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Progress Continues On Fort Yuma Health Care Center



High pressure concrete was poured into place for a traditional healing and prayer circle at the north side of Building A on the last day of May. Once set, the entire floor of the prayer circle will be ground and polished when completed, to resemble polished stone. Quechan News Photo by William Isbell

Every weekday, long before the sun comes up, workers from a half dozen different contractors report to the valley floor north of Indian Hill to continue work on the new Fort Yuma Indian Health Care Center. They come in early, to avoid the searing summer heat that is just beginning to dominate the southwest, to perform ten hours' worth of work before the high sun of the afternoon rolls in.

The last half of the month of May was taken up with the installation of the plumbing and electrical lines for the Dental Clinic in Building A.

Streamline Plumbing has been installing underground plumbing throughout the site, with detail crews putting in floor drains, cleanouts and sink lines in preparation for additional foundation pads, which will go in soon.

The electrical supply lines are all going in underground, too, so Delta Diversified Engineering has been working right alongside the plumbers, getting all their rebar and wiring installed ahead of the new foundations that will go in above.

Edais Engineering was contracted to test all of the footings over the week prior to Memorial Day, to be sure they meet the compression loads needed to hold up the walls that will be bolted in place once the buildings go up. Apparently, everything has met the standards spelled out in the specifications so far, since forms continue to be laid out, more rebar is going in and more footings are poured for additional sections every couple of weeks.

A project milestone was reached on the last day of May, when the first batch of a special high pressure concrete was delivered and poured into a circular footing located at the northeast corner of Building A.

As you can see in the photo above, Picacho Peak can just be seen on the horizon due north of that point, just to the right of the telephone pole in the center of the photo. That small, circular pad has been set aside for prayers and traditional healing. It's there, right through a door at the end of the hall, so anyone who wants to can step outside and see the mountain and talk to the Creator. Rey Gulley, site superintendent for Pilkington Construction says the pad will be ground down to take on the sheen of polished granite, marking the traditional prayer circle as a special spot.

The next couple of weeks will see the installation of the waterline for the fire hydrants and fire suppression system, as well as more underground electrical systems. Early next week, giant steel columns will begin to go up around the completed pad for Building A. More steel should arrive throughout the month of June, with the first of the steel wall framing going up in early July.

A Special Thank You from The Quechan Senior Center To All The Volunteers Who Helped Us Present The 14th Annual All Indian Senior Games - May 17, 18, and 19, 2016

The Quechan Senior Games has grown into the event of the year for Indian seniors throughout the State of Arizona and Southern California. It has evolved into an event requiring help from as many departments and individuals as possible. We are grateful to everyone who stepped forward to help make this year's Senior Games a success.

Louis Robles
Master of Ceremony – Game Day and Award Day

Faron Owl
Master of Ceremony – Culture Night

Special Dance Program on Culture Night:
Ah Keel Dancers

Individual Volunteers:
Yvonne Vance, Lou Jean Vega, Andrea Mitchell, Stanley Barley, & Carlos Silva.

American Legion Post 802
Color Guard: Frank Venegas, Andrew Denard, Francisco A. Estrada, Rudy Allen, Colin Soto, Gil Estrada and Milson Jose Sr.

Community Health Representatives:
Sosa Diaz, Bernadine Cachora, Virginia Yazzie, Kerri Comet, Avis Black, Latalia Gilmore, James Barton and Yvette Ramirez

Quechan Housing Authority:
Brenda Rummel, Patricia Zoskey, Lionel Montague and Christobal Illingworth

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Danny Stave, Julio Segura, Kurt Martain, Josiah Favila

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Corie Montague and Sherrie Navarro

Quechan Tribal Police Department:
Angeline Levy

The Strong Hearts Native Society
Thanks for Your Participation in Culture Night And Your Assistance at the Senior Games

Senior Center Project Council:
Gloria Bryant McGee, Patricia Lumas Christine Lopez and Annette Cachora

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Quechan Social Services:
Leticia Lujan, Angela Maynahonah, Erica Kelly, Alexis Summerfield and Brandon Frank

Quechan Special Diabetes Program:
Sandy Palone, Michael Lewis Throssell, Rick Juan, Ana Hartt, Brian Warner, Peter Escalanti IV, Randall Moody and Melissa Johnson

Quechan Etska Nav Ah Pai:
William Isbell

(Please forgive us if we omitted anyone.)

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

On Behalf of Cassandra Eloise Miguel;

Thank you.

We want to express our appreciation for all the kind words, the genuine hugs and monetary donations you have provided for our loved sister and aunt. We are also grateful for all the help in the kitchen with the food donations, water, cooking and serving of the attendees, as well as donating and sewing the scarves.

Cassandra touched many lives and we could see that in the support that we received from you. We are truly thankful.

From Cassandra's Family

Notice to Elders from Preservation of the Kwatsan Way:

We have moved into the building at 472 Maiden Lane in Yuma. We are not set to begin operation until a later date. We have, however, already held several meetings there.

If you would like to join other elders, we meet on Mondays beginning at 6:00 PM.

It is the purpose of Preservation of the Kwatsan Way to promote the cultural traditions of our nation. We look to preserve dance, songs, beadwork, pottery, basketry, and traditional dress. In addition, we want to inspire others in our tribe to preserve the rituals and rites we hold sacred. In this way, future generations will know who they are as Quechan people.

We want to thank the tribal council for working with us to get "our" building. At a later date, we will announce our "Grand Opening". Also, because we have been working on our building we were unable to hold a "Senior Gathering" this May, but will be able to at a later date. In the past, we have had a "Gathering" to correspond with "National Senior Citizens Month".

When we are ready to begin, we will house a museum, workplace for learning and teaching our traditional crafts, and have fry bread and traditional Quechan food for sale from time-to-time.

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer in front of the entry to the Senior Center on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box at the bottom of page 2 in every issue.

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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

Cultural Night Opens The Quechan Senior Games



Quechan Tribal Council members Juliana M. Comet, Cryselle Montague Uribe and James A. Montague were on hand to speak to the packed room and welcome the visitors at the beginning of the program. San Pasqual Middle School and Elementary Princesses Brina Iron Cloud and Lillian Pablo also introduced themselves to the crowd. The first half of the evening saw the Strong Hearts Native Society performing songs and dances, some of which were related to the creation story. The visitors were delighted! QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The Quechan Senior Games absolutely filled the Pipa Event Center for three days this year, as 494 participants representing 26 different Tribes showed up to take part. Though the first day was set aside primarily to handle the registration of all those people, everyone was able to get together in the evening for a huge dinner and a cultural exchange.



Miss Quechan Nation, Chynna Cachora was one of the local dancers who stepped forward to join in the Havasupai Tribe's Round Dance.

Faron Owl stepped in to act as the master of ceremonies for the evening, introducing all of the speakers, dignitaries, singers and dancers. The Quechan Post 802 Color Guard was joined by members of the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 (from Sacaton, Arizona) in opening up the evening, trooping in the colors before Barbara Levy led the opening prayer. Tribal Council members Juliana M. Comet, Cryselle Montague Uribe and James A. Montague stepped up after the prayer to welcome everyone to the gathering, followed by further comments and another welcome from the evening's official hostess, Delonie Snowden, Manager of the Quechan Senior Center.

Five members of the Strong Hearts Native Society, Cedric Lukee, Michael Phillips, Owen Barley, David Aragon and Anthony Montague then came forward to introduce the group and sing a flag song. Once that song was completed (and the applause died down), all of the Strong Hearts stepped forward. Their teen aged girl dancers lined up in front of the stage a few feet across from the boys, and, joined by many older ladies in full regalia, they danced for over a half hour as the boys sang round after round of songs.

Many other groups also came forward to share their cultural heritage (or simply entertain the gathering), including the "Señor's and Señorita's Dance Group" from the Havasupai reservation. This small group of about six elders invited anyone who wished, to join them in a round dance. Within two or three minutes, the circle had gained at least ten more dancers, including a little toddler!

The Salt River Senior Steppers (who started out with country line dancing, but now go in for a more "jazz oriented" approach) also entertained the crowd for a short while. They were followed by the Ah Keel Dance Group, led by Arlie Emerson, which brought things back to a more traditional focus.

The entire evening was a great start to one of the largest Senior Games ever. Hundreds of Natives from all over the southwest collected together in one room, for one night, to celebrate a diverse, though shared, heritage.

BIA Officers Begin to Receive Training, Rescue Kits to Combat Opioid Drug Overdoses

Just before the end of 2015, by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) announced a partnership to equip Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement officers with naloxone rescue kits for responding to drug overdoses in tribal communities.

Naloxone is a prescription medication that can temporarily reverse opioid overdose and can potentially save lives.

As an opioid antagonist, Naloxone reverses the depression of the central nervous and respiratory systems after an overdose of prescription opioids (such as hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine or hydromorphone) or heroin. The medication can quickly be administered using a syringe and an intranasal mucosal atomization device.

As you may recall from widespread media reports, Naloxone is the drug contained in the "save shot" that was administered to Prince when his plane made an emergency landing in Moline, Illinois only six days before he died at home.

The new agreement to provide training and rescue kits formalizes the partnership between the IHS and BIA to reduce opioid overdoses among Native Americans.

In 2016, the more than 90 IHS pharmacies will dispense naloxone to as many as 500 BIA Office of Justice Services officers and will train these first responders to administer emergency treatment to people experiencing opioid overdose.

The partnership will be reviewed annually by both Indian Health Services and the BIA. The program will continue as long as the agencies agree it is delivering the desired results.

"IHS is working to ensure that tribal communities receive the fastest possible access to this life-saving medication in situations where every minute matters," according to Robert G. McSwain, principal deputy director of the IHS. "[This] agreement underscores the IHS commitment to partnerships and innovative solutions that can prevent the tragedy of drug overdoses and can improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities."

At a press conference announcing the partnership, BIA Director Michael S. Black said he is deeply grateful to the IHS for helping them create another level of safety throughout Indian Country for those trapped by the vicious cycle of drug addiction.

"Law enforcement officers are usually the first responder to a drug overdose situation in a tribal community," he said. "This partnership greatly strengthens our public safety mission by enabling our BIA officers to take immediate action to save a life endangered by an overdose."

Michael Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy says that the President has made it clear that addressing the opioid epidemic is a priority for the Obama Administration.

In a prepared statement at the press conference, Mr. Botticelli said, "In tackling this epidemic, we know that Naloxone is one of those tools that can help save the lives of overdose victims so they can get the treatment they need for their opioid use disorder. Today's commitment by IHS and BIA is an important example of public health and public safety partnerships to address this epidemic."

Dr. Susan V. Karol, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service also attended the press conference, and says the IHS is committed to providing the medication and she says the IHS will train BIA officers on safe and proper administration of the medication, free of charge.

The IHS expects to dispense naloxone to the first BIA officers sometime this year.

As IHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Karol (a member of the Tuscarora Nation) provides medical advice and guidance to the Office of the Director and staff on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. She serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS field clinical programs and community-based health professionals.

She said that after the press conference, they held a community forum on preventing and treating prescription drug abuse and heroin use.

According to Dr. Karol, audience members at that forum "heard personal stories about the opioid epidemic that is sweeping across Indian Country. [That epidemic is so bad that] in 2014, we were losing up to 130 people a day to opioid and heroin overdoses."

SAN PASQUAL CLASS OF 2016

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PROMOTED TO HIGH SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 2ND, 2016



Tribal member Raynessa Zuniga achieved a 3.96 cumulative GPA during her final year at San Pasqual Middle School, earning her the position of Valedictorian for the 8th grade class of 2016. At the June 2nd promotion ceremony, Rayness was presented with the Superintendent's Award from Dr. David Bealer (above) and the Kathy Gunkel Math and Science Award from Mrs. Debbie Gibbs.

Tribal Members Are Listed in ***Bold Italics***
Call Outs for: **Valedictorian** and *Salutatorian*

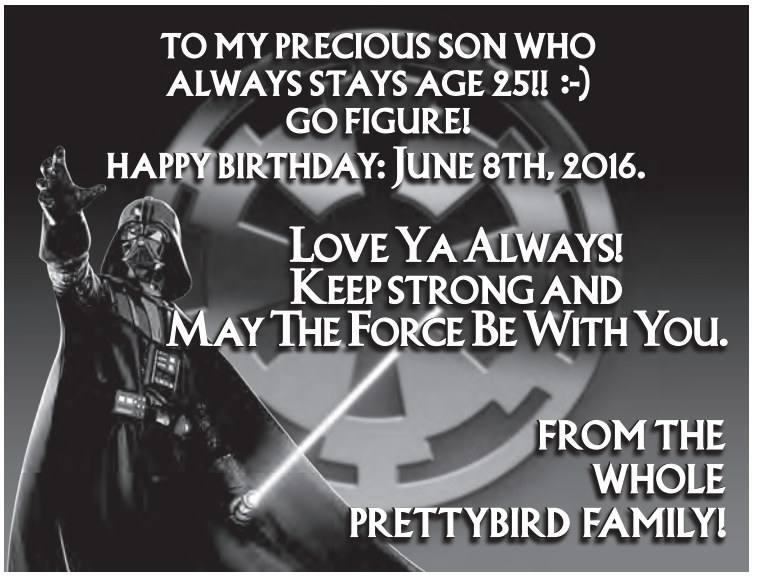
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Gilman Amador	***Lance Menta***
Ivan Ayala	Ewros Mira
Mariah Barley	Odalys Mira
William Buford	Andrea Nuñez
Jorge Burgara Jr.	***Julio Ocegueda***
Angie Casillas Duron	Horacio Orozco Salazar
Yesenia Chavez	***Angelo Palone***
Elizabeth Corona Montoya	***Kieran Palone***
Bryant Corrales Ortiz	Cristian Rabago
Malaya Emerson	Jacob Ramirez
Fernanda Espinoza	Martin Rios Guerrero
Justin Flores	***Jacob Roosevelt***
Denicia Gilbert	***Takara Rose***
Kosmic Greene	Stephanie Ruiz Perez
Andrea Guinn	Francisca Samudio Rojo
Neil Hill III	Miracle Steele
Brina Iron Cloud	***Deshane Taylor II***
Elijah Jefferson	***Eddie Thundercloud***
Orlando Jefferson	Cesar Vega
Yulissa Jimenez	***Gabrielle Villalpando***
Carla Kneece	Joshua White
Giovanni Lara	William White
Hazel Martinez	Leslye Yarrito
Charles Meeden	*****Raynessa Zuniga*****

2016 Graduates of Bill Manes High School:

Donovan Aragon Amanda Rodriguez

San Pasqual Valley Unified School District Adult Education Department Graduates for 2016:

Rafael Ahumada
Ludeen Lois Allen
Bernisse Almenara
Leo-Daniel Alvarez
Winter R. Alvarez
Joseph H. Aragon
Erika Rocio Ayala
Niklaus Alexander Brown
Yvette Inez Castillo
Bianey Ceseña
Reece A. Diaz
Lucy Lynne Emerson
Angelita P. Escalante
Mia M. Escalanti
Luis Angel Flores
Eduardo Jesus Fonseca
Gerardo Garcia Jr.
James C. Gatling III
Cynthia R. Gilmore
Priscilla D. Golding
William Shane Laurezana
Nancy Ledesma
Erica L.Livas
David Robert Love-Chavez
Franchesca Joni Luna
Jose Enrique Madrigal
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Luis Aron Rios
Amanda Rivera
Jassel L. Robles
Jazmin Isabel Rodriguez
Kiana Rodriguez
Jazmine Rosas
Yvonne Tiger Rowland
Ethan Z.P. Ryan
Adriana Salazar
Jordyn Ernastine Soliz
Ramon Angelo Soliz
Kain Kyer Tecumseh
Victoria Marie Tellez
Erick Teposte
Kaylin Denise Thomas
Deion E. Twist
Kristal Ulibarri
Hector Eduardo Valdez
Jasmine A. Varela
Rosa Maria Villalobos
Elijah R. Williams



Art Project at San Pasqual High Completed After 16 Years





In the photo at left, above, Alora Dugan rolls out slabs to build tessarae tiles for the high school's Princess mosaic. On the right, Cindy Lopez and Josiah Montague install the tessarae tiles that make up a flower. Tiles awaiting installation as the Princess can be seen in foreground. SPVUSD Photos Courtesy of Stacy Blackmer-Blomquist

The painting of an Indian Princess at the end of the 300s building at San Pasqual High has been almost a landmark for 16 years. Originally painted by Tribal member Clifton Fierro when he was a new member of the Strong Hearts, the westward facing artwork has slowly faded over the years, due to the action of the afternoon sun.

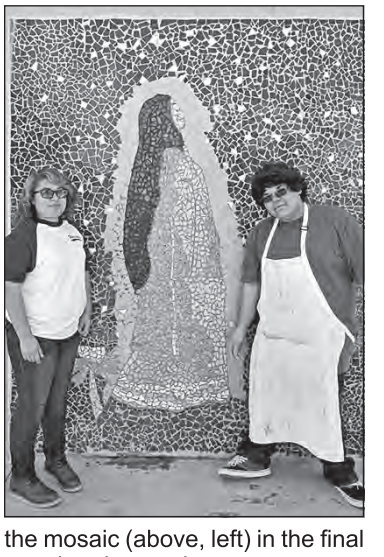
"Mr. Owl found the original drawing of her in a magazine or something," according to Clifton, who now makes his living as a short order cook at Lute's Casino. "He asked me and the other freshmen and sophomores in Strong Hearts if we wanted to paint it on the wall outside his classroom, as a project to keep us busy, I guess. I never thought it would be there this long, or really amount to anything."

But by being another familiar face that students and teachers pass by every day, it has come to be much more than just a simple color sketch. It has become one more symbol of the creativity and resourcefulness of the students on campus.

So, when it began to fade to the point where it might either need retouching, or even possibly have to be painted over to return the wall to a more "pristine" state, the art students at San Pasqual decided to make it a more permanent installation.

Mrs. Blackmer-Blomquist's students have spent the past few months molding, rolling, glazing, firing and cutting custom ceramic tessarae tiles to convert the San Pasqual Princess into a colorful mosaic that could last another 50 years or more!





Donovan Manchado, Alora Dugan and Isadore Clark apply grout over the mosaic (above, left) in the final steps of the project. At right, Lorena Larios and Isadore Clark pose with completed artwork.



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Photos by William Isbell

THE QUECHAN SENIOR GAMES!





Justina Peters of the Tohono O'odham Tribe shoots baskets as Calista Rea keeps score for her.



The biggest event at the senior games was the seated volleyball tournament, which saw 26 Tribes fielding 50 teams in the competition. Just keeping track of the brackets was a major accomplishment! Here, "Xamah", representing Gila River District 7 goes up against San Xavier's Team S-TO:TA A'an.



Chris Emerson works an obstacle course puzzle as two volunteers from MCAS track his time.



Debbie Hill looks thrilled as she completes the deceptively difficult "timed cup stacking" challenge. Alyssa and Alicia Menta (with their backs to the camera) are also seen timing the event.



Alexis Summerfield, Crystal Cachora and Angela Maynahonah making rubber chicken necklaces!



Flexibility and speed are important in the "newspaper crunch" event. Here, Ana Hartt from the Quechan Diabetes Wellness Center prepares to score Hubert Moreno, a "Gu Achi" Tohono O'odham.



Dennis Williams from Gila River District 3 tries the ring toss, as Phillip Galindo keeps score.



MCAS volunteer Pablo Lewis tried to save Naomi Shongo and Joel Querta's Oompa Loompa!



One of the busiest spots on Wednesday afternoon was the area next to the brackets chart keeping track of the standings in the seated volleyball tournament. Look at all the teams they had there!



Andrea Mitchell presented Phil Emerson with 2nd Place medals for chicken toss and basketball!

SENIORS STEP OUT INTO ADULTHOOD



Congratulations to the seven seniors who received a $100 scholarship award from Tribal member Brandon Frank. Shown above with Mr. Frank (at the far right) are scholarship awardees Kayla Perez, Laura Arriaga, Brenda Acosta, Sergio Garcia, Alejandra Santamaria, Valencia Gilbert and Adam Wong. Brandon has provided financial assistance to 10 local seniors since he started his scholarship program in 2015.



The San Pasqual Girls' Choir sang the Star Spangled Banner completely *à capella* to open the June 3rd graduation ceremony. They are (from left to right): Jordan Juan, Alexia Danixa, Sanyu Juan, Amanda Barley and faculty choir instructor, Miss Miranda.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos By William Isbell



Valencia Gilbert received a scholarship from the Anthony Garcia Foundation, plus honors from the CA Department of Education.



School Board President Monica Montague awarded every diploma.

WARRIORS: CLASS OF 2016

★ Top Ten Seniors
‡ Valedictorian ‡
† Salutatorian †
Tribal Members Listed in Bold Black

★Brenda Acosta	Gilbert Guerrero	★Jessie Peña
Selene Almaguer	Luis Lerma	Kayla Perez
Hemshreh-Enye Amador	Marina Liebes	Luis Angel Renteria
★Laura Arriaga	Andrew Limones	Elisa Ruiz
Jaritci Arriaga	Abelardo Lizzarago	Isiah Ruiz
Giselle Avila	Cyndi Lopez	★Alejandra Santamaria
Angel Baca	**Andrew Luna**	Isaiah Short
Erik Chavez	Steven Maldonado	★Danielle M. Steele
Zayra Dominguez	**Ryan Marks**	★Aliza Torres
Reba Durand	**Alicia Menta**	★Selena M. Torrez
★† Sergio Garcia †	**Anthony Montague**	Bella Uribe
★**Valencia Gilbert**	Jesus Orozco	Juli Wilson
Joshua Gilmore	**Sonya Palone**	★‡ Adam Wong ‡



Anthony Montague received a special blanket from the Strong Hearts for his senior year's service as their Mahi Kwanamii.



Alicia Menta shakes hands with Dr. Bealer on the way offstage.

Senior Prom Royalty Includes Tribal Member Alicia Menta as Princess

The San Pasqual Class of 2016 got together for an adolescent rite of passage on the evening of May 14th, to enjoy "A Vintage Affair" at their Senior Prom.

Set within the multipurpose room at the Quechan Education Center, the prom featured a conversation pit of long white high-topped couches along the north wall, with french provincial furnishings and floral decorations around the serving line. Pastel tablecloths and golden balloons decorated the room, accented by white Cape Cod style folding chairs and a golden chandelier hanging from white chiffon draperies meeting in the center of the dance floor. A buffet dinner was hosted by 3 Amigos catering, with a DJ providing dance music and a light show.

One of the main events of any senior prom is the announcement of Prom Royalty, and this year four boys and six girls were eligible for the honors. Students turned in their marked ballots as they entered, and chaperones Juan Morales, Patricia Malvido and Jessica Williams joined Principal David Pechtl in counting up the votes for the four available spots.

Prom Prince and Princess went to Strong Hearts members Alan Wong and Alicia Menta, while Eric Chavez and Kayla Perez were elected Prom King and Prom Queen by their fellow seniors.



Strong Hearts President Adam Wong and Tribal member Alicia Menta were voted Prince and Princess of the Senior Prom by their fellow class members on Saturday night, May 14th. Photos by William Isbell

Mr. Chavez was on the wrestling team at San Pasqual for his first three years, and has been a member of the Mestizo Club and FFA all four years. He tells the *Quechan News* his favorite subject is science, and he plans to attend AWC, where he has applied for a science major.

Further in the future, he says "Later on, I want to become a Doctor." Eric apparently enjoyed his years at San Pasqual, and he says his favorite teacher is Mrs. Demyan: "She's a really nice person, and she's always in a good mood. I enjoy being in her class, since she makes her class really fun." Eric also wants to thank everyone who voted for him to be Prom King.

Prom Queen Kayla Perez says her favorite teacher is Mrs. Blackmer-Blomquist.

"I like Mrs. B because she's always so happy and positive about things. She's always so nice and funny, and she enjoys teaching art." Kayla says when she's not at school, she enjoys going to the beach and having fun.

Miss Perez served as Class President her senior year, and she also played varsity softball and joined the Mestizo Club.

Kayla plans to also attend AWC to study child psychology, and she also wants to thank all of her friends for voting for her in the Prom Royalty election.

The other members of the Prom "Court of Honor" are both Strong Hearts.

A member of the Strong Hearts Native Society during his entire time at San Pasqual, Adam Wong served as the President of both Strong Hearts and the Winterhaven Chapter of the FFA his senior year. He has also been President of the Associated Student Body for 2 years, a yearbook photographer one year, and is now the Secretary for the School Site Council, where he's been a member for two years.

As an athlete, Adam spent all four of his high school years in Track & Field, with 3 years on the Cross Country team, and he was a team captain in both sports. He was also on the varsity basketball team this year.

When discussing the prom, Adam said, "I would like to thank all of my friends who voted for me and my beautiful date, Marina Liebes, for going to the prom with me. I would like to take the time to put a shout out for the senior class. GO WARRIORS!"

Adam says he can't choose a favorite teacher, though. "They are all very inspirational, caring, and amazing people who I am grateful to have met."

Comments like that will no doubt guarantee him at least one or two letters of recommendation from the faculty when he moves on to college. Mr. Wong says he will attend classes and work as a math tutor at Arizona Western College this summer, and then move out in August to attend the University of California, Berkeley, where he plans to major in civil and environmental engineering.

And, finally, there is this year's Prom Princess, Quechan Tribal member Alicia Menta.

Alicia's favorite subject is physical education, small wonder, since she was on the basketball and volleyball teams all four years, and ran with the track team three years. She also played basketball at NABI in Phoenix, and she's a member of the Fort Yuma Rise traveling team. "I really like Mr. Owl," she explains, when discussing her love of team sports. "He's a very nice teacher who cares about our culture, and he is willing to teach younger (than high school) students about our history and culture."

Alicia is also a member of the Associated Student Body (ASB) and the Winterhaven Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). She plans to take a year off after graduating, though she's also looking for a summer job this year, to earn some money to help pay for expenses when she registers at AWC later, to study nursing.

She wrapped up her interview by saying, "I want to thank everyone who voted for me. It was such an unexpected surprise and a great opportunity for me. I would also like to say to never give up on your dreams, no matter how hard things may get!"



The senior class spent most of the time dancing the night away . . . when they weren't posing for selfies to remember their time together!

Congratulations Malaya Denise Emerson



On Your Promotion From 8th Grade!

We're so Very Proud of You, Baby!

LOVE!

Mom, Danny and Sisters

Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

Now that spring is almost over, and summer is upon us, many plants have bloomed and put out new growth. Here are a couple of sentences on native plants.

If you wanted to say: "Ironwood is not picky; it grows (comes out) anywhere," you might say:

Xapálykts aaíimk; makyí nyiitspáa aaly'íim.

The parts of this sentence are:

Xapályk+ts — *Ironwood+subject*
aaíim+k — *it.is.not.picky+same.subject*
makyí — *anywhere*
nyii+tspáa — *there+it.comes.out*
aaly'íi+m — *it.is.all.over.the.place*

If you wanted to say: "Many willows are growing (coming out) at the edge of the river." one way to say it is:

Xaavíly kwaa'úur 'iithóots 'atáyk aatspáatsk.

The parts of this sentence are:

Xaavíly — *River*
kwaa'úur — *edge*
'iithóo+ts — *willow+subject*
'atáy+k — *they.are.many+same.subject*
aatspáats+k — *they.come.out.plural+end*

Sentence Structure Samples Provided By:
The Kwatsáan Iiyáa Dictionary Workshop Participants

To enroll in a Language Course, call the Quechan Language Preservation Office: (760) 572-4412

June 9, 2016
Happy Birthday! To our sister Alicia!
We love you very much Hee-uh!
Even though we are miles away,
we love that much more!!
Ray-Ray & Pudge



Strong Hearts Girls Practice The Ancient Craft of Beading



High school beaders Sarah Gilmore, Amanda Barley, Ahlaynah Robles and Jordan Juan spent the last few months gathered around a table in Mr. Owl's third period Kwatsáan Culture/Native Studies class to design and construct a variety of projects. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Most people who attend a local gathering are aware that the Strong Hearts learn Kwatsáan Culture as part of their Native Studies class, simply by observing the songs and dances they perform at those gatherings. But the girls who dance often show up in full regalia, with diamond dresses, beaded capes, and all kinds of detailed accessories making up their outfits. Where do those wonderful outfits come from?

The girls often make their own outfits. It's all a part of passing on the culture to the next generation. But in high school, the next generation is usually the freshman and sophomore, receiving the experience and knowledge of the juniors and seniors who have learned from the previous graduating seniors before them.

This year, however, another student has passed on what she has learned from her own elders to the high school students ahead of her.

Mariah Barley, a Strong Hearts member who spent the past year in eighth grade at San Pasqual Middle School, has been beading and sewing her own outfits for quite some time now. And when Mr. Owl noticed her abilities, he encouraged Mariah to pass on everything she could to the older students, while they were still around before graduation.



Middle school student Mariah Barley is passing on her knowledge to her fellow Strong Hearts.

While the Strong Hearts have used bead looms to create projects for years, this year they added the "lazy stitch" method to their repertoire of skills.

Everyone works out their patterns before beginning any project to be sure everything lines up when a pattern, such as a bracelet, comes back around to the starting point.

"You have to figure out how long it will be," explains Ahlaynah Robles. "So you figure out how many beads you need for an inch, and you graph it out, how many beads wide, like if you want it an inch wide, by how many inches long. Then you graph it out on graph paper to be sure everything lines up."

Once the math is worked out, the project can begin. Alaynah explains that whether a project is done on a loom, or on a backing, like the "lazy stitch" method, you want to keep everything tight and straight, to make sure the pattern stays even.

Lazy stitch is a method of attaching beads to buckskin, or some other backing, which is used in creating beaded dresses, leggings and moccasins.

The reason it's called "lazy stitch" is it allows a beader to attach an entire vertical row of beads to a project at one time . . . as long as it is properly graphed out beforehand. For instance, if a pattern calls for two white beads, one yellow bead, one blue bead and another yellow bead and two more white in a specific row, the entire row can be strung onto a thread and then stitched onto the buckskin at once. The thread is then locked in place with a short stitch through the material, and the next row of beads in the pattern, going in the opposite direction, is threaded on and stitched in at the other end.

Repeating this method row-by-row allows for very fast production of very intricate beading designs.

Parental Tips for Summertime Water Safety:

From Imperial County Senior Deputy Rosendo Contreras, Winterhaven Station Investigator and ICSO Dive Team Member

Imperial County SHERIFF

DO NOT SWIM IN CANALS!



The weather is starting to heat up and schools have just let out. We want our kids to stay cool and safe at the same time. Swimming in canals is extremely dangerous and against the law. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office recognizes that swimming in canals located thoughout the county is a concern. Since 1997 over 550 canal drownings have been reported in the All American Canal alone. Most of the victims were either unaware of canal safety or they underestimated the strong currents of the canal. Canal drownings can be prevented. The Imperial County Sheriff's Office Under Water Recovery Team has taken the time to provide Winterhaven residents with a few helpful tips that can help save your life!

Dangers of Canals:



- Strong under water currents
- Water force will keep you underwater
- Objects underwater such as rebar, cement boulders and trash
- Fast moving water flows
- Underwater whirlpools
- Underwater plantlife and debris which can trap you
- Contaminants from outside the canal
- Warm still waters can harbor parasites and potentially deadly organisms such as the "Brain-eating amoeba"
- Gates, Dams or "Drops" can create a syphon effect that can easily pull victims under water

If Someone Accidentally Falls Into a Canal:



- Call 911 immediately
- Keep an eye on the victim
- Do NOT attempt to help the victim by going into the canal

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office Under Water Recovery Team is confident that these Canal Safety tips can significantly reduce an accidental canal encounter. Please take the time to educate your children in Water Safety and remind them to never go into canals.

Here's a Great Alternative: *The Rainbow Pool!*

A FREE and great alternative is the Rainbow Pool. As a Community Pool, it has both lifeguards and adult supervision. The Director of Quechan Parks and Recreation, Mr. Phil Emerson, says the Quechan Community Center Pool will open its doors to the public for the summer season on Friday, May 27th. To further promote water safety, the Rainbow Pool staff will be providing FREE swimming lesson beginning in the middle of June. Swimming lessons will take place on weekdays, mornings and evenings. The Rainbow Pool will also be hosting fun activities such as Wednesday Family Nights and Teen Night Thursdays! Once open for business, the Rainbow Pool will be open daily for your enjoyment on hot summer days.
For further information on pool schedules and events feel free to contact the Quechan Community Center at (760)572-1242 or (760)572-2825.

As Always, Be Cool, Stay Cool and Swim in a Pool!

FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CENTER

ATTENTION:

WELL CHILD CHECKS, PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS O N L Y !!!

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

FORT YUMA IHS
WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 8TH & 22ND, 2016
STARTS AT 8:20 AM
LAST APPOINTMENT AT 4:00 PM

*****ADDITIONAL SUMMER DATES TO FOLLOW*****

If you have questions, call:
Jacqueline Chester PHN @ IHS
at (760) 572-4159/4148

QUECHAN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Quechan Tribal Members are encouraged to enroll their child(ren) for membership with the Quechan Tribe.

The Quechan Enrollment application deadline for the Third Quarter of 2016 is Friday, September 2, 2016, at 5:00 PM (Arizona Time). Completed applications must include the following support documents:

- State Certified Birth Certificate (Copy)
- Social Security Card (Copy)
- If either parent is an enrolled member of another tribe, submit an updated Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and a letter of non-enrollment for the applicant.

Applications will not be processed until all the support documents have been received. Completed applications are processed quarterly.

The next Quarterly Meeting for the Enrollment Committee is scheduled for Mid-June, 2016.

Contact the Quechan Enrollment Office at (760) 572-0752 if you have questions regarding the enrollment application process.



SUMMER FUN DAY!

Featuring a BBQ Lunch, Music, Jumpers and Water Slides!

All Ages Are Welcome On Saturday, June 18!



Indoor Obstacle Course
From 10 Am
Until Noon
In The Community
Center Gym!





With Jumpers and Water Slides
On The SoftBall Field From Noon Until 5:00 PM!

Come On Out & Have Some FUN!

School Is Out!!! Yaaay!

For More Information Contact
Quechan Parks & Recreation: (760)572-1242

Arizona Measles Outbreak

The Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health and Pinal County Public Health Services District have identified at least 11 confirmed cases of measles stemming from an outbreak at a private detention center in Eloy. The potential exposure area has expanded statewide because some of the identified cases may have exposed other people within Pinal and Maricopa Counties.

"Measles is very contagious for anyone who is not immune," according to Jacqueline Chester, Public Health Nurse at the Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic. "Therefore it is critical that patients who suspect they have measles avoid contact with people outside of their home."

Nurse Chester says patients who think they may have the measles must wear a Surgical Mask any time they visit the IHS Clinic, and enter the building through the east side entrance, rather than the front door, to avoid all other patients in the waiting room.

Stressing the seriousness of the situation, she also says, "Patients with suspected measles are to wear their masks until they are back in their homes."

Symptoms appear seven to 12 days after exposure but may take up to 21 days. It begins with a fever of 101°F or higher, red, watery eyes, cough and a runny nose and is followed by a rash that is red, raised, and blotchy. The rash begins on the face at the hairline and moves down the body. The rash may last five to six days.

Dr. Cara Christ, director of the Arizona Department of Health Services explains that "People who have a rash and fever must call their healthcare provider or emergency department before going in to let them know they may have measles. This is vital to help stop the further spread of the disease."



Congratulations!

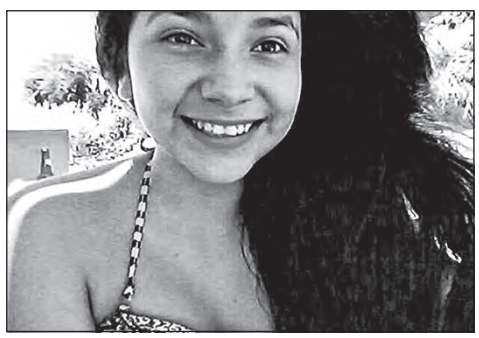
Kaylin Thomas
You did it!!
You graduated from High School!
We are so proud of you! WoooHoo!!
Love, your Auntie, Danny 'n' The Girls
Love you so much!

JUNE 9, 2016
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MOM!!
Alicia Valenzuela
WE LOVE YOU!!
The Chavoya's:
Miriena, Jimmy, Jasper,
Jasmine and Javier



Mary Jules Amador 8th ~ Grade Promotion from Fourth Ave. Jr. High School

You have accomplished so much in your two years at 4th Ave., and you've surprised us with your amazing talent in sports, never a dull moment! You have such awesome friends who LOVE YOU . . . We wish you the best four years at Yuma High, it's going to be fun with great memories, and don't forget sports, ha ha!
We all love you so much babe, and are so proud of you!
Love Dad, Mom, your Sissys & Brothers, Grandma Lil and All your Family from Parker, AZ.
We are your #1 FANs . . . #2016GRAD



QUECHAN POST 802

ATTENTION VETERANS:

Our regular monthly meetings are held
on the second Saturday of every month @ 9:00AM



We Will Meet This Month
On Saturday
June 11

Join us at the Post 802 Meeting Hall
1496 Arnold Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283

The Quechan Tribe MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION On May 30th, 2016

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell





This year's Memorial Day Flower Girls were: (above, from L to R, in front): Isabella Collins, Faye Short, Rubi Cornejo, Lilly Golding, Luna Lopez, Nalliehna Laurenzana, Genavecia Denard; (middle row): Paisley Montague, Adrienne and Daysha Bedoya, Zöe Rico, Triselle Silva, Frankie Lucero, Siara and Odessa Laurenzana, Jazmyn and Rosie Phillips, Clöe Short; (and in the rear): Miss San Pasqual Native Middle School Brina Iron Cloud, Ila Silva, Ravine Nerva, Angelique Samuel, Norina Escalanti, Milena Laurenzana, Sophia Balderama and Anya Numkena. This year's wreaths were designed and hand assembled by five Quechan elders working in the crafts room at the Quechan Senior Center. Gail Johns, recreation coordinator for the senior Center is seen at left, delivering a basket full of those wreaths to the Quechan Memorial Day commemoration. The ladies who made the fifty wreaths for this year's ceremony were Lucinda Summerfield, Valverine Barley, Alva Emerson, Phylis Jones and Raelene Gill. Thank you, ladies!



The Color Guard from Quechan Post 802 took part in three commemoration ceremonies: The first, here on the reservation, followed by the Wreaths to the Sea on the Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge, as well as the county-wide Memorial Day ceremony at Desert Lawn Memorial Park (above) in Yuma. From left to right are Frank Venegas, Milson Jose, Collin Soto, Andrew Denard and (Post 802's Bugler) Adrian Gomez.

San Pasqual Princess Mosaic Completed After 16 Years



Begun as a painting by the Strong Hearts in 2000, this Indian Princess was finished as a mosaic by the school's art students in May. See the story and more photos inside this issue on page 5.

