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Wetlands Maintenance Agreement Reached



The Yuma East Wetlands, a 350 acre area of restored wildlife habitat and walking trails at the south edge of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation on the Colorado River, is assured of continued maintenance due to an agreement lasting through at least 2045. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Last Tuesday, August 6th, local government representatives from the Quechan Tribe, the state of Arizona, the City of Yuma, and the federal government gathered at the Pivot Point Conference Center in downtown Yuma, to announce an agreement which will insure the continued care and maintenance of the Yuma East Wetlands (YEW) through at least 2055.

The agreement comes under the auspices of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP), which will cover 70% of the costs for maintenance over the next 42 years. John Swett, Program Manager for the YEW, says the agreement would never have come together without

the support of the Quechan Tribal Council.

"We now have 350 acres of wildlife habitat that also provides recreational uses for the local community," said Mr. Swett in his remarks. "And allows the community to stay connected to the river, which is the lifeblood [of this area]."

The vast majority of the Wetlands covered by the agreement are made up of Tribal land at the south end of the reservation, just east of the Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge along both banks of the Colorado River.

Since 2004, invasive salt cedar has been removed from 350 acres along the river, chipped, and spread as ground cover onsite. Native salt grass, bul-

ruses, cottonwoods, and willows were then gathered locally as plugs or poles, to be planted in newly cleared areas. Restoration techniques ranged from earth moving with heavy equipment to collecting and propagating native plant cuttings by hand. A great deal of the work was done by volunteers right here on the reservation.

Now that the wetlands are returning to their restored, natural state, this first-of-its kind agreement will insure the area remains that way for the next generation to enjoy.

The announced agreement is the only one so far along the Colorado Conservation Corridor which involves a partnership with a Tribal government.

Under the new agreement, the MSCP will provide 70% of the funding, while Arizona Game and Fish, the City of Yuma and the Quechan Tribe will each cover 10% of the cost.

Right now, annual maintenance for the wetlands runs about \$350,000, so the Tribe is responsible for only \$35,000 each year under the agreement.

Most of those at the meeting had only praise for the Tribe.

Yuma Mayor Al Kreiger was among those singling out the Tribe for special mention at the August 6th media event: "The Quechan Indian Tribe has been a great partner not only in this, but in many other projects that are ongoing, and we value that relationship with the Tribe."

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Water Quality Reports Available

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs) for the Quechan Water System, an annual requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are now available for 2013.

These reports summarize the quality of the water provided by each water source and the associated distribution system. Each report has been reviewed for accuracy and approved by the EPA. There is a report for the Quechan Water System in its entirety, as well as a separate report for the outlying water system at the Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park. Both are available at the Quechan Utility office.

The Quechan Water System

consists of five sections and the remaining smaller water systems have only one section each. Testing procedures include breaking each water supply into sections based on the number of customers it serves.

Within each section, four addresses are selected to supply water samples at the furthest reaches of each section.

Each month throughout the calendar year, water samples are taken from one of these addresses in each section. Over the following months, samples are taken from the next address on the list. In this manner, each identified address is sampled four times each year.

All water samples are sent to an independent laboratory for analysis. The lab returns a summary of their findings and passes a copy along to the EPA.

The data contained in the annual water quality reports summarizes the results of these tests.

When drinking water standards are exceeded, follow-up actions are noted and reported, and corrective actions then taken, following EPA guidance.

If you have any questions regarding this process, you may call the Utilities Manager at (760) 572-0667 or visit the Utilities Office at 1890C San Pasqual School Road.

Kids and Heat Don't Mix

Heat strokes contributed to the death of more than 24 children this year when they were left unattended in vehicles. Knowing this, the Quechan Injury Prevention conducted an experiment on how hot it really gets in your vehicle.

First, we parked a car with tinted windows in the shade with the windows cracked. With an outside temperature of 98°F degrees, after only 30 minutes the temperature inside the car climbed to 110°F degrees. Then we then parked in the sun and closed all the windows. With the outside temperature at 105°F degrees, the temperature inside the car went to 125°F degrees, even with tinted windows!

There are ways to avoid these tragedies:

- Never leave your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.
- Make sure your car is locked when you are not in it, so children can't get in on their own.
- When you're not following your normal routine, create reminders by putting something in the back seat, like your cell phone. (This will also keep you from using it while driving!)

Then, when you arrive at your destination and get in the back seat to retrieve your cell phone, you'll also see the children and remember not to leave them in the car, either.

- If you see a child left alone in a vehicle call 911! It could save a child's life!

Lisa Aguero at Quechan Injury Prevention says you can find more information about preventing heat stroke deaths by going to:

www.ggweather.com/heat and/or www.safekids.org/heatstroke.

Quechan Diabetes Wellness Summer Games Participants

Photos Courtesy of Quechan Diabetes Project



The Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) "3 on 3 Still Got It 35+ Basketball Tournament" took place on Saturday, June 15th at the Quechan Community Center. A total of 6 teams participated, with the winners being the Rebels: Aaron Burgos, Rydell Taylor, Henry Koteen, and Dustin Escalanti. Sandy Palone at SDPI says the objective for this tournament was to get the over 35 age group to stay active and remind them that they can still do the things they like regardless of their age or physical performance level. "All the participants liked it and asked if we could hold a tournament every month," she says. "We are still looking into that possibility, and if not every month then maybe every other month." We'll keep you posted on developments!



Their next event was a Dodgeball Tournament held on Friday, July 26, 2013, also at the community center. There were also 6 teams participating in this event. The winners were TCS, made up of Mandel Sanchez, Michael Gilbert, Angelito Alvarez, Dominique Rueda, and Andrew and Jason Lomaintewa which came up from the losing bracket to take out the undefeated Purple Cobras in 2 matches! The dodgeball games were 3 minute games, with winners of each best of 3 series moving on to the next stage. Both tournaments were double elimination. For more information on SDPI Athletics, call (760) 572-4057.

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

Learn the Days of The Month With Kwat'san liya Calendars

Judith Prietta, a *Kwat'san liya* Instructor with the Quechan Language Preservation Program, has created these calendars for the months of August and September, 2013. Each month lists both the days of the week and the *kwat'san* words for counting the days of the month.

Although the names of the numbers may look confusing at first, Judith explains that the *kwat'san* numbering convention is actually quite simple . . . once you learn the numbers one through ten (*shent* to *shaaxuk*).

After reaching ten, you simply say (in *kwat'san*) "Ten and One, Ten and Two" (or "*Shaaxuk Amay Shent, Shaaxuk Amay Xavik*") and so on, until you

get to Twenty, when the multiplier becomes "Two Tens" or "*Shaaxuk Xavik*".

Then you continue on with "Two Tens and One, Two Tens and Two" ("*Shaaxuk Xavik Amay Shent, Shaaxuk Xavik Amay Xavik*") and so on for Thirty, Forty and all the numbers through One Hundred, which in the *Kwat'san liya* method of counting is "Ten Tens" or "*Shaaxuk Shaaxuk*" . . . simple, right?

So, encourage your children to keep these Calendars and help them learn both the days of the week and how to count to Thirty One . . . or even One Hundred! Once they get the hang of it, it's not that hard!

August 2013

Sunday Ely'tu miink E	Monday Va'uu Tak	Tuesday Shm'aats va vik	Wednesday Shm'aats Xamok	Thursday Shm'aats Tsuumpap	Friday Shm'aats Saarap	Saturday Saa'vth
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September 2013

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Kwat'san Qi'ya!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

<i>What is This/That?</i>	<i>Is it Lying Down?</i>
Kawits Athuum?	Paam Uvathick?
<i>What is This Called?</i>	<i>Is it Big?</i>
Kum'em m'sheck?	Vathy u m?
<i>Is it Sitting?</i>	
Anuck Kovush?	

Submitted by Judith Prietta of the Quechan Language Preservation Program

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

White House Council on Native American Affairs Holds 1st Meeting on National Policy Initiatives

The inaugural meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs was held in Washington, D.C. on July 29, 2013. Set up under President Obama's national policy initiative to make federal agencies work more collaboratively and effectively with federally recognized tribes in advancing their vital economic and social priorities. The Council's first meeting was chaired by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

Nominated by President Obama on February 6th to succeed the previous Interior Secretary (Ken Salazar), Mrs. Jewell's nomination was approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 21, with only three of the committee's 22 members opposed. The full Senate confirmed Jewell as Secretary of the Interior by a vote of 87-11 on April 10, 2013.

The President established the White House Council on Native American Affairs on June 26 of this year to promote healthy relationships and respect tribal sovereignty.



Interior Secretary Sally Jewell (center) looks on as Tom Vilsack, the Secretary of Agriculture, makes a point at the first meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs on July 29th. The Council plans to meet three times a year in the future. Photo: Tami A. Heilemann

The Executive Order that established the Council also institutionalized the White House Tribal Nation Conference as an annual event. Held each year since President Obama took office, the conferences have brought together leaders from all federally recognized tribes with Cabinet members and senior Administration officials.

The White House Council on Native American Affairs will meet at least three times a year. The Council will focus its

efforts on advancing five priorities which mirror the issues tribal leaders have raised during previous White House Tribal Nations Conferences:

- 1) promoting sustainable economic development;
- 2) supporting greater access to and control over health care;
- 3) improving the effectiveness and efficiency of tribal justice systems;
- 4) expanding and improving educational opportunities for Native American youth; and
- 5) protecting and supporting the sustainable management of Native lands, environments, and natural resources.

Joining Secretary Jewell at the White House meeting were Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, White House Domestic Policy Director Cecilia Muñoz, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, and Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

While chairing the Council's first meeting, Secretary Jewell said, "Today's meeting underscores President Obama's commitment to build effective partnerships with American Indian and Alaska Native communities and make the federal government work more efficiently to find solutions to the challenges facing Indian Country."

She went on to say, "I am honored to play a role in the President's initiative to maximize federal efforts to support the tribes as they tackle pressing issues, such as educational achievement and economic development. The federal government's unique trust relationship with tribes as well as the Nation's legal and treaty obligations call for a priority effort to promote prosperous and resilient communities."

Initial discussions focused on the start of efforts to implement President Obama's executive order establishing the Council.

The Council includes more than 30 federal departments and agencies. Its purpose is to coordinate the Administration's engagement with tribal governments in working across executive departments, agencies and offices to develop policy recommendations and expand efforts to leverage the federal programs and resources available to tribal communities.

It is hoped this national policy initiative will advance the Administration's efforts to restore and heal relations with Native Americans and strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between the United States and tribal governments.

Tribe's Downtown Property to Become Upscale Dining/Sports Bar

The Quechan Tribal Council has passed a resolution approving a new lease agreement which will bring the old *Monarch's Rest* building back to life, contributing to the revitalization of historic downtown Yuma while at the same time opening up new employment opportunities for Tribal members.

The new tenants, Justin Patane and Kimball Alexander say the establishment will be an up-

scale family restaurant and sports bar called *THE STANDARD*.

They have been hard at work since late July cleaning and refreshing the interior of the property at 130 South Main Street. Mr. Patane says the place is still in excellent condition, though he's stripped out and replaced the carpeting and has plans to pour a new concrete floor in the old brewery equipment room, which will then be converted

into a billiards and game room.

THE STANDARD will be "flooded" with large screen high definition TV screens in the bar area, with raised booths on the east side of the room. There will also be a more intimate dining area for those bringing a date, as well as a large, separate, family dining room in the back.

Patane also says that a few months after opening, they hope to open up the patio to

outdoor dining when the weather is nice, which will give them more seating flexibility during the winter months.

They hope to be ready to open around the first of October, and give the staff a few weeks of on-the-job training, working out any kinks before the real winter visitor rush begins a few weeks later.

The Tribe's lease deal with *THE STANDARD* specifies that

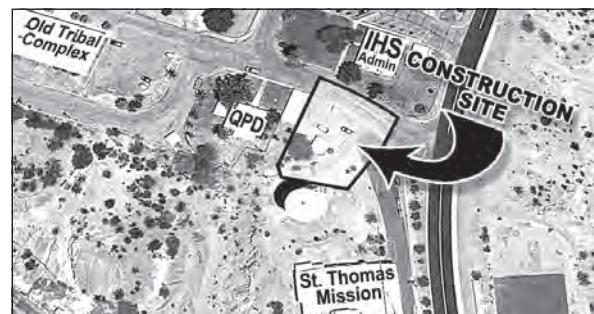
when hiring, they must go through the Quechan Tribe's TERO office and offer qualified Tribal members the first shot at all the positions needed to open the restaurant.

They will need waiters, waitresses, bartenders, bus staff, hostesses, shift supervisors, and dishwashers; about 30 positions in all. The plan is to begin looking for help sometime in mid-September, so get ready now!

A PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER:

Southwest Tank and Steel is preparing the site east of the Quechan Police Department for construction of a new 780,000 gallon water storage tank on Indian Hill.

During this time, please be careful and patient when traveling in this area.



Construction is scheduled for completion in December of 2013.



SCAP Application Deadline August 30th

The deadline for new applications for the 2013 Quechan Tribe School Clothing Assistance Program (SCAP) is rapidly approaching. The Revenue Distribution Department began accepting applications on Monday, July 22nd, and they will stop accepting SCAP applications at 5:00 PM on Friday, August 30th, 2013.

Parents of Tribal members wishing to receive the benefits of this program may apply in person at the Revenue Distribution Office at the Quechan Tribe Administration Office, or by fax at (760)572-2102. Parents of Tribal members may also request an application by mail, by sending a request to:

SCAP Application
Attn: Revenue Distribution
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, AZ 85366-1899

Parents of students enrolled in school programs from Headstart through the 12th Grade may receive reimbursement for school clothing, with the amount distributed depending on the grade. Parents of Headstart and Kindergarten students may receive a check of \$100.00 per student, while parents of

children enrolled in grades 1 through 12 are eligible for a total of \$150.00 per student. *The custodial parent must complete the application. If the applicant is not the custodial parent, documentation in the form of a Legal Custody Order or Guardianship Order through a court must accompany the application. Notarized statements are NOT accepted.*

Enrollment will be verified by the Revenue Distribution Office cross-checking the certified list provided by the Enrollment Department.

While the deadline for applications is at the end of August, receipts verifying school clothing purchases will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Friday, September 13, 2013.

Mailed in receipts will be accepted only if they are postmarked ON or BEFORE the September 13 deadline. Purchases made with a debit card will be accepted. *The Quechan Tribe will not accept receipts for purchases made with credit cards or gift cards.*

All receipts must be dated from the start of the eligibility period on July 22nd, through

the deadline date of September 13, 2013. ONLY original receipts will be accepted, which must include the store name and a list of the items purchased. Please print student name and parent/legal guardian name on all receipts. If you need copies of your receipts please make those copies before turning in your receipts.

Faxed or handwritten receipts will NOT be accepted. If receipts are not returned, the parent/legal guardian will not be eligible for cash disbursements during the next S.C.A.P. Program.

Please note that receipts will be accepted ONLY in the Revenue Distribution Office.

To ensure all receipts are properly received, DO NOT TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS TO ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT in the Tribal Administration Office.

If you have any further questions on the Quechan Tribe's Fall 2013 School Clothing Assistance Program, please call Chenaura Rodriguez in Revenue Distribution at (760) 572-0213, Ext. 220 or Dianna Waters at Ext. 274.

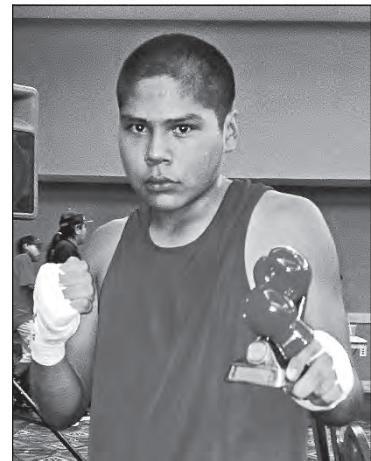
Joseph Herrera Wins One, Loses One

Quechan Tribal member Joseph Herrera improved his record over the July Fourth holiday weekend, taking the trophy as the 2013 All Indian Boxing Champion for his weight class at the Apache Gold Casino and Resort convention center in San Carlos, Arizona.

Joe defeated his opponent, Niko Martinez of the Menominee tribe in Wisconsin, in a decision by the judges. That tournament featured Native American boxers from as far away as Canada, Oregon, and Oklahoma.

A week later, at the 12th Annual "Desert Showdown" World Amateur Boxing Championship in Indio, California, Joseph was handed his first loss since he entered the ring as an amateur, when the judges decision came down in favor of his opponent, Antonio Gonzalez. Their fight was held at Indio's Fantasy Springs Resort and Casino.

The second largest ama-



Joseph Herrera with his Weight Class Trophy in San Carlos, Az.

teur tournament in the United States, this year's Desert Showdown featured over 1000 boxers from 8 to 65 years old. Joe will resume his boxing career in September, though his training never stopped after the setback in Indio.

Coach Eric Valenzuela is prepared to train more Quechan Tribal members, male or female ages 8 years old and up, for the 3rd Annual Native American Boxing Tournament in July of 2014. Anyone interested in training can email Rosie Herrera at rhrerra7@gmail.com.



Joseph and opponent Antonio Gonzalez at the "Desert Showdown" World Amateur Boxing Championships in Indio, Ca. That tournament featured over 1000 boxers from 8 to 65 years old, with up 160 fights a day in four rings!

Photos by Rosie Herrera

PLEASE BE AWARE:

Over the Labor Day Holiday, all trash normally picked up on Monday (September 2nd) will be picked up one day later, on Tuesday, September 3rd.



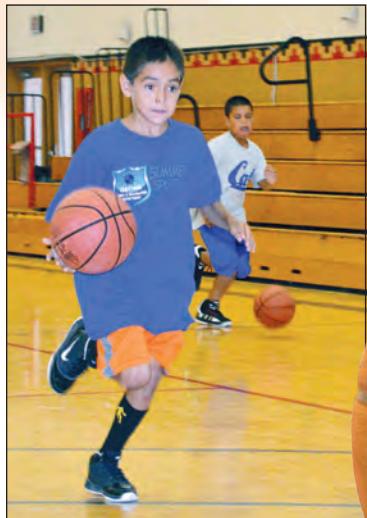


Photos Courtesy of Ricardo Juan, Quechan SDPI

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project held a Football Skills Challenge in the Diabetes Walking Park just before the Annual Fourth of July Celebration. Both male and female participants came out to prove their abilities at punting, kicking, passing accuracy, running agility and the 40 yard dash. Those taking part included Chris and Brendan McNeely, Jessica and Janyse Collins, Anthony Aguerro, and Gabriel Tellez (all seen here). Watching closely to score their skills and offer pointers on improvements were the staff of the Diabetes Wellness Center, including Randy Moody, Brian Warner, Peter Escalanti, Ricardo Juan and Lewis Throssel.



QUECHAN PARKS & REC SUMMER SPORTS CAMP



Quechan Parks and Recreation held their annual summer sports camp over the three weeks from July 22nd until August 9th, hosting morning sessions every weekday from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM.

Coach Willis Hawkins joined up with the athletic trainers from the Quechan Diabetes Wellness Center to offer a full week of instruction in three

popular sports, football, basketball and volleyball to kids from third grade through high school.

Every session began with a good healthy breakfast at the Community Center gym before the "campers" broke up into groups to begin morning stretches to "limber up" before beginning the drills required for proficiency in each sport. Once the drills were completed, the

coaches spent time helping the kids with a variety of pointers to develop an ability to maintain awareness on the playing field while moving to the positions where they could do the most good in any situation.

"Campers" also got to practice both offensive and defensive moves before ending their day, everyday, with a good lunch before heading home.

Photos by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS and Ricardo Juan, Quechan Diabetes Project





Quechan Head Start

Returns Tuesday, September 3rd
At the Quechan Education Complex

Class Begins at 8:30 AM!

*Please Keep An Eye Out For Our
Busses And Students After Labor Day,
And Always Obey The Speed Limit
Signs In The Ed Complex Parking Lot!*

**Happy Birthday,
Dad!**

To Howard Golding:
*We send you Best Wishes,
our Love and Hugs & Kisses, from
John, Lupe,
Jay, Eddie, Fabian,
Rosa, Makayla, Alexis,
Aaliya and Mia*

Fort Yuma United Methodist Church has resumed our regular worship services each Sunday at 10:30 AM after being closed in July. Come and join us as we share in Christian fellowship.

We would like to extend our thanks to all who supported our Independence Day Raffle.

Congratulations to the winners:

**Larissa Ponce - Gas Barbecue
Sherrie Talaswaima - Ice Chest
Remigus Baxter - Camping Chair**



**Bob Klein, Pastor
Fort Yuma United Methodist Church
350 Picacho Road
Winterhaven, California**

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Valley Fever a Genuine Area Health Threat

To address community concerns about the possibility of contracting Valley Fever whenever soil is disturbed in farming and construction operations in the Imperial Valley, a public meeting was held at the Pipa Events Center on July 8, 2013.

Dr. Maria Fierro, an Epidemiologist with the Imperial County Public Health Department presented Tribal members with an explanation of how Valley Fever is diagnosed and managed and the clinical signs and symptoms of Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever).

She says "Valley fever is an illness caused by a fungus called coccidioides that lives about 2-8 inches deep within the soil of hot and arid areas. It is found in the southwest region of the United States, primarily in Arizona and California."

When soil is disturbed by strong winds, construction, farming, or just digging, the fungus spore gets into the air where it can be inhaled, infecting the lungs.

"It may also infect other parts of the body," she says. "About 60% of people infected with Valley Fever have no symptoms. On the other hand, about 40% will develop a mild flu-like illness from 1 to 3 weeks after exposure to the fungus."

Common symptoms include: Cough, chest pain, tiredness, muscle aches, fever, headache, and rash. These symptoms can last months, but most people will recover fully and develop life-long immunity.

However, in 1% of cases, Valley Fever can spread outside of the lungs and infect bones,

joints, skin, and brain, causing a severe disease.

People who are at greater risk to develop severe disease include adults over 60 years old, pregnant women, those with diabetes or other conditions that weaken their immune system (such as cancer, treatment with chemotherapy or steroids, organ transplant, AIDS), and persons of certain ethnic groups (which include African-Americans, Hispanics, and Filipinos).

"There is no vaccine available for this disease," says Dr. Fierro. "But Valley fever cannot be spread from person to person or from animal to person, so treatment is usually not necessary for mild infections."

"On the other hand, treatment may be recommended for persons at high risk for severe disease. Persons who suspect they may have the disease should ask their doctors to test for Valley Fever whenever they have the symptoms I've listed."

The good news is, right now at least, Imperial County has lower rates of reported cases compared to other areas in California. In 2011-2012, the 18 reported cases reside throughout the county, with 9 of the 18 in El Centro.

The ages range from 17 to 82 years, with a median age of 52 years. Fourteen of the cases were hospitalized due to pneumonia, and 12 of 18 cases were also diagnosed with other illnesses such as diabetes, liver disease, or cancer.

While the current low level of the incidence of Valley Fever in the area is good news, there are those that fear new large

scale construction project in areas that have never been widely disturbed, such as the Ocotillo Winds Project, may lead to a sudden increase in the near future. Quechan Tribal member Preston Arrowweed, with the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation, says he is watching the situation carefully, and will be monitoring the statistics for Valley Fever, particularly in the far eastern part of Imperial County, in the future.

When the Public Health Department initiated a series of projects over the 2011-12 time frame to identify possible factors that could contribute to the lower reported rates of Valley Fever in Imperial County, the results showed that the prevalence of antibodies against Valley fever was very low.

The Ah Mut Pipa Foundation hopes that the County will continue to monitor the antibody levels, and watch to see if the levels rise over the next few years, as the construction dust from the Ocotillo Valley Wind Project disperses over the remainder of the County, carried on the prevailing winds.

A 2011-2012 medical provider survey to measure and assess the knowledge of Valley fever disease among 102 clinicians found that only 23% believed Valley Fever is a problem in California. That same percentage also did not know that VF is a reportable disease in California. The survey also found only 43% considered it as a potential diagnosis in patients with symptoms of respiratory disease, while only 48% felt confident they could treat Valley Fever.

KWAT'SAN IMMERSION PROJECT UNDERWAY

Local native *Kwat'san* speakers have come together to help restore the language, through a "Language Immersion Project".

Teaching language through immersion is not a new concept. In fact, it's the method all of us used when learning how to speak our first language.

By listening to our parents speak the language at home in everyday situations telling us to eat dinner, get dressed for school, or to take a bath; using simple phrases and sentences that we hear and say everyday.

This is the basic idea behind a movement on the reservation to bring back the language.

The group, "Kwatsan Iiya Xiipuk", which means *Kwat'san Language First*, meets twice each month to try and relight the fire to bring back our traditional language.

Their method is simple: **Speak Kwat'san First**. Kwatsan Iiya Xiipuk has held three meetings so far with about 25 people at each meeting. Kwatsan Iiya Xiipuk encourages fluent *Kwat'san* language speakers to get together with family members or friends who want to learn the language and teach them to speak it in simple conversations. The idea is to have these teams designate a time during the week to speak the language at home in a conversational manner, the way we all learned to speak our first language.

"What we are trying to do is get back to using the language first in the home," states group organizer Daniel Golding. "To get the fluent speakers to speak Quechan at home so those learning can pick it up in a less formal setting."

He also says, "Every oppor-

tunity at home is an opportunity to teach and learn the language. Everyone can do it. You just need to team up with a fluent speaker, a friend or relative."

"We are in a race with time before the language is completely gone," says co-organizer Kenrick Escalanti. "If no one does it, who will. We must take the steps to do it now before it's too late."

Says Golding, "If we can get 50 fluent speakers to each take on teaching the language to one person, that's 50 new *Kwat'san* speakers. If they teach the language to two people, then that's a hundred new speakers."

Both Golding and Escalanti are hoping to create a domino effect. They hope that people will find value in the language again.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 24 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Senior Apartments Community Room. The last meeting ran over because no one wanted to leave!

"Every one was so into learning that we forgot what time it was," said Golding. "During that meeting Golding and Escalanti shared information on how to try and stay in the language while at home, using simple commands and basic questions in *Kwat'san* which can be used anytime.

About half way through, the room split up into smaller groups to practice the methods and have a chance share and learn. Everyone is welcome, both speakers and learners are encouraged to attend. Bring your favorite dish for the potluck! Also, there's a raffle to win a gift at the end of each meeting: who knows, it may be you! If you would like more information, contact Dan

Golding at (928) 446-1871.



Update: San Pasqual Schools Schedule For 2013/2014

The San Pasqual Schools will remain on the traditional **Early Release on Friday** schedule. (This is a change from the previous Wednesday late start schedule shown in the July Quechan News.) Advisory time Monday - Thursday makes each period the same length. It also gives time for the HS to have breakfast and conduct business. No advisory time is scheduled for Friday. The High School will serve breakfast during their 2nd period class on Friday. Advisory time is the same class as 2nd period and considered the student's "HOME ROOM". The Middle School uses advisory time to go over the handbook, peacebuilder information, and hear announcements. Middle School breakfast is served before school starts each morning.

Elementary School Bell Schedule

Please note that the Elementary School is staying with the early release schedule every Friday at 1:15 PM, just as it was last year.

Regular Day for Kindergarten – 5th Grade Students	8:00 AM – 2:15 PM
Transitional Kindergarten (Monday through Friday)	8:00AM – 1:00PM
Prekindergarten (Monday through Thursday)	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Early Release Friday for Grades K – 5	8:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Older Students Bell Schedule: Monday - Tuesday & Thursday - Friday

Middle School		High School	
1st Period	8:05AM - 8:55AM	1st Period	8:05AM - 8:55AM
Advisory	9:00AM - 9:20AM	Advisory	9:00AM - 9:20AM
2nd Period	9:20AM - 10:10AM	2nd Period	9:20AM - 10:10AM
3rd Period	10:15AM - 11:05AM	3rd Period	10:15AM - 11:05AM
4th Period	11:10AM - 12:00 Noon	4th Period	11:10AM - 12:00 Noon
MS LUNCH	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	5th Period	12:05 PM-12:55 PM
5th Period	12:35 PM - 1:25 PM	HS LUNCH	12:55 PM - 1:25 PM
6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM	6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM
7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:15 PM	7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:15 PM

Friday Early Release Schedule

Middle School and High School – Released at 1:10AM on Fridays.

Middle School		High School	
1st Period	8:05AM - 8:40AM	1st Period	8:05AM - 8:40AM
2nd Period	8:45AM - 9:20AM	2nd Period	8:45AM - 9:20AM
3rd Period	9:25AM - 10:00AM	3rd Period	9:25AM - 10:00AM
4th Period	10:05AM - 10:40AM	4th Period	10:05AM - 10:40AM
5th Period	10:45 PM - 11:20AM	5th Period	10:45 PM - 11:20AM
6th Period	11:25AM - 12:00 Noon	6th Period	11:25AM - 12:00 Noon
MS LUNCH	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	7th Period	12:05 PM - 12:40 PM
7th Period	12:35 PM - 1:10PM	HS LUNCH	12:40 PM - 1:10 PM



Looking for all CRUSADERS for a Grand St. John's Indian School Reunion

AUGUST 31, 2013

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

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(S. 51st Ave. & Pecos Rd.) Komatke, AZ

Reunion Contacts:

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Seraphine Morris-Scottie: (520) 904-1575

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**Celebrate
the HEAT on
Yuma's Main
STREET!**



**DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
FROM 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM**

- 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Music by DJ Norieja
- 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - YFD will be misting the 100 block every 15 minutes, so children and adults can "cool down." **Shoes are required.**
- 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Adult beverages available at Lutes' Casino, Da Boyz, Yuma's Main Squeeze, Jimmie Dee's, Red's Bird Cage, and The Pint House
- 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Live performance by Tommy & the Drifters
- There will also be a vendor with Face Painting Booth (for a fee) and a **FREE** Jumper for the kids! !
- Variety of food and business vendors

This event is FREE and open to the public!



Want more information?
Contact the City of Yuma's
Heritage Festival Coordinator
Pelita Wicks at (928) 373-5028

TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Resolutions Passed From June 27, 2013 through July 24, 2013

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 46 Official Resolutions from mid-June through the end of July, 2013. Those Resolutions are listed below 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 147-13: A Resolution to review and certify 24 enrollment applicants as officially enrolled members of the Quechan Tribe. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Quechan Tribal Court, Fund 104, for Calendar Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 153-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to applicant #1 attending vocational education for the 2013 program year. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Resolution 159-13: A Resolution to certify the 2014 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 148-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending higher education for the academic program year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Resolution 160-13: A Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Quechan Indian Tribe and the Quechan Housing Authority for the Rabies Control Program. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 149-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending vocational education for the 2013 program year. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Resolution 161-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Quechan Historic Preservation Program for the Calendar Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 155-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to applicant #3 attending vocational education for the 2013 program year. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Resolution 162-13: A Resolution to approve the tentative operating budget for the Injury Prevention Program, Fund 271, for Program Year September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 150-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending higher education for the academic program year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on June 27, 2013.*

Resolution 163-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Quechan Senior Nutrition Center, Fund 199, for Calendar Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 151-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending higher education for the academic program year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 157-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget of the Quechan Tribal Court, Fund 471, for Calendar Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.*

Resolution 152-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #5 attending higher education for the

abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 164-13: A Resolution to approve the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 165-13: A Resolution to approve a commercial lease for the property at 130 South Main Street in the City of Yuma. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 166-13: A Resolution to approve the repayment plan with CALTRANS for project development review fees. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 167-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with JV Farms, Inc., Farm 113. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 168-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with JV Farms, Inc., Farm 114. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 169-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with JV Farms, Inc., Farm 163. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 170-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with JV Farms, Inc., Farm 174A. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 171-13: A Resolution to approve the budget for the BIA Indian Reservation Road Program Agreement

#A12AP01372, Fund 474, for Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 172-13: A Resolution to authorize a submission of a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration, funding opportunity #FTA-2013-002-TPM-TRTR. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 173-13: A Resolution to adopt a Five Percent (5%) decrease in Tribal Council stipends. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on July 2, 2013.

Resolution 174-13: A Resolution to authorize a submission of a continuation grant application and proposed budget for the Quechan Special Diabetes Program for Indians, Fund 275, for Program Year June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 175-13: A Resolution to approve the acceptance of federal assistance for the Fort Yuma Water Storage Tank, Phase 2 Project. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 176-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Montie Lee Farms, Inc., Farm 101. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 177-13: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Diamond S Farms, LLC, Farm 176. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 178-13: A Resolution to approve the Quechan

Indian Council to participate in a nationwide Elder Needs Assessment. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 179-13: A Resolution to approve the supplemental operating budget for the Quechan Police Department, Fund 107, for the Calendar Year January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 180-13: A Resolution to extend the appointment of Quechan Enrollment Committee Member #1. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 181-13: A Resolution to extend the appointment of Quechan Enrollment Committee Member #2. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 182-13: A Resolution to extend the appointment of Quechan Enrollment Committee Member #3. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 183-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 184-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 185-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

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Resolution 186-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 187-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #5 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 188-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #6 attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 18, 2013.

Resolution 189-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #7 attending high-

er education for the Fall 2013 Semester. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 190-13: A Resolution to acknowledge the Quechan enrolled Tribal Members attending higher education for the Fall 2013 Semester having a \$0 unmet need. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 16, 2013.

Resolution 191-13: A Resolution to approve the Tribes 10 day notice of redemption to the form of the Bondholder Consent Agreement. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 18, 2013.

Resolution 192-13: A Resolution to authorize a request for technical assistance to conduct two market feasibility studies. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting on July 24, 2013.

Back To School Fair

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Once again, the entire Quechan community came together to provide both valuable information and much needed school supplies for area students and their parents, at the annual "Back To School Fair" at the Quechan Community Center on Saturday, August 10th.

Entire families lined up outside the building, waiting for the doors to open at 10:00, to step forward and claim one of the hundreds of free backpacks made available to all Tribal member students on a "first come, first served" basis. Sponsors providing the materials this year included:

The Quechan Tribal Council; Quechan Housing Authority; Quechan Headstart; Fort Yuma ADAPP; The Quechan Police Department;

Quechan Injury Prevention; the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians; the Quechan Tribe's Johnson O'Malley Program; Kwatsan Radio; American Legion Post 802; Hoppstetter's Office Products; the Fort Yuma Indian Health Center; YCAT/YCIPTA; Erna Jackson and the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District.

Tables arranged along the outside edges of the Community Center provided informational displays, handouts and free school supplies for everyone in attendance.

All of the sponsors were on hand, plus the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, the Winterhaven Fire Department (who also brought Sparky along to keep the

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KWATSAN RADIO Brings Traditional Celebration To The Stomping Grounds With FOR THE PEOPLE III

www.kwatsanradio.org

Kwatsan Radio closed out another successful year "on the air" by celebrating their annual "For The People" event at the Tribal Dancing Grounds. This marks the 3rd year they have sponsored this late July event, bringing together the local community to celebrate through song, dance and food.

Preston Arrowweed, Roland Golding, the Quechan Lightning Singers and Larry Hammond were among those sharing their Pipa songs. There were also vendors offering food and traditional items. "We feel the community needs more of these traditional events," says Kwatsan Radio board member Daniel Golding. "It's an opportunity for the youth to learn their songs and have fun with embracing their culture."

Photos Courtesy of Dan Golding, Kwatsan Radio



Back To School Fair at the Community Center

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Dozens of Tribal members lined up at the first table inside the entry way to pick up a free back pack stuffed with paper, pencils, stickers and other back to school necessities. Volunteer Breanna Jackson (at left) came out to fulfill a community service at Yuma Catholic. And though they liked the back packs, many of the smaller kids liked Sparky (right) even more!

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little ones entertained), as well as of the various programs for both children and adults at the Quechan Education Complex, the Quechan Language Preservation Program, Quechan Parks and Recreation and the Quechan and Paradise Casinos' marketing department.

The Q's kitchen staff (under the direction of Chef Juan Velasquez) also had a couple of tables in one corner, offering freshly made healthy snacks, as well as educational materials related to weights and measures used in the kitchen.

One new item of information the San Pasqual schools passed along is that they've hired a new high school Principal, who only began work last week. His name is Dr. Willard

Williams, and the next issue of the *Quechan News* should have a little more to share on Dr. Williams background and objectives here at Fort Yuma.

In the meantime, be sure to check the San Pasqual Bell Schedule inside on page 9, since they're letting the students out early on Fridays, as they were last year.

Now that our Tribal members have plenty of school supplies to head back to class next week, both the Tribal Council and Quechan Parks and Rec would like to thank everyone who donated the back packs and school materials, as well as all the volunteers who pitched in to help make this year's Back To School Fair at the Quechan Community Center such a great success!