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Tribe and Guests Honor Our Vets

Retired Marine Staff Sergeant James Eagleman and the United States Yuma Sector Border Patrol color guard (at left) bow their heads in anticipation of the prayer about to be given by Dolores Lopez, Chaplain of the American Legion Post 802 Women's Auxiliary. Many Tribal members joined SSgt. Eagleman, official Tribal representatives, Post 802, the Winterhaven Fire Department and other agents from the Border Patrol at the Quechan Tribe's November 11th Veterans Day ceremonies on Indian Hill. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Quechan American Legion Post 802 and their Women's Auxiliary once again joined with representatives of the Quechan Tribal Council, Tribal law enforcement agencies and our elders to host a special Veterans Day ceremony on Indian Hill, commemorating a special day on the calendar.

Special guests on hand to help honor our community members who have answered the call to duty included the Yuma Sector Border Patrol Color Guard, the Winterhaven Fire Control District and the guest speaker for the day, retired Marine Master Sergeant Steven Carr.

Quechan Tribal Police Officer (and former Councilman and Post 802 member) Vincent Durand served as the Master of Ceremonies. He spoke of the dedication and sacrifice of service of all veterans which allow us to enjoy the freedoms present in the United States, and the civil liberties which go along with those freedoms.

Dolores Lopez, Chaplain of the Post 802 Women's Auxiliary gave the opening and closing prayers for the day, while fellow 802 members Norman and Gordon Osborne raised the flag to the national anthem, sung *a capella* by Quechan Fish and

Game Warden John Nevels. Quechan Tribe President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. stepped forward to provide the welcoming address to the assembled witnesses, before turning over the podium to MSgt. Carr (USMC retired). He spoke of his own personal experiences in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where he served (as a Lance Corporal) on a task force searching for those still missing in action from the Vietnam War. "When I got there, as a 21 year old Marine," he said, "I thought it was going to be 'just another mission.' But when I saw the extent of the opera-

tions, and what our veterans went through, it made me really appreciate that they made it possible for me to be standing here today . . . It's *amazing* what our veterans have done, and that experience helped me learn at a very young age to be really appreciative of what they *have* done for us." Other guests included the Yuma sector USBP Bagpiper, Drexel Fruits, who played three songs of remembrance, and Quechan Game Warden Travis Owl, who blew *Taps* on the bugle while the Post 802 honor guard fired a 21-gun salute. **Additional Photos on Page 2**



VETERANS DAY ON INDIAN HILL

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Norman and Gordon Osborne (at left) raised the American flag in front of the Quechan Eagle Memorial Sculpture at the start of the day's event. Below right, is the day's guest speaker, retired Marine Master Sergeant Steven Carr, who spoke of the incredible contributions our veterans make in securing our freedom every day. Also on hand (at left, below) were the members of the Yuma Sector Border Patrol Color Guard. After marching forward to take their place near the podium, they remained at attention throughout the entire hour long presentation.



Tribal Members Show Film

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On Friday evening, November 9, both Dan Golding and Mr. Arrow-weed made their way over the Laguna Mountains, accompanied by Tribal elder Vernon Smith, who had contributed songs and his own understandings of their history to the film. Preston's wife, Helena Quintana also went along, to answer questions at their DVD sales display.

Tribal member Leila Jose

drove over from college in the San Diego area to meet with her fellow *kwat'san* and have an opportunity to see the film.

The San Pasqual Tribe arranged to present the film in their Tribal Hall, and at least three of their Tribal Council members were present at the screening.

The film began shortly after dark, once Dan Golding stepped to the front to introduce himself

and his fellow Tribal members. He also told a little of the background of the film project, and introduced a number of the singers who were also on hand to verify the contributions they made to the research by appearing in the production.

Once the film was over, the cast and crew stayed late to answer questions and perform some of their songs live, much to the pleasure of everyone.

CORRECTION!



Last Issue, in the Halloween Carnival Recap, this little munchkin was misidentified! Since the Costume Judges mark down their decisions by number only (with no description), sometimes the number lists gets mixed-up. (And with all the little kids running in circles, all hopped up on sugar, mistakes will sometimes happen!) The second place Prize for The Infants Halloween Costume Contest went to A.Landon Lopez, seen here with his cousin Isabella Montijo. Thanks to DeShannon Laurenzana for pointing this out! — Ed.

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**



*Time For A
Shout
Out!*

**To Nyāññā Arroyo
on your 5th Birthday!**
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**Mom & Dad
āñd your 3 Brothers!**

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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

Tribal Members Invited To Show Local Film for San Pasqual Tribe



Producer/Director Dan Golding (at left) spoke to the crowd before the film was presented, telling them how he and Preston Arrow-weed of the Ah-mut Pipa Foundation set out to document the connections they have long suspected in songs sung by all Tribes in the Yuman language group. Quechan Tribal elder Vernon Smith, a featured singer in the film, was also on hand to perform a few Ilyshah songs live, after the film was over. At right, above, Carl Shipek, historian/archivist at the (Sycuan) Kumeyaay Community College looks over a display of Hokan Media Productions DVDs, as Helena Quintana describes their contents for him.

Preston Arrow-weed (at right) received a grant from the Christensen Fund, a private foundation based in San Francisco, to record and document songs in the local dialects of the desert southwest. He and Mr. Golding spent over 18 months travelling about the area, recording native singers such as Juan Mesa and his apprentice, Ben (below), who also sang at the November 9th film screening.



In November of 2010, Dan Golding and Preston Arrow-weed completed a project to document long suspected similarities in traditional songs sung by members of Yuman Language Tribes inhabiting the area from as far north as San Manuel, south into the Pai Pai lands of Mexico, and from the eastern edges of the Cocopah and Quechan lands all the way west to the California coast.

Working under a grant from the Christensen Fund, the two Quechan Tribal members gathered together a diverse collection of well known and respected singers, to document their collected knowledge and

discuss the connections and similarities in the subjects and phraseology of the songs still sung by these Tribes.

The resulting Hokan Media Productions documentary, "Songs of the Colorado," traces their investigation and presents the case that every Yuman Language Tribe seems to carry a common cultural memory expressed in song, which only seems to be different due to the differences in dialects.

That film, directed and produced by Mr. Golding, was first presented to the Quechan Tribe at a public showing in December of 2010. Since then, Mr. Golding has been asked to

show the film at a number of regional film festivals, and he has offered DVD copies for sale at a number of public venues.

Word has spread about the quality of the work and the logic of the conclusions contained in the documentary, and a number of other Tribes are now calling and requesting their own showings for their Tribal members.

Steven Cope, a Tribal Council member for the San Pasqual Band of Indians in Valley Center, California contacted Mr. Golding's film company in Yuma, Hokan Media Productions, to request a presentation for his Tribe in early November.

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Social Services Works To Preserve Client Options

Michael Jack, Director of Quechan Social Services says his department continues to move forward despite the loss of grant funding for some important legacy programs over the past couple of years.

The lean economic times have resulted in the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the Department of Justice both ending their grant support to the Tribe's area agreement for the Family Preservation and Domestic Violence Programs. Mr. Jack said he and his staff have adapted to the cutbacks, and have moved to make progress at bringing in community partners to provide support group meetings for victims of domestic violence, in lieu of the previous program.

"Our Family Preservation/Reunification Program services have been maintained by the Indian Child Welfare Act Program (ICWA) and will continue to be provided for all our clients who qualify for those services," Mr. Jack explains. "And our new community partner "Healing Journey" of Yuma will be offering support group meetings for victims of domestic violence here on the reservation, right at the Social Services Building. That collaboration should be finalized very soon, and we anticipate holding our first group meeting on Thursday, December 13th. They will return for their next group session two weeks later, and beginning in January they will be here for a session every week."

He says if anyone in the community would like to take part in the new program with Healing Journeys, you can call Larissa Sandman at Social Services (at (760) 572-0201) and ask to be included, even before the meetings begin next month.



The Quechan Social Services staff are (from left to right): Director Michael Jack, Social Services Transporter Pierce Cachora, Elder Family Services Caseworker Charlotte Hills (in the front), Elders Transporter Selena Palone (in back), Receptionist/Clerk Larissa Sandman, File Clerk Jessica Amador (also in the front) and General Assistance Caseworker Nickki Miguel.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

In touching on the changes to the domestic violence program, Mr. Jack says the Social Services staff remains able and ready to assist with emergency protective orders, and they still have the ability to get those needing shelter into the SAFE HOUSE for women and children in either Yuma, Arizona or in Imperial County.

"Therefore, even though our funding has been reduced, the Social Services staff has been innovative and able to maintain services for the Quechan Community," he says proudly.

Social Services is also currently meeting with other service providers to create a continuum of care for their clients. They are working diligently with many service providers to provide services to clients at all levels of needs, to allow Social Services to assist in substance abuse support group meetings, parenting support groups, domestic violence support groups, and other such necessities for Social Service clients.

"The reason for developing this continuum of care is to better serve our unique client base, to support and encourage self reliance in our Tribal members," according to the Social Services Director.

Going on to describe their *continuum of care*, Mr. Jack had additional updates and reminders for the community on their General Assistance Program, available to eligible clients. "If a client is in need of General Assistance they should remember that all employable adults are required to register with Yuma Private Industry Council and/or Goodwill Workforce for job readiness and employment placement services, before coming in to Social Services to sign up for General Assistance."

Adults needing a high school diploma or a G.E.D must be enrolled Tribal members and provide verification. Clients with families and children are also required to apply for state Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF).

"Please remember the General Assistance program is a temporary assistance and clients who become non-compliant are subject to a 60 day suspension."

Another change Social Services is encouraging will be having their clients use the YCAT busses for their daily errands that require transportation, rather than continuing the expensive prospect of having a full-time employee on staff, waiting to run out and pick up clients and take them to appointments in town.

In promoting this form of self reliance, Mr. Jack says, "Our General Assistance clients will be able to budget the YCAT bus fare out of their General Assistance funds, while clients of the ICWA Program will be assisted under client services."

He also points out that transportation will still be available for imminent needs and that Food Bank referrals and deliveries will still be maintained by the Social Services staff.

"Plus, the Quechan Elders/

Family Services is available for Elders and Adults in need of transportation assistance. But we really want our clients to learn to get around on their own for most needs, and purchasing YCAT tickets out of their support funds will really go a long way to learning how to do that."

He says the budgetary cutbacks over the past year have led to changes in staff, services and daily office functions. As a result, The Quechan Social Services staff now includes Nickki Miguel as their General Assistance Caseworker; Charlotte Hills, Elder Family Service Caseworker; Selena Palone, Elders Transporter; Larissa Sandman, Receptionist/Clerk; Jessica Amador, File Clerk; Pierce Cachora, Social Services Transporter and, of course, Michael Jack, Director.

"The Social Services staff is dedicated to assisting the Quechan community as much as possible," Mr. Jack explains, in describing their mission. "And we encourage anyone in the community to stop by the office if assistance is needed, to make a general inquiry, or if they are just curious."

Finally, Quechan Social Services would like to thank the following: the Quechan Finance Department; Ms. Ron-da Aguerro, our Tribal Vice President; Ms. Marsha Emerson, Executive Secretary; Fort Yuma Behavioral Health; the Quechan Tribal Police Department; the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District, and the Quechan Administration for their assistance, collaboration, and dedication to the Quechan community. Thank you."

Social Services, open weekdays from 8 to 5, is located a block west of the Pipa Market. Call them at (760) 572-0201.



Staff Sergeant James Eagleman, USMC Retired (at left) led the annual Quechan Head Start Veterans Day Parade on November 8th. That's his son, Philip James Eagleman marching along with his dad. The parade began near Quechan Fish and Game, circled Indian Hill passing by the IHS Clinic (as seen at right). The group passed through the Tribal Administration Building before heading out to the Veterans Memorial for a group photo.

Also at the head of the parade (below to the right) were President Escalante's granddaughters, Leila and Kerra!



Gina Rivera, the reigning Miss Quechan Nation (above, left) was present and accounted for in the City of Yuma's Veterans Day Parade, riding in a bright red Mustang convertible as she waved to the crowd. Also marching near the head of the Parade were Andrew Denard, Milson Jose, Colin Soto, Arnold Dick and Frank Venegas, the Quechan Post 802 Honor Guard (above, right).

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TRIBAL MEMBERS PARADE FOR OUR VETERANS!



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

From
Quechan Utilities

This week, the local trash pick up normally scheduled for Thursday will move one day earlier to Wednesday, while Friday's pick up will be on Saturday, to allow our workers a Holiday, also!

Help DRIVE AWAY HUNGER And Catch a FREE RIDE on YCAT!

Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) and the Yuma Community Food Bank have joined forces to promote the first ever *Stuff the Bus* food drive to drive away hunger in Yuma County.

The food drive began last Monday, November 12, and will continue through Saturday, December 15, 2012. Any time a rider brings a non-perishable food donation on board a Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) bus, a free ride will be provided!

County residents this holiday season. The food bank has suggested donations of holiday items such as: boxed stuffing mixes, boxed (instant) mashed potatoes, packaged bread crumbs, canned cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables. All would be especially appreciated at this time of year. They are also always happy to receive staples such as rice, beans, pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken and soups and stews at any time.

The food collected in this year's campaign will go toward feeding thousands of Yuma County residents this holiday season. "This is a perfect opportunity for our community members to step up and contribute," says Allyson Collins of the Quechan EDA, "And at the same time, catch a free bus ride here on the Quechan Blue Route and gain familiarity with how our transit system works, and how you can reach almost any place in Yuma with only a couple of transfers." YCIPTA and Yuma Community Food Bank are proud to serve our community through the annual *Stuff the Bus* food drive and to assist the food banks in feeding the area's hun-

CONGRATULATIONS



Goes out to
Chano Escalante, Jr.
for making the Honor Roll.
We are all very proud of you!
Keep up the good work!

From Your Grandma (Tessy) and Auntie Bird (Perdius) and your sister, Chana Escalante

New Marshal for Election Board; New Clerk and Alternates Needed

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The Quechan Tribal Council has accepted the resignation of Kermit Olsen, the previous Quechan Election Board Marshal. Mr. Olsen resigned to dedicate himself to his new position as a member of the Tribal Gaming Commission.

At a special meeting of the Quechan Tribal Council on November 13, the Quechan Tribe's Acting Police Chief, Sgt. James Jackson administered the oath of office to Tribal Police Office Don Medart, making him the new Election Board Marshal. Tribal Council Secretary Shavon Machado is still accepting Letters of Intent for the Election Board Clerk and Alternates from Tribal members.



Fort Yuma Indian Health Service Behavioral Health Department Mental Health & Social Services Trailer

The staff of the Fort Yuma Indian Health Service Behavioral Health Department is dedicated to serving the behavioral health needs of Quechan and Cocopah Tribal members. Come in or call our office to make an appointment for help with stress, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, trauma and other behavioral health issues.

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Monday through Friday
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ANGELO PALONE: POP WARNER STAR

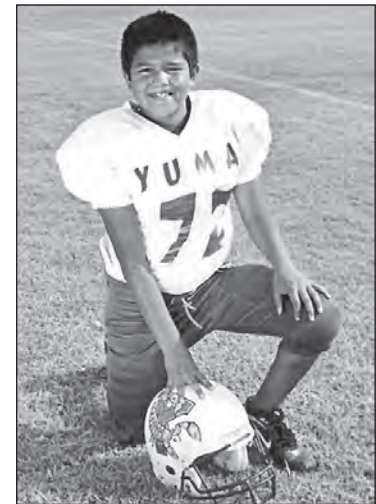
Quechan Tribal member Angelo Palone had an outstanding season in the City of Yuma's Jr. Pee Wee division this year.

Angelo has been playing Pop Warner for five years now, having first entered the program when he was only 5 years old. Now 10, Angelo says this was by far the hardest season he has played.

For the fall 2012 season, Angelo played Tight End on the Yuma Pop Warner Scorpions, coached by Billy Silva. His coach also gave him the opportunity to serve as a defensive lineman this year, which Angelo says he really enjoyed since he got to make some tackles.

The Scorpions won all 8 of their regular season games, which brought them a berth in the October 27th League Championship in El Centro, against Mid Valley Black. After defeating Mid Valley 32-19, the team then went on to regional play-offs on Saturday Nov. 3rd at North Canyon High School in Phoenix, Arizona, where they lost to the Far West Jets.

Angelo is the son of Anthony Palone, an officer with the Quechan Tribal Security Dept.,



and Sandy Palone, Interim Director of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project (SDPI).

He is in the 5th grade at San Pasqual Elementary, where he serves as secretary of the Associated Student Body.

His mother says, "Angelo enjoys playing all sports, and basketball is his favorite."

"Tony and I would like to say that we are very proud of Angelo for sticking out the season, when there were many times that he thought he was in over his head. He is proof that with heart, desire, will and support you can accomplish your goals, no matter how difficult they may seem."

Michael Jack Announces For Tribal Council

The Quechan tribe is a great nation. We have some challenges that need to be addressed if we are going to remain a great nation.

To me, the most important challenges are the General Welfare, Future, Education, and Interest of the Quechan people. Our people are hurting as we struggle to make ends meet. We are worried about the future of our children and grandchildren; and I want to ensure that we leave our children a Quechan nation that is financially stronger and independent.

At this time I believe that we have a number of great assets, other than the casinos, which we can develop to begin to generate a stronger economic status for our financial future.

Innovation is the key and I am an innovator and true advocate for the Quechan people. I will focus on the general welfare, future, education, and interests of the Quechan people as I know that focusing on the people is the right direction; to ensure a great future for Quechan tribal members past, present, and future.

I would appreciate your vote and support in this year's tribal elections; thank you all for your time.



We just want to wish
our 'Pops'
(Ronald Aguero)
a very Happy
77th Birthday!!!



Happy Birthday Pops!!!

From
Vivian, Rick and your grandsons
William and Anthony!!!

Assassins Top Liberty; Take Basketball Title



Harvey Callaway of the Arizona Assassins leaps to make a basket flanked by opposing defensive guards from Liberty Motorsports and team mate Tyrone Holley. Both teams fought through five playoff games to make it to the Quechan Men's League championship final on November 7th. The victors (at right) from left to right in the front row are Daniel "D Lo" Lopez, Jeremiah Lopez (on D Lo's knee), Sebi Patane, Justin Patane, Lucky Patane, Chris "LC" Perez and his dad, Chris "LA" Perez. Standing in the rear are Shelton "SP" Pierre, Timothy "TJ" Alford, Josh Taylor, Harvey Callaway and Tomas Armenta. Tyrone "Boston" Holley took off right after the game ended, so he's not in the group photo!
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QUECHAN HEAD START WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE ENTITIES FOR THEIR TIME, DONATIONS AND CONSIDERATION TO OUR CHILDREN AND FOR THEIR PART IN MAKING OUR HALLOWEEN TREATS DAY A FUN, SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

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| Quechan Diabetes Wellness | Quechan Parks & Recreation |
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| Quechan Language Preservation | Quechan Tribal Gaming Agency |
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| Quechan Higher Education | Quechan Security Department |
| Paradise Child Care Center | Quechan Senior Center |
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The Quechan Men's League included two local teams this year, Redstorm and Top Flavor, going up against 5 other teams from Yuma: the Arizona Assassins, The Chosen Few, The Copah Natives and two (!) teams fielded by Liberty Motorsports. Each team played 6 regular season games beginning on September 24th, leading to a championship finals contest which started over the weekend of October 26th. The double elimination playoffs gave each of the teams a few more tries to climb to the top. The final game was played on Wednesday night, November 7th, with the Arizona Assassins beating out Liberty Motorsports, 56 to 48.



Sprucing Up At Elder Apartments

Photo by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Painting contractors from a local Yuma company were here on the reservation over the first few days of November, scraping loose paint from the eaves and patching over rough spots at the Elder Housing Apartments near the Quechan Senior Center.

Once the exterior walls were all "squared up" and ready, the men then masked off all the windows and door frames, to spray a nice thick coat of fresh paint over the entire complex. The result is a fresh, bright (but familiar) look, since the new color matches the original hue.

The newly renamed Quechan Housing Authority is engaged in constant maintenance, doing everything they can to keep things looking good.

Mr. & Miss Strong Hearts - Class of 2013



THE SAN PASQUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCESS
MELISSA DOSELE



MISS SAN PASQUAL HIGH
TONI EMERSON



THE SAN PASQUAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCESS
BRINA IRONCLOUD



SAN PASQUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL KWANAMII
OWEN BARLEY



SAN PASQUAL HIGH IIPAA KWANAMII
ANDREW LOMAINTEWA



The Strong Hearts Singers came out to sing an honor song for the visiting CRIT Royalty near the end of the pageant. Little Miss CRIT Tallia Robledo and Miss Colorado River Indian Tribes Jennifer Corona can be seen here dancing between Elementary contestant Natalie Pacheco and Miss Lucia Polk (in red and gold) and Miss Quechan Nation 2012/13, Gina Rivera.

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Marianna Bob Tail Bear (above) received the honor of becoming the Strong Hearts *Shiyii* (Great Grandmother) this year.

Miss CRIT Jennifer Corona (below) sat at the center of the Pageant Judges table this year!



After twice being delayed due to a variety of circumstances, the Strong Hearts Native Society at the San Pasqual Valley Schools was finally able to present their Mr. and Miss Strong Hearts Native Pageant on November 16th at the Quechan Community Center.

Dozens of Tribal members came early to line up for the wonderful foods being prepared out front, to visit with one another and enjoy a communal meal either standing outside or seated inside. Profits from the frybread dinner this year went to helping out our Tribal Elders.

The actual pageant began this year with Tribal Administrator Vernon Smith carrying the Strong Hearts Honor Staff, leading all of the traditional singers, pageant hopefuls and school grade representatives

into the center of the Community Center to stand at attention as Brandon Heath sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. Miss Dawn Escalanti Hunt then gave the invocation, and Mr. Smith handed over the Honor Staff to Faron Owl to begin the on-stage contest.

A number of students were selected to appear on stage with the contestants this year. Children from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade at the San Pasqual schools appeared on stage at the start of the show, with girls escorted by boys of their own age (for the most part). Some (girls and boys!), appeared alone when their "partners" got stage fright and decided to sneak out!

Five young ladies showed up to compete for the Elementary Crown and two for the Middle

School. There was only one candidate each for the High School Princess and Middle School and High School Warriors. Although the younger girls fought a tough competition to select their Princesses this year, the High School Princess and the boys trying for *Kwanamii* and *Iipaa Kwanamii* still had to prove their mettle before taking home their titles.

In addition to a sash of office, each new member of the Native Royalty received their own multicolored quilt to keep and a handpainted Ute vase and drinking cup with Anasazi design elements. While the boys will have no headdress, each of the girls who came out on top were also presented with a handmade beaded crown to wear at their public appearances over the coming year.



This year attendants were chosen to assist the Princesses. The Elementary Attendant this year is runner-up Allayne Paz.

Aliysa Menta came in second for the Middle School (below), making her an attendant, also.

