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## New Construction Funding For San Pasqual Schools

A letter mailed to the parents of currently enrolled students at the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District has revealed recent approval of long awaited construction funding by the state of California.

Parents were invited to a meeting in the high school library on August 3rd to learn details of how the planned construction of the new classroom wings and additional restroom facilities may affect the scheduling of classes over the coming school year.

The first step in the construction will involve relocating the "portable" classroom currently at the elementary campus to the middle school site where electricity and internet access are available. Those portables will temporarily house 4th and 5th graders, special education, speech classes and some high school classes until construction is completed.

With construction scheduled to start this week, and classrooms moving to new locations to make room for the new permanent wings, the entire schedule for some classes and



Portable buildings from the elementary campus have already been moved to the rear of the east wing classrooms at the middle school in preparation for construction. The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District received \$8 million to build new permanent classrooms this year. Photo Courtesy of Skip Benedict - SPVUSD

grades will necessarily change to accommodate the work.

For the time being, here is how the school district hopes to accommodate all of the needs of their students, staff and the construction workers moving about all three sites:

Kindergarten classes will meet from 8:25 AM to 1:00 PM with the option of a longer school day up to 3:00 PM. Parents will be asked to choose a dismissal time for their kindergartners (either 1:00 PM or 3:00 PM) for the entire school year. Buses will still be avail-

able to deliver and pickup kindergartners at the Quechan Educational Center's daycares.

Grades K through 3rd will remain on the elementary campus. Grades 4 and 5, even though they have moved to the portables on the middle school campus, will follow the elementary school's bell schedule and meet for recess, lunch and P.E. on the elementary site. Grades 4 and 5 will be released to the bathroom with supervision, and emergency bathroom breaks will be allowed during class in groups of two.

All elementary students will also be let out 10 minutes prior to the middle school's 3:05 PM dismissal time.

This year, 6th grade students will begin at 7:45 AM with dismissal at 3:05 PM. The schedule for students at the middle and high school starts with an 8:40 AM breakfast in the cafeteria for grades 7 through 12. Students will have the option of staying after school for athletics, enrichment activities (ASES) and academic intervention tutoring.

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# Various Tribal Committees Seek New Members

Members of the Quechan community over the age of 21 with an interest in education are asked to submit a Letter of Intent to the Quechan Tribal Council to serve as members of the Quechan Education Board. Unlike many other committees and boards at Fort Yuma, you need not be an enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe to serve on the Education Board, according to Tribal Council Secretary Georgina Massey.

All that is required is that you live here and have a connection to the Quechan Tribe, and be over 21 with a willingness to serve your community in the interest of education.

As a member of the Board you must be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings, held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.

Over the past few months,

Ora Lee Durand-Valisto and her staff at the Higher Education Office have been accepting applications for scholarships before passing them on to the Tribal Council for approval.

There are perhaps 10 different Boards and Committees within the Quechan Tribe which oversee various needs, such as the Kwat'san Cultural Committee and the Health Committee, which are both also looking for new members at this time.

"There are no set criteria for serving on the Education Board," according to Mrs. Valisto. "All you have to do is volunteer your time, expertise and knowledge to sit on the Board while wanting to see our Tribal Members succeed at college or in a university".

The Council and the members of the Quechan Education Complex who work with

the Board usually like to get enough applications to appoint two alternates, in case a Board member goes out of town during the year. That makes it possible for them to continue processing scholarship applications without interruption throughout the year.

So, even without a college degree, you can take part in helping another person earn theirs.

Two other Committees seeking new members, the Kwat'san Cultural Committee and the Health Committee, need enrolled adult Quechan Tribe members who live in the area of Fort Yuma to be available to attend meetings when called.

Members of the Quechan Health Committee are to be available to help resolve any concerns of Tribal Members over health care and treatment issues, from whatever source. Whether the provider is the

IHS, a physician in Yuma or El Centro, or one of the Tribal programs such as Social Services or the Diabetes Special Program for Indians, the Health Care Committee is there to help.

"Our main focus is seeing that you obtain the high quality of care you deserve," says Health Committee Chairwoman Bryce Parker.

One of the more high profile Committees here on the reservation, the Kwat'san Cultural Committee meets to provide guidance to the Office of Historic Preservation, as well as the Quechan Language Program, the Economic Development Administration, the Quechan Tribal Council and outside entities wanting to take part in development here on the reservation. They review all kinds of future plans, to insure there are no adverse affects to potential histori-

cal and cultural sites.

All you must do to be considered is to submit a Letter of Interest, stating which of these positions you'd like to be considered for. Bring your letter to Georgina Massey, the Quechan Tribal Council Secretary at the Tribal Administration Office, and she will present it to the Council for consideration.

Of course, the final decision on cut-off dates for these applications are up to the Tribal Council. If you need any information on possible deadlines, Georgina Massey can give you that information.

If you wish to take part in the process of Native self-government, helping to guide your fellow Tribe members through the process rather than just watch from afar, step forward now and make a difference in your community. It's the right thing to do!

## New Construction at San Pasqual

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Students in grades 7 through 12 will have an additional option of beginning with a zero period starting at 7:45 AM with either an elective or academic intervention class. Otherwise, their day begins at 9:00 AM with buses running at 5:00 PM.

"Students who elect to end their school day at 4 O'clock will need to provide their own transportation home," according to the district office. "Students who remain on campus after dismissal must be in a supervised program, such as ath-

letics, ASES, an elective class or academic intervention."

Some new elective courses were already planned for this school year, even before the Department of Education announced the new construction. Those classes will remain on the schedule. They include a music enrichment program for grades 5 through 12, and adding a Construction Trade elective for high school students.

The grant for \$8 million will both replace older classrooms and add new ones at San

Pasqual Elementary and the high school. The California Department of Education says the funds were awarded based on steady enrollment growth.

Fifteen old classrooms will be demolished, and ten new classrooms will be built at the elementary school, while five classrooms will also be replaced at the high school. New restrooms will be added to both schools. The district also plans to improve the parking situation as well as the transportation and busing system.

## Kanave Axôt from San Pasqual!

Welcome back for the 2010/2011 School Year!

Here is a list of important dates for you to remember:

- ◆ Freshman Orientation - Thursday, August 11, 2010 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.
- ◆ Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can pick up their class schedules on, August 9th, 10th and 12th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the counseling office.
- ◆ The first day of school is Monday August 16, 2010.

*We look forward to another successful year at San Pasqual Valley High School.*

*Parent involvement is always encouraged.*

-Lynda Schoonover, Principal

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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](mailto:w.isbell@quechantribe.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!



# Community Health

## **WHOOPING COUGH A PROBLEM IN CALIFORNIA THIS YEAR** *Health Officials Urge Diagnosis and Timely Vaccination*

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is concerned that this year's outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough) shows no signs of slowing.

As of July 27, the number of illnesses from the disease in 2010 had climbed to 2,174, a six-fold increase from the 349 illnesses reported for the same period last year. In addition, a San Diego County infant has become the seventh victim to die from pertussis this year.

California is on pace to have the most cases of pertussis reported in more than half a century. Infants have suffered the highest rates at 1.1 case for every 1,000 infants.

"The pertussis epidemic is a sobering and tragic reminder that diseases long thought controlled can return with a vengeance," says Dr. Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health.

"We can protect ourselves and the most vulnerable in our community by getting vaccinated today."

"Because immunity from pertussis vaccine or disease wears off, Californians—especially family members and caregivers of infants—should make sure they get their shots," Horton said.

In addition to the typical series of five childhood pertussis immunizations, CDPH recommends an adolescent-adult pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) for everyone 10 years or older who has not yet received it, especially:

- Women of childbearing age, before, during or immediately after pregnancy, and
- Other people, including household contacts, caregivers and health care workers who have contact with pregnant women or infants.

Ric Pollard, Public Information Officer for the Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic, says they are increasing the frequency of their of clinics due to the California Pertussis "epidemic" and number of Back-to-School Vaccines needed at this time of

year. You can see their August Vaccination Clinics schedule right on this page.

Claudia Lorenz, the IHS Public Health Nurse, says Pertussis shots will be available.

A typical case of pertussis in children and adults starts with a cough and runny nose for one-to-two weeks, followed by weeks to months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes ends with a whooping sound. Fever is rare.

Children 7 to 9 years of age who did not receive all of their routine childhood shots are recommended to receive a Tdap booster dose.

The pertussis vaccination series can begin when an infant is 6 weeks of age. Infants, however, are not adequately protected until they received their first three shots by age 6 months. The series of shots that most children receive wears off by the time they reach middle school.

For new mothers and anyone with close contact with infants,

CDPH is providing Tdap vaccine at birthing hospitals, community health centers, Native American health centers and local health departments.

The diagnosis of pertussis is often delayed in young infants,

whose are less likely to have a notable cough – caregivers and health care providers should consider the possibility of pertussis in infants with coughs or colds to help in prompt diagnosis and treatment.

### **FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC**

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE  
VACCINE CLINICS: AUGUST 2010**  
*Vaccinations Available For All Ages*

**Wednesday, August 11, 2010**  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Public Health Nurse Office

**Thursday, August 12, 2010**  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Cocopah Wellness Center

**Friday, August 13, 2010**  
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM Public Health Nurse Office

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010**  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Public Health Nurse Office

**Friday, August 20, 2010**  
1:00 pm – 5:00 PM Public Health Nurse Office

**Thursday, August 26, 2010**  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Cocopah Wellness Center

**Winterhaven residents: Call CHR Office  
for Transportation (760)572-0753**

**If you have any questions, please call  
Claudia Lorentz, RN, PHN at  
(760) 572-4225 or 572-4226**

## **Annual Water Quality Reports Available at the Utilities Office**

Jim Stewart, Utilities Manager for the Quechan Tribe, says the annual water quality reports for calendar year 2009 are now available. Each report has been reviewed for accuracy and approved by the EPA.

These reports summarize the quality of the water as provided

by each water source and the associated distribution system. They are an annual requirement imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Quechan Water System consists of four area systems: the main reservation area plus the smaller outlying water sys-

tems serving Laguna Dam RV, Riverfront RV, and the Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park.

If you would like to view the water quality report for your area, call the Utilities Manager at (760-572-0667) or visit the Utilities Office at 1890C San Pasqual School Road.

# QPD Officers Complete Specialized Training Courses



All Terrain vehicle training took place in the desert just south of the reservation, alongside the Southern Pacific rail road near the Yuma mesa.

Over the past several months, officers of the Quechan Police Department (QPD) have undergone specialized training in the special dynamics of their All Terrain Vehicles.

This training provides the officers an appreciation of the operation and capabilities of the new Kawasaki 750 Brute Force ATVs recent purchased by the QPD under grant funding.

Quechan Fish and Game

had previously received funding for a single ATV, purchased for them in 2008. All of the Quechan Tribe's ATVs were purchased by a grant from Operation Stone Garden funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

DHS is providing such vehicles these vehicles in an effort to prevent illegal entry into the United States and to assist local departments with materiel sup-

plies that can deter and detect illegal border activities.

Training was provided by officers of the Yuma Police Department SCORE, which comprises all local area agencies. The training included sharp turning maneuvers, stopping drills, hill climbing techniques, asphalt driving and stopping, and most importantly safety equipment and vehicle checks.

Quechan Police Officers who completed the training in late June were Officers Juan Rodriquez, Kirk Nerva, Marco Veloz and Sergeant James Jackson. Fish and Game Officers John Nevels and Travis Owl also completed training as well.

More QPD officers, both full-time and reserve, were scheduled to complete the ATV course through July and August.

Another training session during the month of May had officers of the Quechan Police Department enrolled in a three day bicycle operation course.



QPD reserve officer Davita Dyer practices riding down stairs on a bike during SCORE training in May. Quechan Police Department Photos

That training course provided officers with the ability and techniques to develop their skills in both bicycle operation and safety considerations.

That training was also provided by the Yuma Police Department since the QPD now has two new bicycles funded through Operation Stone Garden.

Quechan Police Officers who completing the bicycle training were Kirk Nerva, Sergeant

James Jackson and QPD Reserve Officer Davita Dyer.

The training taught them how to handle various roadway conditions such as sharp turning maneuvers, stopping drills, hill climbing techniques, riding up and down stairs, jumping off and over curbs and even riding down stairs, crossing curbs and stopping both on road and off road, along with how to conduct bicycle safety checks.

# Construction Means Bus Schedule Changes for Schools

ELEMENTARY K-6 MORNING ROUTES	NEW SUB ROUTE STOP/TIME	1097 Picacho Rd. - 7:02	Indian Rock & Foster - 7:33	585 First Avenue - 6:55
<b>BARD ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>	Depart Yard - 7:23 Playground - 7:25 Mailboxes - 7:30 Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:35	901 Picacho Rd. - 7:05 855 Picacho Rd. - 7:07 791 Picacho Rd. - 7:09 575 Picacho Rd. - 7:12 465 Picacho Rd. - 7:13 Railway Underpass - 7:14	1977 Indian Rock - 7:35 1803 Indian Rock - 7:40 795 Baseline Rd. - 7:42 748 Baseline Rd. - 7:43 Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:45	543 First Avenue - 6:57 2nd Ave. & G Street - 6:59 Jimmie's Market - 7:04 2nd Ave. & D Street - 7:10 450 Picacho Rd. - 7:15 Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:20
Depart Yard - 6:15 1048 Colby Road - 6:25 1269 Bard Road - 6:30 2400 Imperial Dam - 6:43 Bailey & Hagberg - 7:00 Aaron & Parkman - 7:03 1330 Perez - 7:05 1197 Perez - 7:07 810 Cocopah Road - 7:15 Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:20	<b>RESERVATION ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>	McCoy's Tr. Park - 7:19 2148 Arnold Rd. - 7:28 2297 Indian Rock - 7:23 2498 Indian Rock - 7:25 2498 Arnold Road - 7:27 2441 Arnold Road - 7:29 2249 Arnold Road - 7:31 Arnold & Foster - 7:31	<b>WINTERHAVEN ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>	<b>OLD SUB ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
	Depart Yard - 6:45 973 Baseline Rd. - 6:49 1725 Miguel Road - 6:54 1825 Ross Road - 6:56 1203 Picacho Rd. - 7:00 1153 Picacho Rd. - 7:01		Depart Yard - 6:40 1785 Arnold Rd. - 6:44 1978 Arnold Rd. - 6:46 685 Yuma Road - 6:48 2197 Rodenbaugh - 6:52 2125 Rodenbaugh - 6:53	Depart Yard - 7:20 Sapphire Lane - 7:23 Diamond Lane - 7:29 An Nal & Pipa Ave. - 7:35 Sapphire & Garnet - 7:40 Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:45

<b>SIDEWINDER ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 6:40
2327Araz Road - 6:48
Vee's Trailer Park - 6:50
Shell Gas Station - 6:56
Sleepyhollow - 6:57
2348 Winterhaven - 7:05
2323 Araz Road - 7:14
2301 Winterhaven - 7:15
2299 Winterhaven Drive (River's Edge RV) - 7:18
2280 Winterhaven - 7:21
2237 Winterhaven - 7:22
395 Quechan Road - 7:26
Arrive at Cafeteria - 7:31

**SPECIAL NEEDS K-12  
MORNING ROUTE**

<b>STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 6:45
Shell Gas Station - 7:15
2237 Winterhaven - 7:28
1183 Picacho Road - 7:38
2096 Arnold Road - 7:48
585 First Avenue - 7:53
2148 F Street - 7:55
1197 Perez - 7:07
651 Ironwood Terr. - 8:07
1852 Arnold Road - 8:10
655 Sapphire Lane - 8:12
Amethyst - 8:14
477 Kwatsan Ave. - 8:18
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:25

<b>MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MORNING ROUTES</b>
<b>BARD ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 7:45
1048 Colby Road - 7:55
1269 Bard Road - 8:00
1565 Levee Road - 8:10
York & Mehring - 8:13
1517 York Road - 8:14
1549 Hagberg - 8:17
Aaron & Parkman - 8:20
1330 Perez - 8:22
1197 Perez - 8:23
1156 Perez - 8:24
1477 Ross Road - 8:25
810 Cocopah Road - 8:28
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:30

<b>NEW SUB ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 8:30
Playground - 8:32
Mailboxes - 8:37
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:45

<b>OLD SUB ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 8:30
Sapphire Lane - 8:33
Diamond Lane - 8:35
An Nal & Pipa Ave. - 8:40
Sapphire & Garnet - 8:43
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:45

<b>RESERVATION ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 7:45
827 Baseline Rd. - 7:46
849 Baseline Rd. - 7:47
973 Baseline Rd. - 7:48
1796 Miguel Road - 7:50
1739 Miguel Road - 7:52
1050 Baseline Rd. - 7:54
1825 Ross Road - 7:57
1153 Picacho Rd. - 8:02
1145 Picacho Rd. - 8:05
1938 Jackson Rd. - 8:08
1947 Jackson Rd. - 8:11
Picacho & Hautelin - 8:13
849 Picacho Rd. - 8:14
590 Picacho Rd. - 8:15
573 Picacho Rd. - 8:16
525 Picacho Rd. - 8:17
Railway Underpass - 8:20
McCoy's Tr. Park - 8:25
711 Horne - 8:28
846 Foster - 8:30
1803 Indian Rock - 8:35
762 Baseline Rd. - 8:40
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:45

<b>WINTERHAVEN ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 7:45
1765 Arnold Rd. - 7:48
1785 Arnold Rd. - 7:50
1978 Arnold Rd. - 7:52
1904 Arnold Rd. - 7:54
2096 Arnold Rd. - 7:57
685 Yuma Road - 7:59
2197 Rodenbaugh - 8:00
569 First Avenue - 8:03
543 First Avenue - 8:04
2nd Ave. & G Street - 8:06
2nd Ave. & D Street - 8:10
450 Picacho Rd. - 8:15
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:20

<b>SIDEWINDER ROUTE STOP/TIME</b>
Depart Yard - 7:35
2078 Winterhaven - 7:39
2327Araz Road - 7:43
Vee's Trailer Park - 7:46
Shell Gas Station - 7:53
Sleepyhollow - 8:01
2499 Araz Road - 8:09
2399 Araz Road - 8:10
2398 Winterhaven - 8:11
2348 Winterhaven - 8:13
2323 Araz Road - 8:14
2337 Winterhaven - 8:15
2301 Winterhaven - 8:19
River's Edge RV - 8:22
2049 Winterhaven - 8:27
Arrive at Cafeteria - 8:38

**Parents Please Note:**

*Afternoon buses follow these same routes in reverse. For example, the Afternoon Old Sub Route stops at the corner of Sapphire and Garnet first, then proceeds on to the corner of An Nal & Pipa, then to Diamond Lane and exits the Old Suvdivision at Sapphire next to the Pipa Market.*

*Elementary buses begin their afternoon runs at 3:00 PM.*

*Middle & High School buses depart campus at 5:00 PM.*

**ELEMENTARY CLASS SCHEDULES  
WILL BE POSTED  
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:  
MONDAY  
AUGUST 16TH, 2010**

**School Registration Requirements**

Students who are new to San Pasqual Valley Unified School District or who are returning to SPVUSD from another school district will need to provide the following documentation:

- Birth Certificate
- Up to Date Immunization Records
- TWO proofs of residency (such as a mortgage payment receipt, rent receipt, current utility bill, bank statements). Declarations of Residency with another family MUST be notarized and include (2) current utility bills in the homeowner/renters name.
- Social Security Card
- Transcript from last school attended (Required)
- Current San Pasqual students will need to fill out a 2010-11 registration card and provide proof of current physical address.

*Kindergarten dismissal time is 1:00 PM with a 2:50 PM Extended Day Release Time Option. For more information, please call San Pasqual Valley Elementary at (760)572-0222.*

# New ADAPP Director Looks Forward to Serving Community

After working for a variety of mental health and social services providers in both Yuma and La Paz counties over the past decade, Randy Hansen has taken on the challenge of Director of the Quechan Tribe's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP).

Born in Wisconsin, Randy attended the University of Wisconsin/Parkside, in Kenosha. He earned a B.A. in Sociology, and upon graduation was offered a counselor's position in an inner city gang diversion program. "I did that for about a year and a half," he says, "and I was offered a position with the Racine and Kenosha School Districts, where I had been doing some part-time counseling and a little teaching."

He then went to work as a Probation Officer for the State of Wisconsin, after spending six years working for the schools.

"I mostly worked a 'generalized' case-load," he says, "doing an incredible amount of work with clients who had alcohol or drug addiction behaviors." Seeing the connection between bad choices in drug use leading to further bad



**Wisconsin born Randy Hansen** has gained almost 10 years of experience working with native communities since moving to the Yuma area to accept a counseling position in 1999. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

choices that resulted in arrests, Randy put together some substance abuse treatment groups in the Probation Department, and offered his own services as a counselor for offenders to receive those services right there.

But with family in Yuma (some cousins who had settled in the area after military service), Randy decided he might want to move out and escape the cold Wisconsin winters, too.

"I came out and went to work for the Excel Group in 1999, as a Clinical Supervisor working with adults," he continues, "people having substance abuse

and mental health, dual diagnosis kinds of issues."

Even with the increased workload serving as a Supervisor, Randy was able to earn a Master's Degree in Counseling from NAU/Yuma and became an Arizona licensed substance abuse counselor at that time.

He was at the Excel Group for 3 years when he received an offer to move to Parker and work for a community of mental health agency that provided a lot of services for the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT).

When that agency (Providence of Arizona) opened an

office in Yuma a few years later, Randy was given responsibility for both offices. As the office in Yuma began to grow, he was asked to move back to here. Providence did both substance abuse treatment for parents as well as foster care for children.

Randy says "I was working with parents there to help them get clean and sober, in an effort to get their children back." But all of the commuting back and forth from Yuma to northern La Paz county began to encroach on his stamina, and he was glad to accept a new offer from Arizona Counseling and Treatment Services, which made him their Regional Director.

Soon enough, however, they also opened an office in Parker, which led to his returning to travel between both locations.

"But this time I was working a little more closely with the CRIT Tribes," he says. "Arizona Counseling and Treatment was really tied in to behavioral health and providing community based substance abuse treatment for members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes."

Arizona Counseling and Treatment Services now has of-

fices all over the state, and that led to Randy spending a lot of his time travelling, working in Parker, Wellton and San Luis, as well as Yuma. Eventually, Randy found he was travelling as much as five and six days a week and he decided it was time to "take a different path," as he puts it. "I wanted to stay right here, and with them wanting to expand operations into San Carlos, Arizona, and then asking me if I would move up there . . . well, that wasn't a decision I was willing to make."

His thought was, "I really wanted to stay in Yuma, and provide services to this community, because I love living here." Luckily, right about that time was when the Quechan Tribe began advertising for a new Director for ADAPP.

Mr. Hansen has now been working for the Tribe just about a month, and says he's gotten to know the staff and asked for their suggestions in developing and expanding programs. They've even talked a bit about developing an education and prevention program for the QT-DHE. There may be some new things coming soon!

## Quechan Tribe Hires New Grant Writer

Clifford O'Neill, who holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University, has accepted the position of Grants Writer for the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe.

Mr. O'Neill gained his first work experience as a camp tender for the Johns/Mansville Mining Co. in the wilds of Montana. He eventually worked as part of a two-man exploratory geology team, travelling the northwestern United States as a young man. Eventually mov-

ing to Bouse, Arizona to research expired claims in what is now La Paz County, he went into construction and wound up working as a laborer and equipment operator on the Central Arizona Project for 10 years.

When that job ended, he was a research analyst for both the town of Quartzsite and La Paz County, where he first gained experience in handling Community Development Block Grants. "They wanted me to become comfortable enough with

the Program," he says, "so we could eventually handle those grants in-house, rather than hiring an outside administrator." He eventually handled the public outreach on La Paz County's landfill development, which had him very deeply involved in both education and local politics. He was also present for the genesis of Quartzsite's bus system and the birth of their 40 acre community park.

"It was nice to be there and serve in the foundation of what

they have for the community there today," he says.

It was after serving 4 years as Administrative Assistant

to Quartzsite's Town Manager that he heard of an opening in the newly formed Community Development Department in Somerton.

Once there, he gained further experience in local governmental operations, serving under three different Town Managers over the years. Each time a City Manager left for "greener pas-



**Clifford O'Neill**

Has over 19 years of grant writing experience, and served as City Manager of Somerton, Arizona for almost 5 years.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

tures", Mr. O'Neill was tapped to serve as Interim City Manager.

Now that he is working for the Quechan Tribe, he says his first order of business is to familiarize himself with all of the current grants and be sure each of them is maintained, even as he begins the search for new sources of funding.

# Quechan Tribe Awarded Grant to Fund SDPI in 2011

In 1998 the Quechan Indian Tribe was awarded a continuous grant through Indian Health Services (IHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to cover most of the funding for the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI). Continuous funding survived until May of 2010.

In late 2009, IHS and DHHS decided to change the funding from continuous to competitive, meaning close to 400 Tribes would now be in competition to receive their funding.

Through a series of Webinars and other materials created by IHS to assist those Tribes competing for funding, the Quechan Tribe made it to the final Grant cycle with 130 other Tribes.

In January 2010, Barbara Cachora (the Grants Writer at the time) and the SDPI Advisory Committee (Brycea Parker and Deborah Drumel from the IHS) met with SDPI several times to review the criteria for the competitive grant.

“This was the first grant I’d ever written so everything was

completely new to me,” says Lisa Ball, Quechan SDPI Director. “I felt overwhelmed, but I’m always up for a challenge!”

With the grant due at the end of April, there was a lot of work to be done. Lisa Ball says she relied heavily on both IHS Dietician Deborah Drumel and her dad, who has written hundreds of grants during his career in education after Barbara Cachora’s transfer to take over Business Enterprises.

“During the grant writing process the Tribal Council was

also very supportive of our efforts and offered a wealth of encouragement,” says Lisa.

Complications at IHS during the grant cycle then delayed funding for 45 days, leaving SDPI very little carryover from the 2009/10 funding.

Lisa continues: “Waiting to hear from the IHS Division of Grants Management on our fate proved to be nerve racking! Finally, on July 20th, I received a phone call from KYMA wanting to do a story on “the funding we were just awarded”. I asked them to elaborate for me, because I hadn’t heard anything! KYMA said they’d received a press release from Congressman Filner that the Quechan SDPI was one of the Tribes awarded funding. I was caught off guard, but none the less I was ecstatic! The following day we received our Notice of Award from the Division of Grants Management showing that in fact we were selected to receive funding.”

The SDPI grant proposal for 2011 has 3 major projects planned for this next year:


With the assistance of the Elder Village Focus Group and the community, a Community Gar-

den will be planted in the Elder Village Garden at the Anya Nitz Pak (Sunrise Point Park). Plots will be set up for families where they can plant their seeds of choice. Cooking demonstrations will then be held using the food that will be grown.

A “mock” grocery store will be created with the assistance of Quechan Commodities. The mobile store will allow groups of participants to shop and evaluate their choices as a group. Understanding food labels and general nutrition education will be taught by the SDPI Prevention Aides.

SDPI will work with Quechan Housing on the restoration of the playgrounds in the 2 older subdivisions. New equipment will be installed to promote outdoor physical activity and encourage family time within the community.

SDPI would like to thank Mr. Espino, Edna Serna and Chona Medel for their patience and support with the SDPI budget. A huge thank you to Brian Golding, Sr. and Alyson Collins for their objective review of the grant application and suggestions offered. Thanks also for the *Quechan News*’ support!



## Apply Now For The 2010 School Clothing Assistance Program

Parents and legal guardians of Quechan Tribe students enrolled at any educational facility may apply at the Tribal Administration Office for assistance in providing new school clothes for their children, through the Quechan Tribe’s School Clothing Assistance Program (SCAP).

Chona Medel, Finance Manager for the Quechan Tribe, says there are a few changes to the SCAP this year. Chief among them is that it is now a one-time program.

“We are combining both the Fall and Winter season SCAP into a single Program”, she tells the *Quechan News*. “This year, the program runs from August 2, 2010 to November 5, 2010. All ORIGINAL RECEIPTS will be due or post marked by Friday, December 3, 2010.”

Another change is that ALL participants will be issued a check this year. Purchase orders and gift cards WILL NOT be issued. All requests for the

SCAP program are a one-time request. Participants will not be able to break up the amount into more than one request.

Ms. Medel also wants to emphasize that if original receipts are NOT returned by the December 3, 2010 deadline, the parent/legal guardian WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE to participate in the program for ONE YEAR.

Eligible ages for participation are students from 3 years to 18 years (enrolled in Headstart through 12th grade). Participants are still required to provide a copy of each child’s Tribal Identification Card or Certificate and required to provide school attendance verification signed by a school official. (A form to verify attendance is included in the SCAP application packet.)

Parents and Legal Guardians will receive a 1099 Miscellaneous Tax Form by January 31, 2011.

Each student must be an en-

rolled member of the Quechan Tribe in order to qualify.

Parents or guardians can pick up an application packet at the Reception Desk of the Quechan Tribe Administration Office.

Please note that hand written receipts are not accepted for reimbursement. Only original cash register, debit card or computer printed point-of-purchase terminal receipts are acceptable for reimbursement.


Please turn in your receipts to the Revenue Distribution Office or Finance Office as soon as you make your purchases to avoid any delay.

“Please DO NOT give your original receipts to any other department in the Administration Office,” says Ms. Medel.

If you have any questions regarding the changes for this year, please contact Dianna Waters at the Revenue Distribution Office at (760)572-0213 ext. 274 or Chona Medel, Finance Manager at ext. 214.

**Dr. Lubb Dubb congratulates all 9 students from the San Pasqual Elementary School who ran 100 miles or more in his Healthy Heart Running Club over the 2009/10 School Year!**

**You RUN WITH THE DOC you win!**



**The more you run with the DOC the more you win!**

<b>Luis Palomera</b>	159 Miles	<b>Martin Rios</b>	130 Miles
<b>Joseph Herrera</b>	156 Miles	<b>Kieran Palone</b>	104 Miles
<b>Kaleb Cota</b>	151 Miles	<b>Isadore Clark</b>	101 Miles
<b>Horacio Orozco</b>	148 Miles	<b>Daylen Palone</b>	100 Miles
<b>Dresana Palone</b>	130 Miles	<b>See You All Next Year!</b>	

# QCR HOSTS "PLAN & PLAY"



This is just one of the amazing, artistic buffet setups for events the public got a look at during the "Plan & Play" event held at the QCR's Pipa Event Center on July 23rd. Over 400 attended. Photo by Jenny Landeros, QCR

The Quechan Casino♣Resort hosted a "Plan & Play" event on the afternoon of July 23rd. The free event offered the general public a chance to view an assortment of social event displays and party themes for weddings, holiday parties, work seminars, quinceañeras, corporate functions and poolside cabana parties. Over 400 peo-

ple attended the event, which included free food sampling, "Just for Fun" Blackjack, ice sculptures and live music.

"Plan & Play guests were impressed with the amenities the Quechan Casino♣Resort has to offer for weddings and business meetings," said Public Relations Manager Kurt Fedders, "including our 20,000 sq. ft.

state-of-the-art event center and functional board rooms"

In addition, the Q's chefs personally served a variety of dishes, and attendees even had the opportunity to reserve specially-created menus for their future social events.

If you'd like to plan an event at the Q give them a call toll-free at 1(877)783-2426.

## BACK TO SCHOOL POOL PARTY!

A "Back To School" pool party will be held this Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Rainbow Pool. All students, from Pre-K through high school are invited to join the Parks & Rec crew in one last fling marking the end of the summer!

The party will be similar to the one that marked the end of the second session of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project/Quechan Parks and Recreation Summer Camp on Friday, July 9th.

That day was set aside for elementary children to have fun and a relaxing day at the pool. Everyone there enjoyed a healthy lunch of sub sandwiches and chips from Fry's provided by SDPI. Nice cool juices were provided by Parks



Some of the younger campers at the combined Quechan Parks & Rec/SDPI summer camp program enjoy the Rainbow Pool at the end of their session on July 9. QUECHAN Parks & Rec Photo by Willis Hawkins

& Rec to wash it all down.

The Summer Camp ended that session with 40 kids to make the end of the program Pool Party a huge success. Both programs would like to thank everyone who helped with the summer camp programs. They say they couldn't have done it without the youth

workers! A special thank you also goes out to Karen Preston and her kitchen staff for preparing the meals.

Ana Hartt-Villareal of Special Diabetes speaks for them all when she says, "We hope to see our returning kids as well as new faces at next year's summer camp!"

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**These Two Positions Are Open to Enrolled Quechan Tribal Members Only:**

**Maintenance  
Laguna Dam Trailer Park \$8.00/ Hour  
Closes: August 13, 2010**

Must have a High School Diploma/GED.  
Current valid Drivers License is also required and applicants must be insurable by the Tribe.  
Preferred 3 years experience in custodial, janitorial and grounds keeping.

In-Kind Supplement consists of a trailer for living on the property, space rental and electrical supply.

**Enrollment Department  
File Clerk  
\$8.00 - \$10.00/ Hour (D.O.E.)  
Closes: August 13, 2010**

Must have a High School Diploma/GED.  
Current valid Drivers License is also required and applicants must be insurable by the Tribe.

**The Following Job Position is Open to Native Americans Meeting the Qualifications:**

**Deputy Court Clerk  
\$10.04 - \$10.65/ Hour  
Closes: August 13, 2010**

Must be 21 years of age, have a High School Diploma/GED.  
(Experience in a Court Setting or Degree/Education may count toward years fulfilling the age requirement.)  
Must not have been convicted of a felony.

No misdemeanor convictions on moral turpitude or moral depravity charges within the previous 12 months.

Two years experience in a court environment and an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice or related field.

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



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