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# ***Quechan Tribe Salutes Our Veterans***



**The U.S. Border Patrol Color Guard** snaps to attention at last year's dedication ceremony for the Quechan Memorial Eagle outside the Tribal Council entrance of the Tribal Administration building. Also attending the ceremony were the Pi Pash veterans in the background. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Every year on November 11, the Quechan Tribe gathers together to publicly express our heartfelt appreciation to our service members, veterans and their families for the dedication and sacrifice they have so willingly provided in securing our rights and liberty as Americans.

Last year, a new addition to the Indian Hill government complex

was dedicated to those veterans, and is a fitting expression of the soaring spirit of freedom every native aspires to. That new addition is the Quechan Memorial Eagle, which also serves as the backdrop for this year's Veterans' Day ceremony.

There are a number of annual traditions to honor veterans here at Fort Yuma, from the Head

Start Children's Parade around Indian Hill, to the presentation of colors and 21-gun salute offered by the men of Quechan Post 802.

This year, the official gathering for veterans will get underway at 10:00 AM in the parking lot just south of the Eagle, with President Mike Jackson, Sr. providing the opening remarks as

the Post 802 color guard troops the colors and raises Old Glory over Indian Hill.

Gordon Osborne will conduct the invocation prior to introducing the day's guest speaker, Quechan Tribe Vice President Keeny Escalante, Sr.

Mr. Escalante will tell the story of Veterans Day, offering his reflections on the enduring value of sacrifice for the common good, and the need to keep the needs of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in our thoughts year-round.

The Road Runner Dance Group, led by Willard Golding will follow up with traditional songs of remembrance and thanks to the creator in Kwat'san, with Tribal Councilman Todd Durand providing the prayer of benediction. The 21-gun salute by the Post 802 Color Guard will follow, before Mr. Durand offers closing remarks.

Finally, Post 802 and the Winterhaven Fire Protection District will host a barbeque lunch right there on Indian Hill immediately following the morning's remembrance ceremony. All are welcome to attend.



# DHS Officials Attend 2 Day Tour, Briefings on Quechan Nation

National representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spent two days last week, touring the Quechan nation and meeting with tribal officials to get a first hand look at the conditions here on the U.S./Mexico border.

Mr. Randy Zeller, Director of Interagency and First Responder Programs and Ms. Linda Vasta, a high official in the DHS West Coast Operations charged with Interagency Coordination have spent November 4th and 5th both flying over the area with Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. and holding a series of intense briefings on science and technology matters associated with disaster preparations in the Tribal Council Chambers.

Their visit was to discuss "Capability Gaps" in disaster response that may exist here at Fort Yuma. The key issue being the need to know what we have and how does works as opposed to what we don't have and the impact this will have in the event of a man-made or natural disasters, such as flooding, evacuation, a rail disaster, aircraft mishap, contamination of our water sources, terrorist activities, or, in a worst case scenario, a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosive (CBRNE) event.

Mr. Zeller began the meetings with the DHS Science and Technology briefing, followed by short presentations from tribal departments and other local representatives. Each team giving a presentation was asked what their capability gaps might be in the event of any man-made



Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. (at far left) and DHS officials flew over the area with the U.S. Border Patrol before meeting with both the Tribal Council and various tribal departments for science and technology briefings. The 2-day visit was the first for national DHS officials at this level. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



or natural disasters and asked to list the top 3 items needing immediate attention, along with their estimates of cost and justifications to fix any shortfalls.

The purpose is to determine what the capability gaps exist and find possible or alternative solutions to them, before disaster strikes.

Among those briefing Mr. Zeller and Ms. Vasta were Brian Golding, Sr. and Allyson Collins of the EDA; Chief Badilla of the QPD and Gordon Osborne of Quechan Fish and Game; Mr. Parrish, Mr. Montague, Mr.

Coyote, Mr. Boyd Hill and Mr. McPherson, the CEO, General Managers and Heads of Security and Hotel Operations at the Quechan Casino Resort; Bob Letendre from the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity; Rebecca Ramirez, Director of the Quechan Education Complex and Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White.

The U.S. Border Patrol, Bard Water District, Indian Health Services, Imperial County Sheriff's Office, Winterhaven Fire Protection District and the San Pasqual Valley Unified School

District were also given time on the second day of the visit to make presentations and take part in the meetings.

The DHS fact-finding mission came about as a result of the Quechan Tribe's Safety and Emergency Management Director, Pearl Cowan being selected to be a member of the DHS First Responder Working Group on Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) in Washington, D.C.

As a member of that group, Ms. Cowan will represent the interests of Native Tribes at the

federal level, to increase awareness of the needs of often isolated tribal communities in regional disaster planning.

"When they first told me they needed more information on of our size and how it relates to our borders and waterways, I suggested they come out and take a look," she says. "They then asked if there is anything they should bring with them when they did so, and my initial response was to tell them, 'Bring your checkbook!'"

Their coming out to see the reservation for themselves within 6 weeks of Pearl's first Washington meeting gives her hope those additional funds to cure emergency preparedness shortfalls here at Fort Yuma may be in the offing.

Pearl will return to Washington for more meetings of the national First Responder RDT&E Working Group over the coming months, and she promises to keep a close eye on what may develop from the DHS visit here earlier this month.

## Charlene Emerson Retires After 22 Years

Charlene Emerson has left the employment of the Quechan Tribe, retiring after 22 years of service to the community.

A get-together was held in her honor at the Quechan Senior Center on October 29th to permit those whose lives she has touched tell how she has made a difference over the years.

As others listened, co-workers, family and clients took turns to tell of the impact Charlene

had, and the spirit of giving she embodies.

Charlene worked for the BIA at Salt River for 17 years as an elementary school teacher before moving here in 1982. She then worked for Kofa and Yuma High as a Counselor for Native American students until she accepted a position as a Counselor in the ADAPP Program. Three years later, she moved over to Social Services, where she and

Marilyn Swafford formed the entire department in those days. When Social Services got their own building in the early 1990s, Charlene kept her office in the Senior Center as the Elder Service/Family Coordinator.

"I enjoyed every minute, working with the elders," she says. Her plan now is to get more involved with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, working in their Ombudsman Program.



Charlene enjoys a salad as people sing her praises at her retirement party. Photo: William Isbell

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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 Kw'ts'an Pipá. 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!





# Heritage & Culture

## Strong Hearts Indian Princess 3 Times, Janyse Collins-Solorio Says Farewell



In her senior year, Janyse travelled to the Gathering of Nations where she took part in many events and even got to meet and spend time with this year's Miss Indian World, Miss Brooke Grant, from Hupa, California. She is grateful for all of those who helped her make her time as Miss San Pasqual Indian Princess such as success, including this year's lipaa Kwanamii, Ruben Polk, fellow Princesses Melanie Bell and Ny-Lyn Duncan, and singers Tony Collins and Noah Charles, all shown above.

All Images Courtesy of Janyse Collins-Solorio

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on my reign as Miss San Pasqual High School Indian Princess 2008/2009.

This past year I have grown in many ways, as a young woman and a leader. Due to the class load and extra-curricular involvement of being a senior in High School, I wasn't able to travel as much as I did during my earlier reigns as Miss Elementary and Miss Middle School Indian Princess.

Instead I stayed home and worked on the Elder Village, a project that the Strong Hearts were involved in. As Strong Hearts President in 2008-2009, I was able to motivate my peers in joining in this new adventure for both young and old. In years past with Strong Hearts, we have volunteered at various community and cultural functions. None, however, have been as rewarding as the Elder Village Project. At the village, we learned how to make building materials from the earth,

from mud clay to willow and mesquite poles to arrow weeds, which were all used on the hut.

We learned how to make baskets, heard many stories of our elders' youthful existence, and how storytelling played an important role in life's lessons. I learned the true nature of volunteerism, as I, with my peers and other volunteers, sweated and

gave of ourselves to build this very special cultural resource near the river at Sunrise Point.

I was able to travel this year to the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, which I raised money for. I am happy that my sister, my Grandmother, and one of my best friends were able to go with me.

I learned a lot about organiza-

tion, planning, and sponsorship as my duties for the 29th Annual San Pasqual Unified School District Pow Wow, were many. These skills will be with me from here on out and will help me on my path to success.

I would like to thank the following people that helped me along the way: my Grandmother Janice Emerson, for taking me

to all the Bird dancing events when I was just a little girl and helping me to connect with the beautiful Quechan singing and dancing. Also, for her help in supporting and encouraging me with everything that I do. Your love knows no bounds. I want to thank my Great-Grandmother Henrietta Emerson for being in my life and just loving me. I want to thank my Grandmother Marilyn Dewey for teaching me Quechan words and always encouraging me and my Great-Grandmother Pearl Escalanti for being in my world and her wonderful smile. I am so lucky to have each of you.

I would like to thank my parents, Allyson Collins and Albert Solorio, Jr., for their love and all that comes with it. I couldn't ask for a more unique set of parents. I love you both.

To my sisters and brothers, Jessica, Gabriella, Isaac, and Albert Jr. for your "punkness" *Farewell Continues on Page 4*





## Robin Estrada Appointed Quechan Tribal Administrator

Robin Estrada, long time Finance Manager for the Quechan Indian Tribe, has been appointed the new Tribal Administrator. Her appointment was made official at the regular Tribal Council meeting on November 5th.

Ms. Estrada is a tribal member who grew up here on the Fort Yuma Reservation, graduating from San Pasqual High in 1983. She went on to attend the De Loux School of Cosmetology in Escondido, obtaining a California State Cosmetology license.

Upon returning to Fort Yuma,

Robin married and began her family. She is now the mother of three grown children: Francisco, Natasha and Cecelio Estrada, and grandmother of Kali and Karla Cortez. She was able to continue her academic career once her children were enrolled in school, and graduated from Arizona Western College in 1997. She later took additional classes at the Northern Arizona University campus in Yuma.

Her career with the Quechan Tribe began with work as a finance clerk during the summers

from 1991 to '94. She worked full time in the Tribal Gaming Office beginning in 1998, starting out as a Gaming Inspector before moving off of the gaming floor to become an Investigator for vendor licensing.

Ms. Estrada accepted the position of Finance Manager for the Quechan Tribe in 2002, under the leadership of the Tribe's Comptroller, Frank Espino.

Her appointment to the position of Tribal Administrator ends a four month search, and takes effect this week.

## Janyse Collins-Solorio Says Farewell

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**Janyse poses with both of her grandmothers** during a function at the Quechan Community Center. On the left is Janice Emerson, on the right is paternal grandma Marilyn Dewey. Photo Courtesy of Janyse Collins-Solorio

and for carrying out my every command. No, but really, I love you guys.

A big thank you to all of my Aunties: Charlene Emerson, Marsha Emerson, Christina Solorio-Jackson, Veronica Ruiz, Alberta Solorio, Rosie Dewey, Donna Herrera, Christine Emerson, Gretta Federico, and Rosalie Villalpando. Thanks to my uncle, John Collins, for always supporting me. To Dustin and Christina Jackson, for your time and support because I know you rolled many tacos for my fundraising. I know we had a lot of fun. Your love is so tremendous and it means a lot to me. Thanks you guys. All of my cousins, you know who you are.

I would like to thank my uncle Tony Collins, in Salt River, for coming to sing for me at the pageants and for sharing his knowledge of the Au Authm (Pima) culture. And the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe for all of their generous support as well.

Thank you to all of my dress-makers: Frances Williams, Carol Curran, Valerie Schurz, Pat West, and Susan Koteen. Your talents are rich and encouraging.

Thank you to all of those who sang for me through the years: Ryan Takala, Noah Charles,

Delano Carter, Tony Collins, Ruben Polk, Andre Polk-Estrada, Brendan Jose, Mandel Sanchez, Christopher Jr. and Arlie Emerson, Jason Lomaintewa, Faron Owl, and my court and fellow Strong Hearts.


To my teachers at San Pasqual Elementary, Middle, and High School and my Strong Hearts advisor Mr. Faron Owl: Thank you for everything.

And last, but not least, my friends: Danielle Owens, Sarah Duwyenie, Marie Durand, Virginia Montague and Kim White. What can I say? We've been through a lot and I remember every laughter, every tear, every every. And all of my other friends at San Pasqual, you know who you are. Thanks!

In conclusion, Thank you to the Strong Hearts Native Society, for the opportunity to lift a young lady like myself into a womanhood. I will never forget my time with you. Thank you to God for the blessing of all those named and for your wonderful place in my heart.

Love,  
Janyse Starr Collins-Solorio,  
Miss San Pasqual  
High School Indian Princess  
2008/2009

### Smoking Cessation Classes



**Do you smoke? Do you want to quit smoking?**  
Assistance is available at Ft Yuma!

**If you want more information come to the next class:**

**Saturday, Nov 14th at 10:00AM**

**At the Ft Yuma Service Unit - Indian Health Service**  
Or call LCDR "Ray" Forest at (760)572-4120

## Seniors! Earn a free pair of Nike N7 Native Shoes!



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at the Diabetes Walking Park



**Everyone who completes 12 weeks (for a total of 24 walks)  
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**Free snacks and water for all participants every week!**

**For more information**

**Contact Lisa Aguerro [760] 572-0437**  
Quechan Injury Prevention Office



# Tribal Council Honored at Annual Gala

Local firemen, law enforcement professionals and assorted “movers and shakers” from the local community gathered at the Sonora Club onboard MCAS Yuma on October 23rd to take part in the The 8th Annual Amberly’s Place Gala. Held each year since 2001, the Gala honors community members, leaders, local businesses and organizations that provided crucial support in strengthening the center and its mission.

This year, to emphasize the importance of their mission to overcome domestic violence and provide shelter for both women and children suffering abuse in the home, crosstown rivals KSWT (CBS Channel 13) and KYMA (NBC Channel 11) sent their newsteams to co-host the event. Luis Cruz, KYMA News Director shared the podium with KSWT News Director Shannon Maze to introduce the nights guests, and keep everyone entertained with good natured kid-



**Diane Umphress presented the award** to Quechan Tribal Councilman Jordan Joaquin as fellow Council members James Montague and Cryselle Uribe looked on. After the presentation, Ms. Uribe stepped forward to speak on behalf of the entire Council (at right).  
QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

ding between the power point presentations, videos and guest speakers brought forward during the Gala.

Established in 1999, Amberly’s Place provides a safe and victim-friendly environment for those traumatized by domestic violence. There, they can meet with law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, mental health and social service providers, victim advocates, protective

service agencies and medical professionals, to tell their stories and get the help they need preparing for court appearances while putting their lives back together.

To accomplish this vital work, Amberly’s Place is dependent upon donations and the support of many government agencies, including the Quechan Tribal Council.

Each year the Amberly’s Place Board of Directors honors sup-



porters that have gone above and beyond. The Fort Yuma Quechan Nation is one of two Hall of Fame inductees for 2009 being recognized for their continued services as an ongoing contributor to the center.

“The Quechan Nation has been a key benefactor to the success of our programs through the years,” said Diane Umphress, Amberly’s Place Executive Director in introducing the Council members

present at the event. “They’ve provided financial assistance to fill in funding gaps as well as providing toys through their toy drive so that no child ever leaves our center empty handed.”

Tribal Council members Jordan Joaquin, James Montague and Cryselle Uribe then stepped forward to accept an engraved crystal plaque thanking the Quechan Tribe for their crucial support. Once the applause in the room faded out, Ms. Uribe spoke for the entire Council as she thanked Diane and her staff for their recognition.

She spoke of the importance the Tribal Council places on working together with all of our neighbors, and of combating the scourge of domestic violence. Ms. Uribe also stressed the need to keep the lines of communication open, to really get involved with our communities, to see what is happening around us everyday. “We can all make a difference,” she says.

## Legislative Summit at the Pivot Point Conference Center

The County Supervisors Association (CSA), known as “Arizona’s voice for counties” held its Annual Legislative Summit at the Hilton Garden Inn Pivot Point Conference Center in Yuma from October 27 to 29.

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer was the guest speaker during the Summit luncheon on Wednesday, followed by a bill signing ceremony that was featured by local broadcast media. Two bills from Yuma County that had been waiting in the State Legislature were signed at the ceremony.

Each year Supervisors from across the State gather in one location for the annual CSA summit. Over the 3-day period the elected officials worked to formulate a plan for the next Ari-

zona State Legislative Session. The summit allows a forum for the county supervisors from all 15 Arizona counties to consider all legislative proposals for the coming year and prioritize collective county needs and implement changes to provide improved services across the state.

“I am thrilled Yuma County is hosting these important annual meetings. Over 100 elected officials and support personnel enjoyed Yuma County’s hospitality as we discussed the course (of) the next legislative session,” said Craig Sullivan, CSA Executive Director. He added, “We’re pleased to showcase Yuma County and look forward to utilizing the excellent venue, showing off the community to

people from across the state.”

That hospitality was centered on the centerpiece of Yuma’s downtown redevelopment, the Pivot Point Conference Center, which was created under a partnership between the Quechan Tribe and C.W. Clark. The Tribe is the majority partner in the development.

“Never before has this kind of gathering of influential policymakers been so important,” said Robert Pickels, Yuma County Administrator. “As the state continues to work through these difficult economic times, the voice of counties needs to be heard loud and clear. The summit allows for all counties to gather and develop that message for the next year, and beyond.”

## TRASH PICK-UP



**Special Schedule  
For The Week Of  
THANKS  
GIVING:**

Please note that our drivers will be enjoying both Thursday and Friday with their families for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend this year.

If your trash pick-up is normally scheduled for Thursday and Friday, **PLEASE PLACE YOUR CONTAINERS OUT ON TUESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 24TH** for our drivers to pickup on Wednesday.

Please direct any questions to the Utilities Office at 760-572-0667.



# *New Quechan Court Building Hosts Its First Marriage Ceremony*

October 20th, 2009 is now not only a date in a family's history, it is also a date that will live on in Quechan Tribal History as well: It marks the date of the first civil marriage ceremony in the new Quechan Tribal Court Building.

Elsie Mae Rea and Dwight D. Taylor were joined together under the authority of Judge Claudette White, with Dwight's son Colin and Quechan Tribal Court Clerk Barrie Tibbits stepping forward as official witnesses. Colin also performed the duties of best man, while the *Quechan News* was on hand to photograph the event for the happy couple.

Dwight says he's always had his eye on Elsie, who is the morning Sous Chef at the Paradise Casino. "I'd seen her around town for years, and always thought she was a great lady," he explains. Friends introduced the couple when Elsie found herself single a few months back, and things developed pretty quickly. With marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor now share a home in the Winterhaven area.



**Judge Claudette White** smiles from the bench as Dwight D. Taylor slips a wedding ring onto the hand of his betrothed, Elsie Mae Rea at the first wedding in the new courthouse. Photo by Wm. Isbell

# *Sign Masters - A Diamond's Best Friend*



**A crew from Sign Masters** in Yuma spent a couple of days in late October replacing the plexiglass facets of the huge diamond ring over the entrance to the Paradise Casino. Supervisor J. C. Garcia (inside the diamond) helped Jason Leinbach and Gordon Bowers (on the lift) measure, cut and install 32 sheets of Thermaglass multi-wall polycarbonate in place of the original covering that was installed when the Casino first opened 13 years ago. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

## **Quechan Injury Prevention**

*Would like to invite anyone who  
works with Elders or Seniors  
To come participate at the*

## **3rd Annual Elder Health Resource Fair**

*Wednesday, December 9th  
From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
(Arizona time)*

**At the Quechan Senior Center  
472 Quechan Drive  
Winterhaven, CA 92283**



**INJURY  
PREVENTION**

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# *Fire Chiefs Meet at Casino♠Resort*



**Chief Steve Taylor** (at far left) teamed up with Quechan E.M. Director Pearl Cowan (3rd from left at the head table) to host the monthly meeting of The Imperial Valley Fire Chiefs Association. Photo by William Isbell

Chiefs of over 25 fire departments from as far away as San Diego County met in late October at the Quechan Casino♠Resort. Hosted by Winterhaven Fire Protection District Chief Steve Taylor and the Quechan Tribe's Emergency Management Director, Pearl Cowan, this was the first time the group met on tribal property.

Formed to keep local fire chiefs up-to-date on legal, train-

ing and scheduling issues, the Imperial Valley Fire Chiefs Association rotates the location of their meetings among the local areas of their member chiefs each month. The group met here to view a presentation by EF Recovery, a billing service that helps emergency responders receive reimbursement for hazardous waste response calls, and to discuss issues affecting their individual departments in relation

to budgetary constraints.

Others who attended the meeting included Chief Taylor's Administrative Assistant, Sasha Nerva, who donned her crown as Miss Quechan Nation to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to open their meeting.

Brawley, Holtville, El Centro and Calipatria sent their Chiefs, and Brian Woodbeck of the California Emergency Management Agency also attended.



# ADAPP, SAN PASQUAL TEAM UP ON RED RIBBON WEEK EVENT

The oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country, Red Ribbon Week was kicked off at an assembly around the San Pasqual Elementary School flagpole by school students, staff and the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (ADAPP) just after lunchtime on October 26th.

Although the adults called the assembly, the real message to be given that day was provided by their class leaders from each of the three San Pasqual Schools. One after the other, three Quechan tribal members stepped forward to present their own personal message to their fellow students.

First to speak was Elementary School Associated Student Body President Ryan Marks, followed by a representative of the middle school student body, Lucille Alsup. Both stressed the danger of thinking "I can handle it, it will



**Ms. Hartman's second grade class** holds up a banner proclaiming the drug free message of Red Ribbon Week. They attended an all-schools assembly at the San Pasqual elementary school to hear a message from both administrators and fellow students. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

be different for me," when first pressured by your "friends" to "try" drugs. They emphasized the addictive and unpredictable effects of drugs, and the gradual spiral into the need for more and more drugs to get high, which soon takes over your life.

Finally, Strong Hearts Presi-

dent Kailah Durand stepped up to make her pitch for traditional values and strong family ties in amaintaining a sense of balance in life. Her message was one of finding a purpose, rather than surrendering to despair. All three students made a great impression on everyone there.



Three tribal members who shared their drug-free messages were Ryan Marks of the Elementary School, Lucille Alsup, Middle School, and Kailah Durand from San Pasqual High. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

# HALLOWEEN THANKS

Rebecca Ramirez and the staff at the Quechan Education Complex would like to thank all of the people, departments and agencies that volunteered their time and treats to make their Halloween Trick or Treat Event such a success.

Thanks go out to Chief Tony Badilla of the Quechan Police Department, Jerome Two Hearts at Quechan Security, Judge Claudette White of the Quechan Tribal Court and to all of their staff for their time and help.

Also deserving a "pat on the back" are: Quechan Social Services, The Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Authority, the Quechan Enrollment Department, Diabetes Prevention, the Quechan Language Preservation Department, Quechan Parks and

Recreation, Quechan Utilities and the Quechan Senior Center.

A special thanks goes to the Fort Yuma Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for their community involvement, also.

And of course, the various groups at the Education Complex itself: Paradise Child Care, Head Start, J.O.M., R.I.F., the kitchen staff, Child Care and Day Care.

And Quechan Parks & Recreation would like to thank all the departments and volunteers who helped make their Annual Halloween Carnival such a huge success. They truly appreciated all of the cake donations, Haunted House volunteers, and the judges, emcee and tally staff for the Costume Contest. A special thank you goes out to Dennis Massey and Susie Rourke and family.

## FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC

### H1N1 Flu Vaccine:

(The live, attenuated, intranasal version)  
is now available for:

- Healthy children 2 - 24 years, especially those 9 and younger who are recommended to receive 2 doses, and
- Healthy caregivers (up to 49 years old) of infants younger than 6 months

The Inactivated, injection version is available for:

- Pregnant women
- Healthcare Workers and EMS
- Caregivers (up to 49 years old) of infants younger than 6 months
- Anyone 6 months through 24 years of age

*We will keep you updated as more supplies come in for more groups of people.*

Ask your Provider or Nurse

Or visit the Public Health Nurses office

Wednesdays from 3 PM to 7 PM for all vaccines.

### Questions?

Call Rebecca Leach, PHN at (760) 572-4227  
or Claudia Lorentz, PHN at (760)572-4225

## THE ANNUAL QUECHAN COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Will be held in the Paradise Event Center*

*Saturday Evening - November 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Dinner will be served at 5:00 P.M.*

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

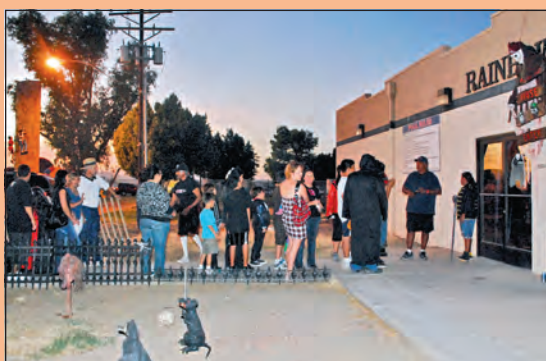






FROM DRACULA TO DOROTHY, LIONS TO LADYBUGS AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FOUND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY ENJOYING

# HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FUN!



Adults and teens were eager to line up for the thrills and chills of the Rainbow Pool Haunted House.



And the giant inflatable slide was tremendously popular with the younger kids. It was busy all night!



Dennis Aguerro from Business Enterprises grilled the hot dogs!

Halloween is always a time to “pull out all the stops” here on the Quechan reservation, and the Parks and Recreation staff did just that on October 24th.

Volunteer help from the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District (administration, staff and students), the Post 802 Women’s Auxiliary, San Pasqual Booster Club, the U.S. Census, Quechan Tribal Court, Quechan Casino Resort, and the Diabetes Wellness Center assisted in transforming the Community Center’s

parking lot into a carnival midway for the evening. There were games, a climbing tower, free food and contests for the kids. The Rainbow Pool changing rooms were changed themselves - into a terrific haunted house!

Besides the midway booths, the smaller kids even had a chance to show their creativity in a costume contest that handed out gift cards in seven age groups. There were some real professional looking outfits this year, so if you didn’t go, you

missed a good show!

And of course, kids seem to never get enough of dressing up and pretending to be super heroes, princesses and ghouls, so the Education Complex had their own carnival for the kids the following week!

A dozen Tribal Departments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Reading Is Fundamental Program all showed up that day to man tables and hand out bags and bags of candy and prizes to all of the kids at the Complex!



This dangerous lady shows she means business!

AND THEN ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - THE QUECHAN EDUCATION COMPLEX GAVE EVERYONE ONE MORE CHANCE TO “PLAY LIKE THE DEVIL” BEFORE HALLOWEEN!



Pilar Trujillo and Veronica Neblina from Quechan Housing came out to give away little bags of goodies, as did Angela Hiraes from the Higher Education Department, dressed as a sweeter version of a “Killer Bee”. Children from the Education Complex lined up (or were pushed around in carts!) to visit 19 different stations to pick up their treats!