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President Jackson Reports to the People

Hello, once again I am reporting to the Quechan people on our progress since the new council took office.

Ever since the day we took our oaths to serve the people we have been busy working to straighten out old business while taking on new business. I made a commitment four months ago to turn the tribe around in the right direction.

Changes have already been made on tribal operations and both casinos, to better benefit our tribe and tribal members. I am reporting on important tribal business your council is involved at the present time to keep the membership informed. I also have another report on other business planned for the next edition of the newsletter.

Paradise and Quechan Casino

The council has been meeting with casino management on ways to increase revenue from both casinos. (Our casino meetings last quite long to cover every important operational issue that needs to be discussed.)

Talks have been ongoing with all gaming departments discussing new marketing ideas

which could draw in more customers from the surrounding areas in both Yuma County and Imperial County. Better advertising is a must for our fabulous Quechan Casino Resort.

Some management staff have already left our casinos, primarily because of the new direction the council is taking.

We have made it clear that management must be involved in the operation of our casinos 24/7. Two new key directors were recently hired, a Table Games Director and Slot Director. Revenue has to increase in those departments through both play and promotions.

We are also now in the process of recruiting a new Marketing Director.

The Fort Yuma Hospital

After years of talking and planning, plans finally are moving forward to see our new medical facility being constructed. In November of this year, a Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on the construction of our new Health Facility.

Soon you will see work being done on Agnes Road, adjacent to the new facility. Agnes Road

is going to be re-developed as part of the construction of the new Fort Yuma Health Center, to accommodate increased traffic such as emergency vehicles and supply trucks carrying medical supplies to our facility.

Our Tribal Council is meeting regularly with Indian Health Service officials from the Phoenix Area Office to make sure there will be adequate funding and staffing with professional doctors and nurses sent here to operate our new facility.

In 1995 I wrote to Indian Health Services in Phoenix to start the construction process of our new hospital, and it has taken this long to finally see it come about. Thanks to everyone in getting us to this stage, where we will see the grand opening of our facility sometime next year. The present council and the past councils have all worked hard to bring this dream to our people.

Western Area Power Administration

A Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) crew was repairing power lines on Quechan land when their heavy equip-

ment destroyed a part of our tribe's sacred sites.

Government to Government meetings with Tribal Council and federal officials representing WAPA included our Cultural Committee, where WAPA was informed about our sacred sites in the immediate area.

It was agreed to have our tribal cultural monitors on site when any work was to be done throughout the entire repair process. Despite the information passed on in those meetings, WAPA chose to destroy the history of our tribe which our ancestors left for us. Once WAPA work crews arrived to perform the repairs, they proceeded to destroy both sleeping circles and other cultural properties without notifying our monitors.

In 2002, the Quechan Nation brought suit against the United States through the Western Area Power Administration, a federal agency.

The Federal Court accepted our contention that WAPA's negligent acts destroyed the tribe's cultural resources. On November 20, 2009, the United States filed a Motion to Dismiss

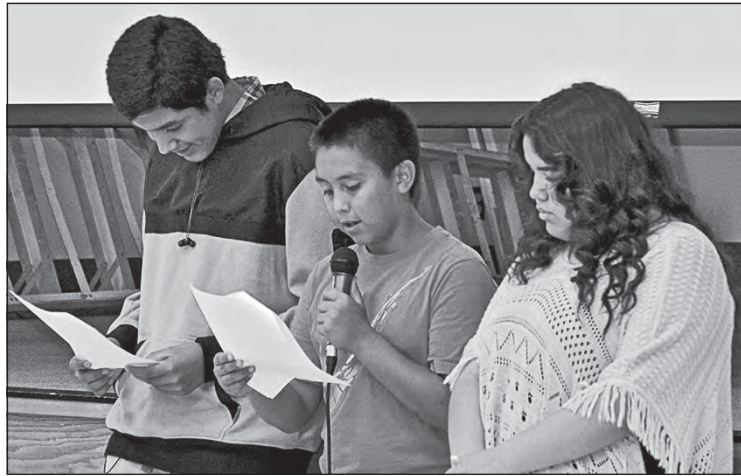
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Schools Remember September 11th Anniversary With a Patriotic Assembly

San Pasqual grade school students got a lesson in history last month, when everyone got together on the morning of September 11th to learn why that day is so often mentioned by the adults around them.

Since the children involved in the assembly were almost all born sometime after the events in New York, Washington and Shanksville, the terrorist attacks which brought the entire nation (and all air travel) to a halt for three days might seem like ancient history to them. But to the adults in the room, it is all still fresh in their memory, though the attacks took place 14 years ago.

Everyone from first grade to eighth grade, both students and teachers alike, gathered in the school cafeteria to hear special speakers tell them what they remembered of that day, where



Quechan Tribal member **Deshane Taylor, Jr.** (speaking) joined fellow eighth grade students James Robles and Helen Martinez at the front of the stage to read poems in remembrance of the day. Photo by William Isbell

they were when they first heard about the attack on the World Trade Center, and how 9/11 has affected them ever since.

San Pasqual Outreach Coordinator Jesus Quesada opened the assembly by introducing ASB President Mayra Maya to lead the room in the Pledge of Allegiance, and music teacher Salli Jones, who sang the National Anthem. Mr. Quesada then introduced the guest speakers, both local first responders with Imperial County.

The first to speak was Lt. Scott Sheppard of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO). He was followed by ICSO Senior Deputy Edgar Quinones. Both told the students about seeing the planes crash into the world Trade Center on television, and seeing people jump to their deaths to escape the flames. Their shared recollections of all

the events of that day, from the attack on the Pentagon to the crash in Pennsylvania, hardened their resolve to continue in public service, and to dedicate their lives and careers to keeping everyone around them safe.

The presentation by Deputy Quinones was especially touching, as he told the audience how he had lost friends in the resulting conflicts with Afghanistan and Iraq. Both men also sought to reassure the students that all the adults around them would do everything in their power to protect them, if anything like 9/11 were to ever occur again.

Three students, James Robles, Deshane Taylor and Helen Martinez also stepped up to recite poems on surviving the attacks. The day's assembly then closed with Mrs. Salli Jones leading the entire room in singing "God Bless America."



Senior Deputy **Edgar Quinones** of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office gave an emotional talk on how he lost friends in the war against terrorism after the 9/11 attacks.

Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

Quechan Sentence Structure Indian Days Phrases

Here are this month's diagrammed sentences in both Kwatsáan and English:

Kwatsáan arii'óoyts viithiik.
"Indian Day is coming."

(Literally: "The Kwatsáan celebration is coming.")

Kwatsáan aarii'óoy+ts viithii+k
Kwatsáan celebration+subject it.comes.here+end

Shiitamúly xáam uuthúts mattaaéevk artoo'óoy 'im.

"Different tribes gather to celebrate."

Shiitamúly xáam.uuthúts
tribes.plural different.ones

mattaaéev+k
they.gather+same.subject

artoo'óoy 'i+m
they.celebrate they.intend.to+end

Laakáay uukaváaym 'itsm 'ámk.
"There will be a parade, they say."

Laakáay uukaváay+m
Street there.is.a.parade+different.subject

'itsm 'ám+k
they.say+different.subject one.hears+end

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

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



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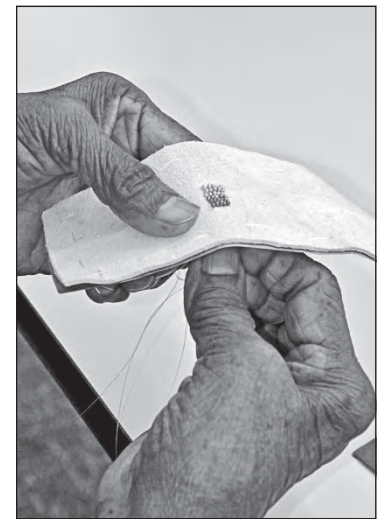
Quechan News is here to cover the special events and everyday lives of Quechan Tribe Members, and the issues that affect you in the world today. This newsletter is here to keep the lines of communication open, to expand opportunities, and uplift the Native Spirit of the Kwat'san Pipá. Your ideas and 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

Quechan Senior Center Offers Therapeutic Beading Class



Local seniors, both men and women, are encouraged to sit in at the therapeutic beading class at the Quechan Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, right after lunch. Led by Sarah Schmasow (who's in charge of health education at the Fort Yuma IHS), the objective is to keep fingers nimble and minds busy, to both relieve stress and keep the effects of aging at bay. That's Sarah in the second photo, above, separating tiny beads by color before she helps a student begin their first project. Gail Johns, Recreation Coordinator at the Senior Center (standing in the third photo) helps keep things moving, as she gives verbal encouragement to Senior Center Director Delonie Snowden, sitting in to pick up pointers. The tiny size of the beads being used for the intricate patterns can be seen at the far right, as Daisy Simms prepares to start a new row. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Sarah Schmasow shows Daisy Simms how to line up one row of beads right next to another, to keep the pattern tight on the small change purse they are making as their first project. Keeping the beads bunched tightly will be important on future projects, such as the baby moccasins seen at left.

While beadwork has always been thought of as a strictly creative process, it can also facilitate the sharing of thoughts, feelings and knowledge when beading is done in small groups.

"I have been utilizing "beading therapy" for over five years now and it has shown some very impressive results in relieving stress, to say the least," says Health Education Coordinator Sarah Schmasow of the Fort Yuma Health Center. "It has shown a dramatic effect on reducing unwanted behaviors with Native American youth in detention."

Dr. Dan Dickerson is a Native American Psychiatrist who serves as the Department Head of Research for Addictions at

UCLA. He has been working with Sarah to have her Therapeutic Beadwork system accepted as a "Best Practice," in the field of Psychology. They are co-authors of a paper on beading for mental health as well as substance abuse prevention and treatment.

The paper makes the argument that while beading is a traditional-based practice that Native Americans have engaged in for thousands of years, it is an art craft that can be used for many additional purposes, such as stress relief.

"This type of counseling technique is rooted in the Native approach to mental health," according to Sarah. "It has been observed that western therapy is more invasive and less effective

when working with Native Americans. Once I began working with beading as a therapy, I was floored that the beadwork was teaching youths how to self-regulate moods and troubling thoughts!"

"Beadwork reflects an appreciation of the value of Native American Culture," she says. "Beadwork promotes a sense of well-being that contributes to the sense of pride and validation of being Native American. I always take the time to explain to the participants that while beadwork was historically seen as a creative practice, it also improves fine motor skills."

So while the primary objective... *(Story continues on Page 5)*

President's Report to the People

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the Tribe's lawsuit arguing the tribe lack ownership interest in the right-of-way lands where WAPA's power lines were located.

On September 28, 2010 the courts denied the United States Motion to Dismiss and held WAPA liable for damages to our cultural and historic sites and artifacts on our land.

In Phase One of the suit our tribe won, the court found WAPA liable for damages. Phase Two is the monetary portion of the trial. The court will determine the monetary amount WAPA caused by destroying our sacred sites, with a decision on the settlement amount scheduled for next year.

It has been argued in the past that you cannot place a dollar value on our artifacts and history, since they are irreplaceable. It is an ongoing and never ending battle to save our sacred

sites; they are the history of our ancestors, a legacy left for our children to learn into the next centuries and beyond.

Our cultural history *will be* protected so our history will not be seen as a fairy tale or as some kind of made up stories about our past.

Ramah Navajo Law Suit

In 1990 the Navajo Tribe filed a lawsuit against The Department of The Interior.

That suit claims the Federal Government failed to pay full contract support costs through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the tribes. In 2012 the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the tribes, making it clear that the United States failed to pay the correct contract amounts to tribes under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Since the court's ruling the government has been working

on a settlement with all tribes.

On September 16, 2015 a Final Settlement Agreement was reached for the years 1994 through 2013.

The total settlement of the suit has come to \$940,000,000 to be shared by all tribes. However, the District Court will still have to approve the Final Settlement Agreement, with the final hearing scheduled for January 26, 2016.

Our tribe will receive a settlement on these programs that didn't receive full contract support cost.

The Quechan Tribal programs under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) which were underpaid include Aid to Tribal Government, our Higher Education Program, the Johnson O'Malley Program, Social Services and the Indian Child Welfare Act as well as Tribal Law Enforcement.



Happy 2nd Birthday

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The Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe Is Seeking Letters of Interest From Enrolled Tribal Members For The Following Committees:

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| Quechan Housing Board | Health Committee |
| Enrollment Committee | Events Committee |
| Legislative Committee | Pageant Committee |
| Education Committee | Impact Aid Committee |
| Cultural Committee | Law Enforcement Committee |

And A New Park & Recreation Committee

Please get involved in these important committees which bring services to the people and our community.

I encourage YOU to apply to bring fresh ideas and equality to these committees.

- Mike Jackson Sr., President.

Please Submit Letters of Interest to:

**Regina Escalanti, Council Secretary Pro Tem
At the Tribal Administration Office**

Monday - Friday During the Hours of
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

THE QHA CORNER:

October is Fire Prevention Month!

Here are some fire prevention tips for your home:

Remember!



- Replace batteries on all smoke detectors when necessary
- Proceed with caution while cooking to prevent grease fires
- Periodically clean your bathroom fan exhausts to prevent lint buildup
- Make sure lint catcher in your dryer is clean during all uses
- Have a fire extinguisher available for easy access
- Clear any extensive amounts of clothing/products in your utility room
- Keep your backyards clean, cut, and free of weeds or debris at all times

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO WITH QHA IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Quechan Housing Authority

Contact: Andreana Jackson - Tenant Relations Officer

1860 W. Sapphire Lane Winterhaven, CA 92283 (760) 572-0243

THE 2015 QUECHAN HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

With Candy Bags, Hot dogs, Games, Cake Walk, Jumpers, and a Pumpkin Carving Contest at 6:30 PM

Plus: A Costume Contest for All Ages to 55+

Will Take Place on Saturday, October 24th!

Parks & Rec will be accepting donations of baked goods for the Cake Walk!

Prepare to meet your doom starting at 5:00PM!

Therapeutic Beading

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tive of therapeutic beading may be the mental health benefits, it also helps develop Eye – Hand Coordination over time. “Beadwork lends to keeping hands, fingers and arms flexible,” Sarah points out. So it can reduce the effects of circulatory problems and arthritis in aging adults.

“Finally, it can be helpful when a person is trying to reduce unhealthy behaviors like smoking, drinking, over eating, nail-biting and depression. Anytime we ask a patient to stop an unhealthy behavior we have to replace it with a healthy behavior.”

Sarah says she and Dr. Dickerson and their colleagues are

exploring the other benefits of this ancient Native American practice. She’s even started a group on the Cocopah side after they also requested one.

“I think of this class as a healthy reinforcement of Native Pride,” she explained. “With the high rate of Diabetes that has “taken up camp” here, I feel a sense of responsibility to offer a culturally relevant service to allow for the group to be ‘client centered.’ I believe in giving the Tribal members the *best* I have to offer, in whatever I do.”

Therapeutic Beading Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Senior Center Craft Room.

Judicial Unofficial

Basic explanations which compare and contrast our various legal systems by Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White

This is the 2nd article in a series of articles to help Tribal Members learn about the Quechan Tribal Courts process. This article will help explain how general jurisdiction is established.

In order to establish jurisdiction in a civil matter before the Tribal Court the Court must first have personal jurisdiction over the parties. Personal jurisdiction is jurisdiction over the persons or entities involved in the lawsuit. One way to think about personal jurisdiction is to ask the following question: “What right does a court have to determine the rights of the parties involved in the action/suit?” In other words, the question of whether a court has personal jurisdiction over a person involves the question as to whether it would be fair for the court to issue a judgment against that person.

There are generally two elements that must be satisfied for a court to have personal jurisdiction:

First, the law that governs the court must give it authority to assert jurisdiction over the parties to the case; and second, the jurisdiction, even where allowed by the law governing the court, must not violate the “substantive due process”. This means our Court may not assert jurisdiction over a non-tribal party who has not met the provisions of Section (D) (see below).

Also, a party’s consent to the jurisdiction of a court may also allow the court jurisdiction over that party. This consent can happen through contract or agreement, generally stated as “choice of venue,” in a contract or agreement.

Quechan Law and Order Code (Q.L.O.C.), TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Chapter 1.1

Application of Code; Definition; General Provisions § 1.1.1. Territory, Persons and Property Affected. The jurisdiction and governmental authority of the Tribe shall apply to the following:

A. The Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, including all lands, islands, waters, roads, and bridges or any interests therein, whether trust or non-trust status and notwithstanding the issuance of any patent or right-of-way, within the boundaries of the Reservation as established in the Executive Order of January 9, 1884, as modified by the Executive Order of December 19, 1900, and such other lands, islands, waters or any interest therein subsequently added to the Reservation.

B. All persons and property within the geographical area referred to in subsection A, to the extent not prohibited by federal or tribal law.

C. All members of the Tribe, wherever located.

D. All persons and property outside the geographical area referred to in subsection 1.1.1.A, to the extent not prohibited by federal or tribal law, including any person who personally or through an agent does any of the following:

1. Transacts any business on the Reservation or transacts any business concerning any property located on the Reservation;
2. Commits a tortuous act on the Reservation; or
3. Contracts with any person located on the Reservation at the time of contracting.

In the next article, I will continue to explain the Tribal Court system as it is constituted within the Quechan Law and Order Code. I hope this article was helpful in increasing your understanding of our Tribe’s legal system.

The PUMPKIN patch

At Quechan Head Start will take place on Thursday, October 22nd.

TRICK OR TREAT DAY

At the Quechan Education Center will take place one week later on the morning of Thursday, October 29

If your entity would like to participate in these annual events

Contact Danette Joaquin at Quechan Head Start: (760)572-0263

Remember, in order to prevent food allergies, make sure there are **NO nuts** in your Halloween Treats!



FORT YUMA FIELDS A TEAM IN THE YUMA BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE

QUECHAN NEWS Photos By William Isbell



Pitcher Raymond Zuniga prepares to send one flying over home plate against the ATP Aces.



The Yuma Boys Baseball League plays on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Here, the Fort Yuma team poses before a game at the Cibola Sports Complex. Standing in back are assistant coaches Willis Hawkins, Clifton Fierro and Thomas Numkena. In the middle row are players Ethan Jackovich, Jason Coyote, Drew Aguilar, Noah Fierro, Raymond Zuniga, Gilbert Menta and Xavier Juan, as well as assistant coach Marie Joaquin. Kneeling in the front are team manager Tina Welsh, Cylis Iron Cloud, Kage Hill, Zion Juan, Azrael Alvarado, Maxwell Pacheco, Marcellus Hill, Tony Gilmore and Coach Neil Hill, Jr.



Raymond leaps for the ball as Nicholas Amador of the Aztecs crowds Azrael Amador at home.



Xavier Juan tosses away his bat on the way to first base, after getting a run against the Aztecs on September 16 (above). Ethan Jackovich can be seen at every game behind home plate, as Fort Yuma's catcher (below).

After a couple of false starts trying to get Little League Baseball to use the Tribe's facilities (and let local kids take part), Quechan Parks and Rec has been able to put together a team for the "Minor Travel Division" of the Yuma Boys Baseball League. The boys have been heading in to Yuma twice a week to go up against other boys in their (10 to 12) age group, and learn what it means to play ball as a team.

Willis Hawkins says the boys are beginning to work out how to do that, since this is the first exposure to organized sports for most of them. While everyone wants to be there first to catch the ball when it's hit, they have to learn to trust their teammates to make that catch when it flies into someone else's zone. Now that they have a few games under their belts, they seem to be getting better at watching just their own sector. As time goes on, they will function as a unit and learn that everyone on the team has a contribution to make. Parks and Rec wants to thank Taylor Farms for their sponsorship (and uniforms), as well as all of the parents involved.



Ethan Jackovich receives a high five from Coach Hill on his way to first base against the Aces (above), while Raymond Zuniga seizes the moment to dash past first during the same game at Yuma Catholic (below).



Noah Fierro is caught just as he begins his swing at an incoming pitch during a mid-September game at the Cibola Sports Complex (at left, above). In the center, Coach Clifton Fierro seems relaxed as he watches both first base and the next batter up, ready to shout encouragement. On the right, the team's other pitcher, Tony Gilmore touches first before the Aztecs can even catch the ball he just hit.



QUECHAN NEWS Photos

by William Isbell



A Heron at the park spends his morning



... atop the pavillion roof watching for fish.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

CLEAN UP THE ELDER VILLAGE

FOR A BLESSING AT SUNRISE



Environmental Director Chase Choate was happy to return to the Elder Village to thin the reeds and brush.



Elder Village Project Facilitator Allyson Collins gathers and bundles arrow weed for thatching roofs.



Elder Lorey Cachora sat down at the end of the workday to thank all the volunteers and to tell them how important it is to keep the Elder Village maintained as a place to return to our roots with nature.



Angel Baca came to help out, having heard about the need for volunteers at school. Strong Hearts President Adam Wong also helped out. Both of them raked, trimmed trees and bundled arrow weed.



Frank Venegas brought his own more traditional tree trimming gear, preferring the movement and ring of the machete. Meanwhile, Linda Cachora kept busy sweeping up small debris around the roots of trees.



Everyone there pitched in with the cleanup, even Lorey Cahora!

Volunteers gathered to clean the Elder Village, located by the Colorado River at the south end of the *(Anyá Nitz Pak)* Sunrise Point Park on two weekends in September. The cleanup took care of overgrown brush that came up over the spring and summer. The work began in August, when the Quechan Environmental Program Crew did some much needed brush clearing along the river bank there. On September 18th, the crew delivered two fresh piles of arrow weed. The Environmental crew included Emmett Hartt, Jr., Jared Hartt, Mario Barley, and Cecil Palone. A volunteer effort also did some work over two Saturdays in September. That group included Chase Choate, Phyllis Jones, Frank Venegas, Adam Wong, Fran Estrada, Vernon Jose, Brian Golding, Sr., Laura Arriaga, Brenda Acosta, Angel Baca, Kilik Waters, Pascha Nierenhausen, Valencia Gilbert, Orlando Jefferson, Ira Murphy, Lorey Cachora, Linda Cachora and Allyson Collins, who thanks everyone who answered the call. A Sunrise Blessing was then held on September 26. The Blessing has become an annual event for the Preservation of Kwatsan Ways Group since Fall 2013. It is a ceremony for the cleansing, renewal and rededication of one's spiritual being. A morning breakfast followed.



Fran Estrada dug out phragmites, raked up and thatched the roofs.



Valencia Gilbert, Laura Arriaga, and Brenda Acosta spent most the morning trimming and bundling fresh cut arrow weed, used to cover the roofs of all the buildings at the Elder Village. That's Orlando Jefferson handing off more roof thatching to Frank Venegas. Kilik Waters also pitched in with bundling and tying arrow weed, once he finished trimming the trees. The north half of the shade structure roof was all re-thatched in time for everyone to take a break at 10:00 AM to hear Lorey's historical/environmental lecture.

Quechan Tribe, Casinos Take Part In Yuma Community Job Fair



The Yuma Civic Center was surrounded by job seekers on the morning of September 2nd, as thousands of people from miles around gathered to speak to employers, job training firms and educational institutions looking to hire or to help people get hired through polishing their skill sets. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Job seekers from all over the area swarmed the Yuma Civic Center on September 2nd, to meet with local employers and educational providers at the annual Yuma Community Job & Education Fair.

The annual fair is a cooperative effort of the Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC) and their partnering agencies. Those agencies include the Quechan Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) staff and the Human Resources Department at the Quechan Casino♠Resort.

Earl Daniel, Director of WIOA for the Quechan Tribe

said, "Scores of employers and educational facilities participated in this year's very successful job fair."

Employers from as far away as Phoenix and San Diego were also at this year's event, looking to recruit new workers.

Krista Badilla is the Human Resource Coordinator at the Q, and she says "I have been here at the Q for less than 3 months, and I think the Job Fair was set up very well and had a lot to offer job seekers. We were busy from the 9AM opening 'til it ended at 1PM. We had many people stop by our booth to get information and fill out job ap-

plications."

Kermit Olson, the Q's HR Training Manager said they were hoping to fill about 15 open positions in various departments such as hotel, food and beverage, and marketing. "While job seekers could apply for any of the positions that were posted, we were also registering applicants for two training classes, banquet service and table games. The casino staff conducts the training for these positions, so we let prospects know they have to complete the training first and then apply for those position."

The Q's HR staff (which also included Edith Long) brought along decks of cancelled playing cards to give away to applicants. Perhaps some of the applicants are already practicing their shuffling and dealing!

"Some job seekers were interviewed and given consideration on the spot," according to Mr. Daniel. "As members of the Yuma County Business Services team, we are hopeful that this job sharing and referral event will greatly enhance employment and training services within the local area."



The booth shared by the Quechan Workforce Development Team and the Tribe's Casinos was quickly surrounded by people looking for a job that both pays well and might offer a chance at career growth.

To the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe WIOA Staff and Quechan Casino♠Resort:

The Yuma Community Job and Education Fair attracted 1,698 Job Seekers to a successful major hiring event.

This event is a collaborative effort which included 80 volunteers and was sponsored by:

Arizona Western College, DES, Employment & Veterans Services, Goodwill Yuma, Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Yuma Private Industry Council and the US Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground, ACHIEVE Human Services, Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP), and the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe

Because of your employment opportunities, educational opportunities, training programs, resource information and the face to face contact with job seekers, which by the way was used at its MAX POTENTIAL, this yearly event was a great success!

Thank you for your participation! You have greatly impacted our job seekers and the economy. We anticipate that you will accompany us in future Community Job & Education Fairs.

The results are in...

Number of Job Openings: **2,711 jobs**
Did they interview? **21 Companies**
How many interviews? **434 Interviews**
Did they offer a job? **26 jobs offers***

* more job offers pending, based on a second interview and complete application process.

Information surveyed from employers, educators and resources at the Yuma Community Job & Education Fair held on September 2, 2015 at the Yuma Civic Center.

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At Goodwill of Central Arizona, we believe that all people should have the opportunity to learn, work and achieve their greatest potential. In 2014, we provided job training, employment assistance and placement services to nearly 75,000 Arizonans, and helped fill more than 44,500 local jobs. We Put People to Work!

Illingworths "Jump" into Business Expansion



The three jumpers available from the Illingworths are seen here, set up in the cul-de-sac next to the family home on Ironwood Terrace, along with the "Fun Ol Cake" cart they also operate for parties (and all occasions). They are all available for rent with as little as 24 hours notice. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

There is a "new" family business entering a new phase here at Fort Yuma, which has "Fun" as its main objective.

"Fun Ol Cakes and Jumpers" was started by Georgia Illingworth a while ago, though it was just about the funnel cakes at first. She says they are a small business, just starting up, but she's been making those cakes long enough to have obtained a year-long contract to provide services for the popular (and frequent) block parties in historic downtown Yuma.

"We do all different flavors of funnel cakes," she explained, when asked about their recent expansion. "We have chocolate, we have red velvet, we serve them with cream cheese, sauces, make them with fresh strawberries and dust them with powdered sugar. Everything is made from scratch, always."

To get that contract with the City of Yuma, Georgia says the family had to get a business license, county health cards and insurance. "And, of course we have a business permit and health cards for here on the reservation, too."

But as their reputation for de-

licious, made from scratch funnel cakes, grew, they realized it would be nice to have a bigger trailer to make all those cakes.

And since a they had been catering more birthday parties, they realized that expanding into jumpers made a lot of sense, too. Though they hold a lot of bouncing kids, they are pretty easy to set up and take down. "You can call me a day ahead, like on a Friday, and we'll have a jumper out there and set up on Saturday all day for the party, then pick it up again the next morning," she says. "The jumpers bring in a lot of business, and we hope they'll make it easier to fund that bigger trailer."

When the whole funnel cakes thing got started, it was mostly just Georgia and her daughters, Patience and Hayden, who were running the business. But with the addition of the jumpers, she now has the assistance of the entire extended family, to keep up with demand. Her husband, Roy Illingworth is always ready to take a jumper out and set it up in one location, while Georgia's sister-in-law Denise Illingworth and nephew, Gil-

bert Figueroa might be assisting elsewhere with another.

"Fun Ol Cakes and Jumpers" has three jumpers right now. Two are the traditional, enclosed fun house design, with a small entry on the front and a full roof to keep the kids inside. Those two rent for \$70 a day.

The third jumper is designed as a giant, inflatable boxing ring, and comes with a pair of giant gloves and protective head gear. That one, with the extra gear, is only \$20 a day more.

"The way things are going, we even hope to be able to get a couple of tables and some folding chairs," Georgia says, looking to the future. "So we can show up and cater your birthday parties with a jumper, tables and decorations, and funnel cakes for everybody."

Always looking ahead to expand their profile, they're even hoping to build a float to advertise their business in the Indian Day Parade this coming weekend . . . if they have the time!

So if you're looking for something fun to keep the kids entertained, and some sweet funnel cakes for dessert, give them a call at (928) 366-4939.

To Gordon Osborne:

Chief Game Warden for the Quechan Indian Tribe
Mr. Osborne is a Vietnam Veteran and a member of Post 802

We would like to say
Congratulations and Thank You
for all your hard work!
~ Respectfully ~

Quechan Fish and Game: Travis Owl Jr., Jerrell Brown Sr., Vincent T. Durand, and Deborah Tourtillott



Quechan is WIOA-DOL
Seeking Participants
For A

Pre-Employment Preparation Class

Class Participants will be given a clear understanding of what is needed to successfully enter into the workforce. With the assistance of the WIOA staff, we will guide you in application and resume preparation, interview techniques, grooming and hygiene tips, job searching, referrals and more.

The 3-day class should be fully enrolled and ready to begin by mid-October.

If interested, please stop by the WIOA/DOL Office at 465 Picacho Road to register. Any Questions? Give us a call at (760) 572-2314



QUECHAN POST 802

The normal monthly meeting date for Post 802 is the 2nd Saturday of every month @ 9:00AM. We have moved the monthly meeting ahead one week this October, in order to celebrate Indian Days!

WE WILL MEET NEXT MONTH

**On Saturday
NOVEMBER 14**

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

BIA Awards Grants for Low-Cost Clean Power Projects

During the second week of September, the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) awarded over \$5 million to 34 tribal projects that will assist in the development of energy and mineral resources on tribal lands.

The awards include funding for renewable hydroelectric projects that will provide low-cost clean power to tribal members and other customers, and help to expand tribal economies by opening new business opportunities.

In comments at a press conference related to the grant

awards, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn said, "Economic development is crucial to addressing the challenges on Indian reservations, including joblessness, substance abuse and even suicide. These grants assist tribes in realizing and maximizing the potential of their energy and mineral resources. They provide financial support for locating and evaluating energy and mineral assets, and eventually bringing them to market."

Through the Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP), IEED's Division of

Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) awards annual funding to assist tribes and American Indian allottees with evaluating energy and mineral resource potential on their lands.

Tribes use this information to determine whether or not they wish to develop energy projects or extract and market commercially or strategically valuable minerals.

Washburn also announced \$1.5 million in grant funding under IEED's Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program, which assists tribes, Alaska Native corpora-

tions and tribal energy resource development organizations with obtaining the technical and regulatory capacity needed to develop energy resources and to properly account for energy resource production and revenues, as provided for under Title V of the Energy Policy Act.

DEMD solicits proposals from tribes and, through a competitive review process, selects qualified projects for funding.

The program's grant amounts are dependent upon appropriations. The projects announced in early September were selected from among 54 EMDP applications submitted during the FY 2015 funding cycle.

According to the Department of the Interior's Economic Contributions Report released on July 11, 2014, energy and mineral development has the second highest economic impact in Indian Country.

In 2013, energy and mineral development contributed \$17 billion to Indian Country economies, more than 91 percent of the total economic impact from development of natural resources in Indian Country.

In the same year, energy and mineral development supported

over 67,000 jobs, more than 83 percent of the natural resource jobs in Indian Country.

Local area 2015 EMDP grant awardees by tribe name, award amount and purpose include:

- Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (\$46,250) – For a photovoltaic solar feasibility study.

- Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (\$50,375) – For a biofuel energy feasibility study.

- Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation, (\$50,000) – For a biomass renewable energy feasibility study.

- Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation, (\$16,052) – For a flagstone assessment.

- Navajo Nation (\$50,000) – For the evaluation of helium projects defined in the multiyear Navajo Nation project to access the hydrocarbon potential and other economic resources on Navajo Nation lands.

- Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation (\$69,850) – For a specialty aggregate, potential business alliance, and asphalt plant study and assessment.

Looking For a Place To Hold Your Next Meeting or Community Event?



Have you considered renting Quechan Post 802?

Our building is conveniently located on Arnold Road, just west of Baseline Road, near the San Pasqual Schools. We can accommodate groups of up to 76 people, with a full kitchen and a Pool Hall inside!

And, we offer a Veteran's Discount, of course!

Give us a call at least 7 days in advance of your meeting!

Call Fran Estrada for information: (928)315-3348

QUECHAN POST 802

1496 Arnold Road Winterhaven, CA 92283

Work on Arnold Road Completed



QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

It took a few days longer than the original estimate, but contract crews working for Imperial County wrapped up work on the Arnold Road reconstruction project on August 18th.

The six week project saw the complete removal of most of the old roadbed from Picacho Road to Horne Road, as well as the removal and complete replacement of a 70 year old irrigation siphon at the intersection of Arnold and First Street near Winterhaven. A crew from Stateline Stripes spent the final day on the project laying out guidelines and painting centerline stripes on the new road surface.

SDPI 5k Fun Run Triple Crown Series Begins Friday, October 9



This Friday marks the first run of the annual “Triple Crown” of 5K Fun Runs organized by the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI).

The series, which takes place every year from Indian Days until late December, begins with the “Color Run”. Registration for all three runs will remain open until just before the participants begin running at the Diabetes Walking Park this Friday, October 9 at 8:00 AM.

Those who pre-register for the 2015 Fun Run series will re-

ceive a free T-Shirt and goodie bag, after they have completed all three events.

Be sure to wear a white T-Shirt for the Color Run, because everyone running gets sprayed with colored cornstarch!

The objective is to get out and get some exercise, not to beat everyone else back to the finish line. That means (since these are “fun” runs), you can even take part with a walker or pushing a baby stroller. You can set your own pace and walk the entire course, if you wish, just

so long as you take part in this fun outdoor activity!

The next run, the 2015 Turkey Trot, is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, November 21st, with the Jolly Run ending the series on December 19th. All will take place at the Diabetes Walking Park.

Beat the rush and sign up before Friday! Stop by the SDPI office at 1890-A San Pasqual Road between 8 AM and 5 PM, and fill out the free registration form. Or - call them right now at (760) 572-4057 or 572-1286!

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Greetings:

My name is Robert Dilyou. Most of you know me as the son of Manfred Scott and the brother of Bernadine Scott.

I am currently incarcerated at the Kingman Facility.

I would first like to express that I am a proud member of the Kwatsaán Nation. I love to receive and look forward to each issue of the Etska Nav Ah Pai, the News Carrier, A.K.A. the *Quechan News* . . . the window to my people.

As I reflect on my life and realize how important change can affect us, I cannot help but to be embarrassed and ashamed that I am not there to be productive, also.

I see a lot of people who have changed in the paper. I smile to myself and realize that I have a chance; hope is *Alive!*

The values I have for myself are high, so I can be there in the future to be an example for my young Brothers and Sisters. Life is too short to take it for granted. I can't wait for the chance—I yearn to be there, soon.

I am proud of my people.

Sincerely,

Robert Dilyou ADC# 126317
A.S.P.C. Kingman — Cerbat
P.O. Box 3009
Kingman, AZ 86402-3009

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.

Quechan Parks and Recreation

Is now accepting Signups for:

The Adult Co-Ed Softball League
Entry Fee \$175.00 per team

Grasshopper Co-Ed Soccer
(For 3rd, 4th, 5th grades)

Junior High Co-Ed Soccer
(For 6th, 7th, 8th grades)

Deadline October 16, 2015 for all 3 Leagues above!

For more information, or to ask about other fall sports leagues, such as Co-Ed Grasshopper Flag Football, Co-Ed Jr. High Basketball and Co-Ed Jr. High Soccer:

Call Quechan Parks & Rec: (760) 572-1242

Unemployed? Need Training or a Job?

- Are you unemployed due to a layoff or plant closure?
- Receiving Unemployment Benefits or have you exhausted your benefits?
- Did you receive a letter of layoff ?
- Are you a stay-at-home male or female taking care of the family and now your spouse has lost their job, become disabled, divorced or legally separated, or have you experienced the death of your spouse?
- Do you need training to succeed in today's labor market?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, you may be eligible for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Program. A representative will be on site Wednesday, November 04, 2015, from 9 AM-12 Noon at the Quechan WIOA Building.

For more information, contact your local representative:
(760) 572-2314 or (602) 550-3556.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: 7-1-1

43RD Wedding Anniversary

Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Chester S. Rainbow and Rebecca E. Rainbow have been together since they were High School Sweethearts. They have created a special bond for each other through the years . . . Married for 43 years as Husband and Wife, with vows taken in recognition of your LOVE for each other as family and friends stood witness. Together, a strong foundation was started in HOPE and FAITH making sweet memories as one.

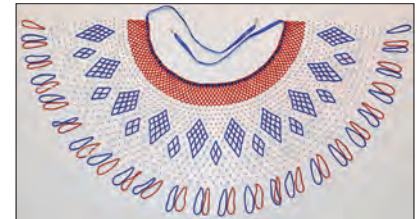
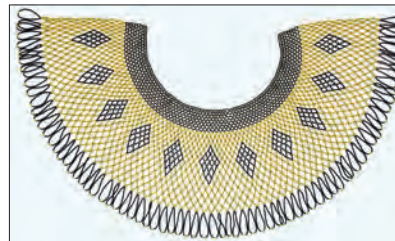
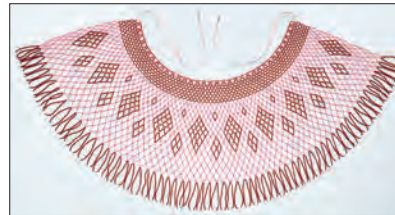
Each year a milestone was marked by an Anniversary that was NOT forgotten in being together.

You have both fulfilled a special love in your hearts through marriage, with care and understanding. A special blessing was placed on your lives, showing 'for better or worse' you both did not give up. You have only succeeded in your devotion for each other, in this thing called LOVE. GOD bless the both of you on this 43RD Anniversary in October, 2015.

Love from Your Family and Friends

Continue together on this journey, for Love has no Boundaries

FOR SALE



Children's Native Beaded Capes

Quechan Indian Days are fast approaching!

Call Christine: (928)246-9837

You can also find my sales booth at the Stomping Grounds during the Indian Days festivities this weekend!



Will Take Place This Weekend:
THURSDAY NIGHT, AND ALL DAY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH, 2015!

At The Fort Yuma Quechan Nation's Evergreen Park Stomping Grounds In Winterhaven, California!

MISS QUECHAN NATION FOR 2016
 Will Be Crowned At The Conclusion of
 A Pageant Competition At the Paradise Event Center!
 The Pageant Will Take Place From:
6 PM-9 PM THURSDAY NIGHT!