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IHS Requests Comments On Clinic Demolition

A contractor for The Phoenix Area Indian Health Service (IHS), Dowl HKM of Tucson, has prepared a package detailing their proposal to demolish nine buildings currently under lease by the IHS on Indian Hill. Those buildings make up the current IHS Clinic, which was first constructed as an Indian Hospital in the 1930s.

The package also states that although Dowl HKM is contracted to raze all nine buildings, the IHS Administration Building—Building 215, is listed as a Contributing element to the Yuma Crossing National Historic Landmark.

Celia M. Adams, an Environmental Specialist with Dowl HKM, states that “consultation is being made with the California State Historic Preservation Office about impacts to the structures within the landmark.” There is no mention in her emails or the “comments scoping package” sent to the Quechan Tribe and other outside agencies about consultation with federal or Arizona state agencies having interests in the Yuma Cross-

ing. She also states that “a new health care facility has been designed and is due to be constructed within the next few years. Upon completion of the new health care center, IHS will transfer all the existing services to the new facility, leaving the existing buildings vacant.” The old site would then revert to Trust Land. The Quechan Tribal Council has already issued a resolution supporting the demolition of the current clinic, due to the unsafe condition of the buildings resulting from unsafe settling, the severity of their condition and the asbestos content.

The IHS says the proposed demolition will allow the Quechan Tribe to use the land currently occupied by the IHS Clinic for expansion of our existing facilities and further development on Indian Hill.

If you would like to receive a copy of the scoping package and make your own comments a part of the record, contact the *Quechan News* at (760)572-3912, or pick up a printed copy of the package at the Tribal Administration Office.



This aerial photo map was prepared from data contained in two maps from IHS contractor Dowl HKM of Tucson. Both maps show buildings the IHS proposes to demolish in the next few years. They are included in the package emailed to various Tribal Departments on December 2nd, requesting local comments on the proposed demolition before Monday, January 3, 2011.

Digital Image by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Senior Center Keeps Clients Active, in Shape

Local Tribal members who frequent the Quechan Senior Center will find much more to do than just enjoy a couple of good meals every weekday and visit with friends of the same age and sharing the same interests. There are plenty of activities every week to keep seniors active and to encourage a healthy way of living.

Yes, they have a fitness center, open all day, with a great selection of machines designed to help a person really get a workout. And they also take a twice weekly nature walk to move some of their fitness activities outdoors.

But did you know they also have a local visitor who comes in to the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays to teach basic self-defense for elders?

Arthur Clowers is their self-defense instructor, a long time devotee of the martial arts who achieved very high levels of expertise early in life. He began his martial arts education as a teen living in Fresno, California, where he grew up with a friend whose father was a karate instructor.

Once he joined the Army's Airborne Rangers in the late 1950s, he was posted first to Hawai'i, where he studied under Itzi Yo'ama and then sent to Korea where he studied under two local experts, Mr. Yun and Mr. Moke.

Discussing the cultural differences, he says, "Over there, the Master is the law, his word is the word of God: you don't

argue with the Master, you don't talk to the Master unless you ask permission and go through the chain of command, when one of the black belts will bring you to the Master and say, 'This student would like to ask you a question,' and if the Master says okay, then you can ask and he will answer. I had a lot of respect for those Masters."

"Mr. Yun was a 3rd Degree black belt, and Mr. Moke, the Master, was probably only 32 or 34 then, and held a seventh Degree black belt at that time," he remembers.

"In Korea, the Ranger group I was assigned to had duty (guarding a high security area about 60 miles south of the DMZ) mostly at night, so we were able to spent about six hours a day (learning martial arts) at the *dojo*."

When he got out of the Army in Fort Carson, Colorado, Arthur moved to Denver where he joined a school and made martial arts his career. He eventually became proficient in the Korean discipline of *tung sudo*, teaching others for nearly 50 years, and becoming an eighth degree master himself.

He says all of his masters taught him the importance of observation and repetition in collecting knowledge and incorporating the lessons learned into his daily routine. "If you pay attention, you'll learn a lot," he says. "There are simple things you can do to keep in shape. Just remember to keep moving, walk every day and



The November nature walks were held at the Diabetes Walking Park, but are moving to the areas closer to the Center as the weather gets colder. Here, Arthur Clowers joins Senior Center Recreation Coordinator Gail Johns and fellow seniors Melvin Vees and Raymond Shimer for a two and a quarter mile trip around the park. Photo by William Isbell

you'll stay healthy . . . you've got to keep moving, keep stretching your muscles and tendons every day or you'll just become a couch potato and wither away, become a big lump and die."

And Mr. Clowers practices what he preaches. Although he's now over 70, his body is still hard as a rock, with knots

of hard flesh along his shins and forearms and knuckles calloused from daily practice. He demonstrates the hardness of his knuckles by punching the sidewalk three times full force, making a loud banging noise like a bass drum with each impact. "Of course, I don't do the full *katanas* anymore, now that I'm 'retired', but I still keep in

practice to stay in shape. Of course, I don't expect my students here at the Center to be that gung ho, I just want to teach them how to block, how to make a fist and how to throw a punch so it takes effect and they don't get hurt."

"Through my sixty years in martial arts, I've learned a lot, I've taught a lot, and I've made a lot of friends," he says, "but like anything else, after about 47 years, I kind of got tired of it, so I retired from it at the age of 67 and decided to just live the life here that I want to live."

Since he wanted to stay busy in his retirement years, he moved from Texas to Yuma to be close to his granddaughter and great-granddaughter, who live here on the reservation.

If you are a client of the Quechan Senior Center, you can join Mr. Clowers' "Self Defense for Seniors Class" anytime. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday in the recreation room at the Center at 10:00 AM.

New Process In Place to Aid Domestic Violence Victims

The Quechan Tribal Court is pleased to announce that through a coordinated effort with the Winterhaven Municipal Court, El Centro Superior Court, Imperial County Sheriff's Office, and Quechan Police Department, Tribal Court Protective Orders may now be registered in the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS).

Having such orders a part of the CARPOS system enables law enforcement of other jurisdictions to access and enforce the orders.

Quechan Tribal Court Clerks will be able to provide this service to anyone who obtains a Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Order or Domestic Violence Preliminary Injunction through the Court.

The Protected Person will be provided a DV-600 form for completion, and the Quechan Tribal Court will complete the process from there!

For additional information on this or any other subject the Quechan Tribal Court has jurisdiction over, visit their offices behind the Paradise Casino or call them during working hours any weekday at: (760) 572-5552.

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Have a story idea, or an event you want covered?

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

Just call the QUECHAN NEWS office Monday through Friday at (760) 572-3912, or email your stories and story ideas to w.isbell@quechantribe.com. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



Culture & Heritage

"Songs Of The Colorado" Premieres at Community Center



The film was shot at the Santa Catarina Indian Reservation, at Indian Pass and here at the Quechan Nation, with two years spent gathering songs and stories from *yuman* language singers such as Stanley Rodriguez (at right), shown listening to another singer's life story at the Indian Pass recording sessions in 2008.

Last Saturday, December 11, Brian Golding and Preston Arrow Weed presented their latest film, "Songs of the Colorado" to a local audience, detailing their two years of research into the common themes and story lines preserved in the song cycles of the *Kwat'san* people and the surrounding, related tribes of the *Yuman* language family.

With expenses paid by a grant from the Christensen Fund, production of the one-hour documentary encompassed a full two years of gatherings here on the reservation, at Indian Pass in the nearby Picacho Peak area, and at the Santa Catarina Reservation of the *Pai Pai* people of Mexico. As directed under the terms of the grant, the final product will include a "coffee table" book describing the project while giving biographies and background information on each of the singers featured

in the program, including Dale Phillips of the Cocopah tribe, Delfina Albañez of the *Pai Pai*, "wildcat" singers Juan Mesa and Stanley Rodriguez, and Kumeyaay singer Ron Chrisman, in addition to well known local bird and lightning singers such as Vernon Smith, Larry Hammond, Milton Jefferson and Preston Arrow Weed.

The book, still undergoing final revisions, is filled with great reference material on each singer's personal history and their explanations of how the songs they sing have both deep personal meanings and great cultural significance for themselves, their families, and the *Yuman* people at large.

Filled with dozens of colorful photographs captured during their gatherings, the book, when finished, will be a great companion piece that will no doubt be referred to often by

those who wish to explain the hold these songs have on the spirit of our people.

But it was the film those people came to see. "The film is pretty much in its final shape," says the director, Dan Golding. "There are a couple of interviews I'd still like to get, and I know where I'd cut them in if I had them, but this is pretty much the way it will be when I present it to PBS and others who may want to show it."

Golding says he hopes to have it considered for film festivals and broadcast by such outlets as KAET 8 TV in Phoenix, the Native American Public Telecommunications group, and the Public Broadcasting System nationwide. He stands a pretty good chance, too, since PBS has already included one of his previous documentaries in their "American Experience" series earlier this year.



In the images above, Preston Arrow weed, Juan Mesa and Dale Phillips discuss the shared history of songs along the Colorado (top) before Juan steps in to sing with Milton Jefferson and Stanley Rodriguez. The first lady on the right is their fellow singer, Delfina Albañez, also featured in the film. Finally, director Dan Golding (third from left) steps in to his own documentary to join Alan Hatcher, Vernon Smith and Stanley in a song.

First photo, top left by Helena Quechana Arrow Weed, all others by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

SDPI Health Walks Continue Thru Christmas, New Year

With the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot fun walk now in the past, the next chance you'll have to stretch your legs and get one last chance to collect your Triple Crown T-shirt from the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) is their the "Jolly Run" to be held on Saturday, December 18th.

The "Jolly Run" will be a cross-country 5k walking/running tour starting promptly at 9:00 AM at the San Pasqual High School parking lot and going through some of the residential and farm fields in the area, to end up back at the high school football field. Runners will get fresh fruit for a snack.

Of the 18 participants who had participated in the October Poker Run, only 9 had also participated in the November "Turkey Trot" and will be eligible to receive the Triple Crown t-shirts given out after this final run of the 2010 fall season. Which means those who stick it out to participate in all three runs will be wearing a pretty rare collectable when it's all over!

But, fear not: the SDPI has plenty of other activities and incentives for the coming new year, to encourage both diabetes prevention and general fitness.

At the San Pasqual elementary school, they are continuing their daily Braves run. The Braves Running Club is a continuation of a similar program they held last year under Dr. Lubb Dubb. The new program offers greater incentives for the kids as they run a set course every morning, with each student able to set their own pace and collect markers to keep track of the number of times they circle the course each day.

As the students collect more



Although attendance was down for November's Turkey Trot (due to the much larger walk with the same name starting in the City of Yuma a half hour earlier), the Special Diabetes Project for Indians expects much better participation at the Jolly Run on December 18th. Photo by William Isbell

and more markers, they are able to keep track of the number of laps they have made and receive those incentives. The measured laps also enable the students to keep track of the number of miles they've run. Last year, nine students in grades 1 to 5 covered more than 100 miles over the course of the year!

In January, SDPI will have their "Let's Get It Started" 5K run and the annual body fat challenge, to help everyone loose those pounds we always somehow collect around the holidays. This will tie in well with the ADAPP weight loss challenge taking place at the same time — so the really motivated among us will have a chance at two prizes!

The Community Garden Project will also be preparing for planting, with meetings continuing through December and January regarding the traditional items that will be planted. That way, when February rolls around, the community can start planting the garden.

SDPI is also working to restore the play project in conjunction with Quechan Hous-

ing, and is working on a grant award to get new playground equipment installed in the Old Subdivision.

"We will have a park dedication once the grass is planted, possibly in March," says the SDPI Director, Lisa Ball.

February will also see them holding a "Love Runs Wild" 5k run close to Valentine's Day, and another 10k run to be timed in conjunction with the Strong Hearts Pow Wow at the beginning of March.

March will also see the SDPI arranging for some kind of Spring Break activities to keep local students active for that week, as well as another springtime "Come Play on Our Land" Day — number four!

"We are also currently conducting our regular schedule of Diabetes Education classes," says Lisa, "Which are six classes a week at the Education Complex's Head Start program, 12 classes a week in the Elementary school, 7 classes each week in the Middle School, 2 classes a week in the High School, bi-monthly at ADAPP and 1 day a week in the Senior Center."

COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED

The Quechan Tribal Court is working with Diane Altamirano, El Centro Superior Court Access Center Manager, to obtain grant funding for the purpose of upgrading and expanding court services for the Quechan Community.

As part of the grant process, the Court must submit "Needs Assessment" forms, which focus on the needs of the people the Court will serve, and therefore those forms must be completed by Tribal Members.

Please help the Tribal Court serve the Community better by completing a Quechan Needs Assessment form. It is a simple

one-page questionnaire, and Tribal Members are not required to provide their name or personal data.

The Quechan Tribal Court encourages you to come by their office at 475 Quechan Drive (behind Paradise Casino) to complete the questionnaire. Your input is important!

Various Tribal Departments have been provided copies of the form to assist in the collection of this data as well, including the Tribal Administration, Social Services, QPD, Security, Housing, Indian Health Services, the Parenting Program and the ADAPP Program.

On Both the Christmas and New Year weekends: Trash Collection Normally Scheduled



For Fridays Will Be On THURSDAY!

Please be advised there is no set time, so please set your containers out on Wednesday evening. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call the Utilities Office at (760) 572-0667.

Native American Month Commemorated by USBP



Local law enforcement and government representatives joined together at the Yuma Sector headquarters of the Border Patrol to enjoy lunch and listen to Quechan Fish and Game Chief Warden Gordon Osborne speak on the kwat'san heritage. Cocopah Vice Chairman Dale Phillips also spoke. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The Yuma Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol marked the end of Native American Heritage Month on November 30th with a special "invitation only" luncheon at their Yuma Headquarters on the Avenue A extension.

Local law enforcement and Tribal leaders were able to visit the normally tightly secured building, share a lunch catered by Famous Daves and listen

to both Cocopah Vice Chairman Dale Phillips and the Head Warden of the Quechan Fish and Game Department, Gordon Osbourne, explain their understanding of Tribal traditions and how they integrate that knowledge into their interactions with the Border Patrol.

Mr. Phillips also brought along a documentary financed by the Christensen fund, and

produced by our own Dan Golding's Hokan Media Productions, chronicling the history of the *kwapa* people and their ties to the land from Somerton south to the Colorado River delta in northern Mexico. The film played on a screen at the head of the room during the lunch break.

Border Patrol Special Agent Kenneth Quillinn acted as host



At the end of the proceedings, Border Patrol Agent Justin Bristow presented Warden Osborne with a special cut glass plaque.

of the event, introducing both the Vice Chairman and the days guest speaker, Gordon Osborne.

Warden Osborne is a full-blood Quechan, born and raised here on the reservation, who returned to Fort Yuma after a four year hitch in the U.S. Navy. Since then he worked in heavy construction before becoming a reserve deputy and then the head of the Quechan Security Department in 1975. He is the longest serving law enforcement official with the Tribe, with al-

most 32 years of service — 25 of those years as the Chairman of the Tribe's Law Enforcement Committee.

His main message for the day is that there are over 200 different Tribes in the United States, each with their own traditions, language and culture, and the Border Patrol (and every federal agency) must remember to respect each of those Tribes as a separate entity to ensure continued cooperation and smooth operations on Tribal lands.

AWC/San Pasqual Baseball Camp Set for December 21st

Once again, the baseball coaching staff at Arizona Western College will be joining with Coach Faron Owl and athletic staff at the San Pasqual schools to provide a Christmas Break Baseball Camp for boys and girls from 8 to 18.

This year, the camp will take place at the San Pasqual baseball facility on Tuesday, December 21st. The all-day camp runs from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM, and will include a free lunch (with drinks provided)

from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM.

The camp is open to all Yuma and Winterhaven area boys and girls ages 8 to 18. There is space for 60 students only, and sign-ups end this coming Friday, December 17th.

"We will have college and high school coaching staff at the camp with over 25 years experience, to help the campers develop their skills in a day of intense drills," says Coach Owl. "They'll be able to work on hitting, bunting, infield and out-

field tactics, pitching and base running." And to make sure they all feel a part of a team throughout the day, he says "Everyone needs to show up by 9:30 AM next Tuesday for check in and T-shirt distribution."

Campers should show up with their own equipment: a hat, gloves and baseball shoes, though the coach says having all of the equipment is not mandatory, since the school has some gear they can also let the students use for the day, if any-

one is short.

The day will be structured to include a full morning of practice on all the finer points of hitting, fielding and base running, followed by lunch and a little "cool-down" period. The afternoon will end in games for both for fun and to evaluate each camper's improvement.

They will also have hitting, pitching and running contests.

All enrollment forms and payment for the Baseball Camp must be delivered to Coach Owl

at San Pasqual High by December 17, or you should call him at (928)210-0114 to make other arrangements.

Coach Owl has forms available for those wishing to sign up, and some forms are also available at the Quechan Parks and Recreation Office. Cost for the camp is only \$25.00, and will include a free T-shirt for all those who attend. Parks and Rec also has forms available for those wanting to sign up for Yuma Little League this spring.

New Deputy Clerk, plus 3rd Year for Court Clerk at Tribal Court



Angel Townsend

Is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, with strong family ties to the Quechan Nation.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The Quechan Tribal Court is pleased to announce that Angel Townsend was selected to fill the permanent position of Deputy Court Clerk on September 15, 2010.

Angel came to the Quechan Tribal Court to fill a temporary position when the previous Deputy Court Clerk, Lindsey Swift Arrow, decided to leave in order to further her education. Once Tribal Administration opened and advertised the Deputy Clerk as an open position, Angel completed the application and interview process before being hired.

"She was concerned about competing against the other applicants", said Barrie Tibbitts, the Clerk of the Tribal Court. "But the time she's spent here over the past year allowed her to meet the qualifications, and I know she's happy to continue serving the Community through her work at the Tribal Court."

Angel Townsend was born in Riverside California and moved with her family to the CRIT reservation surrounding Parker in 2000. She is of Pima, Mohave, and Quechan heritage, and is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

"My father was the late Troy Townsend, Sr. and my mother is Cynthia Knox from Phoenix, Arizona," she tells the *Quechan News*. "I have three siblings; Stephanie, Tristan Knox and Troy Townsend, Jr."

the *People to People Student Ambassador Program* after her senior year.

"While I was touring Fiji, Australia and New Zealand with about two dozen other students and our chaperones, I realized I really wanted to do more to learn about other people and their cultures," she says. The nearly three weeks she spent on the trip was a formative period at the beginning of her adult life.

After returning home, Angel realized that job prospects in La Paz County were fairly limited, so she moved here to Ft. Yuma in February 2009, to join her boyfriend, Derrick in looking for work. His family has taken them both in. "His parents are Barbara Cachora and Vernon Jose," she says, "and I'm really thankful for them and to be a part of their family."

While looking for work here, Angel enrolled in the WIA/DOL summer intern program and was able to get a position at the (Arizona) Tribal Gaming Office, where she worked as a File Clerk Assistant. Towards the end of the program, Human Resources contacted her to tell her about a temporary Deputy Court Clerk job at the Tribal Courts, so she grabbed the opportunity.

"I worked as a Temporary Deputy Court Clerk for a year before it was reopened as a permanent position," she says.

A 2008 graduate of Parker High, she had the opportunity to travel across the South Pacific with "During that whole year I learned a lot about the Justice System, Court procedures, and how the office runs. I want to give a big thanks to Tribal Court Judge Claudette White and her Court Clerk, Barrie Tibbitts for all their help. They've taught me a lot. Words can't express how much I'm thankful for you two! I'm looking forward to working with them for many years to come."

Continuing to give credit to those who have helped her come so far, so quickly, Angel also wants to thank her family.

"To my family and friends who gave me their words of encouragement (and there are a lot of you!!) a huge thanks!!"

Quechan Tribal Court Clerk Marks Her 3rd Year on the Job

Barrie Tibbitts marked her third year as Court Clerk of the Quechan Tribal Court on August 13.

She received her Advanced Tribal Court Clerk/Administrator Certification from the Tribal Judicial Institute on January 29, 2010 and holds a Notary Commission with the Arizona Secretary of State.

Ms. Tibbitts brought nearly 11 years of experience to her position, after working for the Yuma County Sheriff's Office in various positions including Detention Clerk, Records Clerk, and Account Clerk.

She says working with and for the Quechan Community has given her a new sense of fulfillment, and she appreciates the opportunity to become exposed to Quechan Tribal customs and traditions.

Quechan Tribal Prosecutor Hired

The Quechan Tribal Council has hired Dan Gargan of Yavapai County, Arizona — a Prosecutor with expertise and experience in tribal court matters — as an independent contractor to provide prosecutorial services for the Quechan Tribe.

The role and responsibilities of Dan Gargan as the Prosecutor are that of an administrator of tribal justice; and his duties as Prosecutor are those of a law enforcement official, not merely those of an ordinary attorney.

Dan Gargan will work cooperatively with the Quechan Tribal Police Department and the Quechan Tribal Court, and behavioral health providers to ensure that justice is done both for the community and the defendants charged with crimes.

In this newly created position, Mr. Gargan will be subject to the administrative supervision of Quechan Tribal Court

Chief Judge Claudette White, and is directly accountable to the Quechan Tribal Council.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, Mr. Gargan holds a Degree in Business Administration. He is a former Director of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest, and also serves as a paralegal for Wynne Law Offices in Chandler, Arizona.

For the past several years, Mr. Gargan has also served the Yavapai Apache Tribe of Arizona as a prosecutor. He lives in the small community of Lake Montezuma, south of Sedona.

Dan Gargan's first day of work for the Tribe was Tuesday, November 2, 2010 . . . so here's a delayed welcome aboard to him from everyone associated with the Quechan Tribal Court!

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Solid Waste Dumpsite located North on Picacho Road has been CLOSED as of November 08, 2010. However, it is evident that this site is still being utilized by unknown person(s). The Quechan Utility Company requests anyone who observes any vehicles and/or other activity at the Dumpsite to please make a note of the make/model or license plate number, as well as the date and time you observe those activities. Please contact Quechan Utility Company at (760) 572-0667 and make a report. Thank you for your assistance.

World AIDS Day Marked at Ft. Yuma with Education



Half a working day was dedicated to World AIDS Day, with an educational forum at the Community Center sponsored by the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program. ADAPP was joined by the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and the Quechan Community Health Representatives (CHR) in bringing in the Fort Yuma Indian Health Services and a guest speaker from the Imperial County Health Department, to get the message across in a no-holds-barred discussion group.

Story and Photos by William Isbell



Rosendo Gill, a Certified AIDS Instructor took charge of the discussion, first leading off with a fact-filled presentation to dispute the many myths which still circulate concerning the origin and causes of AIDS. He said that California will provide treatment for anyone with HIV/AIDS disease, even though the cost for drugs to maintain a patient with "full blown" AIDS is about \$5000 per month. While he spoke, Tom Fernandez of ADAPP handed out ribbons commemorating World AIDS Day.



Everyone who signed up for the conference got both breakfast and lunch, with healthy selections provided by ADAPP. They also received a free T-Shirt of their own, marking World AIDS Day, December first.

A Big THANK YOU!

From: Chona Medel,
Finance Manager



To the Quechan finance and property staff for all the hard work they do all year long!!!

There is a lot of work that goes into the finance and property department and their job often goes without praise.

Therefore, I want to say **THANK YOU!** for all everyone does to help both departments run so smoothly.

Another year is closely approaching and we will strive to make it a GOOD ONE!!!

I also want to welcome Brandy Brookins, our new account payable technician hired on August 5, 2010 and our travel coordinator Stephanie Peña who has been reassigned to the other accounts payable position.

Thank you again for all your hard work!

KEEP IT UP!

FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE VACCINE CLINICS

Remaining Dates For
December, 2010:

**Clinics Are On Wednesdays,
December 15, 22 and 29
From 3:00 PM – 4:45 PM**

**At The Public Health Nursing Office
(In Trailers Behind the Main Clinic)**

– Winterhaven residents –
For Transportation Call: (760) 572-0753

**CLINIC WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS:
Monday thru Friday from 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Or call for a Nurse Visit
(760) 572-4147/4149**



Employees of the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity (above) were joined by the Strong Hearts Indian Princesses as they sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" for the crowd. Most of the live entertainment was provided that evening by Tribal Councilman Todd Durand (at left) and his band, the 696 Project.



The man of the hour was Santa Claus, of course, who brought his three friends, Frosty the Snowman (in the background), Rudolf and the Christmas bear to hand out candy to all the boys and girls on Indian Hill. Adults got to enter a free raffle with lots of great prizes awarded by Tribal Administrator Robin Estrada with Maggie Esquivel of Property & Supply lending a helping hand!



2010 marked the 11th year in a row that the Quechan Tribe held an evening's festival to mark the lighting of the water tower at dusk, to represent a giant Christmas Tree, visible over 90% of the reservation. This year's event was one of the best attended in years, drawing such a large crowd that President Jackson felt compelled to remark on its size in his opening remarks. The President quickly turned over the podium to the Tribal Administrator, who spent a good part of the evening drawing tickets and handing out great raffle prizes ranging from national chain store gift cards, to Main Street Cinemas movie tickets, to gift bags filled with goodies from the Paradise Casinos. The entire area between the Quechan Language Building and the Police Department was filled with vendors offering jewelry, craft items, fry bread, cakes, candy and drinks, with a popcorn booth and inflatable jumpers for the kids on the lawn in front of the IHS Clinic.

The Quechan Tribe Great Toy Giveaway

*For Tribal Members Children
between infancy and the age of 12*

Will Take Place at the

QUECHAN COMMUNITY CENTER

On Wednesday, December 22nd at 4 PM



Travis Tritt Fills the Q!

Country superstar Travis Tritt's December 3rd visit to play live at the Pipa Event Center filled both the parking lot at the Q and the Pipa Event Center itself, as honky-tonk fans from miles around gathered for one of the biggest sold-out shows to come to the Quechan Casino Resort this year. It was an excellent turnout for a Thursday night concert.

The next concert on the schedule will be Crystal Gayle's first appearance in Yuma, to coincide with the Resort's second anniversary week in mid-February of 2011. For more information, see www.playqcr.com.



Travis Tritt smiles broadly as he soaks up the applause of the audience. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell