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Students Return to School on August 18



In just a few days, students of all ages will be trooping back to school, just like these two siblings did at San Pasqual Elementary way back in 2010. QUECHAN NEWS Archive Photo by William Isbell

The San Pasqual Valley School District (SPVUSD) is gearing up for the 2015-2016 school year with the first day for students set for Tuesday, August 18.

With registration for 6th graders and the high school just a week ago, and orientation day for all the schools' staff and teachers set for Monday, August 17, the District office wants to emphasize the importance of every day, on-time attendance in the coming year.

Daily attendance at each campus is a top priority for the coming year, with the SPVUSD Governing Board setting a goal to reach a 95% attendance rate for 2015-16. Consequently, daily attendance figures will be closely monitored over the coming year.

When a child is late or misses school it affects their ability to achieve academically. Student absences jeopardize student and school success.

Research correlates academic achievement directly with school attendance. It makes sense that students who are not at school cannot receive instruction, and that those students will have a greater chance of falling behind or not achieving their potential.

Dr. David Bealer, Superintendent of the San Pasqual Valley Unified school District has shared some valuable research with the *Quechan News* on the effects of poor attendance.

"Research on chronically absent students in both kindergarten and first grade showed that only 17% were reading at grade level," he says. "And in these studies, chronically absent was defined as a student missing 10% or more days of school, which would be about 18 days over the average school year here at San Pasqual."

Among middle and high school pupils, poor attendance is one of the key early warning signs that a student is becoming disengaged from school and is at high risk for dropping out, he notes. "One study found that students who are chronically absent during any year between 8th and 12th grade are 7.4 times more likely to drop out of school." That's a startling statistic!

"It is important to point out that at the middle and high school levels, absences from a specific period of the day, such as first and second period, or just one of those morning periods, dramatically affect student graduation rates", according to Dr. Bealer's notes. "And most subjects must be passed in order to be promoted from 8th grade, or to graduate from high school."

"Our district's truancy and chronic absence rate was 30.57 per cent over the past year (2014-15)," Dr. Bealer explains. "That means that nearly one third (or 230 students) missed 18 or more days of school last year."

Attendance, every day and on time, is important for each

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School Starts August 18

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child. Absenteeism creates learning gaps for students.

Decreased attendance can also have a profound effect on the district's budget, since public schools in California are funded for each student's actual days in attendance.

According to District Superintendent Bealer:

The District loses State and Federal revenue every day a student is absent, regardless of whether that absence is excused or unexcused.

"For San Pasqual Schools, we lose approximately $86.60 in State and Federal funding every day that a student is absent," he point out. "This year, the cost of student absences was $966,456! So, you can see how very important it is to properly account for each student's actual attendance in the classroom and to follow-up with parents/guardians when excessive absences occur. "

Superintendent Bealer also shared some of the District's strategies to improve attendance in the future. Those include:

• Rewarding good and improved attendance with awards, extra recess time, or other incentives.

• Reviewing data to identify patterns in absences. Paying attention to attendance early, starting in pre-K, with special attention to transition years, such as Kindergarten to first grade, 6th grade (which leads into middle school), and the first year of high school (9th grade); using personalized outreach, talking to families as soon as the student becomes at risk.

• Engaging the community; giving students, families, and the community, information about the importance of regular attendance, such as this article, and connecting students to social services if needed. A student may be ill and missing school due to other issues.

• Involving a team to monitor attendance, and learn which students are chronically absent. The SPVUSD School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meets monthly and is comprised of district employees and community members who meet with parents to help students become more successful in their academic pursuits by identifying and eliminating the issues that cause absenteeism.

• And finally, using data and insights from teachers to find out why kids are missing school—the key to solving the problem is to learn why they aren't there in the first place.

The SARB Committee, led by Middle School Principal Vicki L. Gill, is committed to improving attendance through implementing a streamlined SARB process across all schools, encouraging administrators to use less exclusionary discipline (suspensions) and more restorative practices, promoting school wide incentives, and increasing liaison with the community, including coordination of support for families in need of assistance.

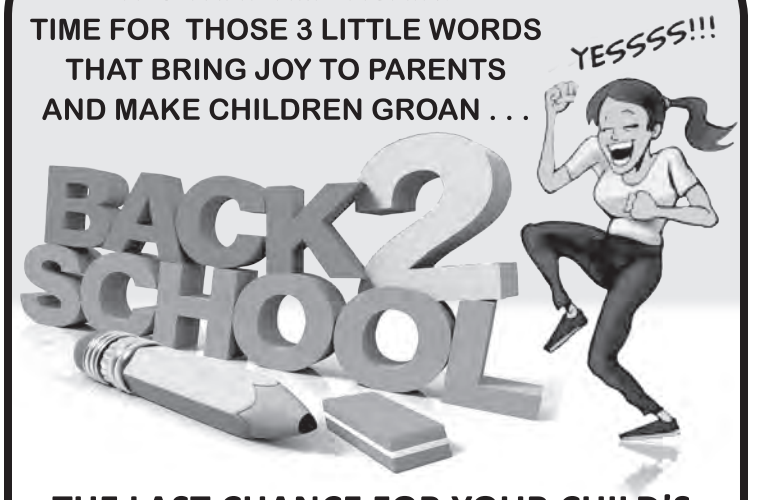
During the 2014-15 school year, SARB reviewed 28 cases. The results of the effort: many students not only corrected their attendance patterns, but also made up their school time and work missed. Students were encouraged to reach their goals and dreams and were made aware of how their current and future educational options would help them attain those goals.

One student was provided an opportunity to job shadow, which encouraged that student to stay in school and focus. Other families were made aware of how absences due to chronic medical illnesses could be properly documented, excluding them from the SARB process. Families were also made aware of social services provided by both the local community and the Quechan tribe, while others were able to transfer within the district into a school program which better fit their needs.

As we start the new year, it is important to correct the misunderstanding that attendance accounting doesn't count until the student actually starts coming to school.

Ms. Gill, SARB Coordinator, clarifies this by explaining, "If your student was enrolled in the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District at the end of the last school year, 2014-15, they are automatically on the roll in this coming school year and attendance counts as of the first day, first minute starting August 18th." So, let's all work together for better attendance this year!

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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!

Progress & Development

Arnold Road Gets A Long Needed Reconstruction



Once the roadway and roadbed was removed at the intersection of Arnold and DeCorse, the Bard Water District had the oppurtunity to take care of a long delayed project: the replacement of an underground siphon on the Hualapai Lateral Canal that had been leaking for years. Part of the Pyramid Construction crew went to work on that detail, even as the otherscrew kept working on the road. First, the original square siphon, dating from the 1940s, had to be dug up and broken apart by a giant hydraulic hammer. Once the debris was removed, a new base layer of rock was shovelled into the open trench, creating a firm foundation for the new siphon. Concrete pipe was custom cut to fit the south end ditch connection and laid in place. Additional gasket sealed sections were added, and locked into position with a thick layer of high strength concrete. As the concrete on the south end of the siphon cured in place for five days, the crew moved on to the next step: lowering the water main below Arnold Road, so the new, larger diameter siphon could pass over it.

Arnold Road, the major east-west roadway connecting the central area of the Fort Yuma reservation with Winterhaven and points east, has long been a sore spot with local drivers. Despite the fact that Arnold is probably the most frequently used route between Horne Road and the Ironwood Subdivision, directly connected to or passing near such important locations as the San Pasqual Schools, Post 802, the Quechan Education Center and many Tribal residences, over the past couple of decades, Imperial County has allowed the road to deteriorate into a cracked, pothole ridden, barely-there mess.

But that mess is finally getting straightened out, at least from Picacho to Horne, as Pyramid Construction, under contract to Imperial County, has spent the past month and a half completely rebuilding that section of Arnold Road.

Furthermore, the engineers in charge of the project have also taken this opportunity to replace a siphon just east of Indian Route 5 (De Corse and First), which passes under Arnold Road. The old siphon was originally built using redwood forms and poured concrete in the 1940s, and had been undermining the roadbed for years at that intersection through leakage. As soon as the pavement and roadbed were removed, part of the Pyramid crew shifted over to work under the direction of the Bard Water District, digging up the old siphon and cutting it away from the existing water gates north and south of Arnold Road.

The plan was to simply replace the old concrete construction with new, high strength, cast concrete pipes, but nothing is ever that simple once you get below ground. Both the water district and Quechan Utilities were aware that the main water supply line for homes and businesses along Arnold Road passed right along the north edge of the right-of-way there, so everyone knew they would find that line once they removed the original siphon. They just weren't expecting to find it directly beneath the siphon.

Since the old construction was built with 90° corners and measured about 4 feet square, and the new pipe to replace it is about 5 feet in diameter (and needs to be laid into a gravel foundation about a foot deep, to help lock it into place), the water main was now directly in line with the area the new siphon had to pass through.

So the crew went ahead and custom built the south section of the new siphon, right to the center of where the new Arnold Road would be. That allowed the contractor to determine how much deeper the water main had to be, to allow it to clear the siphon and keep both the siphon and the water line from coming into contact due to future earth movements in this seismically active area.

A new section for the water supply line was then built, to safely clear the siphon and allow for gravel back-fill to hold both the siphon and the water line in place. During the five days the new section was being designed and built, the road crew removed even more of the soft soil on the north end of First Road. The objective there was to create an entirely new roadbed of crushed rock and gravel, nearly four feet deep.

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July 29. 2015

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Your sister Tina

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Engineers and construction workers stand on top of the newly laid, compacted gravel roadbed at the intersection of Arnold and DeCorse Roads, discussing what steps it will take to install a new section of pipe along the water main below, to allow it to clear the new, larger diameter siphon replacement going in. The gate where the siphon will connect can be seen above the worker down in the hole, at the center of the photo on the left. The Bard Water Project ditch that connects to the siphon can be seen heading north, to the left of the stop sign. The crew spent the entire day of July 16th lowering the water main. Tribal monitors, representatives of the Quechan EDA, Utilities and Safety Office, and the IHS Environmental Health Office were all there to see how the new connections were made, and that everything was all tight before the hole was back-filled. You can see just how much deeper the waterline is now, in the photo on the right.

Once the the new, thick layer of rock was in place, graders moved in to smooth the intersection roadbed, followed by a heavy, vibrating roller, which compacted the materials down to match the surface of the surrounding area.

The much harder and more stable roadbed at the intersection of Arnold and DeCorse was eventually compacted down to a depth of only 32 inches.

Once that was accomplished, the crew was ready to shift back over and complete the work on the siphon.

Residents, farms and businesses in the area had their water turned off after 8:00 AM on July 16th, to allow the underground water supply line to be cut, and the newly constructed replacement section installed.

Almost a dozen observers from the Indian Health Service, the Bard Water District, Quechan Utilities and other departments arrived to join the on-site Tribal Monitor in observing the installation. The water main now passes at least 18 inches deeper than the lowest point of the Hualapai Lateral Siphon, and both the siphon and the water supply line were locked in place with bucket loads of gravel and rock backfill.



Once the Hualapi Lateral siphon was replaced, a survey crew moved in to insure that the entire width of the intersection at Arnold and DeCorse Roads was level at the roadbed, in preparation for paving.

More gravel and rock went in over the area, once the north section of the siphon was completed, and everything was compacted down to the ground surface level.

So, an intersection which had been undermined by water leaks has a new lease on life, as the paving of Arnold Road moves toward completion. Arnold Road from Picacho to Foster should be open to traffic again by Friday, August 14. Arnold Road from Picacho to Ironwood is on the Imperial County's repair schedule some time in the future, perhaps within the next 2 years.

Darrell Pechtl is the New Principal at San Pasqual High

Darrell Pechtl tells the *Quechan News* that he's "very excited" to begin his new job as Principal at San Pasqual Valley High School. He's come in to take over from Dr. Willard Williams, who moved on to "greener pastures" at the end of the 2014/15 school year.

Mr. Pechtl grew up in Seeley, California, where he attended Central Union High School. In a self-effacing admission, he says "I played football there, but not well," when describing his own time spent as a student.

Covering the details of his extracurricular activities while in high school, Mr. Pechtl goes down the list:

"I swam for the Spartans, was a member of the Spartan Rock Combo, and joined the school jazz band as a vocalist. I attended American Legion Boys State at the end of my Junior Year, and edited the school newspaper as well as being a photographer for both the yearbook and the newspaper."

After graduating in 1983, he traveled with the international performing arts group, *Up With People*, for a year.

"I was one of 120 cast members from 19 countries and we performed in hundreds of shows across the US, Canada and in Europe," he explains.

During his time with the group, they performed four shows at the Pontiac Silverdome for crowds of over 35,000 people, and even performed for the President of Ireland.

With a year of international travel and adventure under his belt, it was now time to move into adult responsibilities. He enrolled at the Imperial Valley College upon his return to the Valley, later transferring to UC Riverside and eventually to San Diego State University (SDSU).

"Graduating from San Diego State led me to my first teaching assignment," he laughs, "which was Social Studies right back at Central Union High!"

After several years of teaching and coaching volleyball at Central, Mr. Pechtl transferred to be a part of the original staff at the new Southwest High School (SHS) in El Centro.

"There, I coached the SHS mock trial team while serving as Teachers' Union President and earning my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership."



A former member of "Up With People", Mr. Pechtl is comfortable getting his point across in front of large groups. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Once he had that more advanced educational degree, in 2002, Mr. Pechtl was offered the position of Assistant Principal at Holtville High School, where he says he spent the next 11 years learning the role of administrator and teacher-coach.

He's also served as the Principal of Sam Webb Continuation High School and as Director of the Freedom Academy, an alternative independent study school in the Holtville District. In 2013, he returned to the classroom to give himself more time with his family, even as he lead Holtville High through their WASC accreditation process.

He was a part of the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) accreditation teams throughout his 13 years in Holtville, as both a team member and a committee chair leading visits to schools throughout Southern California, including San Pasqual Valley High in 2014. "These experiences, coupled with the lessons I've learned as an administrator and teacher, helped form my educational vision and values," he says. "And I'm very excited to get to bring those experiences and lessons to the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District."

Mr. Pechtl married Norma Hernandez in 1993. They met as students at San Diego State, and presently live in Imperial, where their daughter will start 7th grade this year. Norma has been teaching elementary school in El Centro for twenty-two years now. The family also hosts foreign exchange students: Proud from Thailand visited last year, and Netta will be coming from Finland to live with them this year.

Anticipating the upcoming school year, Mr. Pechtl says, "I am thrilled by the welcome I've already received at San Pasqual, and I can't wait to get started working with the staff and students. I look forward to meeting all of the school's families and staff, and getting to know the local community."

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Photos provided by Tina Welsh

JUNE 30TH - JULY 4TH



The girls look relaxed after arriving at the Mesa Community College gym at 7:30 on the morning of July 1st, ready for their first game.



The 2015 Fort Yuma NABI Girls Basketball team included (from the left, in back): Tristan Chambers, Addisyn Chambers, Ny-Lyn Duncan, Alicia Menta, Antonia Palone, Malacah Jackson and Coach Willis Hawkins. Sitting in front are team members Olie martin, Milan Swammi and Kianna Martin. The group spent 3 days in Phoenix, where they competed against five other native girls' teams in the Silver Bracket at sports venues all over the metro area.

Though they weren't able to advance to the finals, they were able win all their games before they were eliminated from the brackets at on Friday morning, July 3rd. The Dine team that took them out (known as "Pretty Tough") was undefeated all the way the final game at 7:00 PM on Friday, when the "Flying Squirrels", a Navajo team from Chambers, showed the Dine who was tougher!



Coach Willis Hawkins held a strategy session with the team (above) before their Wednesday afternoon game at Arizona Christian University. They also relaxed on the "quad" at MCC between games, and huddled during time outs to keep their games focussed. Just to the right, the Fort Yuma team is seen in their last game of the series, while on the far right, Antonia Palone makes a free throw.









Photo Below By William Isbell



Cedric Luckee poses with the bronze medal he received for taking third place in his weight class at the Down Under Sports wrestling competition this summer. He also received a pretty nice "letterman's" jacket!



Male Greco-Roman wrestlers from all over the world gathered at Surfers Paradise Beach on the Gold Coast of Australia for their traditional beach wrestling tournament on Tuesday, June 30th. At least 80 athletes in 10 weight classes were there to compete at the high school level, with Quechan Tribal member Cedric Luckee competing in the 109 to 116 pound weight class.

All Other Photos On This Page By Cedric Luckee



Student athletes had plenty of time between practice to see the sights and get a taste of life in Australia and New Zealand. Here, after the beach tournament, Cedric meets a kangaroo at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

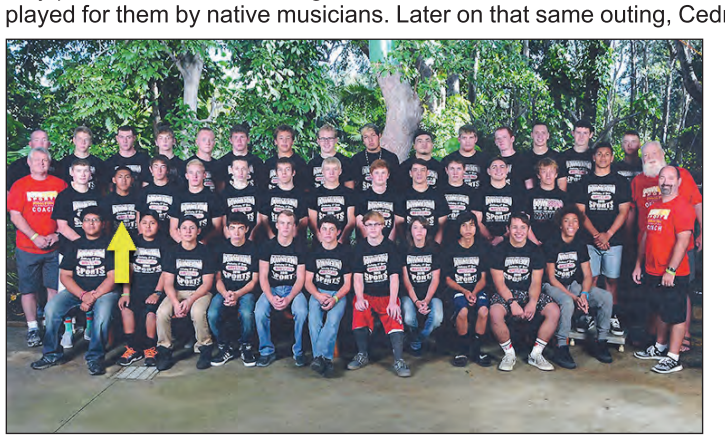


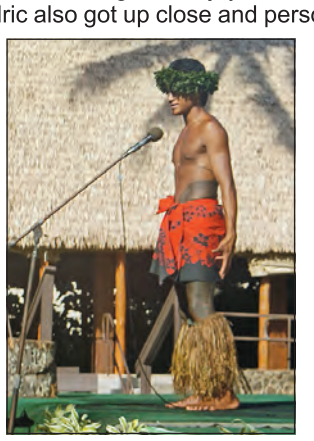




Like all tourists, Cedric was fascinated by the sights and sounds of the strange, yet familiar land of Australia. As the athletes were transported through the streets of Brisbane (always on the wrong side of the street!) he took many photos of the tall buildings outside the windows. He and his "mates" also got to enjoy a live didgeridoo performance on one of their outings, as the ancient instrument was played for them by native musicians. Later on that same outing, Cedric also got up close and personal with one of the koalas!









Australia's famous "crocs" were also on display at the wildlife sanctuary. The wrestlers and their coaches all got together for a group photo that same day: The yellow arrow points right up at Cedric. Once the visit to the south seas was over, Cedric also got to visit Hawaii on the trip home, where his group took in a show at the Polynesian Cultural Center. Then he flew back to L.A. to join his family. Before heading home, they toured the Walk of Fame near the famous El Capitan Theater right on Hollywood Boulevard!

The QHA Corner:
Housing Grant Applications for 2015

The Quechan Housing Authority submitted its first grant application to the USDA 504 Loan/Grant Program this July. The 504 program is to help very low-income owner occupants of modest single family homes in rural areas repair those homes. Loan funds are available for repairs to improve or modernize a home, make it safer or more sanitary, or to remove health and safety hazards. For homeowners 62 and over who cannot repay a loan, grant funds are available to remove health or safety hazards, or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities.

The Housing Authority anticipates working with several eligible homeowners over the next few months to assist them in the application process.

The Quechan Housing Authority also submitted a grant application to the USDA Section 533 Rural Housing Preservation Grant Program to assist eleven eligible homeowners with replacing their old Air Conditioning units. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies and private nonprofit organizations with grant funds to assist very low and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas.

The Housing Authority anticipates being able to accept applications later this fall should a grant be awarded.

For further information on the eligibility requirements of these and other possible housing grant programs, contact:

Cliff O'Neill, Grants Writer
Quechan Housing Authority
760-572-0243

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY THANKS

To all those who made it possible
for me to take my trip to Australia and represent
our Tribe, California and the United States.
I received great help and support from my parents,
Marla & David Taylor; plus my family back in San Carlos.
I want to thank The Quechan Tribe; both of our Casinos;
The San Carlos Peridot District; J.V. Farms;
Quechan ADAPP; Christine and Alonzo Lopez;
Mrs. Swift Arrow; Thomas Jefferson; Red Hawk and
the many others who helped with our fund raising events.

I had an awesome time "Down Under", and it is an event in my life I will always remember. Thank you for allowing me to represent you. I hope someday to make you all proud by being a Gold Medalist.

Thank You All! Sincerely, Cedric Luckee

national IMMUNIZATION awareness month

Immunization helps prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do.

National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to become educated about and promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots.

We can all take time this month to raise awareness about vaccines and share strategies to increase immunization rates within our community.

Why your child should be vaccinated:

Immunizations protect children from dangerous childhood diseases. Any of these diseases can cause serious complications and can even kill.

Diseases that childhood vaccines prevent:

- **Diphtheria**
- **Haemophilus influenza type b** (Hib disease is a major cause of bacterial meningitis)
- **Hepatitis A**
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Human Papillomavirus** (HPV - a major cause of cervical and other cancers)
- **Influenza**
- **Measles**
- **Meningococcal**
- **Mumps**
- **Pertussis** (Whooping Cough)
- **Pneumococcal** (causes bacterial meningitis and blood infections)
- **Polio**
- **Rotavirus**
- **Rubella** (German Measles)
- **Tetanus** (Lockjaw)
- **Varicella** (Chickenpox)

All adults should also keep these vaccinations current:

Seasonal flu (influenza) vaccine: All adults need a flu vaccine every year. Getting a flu vaccine is especially important for people with chronic health conditions, pregnant women, and older adults.

Td or Tdap vaccine: Every adult should get the Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years. In addition, women should get the Tdap vaccine each time they are pregnant, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks.

Talk with your doctor or other healthcare professional to find out which vaccines are recommended for you at your next medical appointment.

Please contact your provider at the Fort Yuma Service Unit. Call: (760) 572-4149 Or (760) 572-4147

Hazardous Waste Facility Planned For Yuma, South of Reservation



This route map for shipping hazardous waste to the proposed facility shows trucks bringing potentially hazardous cargo into Yuma along Interstate 8, within a quarter mile of Indian Hill and the Paradise Casino, and down Highway 95, right over the Gila River and the Gila Gravity Canal. Map/Data Provided by Huston Environmental Services

AA Sydcol, LLC, of Yorba Linda, California has filed a request with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to build a hazardous waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) Facility just a couple of miles south of the Fort Yuma reservation.

A Public Meeting Notice on the proposed facility was published once in the *Yuma Sun,* on May 26th, 2015. That notice states that the proposed TSD Facility would be located in an industrial area of Yuma County at 2264 East 13th Street, about two blocks due east of the Harkins Yuma Palms Theater. The public meeting was held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Holiday Inn on East 18th Street.

Kellie R. Huston, Chairman of Huston Environmental Services of Phoenix has received the contract to collect public comments and secure the permits required for the operation of the facility.

In email communications with the *Quechan News*, Ms. Huston says that "Operations at the proposed facility will only be for the transfer of hazardous waste into the site building for consolidation, bulking, and repacking. The hazardous waste will then be manifested for shipment off-site to a disposal and/or treatment facility."

"With the pre-application public notification, it is our intent to obtain comments from the community so that we can address (any potential) issues the community may have prior to submittal of the application to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)," according to Huston. "Please note this initial meeting was a Pre-Application meeting held by my client (AA Sydcol). We have not entered into a formal comment period and won't be at that point for a number of months."

The initial public comments from the July 9th meeting are available for public review at the Yuma Library at 2951 South 21st Drive in Yuma. The comments are stored in the Public Review Section at the Main Library and are available for review Monday thru Thursday from 9 AM to 9 PM and on Friday and Saturday from 9AM to 5 PM.

"Regulations governing hazardous waste are complex." states the original notice announcing the initial public meeting. "Small businesses have a need, and would greatly benefit from, a local TSD facility. AA Sydcol can provide the experience and personalized service to assist businesses with characterization, manifesting and optimal disposal of their hazardous waste. Typical customers would include a variety of sources including automotive and equipment repair, dry cleaning, painting operations, furniture/wood manufacturing, construction, laboratories, printing and allied industries, landscapers, educational and vocational schools, photo processing, leather manufacturing, and other similar consumer-driven businesses."

Have questions? Please contact Kellie Huston at (480) 216-9291, c/o Huston Environmental Services, 16412 South 30th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85045.

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

This letter is in regards to all and to the people who know of me. I AM A TRIBAL MEMBER. My name is Jason Cody Ruiz, A.K.A.: Magoo.

I am currently in custody at the Yuma County Detention Center.

Am I here due to my alcohol problems? Well . . . to the ones that I used to party with and associate with, I'm sure they're well aware of my problems, and what trouble I used to get into.

I've been incarcerated now for about 8 - 9 months.

I need the people who know to please help me with my case, by writing a letter of support to:

The Honorable Lisa W. Bleich
Superior Court
200 South Second Avenue
Yuma, Arizona 85364

I really needed some letters by July 20th.

I am ready to start living a sober and clean life and stay on the red road. In order to do that, I need to be put on probation and sent to rehab through the courts.

So once again, if I can receive some help from the people and friends and family, please help me better my life as well as clean up my ways.

In my deepest gratitude, I hope and pray upon this letter of request, that it will help and better my life as well as the lives of my family and friends.

Sincerely,
Jason Cody Ruiz

Email your Community Expressions letters to w.isbell@quechantribe.com, or drop them off at the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer on Quechan Drive north of the Senior Center.

Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

Here is this month's diagrammed sentence in both Kwatsáan and English:

Uu'éey uuyáatsnyts aváak.

"It's time for school."

(This literally means: "The time for going to school has arrived.")

Uu'éey	**uuyáats+ny+ts**	**aváa+k**
School	*time.for.going+the+subject*	*it.arrives+end*

Sentence Structure Sample Provided By:
July 2015 Kwatsáan Iiyáa Dictionary Workshop Participants

To enroll in a Language Course, call (760) 572-4412



THE SAN PASQUAL VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

From Superintendent Dr. David Bealer

Dear San Pasqual School Community,

Happy Summer! I hope you are getting rested up and are enjoying your summer. We are getting anxious to see you all again. Only a month to go, I hope you are ready for another rewarding school year!

School will start this year on Tuesday, August 18th at 8:00 AM. The first week will be a "minimum day" week. We have found it helpful to have a week of minimum days to help students get used to being back at school and adjusting their body clock to getting up early again. Based on your response to surveys last year, we will continue weekly minimum days on Friday and again close school during the week of Thanksgiving. This year, the District will offer two training days for staff August 14th and August 17th, prior to the first day of student attendance, August 18th.

When we start our school year, you will see some new faces: High School Principal Darrell Pechtl, Erik Randall our Social Studies teacher, Kayla Walden our Agriculture teacher, Leslie Elliott our Music teacher; and some familiar faces in new places: Mrs. Demyan and Mrs. Wallace are now at the High School. We will also needed to hire three new teachers over the summer; one at the Elementary School and two at the Middle School.

And freshman orientation will be held next Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 in the High School Library at 4:00 PM.

Thank you to our staff and community members who are taking time out of their summer to help with the interviews. Introductions will be made when we get back together for our Welcome Back Ice Cream Social which starts at 2:45 PM on Monday August 17th in the cafeteria. All are invited to join us in preparing for an outstanding school year!

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to partnering with us to support the students of San Pasqual Schools. We are looking forward to working with you again this coming year as we prepare our students to meet their fullest potential.

Dave Bealer, Ed.D.
Superintendent

TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Official Resolutions Acted Upon During June and July, 2015

The Administrative Staff for the Quechan Tribal Council has not released any information on the Official Resolutions passed by the Council for either of June or July, 2015. It is hoped that the staff and technical problems which caused these lapses in publication of the public record will be resolved by the time the September issue is published. If that is the case, all Resolutions passed for the three months since the June General Election will then be listed in the Estka Nav Ah Pai. *We apologize for any inconvenience this may have created. For further information on Council business, you may contact the Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield, or the President's Executive Secretary, Marsha Emerson, at the Tribal Administration Office: Please call (760)572-0213, Ext. 204 or 206.*

San Pasqual 2015/16 Elementary School Bell Schedule

First Bell is at 7:55AM, Tardy Bell at 8:00AM. The Elementary School is staying with the early release schedule every Friday at 1:15 PM, just as it was last year.

Regular Day for Kindergarten – 5th Grade Students	7:55 AM – 2:25 PM
Transitional Kindergarten (Monday through Friday)	7:55 AM – 1:00 PM
Prekindergarten (Monday through Thursday)	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Early Release Friday for Grades K – 5	8:00 AM – 1:15 PM
LUNCH Period for Kindergarten Students	10:40 AM – 11:10 AM
LUNCH Period for Grades 1-3	10:55 AM – 11:25 AM
LUNCH Period for Grades 4 and 5	11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
LUNCH Period for Pre-K Students	1:20 PM – 1:50 PM

Older Students Regular Day Bell Schedule: Monday - Thursday

Middle School		High School	
1st Period	8:05 AM - 8:55 AM	1st Period	8:05 AM - 8:55 AM
2nd Period	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	2nd Period	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Advisory (3rd)	**9:55AM - 10:05AM**	**Advisory (3rd)**	**9:55 AM - 10:05 AM**
3rd Period	10:10 AM - 11:00 AM	3rd Period	10:10 AM - 11:00 AM
4th Period	11:05 AM - 11:55 AM	4th Period	11:05 AM - 11:55 AM
MS LUNCH	**12:00 Noon - 12:30 PM**	5th Period	12:00 Noon -12:50 PM
5th Period	12:35 PM - 1:25 PM	**HS LUNCH**	**12:55 PM - 1:25 PM**
6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM
7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:25 PM	7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:25 PM

Friday Early Release Schedule for Older Students:

Middle School and High School – Released at 1:15 PM on Fridays.

Middle School		High School	
1st Period	8:05 AM - 8:40 AM	1st Period	8:05 AM - 8:40 AM
2nd Period	8:45 AM - 9:20 AM	2nd Period	8:45AM - 9:20AM
3rd Period	9:25 AM - 10:00 AM	3rd Period	9:25AM - 10:00AM
4th Period	10:05 AM - 10:40 AM	4th Period	10:05AM - 10:40AM
5th Period	10:45AM - 11:20 AM	5th Period	10:45AM - 11:20AM
6th Period	11:25 AM - 12:00 Noon	6th Period	11:25 AM - 12:00 Noon
MS LUNCH	**12:05 PM - 12:35 PM**	7th Period	12:05 PM - 12:40 PM
7th Period	12:40 PM - 1:15 PM	**HS LUNCH**	**12:45 PM - 1:15 PM**

HELLO! I am Sailea!



Please help support me as I attend the final auditions for American Idol at the Cow Palace in San Francisco on September 15th. I am holding a raffle to raise funds for the trip: Purchase tickets for a chance to win a Pendleton style faux blanket, steering wheel cover and pillows.

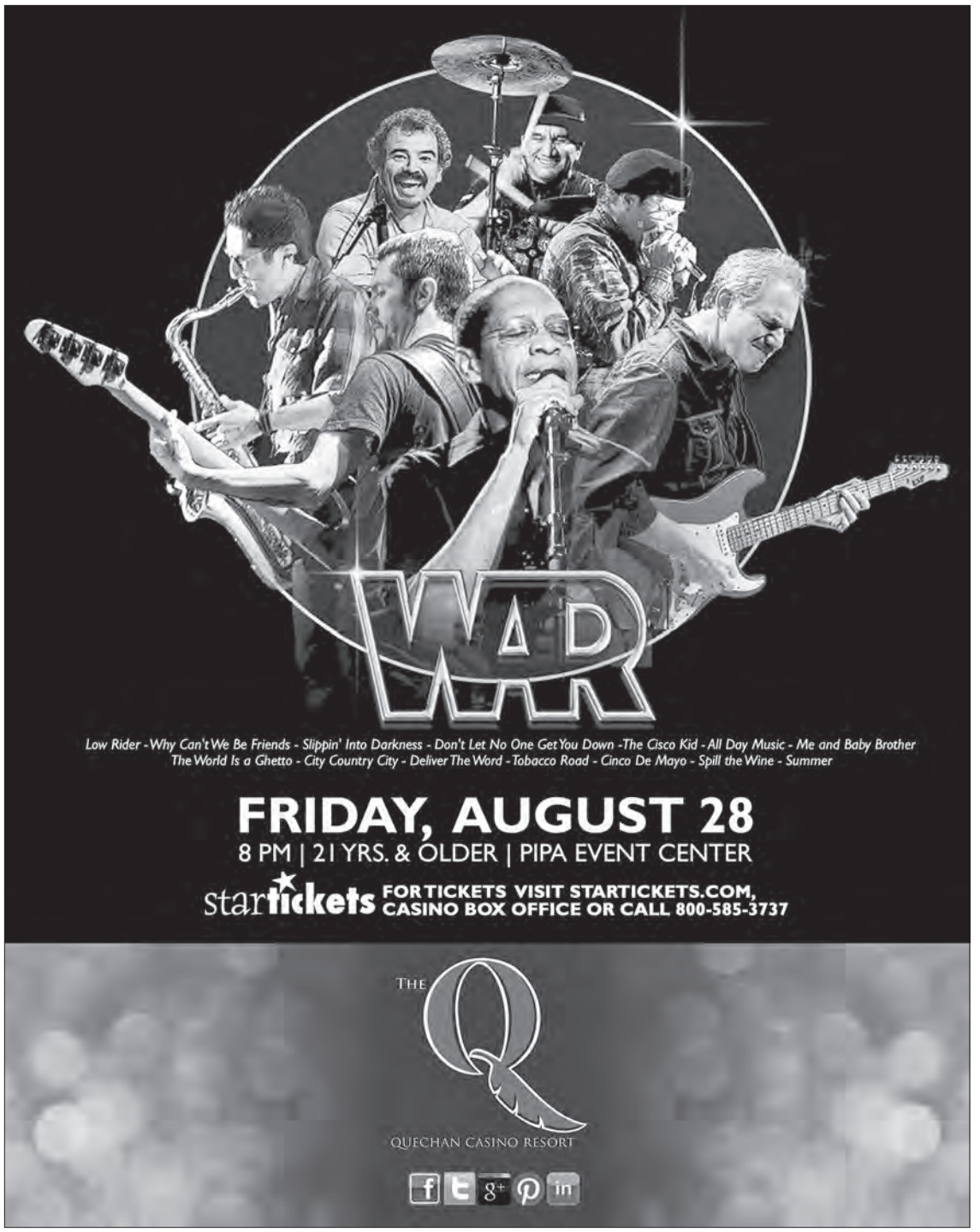
Tickets are 2 dollars each, or 6 tickets for 10 dollars!

Drawing will be held Friday, September 4th @ 10:00 AM.

For tickets and more information, contact James and Dawn Hunt at (928) 287-5886.

I will also be performing at the Quechan Senior Center next Friday, August 14th at 12:00 noon! Everyone is free to attend!

Thank you for all your love and support! Please also follow my journey on Instagram @sailea



To: Jay and Paula Prettybird Moose



Love ~ "Tubby"

WANTED!

Part time In-Home Care workers:
Healthy, trustworthy and caring individuals are needed to provide light house work and/or light food preparation for home-bound seniors in the community. For Imperial County positions, applicants must submit to a county background check.
For private, "out of pocket" pay, the home bound senior requesting the help will screen the applicants.

Contact Elder Family Services for more information.
Call (760) 572-2914 or (928) 920-6723.
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DENTAL EXAMS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN ENTERING PRE-SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, HEADSTART

Parents can bring their children in any time between the listed times. First come, first served. Make sure to bring in any necessary paperwork which needs to be filled out.

The following August dates are still available for your child's dental exam:

August 6: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
August 11, 12, 13: 3:30 to 4:30 PM
August 20: 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Wayne Tomkinson, Dentist
Ft. Yuma IHS

Hip Hop Dance Lessons from Miss Quechan Nation!

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Miss Quechan Nation, Diamond Rivera, greets the audience on performance night.



On the night of their performance, the entire cast of local students and their instructors joined Diamond on stage to celebrate dance in a piece called "Watch Me". Everyone had a blast with this one!



Diamond's sister Eden was on hand as an instructor, as well as perfoming on stage.



Erica Duncan enjoyed the dance lessons, even though she couldn't make the show!



Quinn Phipps was an enthusiastic student who was highlighted during the show!

The National Day of Dance is July 25th, and Miss Quechan Nation, Diamond Rivera, put together a program to celebrate it with different styles of dance, including getting down with the birds! "Day of Dance was a free event to expose kids to a different kind of physical activity," she said. "My platform as Miss Quechan is to promote health and wellness and dancing is a fun way to stay active."

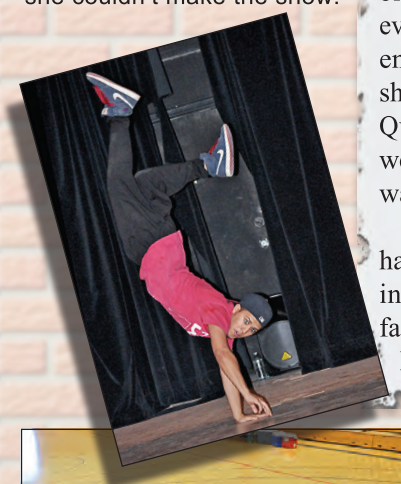
Diamond explained that she has been dancing since she was in elementary school. "My family and I enjoy it very much."

I had the idea for this event to try and show kids that dancing is a fun and interesting way to spend your time. I know it's kept my sister Eden and I busy and out of trouble!"

Local kids were invited to come out and learn two dance routines on Friday, July 24. They were then given the opportunity to showcase what they had learned by putting on a show at the Quechan Community Center.

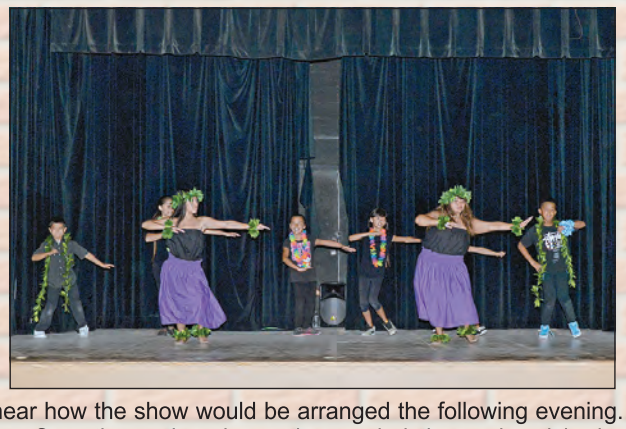
Included in the show were a number of hip-hop routines. As a special treat, members of the Yuma's Hui O' Hawai'i dance group also performed two hula numbers. Some of the kids even danced with them during the first number! It was all great fun and the kids had a blast!

Diamond also says, "I want to thank Rose Phipps, Royal Phipps, Josué Escobar, Daniel Murphy, Ira Murphy, Ernesto Moreno, Joseph and Joanna Herrera, Emily Manobianco, Jazmin and Brandi Rondan, and Eden Rivera for all their help. I'd also like to thank the Quechan Wellness Center, the Quechan Community Center, and the Quechan Tribal Council for contributing and supporting this event. Thank you to all the participants and to everyone who came to watch!"











Everyone gathered at the stage after lunch on Friday, to hear how the show would be arranged the following evening. The little ones were happy to hear that their Hui O'Hawaii dance would be featured in the first half, before the intermission. Once the modern dance show ended, those who wished to stay were able to join in traditional dances on the gym floor.