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Fort Yuma Hosts Cultural Exchange



Students from two southern California universities camped in the *Anya Nitz Pak* Park, where they joined local Tribal members in cleaning up two wash areas along the Colorado River. On Saturday evening, they gathered in the park's central plaza to play games and share their experiences with local high school students. Later that evening they all played shinny games and traditional dances. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Every year, students enrolled in the environmental studies programs at the University of Redlands visit our Reservation to do work on the Yuma East Wetlands (YEW). As a partner in the YEW, The Quechan Tribe has been hosting the Saturday evening dinner for those student for 10 years now, as our way of saying thank you for the students' work service.

At least 50 students arrived this year, with participants representing the University of Redlands, California State University at San Marcos, plus a group of TAMIT youth from the Los Angeles area. (TAMIT - Teaching and Mentoring Indian Tarahat is an education and

leadership development initiative for high school students from the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians.)

The students arrived on Friday afternoon, November 2nd, to set up camp in the lower field of the *Anya Nitz Pak* Park just above the pond. Shortly after sundown, most of the students headed over to the Emerson family's property, to take part in a sweat lodge ceremony.

After an early breakfast on Saturday morning, the students broke into two groups.

One party headed over to the Quechan Bee Wash west of Winterhaven. Once there, they helped the Quechan Environmental crew in finishing

up projects that required a few more hands to complete.

The others headed into the washes and fields along the river east of the park. The volunteers completed a number tasks that had gone undone during the hot summer months. There were weeds to pull, salt grasses to thin and transplant, and other agricultural tasks to be accomplished to guarantee a continued crop of indigenous materials which are used in a myriad of traditional projects here on the reservation.

Later that day, the Youth Cultural Festival welcomed community members and the students to take part in the meal and join together in sharing our

traditional song and dances. Just prior to dinner, the TAMIT students challenged our local shinny players to a demonstration game, played for the students who had never seen this exciting contest in action. The festival lasted until 10:30 PM, when the visitors had to once again bed down for the night and rest up for a couple more hours of work on Sunday.

The students packed up their camp and boarded their rides back back home that same day.

Over the past couple of years, the students who visit and take part in this program have all expressed appreciation for the valuable educational opportunity it gives them.

Big Changes Take Place at The Q's Restaurants



Now Taking Reservations



The Ocotillo Café changed from a buffet style restaurant to a full service family oriented restaurant on November 1st. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

One of the busiest restaurants in the Quechan Casino Resort has changed up their menu and the way they serve their clientele, as the Ocotillo Café closed off their buffet line and switched over to a full service, family style eatery at the start of November.

Their new look even features a Childrens Menu, for those 6 and under. They now have special, smaller portion for tykes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Youngsters can start the day with buttermilk pancakes or french toast, or even have a Little Q Breakfast that comes with an egg, one slice of bacon and a sausage link, breakfast potatoes and toast, plus a pancake, just like dad! Lunch and dinner

for the little ones includes hot beef sliders, boneless wings, BLTs and kids sized pizza with toppings like pepperoni, Italian sausage, mozzarella cheese, mushrooms, onions, olives, hot peppers, ham, pineapple and BBQ chicken. They also get to choose from great sides like nachos, onion rings and sweet potato fries!

Adults will find an even more extensive new menu.

The Ocotillo Café's Q Breakfast for grown ups has 2 eggs, 3 slices of bacon, 3 sausage links, 2 pancakes, and breakfast potatoes and toast. Other early morning favorites like eggs benedict, corned beef hash and eggs and three egg breakfasts with a choice of bacon, ham or

sausage, along with breakfast potatoes and toast are there, too.

You can also design your own omelet or have french toast, waffles, pancakes or huevos rancheros—something for everyone!

Lunch (which starts at 11:00 AM) includes a great selection of salads and soup of the day, as well as sandwiches like BLTs, roasted turkey club, New York Steak, pastrami or grilled

cheese. They will also feature taco salad and machaca burritos, for those who always want a little spice in their meals!

Dinner will include great entrees like grilled chicken breast, grilled salmon filet, and New York Steak, as well as the usual favorites like chicken pot pie, baby back ribs, fish & chips and penne pasta with marinara or Alfredo sauce opped with veggies, chicken meatballs or shrimp.

Area favorites like street tacos (of shrimp, fish or carne asada) and nachos, sliders and quesadillas will also be on the menu, as well as Shumai Dumplings and crab won tons. They've also have great sides and desserts, sure to please!

The new hours at the Ocotillo Café are 7AM to 10PM, seven days a week. You can even call the Q for reservations: 1(877)783-2426, Ext. 5173.

Sidewinder Now A Sports Bar

The Sidewinders Bar & Grill, inside the Quechan Casino Resort, is also getting a makeover of sorts. The popular night spot changed over to a sports bar theme on Thursday, November 1st, introducing a new menu and new hours in the process.

Sidewinders will now operate from 4:00 in the afternoon (Arizona time) 'til midnight Sunday - Thursday, and 'til 2:30AM on Fridays and Saturdays. On the weekends, they open at 10:00AM. The Grill closes at midnight, every night.

Their new menu will feature sports bar favorites like (regular and boneless) buffalo wings, quesadillas, hamburgers and pizza, along with specialty items like stuffed potato skins, beef dip sandwiches and deep fried calamari! There will also be chips & salsa, batter fried onion rings and french fries (either plain, or with chili and cheese

on top for a dollar more).

The new (all day) lunch menu will also have healthier items like garden salad (which you can garnish with chicken strips or shrimp for an additional couple of bucks) and soup of the day in a cup or bowl, to go with anything else on the menu!

The weekend breakfast items (served from 10:00AM 'til noon) include breakfast burritos, egg sandwiches or a Breakfast Bowl (made with stacked hash browns, ham, sausage, bacon and hollandaise Sauce) topped with eggs, any way you want 'em!

But the whole idea of a sports bar is a place to meet friends and enjoy the game together. For that, they will have \$10 Stadium Platters for four.

Choices include Bases Loaded Nachos (made up of fresh tortilla chips topped with cheddar cheese, taco meat, jalapeños and black olives. They're

served with *pico de gallo*, refried beans, sour cream and guacamole on the side!), and Fry Bread Tacos, which are mini frybread wheels served with ground chorizo, *pico de gallo*, guacamole, sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, and shredded cabbage. Other Stadium Platters will include Cheesy Baked Potato Chips, Crispy Won Tons and Honey Sugar Fry Bread! Of course, you may just want to stop in for a delicious dessert, rather than a full meal. For that, there will be brownie sundaes, cheese cakes and a pie of the day.

All delicious choices as you watch the largest TV screen in the Yuma area as well as wall-to-wall TVs! Plus, the Q has fully expanded their DirecTV subscription to include every available sports offering, enabling them to carry all televised games and matches!

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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

Education Complex Treats Kids to Their Own Pumpkins



Bruce Montague (above) hands out personal bags of fresh popcorn to Isaac Duran, Lola Clements, Aiyana Collins, Roman Venegas and Amaya Mellançon. At right, Miss Larissa sits on the sidewalk with a group of students enjoying their snacks. Robert Kolowitz enjoyed the day so much he danced with Mrs. Sandra (below)!



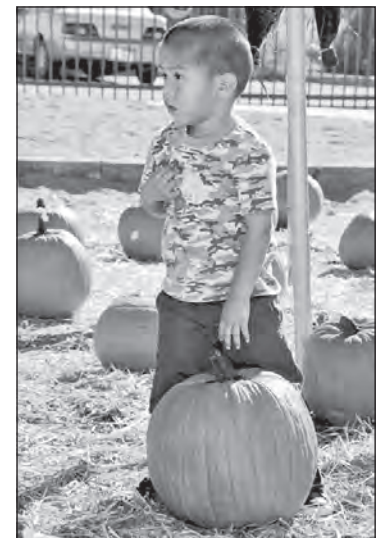
Everyone was able to get a photo taken by Annette Derma. That's Phillip Eagleman sitting for his portrait. When it came time to choose their own pumpkins, little Lola Clements had her daddy, Education Complex Security Guard Julian Clements do the hard part of carrying the thing! At right (above), Julian Laurenzana takes one last look around the pumpkin patch to make sure he's picked the best one. And, at lower left (below the kids on the sidewalk), Elizabeth Long picks out her pumpkin.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The dedicated staff at the Quechan Education Complex treated their smallest charges to a morning at the Pumpkin Patch on October 23rd, as the kids from Head Start, Quechan Child Care and Paradise Child Care all trooped over to "The Patch" to pick out their own personal pumpkin for Halloween crafting projects!

Classes visited the Pumpkin Patch one at a time, to give each classroom plenty of time to enjoy the experience, and spend quality time with the staff members on hand to help them in their task.

When the toddlers first arrived, they were all given the chance to sit on a hay bale be-



tween little stuffed scarecrows and get a commemorative photo for mom and dad's album. They then lined up for punch, popcorn and cotton candy. Once suitably wound up with excitement, they were then led right into the thick of things and ran squealing through a big sand box area filled with beautiful pumpkins from 8 to 15 inches across.

While some of them had obviously been eyeing their favorites during snacktime, others wandered about checking each pumpkin along the way, carefully considering their selection before settling on this one . . . or maybe that one . . . or perhaps they should just start over!

A few parents dropped by to help their children make their decisions, while staff members and teachers hovered nearby to carry gourds that were too big for the child making the choice.

Once the kids on hand had chosen their own particular Jack O'Lantern material, the huge fruits were loaded onto carts and transported back to the classroom, as another group arrived, trailing together on a ringed rope led by their teacher, ready to repeat the process.

This is one tradition that will probably go on forever, since it always seems new to the kids who take part. And the adults, staff and parents alike, seem to enjoy it, too!

Haven't Used YCAT Yet?

EDA Can Help in Trip Planning

The YCAT Quechan Blue Route circles through the Reservation and downtown Yuma every hour of every day, except for on Sundays and major federal holidays.

Recent statistics received by the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) show that the community isn't using the Blue Route to its potential. The route is averaging about 2 passengers per hour, while YCAT and the EDA both believe that it has the potential to serve 10 passengers per hour.

The Blue Route is one of the Tribe's transit service strategies funded through a grant from the Federal Transit Authority's Tribal Transit Program. The route was designed to connect our reservation's main residential areas to key destinations identified by the community through studies and public meetings. Those destinations include workplaces like the Tribal Administration Building, Paradise Casino and Quechan Casino Resort, as well as those shopping, medical/dental facilities, libraries, workplaces and governmental offices in Yuma.

The EDA is taking proactive measures and is offering several solutions to increase ridership.

The EDA staff realizes that not everyone can easily get on the bus and get to their destination. "To many of our Reservation residents, riding the bus can be intimidating," notes Alyson Collins, of the EDA.

"Therefore, the EDA is encouraging Tribal Programs to assist their clients and the general public with trip planning."

Trip Planning is a tool that uses information on departure, destination, appointment times, bus routes, and fare information

to accomplish a successful transit experience. EDA has provided Tribal program staff with training on developing such skills. A trip planning meeting was recently held with Tribal Programs, to bring awareness to online tools, such as the YCAT Trip Planner along with readily available information from riders' guides, schedules and maps, to help plan trips that get riders to their destinations and appointments on time.

Soon, you will be able to ask any Tribal Program staff member about how to get from point A to point B on the YCAT.

Tribal Programs are also being encouraged to provide bus passes for their clientele, if it's an allowable cost to their grant.

One program is already well on board in making a shift towards using the available transit option. Quechan Social Services plans to suspend many of their current transport services by January 7, 2013. They then hope to have all of their clients transportation needs met by using YCAT services, purchasing bus tickets for program participants as needed.

Another way to increase ridership is to encourage the park-and-ride concept. This is when a rider parks at a parking lot near a bus stop to ride the bus to their destination. For instance, folks wishing to get out to the Quechan Casino Resort but who cannot access the Blue Route from their homes (or who don't want to drive their cars), can drive their vehicles to the nearest bus stop (such as the Community Center or the Quechan Tribal Office parking lots), to park their vehicles and take the Blue Route to the Q or other destinations. Employees

of the Q might try this as well.

A fourth way is that EDA continuously works to increase YCAT's visibility in the community by having information and giveaways at various Tribal functions and by placing bus schedules at many Tribal offices and business enterprises.

Continued low ridership will force EDA and YCAT to look at making changes to the route. One recent change is using a smaller 6 passenger bus, which you may have seen on the Rez. Other possible changes may include eliminating the Ross Road stops and extending service to Algodones, or cutting back on low ridership operating hours (with no service during the very slow midday hours), as well as other undesirable adjustments. Such changes may be necessary, however, to keep the route in operation. EDA continues to seek your help in creating solutions. Please contact them at (760) 572-5270 with your ideas, comments, and suggestions.

So — If you don't wish to lose it, use it. It's too valuable a resource to let it go!

UPDATE:

YCAT Blue Route, 5

Use of the temporary bus stops located in the Old Subdivision has been extended once again until early-to-mid December 2012, as the construction there is not complete. One of the two temporary bus stops is located just west of the intersection of Sapphire Lane and Turquoise Circle; the other is at the corner of Garnet Drive and Sapphire Lane, at the east end of the QTDHE building.

Both of the bus stops are marked with a neon green temporary bus stop signs.

GENERAL ELECTION FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL



**Will Be Held
on Monday,
December 3, 2012**

**Polls Will Be Open
From 7 AM until 7 PM
At The Quechan Community Center**

The
Strong Hearts Native Society
Presentation of the 2012

**MR. & MISS NATIVE
SAN PASQUAL PAGEANT
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT THE
QUECHAN COMMUNITY CENTER
You can read all about the results
and winners in the next issue of
QUECHAN NEWS**

NOTICE

**The Quechan Indian Tribe
is seeking interested
Tribal Members to serve on the
Quechan Election Board as:**

- 1) Election Board Clerk**
- 2) Election Board Alternates**

***If interested, please submit a
Letter of Interest to the Tribal Council
Secretary, Shavon Manchado
at the Tribal Administration Office.***

Deadline for Submissions is Friday, October 19, 2012.

Red Ribbon Week Brings Anti-Drug Message to Schools



The entire student body of all of the San Pasqual Valley Schools (above, left) followed the Quechan Post 802 color guard and the Strong Hearts Native Society Pipa Singers down Baseline Road south to the high school football field for a Tuesday morning assembly, kicking off Red Ribbon Week. Once at the field, the Associated Student Body (ASB) officers for the Elementary School led their fellow students to the stand, carrying a banner emblazoned with the school mascot (above, right).



QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Students at all three of the San Pasqual schools spent the first hour of their school day on Tuesday, October 23rd gathered together with their teachers at Warrior Field, learning some important lessons about life.

The entire student body, faculty and staff of the schools met in front of the Cafeteria on Tuesday right after the first bell. Once there, each classroom and their teacher joined forces with representatives from the School Board and Quechan Tribal government. Staff members from a number of Quechan Tribe departments also joined the lineup behind the Post 802 color guard, marching south on Base-

line Road to the football field where they all filled the stands for an anti-drug “pep rally” and inspirational message.

Officers from both the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office and the Quechan Tribal Police blocked traffic on Baseline Road during the march, to ensure a safe, open path for the quarter mile long parade! The Strong Hearts Native Society gourd singers provided a steady walking beat with their instruments, keeping everyone in step.

Once the stands were filled, the overflow spread out onto the edge of the field on the fifty yard line, where a giant red ribbon had been painted on the

grass. Head Start students gathered with their teachers directly in front of a small stage, and the Tribal representatives and school staff members took seats on either side. Superintendent Dr. David Bealer then bounded on stage, to welcome everyone to the assembly, order the posting of the colors and lead them all in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Following the invocation, Mr. Bealer recognized the presence of Quechan Tribe Vice President Ronda Aguerro, School Board members Monica Montague, Vernon Smith and Michael Jack, and thanked the Post 802 color guard for their part in the day’s events. He also

introduced the various Tribal Department heads present before calling on high school ASB President Jacob Emerson to introduce the main speaker, San Pasqual High Principal John Schweller.

Once he had told the story of DEA Agent Kiki Camerena, and how his death at the hands of a drug cartel in Mexico led to the custom of wearing red ribbons in memory of the victims of drug violence, Mr. Schweller proceeded to his main message. That message was a recap of important events in his life from his elementary school days to the present, covering the good days, great days and the horri-

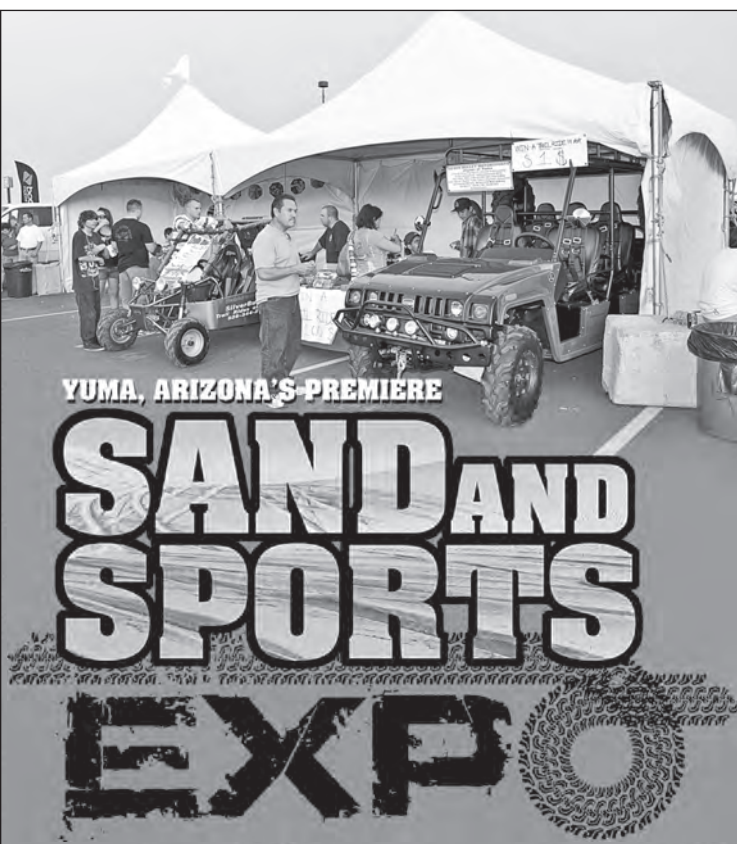
ble days which stand out in his memory. Through it all, from his climbing into a barn loft to rescue a kitten as a child (which he was allowed to keep), to making a home run that helped his District little league team win a championship, to the deaths of a friend and his father-in-law, he stressed that there is a lot to living life, and it’s best to live it to the full. There is so much you can miss, and so much you will misunderstand, and people who count on you that you will not be there for, if you spend your days spaced out on drugs.

An important, heartfelt message, which we hope everyone understood and appreciated.

Faculty, staff and students as well as invited guests filled the stands to overflowing. Preschoolers sat in the field between adults and cheerleaders in chairs to listen to the message. The main speaker for the day was high school principal John Schweller (at left), who was introduced by high school ASB President Jacob Emerson (at right).



Coming to the Paradise Casino November 10th:



Off road vehicles have been featured at our Fourth of July events in the past. This new Expo is dedicated entirely to off roading: Vehicles, toy haulers, fashions and accessories! QUECHAN NEWS File Photo: William Isbell

Are you interested in vehicles? Do you enjoy riding across the desert in Baja Racers, Golf Carts, Quads, Motorcycles and UTVs?

Well, the largest combination sand & sport expo and car show in the desert southwest is coming to the Paradise Casino on Saturday, November 10th for a full day of fun, allowing visitors the opportunity to check out the latest gear, styles and trends for sand sports enthusiasts!

Sponsors including Alexander Ford, Eagle Performance Products, RV World and Ed Whitehead Tires are joining up with other local and regional suppliers to bring in a great selection of offroad 4x4s, buggies, sand cars, quad and jeeps, to fill the south outdoor exhibit area at the Paradise with almost every type of sand capable ve-

hicle you can imagine. They'll have Rhinos, Razors, Rangers and Scramblers, plus your favorite classics—all on display from 10:00AM until 6:00PM.

The Sand and Sports Expo will also feature food and drinks. Veronica Menta was asking for Tribal Vendors to come on out and set up booths, too, so you can bet Indian Tacos and Frybread will be available. Additional vendors will have foods like hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy!

The all day event will also have live entertainment, which promises to make this one of the best events of the season!

Tickets are on sale at both the Paradise Casino Box Office and online at Startickets.com. This all ages event is priced at \$5 for everyone 14 and up, while kids 13 and under get in FREE!

The Spinners Coming To 'The Q' Friday, November 16

The Grammy award winning R&B group *The Spinners* will bring their timeless music to the PIPA Event Center for a one appearance only 8:00PM concert on Friday, November 16th.

The Spinners signed with Atlantic Records in 1972, teaming up with producer Thom Bell to set in motion an amazing recording career.

A partial list of their hit singles on the Atlantic label include "Mighty Love," "Then Came You," "I'll Be Around," "One Of A Kind (Love Affair)," "Games People Play," and "Could It Be (I'm Falling In Love)."

By early 1980, their single with producer Michael Zager, "Working My Way Back to You," was topping Pop and R&B charts. That hit gave the group its 12th gold record. The release of the album *Love Trippin'* later that same year included "The Cupid Medley," one of the fastest selling records in *The Spinners'* career. Over their



The Spinners, who have been entertaining the nation and the world since 1972, will bring their timeless Grammy award winning hits to the PIPA Event Center on Friday, November 16. Photo Courtesy of The Spinners

40 years as recording artists, *The Spinners* have gathered six Grammy nominations and have performed twice during the awards ceremony. They've received a star on the Hollywood "Walk of Fame," and appeared in numerous network and cable television specials paying tribute to the music of the 70's. In

1993, *The Spinners* performed at the White House for President and Mrs. Bill Clinton.

And now, you can see them live on stage here in Yuma! Tickets are still available at the PIPA Event Center Box Office and online at StarTickets.com.

As always, you must be 21 years or older to attend!

LAST COMIC STANDING





FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012
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San Pasqual Valley Middle School

1st Marking Period Honor Roll, 2012-2013

SIXTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE

EIGHTH GRADE

6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Owen Barley
Jose Pelayo
Andres Ramirez

7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Amanda Barley
Ryan Jefferson
Cedric Lukee
Donovan Manchado
Luis Palomera

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Jonathan Massey
Elvis Renteria

6th Grade High Honor Roll

Araceli Aquino-Valdez
Samantha Castillo
Katherine Cervantes
Alora Dugan
Ahlaynah Robles
Margarita Velasquez
Layla Velasquez
Freddy Villanueva
Benjamin Acosta
William Hernandez
Paris Montague
Mireya Arana
Paris Hicks
Yamile Martinez

7th Grade High Honor Roll

Susana Orozco
Angel Curiel
Delphina Velarde
Paulina Cardoza
Anna Delgado
Angelina Garcia
Michael Figueroa

8th Grade High Honor Roll

Bryan Lopez
Jesse Cortez
Melissa Dosela
Angel Koteen
Juan Martinez
Adrian Arana
Maleana Begay
Maricela Guerrero
Julian Joaquin
Alyssa Menta
Jose Vaca
Jesus Zavala

7th Grade Honor Roll

Erica Marin
Teresa Valenzuela
Chano Escalante
Karina Almaguer-Morales
Evelin Barajas
Khamile Durand
Dresana Palone
Nayeli Ramirez
Ari Robles
Daniel Sanovia
Austin Myers
Patience Illingworth
Jose Ponce
Isadore Clark
Josiah Montague
Freddy Smith

8th Grade Honor Roll

Randy Aguero
Erica Duncan
Yuliana Morales
Gladys Ramsey
Katherine Smith
River Montague
Claudia Zavala
Brendan McNeely
Juan Ramirez
Rafael Dominguez
Lorena Larios



"A" Honor Roll = 4.0 GPA
High Honor Roll = 3.5 - 3.99 GPA
Honor Roll = 3.0 - 3.49 GPA

VETERANS DAY ON INDIAN HILL



Veterans Day for 2012 will fall on Sunday, November 11th. Quechan Post 802 will join with the Quechan Tribal Council and other local veterans groups to hold a solemn commemoration ceremony in the Indian Hill administration area parking lot, just south of the Quechan Eagle Veterans Memorial.

The day will begin with an invocation by Delores O. Lopez of the Post 802 Women's Auxiliary at 10:00AM. The Master of Ceremonies this year will be QPD Officer and former Tribal Councilman Vincent Durand.

After the invocation, Mr. Durand will direct everyone's

attention to the Post 802 Color Guard as they present the colors. The Yuma Family of Faith Praise Team will also be on hand, to sing the National Anthem as the color guard raises the flag and offers a salute.

A guest speaker has been invited, and the Yuma Sector US Border Patrol's bagpiper will play a medley of martial hymns.

After a moment of silence, the quiet will be broken by a 21-gun salute, followed by the benediction.

Post 802 will serve a lunch of barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs immediately following the dismissal.



Ft. Yuma United Methodist Church
Indian Hill - Quechan Indian Reservation

Annual Fall Indoor Yard Sale and Fry Bread Sale

Saturday, November 10th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Fry Bread on Sale

from 11AM to 1PM

Lots of treasures to be found -
Household items, clothing, books, videos and dvds.

You are also invited to bring your own items to sell
and rent a table for the day for \$5.00.

The "Fit For Life" Walking Club

Meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

At the Diabetes Walking Park

Elders 55 and over or younger people with a medical referral can earn Nike N7s by walking with us 24 times. Anyone can join us!

For More Info Call Lisa at (760) 572-0437





A QUECHAN HALLOWEEN



Costumed students waiting for their turn on stage at the Halloween Costume Contest watch their competition from the sidelines. From left are zombie bride Alyssa Rea, screaming cheerleader Larissa Savedra, teddy bear Jesus Savedra, murderous doll Calista Rea, ghostly apparition Paris Montague and McGilla Gorilla Chandler Jacovich. Hundreds turned out to both watch and participate.



Billy Rea carved the winning Jack-O-Lantern this year, with pumpkin seeds for teeth!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

While Charles Rea carved the second place pumpkin, featuring Vampire fangs!



Infant Costume Contest winners included Tiana Thomas (1st Place, with number 248) and 2nd Place Jayleah Brown (257).

The Annual Quechan Halloween Carnival positively filled the entire Community Center parking lot this year, with booths, a huge inflatable slide and a haywagon stage on the north side, and cars that delivered carnival goers taking up all the available space on the east, west and south!

ADAPP, the Education Center and the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians teamed up with Parks and Recreation to provide the games to keep the kids occupied, while

the Quechan Tribal Police and Winterhaven Fire Departments brought some of their best "toys" to entertain the curious with flashing lights and wailing sirens.

There was a great haunted house setup in the darkened, echoey shower rooms of the Rainbow Pool, and a huge inflatable slide (almost 40 feet tall!) nearby in the grass.

Quechan Housing provided the booths for the games and food vendors, which included the Strong Hearts and San

Pasqual Mestizo Club, selling tamales and other traditional favorites. Free food provided by Parks and Rec included hundreds of hot dogs, expertly prepared over hot coals by Deshane Taylor and David Ramirez. Even the Tribal Court and Security staffs jumped in to volunteer their time and help keep everything flowing!

If you missed it, you missed a great Costume Contest and some truly amazing carved pumpkins, all competing for stupendous cash prizes!



Babies 1 to 2 Costume winner Codah Silva, brought the Big Bad Wolf! Chauncey Amador dressed as Batman for Infants 3rd Place.



Dozens of carnival games were played at booths on the midway, including bouncing a ball into a witches cauldron (manned by the Special Diabetes Project for Indians, at left above) and a baked goods Musical Cakewalk run by the ladies from the Quechan Education Complex (at right above).

