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With only about a month to go before the new Senior Nutrition Building is opened for business, a number of new projects can also be seen getting underway here on the Fort Yuma Reservation.

An entire new subdivision is being built to the east of the original housing area, on a new extension of Sapphire Lane. While details on that project and artists renderings of the homes were featured in the June 6 issue of the *Quechan News*, more progress can now be seen with roadways cut and waterlines going in. Further details on that project are available in a separate article on page 4 of this issue.

er project connected with the construction of the new Senior Nutrition Building, some of the older homes just to the north of the Elder Apartments are being demolished, in anticipation of future improvements. Details on what that is all about, and who is involved can also be found on page 4.

Then there is the improvement to the parking areas at the intersection of Picacho Road and San Pasqual. That major capital improvement involves new paving for both the Quechan Community Center and the surrounding offices, such as

Workers were busy installing curbs prior to paving operations at the new Senior Nutrition Center during the final week of July and the first part of August. The panoramic view above is looking west. At far left, above the inset photo, the outdoor barbeque patio can be seen still surrounded by scaffolding. Stacked in the retention basin below is a pallet of blocks that will be used in building the wall around the new building. At left, an Imperial Irrigation District crew was also on site the first week of August, connecting electrical service to the building.

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But the major item of interest seems to be the progress of the Senior Nutrition Building shown above.

Walt Brooks, the Project Manager for DPE Construction says everything is proceeding on schedule. The Imperial Valley Irrigation District has just finished completing the power hook-up for the new Center, and the floors inside are being tiled and carpet laid right now.

Concrete crews poured the final curbs the last week of July,

and the paving should be completed by mid-August.

Meanwhile, all of the fire suppression systems, range hoods and stoves should be installed by now, and the walk-in freezer is finished.

Final painting and window washing will be done the week of August 13th, and the furnishings are now being ordered by the excited tenants also.

You can read details of a tour of the building, taken by elders and the staff of Senior Nutrition in early July, on page 3.

The building should be ready for them to move in right after Labor Day this September.

In an All Day Elimination Tournament: T'Wolves Take Mid-Summer B-Ball Trophy

Once again, the Quechan Community Center was the site of a tremendous basketball showdown, with the 16 to 18 Year Old Co-Ed Basketball Tournament held the final weekend of July. The all-day event saw four teams gathered to duke it out on the court, vying for a beautiful set of trophies from first place through third, and personal recognition for the most valuable player of the team that battled their way to the top.

With only four teams assembled, that meant one team of the four would go home empty handed, so it was a real contest from start to finish, as everyone assembled wanted to have something to show for their efforts once the dust settled.

One team that always manages to get together for these games, "Handling Our Business" (known as H.O.B. by their fans) jumped in at the start of the first game, determined to make an impression by trouncing the Ft. Yuma Quechans, which they did in convincing fashion, taking the first game 54 to 40.

Next up at 9:00 AM were the Wild Ones against the Timber-

wolves, who were definitely the "wilder" team, humiliating the Wild Ones with a decisive 52 to 21 victory.

The T'Wolves then played their second game in a row, going up against the winners of game one, H.O.B. The Wolves were still in great form since their first game seemed to be only a warm-up since they so easily outdistanced the Wild Ones. And by beating H.O.B. by six points, they demonstrated pretty effectively that they were the team to beat, if you wanted the top trophy.

Next up, at 11:00, the losers of game one went up against the defeated from game two. Now the Quechans took their opportunity to fight back and stay in the contest, as they also slammed the Wild Ones in a similarly convincing 58 to 33 win. With that performance, they showed that any team might be able to climb their way to the top, since they managed 25 points over the same team that the Timberwolves defeated by 21.

With one win and one loss, H.O.B. was determined to get a trophy out of the tournament, so they were fired up to also slam the Wild Ones, which they managed to do in their third game of the day, beating them by only three points for a final score of 44 to 41 at the buzzer.

By now, there was a pretty good crowd gathered in the Community Center gym, as the 1:00 PM game saw the two teams that so soundly trounced the Wild Ones earlier in the day meeting on the court for the first time. The undefeated Timberwolves had a confident air about them as they opened up against

Quechan 16 to 18 Year Old Co-ed Mid-Summer Basketball Championship Results

Game 1 - 8:00 AM:
H.O.B. : 54 - Ft. Yuma Quechans: 40

Game 2 - 9:00 AM:
Wild Ones : 21 - Timberwolves: 52

Game 3 - 10:00 AM:
Timberwolves: 45 - H.O.B. : 39

Game 4 - 11:00 AM:
Ft. Yuma Quechans: 58 - Wild Ones : 33

Game 5 - 12:00 Noon:
H.O.B. : 44 - Wild Ones : 41

Game 6 - 1:00 PM:
Timberwolves: 38 - Ft. Yuma Quechans: 42

Third Place Determination Game - 2:00 PM:
Wild Ones : 35 - H.O.B.: 45

Championship Game - 3:00 PM:
Timberwolves: 60 - Ft. Yuma Quechans: 39

the Quechan with everything they had, but by the end of the first half, it seemed it wasn't enough, since they were seriously behind at 26 - 18, in favor of the Quechan.

The five minute break saw them gather around Coach Taylor and work on a strategy for a come-back. Once the second half buzzed in, it was a whole new ballgame, and the T'Wolves got on their "A" game and stayed there. It still wasn't enough, as they tried hard to pull farther ahead with a score of 38 to 37 and a little less than 30 seconds left in the game.

Unfortunately, their attempt to run up the score against the Quechan saw them intercepted twice, first for a two point basket, followed by an even more humiliating snatch, turn, pass and shoot that was good for three points from the mid-court sideline.

Now the crowd went wild! The previously undefeated T'Wolves could have just held onto the ball and won the game,

but by trying to keep the ball in play, they lost!

The next game to determine third place was only a prelude to the game the audience really looked forward to: the Quechan rematch against the T'Wolves.

Determined to pull it out, Coach Taylor was able to mobilize his troops, and managed to get the ball at the tip-off; but the Quechan got the rebound on the T'Wolves first basket attempt and managed to get two points with their first try less than 20 seconds into the final game. Alfred Acosta of the T'Wolves then managed to make two good free throws on a block foul, and though the Quechans got the rebound, Mike Silva managed to capture it back and make two more shots, bringing the score to 8 to 2, in favor of the Timberwolves, only 3 minutes into the game. At that point, they never looked back, even though the T'Wolves' aggressive play led to some fouls against the Quechans that meant plenty of free throws, their domination of the event saw the score at 27 to 16 at the end of the first half, a lead that they easily maintained throughout the second half. The final score at the buzzer was a



Coach and Team Captain Deshane Taylor (top row, on left) is all smiles, as he joins with the rest of the Timberwolves after the final game. Next to Taylor are Isaac Cenicerros, Tournament M.V.P. Gabriel Hammond and David Cenicerros. On the bottom row are Mike Silva, Alfred Acosta and Kim White. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

decisive 39 to 60 in favor of the best team of the day, the Timberwolves.

Willis Hawkins, Jr., the Acting Recreation Coordinator then held a quick conference with the officiating referees, and all agreed that the most valuable player on the winning T'Wolves could only be Gabriel Hammond, whose deft blocking, quick recoveries and sure-fire shooting helped his team to three hard fought victories.

Congratulations to all of the players, who demonstrated true sportsmanship all day!



With a referee watching closely, Anthony Shepard of the Quechans goes for a basket as the Timberwolves defense desperately tries to prevent a score in Game 6.



Quechan Cece Cesarez (number 20) moves in to spoil a goal attempt by Isaac Cenicerros (number 1) of the Timberwolves in the last half of the Championship Game.

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Progress & Development

About One Month Prior To Opening:

Quechan Tribe Seniors Tour New Senior Nutrition Building



Walt Brooks, Project Manager for Don Peterson Engineering (above center) leads the tour group through the new Senior Nutrition Building, describing some of the new state-of-the-art features that will soon be installed in the reception area (at left) and the main indoor dining room (above right).

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With a little more than a month to go until the grand opening of the long-awaited new Senior Nutrition Building, a group of elders and employees from the Senior Nutrition Program took a tour of the structure.

Walt Brooks, who serves as the Project Manager for the lead contracting firm on the development served as tour guide, and described many of the state-of-the-art features that were yet to be installed. Since the Imperial Valley Irrigation District had not yet provided electrical power to the building, a little imagination was required while the recessed lighting in the expansive main dining hall and entry/reception area was described.

The group had no trouble imagining what they would be able to do with such a facility, however, as small groups bunched together to excitedly discuss what sort of exercise machines might fit into the huge new fitness room, or what sort of art projects they might want to plan first for the craft room.

Mr. Brooks showed them all where the new walk-in freezer is yet to be built into the rear part of the two-room industrial kitchen area, and he also described the integrated fire-suppression and alarm system that is built into the entire complex. Everyone seemed impressed with the huge window that opens from the kitchen into the dining area,

where patrons will be able to pick up their hot meals as soon as they are ready.

The dining room also has an entire wall on the east side that opens out into a patio area, set at the exact same level as the floor inside, which will effectively double the seating and dining area for barbeques and similar community gatherings.

Right next to the dining area, opposite the automatically opening sliding glass doors, is the gift shop and reception area. Though there was still quite a bit of work to do in early July, the people working for the Senior Nutrition Program were happy to see all of the grounded electrical outlets built in to the Gift

Shop. There are even 12 covered outlets built into the floor, out away from the walls, where lighted display cases can be installed without running extension cords across the floor. Important safety and convenience features such as that demonstrate the level of planning that has gone into this project.

The group also toured the west end of the unfinished building, to take a look at some of the offices that will run across the north side, as well as the large two-part meeting room in the center of the west wing. The meeting room will be capable of being divided into two separated rooms with built-in sliding wall partitions, and even has its own wet

sinks for serving meals, without having to run to the kitchen if a clean-up is needed.

The real stand-out on the tour, though, was the natural light coming through the clerestory windows at the top of the two-story tall craft room. Measuring almost 22 feet by 32 feet, with a 20-foot ceiling, the room has plenty of room for gigantic quilting and painting projects.

Employees of the Sr. Nutrition Program also spent a good part of their time just looking at offices that they would soon occupy, making plans for where they would be putting desks, chairs and computers. After so long in the old building, the new one is almost too much to behold!



Drywall work and acoustical ceiling installation (at left) were still being done as the tour group made its way through the still unfinished structure. Above on the left, Mr. Brooks points out where stoves and counters will be installed in the front of the industrial kitchen area, while in the top right photo the group moves into the center of the building to take a look at the two-story tall clerestory room that will be used for craft projects, with natural light filtering down from above. At right, a worker finishes up a concrete pier that serves as footing for an outdoor seating area that doubles the size of the dining room when the large doors in back of him are folded open.

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Special Projects Group Busy on A Number of Jobs

The newly re-named Quechan Special Projects Group has been keeping busy on more than just their usual waterline and sewerline and septic tank installation and repair projects. Previously known as the Quechan Water and Sewer Project (until their budget re-authorization and expansion of responsibilities in the spring of 2007), Special Projects Supervisor Bill Hirt says his crew has plenty to do right now.

"We're waiting for final approval on the contracts and permits for more water and sewer lines," he says, "so right now, Mike Jackson (the Quechan Tribe president) asked if my crew could pitch in with some demolition that needs to be done in the old housing area."

That demolition includes tearing down three older homes near the entry on Sapphire Lane which had fallen into a state of disrepair over the years. The homes, about 50 yards east of the old Senior Nutrition Building, will be cleared out for new construction as part of the planned expansion of the elder housing area improvements connected to the completion of the new Senior Nutrition Building.



First step (left) is removal of the coolers and roof structure of the homes by Mike Duwyenie on the back hoe. Once the homes are torn down and the foundation is cut into pieces with a jackhammer, Deshane Taylor, Tom Duwyenie and Brandon Durand load the concrete chunks into the backhoe scoop for disposal.

The Quechan Tribal Council and the Economic Development Agency have future plans to expand the Elder Apartments and improve the entire area around the new building.

Once the improvements are in place, there will be a complete "Elder Village" area that



will allow a sense of community for the older members of the tribe. With Senior Nutrition, the Casino and shopping nearby, the improved area will permit easy access to services, with trees, landscaping and walkways, for a more park-like feel as the elders go about their daily business.

But first, the obstacles to improvements have to be removed, and that's where the Special Projects group comes in.

Mike Duwyenie has been busy on the backhoe since the end of June, tearing down the larger portions of the old homes, and pulling up the concrete foundations.

He is joined by his brother Tom Duwyenie and co-workers Deshane Taylor and Brandon Durand on a jack hammer, chop saws, and sledgehammers. Together, they have removed two homes already, and have started on the third, clearing everything

down to the top soil so it will be ready for whatever is approved for construction in the future.

All of the concrete has been broken into manageable sizes (if you think 3 foot by 2 foot, 200 pound chunks are manageable) and tossed in bins for removal. The concrete will be used as "rip-rap" to reinforce the banks of irrigation canals.

The steel, aluminum and copper recovered has also been saved for recycling, to keep the whole project as "green" as possible, as well as putting some more money back into the budget once the scrap is sold.

The Special Projects group is also waiting on the final review and approval for rebuilding the Cocopah Lift Station. Once approved, they hope to get back to installing new septic tanks, waterlines and fire hydrants, which is what they were doing up until the end of June. They've already put in new hydrants out as far as Baseline and Haughtelin and Indian Rock Road, where there were none before.

QUECHAN POST 802

ANNOUNCES

The Annual Veteran's Recognition Dinner

On Saturday, August 18th, 2007
at the Quechan Community Center
From Noon to 3:00 PM

Admission is FREE!

All Veterans of any foreign conflict are welcome to attend and receive the gratitude of the Quechan Nation in defending our American Freedoms. Everyone is welcome to come out and show their support at this event.

Beef Pit Barbeque Community Pot Luck Menu!

Guest Speakers & Entertainment
With Special Recognition for WWII Veterans

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New Housing Construction on Schedule

Bob Letendre, head of the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity, says that progress is continuing on schedule at the new subdivision on the extension of Sapphire Lane.

A heavy equipment crew from Don Peterson Engineering has been on-site since May, moving earth and re-routing a small ditch around the edge of the property, and are now busy trenching for the installation of water and sewer lines.

All of the roadways have been cut, with the water and sewer lines expected to be finished by the end of August. Once that is accomplished, the crews will begin putting in underground electric utilities, which will include power, cable television



Heavy machinery from Don Peterson Engineering has been on-site, digging trenches and putting water and sewer lines in place, all under the watchful eyes of a Tribal Monitor.

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and internet service lines.

All of the work has been performed under the observation of Henry Koteen, a Quechan Tribal monitor from the Historic Preservation Office. Since the area involved is a portion of the Colorado River's historic flood plain, it has been farmed

for centuries, and could reveal important artifacts.

Once the construction crew has the water, sewer and utilities installed, the next step will likely be putting in curbs and gutters. Actual housing construction is expected to begin sometime in December.



When completed, the new subdivision will have an appearance to rival any new upscale development to be found from San Diego to Phoenix, as shown by this rendering from the contractor, EDIAS Engineering.

New Retention Basins Part of the Plan: Quechan Community Center Gets New Parking Lot



First step was removal of curbing on the south side (at left) where a new spillway into a retention basin will be installed. At right, Don Hamilton of Desert Road Builders sweeps away years of accumulated dust and gravel prior to the start of paving operations in early August.

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For the first time since its original construction in 1971, the Quechan Community Center Complex at the northeast corner of Picacho and San Pasqual Roads is getting a completely new parking lot and drainage system installed.

Desert Road Builders of Yuma was contracted to remove some curbing and the crumbling asphalt around the Community Center itself, and to recontour the parking area and repave the entire complex. Some areas of existing curbing have been removed along the south end of the Community Center to install new curb-ends at the center of that portion, leading into a spillway and new water retention basin.

The lot will be recontoured to better direct water from the infrequent, but often violent rains of the area into the new retention basin, as well as pre-existing areas already designed to

and draining off where it should. That process has increased the wear on the parking area, and numerous cracks developed over the years that only lead to more deterioration.

As part of the new paving, the parking lot will be extended to include the area around and to the north of the Diabetes Wellness Center, the Diabetes Special Project Building, the Quechan Community Health Center and the Quechan Utilities Office. The staff at those buildings have been wanting a proper parking area for some time now, since there are areas around those buildings that can turn into sticky, clayey mud bogs when it does rain!

Desert Road Builders will also be creating a small rise in elevation to the area at the rear of the Diabetes Wellness Center, immediately outside of the west doorway and extending towards the storage area to the north.

dry during flash-flood season.

Louis Robles, Quechan Parks and Recreation Director, says the crew will also be painting all new parking stall stripes and guidelines once the paving work is completed.

"It's going to cost a bit of money, but this place has had the same parking lot since it was

first built in '71," he says, "and I've been wanting to see this done for a long time."

With an All-Indian Basketball Tournament scheduled to take place at the Community Center over the Labor Day weekend, the completion of this much needed improvement couldn't come at a better time.

One of the busiest tenants of the Community Center is the Quechan Economic Development Agency. They have recently added two new members to their staff, and are currently in the process of recruiting another Planner for the agency. The Director of EDA, Brian Golding, Sr. said "This parking lot sure needed a face lift, so it's about time!"

The entire area will be improved by the new construction, and will not look so dated, next

to the brand new Quechan Education Center just to the north.

With the Commodities Distribution warehouse just behind the Utilities office on the east, and the Community Health Representatives, Diabetes Project, the Wellness Center gym (not to mention the gym and weight room at the Community Center itself), plus Rainbow Pool and the athletic fields all located in the same area, a great deal of traffic passes through and around this busy intersection.

Oftentimes, the Community Center is second only to the Paradise Casinos for the number of visitors to the reservation, both from the Yuma area and out-of-towners. So, this fall, new first impressions will be formed as those visitors (and local residents) pull in and park on new, well drained parking areas.



Quechan Landowners Meeting Saturday, August 11th at Quechan Community Center

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Yuma Agency will be conducting a Quechan Tribal Landowner's Meeting on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Fort Yuma Community Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a general overview of the BIA's new trust accounting system identified as the Trust Assets Accounting Management System, (TAAMS).

This new system is a combined effort between the BIA and the Office of the Special Trust (OST) and integrates the lease document database maintained by the BIA with the Trust Financial Accounting System (TFAS) maintained by OST. TFAS is the system that accounts for and distributes income derived from trust resources or trust interest.

The BIA hopes to explain this process and how it impacts trust landowners. Fort Yuma Agency will be ex-

plaining the process required to apply for, obtain approval, ensure lease compliance and fulfill the trust responsibility to the trust landowners.

Recently, during 2006 the BIA implemented a nationwide handbook for surface leasing, homesite leasing, right-of-way grants, oil and gas leasing, and business leasing to ensure that BIA agencies throughout the United States is uniform in their processing of trust documents and actions.

Presently, the BIA is working on a handbook for land conveyances, including gift deeds, land sales, etc. During this meeting, the BIA hopes to provide an overview of these processes and what landowners should expect.

Another important issue concerns the new IIM Land Use Agreement Direct Payment Arrangement which will become effective October 1, 2007. This policy will result in some changes to how land-

owners can or cannot engage in land use agreements (leases) concerning direct payment.

And finally, the Fort Yuma Agency will use this Landowners Meeting as a forum to address key issues and concerns from the landowners and with the intent to establish dialogue in a meaningful way.

Currently, in a joint effort between BIA and OST, several policies have been drafted and currently are being reviewed which should enhance our services to Indian Country.

The meeting will offer an opportunity for Ms. Kayla Danks to meet landowners. Ms. Danks has been detailed to Fort Yuma Agency for 120 days as the Acting Superintendent. Mr. Jay Daniels has been detailed to Fort Yuma Agency also for 120 days as the Acting Realty Officer. Both of these individuals have extensive Real Estate Services backgrounds with the BIA.



Sidewalks at entryways are also getting an upgrade, since a number of them are connected to the curbs around the Community Center.

collect the runoff.

Over the past 35 years, scuffing and heat damage has caused portions of the gravel and asphalt pavement to come loose and collect in low spots, effectively forming earthen dams that have prevented water from flowing across the parking lot

That small rise will be the high spot for the area between the Diabetes Special Project and the ADAPP Building, which will then slope off towards the new retention basin to the southwest, and the unpaved storage lot to the north, allowing their parking areas to also remain high and



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The Bureau of Indian Affairs – Fort Yuma Agency, in conjunction with the Office of the Special Trustee, will be conducting a Quechan Tribal Landowner's Meeting at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the Fort Yuma Community Center for the purpose of discussing Real Estate issues and processes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The following tentative Agenda is proposed:

1. TAAMS Discussion and how it affects landowners
2. Leasing Overview and the Bureau's responsibility to Indian trust owners
3. New policy regarding "direct pay" and how it will affect landowners
4. Question and Answers

Kayla M. Danks
Kayla M. Danks
Acting Superintendent

Everyone is welcomed to attend and participate.

Learn To Swim At The Rainbow Pool



Lori Vest gives Malacah Jackson a few pointers on her stroke at the Rainbow Pool during the Swim Course in June. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

A great way to avoid the summer heat is to head over to the Rainbow Pool and jump in the water. But what if you're limited to the kiddie pool or the shallow end because you don't know how to swim? Wouldn't it be great to just dive in and enjoy the cool water without fear?

Well, Quechan Parks and Recreation has the answer!

Lori Vest, a Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor is at the Rainbow pool every Monday, Wednesday and Friday each summer, teaching the basics and helping you feel confident in the water. Her basic course lasts only two weeks, for three days a week, starting at 9:00 AM and

takes only an hour each day.

Lori grew up right here on the Fort Yuma Reservation, where she graduated from San Pasqual High in 2002. She's been watching out for swimmers at the Rainbow Pool for six years now, and she carries both Red Cross Life Guard Certification and a Red Cross CPR Card.

During the regular school year, she works at the Quechan Education Center as a Teaching Assistant at the Head Start Program. But when they take that three month summer break, she's right back at the pool, swimming, teaching and keeping her certificates current while avoiding the heat, too.

First Aid and CPR Training Brought Out Dozens for Certification at Quechan Ed. Center

The Quechan Tribe offers many programs that require public contact on the part of employees, some of which are educational, and some of which are also health and safety related. Sometimes, that contact with the public places the employee in a position where immediate first aid or CPR may suddenly be needed.

Terry Bay, the Safety and Security Coordinator at the Quechan Education Center (QEC) recognized a need to provide additional training in such skills, to provide the necessary skills to as many people as possible on the reservation.

In early July, he reserved the multipurpose room at the QEC for an intensive, one-day training program provided by Kathy Smith of CPR & First Aid 4 Life from Lake Elsinor, CA.

Kathy and her assistant cover a good sized area of California, offering their course for groups of 40 or more students from San Fernando, CA to Yuma.

Dividing the 60 students at the Education Center into two groups of 30, the morning and afternoon sessions condensed a full day of training into a rigorous non-stop program that covered a variety of emergencies that could be encountered almost anywhere, at home, in

public and on-the-job.

Beginning with a series of instructional videos that related directly to a workbook that each student follows during the class, the course was a shortened version similar to that provided as an annual refresher for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) students.



Mary Jones of Ft. Yuma ADAPP practices her skills at CPR during the recent class. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The short videos covered subjects such as: blood-borne pathogens, burns, allergic reactions, seizures and broken bones. Each video was followed by a short question and answer break, with a video segment that demonstrated the correct response for the scenario depicted afterwards, to reinforce the procedures to follow for that emergency.

Students were taught that

each emergency has four phases of assessment, including sizing up the scene as you first find it, making an initial assessment of what may be needed immediately, a head-to-toe assessment of the victim(s) involved, and then making an ongoing assessment of the situation as it develops.

Once basic first aid was covered, the students moved on to an intensive practice session using CPR mannequins under the watchful eyes of Kathy and her assistant, Cindy. Each student got to practice on their own adult and baby sized mannequins, to get the feel for the proper techniques and timing to perform CPR.

Once successfully completing the hands-on and practical tests at the end of the course, students receive a two-year certification in First Aid and CPR.

The course was filled for both sessions, and Terry Bay of the QEC says that he'd like to have the instructors from CPR & First Aid 4 Life return on a semi-annual basis to offer the class, to be sure those who missed out have a chance to become certified as soon as possible. If you'd like to take the course, Terry hopes to set up another chance for you to attend in either late September or early October. Contact him with your thoughts at his office number: (760) 572-3100 Ext. 2316.



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Monday thru Friday - 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Saturdays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

To Schedule Clinic Appointments:
Call 572-4129 or
1 (800) 862-4911, Ext. 4129

To reduce the time you have to wait before being seen by a provider, we strongly encourage all patients to call and schedule appointments, including same-day visits.

When calling to schedule your appointment, you may request the doctor of your choice.

If you need health information or advice after clinic hours, call the 24-Hour Careline at Yuma Regional Medical Center:

(928) 336-2273

Inpatient care, after hours urgent problems and emergencies have moved to the Yuma Regional Medical Center, effective June 16, 2007.

Events Committee Asks for Your Input on Indian Day 2007

Over the past month, the Quechan Tribe Events Committee has met on two different occasions to begin preparing for this year's Indian Day Celebration. During those discussions, several members reported their concerns over the incidence of heat related injuries suffered during the recent July Fourth Celebrations.

Three tribal members, one elder and two children, were reported to have collapsed from heat exhaustion due to the unseasonably hot weather over the July Fourth weekend. Vendors also reported very low profits due to the low turnout, which might also have been related to the extreme heat.

Since the summer heat seems to be dragging on a little longer this year, the committee is considering moving the usual date for Indian Day back a couple of weeks, to hopefully increase the chances of cooler weather.

It is thought that by scheduling our event for Thursday through Saturday, October 11th to the 14th, there could be an increase in community participation for the following reasons:

First, of course, is the better fall weather, with average day-time highs of around 90°, and

overnight lows of 62° at that time of year. There will also be an increase in members from out-of-town that week, with Per Capita payments being scheduled at the same time.

Then, of course, a lot of Tribal employees typically schedule some vacation time around that same period to visit with family and friends, so employee attendance is already low.

That means more people will already be here, in the mood to visit, and having the time off to attend. Which could also mean better conditions for increasing vendors' profit potential.

Now is the time to get your voice heard!

Do you want Indian Day to be scheduled for the last weekend in September, or do you think moving it back is a good idea (when it also won't conflict with sometimes bigger celebrations at Morongo, the Laguna Mountains and other places)?

The Events Committee would also like your input on this year's theme, who should be the Parade Grand Marshall, and they'd also like design ideas for a T-Shirt for the event.

Please fill in the attached survey and turn it in ASAP: Their next meeting is August 15th!

QUECHAN TRIBE INDIAN DAY 2007 CELEBRATION EVENTS SURVEY

This year, I would like the Events Committee to schedule the Indian Day Celebration for the dates of (check ONE only):

CHOICE 1:

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The Traditional Dates,
the last weekend of
September, 2007
(From Thurs., Sep 27th to
Sunday, September 30th)

CHOICE 2:

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The Second Weekend
in October this year
(Per Capita Distribution)
(From Thurs., Oct. 11th
to Sunday, October 14th)

This year, the THEME of Indian Days should be:

**I also nominate the following person for
The Indian Day Parade Grand Marshall:**

**Once you have filled in your choices, please cut out this survey and turn it in to the Front Desk Receptionist at The Quechan Tribe Office on Indian Hill, or to The Higher Education Office at the Quechan Education Center.
HURRY! THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH!**

Quechan Housing Hosts Summer Splash!



The Tribally Designated Housing Authority hosted the Summer Splash at the end of July, with free prizes and giveaways. Girls got free grass skirts and Hawaiian leis, while boys got Pirate Bandannas and eye patches.

There was plenty of free pizza as well as soft drinks and bottled water to go around, and everyone signed up for the raffle, with a top prize (for adults) of a new micro-

wave oven! Watermelon, popcorn and sno cones were also available for "lite" eaters who swam.

With organized games of "Hot Ball" (a watery version of "Hot Potato"), a poolside basketball hoop and a full kiddie pool, there was plenty to keep everyone busy.

The more than 200 people who came out to enjoy the evening want to thank Bob Letendre and the whole crew at Quechan Housing!



Soon To Be Dedicated, Downtown Mural Site Will Host Morning News Show



Local art instructor Cortni Sinz and her assistant Claudia Reveles work on the final touches of the Lane Building mural in late July.

Cortni Sinz and her assistant have just finished their work on the downtown mural. KYMA-TV, NBC Newschannel 11 will use the completion of the artwork as an occasion to produce a live, on-location morning show this week.

Planned for the early hours of Thursday, August 9, the public is welcome to come out and watch as Brittney Shipp covers local news and interviews the owner of the Lane Building, Mr. Chet Lane, who commissioned the artwork.

The new mural features historic images of Yuma's past, and prominently features the iconic image of a Quechan man of the

late 1800's, along with a representation of a typical Quechan dwelling of the period in the entire left third of the painting.

Historical and cultural accuracy was of paramount importance to the artist, the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and the City of Yuma. All three joined together with Mr. Chet Lane, the owner of the building on which the mural appears, to petition the Quechan Tribal Council and the Quechan Cultural Committee for input and suggestions once the project began to go forward. The Cultural Committee recommended some changes to the original sketches, correcting the appearance of the house in the background, and making sure that the traditional facial tattoos of Quechan warriors would be represented clearly, insuring easy identification of the tribe intended.

Corti Sinz, the artist who created the work at the request of Chet Lane, then conducted further research of historical photos and refined the proposed sketches, which received the approval of both the Cultural Committee and Tribal Council before work was begun on the actual mural in early July.

A Photoshop composite image created from her sketch

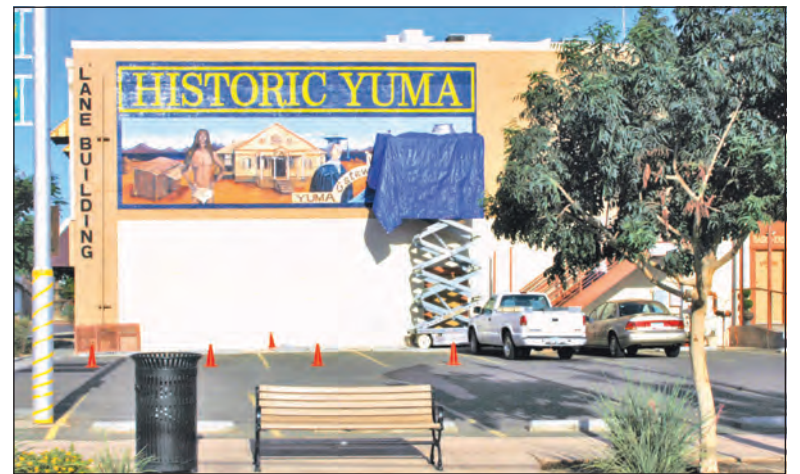
was used to produce an image of how the finished mural might appear for the previous issue of *Quechan News*.

Newschannel 11 has been closely following the revitalization of the historic downtown Yuma area, and knew of the plans to paint the mural on the east side of the Lane Building since last spring. Once the article appeared in last month's *Quechan News*, they realized that the mural would soon be in place and began making plans to do a live broadcast from the foot of the artwork as soon as it was finished.

They have already featured the ongoing progress of the mural a number of times, most recently with a mention during the evening news on Friday, July 27th.

Although the official dedication of the mural will not be held until early September, people driving by on Interstate 8 can already see it as they drive by.

The official dedication will be held as part of a downtown festival/block party, and will feature Quechan Tribe and City officials, members of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, the artists and, of course, Chet Lane, who conceived the idea in the first place.

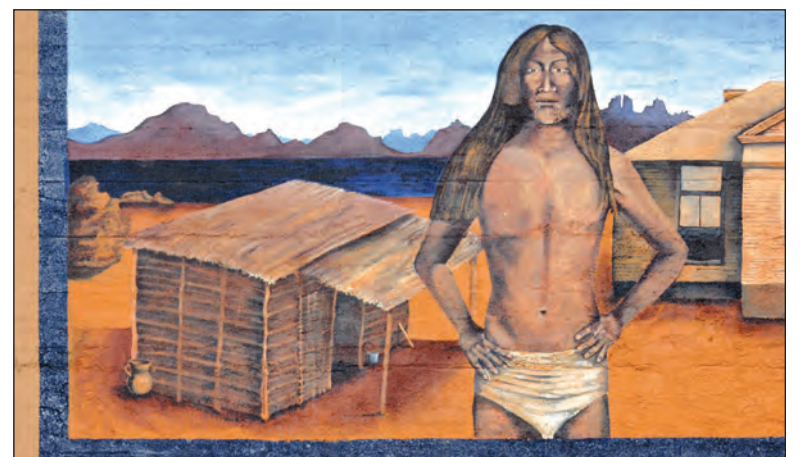


A shade over the scissor lift scaffold conceals final touches to the steam locomotive at the right of the artwork in late July, but the finished portions with the Quechan man, old City Hall and Mary Elizabeth Post are clearly visible in this sunrise view.

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Newschannel 11 hopes that local Quechan tribe members will be able to come out and give their views on the mural during the early morning show, which will begin airing at 6:00

AM. Both artists will also be there during this week's live broadcast, to climb the scaffold and put their signatures to the finished work almost a month prior to the official dedication.



The entire left third of the mural features a clearly identifiable Quechan man of the late 1800's, along with his home.

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