On Line



**Bill Hirt, Special Project Coordinator** for the Quechan Tribe waits next to the delivery driver for Valley Sand and Gravel, watching Tom Duwyenie (next to concrete chute), DeShayne Taylor and Mike Duwyenie (in the hole) finish leveling off the pour into a concrete form for a thrust block. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

A new 400-foot deep well at the north end of Picacho Road is in the final stages of being prepared to go on-line. Drilled in late 2006, the well has a new high volume pump installed. The Quechan Special Projects Department has finished “tying in” the well to the existing water mains, and should have all of the electrical controls installed by early April.

The new well is located only about 50 yards northwest of the existing Picacho Well.

“It draws from a much deeper part of the underlying aquifer,” explains Bill Hirt, Special Projects Coordinator for the Quechan Tribe. “And initial tests done when it was first drilled in ‘06 showed the water quality coming up from that depth is much better than the existing well.”

Over the past couple of months a new Y-joint was installed at the point where the old well enters the Quechan water system. A series of 12-inch pipes and joints were then installed, connecting the new well into the Tribe’s existing water distribution system at the Y-joint. Both

wells are connected to power from the IID grid, and utilize a diesel generator on-site to provide a back-up in the event of a power failure.

The new well will be used as an additional water source for the Tribe’s water tank on Indian Hill, rather than replacing an existing well. It will be run off the same controller as the existing Picacho Well, with the controller switching from one well to the other each time more water is required to keep the Indian Hill water tank at the proper level.

“The initial surge of power and hydraulic pressure when a well that size starts up can cause a pipe to shift if everything isn’t tied down correctly,” says Hirt, “so we installed a series of thrust blocks at every joint in the new pipeline wherever it changes direction, to make sure it all stays firmly anchored in place anytime the pump starts up.”

During a pressure test conducted on March 17 to check for leaks, all of the joints and their associated thrust blocks were left uncovered, so that if any

leaks developed and the pressure dropped, those observing the pressure test could quickly identify the source of the leak and rectify the situation.

Once the entire New North Picacho Well system passed the pressure test, the trenches were back-filled and everything was returned to the existing ground level.

Accurate Excavation of Yuma was contracted to conduct the pressure test, and the Indian Health Service as well as Bill Hirt and Jim Stewart (Head of Quechan Utilities) were on hand to observe. The IHS takes part in all pressure tests to verify that there are no leaks and that the Tribe’s water supply is a closed system, to prevent contamination.

Once everything is completed and the new well has been given a “clean bill of health” from the IHS, Mr. Hirt says it could be adding water to the system as early as the first week in April. That will give the Quechan Tribe two wells on Picacho Road to draw from, in addition to Jackson Well on West Jackson Road.



**Thrust blocks are solid, heavy blocks** of concrete poured in place at the outside corners of high pressure pipe junctions. The weight of the blocks anchor the pipes in place, and prevent the pipes from shifting due to pressure changes when the pumps first turn on.



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*The Quechan Indian Tribe is seeking  
Tribal Members who are interested in  
serving on a newly created  
**Parks and Recreation  
Committee***

The Parks and Recreation Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Parks and Recreation Director in expanding the activities available for the community. We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping to expand the activity opportunities available for all age levels.

**Those interested should  
submit a letter of interest to the  
Tribal Council Secretary  
at the Tribal Administration Office.**



## Quechan Descendant Adriana Bandy Honored by Conference

The 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education Committee has selected Adriana Bandy, a sophomore at San Pasqual Valley High School, as their 2009 Student of the Year.

Adriana will be honored at the Educator's Award Luncheon in Palms Springs, California on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 and will receive a scholarship as part of this honor.

In order to be nominated for this award, students must be of Native American descent and enrolled in a public or private school, and maintaining a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.5 or higher throughout their school career. Nominees must show demonstrated leadership qualities, maintain high academic achievement, serve as a role model for other students and have shown creativity and/or commitment in the following areas:

Promoting an understanding and appreciation of American Indian culture in an educational setting and must have demonstrated positive, active leader-



**Adriana Bandy**

ship in student affairs or in community activities. The student must also have achieved his or her educational goals and submit their current transcripts.

Adriana is a descendent of the Quechan Tribe. Her parents are Kelley and Eric Ruiz of Winterhaven, CA and Raymond Ramieriez of New Prague, Minnesota, while her grandmother is Rebecca Ramirez of Ft. Yuma. Besides being an honor student, Adriana participates in school activities including volleyball and track, and is active in her church and community. Adriana is planning to attend college once she graduates from high school.

## "Diabetes And You" Class at Quechan Senior Center

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project (SDP) is stepping up their community education outreach with a new course entitled "Diabetes and You". Vincent Tiger, a Diabetes Prevention Aide at SDP has been presenting the class for the past month at the Quechan Senior Center, and will be wrapping up the final class in the series this Thursday, March 26th.

Offering plenty of handouts and advice gained through personal experience with diabetes, Mr. Tiger uses a 10 page workbook he has prepared using charts, data and artwork from the American Diabetes Association. In the first couple of weeks of the course, students have learned about the condition known as pre-diabetes, when blood sugar levels begin to climb above normal, but not quite to the level high enough to qualify as diabetic.

Oftentimes, those who have developed pre-diabetes can take simple steps to reverse the condition, if they take the proper steps right away. "Since diabetes doesn't go away once you have it," Vincent tells the class, "it's better to prevent it in the first place."

The steps taken to eliminate pre-diabetes are very much the same steps on takes to control diabetes, so the first part of the class helps those who have the disease, and those attending who have been told by their doctor that they are at risk of developing the condition. The steps include: cutting down on fat, realizing you can live just as well on fewer calories each day (and doing it!), taking a brisk half hour walk (or engaging in similar exercise) 5 days a week, and losing a little weight.

A recent study shows those



**Vincent Tiger**, the class instructor, takes the time to carefully explain an AccuChek® blood sugar report for one of the students.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

who lost only 15 pounds in the first year of the study greatly reduced their chance of developing diabetes, so a great deal of the class involves getting the students to think out loud and talk about ways they could increase their physical activity, like walking to the store when it's only a block or two away, rather than taking the car.

Mr. Tiger also spends a great deal of time discussing the importance of a proper diet, and even includes anecdotes of his own personal struggles in learning to cut back on "fun foods" to finally develop good dietary habits. He says he's finally learned how to keep at it, and says he's rehabilitating himself everyday.

Those struggles to "stay good" and keep at it day-to-day helps the class see that everyone has problems living with diabetes, and allow them to more closely identify with their instructor, who might have "all the answers" on paper at his office, but still has to figure out how to put the answers to the test in his own life.

"You can't cheat on an A1c test!" he tells them with a laugh, as he describes his amazement at seeing his blood sugar history for the previous 30 days the first time he took the test. "There's no way to get around that one, so you have to learn how to do what's right, and keep your blood sugar under control every day!"

And to help them maintain that control, Vincent spends the time to describe the various testing meters and how the information can be "downloaded" to a computer and printed out, so a patient can monitor their blood sugar levels day-to-day, correlating their moods and energy levels with their actual blood sugar. Learning how you feel when your blood sugar is too low, as well as too high, enables you to learn better how to keep it balanced in the middle, where it belongs.

But the course involves more than just concentrating on numbers. Mr. Tiger also makes suggestions about who to contact in the community when you need help with your diet, or where to get supplies or advice. He's been advising those who want to know more about diet to attend Deborah Drumel's classes at the IHS Clinic, or to visit the kitchen at Special Diabetes and take a cooking class with Deborah Tourtillot.

He's also trying to take some of the mystery out of using a blood glucose meter, by explaining the print-outs a patient can get when their doctor downloads their history.

Vincent says he will probably be offering the class again during the summer months. If you'd like to attend, watch for the flyers or give him a call at (760)572-1286.

### Strong Hearts Pow Wow Bird Dance Contest Winners

#### GOLDEN AGE

- 1 Verna Parker
- 2 Jorigine Paya
- 3 Lillie Mae Townsend
- 4 Charlene Emerson

#### TEEN GIRLS

- 1 Christa Lynn Carter
- 2 Catherine Kelly
- 3 Veronica Santos
- 4 Anna Dominguez

#### ADULT WOMEN

- 1 Angel Townsend
- 2 Starla Shaffer
- 3 Angeline Levy
- 4 Louann Levy

#### JUNIOR GIRLS

- 1 Deleane Benson
- 2 Jayne Antone
- 3 Lauren Talaswaima-Puggie
- 4 Teresa Valenzuela



# STRONG HEARTS POW WOW WINNERS

Here are the dance competition winners from the 29th Annual Strong Hearts Spring Pow Wow, held here at the San Pasqual High Football Field from March 6th to March 8th.

The winners listed are those who took part in the general competitions held on Saturday and Sunday, following the Grand Entries on those days. The winners of the local Bird Dance Contest on Friday evening are listed separately in a box in the lower left corner on the facing page.

| GOLDEN AGE                   |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Men</b>                   |  |
| <b>1st:</b> Norman Largo     |  |
| <b>2nd:</b> Allen Roy Paquin |  |
| <b>3rd:</b> Greg Red Elk     |  |
| <b>4th:</b> Lynn Burson      |  |
| <b>Women</b>                 |  |
| <b>1st:</b> Virgie Tsasie    |  |
| <b>2nd:</b> Nita Track       |  |
| <b>3rd:</b> Priscilla Shrock |  |
| <b>4th:</b> Claudia Lorentz  |  |

## MEN'S SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

- 1st:** Chris Dinedeal  
**2nd:** Shude Victores  
**3rd:** Forrest Gorman  
**4th:** Veron Segundo, Jr.

## MEN'S SOUTHERN/NORTHERN FANCY

- 1st:** Mylan Tootoosie  
**2nd:** Cory Le Claire  
**3rd:** Quanah Henry  
**4th:** Jesse Sisk III

## MEN'S GRASS

- 1st:** George Bearskin  
**2nd:** Bryson Lone Child  
**3rd:** Jared Pidgeon  
**4th:** A.G. Shenandoah

## MEN'S NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

- 1st:** Fernando Salazar  
**2nd:** Joey Chief  
**3rd:** Danny Polk  
**4th:** Do Young Bear

## WOMEN'S FANCY DRESS

- 1st:** Glynnis Chief  
**2nd:** Sheridan Silversmith  
**3rd:** Susan Jackson

## WOMEN'S CLOTH DRESS

- 1st:** Yvonne Sadongei  
**2nd:** Lynn Thurman  
**3rd:** Maurissa Two Two  
**4th:** Leah Brown

## WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN DRESS

- 1st:** Jacinta Tsosie  
**2nd:** Nelson Utania  
**3rd:** Jshen Tsosie

## WOMEN'S JINGLE DRESS

- 1st:** Teri John  
**2nd:** Shannon Beetso  
**3rd:** Jovelle Pacheco  
**4th:** Marissa Woody

## TEEN GIRLS' BUCKSKIN/CLOTH

- 1st:** Alyssa Phillips  
**2nd:** Raylyne Sanchez  
**3rd:** Alayna Jackson  
**4th:** Naomie Skye

## TEEN GIRLS' FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE

- 1st:** Yvonne Sadongei  
**2nd:** Lynn Thurman  
**3rd:** Raven Semmon Sanchez  
**4th:** Shaneesia Mtn. Sheep

## TEEN BOYS' TRAD./STRAIGHT

- 1st:** Rayland Smith  
**2nd:** Avery Moore

## TEEN BOYS' FANCY/GRASS

- 1st:** L.J. Nodman  
**2nd:** Nate Smith  
**3rd:** Jovelle Pacheco  
**4th:** Aaron Woody

## JUNIOR GIRLS' BUCKSKIN/CLOTH

- 1st:** Marlene Lastiyano  
**2nd:** Victory Randall  
**3rd:** Anya Carrillo  
**4th:** Shanal Beetso

## JUNIOR GIRLS' FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE

- 1st:** Tia Gray  
**2nd:** Jaydean Randall  
**3rd:** Tanisha Beetso  
**4th:** Amber Pacheco

## JUNIOR BOYS' TRAD./STRAIGHT

- 1st:** John Henry Cummins-Skye  
**2nd:** Julian Polk

## JUNIOR BOYS' FANCY/GRASS

- 1st:** Bryson Sanchez  
**2nd:** Kevin Brown  
**3rd:** M.J. Sheka  
**4th:** D.C. Charley

# NABI To Sponsor 10K Run and Pow Wow in May

The Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI), founders of the largest all Native American basketball tournament, has announced that they are preparing to hold their first annual NABI "Chasing The Sun" 10K Run and Pow Wow in Phoenix over the weekend of May 1st through the 3rd, 2009.

Presented by the Arizona Cardinals, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the University of Phoenix, the history-making, three-day event will celebrate Native American people, culture and traditions. The goal of the Pow Wow is to share the beauty of Native American music and

dance with all.

Located at the University of Phoenix stadium in Glendale, home of the NFC Champion Cardinals, the "Chasing The Sun" 10K Run and Pow Wow will make history as the first Pow Wow hosted in an NFL stadium. The sponsors hope to build this annual Pow Wow into the largest in North America!

A free health expo - sponsored by Merck - will also be held during the weekend. Merck hopes to have up to 75 health-related businesses and organizations from all over the Phoenix area at the expo, which will be located on the perimeter of the



University of Phoenix Stadium. The health expo will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM on both Saturday and Sunday.

Event organizers stress that the public is welcome to attend the entire Pow Wow, and that the gates will open at 5 PM on

Friday night, with FREE Admission that evening. Friday's Grand Entry will take place at 7 PM *sharp*.

Admission for Saturday and Sunday will be \$12.00 each day, with Elders over 60 and children 6 and under *FREE*. Tickets for the weekend will be available at the stadium box office starting at 10 AM on Friday. They will also hold registration and check-in for Pow Wow dancers from 10 AM to 6 PM on Friday, and from 8 AM to 11 AM on Saturday. Registration for dancers will be cut off at 11 AM on Saturday with *no exceptions*!

A 1 Mile Health Walk/Run

will take place Saturday morning beginning at 7:30 AM, with the 10K run starting at sunrise and scheduled to end around 10 AM. 1 Mile Health Walk/Run is to promote and inspire the importance of exercising as part of your daily life. Wheelchairs and strollers *ONLY* will be allowed. No bikes, rollerblades and skateboards of any kind will be permitted.

There will be Native American entertainment at every mile marker along the 6.2 mile route of the 10K Run. For further information, check out [nabihoops.com](http://nabihoops.com) on the internet, or call them at (602) 254-1952.



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# The 29th Annual STRONG HEARTS Native Society POW WOW

Junior Boys' Traditional/Straight Dance  
2nd Place Winner: Julian Polk #80



Things really got rolling once the sun went down on Friday night, with the Roadrunners, Ah Keel Group and the Strong Hearts boys joining together for bird songs as local women and girls joined the early arrivals of visiting Native Royalty on the field at San Pasqual for traditional Quechan dancing.



Teen Girls' Buckskin/Cloth Dress  
Dance Winner: Alyssa Phillips #122



Larry Comet of Post 802 led the Grand Entry on Saturday, carrying the American flag alongside the eagle staffs.



Old friends were often seen catching up with each other as they circled the arena during the Grand Entries.



The Hui O' Hawai'i Dancers came over from Yuma, to give a demonstration for the crowd on Saturday afternoon.



All of the vendors seemed to do pretty well this year, even with a bit smaller crowd. The Full Blood native skateboard company was very popular with the kids!



Honored Visiting Elder Gary Watson (seen at far right) and his whole family presented his newest grandson to the circle, receiving congratulations from everyone.



San Pasqual High's Indian Princess Janyse Collins-Solorio was among those to be presented a Pendleton blanket, courtesy of Miss Southern Ute Nation, Eleanor Frost.

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