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Sunrise Point Park Set to Open in May



The **Anya Nitz Pak (Sunrise Point) Park** is at last ready to be unveiled to the waiting public, at a Gala Grand Opening Ceremony with project partners, traditional dances and local dignitaries on Wednesday, May 4.
 QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

After three years of design work, budget struggles, weather delays, Tribal Council support and volunteers stepping in to help, the Quechan Tribe will reveal the *Anya Nitz Pak* (Sunrise Point) Park to the public in a gala Grand Opening event on Wednesday, May 4th.

First discussed as the “Yuma East Wetlands Park” in early 2006, the Quechan *Anya Nitz Pak* Park was designed to reflect *Kwat'san* heritage and history from the start. Mud huts and ramadas along the river bank were planned as a part of the Elder Village, which will

serve as a historical interpretation site to educate local youths on how things were done and life was lived before the coming of the white man.

As things progressed and more amenities were added, even budget shortfalls of the the Arizona State Parks Department wasn't able to prevent the park from being built. Nearly finished by last spring, local community volunteers have finished the Community Garden and maintained the Elder Village (which was begun in the spring of 2007, even before the park itself!) in preparation

for its big reveal in two weeks.

The Grand Opening will begin at 6:00AM with a traditional sunrise blessing ceremony at the park's central plaza, followed by a morning walk around the park's lake. The actual opening will begin with a procession into the plaza at 10:00 AM for introductory comments by Brian Golding, Sr., Director of the Quechan Tribe's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Prayers, an invocation and blessings will be offered, followed by the introduction of Native Royalty. Mr. Golding

will then introduce the various Project Partners who have helped in seeing the Park to completion, as well as a ribbon cutting and reception on the south lawn near the plaza.

Plans for events after the reception include walking tours throughout the park, the North Channel Slough and agricultural area, and the Elder Village.

Also, beginning at 2:00 PM, all are welcome to stay and enjoy traditional singing and dancing under the plaza's ramada, and to see arts and crafts demonstrations by various local Tribal artists.

Tribal Member a Spokesman For The US Dairy Association

Quechan Tribal member Preston Arrow weed has a long history in acting, writing and providing “atmosphere” for entertainment.

A long time member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), he has now qualified for an additional union, and been paid through them, without having to make a dues payment!

Mr. Arrow Weed has recorded a radio spot as a voice actor for the United States Dairy Association, and his wages for that spot were paid through the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA). “They called and asked me how I got this job without paying their dues last year,” he laughs as he recounts the story, “but since they’re going to merge with SAG this summer, and I’m current with them, I’ll never have to pay AFTRA!”

Preston first got into acting when he returned to Los Angeles after his discharge from the Marine Corps in the early 1960s. He had originally moved there from the Quechan reservation when he was a boy.

“I got my first acting experience in plays at the Fort Yuma Indian School cafeteria, in Christmas plays and other special events,” he says. “When I started there, I didn’t even know how to speak English! It through performing there that I learned to speak English.” He says it was the thought that it



Preston Arrow Weed recorded the radio spot for the Dairy Association in February of 2010 at a studio in San Diego.

Photo by Helena Arrow Weed

would be fun to get up and perform for his classmates which encouraged him to pay attention and really *learn* English, to be able to get the best parts. “I was already singing *kwat’san* and *kamia*, and I knew through singing that there is action in the words. So by learning what the action of the word was, I was able to start learning English in kindergarten within two weeks.”

But as a former Marine starting out in Hollywood, speaking parts were few and far between. “They were still making a lot of westerns then, and a lot of TV shows that needed Indians, so there was plenty of work for extras as long as you *looked* like an Indian. And since I was *kwat’san*, I looked Indian!” he laughs.

He was able to quickly join

the Screen Extras Guild, even while attending acting classes to help him move into speaking parts. “When I went to drama school, the skill of visualizing the action of the words (which I had learned in kindergarten) was *basic*. You get a script, and you visualize the action in each word, and that helps to trigger a memory of how you feel as you perform the piece.”

He worked with John Wayne, Ann Sheridan and other Hollywood greats until about 1970, when things in Hollywood began to slack off as more major production companies began to hire “independents” to lower their costs.

Preston then moved back to Yuma, to become involved in politics and native ways.

But now that he is in his 70’s, he finds he still has a bit of the acting bug deep down inside. He’s written and produced a few plays, and hired a new agent to find him some work.

Last year, the agent called and asked him to climb in his car, roll up the windows, and audition for a radio “spot” over the phone. That audition led to the Osborn & Barr Agency of St. Louis sending him to San Diego last February to record a “spot” for the Dairy Association.

That “spot” is now on the air, and Preston’s first check for that day of voice work equaled ten times the standard AFTRA union scale for announcers!

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

On Friday, April 8th, my wife needed medical assistance. Our family, friends and I would like to thank The Quechan Police Department, Chris Herrera and Travis Owl Jr. for everything they did to help her receive the medical help she truly needed.

*Emmett Hartt Jr. and family
Quechan Tribal Members*

Hello, *Quechan News*:

I have a suggestion/recommendation

It seems to me that all the asphalt roads on the Reservation have never been re-done since I can remember. It also seems like if we would seal

coat them or do something to preserve them

I lived there when I was a child and now I’m in my senior years and it appears that nothing has ever been done to the roads

Maybe if it’s a money issue they should start taxing the farmers as they are the ones that are abusing them...

*Crescent P. Cavanaugh, Sr.
Quechan Tribal Member*

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer in front of the Senior Center entry on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box at the bottom of this page.

**The Quechan Indian Tribe is seeking
Three (3) Tribal Members to serve on the
Quechan Enrollment Committee
and One (1) Tribal Member to serve on the
QTDHE Board of Commissioners
As well as Tribal Members to serve on the
Legislative Committee**

If you are interested in serving your community in either of these positions, please submit a *Letter of Interest* to Georgina Massey, Tribal Council Secretary, at the Tribal Administration Office

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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

Community Garden Project at Park is Ready for Planting



Lisa Ball, head of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) transports a wheelbarrow full of fine-grained clean fill dirt for compacting into walkways for the new Quechan Community Garden near the center of the park. Once she gets the sand there, Lewis Throssel takes over and muscled it into place, dumping the load for a waiting Sandy Palone. Brian Warner, who is in charge of the Community Garden Project at the SDPI is also shown above, making sure the walkways are raked down perfectly. Meanwhile, Ana Hartt-Villereal is kept busy at the sand pile near the parking area, shovelling more clean fill for the walkways into the wheelbarrow.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

While preparing their grant application for 2010/2011, the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) explored many options on how they could best put the funds to work for the community.

In meeting with the Ft. Yuma Indian Health Services, IHS Dietician Deborah Drumel suggested a community garden.

The staff at Quechan SDPI took that suggestion to heart, since they often revisit our ancestors' way of life as part of their ongoing, community-wide diabetes prevention education, comparing the differences in traditional lifestyles to those practiced today.

As an example, fast food restaurants didn't exist 100 years ago. Almost everyone farmed, canned and slaughtered their

own food. Everything on the table was in its natural form.

Today it's difficult to find foods that haven't been taken out of their natural form through processing and additional additives. The Quechan SDPI realized they could help the community rediscover these healthy ways through a Community Garden Project.

"Once funding for the SDPI grant application was approved," says Lisa Ball, SDPI Director for the Quechan Tribe, "we sought out someone with a horticultural background to assist us in beginning the Garden Project."

"Dean Cain, a biology teacher at Kofa High, was featured in the *Yuma Sun* for a community garden he'd done with a summer program at Carver Park

through the Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC). When we contacted him, Mr. Cain was ecstatic about the thought of a community garden for the Quechan Tribe."

Dean grew up in Yuma and has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to agriculture in the southwest. Through Dean, the Quechan SDPI was able to partner with the University of Arizona's Yuma County Cooperative Extension Program (CEP). There, CEP entomologist Stacey Bealmear also joined the Community Garden Project for a planning meeting.

In December 2010, Quechan Tribal member Brian Warner accepted the position of Prevention Aide with the SDPI Staff.

Mr. Warner has a long personal interest in gardening, and

that interest was a huge asset in putting together the gardening plan. He was so involved in the Community Garden Project that he was asked to accept the position of Community Garden Coordinator.

In February 2011, the San Pasqual Construction Trades class began building the planters at the garden. A vast selection of seeds have now been purchased.

"We felt it important to stick with the traditional crops of the Quechan people, says Brian, "such as squash, corn, melons, and gourds, but we also wanted to expand the varieties for use in cooking demonstrations."

There are also two planting beds set aside for children to learn and practice their gardening skills. Planting for the gar-

den will be complete before the May 4, 2011 grand opening of the *Anya Nitz Pak* Park.

Once the Garden Project is complete, plans are underway for a Health and Healing garden at the Quechan Special Diabetes Walking Park.

That garden will feature herbs for health, healing and cooking. SDPI is also hoping to plant a pumpkin patch at the Walking Park, to offer the children in the community an enjoyable opportunity in their neighborhood.

The goal in the next year is to teach the community members how to return to the ways our ancestors lived through planting and harvesting. "Our long term goal would be a self-sustained Farmers Market for the community as well as our neighboring communities," says Brian.

Tribal Court Prepares For Tribal Court Advocates

Community members who have volunteered to fill the role of Tribal Court Advocate (TCA) will attend their first training session on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.

The training course will begin with an informational meeting at the Quechan Tribal Court Office at 5:30 PM.

"There are just over 20 individuals who have expressed interest in participating in the program," says Chief Judge Claudette White of the Quechan Tribal Court. "Most are Tribal members but there are also a few non-tribal employees who have expressed interest."

Items to be discussed include some of the general duties and responsibilities that an advocate may perform. Judge White and her staff will also cover some of the follow-up trainings the Quechan Tribal Court will schedule to help those who have volunteered for this important role gain the knowledge needed to succeed as an effective advocate.

Trainees will also have the opportunity to ask questions about different issues to gain a better insight on whether advocacy is something they truly wish to pursue. "We will be dealing with such a specialized

body of information we will need to be hands on and have time for question and answer," says Judge White.

"Our goal is to educate and build the confidence of those who choose to represent clients in the Tribal Court," explains Tribal Court Clerk, Barrie Tibbitts. "This is a very important role for both the community and the Court, and we welcome all those who have expressed an interest in becoming advocates for their fellow Tribal members."

Judge White has already begun working with a number of local trainers as well as others from out of the area, primarily focusing on how the Tribal Court can devise trainings with little to no costs.

"I am working with some non-profit agencies that specialize with children's issues, domestic violence and similar matters," she explains.

"I've also spoken to the Self Help Center at the California Superior Court in El Centro to come up with additional trainings. Some of the larger and more well-known agencies such as California Indian Legal Services may provide some of our materials and I am also reaching out to the law schools that

run Indian Legal Clinics to help devise training programs for our Tribal Court Advocates."

Judge White has a number of great contacts in the legal community, she says, and many have been willing to step forward to help train the advocates. "I'm encouraged by this and believe that with effort and diligence that we will be able to develop some first class advocates here on the reservation."

Due to the high number of people interested the Tribal Court foresees the possibility of paring down the number of actual Advocates either through an application process or by securing a pro bono commitment from them. "This training is certainly not for someone who only is vaguely interested!" Judge White states.

"It's going to require studying, diligence and hard work to obtain the knowledge necessary to be successful." Still, she and her staff both look forward to the experience.

The Quechan Tribal Court is located behind the Paradise Casino at 450 Quechan Drive. If you have questions about the Court or the TCA Program, contact either Court Clerk Barrie Tibbitts or Judge Claudette White at (760) 572-5552.

Jail Tax Up For Vote



Yuma County Detention Center. Photo by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Yuma County will be holding a Special Countywide Election on May 17, 2011 to ask the voters of Yuma County whether they will approve the continuation of the Yuma County Jail District Excise Tax. Quechan tribal members over the age of 18 who reside in the City of Yuma or other areas within the boundaries of Yuma County are eligible to vote in that election and make their opinions known.

On the day of the election (May 17, 2011), polling sites will be open from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM throughout the county.

A list of the consolidated polling sites can be found on the county's website:

www.yumacountyaz.gov

On the home page, select "Departments and Services" and scroll down to "Election Services" and then locate the bottom tab of the menu that pops up to the right, labeled "Special Jail District Election May 17, 2011". Click on that box, and it will take you directly to a page where you can download and view sample ballots, information pamphlets and a list of the locations of all 9 polling sites for this election.

The Yuma County Elections Services Division is eager to work with the Tribe to insure that language assistance is available for those who may desire or need it.

Sue Stallworth Reynolds,

the County Elections Officer, has requested help from Tribal members who can provide Quechan language translation services at the polling sites to call her office. Arizona law requires the County to do everything possible to have translators available to cover all of the languages spoken within the area. Arizona poll workers are paid \$83.00 to \$130.00 depending upon the assignment. That could be "easy money," waiting for another Tribal member to come in and ask for help reading their ballot!

If a *kwat'san* speaker is selected to work at a polling site for the Jail District Excise Tax election on May 17, training will be available right at the County Board of Supervisors auditorium at 198 S. Main Street, south of the Main Street Cinemas, on the opposite side of the street.

The one-day, two-hour class for poll workers is scheduled for the first week in May. It will take place on Tuesday and Friday, May 3rd and 6th from 10:00 AM until Noon, and on Wednesday, May 4th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, whether or not you speak *kwat'san*, please call Mary Martinez at (928) 373-1014, or stop into Elections Services at 198 Main Street and ask for her.

The 2011 General Election for the Offices of President, Vice President and all 5 Seats on the Quechan Tribal Council is scheduled for:

Monday, May 23, 2011

The Designated Polling Place is The Quechan Community Center At 604 Picacho Road, Winterhaven, CA - Valid ID Required!

The Polls Open at 7:00 AM and Close Promptly at 7:00 PM

If you have any questions please contact the Election Board

Phone 760-572-0664 Fax 760-572-2350



La Vonne Hills, Administrative Assistant of Human Resources for the Quechan Tribe looks over some of the health care options provided by Pinnacle Claims Management, Inc. (PCMI), the health care insurance provider for the Quechan Tribe's employees. Their Field Service Representative, Ericka Castañeda (seen with La Vonne, above) will return for another visit on Friday, May 20th at 1:00 PM. The Tribe's HR Department has arranged for Ericka to stop in once a month to assist both new and long-time employees with enrollment, benefits and claims inquiries as well as general customer service.

GED Tutoring Offered

In this time of economic uncertainty, job seekers need every possible advantage when they go looking for work. Those without a high school diploma or G.E.D. are increasingly disadvantaged, and those with literacy problems really face an uphill battle.

Adult Literacy Plus of Southwest Arizona (AL+), located at 825 S. Orange Avenue (just south of 8th Street) offers free GED Preparation and adult basic education including individual tutoring in reading, writing, and math for those needing help in preparing for today's job

market. They can also help you with G.E.D. preparation online.

To take advantage of their free services, all you have to do is call or stop by to take a placement test, to see what courses you may need to help you prepare for the state G.E.D. test.

Once a student has completed the AL+ course of training, the student must arrange to take the state test on their own.

Their services are available for students aged 16 or older, who are not enrolled in high school or any other educational institution. Students must have proof of legal residency and

have the desire and 6-8 hours per week to dedicate themselves to increasing their basic literacy skills.

"Literacy is more important in the Information Age than ever before," according to Elizabeth Crawford, an instructor with AL+. "The internet holds immense potential for the future, but only for those who can read."

Funded in part by the Arizona Department of Education, AL+ is a United Way member agency that also provides classes at the Yuma main library and their branch locations.

NATIONAL INDIAN JUSTICE CENTER OFFERS FREE WASTE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Melvin Miguel, the Quechan Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights and Safety Officer has passed on information about a new source of *free* training for Tribal members.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program has awarded a grant to the National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) to develop and deliver a 3 day training session on Solid Waste Management. This course also includes an optional 1 day "train the trainer" session.

The focus of the training session will be on current and critical issues like illegal dumping, the development and enforcement of tribal codes, jurisdictional conflicts, reduction and recycling, hazardous household waste, hazardous waste resulting from meth labs, illegal dump closures and clean-up project considerations, Resource Conservation and Re-

covery Act (RCRA) issues and other updates on solid waste management.

Subtitle D of RCRA governs the management and disposal of solid waste, especially the design and operation of municipal solid waste landfills and other solid waste disposal facilities. It regulates the management of household garbage and nonhazardous industrial solid waste.

Subtitle I of RCRA regulates the storage of petroleum products and hazardous substances in underground storage tanks.

Since RCRA penalties can be up to \$50,000 per day per violation and up to 5 years in prison, being able to attend a free course which includes those issues could be valuable!

NIJC says the course is designed for tribal elected officials, tribal environmental personnel and waste management workers, tribal court personnel, and tribal law enforcement with

the authority to enforce tribal environmental laws, and others interested in increasing the capacity of tribes to address solid waste management issues.

The training will be conducted at the new Talking Stick Casino & Resort at 9800 E. Indian Bend Road in Scottsdale, Arizona. The course will take place from Tuesday, May 10th through the 13th, 2011.

The NJIC points out that, though the class is free, those attending the course will have to arrange for their own lodging. (The Talking Stick Resort had a block of rooms at a special rate for participants, but that rate ended on April 11, 2011.) Of course, with over three weeks until the course takes place, it should be easy to find a room for three mid-week days in the Phoenix/Tempe area.

Both the *Quechan News* and Mr. Miguel in the TERO Office have copies of the .pdf form to



Proper management of solid wastes helps prevent problems in water runoff, which can pollute local streams and aquifers - an important health consideration on tribal lands. Natural Resource Conservation Service Photo by Tim McCabe

register for this Tuition Free training session.

You can pick up a registration form at the TERO Office or request a copy via email from Melvin Miguel at m.miguel@quechantribe.com.

To have one sent to you from the *Quechan News*, email w.isbell@quechantribe.com.

Registration must be completed and returned to NIJC by Wednesday, May 4, 2011. The forms can be returned by mail, fax or e-mail to the:

National Indian Justice Center, 5250 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403. Phone: (707) 579-5507, Fax: (707) 579-9019, or email: tcoord@nijc.org

CONSTRUCTION SHOWS PROGRESS



A new wing is being built in place of one of the old "100's" buildings, which dated back to the late 1950's. This view looks south from Arnold Road, and shows what things looked like during the first week of April.

The construction crews working on the new San Pasqual Valley Schools expansion have taken advantage of both the Christmas and spring breaks to install underground utilities. With no students or staff at the schools over the breaks, it was much safer to dig deep and have the ground open for installation of septic systems, waterlines and underground cables, without the worry of someone fall-

ing in and getting hurt.

Now that those tasks are completed, foundations are being poured and masonry block walls are quickly taking shape.

Greg Lyon of Nielsen Construction says modern schools have a lot more wiring and special purpose items to put in, so even though the walls will look finished from the outside, they expect to be still working on the school through next Christmas.



The school's architects included a basket weave design in the masonry of a new elementary building facing Baseline Road, to reflect the area's Quechan heritage and continuing influence on the curriculum.



A large articulated boom truck has been used to transport fill soil and concrete to buildup and install the foundations of new classroom buildings. All of the heavy equipment works behind fences designed to keep students and other "lookie-loos" safely outside the construction zone.



Greg Lyon, Project Engineer for lead contractor Nielsen Construction discusses the work of Haxton Masonry with inspector Bob Houx.



Free Rabies Clinic For Local Pets Tuesday, May 10th at Community Center

A free Rabies Clinic will be held on Tuesday, May 10, from Noon to 5:00 PM at the Quechan Community Center.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The rabies virus attacks the central nervous system, causing encephalitis, and is always fatal once symptoms appear. Rabies can be prevented in persons who have come into contact or been bitten by wild animals through prompt administration of anti-rabies vaccine and rabies immune globulin.

All bite or contact exposures to bats or other wild animals

should be reported immediately to animal control or the Indian Health Service. Bites from domestic mammals (except for rodents and rabbits) should also be reported to local animal control.

In Arizona, the principal rabies hosts are bats, skunks, and foxes. These animals carry their own distinct rabies virus variants or "strains".

When rabies activity within these animal groups increase, rabies can then "spill over" into other mammal species, such as bobcats, coyotes, javelina, cats, dogs, horses, cows, etc. Every year, about

30 people are exposed to rabid animals in Arizona.

Bats present the most common source of rabies exposure to humans in Arizona, because rabid bats often fall to the ground where they are easily accessible to people and pets. Bats are generally not aggressive. Exposure to rabid bats usually occurs when people pick up or handle a sick or dead bat.

Most rabies exposures can be avoided by simply leaving bats and other wild animals alone.

All dogs and cats, particularly those that are unrestrained and run free, should be vaccinated against rabies.

The May 10 Rabies Clinic will be under the direction of the IHS Office of Environmental Health & Engineering. The IHS has partnered with the U.S. Army Proving Ground Veterinary Corps, as well as the Quechan Police Department, Housing, Quechan Fish and Game, and Community Health Representatives to offer free vaccinations for all cats and dogs on the reservation. Simply bring your pets to the Quechan Community Center between the hours of noon and 5:00 PM on May 10.

All tribal pet owners (cats and dogs) are encouraged to

participate.

Rabies vaccinations will be administered free of charge. Do not bring pregnant and/or nursing dogs or cats. Pets must be at least 3 months old before they can be vaccinated.

Pet owners are responsible for handling their pets during the vaccination clinic. Dogs must be leashed and cats brought in a cage or pet carrier, both for your own safety and the safety of the staff administering the vaccinations.

For more information, contact Natasha Wells at the IHS Office of Environmental Health at (760) 572-4242

Superintendent Schoneman to Retire at End of School Year



David F. Schoneman returned to the position of SPVUSD Superintendent 3 years ago. He also held the position in 2003 and 2004.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The current Superintendent of the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District has informed both the School Board and the staff at the schools that it is his intention to retire from his position at the end of this school year.

Superintendent Schoneman first made his plans known to the public when he presented a letter announcing his plans to the the School Board at a special meeting held at the School District office on March 24.

The Board, made up entirely of Quechan Tribal members, accepted his decision, as it fits

well with their plans for the future, involving a re-alignment of positions and plans to hire an entirely new staff of top administrators. The Board also plans to inject "new blood" into the schools by hiring new principals to head all three schools in the District.

Their plans also seem to meet with the approval of the departing Superintendent, who wrote in the letter announcing his decision: "Under the leadership of the School District Board, the District has made a series of strategic moves and is [now] well positioned to weather the

present economic crisis."

Schoneman also credits the teamwork, passion and dedication of the students of the District as catalysts for change and growth. "It gives me great peace of mind knowing that the efforts of past years will serve as a foundation for future greatness," he writes.

Mr. Schoneman began his career in education 24 years ago at the Brawley Union High School. Since that time he has been both an educator and an administrator, and served in special education and facilities construction along the way.

He had been the SPVUSD Superintendent once before, in 2003 and 2004. When asked to return to the position in 2008, Schoneman said "sure." "I've always enjoyed the community here, it's a beautiful area. The Quechan Nation is good to work with, and President Jackson's always been very supportive, as are the other members of the Tribal Council . . . So, yes, I was interested."

Mr. Schoneman's last day at work will be June 8th. He has enough personal time left "on the books" to make his official retirement date June 30, 2011.

Husband and Wife Revival Team
**Reverend Dr. Julian Gunn &
 Rev. Bernita (Cachora) Dunn**
 will be leading the May

REVIVAL

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*Grandpa, I was thinking of you today
 and a smile came to my face.*

*I remember the goodness you've taught me
 even though it might not show*

You changed a lot in my life and I thought you should know

Grandpa, this is coming from the heart

I thought it'd be a good way to start

I know I'm not perfect, and I'm sure you know that too

But it means the world to me to know I can talk to you.

I know I'm lucky to have you here, after all that you've been through

And no matter what happened, you always said "I love you"

You were always there when times got bad.

You're such a wonderful granddad . . .

Yes, there were times we've fought

But just know I love you a lot

Without you I don't know who I'd be,

But one thing's for sure; I wouldn't be me.

To end this off I just wanted to say,

I love you each and every day!

With much love, Your granddaughter,

Lucretia Golding

Love you . . .



Jessica Collins-Solorio, a senior at San Pasqual High, is one of three Tribal members who have excelled in Darla Dreesen's art class this year. Here, Jessica shows an example of her whimsical sense of humor and excellent use of color. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Young Artists Make a Great Impression on Their Teacher

San Pasqual High art instructor Darla Dreesen tells the Quechan News she has three students this year who have really made an impression on her with their talent and willingness to experiment. All three are Quechan Tribal members.

Brandon Frank specializes in drawing the human form. As an athlete himself, he understands movement and expresses it very well in his drawings of athletes. "He has a great eye for detail," says Mrs. Dreesen. "His artwork 'sings' with creativity." Brandon likes to limit his use of color, but uses color very well. "His artwork has a lot of soul that makes his characters come alive," she says. She has also noticed he spends a good deal of class time concentrating on perfecting his art.

Brandon is in the 10th grade this year. His parents are Sherrie Talaswamia and Ronnie

Frank, and he's also the grandson of Marsha Emerson.

Next up is 17 year-old senior Jessica Collins-Solorio. The daughter of Allyson Collins and Albert Solorio, Jr. She is also a granddaughter of Janice Emerson and John Collins, Sr., and Marilyn Dewey and Albert Solorio, Sr.

"Jessica is very talented in all art media," says her proud instructor. "She excels in painting and use of color."

Mrs. Dreesen also says that Jessica has a great eye for detail that is exceptionally portrayed in her perspective drawings.

"Jessica is highly creative and puts her talents to good use. There isn't a task in art too great for Jessica to accomplish. Her heart and soul are on display in each and every one of her pieces of art."

In fact, she is so talented that she has been selected to repre-

sent San Pasqual in Art as the *Yuma Sun* Scholar this year.

And then there is 14 year-old freshman Peter Decorse III.

Peter is the son of Sally Jo Valencia and Peter Decorse II. His grandparents are Mona Decorse and Peter Decorse I.

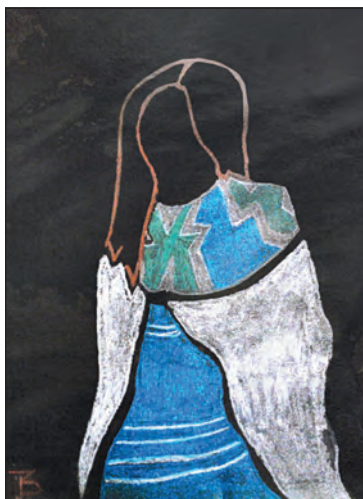
"Peter specializes in roller coasters," according to his art teacher. "He has a great sense of the mechanics of amusement parks and draws very complicated, intense roller coasters."

Peter prefers using pencil or black marker with limited color on his creations. Mrs. Dreesen notes that "Peter also loves all things Mickey Mouse and recreates Disney characters very well."

All three Quechan art students also have items on display in the school library, so the next time you're at the school, stop in and check out all of the art on display there!



Sophomore Brandon Frank is seen at left sketching some action. Just below that is an example of his native art skills, chalk on black paper, while below he shows one of his athletic posters: a favorite NBA player. The flower above is an example of Jessica's work.



Artist Peter DeCorse III has been working on a series of fanciful roller coaster designs this past few months (above). At right, he poses next to his impression of the Yuma Mission and creates another roller coaster.





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