

## Emerson named Man of the Year in Kern River Valley

Tribal member Rex Emerson, 52, was one of three people named 2013 Man and Woman of the Year by the Kern River Valley (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce in mid-December.

Emerson was one of two men selected for the honor. He is known for having unbridled enthusiasm for all he does, but especially for the Kern River Valley and its residents.

As a past-president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Emerson supported building the annual Lake Isabella Fishing Derby into a successful event. He designed, created and maintained the chamber Web site for about 20 years and never sought compensation. He also built and maintained the fishing derby's Web site, building along with it an extensive database of avid fishermen, again voluntarily.

His service to the community dates back to the days of the Visitors Council, where he worked to promote tourism of the valley.

Today, in addition to his other business ventures, Emerson continues to keep the community informed about current events, large-scale fires, emergencies and weather conditions through an extensive e-mail network.

Kern Valley Sun Publisher Marsha Smith said, "Rex's years of dedicated service should not go unnoticed and by bestowing this honor upon him, we have given him the appreciation that he so deserves." ■



Rex Emerson

## Tribal member graduates from Washington State

PULLMAN, Wash. – Tribal member Jacob Spitzer received a bachelor's degree from Washington State University on Saturday, Dec. 6, when the school graduated the Class of Fall 2012.

Spitzer received a degree in criminal justice. While at Washington State, he participated in the university Police Department's Internship Program, which allows students to gain firsthand knowledge in their field. Students in the internship program are trained in basic skills of law enforcement and work alongside university police officers on ride-alongs, foot patrols, crowd control and investigations.

"The program provided real-life experience and training that allowed me to apply the knowledge I gained as a student," Spitzer, 22, said.

He is now in the Washington State Reserve Police Academy for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and hopes to pursue a career as a police officer.

"I am very grateful for all the support I received from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde during my education," he said. "Their support allowed me to focus on my education and provided me with the ability to participate in the Police Internship Program." ■

We would like to announce the birth of our daughter,

### Angel Dawn Simmons Mathews.

Love, Mom, Dad & family  
Born Nov. 25, 2012, in McMinnville  
Weight: 8 pounds, 12 ounces  
Miguel Mathews & Deann Dickinson.



Dec 31  
Happy  
5th Birthday

### Adriana Sanchez

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Noey and the  
rest of the family.



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