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Quechan Tribe Celebrates Independence Day!

Once again, the Quechan Tribe went all out in the Annual Independence Day Celebration, with three days of community events at Evergreen Park, the Quechan Community Center and Paradise Casino.

Kids got an early start on the celebration, being out on summer vacation. They had a pool party Friday night from 5 to 8 PM, with games, refreshments and music. Adults in the community got to go to a dance at Evergreen Park beginning at 10:00 that same night, with live music past midnight! But the real family fun got underway on Saturday with a patriotic flag raising by Quechan Post

802 at 10:30 AM, followed by welcoming comments from Quechan Tribe President Mike Jackson, Sr.

Additional Saturday events included a shinny tournament (with results on page 2), bingo, a barbeque and a tortilla contest. There was a Rez Dogg Pageant more live bands and dancing, with the Big Boss Band featuring Al Varela live on stage. That same evening, the Paradise Casino held their Fourth of July Celebration for the Yuma Community, featuring Checkered Past, motocross stunts and a spectacular fireworks show after sundown that really thrilled the crowd!



Dorothy Davis (at left) helped coordinate the Patriotic Run. Here, she's posing with the runners just before they took off from Yuma Gateway Park, west to Joe Henry, then back to Evergreen Park. They were: Neveah Montague, Loren Emerson, Roxanne Wilson, Rodney Hunter, Jr., Mark Escalanti, James Espino and Ariel Gooch.



Fireworks from the Paradise Casino light up the sky behind the Tribe's Veterans' Memorial Eagle, capping off day two of the Quechan Tribe's Fourth of July Celebration. Photo by William Isbell

Sunday morning's Patriotic Run from Gateway Park along the bank of the Colorado River to the Evergreen Park covered 5 kilometers, and it was Roxanne Wilson who crossed the finish line first this year. Congratulations! A Horseshoe Tournament at the Community Center saw a dozen Tribal members lined up to prove they have what it takes, and traditional singers gathered under the Evergreen Park ramadas at the same time

for those who'd rather relax and enjoy a more laid back holiday atmosphere.

Still, those who wanted to compete were able to engage in arm wrestling, a watermelon bust, arm wrestling and tug of war. There were even an art contest, a Patriotic Attire Contest, and a Battle of the Bands on Sunday night to cap off a rousing Fourth of July. Check the photos on page 8 for the Rezz Dog winners!

Shinny Tournament Held July 3rd Yuma County Primary Election on August 24

Last weekends Fourth of July Celebration was the venue for an all-men's shinny tournament, with the Fort Mojave Tribe sending two men's teams and a boys' team to square-off against three local teams from the Quechan Tribe.

The first round of three boys games along with three for the men got underway about 11:00 AM on Saturday, with the Quechan Red Tail Hawks doing battle against the Ft. Mojave boys team. The 'Hawks won their first contest with a score of 4 - zip. Next up, the Fort Mojave men's number one team went up against the Fort Yuma men, and evened up the score by routing Fort Yuma by the same score!

Then the Fort Mojave boys went up against the Fort Yuma Boys, and they won their second game at 4 to nothing, too! Fort Mojave men's #1 then beat their #2 men's team (4-2), and the Fort Yuma boys lost to the 'Hawks by 4-0. The last game



A ft. Mojave boys team member jumps between Andrew Limones and Mosaes Comet of the Red Tail Hawks, in an attempt to keep them from the goal line. The Hawks went on to a 3-0 undefeated record to win the boys portion of the tournament.
QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

leading up the finals saw the Fort Mojave Men's teams playing each other again, with their #1 team once again coming out on top, with another 4 -0 score.

Once the evening rolled around, the undefeated Red Tail Hawks battled the Ft. Mojave Boys all over, winning the series and the Boys' First Prize of \$200 cash. They'll travel to

Fort Mojave Crossing Days to try and repeat their success at a shinny tournament there this coming weekend.

And as for the men: the Fort Mojave Men's Team number one also completed an undefeated series on Saturday evening, They were able to capture the Men's First Place cash total of \$300 for their efforts.

Sue Stallworth Reynolds, the Elections Officer for Yuma County issued a letter in mid-June, reminding Quechan Tribal members of the upcoming Primary Election on August 24, 2010 in Yuma County.

She states in the letter, "We are committed to insuring that all eligible voters within Yuma County have an opportunity to vote and can access voter information."

Quechan Tribal member living in Yuma over the age of 18 who have registered to vote prior to the deadline are eligible to vote in the primary.

Mrs. Reynolds also says Yuma County Elections is eager to work with the Tribe to insure that language assistance is available for those who may desire or need it. They've asked for Tribal members to volunteer to help identify any persons who can provide Quechan language translation services at the polling sites. Interested individuals should contact Mary Martinez at (928)373-1014.

Interest forms are available through the Yuma County Elections Office for individuals who may wish to serve as poll workers. Forms can be picked up at the Elections Office at 198 South Main Street in Yuma.

Volunteer poll workers who also perform native language translation services will receive two hours of training prior to the election, and serve a full day at a polling site on Election Day.

Poll workers who complete the training and act as translators for the election will be paid from \$83.00 to \$130.00, depending upon their position. Mrs. Reynolds says that when you come in to pick up an interest form, she can provide more details, if needed.

Tribal members wishing to serve as native language translators are not required to reside within Yuma County. They only have to be 18 or older and be fluent in *kwat'san*. Non-resident translators receive \$50 in pay.

Voter registration for this election closes July 26, 2010.

Forms are available from the Yuma County Recorder at 410 South Maiden Lane, Yuma.

Individuals can also register on line at:

<https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/>

For more information on voter registration or early voting, please contact the Yuma County Recorder at (928)373-6034.

Visit the Yuma County Elections web page at www.yumacountyaz.gov/index.aspx?page=68 for more election and candidate information. Spanish translation of the web-page is available.

As always, Yuma County Elections is available to present information and answer questions about the upcoming election. Contact Sue Stallworth Reynolds at (928)373-1015 with any questions or to arrange for a presentation.



Imperial County Cool Centers 2010

Members of the public can visit either of the locations listed if in need of a cool place to stay during the hottest part of the day during the summer months. Days and hours vary by location.

For specific information about the cool centers listed here please call (760) 482-4968.

Fort Yuma and Winterhaven Locations

San Pasqual Family Resource Center
687 Baseline Road, Bldg. 306
Open Monday-Friday 8 AM-5PM
Contact: aruvalcaba@sanpasqual.k12.ca.us
Alicia Ruvalcaba (760)572-0222 ext 2600

Clinicas De Salud Del Pueblo
2133 Winterhaven Dr., Winterhaven, CA
Open Monday-Friday 8 AM-5PM
Waiting room is available
Evangeline Romero (760)396-1249

Cool Center Information (760) 482-4968 Updated 06.17.10
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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

Summer Camp Program Offers Traditional Crafts Projects



Anthony Cachora begins his gourd rattle (photo 1, above) by sawing off the end of his gourd. The second step (shown by Eric Arrow) is carefully digging out all of the seeds and dried flesh within. The cleaner and smoother you get the inside, the better it will sound, so step two can take a while. Instructor Darwin Welsh is seen watching Brandon Lorenzana sand the end of his nearly finished rattle smooth and square, to enable him to get the handle to fit flush. Once the students were satisfied with the sanding and smoothing of the outside of their musical instruments, they then moved on to painting them. That's WIA/DOL summeryouth worker Kinko Luna applying his first coat of bright red in the last photo. Photos by William Isbell



Ana Hartt helps NyLynn Duncan line up her seams before sewing (above) before she steps over to join Arlie Emerson and Arissa Baker solve a problem (below).



During the middle school summer camp session at the Quechan Community Center, the "Camp Counselors" realized every summer camp spends a part of their time on crafts projects. And what better crafts are there than native american (*kwat'san*) crafts?

Judith Prietta-Osborne of the Quechan Language Program brought in gourds from her own garden for the boys to make gourd rattles. She also brought in the date seeds the "campers" needed to fill their gourds and be able to make music.

Darwin Titus Welsh, who has been teaching the kids traditional songs, took responsibility for showing the students how to cut, clean and prepare their gourds for painting. Mr. Welsh, a bird singer from Parker, showed them a few "tricks of the trade," like using small,

sharp pebbles to roll around inside their gourds, which gets the dried flesh out of all those places kids can't reach using only their fingers and sandpaper.

Darwin Welsh is the husband of Ana Hartt, one of the "Camp Counselors" on hand from the Special Diabetes Project. He's enjoyed working with Ana and the "campers" so much, he even came in on his birthday during the first week of June to teach the middle school boys the *kwat'san* Creation Song.

Arlie Emerson, a Quechan Language employee who's also a singer with the Ah Keel Dance Group, has been helping Mr. Welsh pass on the songs. But since Arlie is one of the people who creates the outfits for the Ah Keel group, when it came time for Mr. Welsh to teach gourd rattle construction to the boys, Arlie went over to help

teach the girls to make dance dresses. Arlie's years of experience in creating ribbon shirts and diamond dresses made him a great lead instructor for the girls' project. He also brought in the sewing machines needed to get the job done.

The whole Quechan Community Center was filled with activity on June 17, as the boys took over a long line of tables in the gym to cut, clean and sand their gourds, while the girls moved into the game room to measure, cut and sew dresses.

Both Mrs. Osborne and Ana Hartt pitched in to give the girls a hand with their projects, as this was the first time some of the girls got any hands on experience using a sewing machine.

The next summer camp session, starting Monday, July 12, will be the middle school football sports camp.



NyLynn Duncan carefully watches her line while stitching (above). Meanwhile, Arlie steps in to help Arissa with a particularly difficult detail on her dress (below).



Planning Continues on Water Improvements



One possible location being considered on Indian Hill would place the new water tower on the opposite side of the Quechan Police Department, in what is now a parking area. Other locations on Indian Hill might be just north of the present water tower (and northeast of the Police Department, or in the parking lot behind the loading dock of the Indian Health Service Clinic. Two other locations, one next to Picacho Well, and the other north of the All American Canal on Picacho Road, are also being considered as planning continues. Digital Composite by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Quechan Tribe Seeks Input on Water Storage Tank Sites

On June 22, the first of a series of meetings was held to discuss an Environmental Assessment (EA) report being prepared on five potential sites for a Community Water Storage Tank.

Representatives from the Quechan Tribe's Utilities Department, Environmental Program, Tribal Historic Preservation, Cultural Committee and the Indian Health Service held the meeting in the Quechan Senior Center Conference Room.

There are three potential sites for the new water tank under consideration on Indian Hill and two potential sites located along Picacho Road, one north and one south of the All-American Canal.

The EA will determine the significance of the environmental, biological and cultural/historical effects at each of the potential sites.

The existing 750,000 gallon water tank located on Indian Hill was constructed in 1974. It provides the only water storage for the entire distribution system and during peak demands provides less than one day of water storage.

The Quechan Tribe needs an additional water storage tank to enable the existing water tank to be taken out-of-service for routine maintenance without jeopardizing domestic water services and fire suppression, and to allow for future growth and development of the future Fort Yuma Health Care Center.

The proposed water tank is also 750,000 gallons. Any new water tank built on Indian Hill would be approximately 90 feet high and 40 feet in diameter, similar to the dimensions of the existing tank. The EDA points out that tanks placed on the Hill

will cost less to operate, since the effect of gravity will produce the water pressure needed, as water flows down from the Hill into the water system.

A tank along Picacho Road would be approximately 25 feet high and 75 feet in diameter.

Another public meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, July 15. It will take place at the Quechan Community Center from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, to discuss the impact and mitigation measures of constructing a water storage tank.

Since the proposed water tank will be a permanent feature on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation for many years, your input is greatly requested. For more information about the meeting and the project, please contact Mike Abraham, Planner, at (760) 572-5270 or m.abraham@quechantribe.com.

J.O.M. Summer Program for 2010 Reinforces the Basics

This summer, the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program at the Quechan Education Complex is working with the San Pasqual schools and other Tribal Departments to help reinforce lesson plans for the coming fall school season.

The federally-funded Johnson O'Malley program provides supplemental education for Native American students attending public schools. The Act creating the JOM Program was passed in 1934 to ensure that Indian children receive the educational opportunities that would not otherwise be provided. Some years ago, the JOM program was redesigned to provide supplementary education rather than basic education.

Here at Fort Yuma, that means providing summer school for those students who feel they could use a "leg up" in preparing for the grade they are being promoted into for the upcoming school year.

The first 3 week session of JOM, from June 3rd to the 18th, had students going into first and second grades combined as one class, while students in third and fourth grades fill the other.

Jerilyn Swift Arrow (who teaches at San Pasqual during the school year) and Pamela Manchatta (a full time JOM employee) each took a class. They taught language skills and math from the "Step Up Academy" curriculum provided by San Pasqual, to accomplish

two objectives at once. For the students going into second and fourth grades, the lessons served as refreshers of what they had learned over the 2009/10 school year. For the students entering first and third grade, the summer classes served as a preview of what they would need to know in the year to come. Either way, the small class sizes at JOM gave each student a better chance to receive individual attention and advanced tutoring than they get in a regular class.

The current session, which began on June 22nd, has fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students set up in shared classes in much the same way.

Students enrolled at JOM get much more than academics.



Jerilyn Swift Arrow outlines her plans for students to create cultural presentations as part of their JOM summer studies. Photo by William Isbell

Every morning at 9:00 AM they have breakfast at the Ed Complex, then have an exercise break conducted by either JOM or Wellness Center Staff.

By 10:15, it's time to head to the classrooms for their "Step Up Academy" lessons. Following lunch at noon, they then have a period scheduled for arts and crafts. Twice a week they also get to go swimming, and they also have the Quechan Language Program once a week.

It's all a cooperative venture that shares responsibility for keeping the kids busy between the Special Diabetes Project, Parks and Recreation and JOM, making the most of what's available in this time of limited budgets.

The final session, for high school students, meets weeknights at the JOM Building from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, from July 14th to the 30th.

Quechan Completes National Leadership Program

Kenrick Escalanti recently joined a group of over 200 Indian people who have successfully completed a unique leadership program known as the American Indian Ambassadors Program.

The Ambassadors Program is sponsored by the Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), a non-profit organization based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The program has a 40-year history of promoting Indian self-determination and sovereignty.

The American Indian Ambassadors Program began in 1993 with AIO's first class. Since then AIO has selected 11 classes of almost 200 alumni leaders. These leaders work in every field from a Tribal Chairman to lawyers, healthcare professionals, professors, artists, non-profit directors, social workers and musicians. Together they represent over 100 tribes spread across thirty-six states.

During a June 18 ceremony held in Portland, Oregon, Kenrick received his certificate of completion, bringing to a close a two-year journey that established bonds among his 15 other classmates. During his two year induction into the program, Kenrick traveled to such locations as Albuquerque, New Mexico; Washington, D.C.; New York City; the south Pacific island nation of New Zealand; and Portland, Oregon.

In that time, Kenrick and the other inductees were able to interact with many diverse and inspirational leaders.

"I am so blessed to have been selected to participate in the Ambassadors Program," said Kenrick.

"After having seen so many great things Indian people, including our Maori relatives in Aotearoa (Maori for New Zealand) have accomplished, I am truly inspired to help make



Kenrick Escalanti is seen on the left, engrossed in conversation with a Maori Student at an Aotearoa Maori Immersion School, during his visit to Aotearoa (commonly known as New Zealand). Photo Provided by Kenrick Escalanti

things happen here at home."

Brian Golding, Sr., the Quechan Tribe's Economic Development Administration (EDA) Director was also on hand at the graduation ceremony. Mr. Golding is an alumnus of the 1998 Ambassadors Program, and continues to serve as an advisor and mentor to the

program.

"I could not be more pleased about Kenrick's accomplishment," said Brian.

"I have seen remarkable growth in his leadership abilities, and I know that is a direct influence of the program."

Brian further points out, "As a result of my involvement in the Ambassadors Program, I was able to attend law school, quit the BIA, and go to work for my own Tribe."

The program also calls on Brian to travel on its behalf, most recently in April 2010 to participate in the International Indigenous Conference on Global Climate Change, held in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

"I was blessed with the opportunity to be inducted into the 10th class of Ambassadors where I served for nearly 3 years," says Kenrick.

"Within those 3 years I have traveled into the heart of Indian Country and have touched international lands. I have met with high ranking political officials in the halls of Congress and at the United Nations. I also lunched with New York's business elite, and I remember being humbled by the sight of Ground Zero where the World

Trade Center used to stand."

Through his travels, Kenrick has lived among other indigenous peoples and has come to enjoy a better understanding that "even with oceans dividing us we are all the same."

Speaking of his experiences, he says, "I have gained countless friendships and allies throughout the world. I can even say that I was sung to on my birthday by a King! In the past three years, I earned a greater appreciation for Native Urban Communities throughout the U.S. and have witnessed firsthand how a global network like AIO can truly make a difference in the world."

"Through AIO I was encouraged to create a community initiative that was close to my heart and positive for my community." It was while developing his community initiative that Kwatsan Radio was born. "I thought of a concept that could help motivate our youth through arts of technology," he explains. "Yet truly the success of Kwatsan Radio is more deserved by everyone in the wonderful crew that was assembled to run it."

Another Tribal member participating in the Ambassadors Program's current class is Chase Choate, the Tribe's Environmental Program Director.

"I've just started the program, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to experience so many of the things that Kenrick and Brian have," said Chase.

One last statement from Kenrick sums it all up: "Overall, the American Indian Organization's Ambassadors Program has changed my life, just as I know it has for my AIO brother and fellow Quechan Brian Golding, Sr. I know it will do the same for our current AIO Ambassadors candidate, Chase Choate.

Training Held at Senior Center

Psychologist Dave McIntyre, a mental health consultant with the Indian Health Service, leads a discussion on questions to ask an at risk person during a two day suicide prevention course.

The class, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST, was brought to Fort Yuma by the Behavioral Health Unit of the Fort Yuma Indian Clinic. Attended by Tribal members and employees from ADAPP, Social Services, CHR, San Pasqual High and the IHS, it was held in the Quechan Senior Center conference room.

Joining Dr. McIntyre in providing the intensive workshop were Derek Patton and Cheri Wells. To enroll in a future class, call IHS Behavioral Health at (760)572-4220.



QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Local tribe members and interested professionals were given two days of intensive mental health training by visiting specialists. Dr. David McIntyre

and Derek Patton of the Phoenix area IHS office were joined by Cheri Wells, a Tribal Liaison with the Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health

Authority, in providing over 16 hours of instruction known as the Applied Suicide Prevention Skill Training. It was held at the Senior Center June 24 and 25.

At the Paradise July 17!



The great '80s hard rock band *Great White* has reunited and is gonna get you "hooked" on Saturday, July 17 at the Paradise Event Center. The show starts at 8:00 PM.

Tickets for this appearance on the Quechan Casinos' summer concert schedule went on sale in early April, so the show may be sold out by now.

An American blues-based hard rock band, *Great White* gained popularity during the 1980s and early 1990s. They hit the mainstream in 1987 when they released "Once Bitten,"

which was certified platinum in April 1988.

The album featured the hit "Rock Me." The band followed up with "Twice Shy" in 1989. The latter album featured Great White's classic Grammy-nominated track "Once Bitten Twice Shy." The band is celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a national tour.

You can check to see if there are tickets still available at www.paradise-casinos.com or by calling 800-585-3737. Tickets start at \$27. You must be 21 or older to attend.

The Quechan Indian Tribe

is seeking interested tribal members to serve on the following Boards and Committees:

Quechan Education Committee

QTDHE Board of Commissioners (1)

Kwat'san Cultural Committee

Quechan Health Committee

If interested, submit a *Letter of Interest* to the Tribal Council Secretary (Georgina Massey) at the Tribal Administration Office.

KWATSAN RADIO GOES ON AIR WITH LIVE EVENTS



The 696 Project, which includes Quechan Tribal Councilman Todd Durand (center) entertains the crowd during "The Show" celebrating the start of daily internet broadcasts by Kwatsan Radio. Photo Courtesy of Kwatsan Radio

Community members were able to meet and mingle with on-air personalities from Kwatsan Radio, as almost 100 supporters filtered into their launch event known as "The Show" on the evening of June 30th. Held at the Quechan Community Center, the event featured live bands such as 696 Project (featuring Quechan Tribal Councilman Todd Durand), Counter Launch, Spizal and the R.O.C. and Stealing Your Kill (with Quechan tribal member Albert Golding).

The first night's live event followed the launch of their website, kwatsanradio.org, which went "on the air" 20 hours before at the stroke of midnight.

"We set-up a booth to show everyone the website and even had our front page projected on the wall," said their Public Relations Manager, Lycia Ortega. "We also encouraged attendees to sign up for our online community, gave tutorials on how to use the site, and showed our users where to look for content. We also had a Quik Cam there capturing the event live!"

They kept the party rolling the next day by celebrating Quechan culture at the Special Diabetes Walking Park. Besides the crew from Kwatsan Radio, the Quechan Roadrunners, Ah-Keel Dance Group and other were on-site. The

Senior Center even came out to show their support, selling hamburgers and hotdogs.

Kwatsan Radio has a great group of followers so far and we want to thank everyone for their continued support! Their mission is to be a positive outlet where the Quechan people can gather and share stories, ideas, opinions, culture, and traditions.

"Although we are an oral culture, we still need a means of preservation," notes Lycia. "So, please keep checking our site for new features such as Bird Dancing Lessons with Ana Hartt, *Kwat'san Iyaa* language instruction with Miss Ila, and much more!"



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For Information or an Appointment to arrange
time for Personalized Instruction,
Call Lisa Aguerro at Injury Prevention:
(760) 572-0437

Spaghetti Benefit Dinner Held to Assist Tribal Member



Jessy and Ivana Aguirre pickup two plates to eat at the benefit before returning to the line for six more spaghetti dinners to go. All of the proceeds went to help Ariel Gilbert with her medical costs. Photo by William Isbell

Employees of the San Pasqual Valley Elementary School got together on June 25th to host a spaghetti dinner for the benefit of Ariel Gilbert.

A Quechan Tribal member, Ariel had been a student at the school until the osteosarcoma (bone cancer) she is receiving treatment for led to her dropping out of school to continue a regimen of intensive therapy.

Ariel has been living at the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena with her mother, RoseAna Williams, since earlier this year. Being there keeps them both much closer to the treatment center where Ariel is

receiving chemotherapy.

RoseAna says that staying at the Ronald McDonald House is not all bad, though.

In February, after a 10 day admission for post-chemo complications, they had their spirits brightened by the L.A. Dodgers right fielder Andre Ethier and Dodgers owner, Frank McCourt!

“It so happens that Andre is my favorite player,” says RoseAna. “Andre brought Ariel a bag of Dodgers memorabilia. Both Andre and Frank were more than happy to sign the memorabilia we already had with us. Mr. McCourt was touched by

our excitement and he even-gave us his personal number, telling Ariel to give him a call when she was better!”

When he learned they lived right near Yuma, Frank McCourt also said he would try to get them either to a spring training session, or even to a game at Dodger stadium later this year.

Ariel and her mom were later able to attend another event where they met more Dodger greats, such as Bobby Castillo, Al Downing, Kenny Landreaux, and Rudy Law. Ariel even got a special visit from Tommy Lasorda as well.

Environmental Crew Keeping Busy



The Quechan Environmental work crew, made up of Reggie Antone, Aaron Livas, Environmental Director Chase Choate and Caine Palone, pause in clearing invasive plant species just north of the River's Edge RV Park. Their work on the project is funded by a combination of grants. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

This year, the Quechan Tribe's Environmental crew has been working on a project to fulfill pre-award compliance requirements on a new Tribal Wildlife Grant offered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The project set a side for this grant has been titled *Habitat Protection and Enhancement of Wetlands on the Quechan Indian Reservation*. Plans call for the new grant to be combined with two other Quechan Environmental grants previously funded through the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Natural

Resource Conservation Service.

Those grants were awarded to restore and enhance the Bee Wash area just west of the River's Edge Trailer Park.

Under those grants it is proposed to clear 60 acres of invasive plant species such as tamarisk (salt cedar) at the River's Edge site and replant it with native species such as honey mesquite, cottonwoods and willows.

Quechan Environmental Director Chase Choate proudly points out that the Environmental Department has been made up entirely of Quechan Tribal mem-

bers since February of this year.

In addition to Mr. Choate, the Quechan Environmental Crew consists of Caine Palone, Reggie Antone and Aaron Livas.

“This is one of the best crews I have ever worked with,” Chase says.

“And even though we have a lack of heavy equipment, these men have been working on the 60 acre site using just their shovels, brushcutters and chainsaws. No matter what, the work has to get done, and with the hard working employees I've got, it's getting done!”

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PUBLIC RELEASE
(Nonpricing program)

The Quechan Tribe Education Complex (Head Start-Quechan Child Care-Paradise Child Care-JOM/IEC) announces sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. The program is available without charge to all eligible participants. Children are served the same meals at no separate charge. “The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, or political beliefs. Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication or program information (such as Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (Voice and TDD).”

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**Ft. Yuma Quechan Head Start
628 Picacho Rd. Building 4
760-572-0263**



A hoop game player grimaces as he realizes his spear has just missed entering the rolling hoop.



Little Perla Martinez used the bottom step of the stands as a table for her barbeque dinner!



Alyssa Shepard enjoys a slide into the Rainbow Pool at last Friday night's Pool Party!



Roxanne Wilson, a Diné Tribal member from Phoenix, outran everyone at the Patriotic Run from Yuma to Evergreen Park!



Quechan tribal member Jason Johnson also drove down from Phoenix to take part in the Horse-shoe Tournament on July 4th.



A duplicate of the original Quechan flag was raised by the Post 802 color guard on July 3rd.



Mosaes Comet and Andrew Limones teamed up to score the final goal against the Fort Mojave Boys shinny team, winning the first game of the Saturday Shinny Tournament by a score of 4-0.



It seems hundreds lined up for the Annual Barbecue Dinner in the park!

REZZ DOGG RESULTS



The First Annual Quechan Rezz Dogg Contest was held at the Evergreen Park on Saturday, July 3rd, and saw six local children entering their pets to vie for prizes and bragging rights as to who owns the cutest dog on the reservation. This was an all-new contest, so no one really knew what to expect! As it turned out, only six dogs entered (since large dogs such as Rottweilers, Dobermans or Pit Bulls were not permitted). That being the case, the judges made the decision to dispense with their previously tight catagories and let crowd applause determine which dog was best overall. Well, babies are always popular, so it's no surprise that the Overall Crowd Favorite was the tiny Chihuahua puppy, Theodore, entered by Calista and Alyssa Rae (at left). The First Place winner was Toota, a black Chihuahua mix (in a bikini!) owned by Neveah Montague. Second Place was the little Chihuahua so proudly displayed by Ila, daughter of Tina Salinas, the Quechan Social Services receptionist. And the Third Place Rezz Dogg for 2010 was Leo, a pug entered by Tristan Salinas. Good show, kids!

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