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Anti-Drug Education For Red Ribbon Week



The entire staff and student body of the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District gathers to hear School Superintendent David Shoneman's introductory remarks for the assembly capping the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project's Red Ribbon Week.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The final week of October was a busy one for the staff at the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (ADAPP) as they teamed up with staff at the San Pasqual schools to bring a full five days of drug awareness and prevention education to area students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and drugs prevention awareness campaign observed annually every October in the United States. The annual commemoration began after the

kidnapping, torture and murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena and his pilot, Captain Alfredo Zavala-Avelar in 1985.

The men's bodies were later found near the road far from the ranch where they were held and tortured by a drug gang. Soon, citizens in Camarena's hometown of Calexico, California donned red ribbons in his honor. The red ribbon then became their symbol for prevention in order to reduce the demand of illegal drugs.

The Red Ribbon Campaign soon became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs each October.

And in support of that mission, Quechan ADAPP provided a full week's worth of activities for all Bard and Winterhaven students, structured to fit their grade level.

Elementary students were able to take part in an opening ceremony at the elementary school flagpole at 8:30AM on Monday morning and to com-

pete in the art contests that were open to all students. To end the week on Friday, they also walked from their classrooms to the high school football field, joining other students walking from the Quechan Community Center for a final assembly.

Middle school and high school students had a number of classroom activities to keep them "on message", as well as "Outside Agencies Day" on Tuesday. That day brought in local law enforcement, health care and social services agencies for an informational fair in the gym. Older students who take the "late bus" were also served an outdoor breakfast at the ADAPP offices before walking to Friday's assembly, accompanied by ADAPP staff, the Winterhaven Fire Department and Quechan Tribal Police.

Speakers at the assembly included Vice President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. and his son, Kendrick Escalanti, CEO of Kwatsan Radio. Also bringing the anti-drug message to the students were the School Superintendent, David Schoneman and Michael Jack of Quechan Social Services.

Quechan CHR Holds Cancer Awareness Event at the Q

The Quechan Community Health Representatives (CHR) continue to provide a forum for discussion of vital health issues through their educational seminars series at the Quechan Casino Resort's Pipa Event Center.

Their latest event, for Cancer Awareness, was on October 15th. Informational booths loaded with informative handouts, hands-on educational displays and assorted "freebies" lined one corner of the Event Center. Some of the agencies represented included the Indian Health Service (IHS) Public Health Nurse's Office, the March of Dimes, the YRMC Foundation, Sonoran Desert Oncology and both the Yuma County and Imperial County Public Health Departments.

Imperial County found a great way to emphasize healthy eating, as the ladies there made a selection of healthy fruit and vegetable salads right there, handing out both samples and recipes to everyone.

Speakers included Lt. Cdr. Roger Dahozy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Fort Yuma Service Unit of the IHS, and their Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Cyndy Hale.

Lt. Cdr. Dahozy led off with a surprising group of statistics he had gathered from the BreastCancer.org website. He said that the most commonly diagnosed cancers among women are skin cancer and breast can-



Tribal members and other guests took time to attend the Cancer Awareness Seminar at the Pipa Event Center and receive health education from both information booths and speakers. Photo by William Isbell

cer. And more than 1 in 4 cancers in women, about 28%, are breast cancer.

He further pointed out that a woman's risk of breast cancer just about doubles if she has a close relative (such as a mother, sister or daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. About 20-30% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history of breast cancer.

His message of speaking to your doctor at the *first sign* of anything unusual was reinforced by all of the other speakers that day.

Arizona State Senator Amanda Aguirre was also on hand, to lend her support. Mrs. Aguirre has been CEO and President of the Regional Center for Border Health since 1991, and serves on the Health Committee of the Arizona State Legislature.

She was accompanied by a representative from the Regional Center for Border Health,

who also spoke to the gathering.

Sosa Nita Diaz, head of Quechan CHR, emphasized that early diagnosis is important.

"If you feel pain, like in your armpit while you are moving, lifting your arms over your head while putting something away, that may be something you want to bring up with your doctor," she says. "That could be an early sign of breast cancer. Women need to begin screening for breast cancer and getting in for early detection at age 40. And men need to realize they can get breast cancer, too, so they have to be aware of the same thing. But they also need to be aware that around 50 they must be screened for colon, lung, prostate or liver cancer on a regular basis."

But, most importantly, she says, "Don't be afraid to talk to your doctor. If you aren't sure about something, or you have a question: *Speak up* and ask!"



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Come Play on Our Land

Fun, Fun!

**FOOD
GAMES
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Saturday, November 13th

10 AM to 2 PM

SAN PASQUAL FOOTBALL FIELD

Information Booths and Gift Bags!
Any Questions? Contact SDPI at:

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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

Quechan Education Center Celebrates Halloween in a Big Way!



Angela Hiraes of Higher Education hands out candy to Ciara Escalanti, as Head Start Room "D" lines up to "tour the tables". Meanwhile, on the other side of the building, good witch Della Escalanti of the Quechan Language Preservation Program gives a handout to Nikea Cachora. Finally, teacher Annette "Sunflower" Derma shepherds André Sheppard and Jovani Amador around the circuit.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Every year just before Halloween, the Quechan Education Complex(QEC) puts together a huge celebration for all the kids enrolled in their Head Start and Child Care programs. Tribal departments are invited to come out and set up a table, to dole out prizes, snacks and drinks to the students as every classroom and age group passes by.

A huge circular parade proceeds clockwise around the QEC multipurpose building as teachers, caretakers and parents take their little monsters, witches, goblins, princesses and superheroes around to visit each table, say "hi" to the adults, and collect a huge bounty of goods!

This year there was a huge group on hand, from a number of Tribal departments.

The parade of Trick or Treaters was able to pick up goodie bags from the Quechan Parenting staff, Paradise Child Care, Parks and Recreation, the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA), Quechan Language Preservation, Johnson O'Malley program, Quechan Senior Center, Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI), Head Start, Quechan Community Health (CHR), the Quechan Fish & Game Department, Quechan Enrollment, Quechan Child Care, Quechan Alcohol

and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (ADAPP), Quechan Social Services, QEC kitchen staff, Quechan Higher Education, Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity (QTDHE) and even the Quechan Tribal Court!

With all the goodwill, laughs and sunshine, everyone was able to let loose and enjoy the festivities, as the smallest community members got a chance to meet a few people from almost every department here on the reservation and form their first impressions about all the Tribe does for their members. It seems like the kids had nearly as much fun as the adults!

The pumpkin patch by the J.O.M. building gives Head Start and daycare kids a chance to collect and decorate their very own Jack O'Lantern at home. At top left, teachers assistant Susan Montague leads a group of four year olds into the patch to begin their search as parents watch. Some kids (like Quinn Phipps, with Erica Pacheco) ask for help from their teachers. Others, like Marcellus Hill, prefer to do it all themselves!

Tribal Court Protective Orders Now Recognized by Imperial County

“Full Faith And Credit” Agreement Reached in Meetings With ICSO, Imperial County Judge and Tribal Court Judge White

Courtesy of Roxie Deku, Quechan Social Services

Quechan Tribal Judge Claudette White has returned from a successful meeting involving both Imperial County Sheriff’s representatives and Judge Uolla of the Juvenile Division of Imperial County’s Superior Court.

The October 27, 2010 meeting was held to negotiate the compliance of Imperial County in honoring the “Full Faith and Credit” of Tribal Court Orders.

At that meeting, the parties have agreed to process Domestic Violence Protective Orders from the Tribal Court. They have further agreed to meet again at a later time to discuss other Tribal Court Order procedures.

An email addressed to Quechan Social Services from Judge Uolla and Lt. Scott Sheppard of Imperial County Sheriff’s office states that Protective Orders from Quechan Tribal Court will now pass through the following hands:

Tribal Court Clerk
Winterhaven Court Clerk
El Centro Court Clerk
Superior Court Judge
El Centro Court Clerk
ICSO Records Clerk

Under the new procedure, the Tribal Court Clerk will provide notification that a protection order is in place, allowing Imperial County Sheriff or any other law enforcement agency in the U.S. to verify the Restraining Orders through their computer system. It will also fall upon the Quechan Police to serve the Restraining Order on the plaintiff and provide proof of such service to the Records Clerk at the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office in Winterhaven.

The Quechan Tribe’s Victim Services Department wants to thank Michael Jack of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program for his continued advocacy on behalf of tribal members and for facilitating

the initial meeting with Imperial County law enforcement and the Imperial County court system at the recent ICWA/Domestic Violence Summit. A special thank you to Judge Claudette White for her continued commitment and dedication in ensuring tribal needs are met within the national judicial system and for her activism and advocacy on behalf of the Quechan tribal members. They also thank Judge Uolla for his activism and advocacy on behalf of the Quechan tribal members. A thank you is also given to Lt. Sheppard for his continued efforts in ensuring ICSO is represented and does their job in providing services to the tribal membership.

Quechan Social Services hopes that continued collaboration with all agencies involved will insure effective services are both mandated and manifested for the Quechan nation.

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Attention Quechan Voters!

This letter is to encourage Tribal Members 18 years and older to come out and vote this year. Do you know how important it is for you to participate in this election? Now, more than ever, our Tribe needs your support and wants to hear your voice.

It is important that we learn more about our Tribe’s economics, culture, and leadership. The new Tribal Council will be making all of the decisions that affect our pres-

ent and our future. I encourage you to also reach out to the candidates and learn their platform so you know exactly where they stand AND what their plan is on the pressing issues.

Please take the time and invest in your family and future by coming out to vote this year. Let your vote count and your voice be heard.

Together We Progress!

*Submitted by
Lycia Ortega
Marketing Director
Kwatsan Radio*

THE QUECHAN TRIBE

is seeking interested Tribal Members to serve on these Boards and Committees:

Quechan Education Committee

Kwat’san Culture Committee

Quechan Health Committee

QTDHE Board of Commissioners

If interested, submit a Letter of Interest to the Tribal Council Secretary (Georgina Massey)

at the Tribal Administration Office.

The Strong Hearts Native Society
2010 PRESENTATION OF THE

MR. & MISS NATIVE SAN PASQUAL PAGEANT

TOOK PLACE RIGHT AFTER THE DELIVERY OF THIS ISSUE TO THE PRINTER ON NOVEMBER 5TH

You will read all about the results and winners in the next issue of
QUECHAN NEWS

REVIVAL

November 12-14, 2010

6 PM Friday & Saturday and at 11 AM & 6 PM Sunday

Quechan Church of the Nazarene
2149 H Street, Winterhaven, CA 92283
760-572-5565; cell 928-234-6924; email rtarlt7@aol.com

Speaker: Rev. Dr. John R. Nells
District Superintendent
Southwest Native American District
Church of the Nazarene



Crystal Gayle Rescheduled



The Quechan Casino ♠ Resort has announced country music artist Crystal Gayle's performance at the Pipa Event Center has been

re-scheduled. It now happens to coincide with the Second Anniversary Celebration of the original February, 2009 opening of the Quechan Casino ♠ Resort.

Kurt Fedders, Public Relations Manager at the "Q" has confirmed the Grammy Award winning artist will now make her concert debut at the Pipa on Thursday, February 17, 2011. The show was originally scheduled for last Thursday, November 4, 2010.

Tickets which have already been purchased will be valid for entry at the Feb. 17, 2011 show.

A Healing Prayer for All

*Oh Good Great Holy Spirit -
We need your Strength to keep us strong
in bad times as well as good.*

*Help us to be patient
and wait for your power to show us the way.*

*We rely on you, Good Great Holy Spirit
as we face the harsh and purifying winds of life.
Amen.*

*Oh, Creator: help us to be one with you.
Help us be at PEACE with our beings.
And help us to help others be at PEACE
with their beings.*

*I ask this through your Son, our Brother
who died for our sins for he was sinless
when he was here on Earth.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Jesus Christ:*

*Please help us all for we have all sinned
in one way or another, dear brother.
Amen.*

*I thank you Creator for letting me
be part of your creation.
Amen.*

Patty Numkena and Family

Tanya Tucker

ROCKS 'EM AT THE QUECHAN CASINO ♠ RESORT!



QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Country great Tanya Tucker brought her career retrospective to the Quechan Casino Resort on October 28th, singing a compilation of her greatest hits to an appreciative packed room in the Pipa Event Center.

She seemed happy to be back and promised to sing every one of the hits she's known for, beginning with "Delta Dawn," recorded when she was only four-

teen, right up to her most recent hits from the late 1990s.

The show was part "Outlaw Country" with a bit of Broadway glitz thrown in as Tanya and her daughter Presley belted out honky tonk favorites and romantic reminiscences. The band included "Presley's baby brother", who stepped forward to play his guitar and sing for the crowd as well.

In Memory of Thelma R. Aguerro and Betty Penn Denard

*We would like to express our gratitude to those of you who helped
and stayed with us for the Memorial for Thelma R. Aguerro and Betty Penn Denard.*

*A special thanks to the Quechan Peace and Dignity Runners,
Mr. Jonas Bobtail Bear, Daniel Murphy, Vincent Tiger and the Roadrunner clan.
We also want to thank Gordon and Doug Osborne, Quechan Fish & Game and
the Estrada family for the barbeque, and Mr. Kenny Escalanti, Sr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jackson, Sr., Ramona Bard, Neva Hiwalker and Larry Hammond, Jr.*

~ Thank You From ~

*Arlie & Christine Emerson
Pearl Robles
Ruby Johnson
Rodney W. Hunter, Sr.
Robin Estrada*

*Joe Serato
Veronica Aguerro
Donna Shepard
Essie Gilmore*

*Shirley Hart
Andrew Denard
Diane Moccasin
Willard Golding, Sr.
Pam Manchatta*

Post 802 Women's Auxiliary Seeks New Members



The Women's Auxiliary delivers Christmas gifts to Quechan foster children housed in Imperial County in 2008. Present (from left) are Women's Auxiliary Chaplain Dolores Lopez, Sergeant at Arms Irene Alfaro, President Billie Daniels, with Isiah Short and Patricia Barley, accepting the delivery. Also from the Women's Auxiliary are members Amelia Ortiz and Barbara Sigala.

Photo Courtesy of The Post 802 Women's Auxiliary

A small group of women have been working continuously to better the lives of others in our local community and that of Yuma. These women are known as the Quechan American Legion Post 802 Women's Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary has been chartered since the year 2002. During the years following their inception, the Auxiliary members of the Post have been involved in local community events. Members have volunteered to

serve at the Quechan Tribal Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and have participated in the annual Native American Day Parades throughout the years.

The Women's Auxiliary Vice President, Deborah Tourtillott, has taken it upon herself to chair the Flower Girl Committee on behalf of the Auxiliary for the local Memorial Day ceremonies each year. Others have manned games and food booths during the Halloween season at

both San Pasqual Elementary School and the Quechan Community Center.

Members keep busy throughout the year, starting as early as September planning their yearly Christmas project. (Christmas is the busiest time of the year for them.)

Each year they select an organization to assist during the Christmas season. In the past they have donated needed items to the Quechan Senior Nutrition Center, the Johnson O'Malley

library at the Education Complex, assisted Quechan foster children of Imperial County, as well as other individual families on an annual basis. The Auxiliary has worked hand-in-hand with the the men of Post 802 to make the holiday season a happier one for some of the students at San Pasqual Elementary.

Each year they assist students whose names have been anonymously submitted for food boxes and gifts. The auxiliary has assisted 20 to 27 families with this program each year over the past 8 holiday seasons.

At the end of the school year the Auxiliary donates gift certificates, toys, bikes, books and other items to the elementary school to be used at the awards assembly to recognize students for academic, citizenship and attendance improvement.

Throughout the year the group plans a number of events to raise funds for an annual scholarship awarded to a local high school student. They also sponsor a local high school student to represent the community at the annual California Girls' State during the summer.

They have also assisted various organizations in the city of Yuma.

The Post 802 Women's Aux-

iliary has helped out at Crossroads Mission with food boxes and clothing. Amberly's Place has received tote bags containing toiletries for the teenagers entering their program in the past years. Food, baby dolls and stuffed bears have been donated to a nursing home to give comfort to dementia patients.

Through their enthusiasm, hard work and projects, the Auxiliary has helped others, from toddlers and teenagers to senior citizens in both the Quechan community and Yuma.

With Veterans Day this week, now is the perfect time to visit with them if you are interested in helping them with their community projects. They are looking for new members, tribal and non-tribal, to join their Auxiliary.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Legion Hall on Arnold Road.

Please attend a meeting to learn criteria needed to become a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. They are always searching for new ideas and projects and will welcome your input and talent.

For additional information please contact Deborah Tourtillott, Membership Chairman, at (760) 572-0544.



A Shout Out!

To Darwin Welch IV
from Auntie Omi and
Uncle Nick!

& HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY!!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To Nick from Omi!

Happy Anniversary

To Omi and Mick Pastores!

Wishing You the Best and
Cherish the Years to Come!



We Love You Both!


Love -
Auntie Tina, Mike & Kids!!

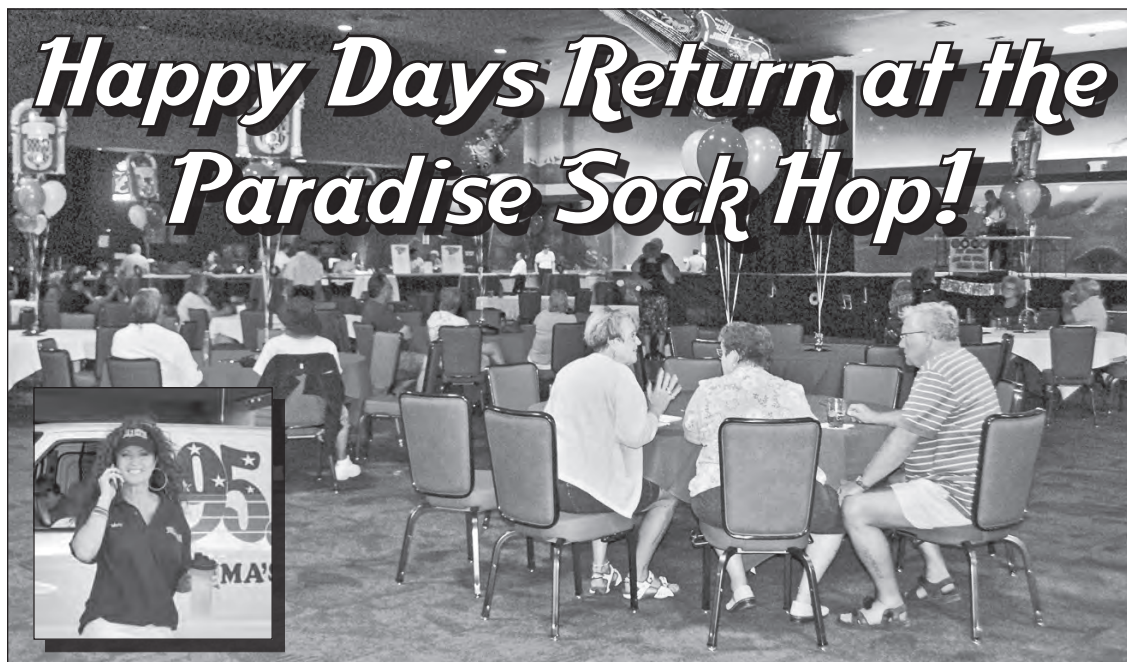
HAPPY 2ND BIRTH DAY

TO OUR LIL
BABY TITUS!

YOU'RE THE BEST THING
THAT HAS HAPPENED
TO OUR ENTIRE FAMILY.
WE ALL LOVE YOU SON.

LOVE GRANDMA TINA,
MIKE & KIDS





The Paradise Casino hosted their first annual 1950's Sock Hop for Treasure Club and Q Club members at the end of October, attracting a cross section of both older Tribal members and winter visitors. Pat Maestro of KXO Radio was on hand to "spin a stack of wax", while the Paradise counter staff offered guests refreshments from crackerjacks to cokes, to chili dogs or cotton candy. And Misty was there, too, in the parking lot with the KTTI remote broadcast van, letting everyone know where the party was goin' on!



And a Sock Hop means **dancing**, so there was a lot of that, too! Some of the guests took the opportunity to keep the romance of a long relationship going (at left), while others saw a chance to relive their youth and really get out to "cut the rug"! Everyone, from staff to guests seemed to have a great time - they all say waiting another year for the next sock hop may be too long!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Congratulations to Tawnee Hartt!



For taking First Place in the
Special Diabetes Poker Run on October 23rd
with a Pair of Queens, Jack High!
Peter Escalanti took the 2nd Place hand
with a Pair of Queens, 10 High.

We would like to thank all of our participants for making the Poker Run a success and look forward to seeing everyone at the Turkey Trot on November 20th at 9 AM at the Walking Park!

"The future belongs to those
who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
~ Eleanor Roosevelt



To our Family

Our Education has been an important milestone in our lives
and in the lives of our children . . .

And we are honored to announce we
have completed our Four Year Course Study within the
University of Phoenix to obtain our **Bachelor of Arts Degree** in
Science of Business Management and a **Degree Certificate** in the
Legal Environment of Human Resource Management
on November 19, 2010.

To our Daughters Sabrina & Paris,

you girls have given us the strength and support to be strong
God Bless you Beautiful Girls . . .

Our Mother "Bernadine Cachora"

words can't express our love for you, and the continued
support you have given us through our lives as a single parent
"God Bless You Mom".

My Sisters

Angela, Mary, Starla, Brandy, Derricka, and Tory,
I am truly blessed to have sisters like you;
"God Bless each of you"
Life is too short: make the best of it.

My "Cousins" Claudette & Dureena White

I am truly blessed to have you in my life,
your words of encouragement have always reminded me
of the "Foot Prints in the Sand",
you lifted my strength when I needed that
extra voice to tell me it was going to be okay
"God Bless you Guys".

Our God Children Jodeci, Valencia and Ariel Gilbert
"God Bless you Girls",
and to my Best Friend RoseAna Williams, we love you.

To our Family

we thank you from the bottom of our hearts
and the support you have given us through our education . . .
Love James Espino & Amber Cachora-Espino
We Did it!



The night began with Deshane Taylor cooking up a pile of hot dogs, which were handed out free of charge to anyone wanting a bite to eat. He ended up barbequeing 500 of them before the night was over! Meanwhile, there was a chance to get free baked goods at the cake walk, with Phi Emerson from the Rainbow Pool calling the winning numbers. At the other end of the lot, the San Pasqual Class of 2012 was raising money with a fry bread/taco sale. That's Mandell Sanchez showing the girls how it's done!



Over a month of detailed preparations culminated in the Annual Quechan Community Halloween Celebration on Saturday evening, October 30th. Hundreds of people gathered at the Quechan Community Center that night to enjoy hot dogs, fry bread, cotton candy, sno cones and almost every kind of candy imaginable, while kids of all ages were able to “run amok” on a giant inflatable slide, compete on a rock

climbing tower and generally “hang out” in costume. Quechan Parks and Recreation had hosted a series of meetings beginning in late September, inviting any interested parties to come down almost every Wednesday afternoon and participate in their planning sessions. Some of groups that were represented included the Strong Hearts Society, the San Pasqual Associated Student Body, the

Post 802 Women’s Auxiliary, Quechan Head Start and the Quechan Tribal Court. They all showed up at the actual event, manning booths with games, shacks and free, fun activities. Parks and Rec., of course, hosted most of the events at the Community Center, with a cake walk (emceed by Phil Emerson) in the parking lot, and the huge Halloween Costume Contest (with Willis Hawkins) in the gym!



Nancy Montague, Jr. won the first Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, which was judged right before the costumes. That's Lady GaGa, Dorothy Gale, a vampire queen and Raggedy Ann waiting for the results!

