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Events Committee Prepares for July Fourth

The Quechan Events Committee has spent the better part of the past month planning this year's Fourth of July festivities, and are right now putting the final touches on preparations for the three day holiday weekend.

They plan to open the Quechan Tribe's annual Independence Day celebration with a pool party at the Rainbow Pool, which will get underway after work at 5:00 PM on Friday night, July 2nd. There will be hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy, with Capri Sun fruit drinks for everyone. The kids games will begin in the grass area next to the pool about an hour later, featuring all the old favorites like the 3 legged race, cracker and watermelon speed-eating, soda drinking and egg tossing.

The swim party will continue until 8:00 PM, although adults are welcome to "slide on over" to the Evergreen Park by 10 that night for live dancing to either a DJ or a live band.

On Saturday, Quechan Legion Post 802 will conduct a flag raising at 10:00 AM at



Little girls line up for shaved ice treats at last year's Quechan Tribe Fourth of July Celebration. With barbeque, dancing and all kinds of contests, this is an annual event that everyone of all ages can come out and bring the whole family to enjoy!
QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

the park, kicking off day two. Saturday's events will include bingo games, a shinny tournament a Bar-B-Q and tortilla making contests, as well as bands playing all night.

One new event making it's debut this year will be the "Rez Dog" Pageant, to take place Saturday as the Bar-B-Q entertainment. Catagories for the Rez Dog Pageant include: cutest, ugliest, best trick, best costume (but only for the dog!) and crowd favorite. Bring your Rez Dog out and win a prize!

Saturday night will also be

the night the Paradise Casino holds their traditional July Third "beat everyone to the punch" Fireworks Extravaganza, firing it all off one night before everyone else in town!

Sunday, July Fourth is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM with a five-mile patriotic run from Joe Henry Park to the Stomping Grounds, followed by a horse-shoe tournament at the Community Center. Sunday will be filled with events like arm wrestling, tug-of-war, a watermelon bust and an art display and contest. There will also be

a community-wide yard sale at 10 AM, as well as a Patriotic Dress Contest at 5:00 that afternoon!

The final evening of the celebration will wind down with traditional singing and dancing in Evergreen Park!

With only 23 booths available (on a first come, first served basis), the sooner you get your applications in, the better your chances! For an application or more information, call Events Committee Chairman Phil Emerson at the Rainbow Pool at (760) 572-2825.

Quechan Community Health Representatives Host a Men's Health Conference at QCR



The honored guest speaker at the Men's Health Awareness Conference was Joseph Geronimo, great grandson of the legendary Apache leader. Photo by William Isbell

One month after their Women's Health Awareness Conference at the Pipa Event Center, the Quechan Community Health Representatives (CHR) repeated their successful educational formula with a similar event for men.

The Men's Conference was emceed by Brian Golding Sr., who introduced Avis Black, the CHR Maternal and Child Care Aide who provided the opening benediction. President Mike Jackson, Sr. followed with a short welcoming talk on the importance of diet in maintaining good health, along with the need for men to surrender their pride and to go see their doctor as they grow older.

"We used to never have these problems we have now, diabetes, obesity, cancer," he said, "When we were here alone, we were eating right. We ate only

what we could grow and kill, and we lived a good, long time, and we were healthy. We couldn't grow cakes, donuts and burgers, only corn, squash, beans and mesquite. Now we can go across that bridge and buy anything we want and we're eating it, and we're dying. We have to get back to eating what's right, not what's convenient, if we want to end diabetes."

President Jackson's talk served as a great introduction to the day's keynote speaker, Joseph Geronimo. The great grandson of the legendary Apache leader came to speak on the need to retain a healthy balance of traditional culture in the modern world.

"Your diet is extremely important," he said. "You are what you eat." He pointed out that when he hunts and kills a healthy deer or elk, the strength of that animal gives him strength, and allows him to run fast across the desert and the hills where he lives in New Mexico.

"We have to remember," he said, "there are foods that are *not* good for us" and eliminate those foods from our diet. He told how in his youth, he ate only what the women in his family prepared for him. "My mother, my sisters, my grandmother and my aunts gathered wild food. The yucca plants and blossoms, and they made stew with that. And some they dried and put away."

He said all of their food and medicines came from the wild,

and because of that healthy diet his mother was still walking from his ranch (at 6500 ft.) up a mountain behind the ranch, topping out at 12,003 feet, "at the age of eighty — no problem."

Joseph Geronimo shared many wonderful stories from his life, always emphasizing the need to remember where you come from, and to retain your native identity and look to the wisdom of thousands of years of living off the land, any time you have a problem.

Once he had finished (to great applause), a short men's fashion show kept the audience's attention while lunch was set up. The models (including Quechan Tribe Police Chief Tony Baddilla!) showed traditional clothing and modern business wear as well as a final example of "classy" '70s disco attire!

The main speaker on health issues that day was Doctor Antonio Rivera of the Fort Yuma Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic. A general family practitioner, Dr. Rivera attended medical school in Valencia, Spain, and completed his internship in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

In Ponce, he served as the Coordinator of Surgical Clinics, where he reviewed all surgical oncology reports. Dr. Rivera joined the IHS 18 years ago, first serving at Sisseton, South Dakota. He has done everything over the years, from delivering babies to emergency care.

His presentation was on the

symptoms and effects of both colon and prostate cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the 2nd most common cancer among Hispanic men; and 3rd among American Indian/Alaska Native men. Symptoms include pains, aches, or cramps in your stomach that don't go away, as well as unexplained weight loss. Any change in bowel habits (such as constipation or diarrhea) should lead to an appointment to see your doctor right away.

Prostate cancer signals its effects through blood in the urine; the need to urinate frequently, especially at night; weak or interrupted urine flow; pain or burning while urinating; or the

inability to urinate. A man may also notice constant pain in the lower back, pelvis, or upper thighs. Unfortunately, some of these symptoms accompany a more benign (and common) enlarging prostate, which often occurs as a man ages.

Dr. Rivera says the only way you can be sure what your symptoms indicate is to go see your doctor and have him conduct a thorough examination. A moment's discomfort in the Doctor's office may save you months of lingering pain later on.

If you want to know more, contact the IHS Health Clinic at (760) 572-4100 and make an appointment with your Doctor.

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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

Kwat'san Radio To Move Musical Heritage Into The 21st Century



The Kwatsan Radio crew headed to Avi Kwame (Spirit Mountain) to solidify their commitment to the project. From left to right at the top are DJ Mic Titan, William White, Kenrick Escalanti, Dan Golding, DJ Durty Mike, DJ Starr, DJ BGS (and in the front) DJ Divine Wind and Lycia Ortega. The staff members in the small photos are DJ Spizal, Rayna and Armando Madero, and DJ Chase.

Photos provided by Kwatsan Radio

The staff at Kwatsan Radio hope to plant a seed that will start a movement among the Kwatsan People by pushing traditional music and culture through modern media. When they go on the air on June 30th, here is what you can expect:

DJ K-ROCK: Kenrick J. Escalanti spins a variety of reggae music on Kwatsan Radio's REBEL MUSIC show. He is also the President of Kwatsan Radio and the station's Native Digital Artist. As an American Indian Organization Ambassador, Kenrick travels around the world learning about other aboriginal cultures to bring that knowledge back to the Quechan Reservation and assist in the growth and development of our nation.

DJ STARR: Janyse Starr will host ROCKIN' THE REZ, a compilation of modern music appealing to the young community. Janyse is currently working on her first degree in Computer Graphics and she hopes to one day have her own line of clothing. She grew up on the Kwat'san Rez and has been bird dancing ever since she could walk. Janyse is the Youth Community Relations Manager for Kwatsan Radio, as her interest in traditional cultures motivates her to become a leader for the youth community.

DJ DURTY: Michael Salinas brings you classic rock at ten o'clock! His mission with Kwatsan Radio is to influence culture as well as bringing your favorite classic rock music. Durty Mike

is keeping the classics as well as the culture on DJ DURTY CLASSIC ROCK & NATIVE COMEDY SHOW.

DJ BGS: Brian Golding Sr. is the mastermind behind "MODERN MISCHIEF", a show that brings Kwatsan Radio's listeners the latest in modern indie rock music. DJ BGS scours the web for new releases and recent music from up and coming bands and brings it to you with few interruptions. Give it a listen.

DJBGS is also producing some content that focuses on Quechan culture. Through interviews of elders and youth, DJ BGS will deliver a thought-provoking show, one that seeks to inspire native youth and young adults to produce their own responses to the issues raised during this show. With your assistance, we'll create a venue for the meaningful exchange of ideas!

DJ DAN: Dan Golding brings Quechan culture through modern technology with KA'AAV'K. The show will include interviews, native music from many different tribes, cultural awareness, and preservation. Dan is also Kwatsan Radio's Director of Visual Media and Cultural Preservation.

DJ SPIZAL: Alfred Hernandez mixes hits from the 70's and 80's to bring listeners to his show, THE CRATES. His love of music brought him to the Kwatsan Radio project, hoping to entice listeners to visit the site and learn more about

the Quechan culture through his choice of music.

M/C TITAN and DIVINE WIND: Quechan emcees Charles Escalanti and Ramiro Marquez Jr. join together as Divine Titan to bring underground and 80's hip hop music to Kwatsan Radio on the DIVINE-TITAN HOUR. Both artists have invested numerous hours honing their skills and developing their craft in an effort to share with the world and Indian Country, a very real characterization of the trials of life.

M/C Titan is co-owner of a production and music company, Cerebral Arts Entertainment, with which both he and Divine Wind are associated artists.

DJ CHASE: Chase Choate contributes to Kwatsan Radio through his SKA/PUNK HOUR and also as the organization's Advocate for Natural Resources. Chase will share his knowledge of the environment and its importance to our people.

The behind the scenes team includes William White. He has 8 years experience in business startup creation and executive board level management.

An Arizona State University and SkySong Entrepreneur/Business Consultant, William brings experience in Sales, Marketing & Branding strategies to Kwatsan Radio.

William is also a standing Board Member of the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation, and a motivational speaker for entrepreneur-

ial tribal graduates.

Lycia Ortega is an enrolled Quechan Tribal Member and descendant of the Frog Clan. Lycia has traveled cross country seeking education in the Film and Video Production and Business fields, and shares her knowledge to assist in the business development and marketing for Kwatsan Radio.

Her interest in the Kwat'san people and culture motivates her to find innovative ways to create interest in her people through modern technology. She's also teamed up with Rayna Madero to promote the Health & Wellness section of kwatsanradio.org.

Rayna Madero is an enrolled Quechan Tribal Member who serves Kwatsan Radio as a Health and Wellness advocate.

Rayna will utilize her degree in Massage Therapy to incorporate segments that enable anyone to lead a healthier lifestyle. Rayna also believes mental health is important and along with her personal endeavor, nativecry.org, she allows natives an outlet to share community and personal issues in forums, only on kwatsanradio.org.

And finally, there is Armando Madero. The webmaster for Kwatsan Radio, he brings years of experience as a systems administrator and IGT systems engineer to the organization. Armando is also the webmaster (and co-founder) of nativecry.org, nativehealingmassage.com and senacon.com.

Tribe Member Brings Los Angeles Native Youth to Fort Yuma

A group of ten “urban Indians” and their six adult chaperones visited the Quechan Nation as part of a five-day visit to the Yuma area, to learn what life is like where natives make up the majority of the population.

All of the high school students in the group have lived in Los Angeles their whole lives, and most of them are members of the third or fourth generation of their families to have lived only in the city. Before they came to Fort Yuma, they had never experienced life on a reservation, and had no way of understanding what it is like to be surrounded by their own people on a daily basis.

Donald Salcedo, a Quechan Tribe member who also grew up in L.A. brought them here as part of the Los Angeles American Indian Youth Leadership Journey. Mr. Salcedo works for United American Indian

Involvement of Los Angeles, and his agency has representatives at various Indian Centers throughout Orange County and the San Fernando Valley.

A third generation “urban Indian” himself, he brought the student here to share his sense of “coming home” each time he visits the reservation. His grandfather worked at the Yuma Test Station (now YPG) after the war, and once he married Donald’s grandmother, they moved to Los Angeles during the relocations period.

“I still come back to visit over Indian Days and during holidays,” he says, “and though I live in L.A. myself, this is where my family lives.”

He continues: “All of the students in the group were identified as leaders by the Tribal agencies and youth groups they serve. Earlier this year, they were all nominated for the Youth Lead-



The students pause beneath the Quechan Veterans Memorial to pose with their chaperones and Quechan President Mike Jackson, Sr. and Tribal Council Member Cryselle Uribe. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

ership Journey, and were subsequently chosen to represent their specific groups on this trip.”

Four of the students are with the Fernandino/Tatabian Band of Mission Indians, which is recognized only by the state

of California. One young lady is of Kickapoo/Navajo extraction, one young man is from the Standing Rock Sioux Band, others are Navajo or Paiute.

Their Journey to Yuma had them here for five days, three as

guests of the Quechan Nation, and the final two days visiting with the Cocopah Tribe across the river.

Each day was dedicated to learning about a special value; Day One was all about “Respect”. They learned that lesson almost as soon as they arrived at the Quechan Casino Resort, where they stayed during their time with the Quechan.

Miss Quechan and the Ah Keel Dance Group gathered in the lobby with other members of the Tribe to give them a traditional welcome with song and dance. “It was incredible to see the sincere interest and enthusiasm of the group,” says Events Committee Council Liaison Cryselle Uribe.

“The youth and adult chaperones joined hands for a traditional round dance led by Miss Quechan, Sasha Nerva.”

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Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity Announces Weatherization Assistance Program

Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity (QTDHE) is pleased to announce the launching of its Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

QTDHE-WAP is a partnership with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA, Inc.) that will provide weatherization services to eligible Tribal members within the Ft. Yuma Indian Reservation.

Funding for QTDHE-WAP is provided by the Department of Energy (DOE) through funds made available to the Inter Tribal Council for weatherization programs.

This program assists households in reducing the amount

of money they spend on energy bills by improving their homes’ energy efficiency. This objective is achieved through completing energy use audits of homes to identify areas of energy waste and implementing improvements to reduce energy use at no cost to the homeowner.

Weatherization services included in the program are:

- Energy audits of homes which will guide/confirm energy efficiency needs
- Utilizing the most cost-effective weatherization services to improve the home’s energy efficiency

Weatherization services may

include:

- Installation of insulation in attics and walls
- Sealing ductwork
- Tuning/repairing/replacing unsafe heating and cooling systems
- Performing health/safety audits on households and educating residents on the findings.

Funding for the program is available immediately for eligible applicants. Applications are ranked by a point value system with priority given to elderly, disabled, low and very low income families and families with excessively high energy bills.

Eligibility for Weatherization (Income only):

Household Size	H.H Monthly Income	H.H Yearly Income
1	1,805	21,660
2	2,428	29,140
3	3,052	36,620
4	3,675	44,100
5	4,298	51,580
6	4,922	59,060

*For each additional person add \$623 per month or \$7480 yearly income.

The WAP program is available to Tribal members who are considered low-income households per Federal Poverty Guidelines. Households interested in receiving weatherization services must complete a QTDHE Weatherization Assistance Program Client Application.

- Applications are available

at the QTDHE office located at 1860 W. Sapphire Lane.

- Completed and signed applications with copies of your Tribal enrollment card and income verification documentation must be delivered to the QTDHE office to be reviewed for initial funding eligibility; incomplete applications will not be considered.

Los Angeles Native Youth in Yuma

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At the end of the dance, the group presented Miss Sasha Nerva and the Ah Keel dance group with a large basket of gratitude, filled with items put together by the student participants. The evening was exciting and pleasant as all shook hands and broke off to take photos with one another. They then traveled to the home of Anna Hemmer in Yuma, for dinner with her and her family.

The second day saw them

visit the Tribal Council Chambers, to visit with the Tribal Council to learn about "Sovereignty and Leadership". President Jackson explained that as long as you depend on others around you, and have need of their resources and assistance, and you are not truly sovereign in every sense, so you must be sure you will win if you insist on pressing an issue pertaining to sovereignty in court. If you loose, you will loose not only

for your own Tribe, but for all of Indian Country

Their third day, with the Quechan Tribal Elders at the Senior Center, was dedicated to "Traditions". The Quechan elders were happy to explain and instruct them on that subject, and to share many stories and examples with them.

The Cocopah experience included lessons on spiritual values and the mental integration of all they had learned. They were to learn how to balance all they have learned here, with the life they will be living back in the city.

Utilities to Initiate Flushing of Water Lines

Quechan Utilities will be flushing the water systems here on the reservation over the next two months. The result of these activities should be a noticeable improvement in water quality, color, and odor.

The timing of these flushings will depend on Utilities workload and customer locations.

The first step in the process will have the Utilities Department treating each well with chlorine. After allowing them to sit for an hour or so, the workers will then will flush the treatment and any accumulated sludge from the system.

James Stewart, Director of the Quechan Utilities Department, says this part of the treatment should not be noticeable to customers.

Next, the main lines between the wells and the water tower will be flushed by alternately opening valves or multiple hydrants at either end with the intent to stir up any sediment and flush it out of the system.

This portion of the reservation-wide flushing process is

to be completed at night while water demand is low.

Mr. Stewart says customers may notice a decrease in water pressure during this process and a short period of brown water from cold water faucets if brown water is sucked into the secondary lines during this operation. Customers should be able to get clear water from the line if they just let their faucets run for a few minutes.

Mr Stewart says "The brown sediment is harmless although unpleasant to see. Just let the water run until this clears up."

He also says you might notice the brown or smelly water may be limited to only the hot water, and it is more easily noticed in the shower.

"Please check to see if the cold water is suitably clear and odorless," he says. "If this is the case, the brown water and odor is most likely due to deposits in your water heater."

"Clearing that out will require flushing of your hot water heater. If you prefer to try this before we flush the incoming

lines, Housing or Utilities can provide instructions and assistance upon request."

After the main lines are flushed, secondary lines will then be flushed.

This will involve one neighborhood line at a time between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Again, brown water may be noticed. Let it run until it clears up.

Once all water system lines are flushed, another article will appear in the *Quechan News* explaining that the main line flushing process has been completed and how to flush your water heaters.

For those who need assistance, the Utilities Department will provide a contact where customers can request assistance for any part of the process that is beyond their capability.

Finally, Mr. Stewart says "If anyone has a question about the entire process as it occurs, or if you have a complaint as a result of the process, feel free to call the Utilities Office at (760) 572-0667 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m."

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



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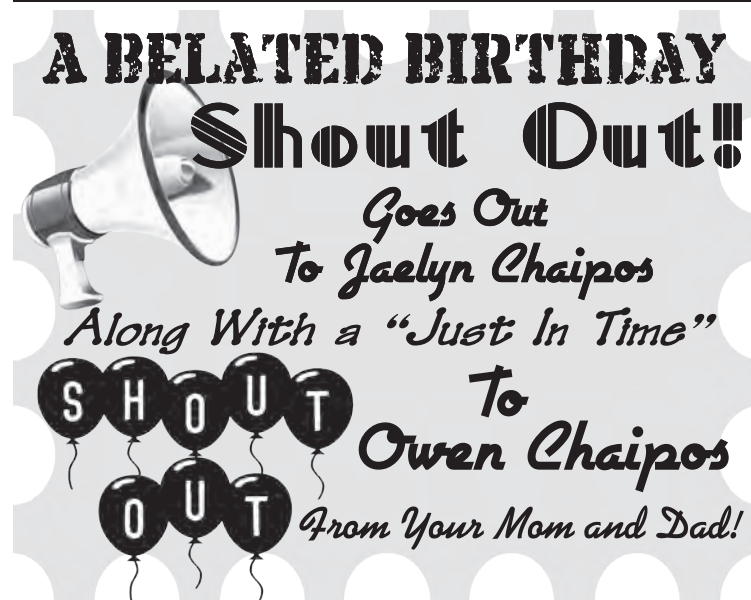
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Quechan Education Committee
QTDHE Board of Commissioners (1)
Kwat'san Cultural Committee
Quechan Health Committee
If interested, submit a Letter of Interest
to the Tribal Council Secretary
(Georgina Massey)
at the Tribal Administration Office.

Seniors Stay Flexible, Prevent Injuries With Exercise Program

Falls are the third leading cause of injury on the Quechan Reservation. Lisa Aguerro, the Quechan Injury Prevention Coordinator, says elders are especially susceptible to fall injuries and their complications.

"Exercise is one of the best things one can do to prevent fall injuries," she notes. "There are many different programs for Elders to exercise with their peers here at Fort Yuma. We have the Injury Prevention 'Fit for Life' water aerobics, the Senior Center has their fitness room, and The Special Diabetes Project for Indians has the Wellness Center, as well as Zumba Gold."

She further points out that "Exercise keeps our muscles limber and helps with balance and coordination. Better balance and flexibility keeps us from falling and getting hurt."

Two seniors who have already benefited from the 'Fit for Life' walking and water aerobics programs are Bob and Leah Fitzherbert.

Leah, 61, is a Tribal member, and when Bob, 69, retired from San Diego Gas and Electric about 10 years ago, they relocated to Winterhaven and now live on the reservation. They have been part of the "Fit for Life" for a little over 2 years, both participating in the walking club and aerobics.

They recently sent a letter to Lisa, describing some of the benefits they've realized by staying active in her programs.

"We truly have benefited from your efforts to keep us active and in better health," they write. "Before we began your program, (Leah) was plagued by shoulder pain as the result of a break that occurred in 2006 — I received physical therapy but still had occasional pain."

"As a result of the water aerobic program last summer my range of motion has increased measurably. Thank you for all of your efforts. Bob and I wish that more people from the community would realize the ben-

efits from a healthier approach to life. We have learned you do not need to be in perfect shape to benefit from the activities that we have participated in with you and your program."

"Since the program began we have lost a total of 35 pounds and decreased our body fat by a cumulative measurement of 10% as measured by the Wellness Center trainers!"

So, to make sure you have fewer accidents, more stability on your feet, fewer complications from any pre-existing health issues, and easier weight loss, they recommend taking part in a program such as the "Fit for Life" club and the Diabetes Wellness Center.

These programs can meet the health needs of a variety of individuals: diabetics, heart attack survivors, dialysis patients, epileptics, geriatrics, and the wheelchair bound — all in a non-competitive environment, enabling you to do well at what ever level you find yourself!

"Safe and Sane" Fireworks Sales Permitted on Reservation

Myra Andrews, the Receptionist and File Clerk at the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) tells *Quechan News* that business permits have already been issued to sell fireworks here on the Reservation. The period allowed for such sales runs from June 28th through July 6th at noon, as it has for years past.

Upon receipt of a Tribal Permit, the vendors were then directed by EDA staff to obtain an application for the designated booths. Those applications are available from the Events Com-

mittee. As of the date of publication, there are no available fireworks booths remaining.

All four booths have been taken by the four tribal members who have gone through the application process.

All fees are waived for tribal members.

Fireworks vendors have been strictly limited to a special area away from the arena, on the southeast side of the grounds. All fireworks used at the celebration must be used within the area designated.

Further, all vendors have

been reminded to have only "Safe and Sane" fireworks for sale here on the reservation.

Imperial County Ordinance (1411, from 2006, Chapter 8.24), bans all fireworks in unincorporated areas, including those listed as "safe and sane" fireworks permitted under state law.

Quechan tribal members and other members of federally recognized tribes are not subject to the Imperial County fireworks ban and may possess, use, explode, purchase and sell only safe and sane fireworks, as long as they remain within the design-



Special booths have been set up for fireworks vendors. All fireworks used at the Fourth of July celebration should be remain within the area immediately surrounding these booths. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

nated areas located on the Fort Yuma Reservation.

Within the boundaries of the Reservation, non-Indians are subject to citation for the pos-

session, use, explosion, sale and purchase of any fireworks whatsoever, and non-Indians possessing such fireworks do so at their own risk.

Quechan P.D. Offers Training for Security Staff

The Quechan Police Department (QPD) has begun to offer professional training for their fellow officers in the Quechan Security Departments.

Officer Marco Veloz, a background investigator certified as a general training instructor with 7 years of experience in the QPD opened the training syllabus with a one-day class on basic report writing. The class covered the essential characteristics of a good report, such as accuracy, conciseness and completeness, giving the students an understanding of how to collect information and organize their thoughts to insure the who, what, why, when, where and how of any incident they might need to report is included.

“An important thing to remember when you write your report,” he says, “is to remain objective in everything you record. Your report has to be clear,

and by just reporting exactly what you observed, and what the people involved told you, you can avoid slanting your report in favor of one point-of-view or another, and keep everything clear for the people who read your report later on.”

An important part of any report, he says, is the need to keep good, clear field notes, with exact times and the statements made by both witnesses and the parties involved. If a report involves a break-in, disorderly conduct, an assault or some other criminal activity, there is a good chance a security guard’s report will be used as evidence in court.

“Because of that, you want to make sure you are very clear about what you mean,” Officer Veloz stresses.

“Any slang or strange abbreviations that can be misinterpreted have to be left out of



Officer Marco Veloz covered report writing at the first class, offered the first week of June. He will be offering additional classes soon on gangs in Indian country and how to behave when called to testify in court. Check with your Supervisor to sign up!

Photo by William Isbell

your report — and you don’t want to try to make it sound official with a bunch of “police jargon”. Just keep it clear and simple, and stick to the facts.”

He says you should always bear in mind that your reports may be used in evidence in court

cases. Just stick to the facts, keep your timeline in mind, and clearly describe any damage, bruises or comments made.

Officer Veloz is currently putting the finishing touches on two new PowerPoint presentations for his next training

sessions. One class will cover court room demeanor and the other will be an overview of gangs and signs of gang activity in Indian Country.

Although he hasn’t got a firm date set for the next class, he says he plans to present the first of the two before the end of June.

“I will send out a training flyer to all Tribal and Casino Security Departments in plenty of time for the next training,” he says. “So if you work for any of our Tribal Security Departments, check with either Jerome Two Hearts (in Tribal Security) or give me a call at the Police Station during the week, and we’ll make sure you get on the training list.”

With only about 15 spaces available for each class, you may want to sign up as soon as you see the Training Flyers posted in your office!

Red Tail Hawks Shinny Team



The Red Tail Hawks Shinny Team are (back row) Kain Tecumseh, Josiah Montague, (in front) Dorothy Davis, Richard Limones, Andrew Limones and Rod Escalanti. An additional player, Deion Twist, was not available on the day the photo was taken.

Photo by William Isbell

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• at The Quechan Community •
• Center now thru August 11th! •
• ALL SHOWS START AT 2:00 PM •
• WITH FREE POPCORN & JUICE! •

A black and white illustration of a large, diverse group of people, including children and adults of various ethnicities, all smiling and waving their hands. The illustration is framed by a border of small dots.

SPLASH DAY PARTY - 2010!



One little boy poses at the water's edge (left), while Anthony Palone is the image of concentration as he practices with the Hula Hoop (below).



The Rainbow Pool at the Quechan Community Center was full of kids of all ages on Saturday, June 5th, when the Parks and Recreation Department kicked off the official start of the summer season with their annual Splash Day Party. As the staff provided supervision and performed lifeguard duties, kids played water basketball, learned the hula hoop and had free sandwiches and drinks for lunch. Volunteers Eva Greene and Pilar Trujillo from Quechan Housing showed up to help out with the snacks!



The hula hoops were brought out after lunch so the kids could try to learn a "Fifties Favorite" (and avoid cramps) before jumping back into the water (at left). But soon enough, the adults had to take over and show them "how it's really done" (in the center) — though some of the adults seemed to need lessons themselves! Rather than get involved in group sports, some swimmers were just content to amuse themselves riding the water slides (at right)!

QUECHAN Parks & Recreation Photos by Willis Hawkins

KWATSAN RADIO TO DEBUT ON JUNE 30TH



Suzy DeCorse and Stefani Herrera pose with the Kwatsan Radio Banner at the Rainbow Pool on Splash Day, June 5th. Photo by Lycia Ortega

Kwatsan Radio has announced they are now launching on June 30, 2010, with festivities planned throughout the Fourth of July weekend.

The group has a multitude of happenings beginning with a modern music event, dubbed "The Show" at the Quechan Community Center, June 30th at 8PM. That will be followed by a cultural event on July 1st for the Kwatsan people, and they will cap off the weekend by broadcasting LIVE from the Stomp Grounds July 2nd through the 4th.

"Kwatsan Radio is ready to be formally introduced to the Kwatsan Nation," says their PR representative, Lycia Ortega.

"We've worked so hard together to make this a reality and now, we want to celebrate with our people. We urge everyone to continue looking out for postings on our upcoming events on Facebook, twitter, Myspace, and of course, www.kwatsanradio.org. Come meet our group and tell us what you think and what you would like to hear on Kwatsan Radio. We will be giving out prizes and keep in mind,

these events are free and open to anyone interested in this positive movement!"

Kwatsan Radio plans 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. They want to plant a seed that will start a movement among the Kwatsan People by pushing tradition through modern media.

Follow them on kwatsanradio.org to find out the times and locations of all their events!