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Monsoon Storm Leads To Blackout



An ominous cloud of dust approached Fort Yuma on a direct line from the vicinity of Arizona Western College at 4:40 PM on August 22nd, where a summer storm was already dropping rain and hail amidst wind gusts of over 70 MPH. The storm continued on towards the greater Imperial Valley, snapping powerlines, downing trees and flooding roads from here to El Centro.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

A summer monsoon that blew in late on a Thursday led to an unanticipated four-day "weekend" for Tribal members when the storm took down over 40 power poles, beginning a series of overlapping blackouts on the Fort Yuma reservation.

The original blackout began at about 5:30 PM on August 22, with about 14 poles along Arnold Road going down. Within minutes, another distribution/transmission pole just north of Indian Rock on Picacho Road snapped in two about 6 feet off the ground. Transformers near San Pasqual School Road and Haughtelin went down, also.

The wildly shifting winds also brought down 26 poles transmitting high voltage along Araz Road just north of Winterhaven, leaving debris and transmission lines along the center of the roadway.

Luckily, the power had already been shut off by that time, so no one was electrocuted, and there was no danger of fire, for the time being. Still, there was no indication when power might return to those lines, so the Tribe's Emergency Management Committee quickly arranged for the Tribal Police Department to begin evacuating people from the rear of their

properties along Araz Road, to avoid the dangers along the roadway. The torrential rains had already made everything a gummy, muddy mess, so the Police officers arrived on their all terrain vehicles to shuttle community members south to safety along canal banks and secondary roads.

Those Tribal members living along Araz Road were sent to the Quechan Casino Resort to stay until power could be restored, while many additional Tribal members without power were given shelter in the Paradise Event Center. Some Tribal members with special needs

were also sent to stay at the Days Inn in Yuma.

The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) responded to the reports of destruction quickly, dispatching their own crews and their contractor, IRBY Construction, that same night. CHP and Imperial County, meanwhile, had blocked off all the affected roads and kept drivers out until the IID arrived to take charge of the areas where power lines had come down. They quickly neutralized all of the circuits and began planning for the start of reconstruction as soon as day-

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Land Buy-Back Program Launches Web Resource

In mid-August, the Department of the Interior announced the launch of a new, comprehensive resource for Indian landowners and tribal governments seeking information about the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program).

The website, <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram>, will serve as a one-stop-shop for visitors interested in timely and regularly updated information about the Buy-Back Program.

The Buy-Back Program was created to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided a \$1.9 billion fund to purchase fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers. The Buy-Back Program has a goal to purchase those interests at fair market value within a 10 year period.

It has the potential to unlock millions of acres of fractionated lands for the benefit of tribal communities.

"We know that one of the keys to the success of this program will be timely and reliable information," said Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at Interior.

"This website will be one important tool that we will use to communicate with tribes as we work collaboratively to implement a fair, effective and efficient process for individual owners of fractionated interests

to participate in the Buy-Back Program."

The new website includes extensive "Frequently Asked Questions" and information to assist individual landowners and tribes in gathering information about how they can participate in the Buy-Back Program and understand the valuation and sale process.

Visitors can also get information about the Education Scholarship Fund for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Buy-Back Program will contribute up to \$60 million from land sales to this fund, which will be controlled by a board of trustees nominated by tribal governments. The Scholarship Fund will be administered by the American Indian College Fund in Denver, with 20% allotted to the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, NM.

As part of the August 15th launch, the Buy-Back Program is making available templates and guidance for the development of cooperative agreements that will allow for resources to be provided to individual tribal governments in order to facilitate their help with implementing the program, especially in key areas such as landowner outreach and education. Although these agreements will be tailored for each tribe, the templates will assist tribal governments with the development of an agreement that is respon-

sive to the specific needs of the nation involved.

Tribes may review and familiarize themselves with these documents and are encouraged to contact Buy-Back staff to discuss the documents before preparing or submitting an application.

"We have already begun work with a diverse group of tribes and will be engaging with additional locations and tribes in the coming weeks and months," added Washburn. "To ensure that the Buy-Back Program reaches as many locations as possible over the next 10 years, we are committed to using the funds wisely and have implemented flexible purchase ceilings on each reservation to avoid premature exhaustion of available funds."

The publication of these and other documents to assist tribal governments with outreach comes after months of government-to-government consultations. More than 10 million acres are held for individual American Indians and nearly 46 million acres are held for Indian tribes. This land is comprised of more than 200,000 tracts, of which about 92,000 (on approximately 150 reservations) contain fractional ownership interests subject to purchase by the Buy-Back Program.

The goal is to make offers at one or more initial locations by the end of the year.

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light returned on Friday.

The repair crews spent all day Friday and Saturday building new poles to replace the old ones, pulling up the stumps where poles had snapped off, and resetting new poles in their places. Most new poles went back in within a couple of feet of the old ones, so with no breaks in the transmission lines, all the wire was quickly rehung right where it had been before.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross of Yuma arrived to help the Paradise Event Center volunteers, providing food and paperwork assistance. The Indian Health Service monitored the blood pressure and glucose levels of everyone who stopped in or stayed at the Tribe's shelters, while the kitchen staff at both Quechan Casinos spent the entire weekend making meals for those without electricity.

The widespread power outage also marked the first time the Quechan Housing Authority put their community outreach informational messaging system to the test, passing along messages from official sources to housing residents via email, text messaging and phone calls, both to homes and via cell phone. (If you are a Quechan Resident and are interested in joining the community outreach messaging system to be

informed of events or potential emergencies by home phone, mobile, text or email, please contact Carol Mahkewa at the Quechan Housing Authority (760) 572-0243 or cmahkewa@quechanhousing.org.)

Although power was fully restored by 1:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, a new failure on APS lines in Yuma caused another outage at 5:00 AM on Monday morning, sending Tribal employees home and extending the situation here on the reservation for another six hours.

At an August 27th "after action meeting" held to discuss the community's response to the blackouts, Quechan Tribal President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. said the main thing he wanted to see would have been a little more warning from the National Weather Service (or someone) before the storm actually got here. "We could see the clouds, we could see the sand storm coming," he noted, "but the first alert I got that came up on my cell phone was about 5:30, six o'clock," when the storm was already overhead and blowing down powerlines in the area.

He says that with a little more warning, the Tribe could have closed programs down perhaps an hour earlier and sent Tribal employees home to begin prep-

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

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

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



Culture & Heritage

Indian Days Planned For October 10th, 11th and 12th



The Saturday morning parade from the Old Housing Subdivision to the Stomping Grounds is always a big draw on Quechan Indian Days, as well as the traditional dances for all ages! Archive Photos by William Isbell

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arations ahead of the storm, turning off home computers and other delicate electronics and making sure lawn furniture and other items were picked up out of yards before they blew away.

But in spite of a storm warning that came too late, President Escalanti also says “We were fortunate that [where the powerlines came down] on Arnold Road and Araz Road, no one was driving down those roads at the time the storm hit.”

As an experienced electrical contractor, President Escalanti took the time during the meeting to remind everyone that “Just because those lines are down, it

doesn’t mean the power is off. And just because the power is off, it also doesn’t mean you’re safe in approaching those lines. There is also static electricity in the distance, which could actually hurt somebody before those lines are tied together and properly grounded by a crew who knows what they’re doing.”

He says that’s why IID wouldn’t go near those poles right away, because they had a protocol to be followed to be sure everything was done first to isolate downed lines from the rest of the reservation, to be sure the circuits were completely deenergized before they got

to work replacing things.

Through it all, however, both President Escalanti and Melvin Miguel say they are proud of the way everyone, from the Tribe, to our associated emergency responders, to the Yuma Red Cross pulled together and got things done throughout the four day ordeal.

Quechan Utilities also wanted to remind everyone that our lift stations and wells run off of electricity. In the event of a power outage, please reserve water for domestic use only; this means bathrooms, showers and sinks, not watering lawns, washing cars or filling pools.

Although the members of the Quechan Events Committee are still working out the actual daily activity schedule for this year’s Indian Days Celebration, they have already worked out the exact dates it will occur.

Scheduled once again for the second weekend in October, the festivities will take place at a variety of venues this year, from Thursday evening at dusk until late Saturday night, from October 10th to the 12th.

Quechan Tribe Events Committee member Tarryn Villacaña says they are still at work on the final details and times and days for a number of events. The Committee expects to go before the Quechan Tribal Council by the end of this month for their review and approval.

The Annual Miss Quechan Pageant will, of course, be held on Thursday evening, October 10th, as the pageant is the traditional start of the holiday weekend. It is thought that the Pageant will once again be held inside the Paradise Event Center, with its excellent seating and sound system providing the audience with a professional ambience for the proceedings.

If you (or someone you know) is interested in representing the *Kwat’san Pipa* as this year’s Miss Quechan Nation, applications to enter the competition are available at both the Higher Education Of-

fice and the Johnson O’Malley Building at the Quechan Education Complex. You should also be able to pick one up at the reception desk of the Tribal Administration Office.

Open to Native American women between the ages of 17 and 23 who live in the Yuma area, contestants must be prepared to communicate well with the public, and have a knowledge of Quechan history, culture, values and traditions. They must also have never been married or had children, and be prepared to travel on behalf of the Quechan Tribe if selected.

Educational accomplishment and extracurricular activities play an important part in winning this great honor, so those who enter must also prepare a written essay on their schooling and career goals, family and activities, to help the judges get a feel for their ability to perform the duties required of the office.

For more information and a thorough explanation of the rules and requirements, you may contact Tarryn Villacaña (who also sits on the Quechan Pageant Committee) weekdays from 8 to 5 at (760) 572-5268 at the Higher Education Office. Both Tarryn and Pam Manchatta (with the Events Committee) also say you are welcome to attend their meetings this month, especially if you plan to volunteer to help out next month!

"The Standard" Prepares for October Opening

On Wednesday, August 21st, Justin Patane and Kimball Alexander opened the doors of their new restaurant and sports bar to allow job seekers to apply for about three dozen new jobs that they'll need to fill when THE STANDARD opens on October first.

Tribal members have also been applying at both the Quechan TERO office and in person at THE STANDARD, hoping to gain a foothold in the new establishment right away. Qualified Tribal members stand a pretty good chance of success, since the lease agreement the partners signed with the Quechan Tribe says Tribal members with food service and bartending experience will receive special consideration in the first wave of hiring.



Job seekers mobbed THE STANDARD on August 21st, the first day the partners began to accept applications from the community. Under the Tribe's lease agreement, qualified Quechan tribal members will receive first consideration for all available positions when the new restaurant opens. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

In the meantime, the partners have been hard at work, putting their own stamp on the old "Monarch's Rest" building at 130 South Main in Yuma.

The bar has an all new gran-

ite counter top, the old brewery tank room has been converted to a glass fronted game room with large billiard tables, and the Coca Cola company spent a couple of days in August re-

plumbing the soda lines inside.

Now that most of the new trim work has been installed and the interior walls have been repainted, the new look for THE STANDARD is rapidly coming

together.

New carpeting for the main (raised) dining area should be installed very soon, and the partners expect to have contractors in to install the large screen high definition monitors around the bar in the next few days.

They've also spent days going over flatware, place settings and drinking glass and individual service options for the bar and dining rooms, so everything a customer sees will have a coherent, upscale ambience. They even plan to enhance their community connections by allowing local artists to display their work at the establishment.

THE STANDARD expects to begin hiring in the middle of this month, to complete a couple of weeks of training before their opening on October first!

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Quechan Utility Company
will be holding
Public Meetings on
Wednesday,
September 25, 2013
at 5:30 PM and
Saturday,
October 5, 2013
at 10:00 AM at the
Ironwood Community Center
to discuss the upcoming
Cross Contamination & Backflow
Prevention Program
and Draft Water Ordinance

YCAT Proposing Changes to Blue Route 5 and Turquoise Route 10

Representatives from both the Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) bus service and the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) held a public meeting here at the Ironwood Community Center on September 4th, to inform residents about route changes to Blue Route 5 and Turquoise Route 10. The changes will go into effect on September 30th.

YCAT is proposing to discontinue regular scheduled service to roads north of Arnold Road, though they will continue to offer service over that portion of the existing route to an "On Request" only schedule. This is being done to allow the bus to stay on schedule while extend-

ing the route to the south end of the Quechan Parking Lot at the Andrade Port of Entry.

Riders will still be able to catch the Blue Route 5 bus at the previously marked bus stops north of Arnold Road, by calling YCAT at (928) 783-2235, Ext. 2 at least a half hour before they want to catch the bus.

Proposed changes for Turquoise Route 10 will include new direct service to the Yuma Palms Regional Center, where Route 10 will begin and end, and the Imperial Valley Mall.

Turquoise Route 10 operates twice daily on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It stops at the Paradise Casino before making pickups at Winter-

haven Drive at Railroad Avenue and on to the Quechan Casino Resort, before heading down Interstate 8 to make stops in El Centro at Imperial Avenue (in front of the El Centro Regional Medical Center) and at the corner of State and 14th Streets. YCAT also proposes to add an "on request" stop at the Imperial Valley Mall (in front of Dilards) for this route.

Public outreach is an integral part of the YCAT Mission. Anyone who was unable to attend the meeting is welcome to visit <http://www.ycipta.org> to learn more about the changes and provide comments. Please submit your comments by Friday, September 13 at 9:00AM.

IHS, Tribal Entities Learn About Life in Poverty

The Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic closed their doors for half a day in late August, to attend a training exercise in their continuing efforts to improve their customer service skills.

The Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) facilitated the training, a "Community Action Poverty Simulation" at the Paradise Event Center. As partners with the Quechan community, IHS asked Tribal entities they often work with here at Fort Yuma if they'd like to participate, and many of the staff at the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) also took part.

The August 29th training was set up to show participants what it might be like to be a part of a low-income family trying to survive from month to month. They were given a new identity and asked to play a role as an adult, senior citizen or teenager in that family, spending a "month" of four fifteen minute "weeks" going around to vari-

ous social and community service providers stationed around the inside of the Event Center.

At each station, depending on the make up of their family and the "Luck of the Draw" cards they were dealt, each participant had to try to accomplish some task. They might have to:

Pay their rent or mortgage.

Keep the utilities on.

Buy enough food to keep the family fed for the week.

Make a loan payment.

Try to find assistance for a dependent child with medical or other needs.

Or even face eviction if they can't make their bills on time.

To further complicate matters, the role each participant had to play might be different from all the other people in the room. Some were given the role of two-parent families having a newly unemployed primary breadwinner with no unemployment coming in. Others might be recently deserted single-parent families, or grandparents



Playing the role of 85 year old Eunice Ussar, Lewis Throssel of the Quechan SDPI tries to cash a check at the Quick Cash counter during a poverty simulation training exercise. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

raising their grandchildren, or even unrelated adults living in the same household, with only one collecting Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

As the trainees circled about the room, they could visit a bank, pawn shop, Quik Cash center, the DES office or a homeless shelter or school office to either locate assistance or pay their monthly bills.

And through it all, their goals during the simulated month

were to keep their home secure, feed their families on a regular basis, keep the utilities on, make all their necessary loan payments, pay for miscellaneous expenses, and meet a variety of unexpected situations.

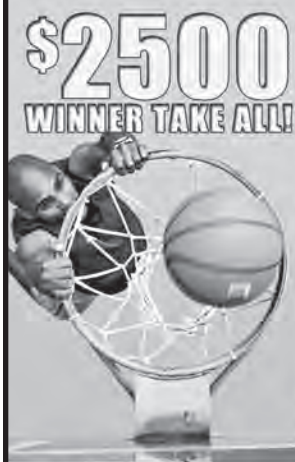
In the midst of it all, they had to report to their "jobs" each week unless they received approved leave from the employer. Families with school-age children also had to make sure that their children were in school

every week. Those assigned the role of working parents with pre-schoolers also had to ensure that those children were cared for while they were at work.

To really mix things up, they also had to figure out how to get to all of these places by acquiring and using "transportation passes," and also deal with a water main break that closes the school at some unknown point during the third week!

By adding law enforcement issues and possibly having some of their children facing time in Juvenile Detention, it really helped the participants see why tempers get frayed and people visiting their offices can sometimes be at the "end of their rope"!

The entire purpose of the exercise was to help sensitize the participants to the realities faced by low-income people, and help them see the need to be more understanding, helpful, and to (hopefully) improve their customer service skills.



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The Quechan Co-Ed Junior High Volleyball League
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OVER THE NDN HILL 45+ Basketball Tournament
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS
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Monsoon Leaves A Lot Of Damage to Clean Up

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Traffic along Picacho Road was closed to traffic, with dangerous high voltage lines hanging loose.



This power pole on Picacho Road managed to stay mostly upright, despite the wind damage.



Over two dozen high voltage power poles went down along Araz Road west of Third Avenue.



This pole just north of Jimbo's Towing in Winterhaven split in two about 24 feet off the ground.



Trees were down all over: Even the home of President Escalanti wasn't able to escape the winds.



At least 8 construction crews were hard at work early Friday morning, cleaning up the downed power poles. Once that was done, they got to work on custom building new poles and getting the lines back up.



Brand new insulators and cross-arms had to be installed by hand on each new high voltage line.



The stumps of old poles had to be drilled out of the ground before the replacements went in.



The auger trucks also have a claw on the boom to lift the finished poles and put them in place.



During the initial onslaught, an organic date grove along Arnold Road lost dozens of ancient, producing palm trees to hurricane force winds. Damage in just this one location could easily exceed \$750,000.



About a quarter mile farther north, Tribal member Milson Jose had the air conditioner torn from his roof.



Sherrie Talswaima and her son saw this tree get taken down by lightning in their back yard.



Even the Winterhaven exit sign on Interstate 8 was torn from its moorings and laid out flat.

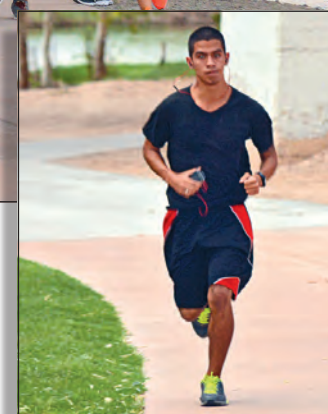
Mucho Calienté Fun Run!

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project Celebrates the End of Summer with One Last Fun Run!



Despite an overcast sky threatening rain, fitness buffs from the Quechan Tribal community gathered at Yuma's Gateway Park on the evening of September 6th to take part in the annual Mucho Calienté Fun Run. Sponsored by the Quechan Special Diabetes Project (SDPI), the 5K Fun Run takes place at the beginning of September every year, right around Labor Day. The run marks the end of summer for the Wellness Center staff, and the start of their fall fitness efforts every year. The run (or walk, if you prefer) allows anyone who wishes to participate a chance to enjoy the evening breezes along the banks of the Colorado, with a chance to exercise at their own pace in a group setting. Since Mucho Calienté is not a timed event, what really counts is the camaraderie of fitness. The SDPI staff had plenty of water on hand for hydration, and they kept a close eye on the clouds! With the fall season getting underway, the Wellness Center has also started offering the Zumba dance exercise classes once again, every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Call (760) 572-4057 for more information.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Tribal Members a Part of New Cross Country Team

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Freshman Melissa Dosela

San Pasqual High has reen-tered the field of Cross Country competition, after not offering the sport since the late 1980s. Eight athletes have signed up to run, including Quechan Tribal members Melissa Dosela and Martine Prettybird.

The team, under the direc-tion of Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez, meets almost every afternoon to run a 5 kilometer course, usu-ally around the canals and fields behind the schools.

Martine Prettybird, a junior, first heard about the possibility of participating in Cross Coun-try athletics from his friend, Elvis Renteria, who asked him to join the team. "I really enjoy running," he says, "so that's why I joined the team." He also says they always stretch before

they run, and they drink lots of water, especially in the heat and humidity we're all suffering under right now.

The son of Harvey and Pris-cilla Prettybird, Martine also enjoys participating in track events and playing basketball. His goal is to just keep running "until my wings pop out".

One of two girls on the team, Melissa Dosella is the daughter of Thomas and Veronda Hill. In her first year of high school, Melissa also enjoys art, and says she may want to join the girls basketball team later.

One thing she likes about running is how it "clears your mind," she explains. "It also helps you loose weight and stay in shape, so that's part of why I joined Cross Country."

Over this past summer, she also worked out on the tread-mills at the Diabetes Wellness Center, getting her stamina up in anticipation of joining the team. She says she's really close with two other members of the team, Adam Wong (last year's Strong Hearts President) and Danielle Steele. Both Martine and Me-lissa also say they look forward to joining the Strong Hearts Na-tive Society this year.

Other members of the War-riors 2013 Cross Country team include Jessie and Josue Peña and Julian Joaquin. Their first meet was "at home" against Cibola High on September 4th. They have five additional meets scheduled for the season, to hopefully set new records in San Pasqual athletic history.



Junior Martine Prettybird

ADAPP Raising Funds With Frybread Sales



The Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (ADAPP) held another of their recurring frybread sales on Friday, August 16th. Staff members and clients both step in to help with the sales, raising money for out-of-town trips and other perks to encourage those in recovery. At the August frybread sale (above) Colleen Jefferson pats out fresh frybread tortillas as Eric Livas does a shift at the frier, turning the tortillas in to a chewy, delicious treat as Paula Prettybird fills them to order at the ice chest. Check your bulletin boards for future fliers announcing upcoming ADAPP frybread sales!

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QUECHAN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Quechan Tribal Members are encouraged to enroll their child(ren) for membership with the Quechan Tribe.

The Quechan Enrollment Application deadline for the final quarter of 2013 is Friday, December 6, 2013, at 5:00 PM (Arizona Time). Completed applications must include the following support documents:

- State Certified Birth Certificate (Copy)
- Social Security Card (Copy)
- If either parent is an enrolled member of another tribe, submit an updated Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and a letter of non-enrollment for the applicant.

Applications will not be processed until all the support documents have been received. Completed applications are processed quarterly.

The Quarterly Meeting for the Enrollment Committee will be scheduled for Mid-December, 2013.

Contact the Quechan Enrollment Office at (760) 572-0752 if you have questions regarding the enrollment application process.

Thunder, INTOCABLE Set To Appear at "The Q" in October



The men of *Thunder From Down Under* will appear for one night only: Friday, October 11th at the Quechan Casino♠Resort.

The Thunder From Down Under men, holding nothing back from the imagination, will be performing at the Quechan Casino♠Resort on Friday, October 11th for one night only.

Deemed the "Ultimate Girls Night Out", Thunder From Down Under is one of the hottest shows around. Drawing large crowds and sell out performances is nothing new for the group. Since their debut in 1991, the Australia born group has performed for over seven million viewers.

They have appeared on network television programs such as the NBC Today Show, The View and E!'s Top 12 Sexiest Vegas Shows. When not on tour, their home base is at the Excalibur Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

You don't want to miss the dynamic dance routines, barely there attire and chiseled abs of these mighty blokes for the best girls night out adventure in our local area. But you *do* want to get your tickets *now* as their show is sure to be a sellout!

One week later, the award winning musical group INTOCABLE will take the stage at the Quechan Casino♠Resort's Pipa Event Center on Friday October 18th at 8:00 PM.

INTOCABLE, a Tejano/Norteno Latin music group is considered to be one of the most influential groups on the music scene today. The group crafted a unique and extraordinary style of music which expertly fuses Tejano conjunto, Norteño folk rhythms, pop ballads and rock into their music. During the nineteen years the group has been together, they have striven to change the music scene by breaking down the barriers that often deter other musicians.

Their website explains their philosophy: "We create music because we believe in its power to transcend boundaries—of genres, of borders, of languages. We give our music and our

fans everything we have and everything we are."

INTOCABLE has earned two Grammy Awards, one in 2005 for their album "Intimamente" and again in 2011 for their album "Classic", plus seven Latin Grammys, thirteen Premios Lo Nuestro, numerous Latin Billboards and two Billboard Regional Mexican Awards. They have also received many additional nominations, including one from the American Music Awards. They were also honored twice by Billboard Magazine, once as the "Group of the Decade" in 2010, and again with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

INTOCABLE's hits include: "Rabarte un Beso", "Prometí", "Te Amo (Para Siempre)" as well as fan favorites such as "Dame Un Besito," "Eres Mi Droga," "Enséñame a Olvidarte," "Sueña," "Contra Viento y Marea," "Llueve," "Arrepiéntete." Tickets for both shows are available right now at the casino box office, at startickets.com or by calling 1(800)585-3737. Remember: You must be 21 or older to attend all shows.



One week later, latin music sensation INTOCABLE will be in concert at the Pipa Event Center at 8:00 PM on Friday night, October 18.

Dr. Willard Williams Takes Over as Principal of San Pasqual High School

The departure of San Pasqual High's John Schweller at the end of the 2013 school year left a void in the Principal's office which has been filled by a man with a long and varied career with experience in the military, the corporate world and public education.

Dr. Willard Williams first came to Yuma when he and his wife decided that it was time to sell their house in Fontana, California and consider their future options, as the time for retirement grew near.

"Our kids were all grown," he points out, "so we were looking for something smaller as we began to consider where we may want to be when we retire. Because I believed then, and I still do, that's it just too expensive to try to retire in California."

Once they had a home in Yuma, Dr. Williams continued in his career as a school psychologist at the Salinas Union High School District during the school year, while his wife put down roots here in Yuma, working on and off during their time in the area, as an English Reading instructor at both ICC in El Centro and at AWC in Yuma.

He says he is glad the opportunity at San Pasqual presented itself, since they have now fully committed to living in Yuma year round, and he's not quite yet ready to retire.

Dr. Williams grew up in the Denver, Colorado area, attending the University of Southern Colorado, where he enrolled in the "Platoon Leaders' Class," (PLC) earning a commission as a Marine Corps 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation. As the first ever African American in Colo-



Dr. Williams has earned a number of degrees in both education and psychology during his career.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

rado to graduate from the PLC and earn a commission, 2nd Lt. Williams served two tours in Vietnam, where he rose to become the Executive Officer of an artillery company.

Like many in the military, (by that time, Captain) Williams was given a chance at a good separation package as American involvement in southeast Asia began to wane. Released from the Marine Reserves in southern California, he took advantage of his GI Bill benefits to enroll in an evening graduate school program at Pepperdine University, while working at the Xerox Corporation during the day. "There weren't a lot of job openings for the kind of skills I'd learned in the Marine Corps," he observes, "So going on with my education was important."

Once he had his Master's Degree from Pepperdine, Dr. Williams continued his education at the University of Southern California, getting deeper into

his preferred field of educational psychology.

"I like working with kids," he explains, "and after my experience in the corporate world, with Xerox, supplying equipment to government organizations, it eventually became kind of a 'how many do you want' kind of thing." And being a man who needs to be challenged, Dr. Williams realized he wanted to do something he loved, rather than simply "earn a living."

Completing advanced graduate schooling in Colorado, he "picked up" his Doctorate in Education.

Over the years, he has spent at least 16 years as a school psychologist in southern California. Once he completed administrative training at the University of Laverne, Dr. Williams became involved as a "secondary administrator" in California's public education system, a position he says he has retained "ever since."

Now, with over forty years of experience in education, and with an impressive collection of advanced degrees to bolster his natural leadership abilities, Dr. Williams has come to Fort Yuma to accept the top administrative position at the San Pasqual High School.

Dr. Williams and his wife have four grown "children" scattered throughout California, contributing to their communities. One works as a speech therapist, one is a housewife, one an architect and one daughter is a senior financial analyst.

That success with his own children may indicate a bright future, leading and providing inspiration to our local children.



SAN PASQUAL WARRIORS FOOTBALL 2013

AUGUST

30th Salt River Eagles *Home* 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER

6th Tohono O'odham Eagles *Home* 7:00PM

20th Gilbert Christian Knights *Away* 7:00PM

27th Gila Bend Gila Monsters *Away* 7:00PM

OCTOBER

4th Valley Lutheran Flames *Home* 7:00PM

11th Ajo Red Raiders *Away* 7:00PM

18th Mesa Prep Monsoons *Home* 7:00PM

Coaches: Sal Piñeda, Daniel Gardner, Billy Paige

Congratulations!



To Marques Montague
and his team, the



CHARGERS

for winning the
NFL Catch and Go Flag Football
Championship!

The team was undefeated
throughout the season!

We are proud of you Marques!

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP

Utilizing The 12-Step Core Curriculum

Now Meets on Saturday Evenings at 6:00 PM
At the Quechan Church of the Nazarene
At 2149 H Street in Winterhaven, California

Contact Pastor Ray
at (760) 572-5565
Or Facilitator
Remegius Baxter
at (928) 257-6567



Strictly Confidential - Come Join Us!

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

The Pastores/Ortega Family would like to thank the Quechan community for surrounding us with expressions of kindness to help us through our heartbreaking loss.

Many of you reached out to us with a helping hand and went out of your way for our family.

We were enveloped in prayer, support, and compassion throughout this difficult time. We are blessed and privileged to live among such caring and selfless friends, family, and community members.

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to the numerous people who brought food, water, and essentials to both the immediate family and for the community to share. Our deep appreciation goes out to those that worked tirelessly to sew, gather items, and cook for the services.

We thank you all for helping us celebrate Javi's journey in life and appreciate all of the continued prayers while our family heals.

Warmest regards,
*Danell Pastores
and The Ortega Family*

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer just north of the Senior Center entry on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box at the bottom of page 2.

OOPS! CORRECTIONS!

A BAD phone connection lead to the wrong name being listed on a *Happy Birthday Greeting* last month! Despite three separate calls the name NORMAN GOLDING was badly garbled every time Lucia called to wish her dad a Happy Birthday. So, it's **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to NORMAN GOLDING** (not Howard, as it said in the August issue.) Also, Briana Jackson's name was misspelled in the page 12 photo section on the Back to School Fair. Sorry! — Ed.

Kwat'san Qi'ya!

QUICK, SHORT PHRASES

<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Drink Some Coffee</i>
Suupts Ava'am	Kafe ka siim
<i>Stop That!</i>	<i>Ghost</i>
Kana Mauk!	Luaatsxanm
<i>The End!</i>	
Wa Ma'am	

Submitted by Judith Prietta of the Quechan Language Preservation Program

To enroll in a Language Course, call (760)572-4412



New Service Hours and Fees Announced At The QUECHAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Quechan Tribal Police have changed their service hours, effective August 12, 2013. If you wish to pick up a report, inquire about an impounded vehicle, or have a fingerprint card prepared, the new hours are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on Holidays. In order to pick up an impounded vehicle, you will need to bring the following information/items with you:

1. The tow company's address and phone number.
2. If the individual is not the registered owner, it is their responsibility to notify the registered owner of the vehicle impound.
3. The individual will have to come to the QPD station for a signed release and will have a fee to pay prior to going to the tow company. This fee is separate from the towing fee paid at the tow company. The individual picking up the vehicle must also have a valid driver's license, valid insurance and current registration.

REPORT FEES	COST
Victim(s)/Suspect(s) <i>(Copies up to 3 pages, after 3 pages 50 cents per page)</i>	\$15.00
Third Party Individual(s)	\$20.00
Third Party Agencies (any)	\$25.00
Release of Vehicles	\$25.00

General reports may take 7 working days to complete.

Accident Reports may take up to a month depending on the accident.

CIVIL SERVICES FEES	COST
Per Services (per case/Person)	\$30.00
Tribal members w/valid Tribal ID	\$15.00

Allow 3 working days from the date of paid fee to complete. Civil service Requests without a valid address may take longer or may not be servable.

FINGERPRINTING	PER CARD
Non-Tribal Member	\$10.00
Tribal Members w/valid Tribal ID	No Cost
Any Government Agency	No Cost

FINGERPRINTING CARDS	PER CARD
Non-Tribal Member	\$15.00
Tribal Members w/valid Tribal ID	\$5.00

(NOTE: Please bring the exact amount of fees, cash only, since we don't have change.)

TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Resolutions Passed From August 6, 2013 through August 21, 2013

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 20 Official Resolutions in August through Wednesday, August 21st, 2013. The Resolutions are listed in numerical order, as they were passed and adopted by the Council. The effect of each Resolution is covered by its Title. For further information on these Resolutions, please contact the the Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield, or her Assistant, Erna Jackson at the Tribal Administration Office: (760)572-3912, Ext. 204 or 207.

Resolution 193-13: A Resolution to approve acceptance of federal assistance for the Manhole Rehabilitation and Replacement Phase II Project. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 194-13: A Resolution to approve the distribution of the 12% contribution to Arizona Cities, Towns and Counties. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 195-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Title VI-A Program, Fund 206, for the Program Year April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 196-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, Fund 248, for the Program Year 2013-2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 197-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for Title VI Part-C, Fund 206, for the Program Year April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 198-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for Title XX, Fund 213, for the State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 199-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Comprehensive Services and Supplemental Youth Services, Fund 219 and 255, for Program Year April 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 200-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Services, Fund 428, for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 201-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget Revision No. 2 for the Social Services/ICWA Program, Fund 223 and 226, for Fiscal Year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 202-13: A Resolution to approve the tentative operating budget for the Higher Education/Vocational

Training/Employment Assistance Program, Fund 221, for the Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 203-13: A Resolution to approve the supplemental operating budget for the Higher Education/Vocational Training/Employment Assistance Program, Fund 221, for the Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 204-13: A Resolution to approve the tentative operating budget to the Tribal Government Program, Fund 220, for the Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 205-13: A Resolution to express opposition to a proposed off-reservation casino and support to H.R. 1410 pending before U.S. Congress. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2013.

Resolution 206-13: A Resolution to approve the Secured Transaction Act. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 12, 2013.

Resolution 207-13: A Resolu-

tion to approve the Arbitration Act. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 12, 2013.

Resolution 208-13: A Resolution to approve the \$107,000,000.00 Credit Facility and Related Documents. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 12, 2013.

Resolution 209-13: A Resolution to approve the appointment of the Tribal Comptroller. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 12, 2013.

Resolution 210-13: A Resolution to approve Amendment 1 to the Rabies Control Program MOA. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 12, 2013.

Resolution 211-13: A Resolution to approve the Secured Transactions Ordinance. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 21, 2013.

Resolution 212-13: A Resolution to approve the Arbitration Ordinance. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 21, 2013.

Bernadine Cachora Explains The Elements of the CHR Seal

Have you ever looked at the Indian Community Health Representative Seal and wondered if it's more than just a neat design? Does it have any actual meaning? Yes it does!



The Outward Facing Triangles represent all of the Indian Tribes in the United States.

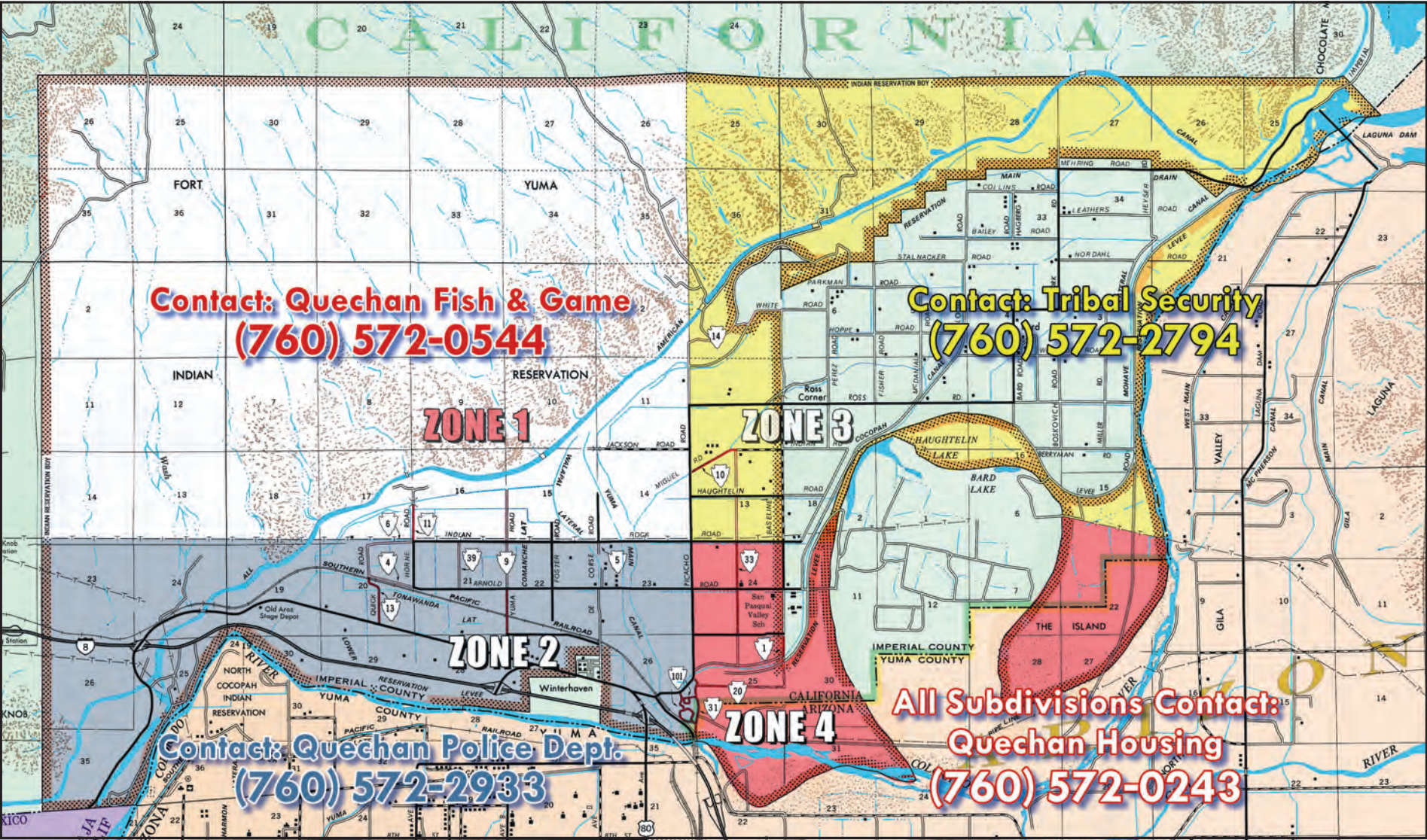
The Inward Facing Triangles represent the council fires, whereby Indian Tribes bring their problems together and plan together to resolve these problems.

The Eagle Feather stands for courage. The courage of Community Health Representatives to face whatever tasks and barriers confront them. It is a reminder that with courage, achievement is possible.

The Circle represents Unity for all Tribes. In unity, Tribes can provide a better life for all people.

The complete seal is a reminder that we are Community Health Representatives. The seal reminds us of the goals and objectives we diligently work toward every day.

DISASTER PLAN EMERGENCY ZONES MAP



The Quechan Emergency Management Committee has sub-divided the Fort Yuma Reservation into four discrete zones to enable more timely response times and insure clear communication between emergency responders and members of the public in the event of a large scale emergency. In the event of an earthquake, large scale brushfire, area wide flooding, a train derailment which releases toxic chemicals or similar events, each of the four zones will immediately be established, with all emergency responders and designated volunteers reporting to the Tribal Department assigned to that zone. All four departments will maintain contact with the Quechan Tribe's Emergency Manager, Mr. Melvin Miguel, to insure that all communications and support to the public in the affected zones are clear, timely and consistent throughout the reservation.

Fort Yuma BIA Map Overlays by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Our recent experience with the monsoon storm damage here at Fort Yuma reminds everyone of the need to stay on top of disaster planning year round. The Fort Yuma reservation is located in a seismically active zone, in the bend of a low area along the Colorado River floodplain (just north of its confluence with the Gila River). The southern end of the reservation is crossed by Interstate 8 and the Union Pacific railroad, both major shipping corridors for hazardous materials.

Our monsoons, summer heat and 24/7 military aircraft operations make it possible that something serious could happen here almost anytime. Which is why the Quechan Tribe's Emergency Management Committee meets regularly to try to work out procedures for such events, before they happen. Earlier this year, the Committee and the Tribal Council agreed to split the Fort Yuma Reservation into four smaller, more manageable zones in the event of a large scale disaster, to

allow for faster response times, quicker communications and more efficient distribution of emergency supplies and equipment to the affected zones. Although the Quechan Police Department, with their fully operational dispatch center, should be your first point of contact in any emergency, once an event continues beyond an hour or more, the Tribe's emergency action plan will be in effect. Part of the plan involves splitting the reservation up into four smaller, more manage-

able zones, to allow for faster response times, quicker communications, and more efficient distribution of emergency supplies to the affected areas. This map, which you can save and post in your home or office, shows those four zones, which intersect at the corner of Indian Rock and Picacho Roads. During large-scale emergencies, each zone will be placed under a specific emergency responder's jurisdiction, as shown on the map. Rather than swamping the QPD or Administration Of-

fice with phone calls and messages, Tribal members should relay information and requests through the department tasked with emergency response and official communications in the zone where they live. Those responders will also take charge of setting up portapotties, ice and water relief stations, and traffic control in their zone of responsibility. If an emergency is declared, please stay in contact with the office in charge of your zone for news and official information.