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# Cooler Weather Brings Indian Days!

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Tribal member Joanna Herrera participated in the 2012 Indian Days Teens Dance Contest.

After a long, hot summer and an unusually heavy monsoon season, the entire Quechan community is grateful for the return of the cooler, fall weather that is expected to accompany the 2013 Indian Days Celebration this coming weekend!

The Quechan Events Committee has been meeting at regular intervals since August, putting together a schedule of events for the three-day celebration that will appeal to Quechans of all ages.

The Miss Quechan Nation Pageant will once again lead off the festivities, taking place at the Pipa Event

Center at 7:00 PM on Thursday evening, October 10th.

Though entries for the Miss Quechan Nation Pageant have been reported as "sparse" this year, Pamela Manchatta of the Pageant Committee tells the *Quechan News* that there will be a celebration at the Pipa Event Center, come rain or shine. Pam says that even with no new entrants, the least they can do is both recognize the service of Gina Rivera, the reigning Miss Quechan Nation over the past year, and present her with the crown for another year, if she chooses to accept the responsibility of representing the Tribe for another year.

With Miss Quechan Nation crowned, events move to the Evergreen Park area on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12.

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) will kick things off on Friday with a 5K Poker Run at the nearby Diabetes Walking Park, to help everyone get their blood circulating. They will serve a healthy breakfast for Poker Run participants, and have an-

other healthy foods demonstration right after the run.

There will be volleyball and horseshoe tournaments at Evergreen on Friday morning, with all sorts of fun games for both children and adults to follow. New this year will be Kwat'san Jeopardy and a Frybread Contest, both on Friday evening.

Saturday will begin with the traditional Indian Days Parade from the lower housing area near Pipa Market all the way to the Evergreen Park.

The day will feature traditional dance contests for both boys and girls and men and women. One always popular contest returning this year will be the traditional dress contest for infants to 7 years old. Winners of each competition will be picking up awards throughout the day. Traditional singing will take place all day Saturday, a community barbeque near sundown, and a peon tournament that starts at 8:30 PM!

So, get out your diamond dresses and ribbon shirts, because the big event for 2013 starts on Thursday night!

## Ribbon Cutting Downtown as “The Standard” Opens October 3rd



Standing between his wife Veronica and business partner Kimball Alexander (with tie and goatee), Justin Patané and his children Lucky, Franki and Sebi cut a ceremonial ribbon in front of THE STANDARD on October 3rd. The Ambassadors of the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce provided the ribbon and scissors for the opening of this new chapter for the Quechan Tribe and historic downtown Yuma. Housed in the former *Monarch's Rest*, the new family friendly restaurant and sports bar is directly across the street from another business partnership of the Quechan Tribe, the Main Street Cinemas. The partners held a “soft opening” the day before, giving themselves and their new employees a day to run through procedures and work out last minute kinks before announcing their Grand Opening to the public at large. All three local TV broadcasters, local radio and the *Yuma Sun* showed up to cover the event. Patane says he's hired over two dozen Tribal members already, including General Manager Antonio Jackson, who's face is blocked behind Bar Manager Johnny Andrade (in front in the checked shirt and tie).

Photo Courtesy of Gabe Massey, Quechan Casino Resort

## COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

How are all of you? I am Kenneth Phillips, and I am Tribal member who is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

I am studying our ways: Our language, stories, songs and dances. All of these things make us who we are. But we must all learn these things because they are dying away with our elders, never to be heard or seen again. That's why our elders are important: they carry all these treasures for our community.

The elders are willing to teach you all of these things; Our language, stories, songs and dances. Right now, I am trying to learn as much as I can. But being cut off from you all in prison limits my learning. But the little I have learned through the language program, relatives and friends brightens my day. It keeps me wanting to learn more of our people. The more you learn, the more questions you ask.

I started with learning the everyday language for things like the sun, moon and stars; wind; the names of any animal you see. Ask yourself, *How can I say that in my language?* Any time you see an animal, say its name in our language and you will learn.

We have a Language Program, Quechan Ways and elders willing to teach us how to sing our songs. All you have to do is pick up the phone and call!

Call your relatives, friends, neighbors and the Language Program (at 760-572-4412). They are all waiting for your call, They will say, *What took you so long?* They will also say, *You're never too old, or too young, to learn.*

Through our beliefs, our language, songs and dances, we can heal ourselves and our community. All of these things have power and they can help us.

But most important, we need to help each other.

We don't say 'bye, but *See you later!*

Sincerely,

Kenneth Phillips V31596  
Centinela State Prison | B5-216  
P.O. Box 911  
Imperial, CA 92251

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

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

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

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

# Five Tribal Members on Middle School ASB Council

Five Tribal members were elected to the San Pasqual Middle School's Associated Student Body Council (ASB) in elections held early in the school year: Lupé Zaraté, Jessica Roosevelt, Kimana Wilson, Alora Dugan and Alaynah Robles.

Lupé holds the office of Secretary of the ASB, while Jessica captured the office of Historian.

Kimana is an 8th grade representative, while Alora and Alaynah both represent the interests of the 7th grade class.

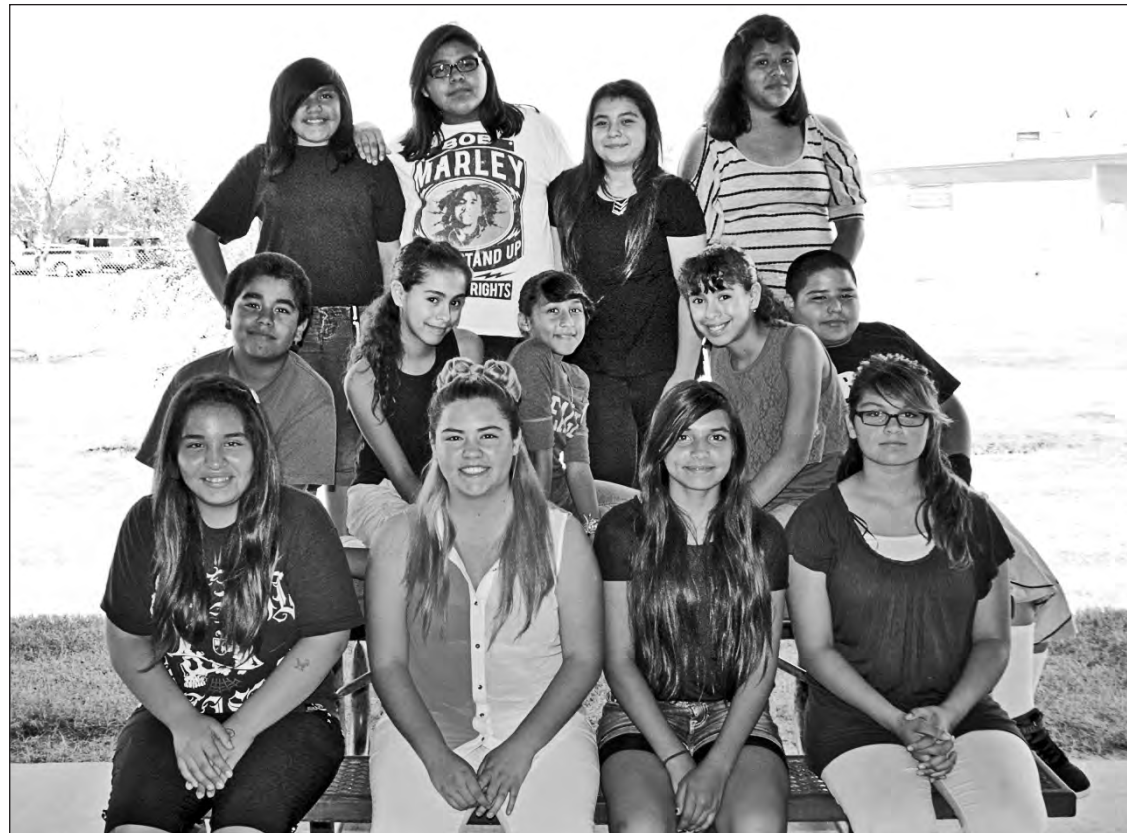
This year's class president is Marine Tapia, an 8th grader who says she ran for office because she wanted a better school year. "I want to bring the middle school together," she told the Quechan News. "I

think by having fund raisers we could come together and get to know each other better."

The final officer, ASB Vice President Maggie Velasquez, is in the 7th grade. Her goal is to "help make every student feel safe in our school, and happy." Maggie also says she ran to be able to help others and to make this year fun and enjoyable for



**Associated Student Body officers include** (from left to right in front) Secretary Lupé Zaraté, President Marine Tapia, Vice President Maggie Velasquez and their Historian, Jessica Roosevelt. Standing in the rear are Representatives Benji Acosta and Freddy Villanueva, who will keep track of the ASB's fund raising efforts. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



**The entire ASB Council gathered for a group photo** in early September. In the front row are officers Lupé Zaraté, Marine Tapia, Maggie Velasquez and Jessica Roosevelt. The second row contains representatives Freddy Villanueva, Leslee Valenzuela, Katherine Cervantez, Ashlee Valenzuela and Benji Acosta, while standing in the rear are representatives Ahlaynah Robles, Alora Dugan, Mireya Arana and Kimana Wilson.

every student."

The new ASB Secretary, Tribal member Lupé Zaraté is the daughter of Antoinette Montague. A seventh grader, Lupé hopes to help the group raise more money than last year, and have a great year.

"I ran for student council to make my mom proud of me and to make a difference in the school," she says. Lupé also hopes to continue her involvement in student life when she gets to high school by joining Strong Hearts.

The ASB Historian, Jessica Roosevelt, is the daughter of Lanette Roosevelt. She is in the eighth grade. Jessica says she also ran for ASB office to help her fellow classmates.

Jessica is also an athlete, playing on the 7th and 8th grade flag football team. "I hope to join more sports later on in the year," she said, explaining her plans. "I hope to make this school year the best!"

Eighth grade representative Kimana Wilson is the daughter of Emma Wilson. She is of both Quechan and Apache heritage.

When asked why she ran for office, she said "I wanted to experience responsibility and I think it's a great opportunity to represent my 8th grade class."

Kimana is involved in a num-

ber of sports: flag football, basketball, softball and soccer, and she also said she hopes to join more sports next year in high school.

Seventh grade representative Alora Dugan is the daughter of Burton Dugan and Leatrice Tourtilot.

"I ran for student council because I wanted to get involved," she says. "I hope to help my school and the students." Alora's favorite sports are volleyball, basketball and softball, and she says she loves to play games with her friends and family.

Also representing the seventh grade is Quechan tribal member Alaynah Robles, the daughter of Gwen Hill and James Robles, Sr. Alaynah explained that since she has never been a part of the sports scene, she ran for student council because she wanted to get involved in school.

"I want to make this a fun school year," she said, not only for her class, but also "for the 6th grade, and the 8th grade, since they'll be going on to high school next year." Alaynah also has plans to run for Miss San Pasqual Middle School later on.

The ASB has already raised \$252.28 in a "Penny War", for school dances and other activities for the coming year.

## Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, October 26th,  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

West of the Quechan Housing Office on Sapphire Lane.

*Kwat'san Ji'ya!***HALLOWEEN TIME!***Haunted House**Black Cat**Lys-kah Numm**Pawsh**Nya-vats**Kwa-nyell**Bat**Skeleton**Kum-paanuck**Pipa-Thoo-ruv**Trick Or Treat!***Yeen-Teesh-um**

~ OR ~

**Eñ-Thuls-een-my-um**Submitted by Arlie Emerson of the  
Quechan Language Preservation Program**To enroll in a Language Course, call (760) 572-4412**

# YCAT on the Res: One Year Later

*Submitted by Allyson Collins, EDA Specialist*

Allyson Collins, EDA Specialist at the Quechan Economic Development Administration, has been looking back at the first year of operation for Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) service on the Ft. Yuma Indian Reservation.

This article shares some of her observations on changes the routes have undergone over YCAT's first year on the Res, giving a snapshot of how the routes have changed to better serve the community. We also spent some time talking with Tribal members who ride the bus, to get their perspective.

In January of 2012, the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) extended Red Route 1 onto the Reservation at Paradise Casino and Winterhaven, using their own funding. This route served as an introduction to the services to be implemented later in the year.

With funding from the Federal Transportation Administration's Tribal Transit Program, the Quechan Tribe entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding with YCIPTA in May of 2012.

These agreements would provide the first of two transit services via a local shuttle, YCAT Blue Route 5. The Blue Route 5 circulated through the main housing areas of the Reservation and initially connected with the YCAT system at their transfer centers at the Yuma Palms Mall. Later, the connection was made at YCAT's new Downtown Yuma Transit Center (DYTC) at 3rd Street and Gila.

By December of 2012 an additional MOU was agreed upon between the Tribe, YCIPTA and the Imperial County Transpor-

tation Commission (ICTC) to begin Turquoise Route 10.

This route is a "demonstrator" fixed route service which operates from Yuma (starting at the Paradise Casino) traveling to El Centro, California via Winterhaven and Quechan Casino Resort. The demonstration route replaced Imperial Valley Transit (IVT) old Route 3 between Holtville and Winterhaven, which operated only on Wednesdays. (The original Route 3 continues to operate west of Holtville to El Centro, Monday through Saturday.)

This demonstration route is for a one year period; from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. During that time, it will be evaluated by YCIPTA, ICTC and Quechan Indian Tribe. In September of 2013, all three partners were scheduled to determine the performance of the Yuma/El Centro route and provide recommendations to the respective governing boards.

The Tribe anticipates the route will be proven successful at the end of the demonstration period. "Success is defined by ridership measurements," says Allyson Collins with the EDA. "At its last measurement in April, Turquoise Route 10 was already at 2.72 riders per revenue hour (rprh) which is right in line with the expectation of 3 riders per revenue hour (rprh) for a rural route."

Ridership is a key factor to the success of the transit services on the Reservation; EDA stresses the adage of "Use It Or Lose It" to remind the community that using the routes is a critical element in keeping the services. Working for the Tribe, our partner YCIPTA strives to maintain ridership measurements, and from time to time

makes proposals to modify the routes if it believes doing so will improve ridership numbers.

As stated in last month's *Quechan News*, some of those changes have gone into effect on both the Blue Route 5 and Turquoise Route 10. As of Monday, September 30, the Blue Route 5 now continues west on Arnold Road from the intersection at Baseline Road.

All bus stops on Blue Route 5 north of Arnold Road are now served "On Request". Riders who live along Indian Rock and Haughtelin Roads may still catch Blue Route 5 at the original bus stops in their area, by calling 1(928)783-2235 and requesting a pickup one hour before it's needed.

Blue Route 5 now travels to the Andrade Port of Entry via Algodones Road, stopping at the turnabout near the Quechan Tribe Parking Lot. Sleepy Hollow RV Park will have a stop for riders wanting a ride to the Q after getting off the Andrade stop.

Turquoise Route 10 also added both a west bound and east bound stop at the Imperial Valley Mall next to Dillard's. The route now starts at the Yuma Palms Regional Center. In addition, Red Route 1 now extends from the downtown Yuma transit center (DYTC) next to the Hotel Del Sol to the Paradise Casino; in essence, this gives the Reservation 3 YCAT routes.

In looking back at the first year, the *Quechan News* also took the time to chat with a few Tribal members who are regular YCAT riders, to share their stories of how YCAT bus service on the Reservation has affected their quality of life. Those comments and observations will be carried in a future issue.



**Paradise CASINO** Pre-Halloween  
**Kozmic Bingo**  
"2nd" Year Anniversary

**Saturday October 26th at 10PM**  
(Doors open @ 8:30PM)

**\$10 Paper Buy-in / \$15 Electronic**  
**\$25 Kozmic Special**  
**\$75 payouts/ \$100 Specials**

**Kozmic Bingo features Dance Music,  
Drink Specials, Black Lights and Disco Ball**

**Music by: Dj \$Money\$**

Come dressed in your best costume and receive a  
**FREE** extra book, Bingo on the Free book for  
**DOUBLE PAYOUT!**

**Couples sign up to see if you will be chosen  
this year's Halloween King & Queen**  
Must be 21 to enter casino

# Red Cross Provides Free Shelter Training

Three of the top emergency response coordinators for the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross visited the Quechan reservation on September 21st to lead a half-day training session on the fundamentals of Shelter Operations on a disaster situation.

Lupe Vasquez, the Disaster Response Manager for the Red Cross, opened the meeting and introduced her fellow team members before turning over the majority of instruction to her Emergency Services Specialist, Cynthia Snyder. Cynthia used a PowerPoint presentation to reinforce the message carried in a printed guide passed out to everyone who attended.

Attendees included members of the Quechan Tribal Council, members of the kitchen staff and a chef from the Q (who prepared many meals for Tribal members during the recent four day power outage), and heads of various departments tasked with emergency response here on the reservation.

The printed material, *Shelter Fundamentals for Disaster Services*, is a detailed guide of every step to be followed in selecting a shelter site before it is needed; the inspection and preparation of the shelter; how to organize both the shelter and the volunteers staffing that facility; and its operation during a disaster evacuation. The guide also details how to communicate with emergency responders, the media and additional support personnel outside the immediate area, and when and how to rotate relief crews if the situation continues beyond 72 to 96 hours. Instructions are also provided on the final steps to take when everyone is ready to return home, or at least, leave the shelter, as well as how to close down the shelter and leave it ready for future use.

The live presentation followed a more anecdotal approach than the PowerPoint, highlighting the actual situations one might experience inside a neighborhood shelter, making the “clients” comfortable



Department heads, Tribal Council members and kitchen and hospitality staff from the Quechan Casino Resort all attended a one-day session to learn “Shelter Fundamentals” from the disaster response team of the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross. The class was held at the Quechan Senior Center. Photo by William Isbell

and seeing to their basic needs while insuring the privacy (as well as it can be) of everyone involved.

Bob Hill, Mass Care Chairman for the Red Cross in Arizona, shared a number of examples of how to keep things calm and comfortable for those living inside a shelter, based on his own experience.

He described compromises

he has made with some people who have evacuated to shelters who brought their dogs with them, and how he has set up parking areas to allow those people to sleep in their cars with pets they couldn’t bear to be without. All of the instructors had similar stories, telling how they contacted local animal shelters to set up kennels adjacent to their shelters, to

keep pets and their owners as close as possible, relieving the stress of a bad situation for both humans and animals.

They also explained how the Red Cross’ Damage Assessment Teams (DATs) arrive as quickly as possible, to gather as much local information as they can to anticipate such needs before the shelter volunteers and “clients” even arrive.

“Still, it’s important to remember that we’re just a temporary solution,” Cynthia Snyder explained, in describing the mission of the shelter staff. “We’re not there long term. Red Cross’ mission is to provide for immediate needs: food, clothing, shelter. As soon as it becomes long term, we bow out so that other people can take over, so that we can get ready for the next emergency.”

But that quick response planning and organizational ability in preparing for such emergencies was the entire purpose of the shelter training session, and it was most appreciated.

## LOST: My Beautiful and Valuable Traditional Beaded Cape!



I can’t locate my handmade beaded cape: It has a black and light blue 1 inch collar, with a wide light blue band followed by 7 black and red bands with white beads spaced evenly along the black bands. The bottom edge is made up of 3 red X rows interrupted by 2 light blue X rows with white beaded tassels having red accent beads hanging from the bottom band of the beaded red X’s.

**If you find this cape, please return it to Gail Johns at the Quechan Senior Center: No Questions Asked!**

### FORT YUMA INDIAN HEALTH CENTER

THE FLU VACCINE CLINIC

For the Month of October

Will Be On Thursday, Oct. 17th

From 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

At The Public Health Nursing Office  
(Located in the Trailers Behind the Main Clinic)

If you are unable to attend this clinic and need a vaccination this month, please call Claudia Lorentz, RN, Public Health Nurse at:

**(760) 572-4225** to schedule an Appointment

Or Call (760) 572-4147/4149 to Schedule a Nurse Visit Appointment in the Clinic

# Mark Escalanti Takes SDPI 5K Poker Run Win



Quechan Tribal member Mark Escalanti (inset photo) holds his winning hand—a straight—at the conclusion of the September 20th Special Diabetes Project 5K Poker Run. Over a dozen community members showed up to run the course through the Yuma's East Wetlands hiking trail. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) held another “fitness fest” at the end of September, with their traditional 5k Poker Run at the Yuma Gateway Park to kick off the fall season.

Over a dozen locals gathered under the Interstate 8 bridge to register for the event, getting a runner’s number and their first card in a hand of 5 card stud. The poker run is not a timed event: each runner has to check in at three stations, each a little more than a kilometer apart on the course. When they return to the starting line, the registrar lays out a final spread of cards face down and the runners get to make their final pick, for a

full five card hand.

Once everyone completes the course, the hands are laid out and the winning hand (and runner up) receive their prizes, in this case gift cards from Big 5 Sporting Goods at the Southgate Mall. It’s an unusual event that doesn’t require athletic ability to come out on top: “It’s not about time, it’s about the best poker hand,” explains Lewis Throssell of the Diabetes Wellness Center.

So, even though one of the fastest finishers, Mark Escalanti, also returned with the best poker hand, Tina Welsh, who took the time to walk the course with her daughter, took second place with a pair of Queens!

**RUN FOR YOUR LIVES AT THE 2013 QUECHAN SDPI HAUNTED TRAIL RUN!**

**Tuesday, October 29 At The Diabetes Walking Park at 6 PM**



**Demolition Underway At The Quechan Riverfront RV Park**

New environmental regulations mean that rebuilding the water supply and septic systems for the Tribe’s Riverfront RV Park (just south of the Laguna Dam) will have to be undertaken soon, to protect the Colorado River from drainage at the park’s east edge. Rather than attempting a “piecemeal” reconstruction of this important part of the reservation’s infrastructure, the Tribal Council has approved the complete demolition of the RV park, to rebuild the area’s water system literally from the ground up. Taking out the old buildings are Tribal members Luther Emerson, Joshua Golding, Terry Rose, Claude Thundercloud (driving the backhoe) and Felix Montague. The entire project may take up to 24 months. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



**Alva Emerson** in a dress made by Susan Koteen.



**A Traditional dress fashion show** was the featured opening of the weekend, with Quechan Tribal members Diane Moccassin, Phyllis Jones, Shirley Kelly, Alva Emerson, Julianna Comet and Arlie Emerson serving as models.



**Councilwoman Comet** seemed to be having fun.

## SENIOR CENTER'S

# 3rd Annual Family Cultural Weekend

## *A Preview of Indian Days*

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



**A game of Kwat'san Bingo**, with all numbers called only in kwat'san, was played on Friday afternoon in the dining hall. Arlie Emerson (seen in the background) designed the game and called the numbers.

For the third year in a row, the staff and clients of the Quechan Senior Nutrition Center held a "Family Cultural Weekend" at the end of September, to celebrate our native heritage. The two-day event emphasizes the Quechan elders' contributions in maintaining our customs, art, language and traditions.

Special events on Friday included a film presentation by Dan Golding, a traditional fashions show, and an afternoon game of Kwat'san Bingo.

Saturday began with prayers followed by a slide show by Gail Johns. The majority of the day was given over to traditional songs and dances, both by guests from Gila River and contests involving local participants of all ages.



**The T'hono O'odham gift dance** gives you the chance to win a gift from a dancing girl, if you can hold her hand throughout the dance. Freddie Reams eagerly accepted the challenge from Ashley Johns!



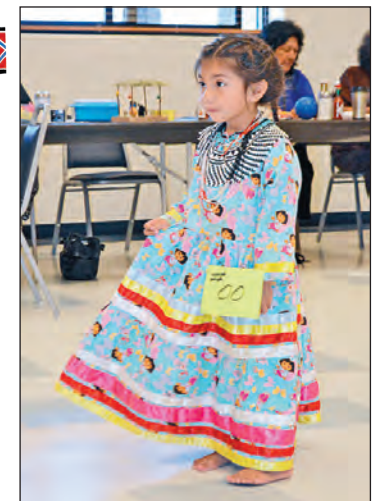
**Brina Iron Cloud**, Miss San Pasqual Elementary, came to dance!



**Guest dancers and singers** from the Gila River Indian Community visited on Saturday afternoon to entertain and educate the gathered crowd.



**Local singers for the dance** contests on Saturday included Brian Golding, Dan Golding and Kenrick Ecalanti from Kwatsan Radio.



**Maleena Takala** won Saturday's Tiny Tots Dance Contest.

## FTB Decision: Tribal Income Earned On Reservation Is NOT Taxable

On April 18th of this year, just 3 days after the 2012 deadline to file income taxes had passed, California Indian Legal Services (CILS) issued an online “Tribal Alert” on a recent California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) decision affecting all Tribal members within the state.

The *Alert* announced that the FTB had determined that income earned by a tribal member who lives and works on his or her reservation is not subject to state income tax, regardless of the source of the income.

The FTB had previously been taxing the income of tribal members whose on reservation income was not from a “tribal source.” The FTB’s practice, which was contrary to established federal law, was brought to the attention of Cynthia Go-

mez, Tribal Advisor in the Governor’s Office, by the Hoopa Valley Tribe and California Indian Legal Services (CILS).

Discussions between the Governor’s Office and the FTB led to the decision that the FTB would no longer require that tribal member income needed to come from a “tribal source” in order to be tax exempt.

The FTB has also posted a notice on its website outlining the process for submitting a claim for a refund of income tax which was improperly assessed. The information from the FTB webpage is reproduced to the right of this article.

The FTB further says they will be notifying individual tribal members “that they are aware of” who were improperly assessed.

However, the FTB also told CILS that they “may not be able to notify everyone”, so all tribal members who believe they were improperly taxed on income which they earned on the reservation are encouraged to contact the FTB as soon as possible. Please do so, *even if you do not receive a notice from the California FTB.*

If you have further questions you may contact California Indian Legal Services in Escondido for assistance at (760) 746-8941. More information is also available at their website: [www.calindian.org](http://www.calindian.org).

The FTB also has a printable/downloadable .pdf file explaining the qualifications for tax free reservation income online at: <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/misc/674.pdf>



### FTB’s clarification and recent decision

In response to several recent court cases and questions, the California Franchise Tax Board examined the issue of whether “reservation source income” should be interpreted as income paid by any employer (public or private) and earned by a tribal member while that member is physically located within the geographic borders of the reservation, or more narrowly limited to income earned on the reservation and paid only by a tribal payer.

After reviewing legal authority, the FTB determined that income earned for services performed on the reservation by tribal members who live on their tribe’s reservation is **tax-exempt**, *whether it is paid by the tribe or by a third party.*

### Am I entitled to a refund?

You are entitled to file a claim for refund or credit if you previously reported “reservation source income” as taxable income on your California income tax return within either of these timeframes:

1. Four years from the original due date of the return.
2. Four years from the date the return is filed if the return was filed within the “automatic extension” period.

Additionally, you are entitled to file a claim if you made payments within one year of the date you file the claim (this is known as the “look back” provision).

### How to file a claim for refund

Follow these steps:

1. File an amended return.
2. Indicate at the top of your amended return in red: RESERVATION SOURCE INCOME.
3. Include a computation of your claimed refund amount.
4. Mail your amended return and computation to the Franchise Tax Board.

### Where to mail your amended return, claim for refund, and computation:

For regular mail, send to:

RESERVATION SOURCE INCOME CLAIM FOR REFUND  
347 MS F381  
FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
PO BOX 1779  
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95741-1779

For Fed Ex or other overnight delivery service, send to

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
RESERVATION SOURCE INCOME CLAIM FOR REFUND  
347 MS F381  
SACRAMENTO, CA 94267-0001

[https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/Native\\_Americans/Reservation\\_Source\\_Income.shtml](https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/Native_Americans/Reservation_Source_Income.shtml)

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Oct. 26

With public participation at an all-time high after six prior events, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Quechan Tribal Police will hold another Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 27th in the empty lot just west of the Quechan Housing Office. The collection site will be open from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM, Arizona time.

QPD Officers will be on site, collecting old and unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal, no questions asked.

However, no liquids, injectables or needles can be accepted.

Unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they are highly susceptible to

accidental ingestion, diversion, misuse, and abuse.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

According to surveys of users, the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. Most prescription drugs being abused are often simply taken from the home medicine cabinet.

During the 6th National Prescription Take-Back Day this past April, the DEA and its partners took back prescription

drugs at 39 locations in San Diego County and three locations in Imperial County.

Over the course of four hours, 9,849 pounds of drugs were turned into the locations in both counties.

“An increase of over 2,000 pounds shows that Southern Californians are motivated to make their homes safer for our youth,” says DEA San Diego Special Agent in Charge William R. Sherman. “We thank all our law enforcement partners in this effort.”

If you’re a parent, please talk to your children about the harm caused by medicine abuse and educate yourself on the signs of abuse by visiting [www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com](http://www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com).

# Reservation Economic Summit in Chandler To Focus On Indian Business Development

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit taht was created over 40 years ago to assist American Indian Tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development. Over the past 4 decades, they have evolved into the largest national Indian specific business organization in the nation.

Their mission is to develop and expand the private sector within Indian Country which employs Indian labor to help encourage an increase in the number of viable tribal and individual Indian businesses. NCAIED hopes that by establishing business relationships between Indian enterprises and private industry, it will result in increased economic development in reservation communities.

Over the past few years, their highly successful National Reservation Economic Summit (National RES) has become a regionally focused, nationally attended and popular event throughout Indian Country.

Following the success of RES California in June of this year, NCAIED announced that it will continue to expand its RES events. The National Center's RES Arizona will be held October 22nd – 24th, 2013 at the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Resort in Chandler, Arizona.

From a networking standpoint, RES Arizona may be the best platform for businesses to market their products and services and gain access to industry peers, business executives, procurement officers, elected officials and tribal leaders.

Attendees will benefit from

high caliber networking, teaming opportunities, business development sessions, a business trade show, American Indian artisan market.

The unique features of RES Arizona will include:

The 38th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards (INPRO), which is the longest standing and most prestigious Native American recognition event in the nation to acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions made by American Indians and those who support their economic and business development endeavors.

The Twenty Grand Business Plan Competition: the National Center will present the "Twenty Grand Business Plan Competition" at RES Arizona as part of its commitment to promote and advocate commerce for tribal enterprises and privately owned Native American businesses. This competition will feature both "start-up" and "established" Native American businesses going head-to-head for the chance to win a \$20,000 cash award from the NCAIED.

Competitors will present their company's business plan using LivePlan at RES Arizona to a panel of respected and accomplished entrepreneurs and business leaders who will serve as judges of the competition.

The National Center's "Native American 40 Under 40": This very special award recognition highlights 40 emerging American Indian leaders under 40 years of age who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve impressive and significant contributions in their businesses,

tribal communities and to Indian Country as a whole. This is an awesome chance to mingle, collaborate and connect with the newest and brightest crop of young American Indian business entrepreneurs.

By the time this year's class of "Native American 40 under 40" are all honored for their contributions, the total number of "40 under 40" recipients recognized will have risen to 200.

The National Center's "American Indian Business Scholarships": Several scholarship awards set aside for deserving American Indian undergraduate or graduate students majoring in business will be presented this year. These hand selected recipients have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing excellence in academics and also giving back to the American Indian community. For more information on this, go to: [ncaied.org/about/scholarships](http://ncaied.org/about/scholarships)

Business Development Expo. A dynamic multi-day presentation focused on helping small businesses succeed through certification, contracting, teaming and partnerships, business plan development, strategic growth planning, importing and exporting, procurement assistance, and international business development. RES Arizona has been carefully planned, with inspiring keynote speakers, breakout sessions, trainings, a business trade show and procurement and business development expos, all under one roof.

If you would like to attend RES Arizona, registration details and more information can be found at [ncaied.org](http://ncaied.org) or by calling 1(480)545-1298.

**Homecoming Game**  
**2013**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 18TH!**

**THE SAN PASQUAL WARRIORS  
TAKE ON THE MESA PREP  
ACADEMY MONSOONS!**

**MPA  
MONSOONS**

**Annual FFA Barbeque Begins at 5:00 PM**

**At The High School,  
Just North of Warrior Field**

**Kickoff @ 7:00!**

**See You There!**

**Paradise  
CASINO  
BINGO**

**Friday October 11, 2013**  
**Indian Day**

**Come celebrate Indian Day at bingo. Bring in your Tribal I.D. and receive a FREE paper buy-in or \$5 off your electronic buy-in at either our 1:30pm matinee session or our 6pm evening session. Offer valid at both sessions.**

**Take I.D. over to bingo cage first for coupon.**

**Can not be used with any other discounts or coupons**

# Three New Bikes Raffle Off At Bike Safety Rodeo

Lisa Aguerro of Quechan Injury Prevention sponsored a bike rodeo on September 21st, enlisting Samantha aguerro and Georgina Caballero to help with the proper fitting of bike helmets for participating children.

Everyone who brought their bike to the event also received a complete, free inspection of their wheels, with a complete tune-up and brake adjustment to take care of any problems. The volunteer bike repairmen (seen at right) also replaced inner tubes, inflated tires to their recommended psi and adjusted and oiled the chains.

All the kids who came down to the Quechan Community Center on Saturday were able to ride away with a bike that, even if it wasn't new, it sure rode like new by the time they left!

Once the bikes were checked and each participant received a brand new riding helmet, Edith



Stan Barley and Roderick Hartt, Sr. joined up with QPD Officer Kirk Nerva, tuning-up and oiling every bicycle brought to the rodeo. They also changed out inner tubes, adjusted the brakes and inflated everyone's tires to the recommended psi. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Ruiz of the Yuma Police Department guided them individually through a carefully laid out course in the north parking lot, to help them with the finer points of balance and control when riding, turning to avoid obstacles, and how to properly control their brakes.

Lisa Aguerro also gave away three brand new bikes, purchased with *Safe Routes To School* grant funding. The winners were Leon and Josiah Thomas and Delila Taylor.

Three more bikes will be given away at the San Pasqual Health Fair on February 27th!




## THE 2013 QUECHAN COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CARVIVAL

WILL START AT 5:00PM  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26  
AT THE QUECHAN  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**Costume Contest for All Ages - Including Seniors 55+: Sign-up Starts  
On Monday, October 21st at the Quechan Parks and Recreation Office**

**GAMES FOR ALL AGES - FOOD & DRINKS**

**CANDY BAGS FOR THE KIDS!**

**BRING YOUR OWN CARVED PUMPKIN FOR THE PUMPKIN  
CARVING CONTEST WHICH WILL STARTS AT 6:00PM**

**PARENTS:**

*Please accompany your child  
during the Carnival for their Safety!*



## A Special Shout Out!



*To our lovely co-worker  
Carla Gilmore  
on her Birthday!  
From Delila, Dorina and Lori  
We love you!!!!*

A Happy Birthday SHOUT OUT  
to my silly grand babies:  
William Jr., Odessa Laurenzana,  
Melody Denard and to  
our beautiful Franchesca.  
We all love you! Grandma Delila  
and the Laurenzana family:  
Steven, Marissa, Sarah and Jakee

# Water Tank Construction Begins



The first group of construction contractors arrived on September 23rd, to at last begin the actual work of building a new, additional water tank on Indian Hill. The first step, levelling the site and laying out markings to indicate where the 40-foot diameter foundation will be placed, was completed within a week. Soil compaction tests were then performed, and an intricate web of steel reinforcing bars tied together in preparation for pouring high strength concrete the following week. Construction of the tank, in the area between the QPD Building and IHS Administration Office, is expected to be completed in February of 2014. Photo by William Isbell

## TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

*Resolutions Passed From August 22 through September 25, 2013*

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 18 Official Resolutions from late August until the end of September, 2013. The Resolutions are listed in numerical order, as they were passed and adopted by the Council. The effect of each Resolution is covered by its Title. For further information on these Resolutions, please contact the the Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield, or her Assistant, Erna Jackson at the Tribal Administration Office: (760)572-3912, Ext. 204 or 207.

**Resolution 213-13: A Resolution to approve submittal of an application and tentative budget for the Community Services Block Grant, Fund 202, for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013-2014.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2013.

**Resolution 214-13: A Resolution to approve submittal of an application and tentative budget for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Fund 203, Grant No. G-14JHAZLIEA, for the Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2013.

**Resolution 215-13: A Resolution to approve retroactively the May 2013 per capita distribution.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2013.

**Resolution 216-13: A Resolution to approve correction of the May 10, 2013 per capita distribution.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2013.

**Resolution 217-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for the Workforce Investment Act, Employment and Training Program, Fund 281 and Fund 282.** Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular

Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 218-13: A Resolution to accept the award and approve the budget for the Basic Library Services Grant for the Quechan JOM/Library Department, Fund 472, for the Program Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.** Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 219-13: A Resolution to approve the Supplemental Lease Amendment No. 6 for the Andrade Port of Entry.** Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 220-13: A Resolution to approve amended Exhibit A, Amendment Two for the Formula for YCIPTA contribution.** Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 221-13: A Resolution to approve the Budget Revision No. 1 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Fund 203, for Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.** Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 222-13: A Resolution for an appointment to the Quechan Enrollment Commit-**

**tee.** Approved by a vote of: 2 for, 0 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 223-13: A Resolution for an appointment to the Quechan Enrollment Committee.** Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 224-13: A Resolution for an appointment to the Quechan Higher Education/Vocational Training Education Board.** Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 225-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending vocational education for the Fall 2013 Program Year.** Approved by a vote of: 2 for, 0 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 226-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending vocational education for the Fall 2013 Program Year.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 227-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending vocational education for the Fall 2013 Program Year.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent

at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 228-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending vocational education for the Fall 2013 Program Year.** Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on September 3, 2013.

**Resolution 229-13: A Resolution to accept the award and approve the budget for the Safe Routes to School Grant for the Quechan Injury Prevention Program, Fund 475, for project**

period August 1, 2013 through September 29, 2013. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on September 12, 2013.

**Resolution 230-13: A Resolution to accept the award and approve the budget for the Museum Services Grant for the Quechan Language Preservation Department, Fund 476, for the Program Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.** Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting on September 12, 2013.

## Happy Anniversary!



*To my wonderful husband Steven.  
May our marriage and family be  
blessed for years to come.*

*Delila Laurenzana*

10/22/10

10/22/13

## Happy Birthday

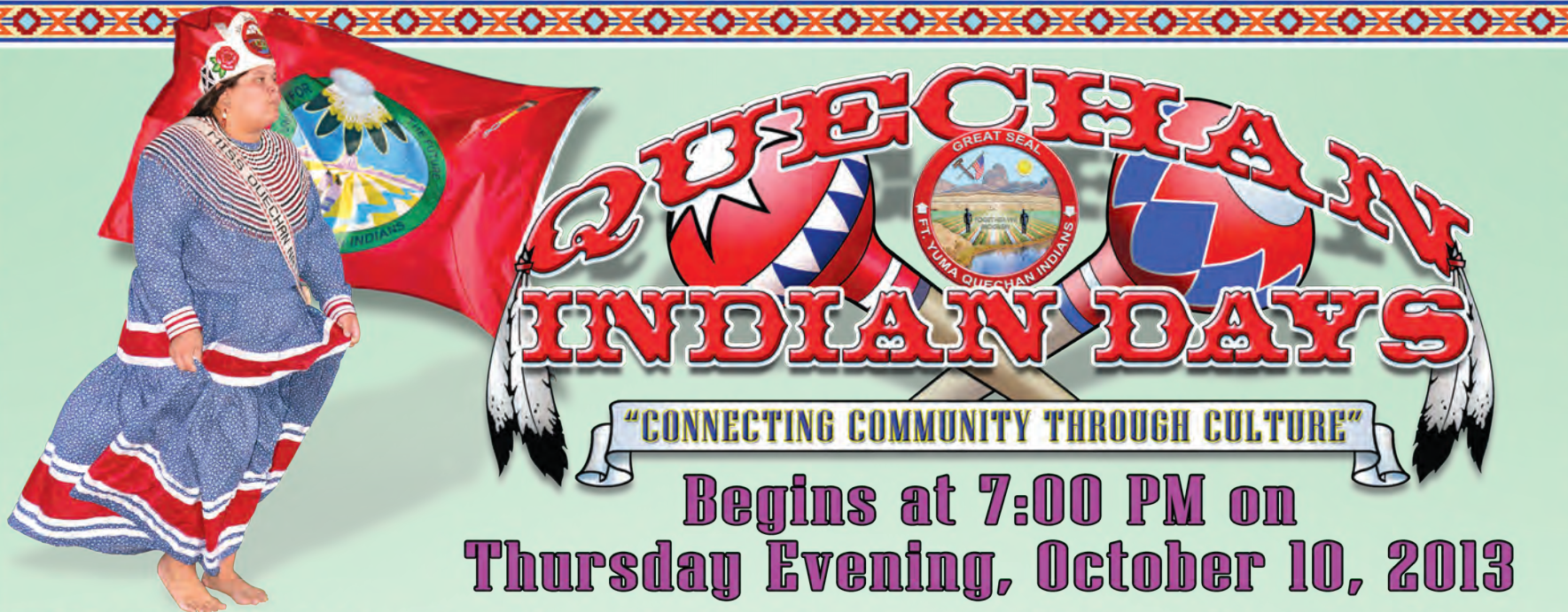
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**Theron Prettybird on October 22nd!**



*Oh! And A Happy Belated  
Birthday Wish goes out to  
Kilik Jett Waters!*

**From The Family**



**Begins at 7:00 PM on  
Thursday Evening, October 10, 2013**

**With the 2013 Miss Quechan Nation Pageant at the Paradise Event Center**

*Sponsored by the Quechan Pageant Committee*

**With these events to follow at the  
QUECHAN EVERGREEN PARK STOMPING GROUNDS**

**Friday, October 11, 2013:**

- 8:00 AM**     **Poker Walk/Run**  
*Presented by the Quechan Diabetes Program*
- 9:00 AM**     **Booths Open**
- 9:00 AM**     **Healthy Traditional Foods Demonstration**  
*Presented by the Quechan Diabetes Program*
- 10:00 AM**    **Volleyball and Horseshoe Tournament**
- 11:00 AM**    **Children/Adult Games**
- 1:00 PM**     **Music**
- 5:00 PM**     **Kwah'Tsahn Jeopardy/Announcements:**  
*Presented by the Quechan Events Committee  
and the Quechan Language Program*
- 6:00 PM**     **Frybread Contest**  
*Sponsored by the Quechan Tribal Council*
- 8:00 PM**     **Music by D. J. Anthony**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013:**

- 9:00 AM**     **Parade**
- 10:00 AM**    **Parade Presentations/Announcements**  
*Presented by the Quechan Events Committee*
- 11:00 AM**    **Registration for Bird Singing/Dancing  
Contests (Registration Ends at 1:30 PM)**
- 11:30AM**    **Kwah'Tsahn Jeopardy and Storytelling**  
*Presented by the Quechan Events Committee  
and the Quechan Language Program*
- 2:00 PM**     **Bird Singing/Dancing Contests**
- 5:00 PM**     **Free Community Bar-B-Que**  
*Served by the Quechan Events Committee  
and Our Community Volunteers*
- 6:30 PM**     **Group Performances**
- 8:30 PM**     **Peon and Dance Contests**

Just North of Yuma, Arizona across the Colorado River. Exit Interstate 8 and take 1st Street east to the famous Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge. Turn LEFT at the north end of the bridge and head downhill to Evergreen Park. Or - Turn RIGHT and go over Indian Hill past the Mission to go to the Paradise Casino!

**For General Information about the Quechan Indian Days Celebration,  
Contact Tarryn Villicaña at (760) 898-5028**