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# Pow Wow & Airshow Both This Weekend

This coming weekend will see two large annual events which attract thousands of visitors to the Yuma area, and both of these events are sponsored by the Quechan Tribe.

The first event is the 33rd Annual Strong Hearts Native Society Pow Wow, which gets underway Friday evening at the San Pasqual High School athletic field around sunset. The first night of the Pow Wow will mark the 13th anniversary of the Tribe's traditional ribbon dress and gourd singing contest. The actual contest begins with a Grand Entry at 7:00 PM, and includes four women's dance categories, a tiny tots special and men's and women's couples dance for those 40 and under (sponsored by Miss San Pasqual Native, Toni Emerson), and for those over 40 (sponsored by the Strong Hearts' *Shi-iyii*, Marianna Bobtail Bear).

The actual Pow Wow takes place over the weekend, with two Grand Entries on Saturday (at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM), with a final opportunity for dance competitions taking place on

Sunday afternoon, following a Grand Entry at noon.

This year's Northern Hosts are the North Bear Singers from Wind River Wyoming, and the Pass Creek Singers of Allen, South Dakota. Southern Hosts will be the Wild Band of Comanches of Lawton Oklahoma and Southern, Inc. from the Navajo Nation.

The Pow Wow will, as always, feature plenty of vendors offering delicious traditional (and contemporary) foods, as well as native arts and crafts, T-Shirts, pottery and collectables of all kinds. Admission is free for Quechan Tribal members with their Tribal IDs!

Also on Saturday, the Yuma Marine Corps Air Station will be holding their 51st Annual Airshow. Both the Quechan Casino Resort and the Paradise Casino are participating as major sponsors. The air station's new F-35 Lightning II will be there on static display, while the Air Force brings in a new F-22 Raptor to demonstrate its astounding "supermaneuver" abilities for the crowd!



QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



# Local Students Take Advantage of Film Workshops

Two teams of local students have taken part in workshops to learn filmmaking, to put together short films to be presented at the Greenlight Film Festival on April 20th. While those in Yuma attended their workshops at the Yuma Main Library, Tribal members were able to attend their workshops in the Quechan Community Center game room.

Quechan Tribal member Dan Golding (of Hohokan Media Productions) is leading the workshops for the Greenlight Film Festival, a collaborative project of the Yuma Film Commission, Hoka Media Productions, Kwatsan Radio and Arizona Western College.

Bryan Summers, the teen services librarian at the Yuma Main Library, has been following the progress of each team as he coordinates their use of the computers and software being used to assemble their projects.

"I couldn't be more thrilled by how the program is going," he told the Quechan News, when asked about how things are developing. "By (the first week of March), five films will be made, and they are fantastic. I can't wait to see them with an audience!"

The films will all be judged by a panel and presented at the historic Yuma Theater, adjacent to the Yuma Art Center at 254 South Main Street on Saturday evening, April 20th. Those



**Director Dan Golding discusses story development** points with a group of film students. Listening intently are Eden and Diamond Rivera, Anthony Manchado and Richard Illingworth, who are putting together a "scary movie" for the festival. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

submitting films to the festival have the rest of March to apply the final "tweaks" to their projects, with a deadline of April 1st for the completed entries.

One local group, led by Charles Golding, includes Mia Escalanti, Melissa Dosela and Issac Collins. The second group of Tribal members entering the contest is under the leadership of Eden Rivera, who has teamed up with her sister Diamond and Anthony Manchado and Richard Illingworth.

Dan Golding's workshop students are producing five films: two comedies, two horror films and a psychological thriller.

Mr. Summers describes what he's seen so far, as the students assemble their efforts on the library's computers: "Charles Golding's group is making a comedy about a group of people making a film. It is very funny and inventive, and it has a lot of

good lines." According to Summers, they started off really shy the first morning he met them, but once they got into the process, "The stuff they were doing was so funny!"

Meanwhile, Eden Rivera's group is putting together one of the horror films.

"It has some really neat moments and great shots," says the librarian. "They will be editing the first Saturday in March and I can't wait to see their finished films. I still don't know what either is about completely, but from everything I've seen, they should be really proud. They've done some really fun stuff!"

He also provides a small preview on one film: "I could not figure out how they did one particular special effect, when a ghost hand comes out of a book!" Well, isn't that part the magic of film, getting the audience see your own vision?

## Quechan Housing Authority

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### RE: Animal Control

Quechan Housing Authority Participants & Tribal Members:

This is an important notice regarding the increasing rate of stray dogs in the Quechan Housing Authority Subdivisions and Quechan Reservation area. QHA has been providing Animal Control services in the area, and transporting dogs to the Humane Society of Yuma (HSOY). QHA pays HSOY per dog taken and depending on the circumstances, certain fees may apply. From January 2012 to present, over \$15,000.00 has been spent on these services. QHA does not have monies budgeted for these expenses due to our Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) not allowing for these types of expenses. IHBG funds are granted solely for QHA low-income participants. Due to this, March 15, 2013 will be the last day QHA will provide Animal Control services to the QHA Subdivisions and Quechan Reservation area until further direction from the Quechan Tribal Council.

QHA is urging all QHA Rental & Home Owner Participants and Tribal Members residing on the Reservation to maintain dogs in a confined area to minimize the amount of stray dogs. Also, HSOY has a Low-Cost Spay/Neuter program; for your convenience, you may pick up an application at the Housing Office if you are interested in this service.

As a reminder to QHA Participants in managed units, QHA has a Pet Policy in the Occupancy Agreement that reads as follows:

**9. Pets:** *Tenants may not keep more than one dog and one cat in the unit . . . Animals must be confined to the fenced area in the back of the unit . . . Doberman Pinschers, Pit Bulls, German Shepards, Rottweilers, or any dogs cross-bred with such dogs, are not allowed.*

We ask for your immediate attention and cooperation in this much needed effort to reduce the number of stray dogs for the safety and well-being of everybody on the Quechan Tribal Reservation. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or for assistance in filling out an application for the HSOY Low-Cost Spay/Neuter program, please come by or call the QHA Office at (760) 572-0243.

For any assistance after March 15, 2013 regarding dog or cat issues on the Quechan Indian Reservation please contact Quechan Police Department (QPD) at (760) 572-2933. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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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!

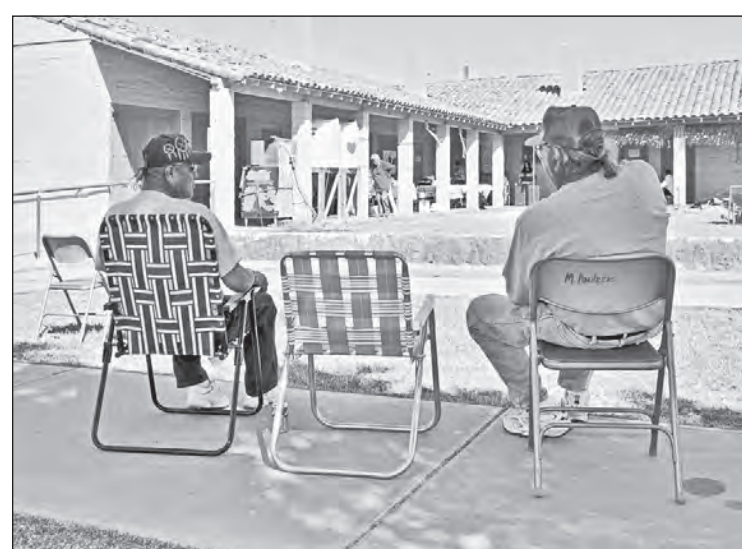
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# Culture & Heritage

## Quechan Invite Visitors Over To Learn a Little History, Culture



**Colin Soto showed up to tend the fires** and keep the cooking grills hot, as winter visitors and locals alike came over to see what the People for the Quechan Way had to offer for the River Daze weekend. One visitor, Gabriel Jim from Sacaton, Arizona, spent most of the day discussing both cultural differences and Tribal commonalities with Norman Osborne.

The cultural preservation group, “People for the Quechan Way”, have joined forces with the Quechan Language Preservation Program to develop a series of weekend events on Indian Hill. They hope to raise public awareness of the history of the Quechan people among our surrounding communities, and hopefully raise a few dollars for projects they hope to complete at the same time.

In mid-February, they took advantage of the Yuma River Daze activities going on downtown to put up handouts all over the area, inviting everyone to also cross the river and see what the Quechan Tribe has to offer. To prepare for the influx of visitors, a group of great local cooks such as Vivian Menta,

Phylis Jones, Perdius Escalanti, Arlie Emerson, Zayana Bohannon and Linda Cachora all got together and began preparing traditional favorites cooked the old way over mesquite fires.

They had beef stew, roasted corn, and hot, delicious bowls of red and white beans. Bread choices included tortillas, fry bread and lazy bread. To keep the visitors happy, they also had cold sodas to go along with the coffee, tea and water. Dessert was even offered, in the form of cantaloupe and watermelon!

Whether it was the smell of smoke carrying the scent of good food cooking, or the handouts posted all over town, some of the more curious participants in the River Daze event wandered over to see what was

going on, and they all received personal service, group entertainment and a little bit of history during their time here.

Since they are all about preserving the Quechan way of life, the sponsors put together a series of short lectures on the ancient connection the Quechan people have to the area. Barbara Levy had photos and handouts to go along with her stories. She also invited local dancers and bird singers to come out and use the open central area of the Quechan Language building to demonstrate our culture in live dance performances.

It was a pretty relaxed afternoon, with visitors receiving an education along with their meal. More events just like this are planned in the coming months.



**Tribal elder Barbara Levy**, Director of the Quechan Language Preservation Program, is also a member of the People for the Quechan Way cultural preservation group. She brought some of the historical photos she has in her archive and mounted them to use as visual aids in her talks on the history of the Quechan people. Here, before she has even completed the set up for her first lecture of the day, Barbara takes the time to explain the clothing, family and clan connections and customs of the Quechan in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Photos by William Isbell



# Tribal Monitors Track Reconstruction of Border Fence

Last July, about 115 feet of the border fence adjacent to Algodones collapsed, as a result of employees of Haro Express using the base of the hill the fence sits on as a source of fill materials for a plaza in downtown Algodones they were building.

Soon after, the U.S. Border Patrol hired a contractor to reinforce the remaining sections near the hole with steel cables, and remove the broken concrete footings and steel fence sections that had fallen over into Mexico. They also increased security in the area to prevent illegal border crossers from coming through the hole.

Border Patrol representatives



**Quechan Cultural Committee member** Lorey Cachora monitors construction workers installing forms to pour a new foundation for the border fence repair at the west edge of the reservation. Photo by William Isbell

who meet with both the Tribal Council and the Cultural Committee on a regular basis immediately began consultations with the Quechan Tribe to get the situation (and border fence) back to normal. After working out the logistics and signing an agreement with the Tribe in late January to perform the work in

a manner which will insure the integrity of both the Tribe's land and any cultural resources which might turn up in the course of the repairs, work began to rebuild the collapsed section on February 13.

A Tribal monitor is on-site every time the contractor, CJW Construction, has to break the surface to install new footings.

"This is being done on an already pretty worked over site," says Lorey Cachora, one of the monitors tasked with protecting the Tribe's interests. "We don't expect them to find anything here, really, but it is better that we are here to observe, just in case something turns up that we

might have to look at."

After digging down a couple of feet at the base of the hillside, the contractor put in a set of custom forms, to provide a new, wider and more stable footing, to prevent another occurrence of last July's collapse.

They are also putting in a series of "weep holes" connected to a manifold system on the uphill side of the new concrete foundation, to allow moisture to drain through and out onto the low side, to prevent erosion. The new metal fencing atop the wall will also be filled with concrete, as it was before. The work should be completed by the second week of April.

# News From Molokai: Big Wind Project Cancelled!

Joann Tool, the *I Aloha Molokai* member who arranged for the travel and accommodations of a Quechan Tribe delegation to attend and speak at an alternative energy conference in Hawaii this past January, has sent word that the owners of the Molokai Ranch have backed out of plans to lease thousands of acres of land to Pattern Energy for a large-scale wind farm development.

Their decision likely ends any further development of the Molokai portion of the Big Wind project, an ambitious plan to build about 70 wind turbines on both Molokai and Lanai to export electricity to Oahu using undersea cables.

Clay Rumbaoa, CEO of Molokai Properties, Ltd., which does business as Molokai Ranch, released a terse statement to the press, saying, "After much consideration and discussions

with Molokai Renewables, we made the decision not to renew the agreement for the proposed wind farm project on Molokai Ranch lands at this time." Explaining what they plan to do instead, Mr. Rumbaoa went on to say, "Our focus is currently on ensuring the success of our newly re-launched ranching operations and our efforts to re-open existing facilities, such as the Maunaloa Lodge, in an effort to create opportunities for the island. We have enjoyed working with Molokai Renewables and appreciated their commitment to smart and sustainable wind projects."

Having made his statement, Rumbaoa declined local requests for interviews, and refused to respond to follow-up questions about whether a wind farm remains a future possibility. Nancy Schmicker, Project Manager for the Molokai Ranch



**Pattern Energy has lost their chance** to build a wind farm they had been hoping for on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. Art Adapted from NREL Report

has passed on to the *Quechan News* that any further questions about the statement should be directed to Caroline Witherspoon at Becker Communications in Honolulu, so apparently that's all the owners have to say about the plans coming to an end.

Executives for Molokai Renewables, a joint venture between San Francisco-based Pattern Energy and Bio-Logical Capital (with offices in Honolulu, San Francisco and Denver), also refused interview requests.

However, Guy Kaulukukui,

who heads Bio-Logical Capital in Hawaii, provided a statement to the *Honolulu Civil Beat*, saying the ranch's decision is unfortunate. "While we are disappointed with Molokai Properties' decision not to move forward with our proposed wind farm project on Molokai Ranch lands," he wrote, "we respect their decision."

Kaulukukui's statement went on to say that Molokai residents could have benefited from "the kind of sustainable wind project we were proposing — one with unique benefits and commitments to restore and conserve the land, preserve Molokai's rich culture and way of life, and enhance the ocean resources and local food supply that Molokai depends on." He also says that that Pattern Energy and Bio-Logical Capital will continue to pursue other sustainable energy projects in Hawaii.



# Health and Safety the Subjects of Annual School Fair



**The California Highway Patrol was on hand** to assist Lisa Aguerro and “Buckle Bear” with inspections and installation instruction of automotive child safety seats. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Vendors from all over the valley joined with the San Pasqual Valley School District to present last week’s Health and Safety Fair, showcasing their businesses, corporations, and programs.

Over the past few years, California’s state government has established a policy encouraging the promotion of overall wellness on school campuses.

The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District saw that as an opportunity to extend that education to the community by organizing a Health and Safety Fair. About forty local agencies and health care providers participated in this year’s event.

Those agencies responding to the call included the Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP), the U.S. Border Patrol, the California Highway Patrol, Quechan Child and Family Resources, the Quechan Food Bank, the Imperial Irrigation District, the Winterhaven and Imperial County Fire Departments, Im-

perial County’s Health Department, their Office of Education and the Imperial County Sheriff’s Department, as well as the Quechan Police Department.

Private and non-profit agencies included Amberly’s Place, the Center for Family Solutions, DeAnza Mobile Command, Courageous Journey, Exceptional Family Resource Center, Girl Scouts of America, The Healing Journey, Impe-

rial Valley First Aid and CPR, SNAP Fitness, the Yuma Wellness Center and Take Shape for Life—just to name a few.

Families, students, and community members who attended the annual event learned important health tips by connecting with outside resources. Dozens of vendors offered all kinds of educational and community resources that could benefit anyone in their daily life.



**Students gather to learn the dangers** of both smoking from Manuel Farias of the Imperial County Health Department.

Attendees were educated on the application of healthy eating habits and improving personal hygiene practices, as well as following immunization schedules, practicing seatbelt and car seat safety procedures, performing CPR, tending to wounds, and implementing new parenting strategies. Vendors explained the risks and dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drugs use as well as identifying the red flags for domestic violence within relationships.

Diabetes and childhood obesity are of increasing concern across the nation. Several vendors were on hand to specifically promote diabetes awareness by offering information on healthy eating habits, weight loss, and exercise.

Specific information was available for all age groups, from young children to the elderly, to educate everyone on these increasing health threats. To further promote awareness on these issues, the Health and Safety Fair strongly encouraged attendees to participate in live demonstrations of strength training workouts and aerobics on the main stage. A SNAP Fit-

ness raffle helped some attendees take that first step to a better and healthier life by awarding free gym memberships.

Local law enforcement agencies such as the Quechan Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol and the Imperial County Sheriff’s Department provided the Health and Safety Fair with vehicle displays of both their off road vehicles and their tactical squad cars.

Children were able to explore the inside of the vehicles and learn about computer technology and other interesting gear.

The Imperial County Fire Department brought Sparky the Fire Dog, who graciously greeted parents and children as they explored and learned about their fire trucks, also on display.

A bicycle rodeo, sponsored by the Quechan and Yuma Police Departments, offered a quick lesson in bicycle safety by allowing kids to maneuver through a small obstacle course, helping them develop their riding skills.

Students participating in the bike rodeo received a free bicycle helmet, to help them comply with state bicycle laws.

## OCOTILLO HEARING IN SAN DIEGO DELAYED

A public hearing in San Diego to explore the possibility of declaring the Ocotillo Valley Pattern Energy project site a “sanctified Native American cemetery” has been delayed. Although the California Native American Heritage Commission posted public notices announcing the meeting on Monday, February 4th, they listed that meeting as cancelled the following Monday, February 11th. That cancellation came one week after the publication of the February Issue of *Quechan News*.

Currently, the NAHC expects to have the meeting rescheduled for sometime in April, but as yet, they do not have a firm date, time or location set. The *Quechan News* will post the new information if it arrives in time.



# Volunteers Work to Repair Elder Village

Article Courtesy of  
Allyson Collins, EDA

In what appears to be a blatant act of vandalism, the mud hut at the Elder Village (EV), adjacent to Sunrise Point Park, was significantly vandalized three weeks ago.

Quechan Security reported their discovery of the vandalism on February 4th at 4:00 PM. After a thorough inspection by Elder Village Focus Group (EVFG) members, it was concluded that the vandals had evidently taken a huge rock and deliberately knocked out the front right side wall.

A smaller hole was also knocked out of the front left side wall in the same incident. An old tree stump cutting used as seating, and typically placed outside the hut, was found inside the hut.

News of the damage came as a shock to many who consider the Elder Village to be important cultural resource for the Quechan Indian Tribe. It is an

interpretative exhibit area displaying the Quechan ancestors' way of life; it is a place that the Quechan community can engage in traditional activities for their enjoyment; it is also intended to be an "open classroom" for local education opportunities for the Quechan and Yuma communities.

The Elder Village is a gift to the Quechan community from the EVFG, the community volunteer-led group that developed and maintains the Elder Village throughout the year. Over 100 hours of time and labor have been invested into the village by 75 plus volunteers who pitched in to develop it since 2008. In addition, many Quechan elders gave their valuable input on design, support, as well as their time.

Signs are posted in the Elder Village clearly stating that it is a "Restricted Area" requiring reservations and a Special Use Permit. The signs give instructions to call Quechan Parks and Recreation to reserve the area.



**Adobe clay has been knocked out of the east entry** of the traditional mud hut home at the *Any Nitz Pak* (Sunrise Park) Elder Village. The damage, discovered on February 4th, was determined to be the result of vandalism. Local volunteers from both the Quechan community and the San Pasqual schools gathered at the park to repair the damage this past weekend.  
QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Vandalism such as this latest incident is a slap in the face to those volunteers and to our elders who gave the gift. The volunteers felt a strong need for an interactive cultural resource. Many volunteers understand how critical losing one's culture is and they gave, and continue to give, their time and labor.

Sadly, vandalism to cultural

sites nationwide has increased, with a majority of damage occurring in the Southwest. Thus, the Elder Village is no exception.

With no security posted 24/7 at the park, how do we provide protection? One answer is to work together to increase awareness.

If you have not taken the opportunity to visit the Elder Village, or Sunrise Point Park, then we encourage you and your family to do so.

Spring is coming and Ft. Yuma weather is so lovely during this season. It's a perfect time to visit and it's free!

By visiting the Elder Village, one may come away with a sense of pride, and at the least, a sense of awareness that the Quechan culture is evident and relevant. Share your experience with your friends and family—post a story or photos from your visit on Facebook.

Other ways of protecting are fencing the structures, interpretative signage, and vigilance. All but the signage have been employed and offer some de-

gree of protection.

Finally, you and your family can always help out with the EVFG's ongoing effort to maintain the Elder Village.

Work days for upkeep on the Elder Village are scheduled through the Quechan Economic Development Administration (EDA) and involve individuals and families — everyone is welcome to join.

A work day to repair the mud hut was scheduled for this past Saturday, March 2, 2013.

EDA posts notice to those interested via email notices and social media.

If you would like to volunteer for future maintenance missions at the Elder Village, please contact Allyson Collins at (760) 572-5270 or email her at [a.collins@quechantribe.com](mailto:a.collins@quechantribe.com). She will get your contact information on the list. Or, if you'd rather, just be on the lookout for the flyers she posts.

To reserve the Elder Village for your next cultural event, please contact the Quechan Parks and Recreation office at (760) 572-1242.

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*Marsha Emerson*

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**STRONG HEARTS NATIVE ROYALTY**  
**AT THE**  
**2013 SILVER SPUR RODEO PARADE!**

QUECHAN NEWS Photos  
by William Isbell

**Middle School Native Royalty** Owen Barley (the school's *lipaa Kwanamii*) and Melissa Dosela (Miss Native Middle School) waved to the adoring crowds seated against the tailgate of a Ford F-150 from the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District. The 14 year-old Princess is the daughter of Vivian Jackson and Lanson Dosela, while Owen's mom is Patricia Barley.



**Toni Emerson, Miss Native** San Pasqual High joined the High School *Kwanamii* (Warrior) Andrew Lomaintewa in facing forward over the cab of their Chevy Silverado. They waved to the crowd together, all smiles. Toni, a 17 year-old senior, is the daughter of Ina Hall and Antonio Emerson. Andrew will also graduate in 2013. His parents are Livier Elizarras and Jason Lomaintewa. Sr.

**Brina Ironcloud, Miss Native** San Pasqual Elementary shared her ride with the Strong Hearts *Shiyii* (Honorary Grandmother), Marianna Bobtailbear. They rode against the cab of a bright red F-150, protected from the wind as they waved to the crowd they'd just passed by!

Brina, a 12 year-old 6th grade student, is the daughter of Dorinda Ironcloud and Alfred Tatro.



# Imperial County Plans to Improve Local Roadways





# Imperial County Reveals Roadway Plans for 2013

Officials from Imperial County came over to hold a meeting at the Winterhaven Water District Office on February 6th, to present their plans for roadway improvements for the area over the coming year.

Imperial County Supervisors John Renison (who covers District 1, southern Imperial County including Winterhaven and most of the Quechan Reservation) and Raymond "Ray" Castillo (who represents Bard and the areas north along the river, which make up District 5) both spoke to the citizens who came to listen, before they turned over the bulk of the meeting to Imperial County's Director of Public Works, William Brunet.

Both of the Supervisors and the Public Works Director tried to make it clear that they are doing what they can to maintain and improve the roads of the entire county in these days of very limited budgets.

"We have about \$2.25 Million worth of road work that we are going to do here in the area over the next couple of years," said Mr. Brunet, at the start of his presentation. "Most of it will be in the Bard area, and some of it's going to be in the Winterhaven area. It probably won't be enough . . . Usually it's never enough. But I have x amount of dollars in our Road Revenues to do work, and I've got to spread that over the whole county."

He then went on to explain that his department is set up to be "self-funded" which means it receives almost all of its budget from fuel taxes (formally known as the Highway Users Tax Account).

"When you buy a gallon of gas, you see a little tag on the

pump that says you pay about 35 and a half cents per gallon in state tax," he said, getting down to the actual figures. "I get a portion of that to work on the roads." He also said little additional funding comes through the Local Transportation Agency (LTA) funds, which comes through a 1/2 cent sales tax on all retail sales in the county.

So, what will Imperial County be doing with those funds here on the reservation over the next fiscal year?

The first part of the projects, projected maintenance involving Bard Road asphalt skin patches, should take place this summer. The roads which will receive a new top coat of asphalt and patching of holes and eroded edges include:

- 1) Flood Road from Ross Road to Stalneck Road.
- 2) Arnold Road from 1st Street to Foster Road.
- 3) Ross Road from Flood Road to Bard Road.

And 4) Senator Wash Road from the Boat Ramp to the end.

The more extensive capital improvements, which involve more than mere patching and a top coat of asphalt, will include an LTA Bond Project: the overlay and reconstruction of Arnold Road and Picacho Road.

Unfortunately, the county has planned to rebuild Arnold Road from Picacho west beyond Horne Road, rather than the portion from Picacho east to the San Pasqual Schools and the Ironwood subdivision, which sees much more daily traffic. This part of the plan did not sit well with many in the public who attended the meeting.

Sometime in late 2013 and stretching into the first part of

2014, Imperial County Public Works will also begin the installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutter improvements along State Route 2S, which they are calling the Quechan School Phase 1. This project is the beginning of the long awaited school safety improvement to put in sidewalks and bike paths for our local kids walking (and riding their bikes) to and from school each day.

Phase 1 improvements will be along Baseline Road, with Phase 2 to follow sometime in the future along Arnold Road.

Finally, the Winterhaven Water District hopes to dig up and repair a number of water lines around the town early this year, with those improvements continuing into the early part of the summer. Once the Water District completes their project, Mr. Brunet says Imperial County will come in and overlay just about every one of the roadways in the Winterhaven townsite area. Those improvements will be paid for out of Proposition 1B funding.

Imperial County had originally planned to get started on replacing all of Winterhaven earlier this year, but when they learned of the Water District's plans to pull up and replace old plumbing under some of the roads to be repaved, they made the correct decision to wait for that project to be completed, rather than paving the streets, only to see some of them get pulled up for waterlines replacement before they even got around to putting in new stripes and crosswalk markings!

A detailed map of everything planned for Winterhaven can be seen on page 7 of this issue.

## March Events!

**QUECHAN PARKS & RECREATION  
"ADULT HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT"  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013**

**Entry Fee: \$25 Per Team**

**Sign Ups From 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM**

**Games Begin at 9:00 AM at the  
Community Center Horse Shoe Pits**



## Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt!

**At the Diabetes Walking Park!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD  
BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10AM**

**And, As Always, We'll Have Free  
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APRIL 26 & 27  
2013**

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FORT YUMA, CALIFORNIA**

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M.V.P. and All-Tourney Players**

**To Enter Call DeShane Taylor @ 928.446.0615  
Email = ndnrock@yahoo.com**



# Tribal Members Receive Free Food Handler Training

Nearly a dozen community members took advantage of free training at the Quechan Senior Center in late February, as LTJG Kendra Vieira, an Environmental Health Officer with the Indian Health Service presented their basic food handlers' course.

The course is designed to teach food handlers the basics about foodborne illnesses, temperature control, preventing contamination of foods, ensuring that food is purchased from approved food sources, as well as good personal hygiene practices, and how to clean and sanitize a work area.

Participants had to pass a quiz at the end of the 2-hour class to receive their Food Handlers' Card from the IHS Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE).

Similar to County Health cards, the IHS Cards are valid for two years in the Tribal communities served by the Western

Arizona IHS District.

LTJG Vieira emphasized the five most common risk factors that cause foodborne illness: purchasing food from unsafe sources, inadequately cooked food, incorrect holding temperatures, using contaminated equipment, and poor personal hygiene.

"It's important for them to understand that except for purchasing food from unapproved sources, each risk factor listed is related to 3 main factors," she explains, listing those factors: "Time-temperature abuse, cross-contamination and inadequate personal hygiene."

"The most important thing you can do to maintain good personal hygiene is wash your hands often, every time you sneeze, cough, smoke, touch your hair or face, or visit the restroom." She says food service workers should always wear clean clothing and hair restraints when preparing food



**LTJG Vieira used a blacklight activated solution to teach proper hand washing techniques. Here, she allows Pete Escalanti IV to inspect the results of her own hand washing.**  
QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

as well.

Continuing with her description of the course, LTJG Vieira warms to her subject: "Another essential of food safety is proper temperatures. To avoid the temperature danger zone, the range bacteria grow and multiply the fastest and increase the risk of foodborne illness, all cold foods must be kept under 41°F and all hot foods must be

kept above 135°F. You should always remember to label and date all foods."

She also points out that potentially hazardous foods must be used or discarded within 7 days after opening or slicing.

Foodborne illnesses are caused by eating foods that have become contaminated by bacteria, molds, viruses or chemicals.

Some plants and animals such as fish may naturally contain harmful chemicals that will also cause foodborne illness.

Aware of these dangers, during the class LTJG Vieira puts particular emphasis on foodborne illness prevention; specifically temperature control, proper hand washing and those good personal hygiene techniques she is constantly repeating during the class.

The training has typically been available annually and is usually held at the casino.

"I'd like to offer the training more frequently and keep it open for community members who serve food anywhere on the reservation," Vieira said.

"The next training will probably be held this summer, but I always like teaching smaller classes if someone wants to give me a call and set one up."

If you are interested, LTJG Vieira can be reached at her office at (760)572-4242.

## Yuman Language Summit in Prescott

The Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe will be hosting the 2013 Yuman Language Family Summit on March 25, 26, and 27 at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center, at 1500 State Route 69 in Prescott, Arizona.

This year's theme is "We are the People".

The Summit brings the Yuman speaking tribal communities together to exchange ideas in language teaching technique, preservation, and perpetuation.

For more than a decade the Tribes which make up the Yuman language groups have gathered to acknowledge their com-

monality in language. Those Tribes include the Yavapai, Hualapai, Havasupai, Paipai, Maricopa, Quechan, Mohave/Mojave, Cocopah, Kumeyaay, and Kiliwa peoples.

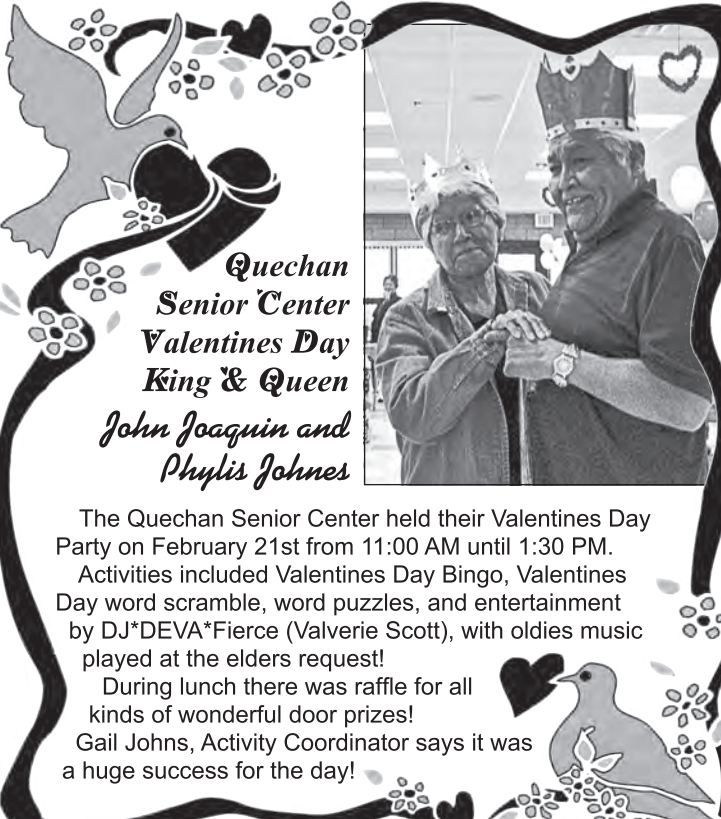
The annual summit has traveled across Arizona and California being hosted by the different Yuman groups.

Some of the activities involved with the summit typically include workshops on language preservation, cultural arts and crafts, and speakers on the importance of our language and culture, with two nights of special events. One

evening of cultural song and dance usually includes a traditional dress fashion show. The second evening features an elder's recognition night, where one elder from each tribe actively involved with language and cultural preservation will be honored.


Revenue received from the fees charged will be used for future Yuman Language Family Summits.

More information about the Yuman Language Family Summit can be found at [www.yumanlanguagefamilysummit.com](http://www.yumanlanguagefamilysummit.com).



**Quechan  
Senior Center  
Valentines Day  
King & Queen**

*John Joaquin and  
Phylis Johnes*



The Quechan Senior Center held their Valentines Day Party on February 21st from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. Activities included Valentines Day Bingo, Valentines Day word scramble, word puzzles, and entertainment by DJ\*DEVA\*Fierce (Valverie Scott), with oldies music played at the elders request!

During lunch there was raffle for all kinds of wonderful door prizes! Gail Johns, Activity Coordinator says it was a huge success for the day!



# VFW Post Honors Quechan Vet

On November 11, 2012, Veteran's Day, the Colonel Joseph Chuck Rodriguez Medal of Honor VFW Post 8737 in the San Bernardino/Rialto area held a ceremony to honor all Veterans.

A large portion of the ceremony recognized the role of Native Americans in the military, to make up for past failures to honor distinguished Native American Veterans in the area. After learning about Gun-nery Sergeant Phillip Warner's military history, they wanted to present his family with the medals and awards he had earned, but never received.

GySgt Phillip Warner was born August 19, 1922 on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. He attended Phoenix Indian School through the 8th grade. Warner finished high school midway through his senior year at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, to join the US Marine Corps and report to boot camp at Camp Pendleton, California in April of 1941.

"After completing boot camp, he and another Sherman Indian student returned on a bus to attend their high school graduation ceremonies, courtesy of the USMC," says his son, Tribal member Don Warner. "They



Dustin and Don Warner, the grandson and son of Phillip Warner, hold the framed medals and rank insignia presented to them by VFW Post 8737 in San Bernardino last Veteran's Day. Posing proudly with them are Granddaughter Desiree Warner Salazar, and Great-Granddaughter Lily Salazar.

Photo Courtesy of Don Warner

arrived in full uniform and it made the local news."

Various dignitaries attended last year's Veterans Day event, such as California State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod and State Assembly Woman Wilma Carter. "There were also numerous veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. A Navajo prayer ceremony was also included for all past and current servicemen," according to Don Warner. "The presentation started out solemn, but it progressed to be a celebratory event. They also held a dinner, where the VFW pre-

sented the family with both a plaque recognizing my father's service, and a shadow box filled with his service awards, rank insignia and a photo of my father in uniform."

The Warner family would like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to the Colonel Joseph Chuck Rodriguez Medal of Honor VFW Post 8737 for their recognition of Native American patriotism in honoring GySgt Phillip Warner, WWII and Korea Veteran, as well as their 2012 presentation honoring the WWII Navajo Code Talkers.

## CONGRATULATIONS

After many years of service,

Mrs. Brenda Flame,  
Laboratory Technician,  
has retired from the  
Ft Yuma Indian Health Center.

We will miss working  
with her, and we wish her  
well in her

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## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP

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Contact Pastor Ray

at (760) 572-5565

Or Facilitator

Regimius Baxter

at (928) 246-6241



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and Committees:**

**Cultural Committee Member (1)  
Education Board Members (3)  
Election Board Judge  
Election Board Alternate #2**

*If interested, please submit a  
Letter of Interest to Erna Jackson  
Interim Tribal Council Secretary,  
at the Tribal Administration Office.*

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JOHN 2:19; JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID  
UNTO THEM DESTROY THIS TEMPLE,  
AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP.



# Students Learn To Avoid Border's Drug Culture

San Pasqual High School students received an eye opening education on the deadly consequences of getting mixed up with Mexico's dangerous drug cartels, when Quechan Fish and Game Warden Travis Owl accompanied four local Border Patrol agents to the school on February 12.

The Border Patrol Agents shared both personal stories from their own experience, as well as a two-part video presentation entitled "Operation Detour". The special presentation took place in the high school library. After the officers intro-

duced themselves, each of them shared at least one example of the terrible things they've seen whenever they've come upon those who have crossed the enforcers of the drug cartels.

Telling their stories were Supervisory Agent Fidel Cabrera, Carlos T. Dominguez (the Yuma Sector's Border Patrol-Tribal Liaison), and Community Liaison Agents Thomas Rutkowski and Lee Pooley.

Each of them told of how they'd seen the insidious nature of drug gangs recruiting young people with the promise of more money in one week-

end than a student might make all summer, if they'd just take a few wrapped packages down the road to a waiting contact. The problem is, once you're in with the cartels, there are only

two ways out: getting caught by law enforcement and going to jail, or a horrible death in the constant turf wars as the cartels fight for territory and influence.

Their stories were punctuated by a video presentation which showed interviews with some drug cartel "soldiers" who were later found dead, burned to death in 55 gallon drums. The second part of the video was a fictionalized account of how "friends" are used to recruit fellow students into drug smuggling, and how such a decision can either ruin your life, or possibly even end it.



**Surrounded by students,** Border Patrol Agents Thomas Rutkowski and Lee Pooley explain the consequences of succumbing to the "quick cash" mentality of drug smugglers on the border. Quechan News Photo by William Isbell

## Quechan Parks and Recreation 2013 Youth & Adult Sports Schedule

Dates listed are tentative: For Information or  
Registration Contact Quechan Parks and Recreation  
**(760) 572-1242**

REGISTRATION DATES	STARTING DATES	SPORTS ACTIVITIES
February 4 - March 1, 2013	March 4, 2013	Co-ed Grasshopper Basketball (3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade)
February 11 - March 1, 2013	March 8 - 9, 2013	All Indian Basketball Tournament
February 11 - March 8, 2013	March 11, 2013	Adult Co-ed Volleyball League
August 1, 2012 - March 26, 2013	March 26, 2013	Yuma Little League Baseball (Ages 4 - 16 Boys & Girls)
February 11 - March 8, 2013	March 16, 2013	Adult Horseshoe Tournament
February 4 - April 5, 2013	April 12 - 13, 2013	Spring Jam Co-ed Junior High Basketball Tournament
February 11 - April 12, 2013	April 19 - 20, 2013	Spring Shootout Co-ed High School Basketball Tournament
March 4 - May 3, 2013	May 10 - 11, 2013	Men's Open Basketball Tournament
April 1 - May 24, 2013	May 28, 2013	Co-ed Jr. High Basketball League (6th, 7th & 8th Grade)
April 1 - May 24, 2013	May 28, 2013	Co-ed High School Basketball League (9th Grade Thru 12th Grade)
May 13 - Jun. 21, 2013	June 24, 2013	Co-ed Dodge Ball League (3rd, 4th & 5th Grade)
May 13 - June 21, 2013	June 24, 2013	Co-ed Jr. High Dodge Ball League (6th, 7th & 8th Grade)
May 13 - July 12, 2013	July 19 - 20, 2013	8 - 10 Year-old Co-ed Basketball Tournament
July 1 - August 2, 2013	August 5, 2013	Men's Basketball League
July 1 - August 30, 2013	September 6 - 7, 2013	Women's Basketball Tournament
August 5 - September 13, 2013	September 16, 2013	Co-ed Grasshopper Flag Football League (3rd, 4th & 5th grade)
August 5 - September 13, 2013	September 16, 2013	Co-ed Jr. High Volleyball League (6th, 7th & 8th grade)
August 5 - October 4, 2013	October 11 - 12, 2013	Over the NDN Hill 45+ Basketball Tournament
September 9 - October 18, 2013	October 21, 2013	Adult Co-ed Softball League
September 16 - October 18, 2013	October 21, 2013	Co-ed Grasshopper Soccer (3rd, 4th & 5th Grade)
September 16 - October 18, 2013	October 21, 2013	Co-ed Junior High Soccer (6th, 7th & 8th Grade)





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