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Council Pressing Case For New IHS Hospital



Citizens converge on the U.S. Capital in this free stock image. The Quechan Tribal Council travelled to the Capital last week to testify before the Appropriations Committee, pressing for immediate funding of the long promised Fort Yuma Indian Health Service Hospital.

United States National Park Service Photo

An official delegation consisting of Quechan President Mike Jackson, Sr. and Tribal Council members Jordan Joaquin, James Montague and Juliana Comet spent last week in the nation's capital, meeting with Congressional leaders and their staffs to press the case for immediate funding of the Fort Yuma Indian Health Service Hospital.

In December of 2009, Presi-

dent Jackson wrote to Congressman Raul Grijalva (D), who represents the Quechan Nation as part of the 7th Congressional District of Arizona, asking him to pave the way for their visit. At that time, the President pointed out that the design work was nearly 2/3rds complete, and may be finished by the time the initial rounds of Appropriations Committee hearings were un-

derway in March of this year.

He also pointed out the Indian Health Service sometimes changes their construction priorities without informing the Tribal Nations of their plans, and asked for the Congressman's assistance in writing to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request the funding for the Fort Yuma Clinic be locked down.

The President also spoke to Senator McCain while he was visiting to inspect the site of the *Anya Nitz Pak* Park, asking him to tour the current facility to get a good look at the conditions here, but McCain departed, pleading a tight schedule. A follow up written request to McCain for assistance in Appropriations then went unanswered.

When the March hearings of the Subcommittee on Appropriations came and went with no response from Grijalva's Legislative Assistant, the President then wrote another letter to the Congressman.

Jackson also phoned Grijalva's Washington office to personally speak to Chris Kaumo (the Congressman's Legislative Director) to make known his displeasure with the pace of progress. That conversation and the follow-up letter combined to finally get things moving in our favor, and Grijalva responded with his own letter to James Moran in early April. Moran is

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currently serving as Chairman of the Committee responsible for the necessary funding.

A copy was also faxed to President Jackson. That letter echoes the President's arguments for a quick resolution to the funding problems. In it, Representative Grijalva requests construction of the long delayed hospital through fully funding the project in the upcoming fiscal year.

"The tribal members have been receiving health care delivery from the existing hospital since it was constructed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1936," he wrote the Chairman. "Although this health facility has been renovated over the years, it has long since outlived its life and is ill equipped to provide the standard medical care necessary for the tribal membership." Grijalva went on to repeat the President's assertion that the building has seriously deteriorated over the years, and is in many ways an unsafe structure that "cannot be used for medical care" any longer.

In closing his letter, Grijalva prepared the Committee for the message they would hear from the Quechan Tribal Council. In bold type, he writes: "The planning and design is complete, and the construction site is shovel-ready today. I urge you to direct the committee to fully fund the construction . . . for the listed amount of \$36.6 Million." He then emphasizes the fact that the Fort Yuma Indian Hospital "has been number one on the priority list for decades."

That letter and others ex-



This wooden brace holding up a portion of a wing of the Fort Yuma IHS Clinic is one of the images sent to Congress showing the dangerous conditions that currently exist. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

pressing the readiness of the IHS to condemn the current, aged buildings and confirming the design of the new hospital is 100% complete and ready for construction, were forwarded by the Tribal Council to the Committee in preparation for their visit. The Council also had a report prepared to bolster their case, detailing the crowded, unsafe conditions at the current Fort Yuma IHS Health Clinic, and visually demonstrating the often substandard repairs and expansions that have taken place at the Clinic over the years.

Walt Brooks, Director of Construction at the Quechan Economic Development Administration, says he's amazed at some of the "repairs" and work-around solutions that have been in place at the Clinic over the years. In looking over the images selected to document the conditions at the Clinic, he often emphasized the fact that very little of the facility in place today meets the Uniform

Building Code standard.

"There are I-beams and braces that are both unconnected to the structure and exposed to weather," he told the Quechan News. "The beams in the roof of the entire main are set too far apart, and they certainly wouldn't meet Code today."

Quechan Tribal President Mike Jackson, Sr. asked Mr. Brooks to review the images collected and provide captions describing the inadequacies of the current Clinic. Mr. Brooks has almost 50 years of experience in large scale construction projects, and it was his engineering expertise that brought the Quechan Senior Center into being.

Helping the Council make its case is an Indian Health Service document from May of 2009, posted on the internet, which shows replacement of the Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic as their number one priority for new outpatient facilities. A copy of that document was also de-

livered to the Appropriations Subcommittee prior to the Tribal Council's departure, and was likely an important part of their presentation before Congress. Further reinforcing their message is an April 15 announcement from Senator Byron Dorgan, Chair of the Committee on Indian Affairs. He says the new Indian Health Care Improvement act, just signed by President Obama, will now become one of the top priorities of his Committee in the coming year.

Finally, the Easter Sunday earthquake will also figure into their testimony, as national news broadcasts shocking images of collapsed buildings and destroyed infrastructure only a

few miles south and west of Fort Yuma, in both Algodones, Mexico and Calexico, California.

"There are new stress fractures all over the Clinic as a result of that earthquake," notes President Jackson in his message to the Committee. "This is not acceptable," he says, "Now, it is even more critical that we receive the necessary funding for our new Hospital in 2011."

"In retrospect, it's almost good that we missed the initial round of hearings in March," says President Jackson, "since they are now closer to the time they will make their final decisions, and we'll have just spoken to them, and our testimony will be fresh on their minds."

Rachel "Raqual" Curtis



*Happy Birthday Mom!
Thank you for everything!*

~ Love ~

All your Kids  *And Grandkids*

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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!



Heritage & Culture

Modern Life's Effect on Culture The Subject of Gatherings

Local community activist and Quechan Tribal Member Lorey Cachora has noted many changes in native societies over his lifetime. He has grown particularly concerned over a gradual shift in emphasis among the Quechan people, since that is his base of reference, and how he identifies himself.

"I'm a Kwat'san," he emphasizes. "I have some other 'blood' in me also from the four cardinal directions but I don't claim that. I grew up here, I believe in the Kwat'san way, because growing up here, that's who I dealt with."

But that insular mode of seeing oneself in only one way, as a member of one Tribe, has allowed too many native peoples to loose the power they should rightfully have to determine their place in the world and be able to express who they are, without fear.

And after years of walking the desert and seeing how it really is, wide open and connected to the entire world all around us, without borders, Lorey began to see a need to connect to all of the Tribes up and down the river. Everyone along the river, he says, once roamed the whole southwest, moving about with the seasons, their territories overlapping and expanding and contracting with the fluctuations of rain, game and crops. He realized that everything he saw in the land surrounding the Kwat'san Pipa is a common inheritance of all the Tribes: the Kwat'san, the Cocopah, the Mojave, the Mari-



"Rambo Wash" was filled with campers as the Kwat'san and Cocopah peoples gathered with interested individuals from all over the southwest for a no holds barred four day discussion on preserving native culture, passing on traditions, and meeting the challenges of modern society. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

copa, the Hualapai — everyone who traces their origins back to the Spirit Mountain.

That feeling was only confirmed when he met a fellow traveler, also wandering the desert and having the same thoughts. A native woman from Needles, she had been out just exploring, seeing where her feet and her feelings would take her as she sought out the sacred sites by intuition. Her name is Linda Otero, and Lorey now calls her "my colleague". Together, they have spent many years just wandering and discussing native culture and philosophy.

In the course of their travels, they both came to realize that something must be done to pass on the sacredness they see, the traditions and values of the old ones who went before.

"You know, we weren't always separate, like we are today," he says. "We used to be all up and down this river, and we're

only where we are now because of the lines and the boundaries that were put in. We're here, and there are the Cocopah across the river, and the CRIT up in Parker, and the Mojave . . . and those are only lines on a map. We all once spoke the same language; it's just the different dialects that we hear now."

To reawaken the understanding that all the native peoples along the Colorado need to stand up, and join together to reawaken a true spirit of culture, Lorey and Linda formulated a plan to begin right here, with a meeting between the Kwat'san, and the Cocopah, with no real objective other than to discuss common interests, common problems, and the need to prepare for the future before all is lost.

He explains their objective this way: "Today, everything is getting out of hand. What do we do to curb things like the drugs that are coming through? The

law can't hold them back anymore. Although they are doing their best, it's overflowing, and they're not controlling it."

"What's happening is, we as parents are not passing on that responsibility (of seeing the sacredness all around us)," he says. "When you know who you are as a 'cultural person', or a Kwat'san person in my case . . . well, we may tell our children to go to school, but they need to know 'Why?' We don't say why they need to go. But still we know that we want them to go as high as they can go, so they can survive in this world, with whatever degree is needed to do so."

"Our responsibility now is to take our kids and say, 'Look, this is what we have as a Tribal People — this is what you're supposed to be.'"

He says a formal education should be seen only as a crutch to help you get along in the world, and fit into society as a whole, in

order to maintain your balance in both worlds: the physical world of the white man, and the reality of the spiritual world of your tribal culture.

"In our ways," he points out, "we have the two, but life is more than that degree. Because if you understand your (Kwat'san) culture, you know it applies to law, it applies to life's choices, it applies to attitude, pride, morals — everything that goes with it."

With a proper understanding of where you come from in your culture, you're well rehearsed and well prepared to enter that world (on the outside). If you can do that, then you can balance everything, no matter what they throw at you."

Their first gathering was held on the Cocopah reservation in February, and that was followed by last week's gathering in the "Rambo Wash" area on the north edge of the Quechan reservation. Scores of people came to camp out and relax among their own kind, to take in the solitude and reconnect with nature. A big part of the gathering was Lorey (and others) taking those unfamiliar with the area out to see the many sacred sites that pass unnoticed by most people today — to emphasize the need for preservation before all of the natural settings disappear.

They hope to hold their next gathering by May 18 in Needles. If you'd like to be involved, contact Lorey Cachora at his home for more information.

"MARIACHI DIVAS" Perform Live at Paradise Casino for Cinco de Mayo



The Grammy-winning, all-female, Mariachi Divas bring their original sounds of traditional mariachi music with Jazz and Latin rhythms to the Paradise Event Center, Wednesday, May 5th at 8:00 PM in celebration of Cinco De Mayo!

Fans can expect to hear a range of musical styles from rancheras to sones to huapangos to cumbia. The Divas also include creative medleys of such traditional classics from the Mexican states of Jalisco and Veracruz as "El Son de la Negra," "La Bamba" and "Guadalajara."

Tickets for the show are on sale now at both www.paradise-casinos.com and the Quechan Casino Resort box office. Tickets cost \$25 each. All seats for this show will be reserved. Everyone must be 21 or older to attend the show.



Imperial County Assistance Hotline

The Imperial County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has established the Imperial County Assistance Hotline to provide assistance to local residents. Residents are encouraged to contact the hotline with questions or concerns following the recent earthquake activity in Imperial County. The hotline can be reached by dialing **760-482-4968**. Residents should continue to call 911 for emergencies. Hotline staff is available 24 hours to answer non-emergency questions and provide information related to:

- Utilities (water, gas, electricity, sewer)
- Availability of supplies
- Schools status
- County facilities openings, closures and relocations.
- Post-earthquake building inspections
- Road closures
- Emergency preparedness information.
- Human and pet shelter information
- Donations
- Official document replacement, i.e. birth certificate, death certificates, passport, etc.

IMPERIAL COUNTY ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
(760) 482-4968

Employment Barriers Limit the Number of Tribal Census Workers

The 2010 federal Census has been in operation since March 19, 2010, when surveys were mailed to homes across the nation. Door-to-door enumerating operations in the Winterhaven area, which includes the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, have been ongoing since April first and sources indicate they may continue through July 7th of this year.

Since before the Census began, both the San Pasqual High School "One Stop" recruitment office and Rainier Reyes, the local Census Tribal Partnership Assistant (TPA), have been steadily encouraging Tribal member recruitment.

In spite of their efforts, the hiring of Quechan Tribal members for available Census positions has been relatively low.

The goal of those recruitment efforts is to fill all positions with Quechan Tribal members so the local door-to-door surveys will be conducted by familiar faces.

The reality however, is that of the approximately 30 Tribal members who applied and tested for the Census jobs, only about 13 were selected for training. Of those 13 trainees, only six showed up for their training sessions and have been hired by the Census.

To cover the remaining open local positions, the U.S. Census was forced to hire about eight additional Non-tribal, non-native Census workers to provide full coverage for the Winterhaven area.

The outcome raised concern that our reservation is still not being served and that available jobs aren't going to Tribal members. To get more information on why this situation

has developed, Allyson Collins, the Tribal Liaison for the Census at the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) checked into the reasons.

It was discovered that for the majority of applicants, barriers to employment existed. Those barriers include:

- Failure to pass the 28 question exam.
- Failure to pass the required background check (which is conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.)
- Failure to meet Residency Status Requirements (applicants must be Imperial County residents.)
- Transportation difficulties (Census employees are required to have reliable transportation.)

However, it was also discovered that a few of the applicants did not have problems overcoming those barriers.

In those cases, both the EDA and TPA Rainier Reyes asked Tribal member applicants to call in to the Palm Springs Regional Office to check on the status of their applications. Those who called were told they just have not been called in to work yet.

Further, recruitment for Census positions will continue through April 30, 2010 at the SPSHS One Stop Office.

"We are encouraging qualified Tribal members to continue to seek the job opportunities over the next few days," says Tribal Liaison Allyson Collins.

"If you are interested in getting one of the jobs they may still have available, please call the One Stop Census Recruiter, Angie Garcia at (928) 246-

8301 and she will fill you in on testing days and times."

As far as the progress of the Census itself, Allyson reports the majority of households here on the reservation have participated in the Census without incident.

"However, we have had a few Tribal member homes that were approached by Census workers unfamiliar to them and have thus refused to participate," said Allyson, "as well as some who became concerned it was someone who was not a Tribal member, and they hesitated to provide the information."

Both Allyson Collins and Mr. Reyes say "We will do our best to provide a Tribal member Census worker to those homes that raise those issues."

They also want to remind everyone that Census workers should be wearing an official Census badge while conducting the survey and will not ask you for your Social Security Number or banking information.

To that end, the Quechan Tribal Council seeks your participation in the ongoing Census 2010 and reminds the membership of the big picture goal, which is to get all Quechans counted in this year's Census.

Census numbers affect the level of federal funding that many of the Tribe's programs rely on. Remember, if we are under-counted, we are under-funded. So, please do your part and take a few moments to participate in the Census!

If you have any questions or concerns about the Census, please call Census TPA Rainier Reyes at (619) 808-9960 or Census Tribal Liaison Allyson Collins at (760) 572-5270.

Internet Media Start-up “Kwat’san Radio” To Sponsor Walk-A-Thon for Diabetes Project

Local graphic artist and native entrepreneur Kenrick Escalanti has joined with a number of his fellow Quechan Tribal Members to begin a new venture in media: Kwatsan Radio.

“Kwatsan Radio is an organized, not-for-profit volunteer group,” he says. “Everything we’ve done so far has been strictly out of our own pockets and we’ve not had any outside assistance.”

What they hope to do is to bring together the Kwatsan community worldwide through the power of the Internet, to provide current news and information, along with music and commentary 24 hours a day, beginning this July.

“We want to plant a seed that will start a movement among Kwatsan People and every indigenous individual,” he explains. “Pushing tradition through modern media, we plan to empower Native Peoples to gain as much knowledge as possible about their traditions and culture, to allow the generations after us to unite in reinforcing the Native spirit.”

In addition to Escalanti, the group coming together to form Kwatsan Radio includes EDA Director Brian Golding, Sr., Lucia Ortega, Charles Escalanti, Chase Choate, Ramiro Marquez, William White, Michael Salinas, Janyse Collins-Solorio, Alfred Hernandez, Armando Madero and Dan Golding of Hokan Media Productions.

“For a long time now, we’ve been talking together about how to effectively communicate our culture to the youth,” says Kenrick. “Even though that’s a goal of most of our tribal programs, more can be done to get the message through.”

Right now, you can listen to them most nights as they develop their format and gain valuable hours of on-the-job training, live over the Internet. They can be found at www.kwatsanradio.org, as the partners work out who does what and when, putting together the schedule that will be on live, 24/7 in just a couple of months.

Kenrick laughs: “We already

have two Tribal members on station in Iraq, listening to us as we test things out!”

With such an ambitious mission Kwatsan Radio decided to team up with the Special Diabetes Project for their first ever community service event here on the Reservation on May 1st, to assist with the on-going Diabetes prevention education.

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of death within Indian Country. That is why education efforts are crucial to understanding the disease, and for improving treatment and prevention.

The Kwatsan Radio Walk-a-Thon will raise funds to assist Kwatsan Radio, while a portion of the total donations will also go to support the Special Diabetes Project on the Ft. Yuma Reservation. Show your support by attending this important event at the Diabetes Walking Park on May 1st, to learn more about Kwatsan Radio or the Walk-a-Thon email Kwatsan Radio at kwatsanradio@gmail.com

IN BETWEEN THE LINES

By Wallace Dugan, Jr.

As a soldier writes to a loved one,
in a conflict serving proudly as tears are held back.

Between the lines an emotion strongly felt.
The nights and days are filled with words of orders
to comply in keeping each soldier
alive from day to day.

Up front stands a different story,
sounds of war,

face to face asking will I be standing tomorrow
or six feet under?

To hold, to stand for higher ground,
the will to achieve a goal for life in peace,
but also a great sacrifice.

May the LORD Watch over me,
speaking deeply inside knowing what war brings,
in killing and ask forgiveness
knowing what needs to be done . . . as a soldier.

In letters received
brings sadness to those whose lives are lost
is a greater pain said between the lines.

Who will answer to loved ones,
know their Son or Daughter are no more?

Who will answer tomorrow’s door
knowing no answer will be given,
today to hear for an answer or a smile,
which family members recognize,
in between the lines once spoken.
Only the Almighty answers to his beginning
to fear no more.

In between the lines
A war is fought.

In between the lines
words spoken for a meaning
“compassion”.



Quechan Community Health Representatives Presents

Womens Health Awareness

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For more information, Contact C.H.R. at: (760) 572-0753



NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SERVICES

Beginning June 1, 2010

(or when current supplies run out)

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project will no longer be distributing the following Diabetes supplies:

Test strips, lancets, meters and alcohol swabs.

We will, however, continue to carry Diabetic socks.

All Community members with Diabetes should see their IHS Health Care Provider at least once every three months. At the Primary Care Provider visit, the Doctor will order your test supplies, including glucose test strips and lancets, which can then be obtained through the Pharmacy.

For new or replacement glucose meters and lancet devices you should see
Deborah Drumel, RD, CDE.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Should you have any questions please feel free to call me at

(760)572-1286

Lisa Ball, Special Diabetes Project Director

NOTICE

**EFFECTIVE THIS DATE,
ALL REQUESTS FOR
SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE
FOR RENT AND/OR UTILITIES;
WILL BE DISCONTINUED.**

SIGNED:

Ramona Ghiotto
Ramona Ghiotto

Community Liason/Social Service Coordinator

Dated: April 21, 2010

Imperial County Officials Warn of Fraudulent Services

Imperial County Residents Urged to be On Guard for Fraudulent Inspectors and Lenders

Imperial County Officials are advising residents to be on guard for damage assessment inspectors, contractors and lenders who falsely claim affiliation with State and Federal agencies.

The Imperial County office of Emergency Services has received reports of contractors who offer and subsequently charge for services which they claim will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Similar reports have been received that loans are being offered from agencies purporting to be affiliated with State and Federal agencies.

"It is important that those that have been affected by the earthquake, know that the process of reimbursement has not yet been finalized. City and County officials continue to work closely with California Emergency Management Agency officials to determine what type of assistance Imper-

al County may be eligible for," stated Tony Rouhotas, Imperial County Fire Chief.

Residents are urged to exercise caution when approached by individuals offering earthquake recovery services. Residents should take care to request a picture ID and/or references prior to accepting services from anyone.

County officials further advise that any evidence of fraudulent activity should be reported to local authorities.



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Fort Yuma Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABLE LAND

Land Available for Lease
on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

Approximately 2800 acres of developed farm land on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation in California will be available for lease July 1, 2010 or January 1, 2011. Lease negotiations with all interested parties will be held the early part of June 2010, at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office (BIA), 256 South 2nd Ave., Yuma, Arizona.

Maps and farm listings can be obtained by contacting the Ft. Yuma Agency, Division of Real Estate Services, at the above address or by calling 928-782-1202 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. All offers must be in the Bureau of Indian Affairs possession by 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010.

POSITION AVAILABLE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Phoenix Area Indian Health Service
Office of Human Resources,
Two Renaissance Square
40 North Central Avenue, Suite 510,
Phoenix, AZ 85004-4424

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:
SWR-10-0065-3

CLOSING DATE:
04-30-2010 (Midnight)

**Medical Records Administration
Specialist, GS-0669-9/11**

**Fort Yuma Service Unit,
Winterhaven, CA**

GS-9: \$47,448 - \$61,678 per annum
GS-11: \$57,408 - \$74,928 per annum

Partial Job Description:

Provides professional Health Record Services with supervisory responsibility for the operation, coordination, integration and record linkage system of health records.

Responsible for functions such as planning, organizing, directing and reviewing work, administrative personnel matters, accomplishing non-supervisory tasks and/or special assignments as required. Provides advisory service to management on requirements and standards pertaining to medical records. Conducts evaluations of departmental activities to ensure current professional standards are met and makes recommendations for change when req'd.

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 1st Place Female: Mona Jackson
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 3rd Place Overall: Ladd Bouts

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Taxday Driveaway Promotion Huge Success for the Q Casino



The largest crowd since the Grand Opening filled the gaming area, parking lot, bars, lobby and every available space at the Quechan Casino Resort. Every slot machine and gaming table available was occupied, as players attempted to go about their business awaiting the final drawing at 8:30 P.M. which would see one lucky person walking away with the keys to a \$100,000 twin-slide luxury R.V. from R.V. World of Yuma. Photos by William Isbell



ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Secretary – Fish & Game

\$10.00 per hour

High school Diploma/GED.
 Minimum 3 years secretarial experience.
 Must be computer literate
 and able to operate office equipment.
 Closes May 14, 2010

Security Guard - \$8.00 per hour

High school Diploma/GED.
 Minimum of 3 years work experience and
 at least 1 year of security experience.
 Driver's license is HIGHLY preferred.
 No Felony/Misdemeanor convictions within the past three
 (3) years, and no pending criminal complaints.
 Closes May 14, 2010

Open to enrolled Tribal Members only

For more information, or to apply for the above positions,
 Visit the Tribal Human Resources Office.



QUECHAN INDIAN TRIBE

Fort Yuma Indian Reservation
 HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

350 Picacho Drive - P.O. Box 1899 - Yuma, AZ 85366
 Phone (760) 572-0213 - Fax (760) 572-0515

Local announcers Jay Walker and Cesar Casillas mounted a small stage atop a flight of stairs in the center of the gaming floor at the Quechan Casino Resort on April 15th, to take charge of the largest (and most successful) promotion to date for the Tribe's biggest property.

The Taxday Driveaway Giveaway brought out thousands of locals to "be present to win"

the 2010 Bounder Classic 35S that sat on the south side of the building for over a month, teasing entering patrons with the promise of the most spectacular Grand Prize ever offered by a Yuma casino.

Smaller prizes of \$500 (for two winners), \$1000 (going to four people) and \$5000 cash were drawn from the computerized "virtual barrel" at 6:00,

7:00 and 8:00 PM, as the crowd jostled for the best viewing positions near the stage.

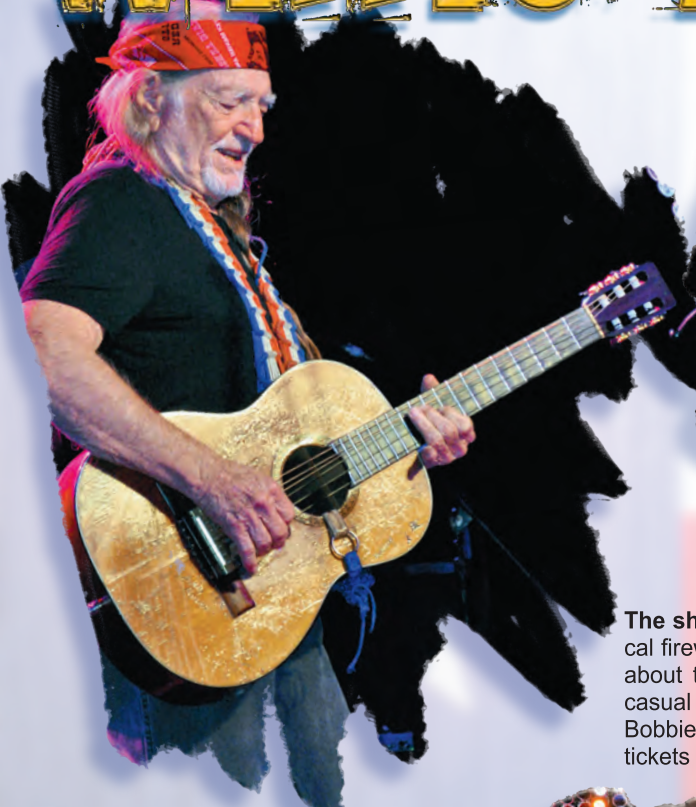
Finally, at 8:30 PM, the computer randomly selected one name from almost 160,000 possibilities, and Rosaria Salas Adame of Yuma moved her way to the head of the crowd in time to claim her prize in the five minutes allotted. Congratulations on her big Taxday win!

Congratulations
To my beautiful daughter
Amanda
and her fiance Felipe
on their new bundle of joy!

Brandon Joseph ♥ Born Feb. 28, 2010 ♥ 5 lbs 11 oz ♥ 19 1/2 inches long
Can't wait for the firsts of everything as Grandparents!
Love, Tata Alex and Nana Maria

Willie Nelson AND FAMILY AT THE Q!

QUECHAN NEWS
Photos
by William Isbell



Mickey Raphael provides the harmonica effects, and Bobbie Nelson contributes on the grand piano.

The show went on for over an hour as the audience marvelled at the musical fireworks provided by the casually dressed, laid-back group as they went about their task with a seemingly well-rehearsed, unhurried attitude. Their casual manner can be seen in the group shot below, as Willie turns towards Bobbie on the piano, awaiting her contribution to the song at hand. Although tickets were on sale for less than a month, the show was standing room only!

Country legend Willie Nelson brought his "Family Band" to the Quechan Casino Resort in a sold-out appearance on Friday, April 16. The band is promoting Willie's new album, "Country Music" released last Tuesday on Rounder Records. The tour continues through the U.S. until June, when they "jump across the pond" to Ireland and the U.K. and Europe. They will then return to Willie's hometown of Austin, Texas just in time for July 4th.



Willie kept the show moving with improvisational acoustic guitar variations on his well known hits from his first big seller, "Crazy", to "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" to "On The Road Again" and others.



\$100,000
TAXDAY
DRIVEAWAY
Giveaway Winner!



Rosário Salas Adamé of Yuma (center) is the biggest winner yet in the Quechan Casino Resort's most successful promotion so far! Rosario stands next to her sister, Eva in her new \$100,000 twin slide-out Fleetwood RV. The sisters are joined by Jay Walker of KTTI radio, Nick Stevens of RV World, promotional announcer César Casillas, and RV World's Josh Ramos holding the keys. The prize was awarded on April 15th. See story and more photos on page 7.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



WALKING FOR A CAUSE

We are proud to announce our Inaugural Kwatsan Radio Walk-a-Thon on May 1st!!!

We hope you can take part in this important event. With your participation you will help raise funds for our station and the Special Diabetes Project on the Ft. Yuma Quechan Nation.

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