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Ground Breaking Held At San Pasqual Schools

Despite a year marked by budget cutbacks on the state level, San Pasqual School Board members were able to join students, administrators and Tribal representatives in breaking ground on the first phase of \$8 Million in new construction at the San Pasqual schools on September 1st.

Board members present at the 9:00 AM ceremony were Ramon Barton and Chairperson Monica Montague—both Quechan Tribal members. Also on hand for the occasion were the San Pasqual Schools District Superintendent, David Schoneman and Vice President Kenny Escalanti, Sr, representing the Tribal government.

Earlier, around sunrise, fellow Board member (and Tribal elder) Vernon Smith made an appearance at the construction site, to offer burning sage and sing a prayer, ensuring a propitious outcome for the project.

After welcoming the audience and making his official comments on the project, San Pasqual Schools Superintendent David Schoneman introduced the gourd singers from



Quechan Tribe Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. joins San Pasqual School Board members Monica Montague and Ramon Barton in turning over the first shovels full of dirt, commemorating the start of new construction at the schools. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

the Strong Hearts Native Society. Their pipa songs were followed by further comments by both the Superintendent and members of the School Board.

Mr. Barton said that even though he was going to miss the older buildings that are coming down, he remembers attending class in some of those rooms as a boy, and says it is time to make way for the future, and provide new classrooms for the

present generation. Some of the old rooms have been standing almost 50 years now!

The entire cost of the project will be funded through a grant from the California State Office of Public School Construction. It will provide an additional ten classrooms at the elementary school and five classrooms at the high school—with new restroom facilities at both sites.

It should take a little over a

year to complete and includes major “off-site” work to the parking lot and student delivery traffic lanes. The schools have already adjusted their bells and bus schedules to accommodate the heavy construction schedule even while classes are meeting for the school year.

“HMC Architects developed the project with input from the School District,” says Superintendent Schoneman, “with Nielson of California the construction manager for the project.” Nielsen recently built the Math and Computer Building at Holtville High, as well as doing the modernization of both Holtville’s Finley Elementary and the Central Union High School Social Studies wing in El Centro, California.

In addition to Tribal leaders, the District had representatives of the Associated Student Body take part in the ceremony, and asked for each class, from kindergarten through 12th grade, to designate one boy and one girl from each class to sit in a special area and represent their entire class. All told, there may have been 100 people present.

Construction Started on New Utilities Garage

You may have noticed a new fenced parking area at the base of the hill off Indian Hill Road. During the last full week of August, workers finished laying out the forms and tying off reinforcement rods to pour the foundation for a new building inside the fence. That building, now under construction, will soon become the Quechan Tribe's new Vehicle Maintenance Shop.

Walt Brooks, Construction Supervisor for the Tribe, says the new parking area and shop will primarily house the backhoes, garbage trucks and other equipment of the Utilities Department. Public Works and other Tribal Departments using heavy equipment will also park their vehicles there, to provide a central location for all construction equipment.

The parking area will be provided with 24 hour security, and will have a data logging system, to be able to track the



Workers quickly spread and smooth concrete as it pours from the back of a cement mixer, laying the foundation pad of the new Utilities Maintenance Shop below Indian Hill. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

comings and goings of those vehicles, which will help keep track of where they are assigned and when they are due to return, preventing workers from being stuck in the field without help, in case of a breakdown.

"The main intent is to gather all that equipment in one location," he says, "and to keep it maintained and running."

"Lococo-Pilkington Construction of Yuma was the low

bidder on the contract, and they're doing the work. All of the construction is being reimbursed (through federal funds provided for such projects), which means the new facility won't cost the Tribe a penny."

James Stewart, Manager of Quechan Utilities, will assign at least two of his employees to the building as soon as it is completed. Those employees will both perform preventive

maintenance on Utilities vehicles and use the office and break room there as their "base of operations".

"This new facility will allow us to move the Utilities Maintenance Shop out of its present, substandard space," says Mr. Stewart. "And once completed, Woody Brown will also move in there, with his operation providing maintenance on the Tribal cars and trucks."

Large garage bays measuring 30 feet by 36 feet will provide shade for repair work on both conventional vehicles as well as the larger garbage trucks. It will also have a rest room and hand-washing sink for the mechanics who work there.

There will be a secure room to lock up sensitive and expensive tools and equipment, as well as phone and internet service, allowing employees working on Tribal construction projects to contact parts suppliers, access parts lists, and

potentially subscribe to service bulletins for the vehicles.

The large garage work bays will accept roll-around tool boxes, floor jacks, and have industrial storage racks between the bays, where lengths of pipe and conduit can be stored inside the locked, 12-foot high roll-up doors, providing a ready inventory of items for future projects. The bays will have roll-around coolers, to allow those changing oil, swapping out tires and wheels, or doing other strenuous heavy equipment maintenance to work in a more comfortable setting, on a clean concrete floor, rather than having to crawl under vehicles outdoors, on the hot sand, as is often still the case today.

The garage building will also have an area enabling drivers to wash their vehicles, including oversized equipment like road graders and garbage trucks.

The all steel building should be completed by November.

Interested in Volunteering for the Miss Native San Pasqual Pageant Committee?

The Committee's first meeting will be at 6:00 PM on September 14th

In Mr. Owl's Classroom (#31) at San Pasqual High

We need volunteers to help:

- *Prepare for the pageant*
- *Working with the Pageant Coordinator in Fundraising and soliciting donations for the pageant*
- *Help with the set-up and preparation of the Pageant*

Questions? Call Mr. Owl at (760) 572-0222 ext. 2231

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

If you received the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine (HPV) and did not receive all three (3) doses, you are not totally protected.

If you are not sure, please call Claudia Lorentz, RN, PHN.

If you need additional doses of the vaccine, you can make an appointment with the Public Health Nurse and receive your follow-up shots by calling her at (760) 572-4225.

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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 *Kwat'san 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. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



Culture & Heritage

Modern Techniques Meet Traditional Values in Parenting



The Quechan Parenting staff includes Starla Cachora and Carlotta Sestiaga (standing in first photo at left) who provide transportation and instruction for clients, and Quechan elder Jackie Duro, who greets visitors and “holds down the Fort” weekday mornings from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Carlotta (center photo) has been teaching at the Parenting Program for five years now. At right, she’s seen handing out graduation certificates at the end of her “Daughters of the Earth” course in late May.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The Quechan Parenting Program will begin teaching the popular course, “Positive Indian Parenting” again this week, beginning at 9:30 in the morning on Wednesday, September 8th. The two-hour course runs for the next eight weeks, ending on October 27th.

The course, designed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), is taught by Carlotta Sestiaga, who has received certification on the course.

“For years, Indian parents have been bombarded with the idea that using traditional methods of child-rearing is not a good thing,” says the website providing materials for the ICW Training Institute. “Positive Indian Parenting reverses that concept.”

“The class ties together the traditional ways with the mod-

ern ways of raising children,” says Carlotta. “It’s not only reminding you to pay more attention to what your elders have to say, it’s also reminding you to let your children *be* children while they’re growing up . . . if you’re the parent, you have to remember the parent’s problems are not supposed to become your children’s problems. If you’re having trouble meeting the bills or trying to come up with what to prepare for dinner, if you’re low on food, you have to remember that, as a parent, that’s a problem for you to solve. You don’t have to share it with your kids and make it their problem—they need the time to play and learn their own lessons, to just be kids.”

She says there is an additional element that’s been lost with the modern emphasis on speed and the need to multi-task,

which often breaks down family bonds as everyone is rushing to do their own thing everyday. “You should listen to what your grandparents are telling you, and what your aunts are telling you, yes. But (for the parents in the middle) it’s also listening to what your kids are telling you, as well as having the kids listen to their grandparents. We often just nod and say uh-huh, yes, and go on, and never really hear what our kids are saying. It’s no wonder they go off on their own and do what they’re doing: no one is listening!”

And the Positive Indian Parenting Class is designed to help parents learn to “listen to Mother Earth” and to revitalize their instincts for what’s right, and help them use that knowledge of their hearts to make a real contribution to their skills as a parent. It means not only listening,

but sharing stories as a family, to keep the lines of communication open. “We shouldn’t just be watching television,” says Carlotta, “we need to just sit down together sometimes and just tell stories and have a good time.”

The staff at the Quechan Parenting Program provide more than just formalized classes on budgeting, positive discipline and prevention of child abuse. They also provide transportation for their active clients, getting them to and from their classes, if they have no other way to get there. And, being located in the Quechan Education Complex, they also have the Quechan Day Care Program nearby to provide child care for those little ones while mom or dad are in class.

They also say that sometimes, it’s good to take a class there just to have time as a parent, away from the kids, and listen

and share with the other parents in the class. “Sometimes it’s good just to hear another person’s take on a problem,” says Carlotta. “They might approach it from a different angle, and come up with something you’ve never even thought of, that’ll work it out for you.” She says a lot of parents seem to enjoy that give-and-take, and get a lot out of the fact that others come in and seem to be facing the same difficulties and doubts.

Carlotta says she also shares a lot with her students, too. “They’ll tell you, I’m really open, maybe too open!”

“My students say, ‘You just share everything!’ and I do, because I want to help you make it better, and I want you to know what I went through, and what I did to make it better, so you don’t have to make the same mistakes I made!”

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**All Positions Are Open to
Enrolled Quechan Tribal Members Only:**

Maintenance – Tribal Administration (Available Positions: 2) \$8.49/Hour

Must have a High school Diploma/GED, valid Drivers' license and be insurable by the Quechan Tribe.
Minimum of 2 years experience in maintenance.
Experience preferred in custodial and grounds keeping.

Instructor – Quechan Language Program - \$10.00/Hour

Must be able to speak and teach in the Quechan language.
High School Diploma/GED preferred.
Valid driver's license, insurable by the Quechan Tribe.
Individuals without a driver's license will be considered based upon the program schedule.

Cashier/Clerk (P/T) Hub Liquor - \$8.00/Hour

High School Diploma or GED.
Must be 21 years of age due to sales of liquor and lottery tickets. Prior experience in cashiering preferred.

Cashier/Lot Attendant Andrade Parking Lot - \$8.00/Hour

High school diploma or GED.
Must have a valid Driver's License and be insurable by the Quechan Tribe

Agent – TGA (California) \$30,000 - \$35,000 Annually (DOE)

Associates degree in Admin. of Justice or related field and 3 years of investigative experience as a Detective/Investigator for a law enforcement agency or any combination of education and gaming experience that provides the ability to perform the essential functions of the position.

**All Positions Listed Close on
Friday, September 10, 2010**



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Edmond Jackson and Friend
Jackson Family Photo

In honor of our elder: the family of Edmond Jackson would like to announce his August 24th, 2010 retirement from Arizona Public Service after 38 years of employment with the company.

Ed was hired in Yuma as a welder's helper in 1972. By 1973 he became a service welder at their Tempe location and after relocating to the Four Corners Power Plant on the Navajo reservation outside Farmington,

New Mexico, he received a promotion every year from 1975 through 1977, moving from Combination Welder to High Pressure Welder to Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor.

He was the first Native American Supervisor ever to be hired at the Four Corners Power Plant. During the 26 years he held his position, he promoted other Native American employees to higher positions and supervised machinists, mechanics, welders, insulators, maintenance helpers, laborers, carpenters and planners. He worked closely with operation and engineering departments in order to solve technical issues.

In 2002 he received a final

promotion to Mechanical Maintenance Manager. As a manager he was known for promoting safety as the number one priority, and he managed a maintenance budget of \$54 Million while setting daily expectations for 11 supervisors.

Throughout his long career with APS, Edmond Jackson received recognition for two areas in particular: his people skills and the encouragement of employee development.

He retires as a Mechanical Maintenance Manager with plans to return to Arizona where he will live in Phoenix with his wife and family

Congratulations to our father and grandfather!

QPD Sgt. James Jackson Graduates From Advanced Training Course

Quechan Police Sgt. James Jackson graduated from the Northwestern University Police Institute on August 20th, 2010. Credits earned during the course will apply towards Sgt. Jackson's Bachelor's Degree.

The intense training course is intended for Law Enforcement Supervisors, ranging from Chiefs of Police down through Sergeant. Jackson was the only Sergeant in attendance. Among those attending were Supervisors from the Yuma Police Department, Yuma County Sheriff's Department, the Arizona Highway Patrol, the U.S. Border Patrol and the U.S. Marshals Office. Instruction focused on the Fundamentals of Management, Planning and Policy Development and Interpersonal and Organizational



QPD Sgt. James Jackson

Communication, among others.

Sgt. Jackson says, "The class was very demanding, stressful and challenging due to its scheduling cycle. It was 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off since April 19! Even during our 2 weeks off from school we had to write a staff study paper and study for exams which we had every Monday and Friday. I

want to thank Chief Tony Baddilla for supporting me and allowing me the time to study."

"I would also like to thank the Quechan Tribal Council for making a donation to our class. That donation, presented at our graduation went to 2 organizations: the 100 Club of Arizona, which is a fund for families of Police Officers and Fire Fighters to help them financially when they have lost a loved one in the Line of Duty. The other donation was presented to the Saddles of Joy which is a local organization for Handicapped Children. The Quechan Tribe was recognized for these donations at the graduation. The School of Police/Staff and Command Class 301 wanted me to extend a "Thank You" to the Quechan Tribe!"

ICWA SUMMIT HELD AT THE PIPA

The Quechan Social Services Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program held their 2nd Annual ICWA Summit on Thursday and Friday, August 19th and 20th in the beautiful PIPA Event Center at the Quechan Casino ♠ Resort.

Each day of the Summit was chaired by a Counselor from the Quechan Department of Social Services. Friday's sessions were lead by Roxie Deku, Administrator and Advocate for Victim Services, and Friday was under the direction of Michael Jack, the Quechan Social Services ICWA Specialist, who also served as oordinator of the two day conference.

During the first day's opening remarks, Mr. Jack stated, "This is our second annual conference, but this year we added Victim Services to discuss Full Faith and Credit in the law, as it also deals with children as well as women needing protection from violence."

After welcoming the conferees and guests, Jack introduced Philbrick Emerson, Roddy Escalanti and Dorothy Davis of the Quechan Spirit Runners. Mr. Emerson led a prayer in *Kwat'san* and sang a song to offer the assembled a traditional welcome, to ensure a positive outcome all those in attendance.

Thursday's "Full Faith and Credit" session, under the leadership of Ms. Deku, covered the need of local law enforcement to recognize jurisdictions and honor those jurisdictions restraining orders and boundaries.

"Over the past year we have had difficulty in getting Imperial County deputies to honor our Tribal Court Orders," she explains.

"Full Faith and Credit is a Constitutional doctrine of law



Attendees watch an A&E television program about a famous New York child abuse case during the first day of the two day Indian Child Welfare Summit. Later that afternoon, a round table discussion was held on the need for California law enforcement agencies to recognize Tribal Court Orders. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

that requires a state to honor and respect the laws and court decisions of other states and tribal governments. However, Imperial County Deputies have informed us of a Memo sent out to Imperial County Substations. It instructs all Deputies to mandate our tribal members to go to El Centro for temporary restraining orders (TROs), protective orders and other documents, rather than honoring the documents our Tribal Court provides its members here. This is in fact a violation of that law."

"In fact, Title 18 of the U.S Code, Section 2265 states:

'(a) Full Faith and Credit: Any protection order issued that is consistent with subsection (b) of this section by the court of the State or Indian tribe (the issuing State or Indian tribe) shall be accorded full faith and credit by the court of another State or Indian tribe (the enforcing State or Indian tribe) and enforced as if it were the order of the enforcing State or tribe.' How much more plain could it be?"

Roxie continues, "I do want to point out that Lt. Scott Shep-

peard has been very helpful in his Peace-making calls for Victim Services and also in assisting us with keeping tribal members safe when he is aware we have tribal court TRO's."

"But he was issued the same orders not to honor court orders from tribal court and he is but one person. When I informed Michael Jack (the ICWA Specialist) of this problem, Michael informed Imperial County Juvenile Court Judge Ulloa, who then spoke to Sheriff Raymond Loera about the problem. Sheriff Loera was unable to attend the summit due to a previous commitment, but he says he will offer his support."

Under-Sheriff Fred Miramontes, Chief Deputy Steve Gutierrez and Lt. Scott Sheppard of the Winterhaven subdivision all attended the Conference from The Imperial County Sheriff's Office. California Superior Court Supervisor Lydia Antunez and a Records Supervisor from the Court also attended the Summit.

Michael Jack says he told Lt. Sheppard that he is "intent on

getting this issue resolved for the safety and welfare of his fellow tribal members."

The Full Faith and Credit Summit was facilitated by Roxie Deku. That portion of the ICWA Conference included a presentation by Diane Umphress, Executive Director of Amberly's Place in Yuma.

Ms. Umphress gave a presentation on their services as well as background information on domestic violence, stalking and rape as they affect both children and adults. Amberly's Place also provides California residents forensic examination services so they don't have to make the hour's drive to El Centro, California.

Next, a powerful presentation on domestic violence and child abuse was delivered by Judith Klein Pritchard and Eric Apolinar of the Center for Family Solutions in El Centro. That presentation was A & E's *American Justice: A Family Secret: The Death of Lisa Steinberg*.

The one hour program examines the harrowing case that helped explode the myth that

domestic violence is a problem of the underprivileged alone. The documentary shows how domestic violence and child abuse can lead to the death and destruction of a family.

Following lunch was the Full Faith and Credit Panel, facilitated by Roxie Deku. The prestigious panel included Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White, Imperial County Juvenile Court Judge Ulloa, Quechan Police Chief Tony Badilla and Lt. Scott Sheppard and Deputy Chief Steve Gutierrez of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. Each offered information on their duties before launching into their understanding of the Full Faith and Credit law.

Roxie continues: "Judge Ulloa explained the law of Full Faith and Credit and said while Imperial County made apologies for not honoring Tribal Court orders, they attempted to explain their reasoning. They say it's because our Tribal Court and Police Department are not registered with the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (CLETS)."

CLETS is a data interchange switcher for state data files. It is a high-speed message switching system which became operational in 1970. CLETS provides law enforcement and criminal justice agencies access to various data bases and the ability to transmit and receive point-to-point administrative messages to other agencies within California or through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) with other states and Canada.

Imperial County suggested the Quechan nation seek a solution in having Tribal Court or

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Mid-September Charity Poker Tournament at the Quechan Casino♠Resort

The Yuma Community Food Bank has teamed up with the Poker Room at the Quechan Casino♠Resort to hold a charity poker event with the aim of fighting hunger in the Yuma area.

The Hold ‘em, Fold ‘em, Feed ‘em Poker Tournament will be held next Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th. Those who register early pay only \$75 to enter, and there will be a fee of \$85 at the door, with two \$25 re-buys. The money raised from the buy-ins and re-buys will go to the Yuma Community Food Bank.

“The Quechan Casino Resort is proud to partner with the Yuma Community Food Bank,” said Rick Newman, Executive Director of table games at the Q. “We both believe that, with the help and support of our great community, we can make a difference for many in need during these tough times.”

The first day of the Hold ‘em, Fold ‘em, Feed ‘em Tournament will be Saturday, September 18 from 3 PM to 7 PM, followed by a cocktail reception from 7 PM to 9:00 PM.

The tournament will conclude on Sunday, September 19, with the final round scheduled from noon until 2:00 PM. The casino will offer free poker lessons in the Poker Room on Saturday, September 18, from noon to 2 PM, for anyone not familiar with the game.

In addition, throughout the month of September, the Quechan Casino♠Resort and the Yuma Community Food Bank will be holding a “Five for 5” food drive. Patrons who donate five canned or non-perishable food items, and have a minimum buy in of \$40 and one hour of live action Poker play, will receive a \$5 live action chip coupon to play during their visit.

ICWA SUMMIT AT THE PIPA

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ders sent to El Centro.

However, Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White informed Imperial County in no uncertain terms it is *NOT* up to the Quechan Nation to seek *our own* remedy for Imperial County failing to honor Title 18 of the U.S. Code, neither should the Nation follow the “suggestions” of other jurisdictions.

Judge White further explained that Imperial County has a responsibility to follow the law of Full Faith and Credit, through whatever process they devise for themselves.

Imperial County’s Recording Secretary suggested the tribe submit Out of State Form DV600 with Tribal Court Orders, either by fax or email. However, that process would require a formal mandate and approval.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Gutierrez, the Sheriff’s Tribal Liaison, recommended the parties involved meet with the Tribal Law Enforcement Committee at its next session to formally present and finalize a method of securing Tribal Court Orders that will be honored by Imperial County. Winn McFadden, a CPS administrator stated Imperial County hadn’t yet finalized their procedures for entering all missing children into the CLETS system. Quechan ICWA Specialist Michael Jack then questioned the panel on the time frame for finalizing the process. Judge Ulloa then

prompted Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Gutierrez to commit to a 60-day time frame on their response.

Even with the tension, the panel and the information offered was well received by all in attendance.

The second day of the ICWA Summit was under the leadership of Mr. Michael Jack. His presentation was titled *Attention to Best Practices in the Indian Child Welfare Act*.

Additional attendance on the second day included staff members from the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District and representatives of the Imperial County Probation Department.

After an opening prayer and presentation by the Quechan Spirit Runners, Mr. Jack presented the film *Lost Sparrow*, a documentary about two Crow Indian brothers who ran away from home, leaving no clues as to why for those left behind. Their sudden and mysterious deaths sent shockwaves through a tiny upstate New York community. The film told of their adoptive brother’s journey to bring them home and confront a painful truth that shattered their family.

“More than anything this film brings home the reality of the ‘split feather syndrome’” says Mr. Jack. “Split feather is when an American Indian has to walk two paths. One path is that of their Indian culture and the other path follows the mainstream

American culture. This usually occurs when an American Indian child is removed from their tribe and forced to live in mainstream America. Basically, those children grow up feeling as if they don’t belong in either world.”

He also says the film brought to the forefront the need for the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Mr. Jack then introduced the speakers for Friday, Edwin Gonzalez Santin and Tim Perry from Arizona State University’s School of Social Work.

Mr. Santin and Mr. Perry began their presentation with the history and overview of ICWA. They followed up with a full explanation of the ICWA Provisions, Adoption and Safe Families Act as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs ICWA Guidelines.

Their final, audience interactive presentation allowed attendees to participate in reviews and discussions of actual court cases. This is always the highlight of the Summit, as it allows attendees to test their legal knowledge of ICWA and act as mock presiding judges in ICWA cases.

Based on his presentations at the ICWA Summit last month, Michael Jack has now been invited to present an in service training later this fall to both the Imperial County Sheriff’s Department and employees of the Imperial County Department of Social Services.

Reminder: Annual Water Quality Reports Available

The Quechan Utility Company wishes to remind everyone the Annual Water Quality Reports for calendar year 2009 are now available for:

The Quechan Community Water System,
Laguna Dam RV Park, Riverfront RV Park,
and the Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park.

All but the Quechan Community Water System customers should have received copies from their park offices.

Copies of all reports are available at Tribal Administration, the Quechan Senior Center, and IHS Administration.

For those who prefer it, a copy of each requested report will be printed out at the Utilities Office upon request. If you prefer e-mailed copies, please send your request to: j.stewart@quechantribe.com.

*The Water Aerobics Class at the Rainbow Pool
on Monday and Wednesday Nights from 6:30 to 8:30*

*Will End This Season on
Wednesday - September 29th
See You Next Summer!*



REGISTER NOW FOR THE QUECHAN PARKS & RECREATION MEN'S 2010 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**Deadline to Register is Thursday,
September 16 at 5:00 PM**

Entry Fee is \$175 per Team

*Games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays
in the evening at the Quechan Community Center.*

**For more information contact
Quechan Parks & Recreation:
(760) 572-1242**



Events Committee Now Accepting Applications For Indian Day Parade

This year's Indian Day Parade will follow a new route, from the Pivot Point parking lot on North Madison Avenue in Yuma, over the famous Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge and down the hill to the Evergreen Park. The new route will allow viewers to line up both along the edge of First Street in the shade of the Interstate 8 Bridge, and along the sidewalks next to the Union Pacific railway yard below the Yuma Territorial Prison Park. Additional opportunities for viewing floats and dancers in the parade from high above will be provided as the route snakes along, exiting the Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge and making the turn west down the hill to Evergreen Park.

This year's theme is "Honoring the Quechan Indian Band". The marching band was famous

in Yuma and the surrounding areas throughout the late 1940s through the early 1980s. With flutes, trumpets, trombones, a tuba player and a percussion section, the Quechan Indian Band performed at events such as the Yuma Jaycees Rodeo Parade and visited other reservations throughout the years for festivals, pow wows and gatherings.

Arlie Emerson, of the Events Committee, is in charge of accepting the applications for this year's parade, scheduled to assemble at the Pivot Point at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 9. Arlie says everyone should be lined up for the judging to begin at 9 AM, and the parade will get underway at 10:00.

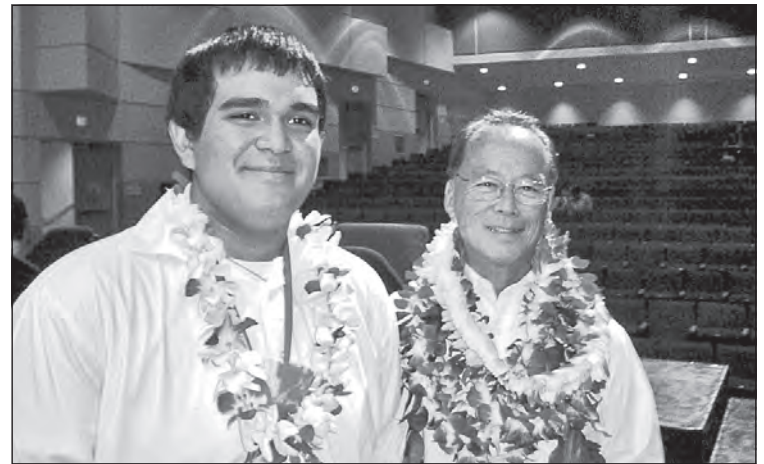
He encourages everyone interested in taking part to get their applications filled out and

turned in right away. Those applications are available at both the Quechan Administration Office and the Quechan language Department, where Arlie can be found Monday through Friday. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 1st!

Categories for entries include: marching groups, floats, single vehicles, and dancing groups. The Events Committee has also included the catch-all category of "other", for those that don't fit an easier definition! All you have to do is decide if you are an individual, organization, group or business, pick your category and describe your entry.

If there is anything else you need to ask about the 2010 Quechan Indian Day Parade, contact Arlie Emerson at (760) 572-4412.

A Summer of Music in Paradise!



Josh and Professor/Director, Lance Jo pose together on stage at a Pacific Music Institute summer session rehearsal. Photo Courtesy of Josh Owl

Over the summer school break, 15 year old Josh Owl, a Quechan tribal member, participated in the prestigious Pacific Music Institute (PMI) in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Though Josh is both a talented musician and a well-known athlete as a sophomore at Yuma High, his selection for participation at the PMI summer program left him with a dilemma.

Josh had already been selected for the 15 and under Yuma Babe Ruth Baseball All Stars, but in the end, he decided to further his musical education at the Pacific Music Institute rather than attend the Regional Baseball Tournament.

The PMI classes were held at the Manoa Music Department at the University of Hawai'i. PMI's purpose is to create a learning environment where serious music students can study under the guidance of respected professional musicians and instructors.

Students participate in daily workshops, sectionals, and rehearsals.

PMI has an intense program that strives for musical excellence under the leadership of Music Director Grant Okamura. This concentrated course of study focuses on four different student ensembles (Jazz Band, Concert Band, Chamber Music and Symphonic Orchestra). Each of the ensembles presents a free concert at the Pearl City Cultural Center at the end of the summer program.

Students engage in theory and master classes in a musical set. The program was held July 17 through July 25, 2010 and over 100 Hawaiian, Mainland, and International students were selected that demonstrated a high level of musicianship.

Josh would like to thank the Quechan Nation and all of his cousins, aunties, uncles and friends for making this challenge come true.

Halloween Planning Committee

**Meets at 2:00 PM Every Other Wednesday at the
Community Center Game Room Starting September 8!**
Come Join Us As We Plan This Year's Carnival!



QPD Assists At The Havasupai Peach Festival



QPD Officer Kirk Nerva smiles for the camera during his breaks at the Havasupai Peach Festival.

Photos Courtesy of the Quechan Police Dept.

Each year, the Havasupai Tribe holds a Peach Festival at their reservation located in the Grand Canyon. This year, the the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Law Enforcement Division asked the Quechan Police to assist their Havasupai office with their enforcement efforts throughout the festival.

Officer Kirk Nerva volun-

teered for this special detail, and working with other Tribal and BIA officers on 12 hour overnight shifts (from 6 PM to 6 AM) from August 9th through the 16th.

During the eight days of the event over thirty arrests were made, with Officer Nerva being responsible for about six of those arrests.

Arrests included assaults, disorderly conduct and public intoxication. The QPD received several positive comments from the BIA for our assistance in handling the event.



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Council Steps in To Alleviate Power Outage



Quechan Tribal Council member Cryselle Uribe fills out one of the hundreds of food vouchers she signed on August 27, as Tribal Members wait in line at the Paradise Event Center. The vouchers were issued during a widespread power outage, following a tremendous cloudburst that swept through the previous night.

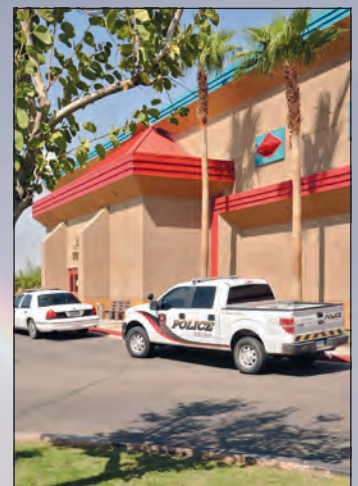
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The powerful monsoon cloud burst that swept through the area on the evening of August 26 did a lot of damage to trees, fences, rooftops and powerlines. Parts of Yuma were without power from Thursday night until late Sunday evening.

Thankfully, the IID was able to restore power over most of the Quechan Reservation by 2:00 PM on Friday, still too late to save the food in many refrigerators. Without any assurance that the power would return (and stay on, since another storm was forecast for the same time the very next day!) the Quechan Tribal Council quickly formu-

lated a plan to alleviate as much of the suffering as possible for Tribal members.

The Paradise Event Center (operating on backup generators from the Casino next door) was opened as a shelter to allow those without power to congregate in an air conditioned space. The Tribal Council also approved the issuance of \$15.00 food vouchers for all Tribal members who requested assistance, enabling those who'd lost milk and meat to visit local markets and replace their lost inventory. Local emergency responders also stopped in to provide first aid help, if needed!



The Tribal Police, Emergency Services Department and Security Department were all on hand to provide support and help Tribal members fill out claims.