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Q Casino ♠ Resort: 5th Anniversary!



Despite the economic hard times which struck the entire nation shortly before it opened in February of 2009, the Quechan Casino♠Resort has not only managed to survive, it has grown in its reputation as a premier entertainment venue. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

It's hard to believe, but it's already been five years since the Quechan Casino♠Resort first opened their doors on Quechan Tribe Night, February 12, 2009.

And with the official Grand Opening to the public at 10AM the following morning, the Q took over as the premier gaming and entertainment destination for the desert southwest, pulling in concert goers and dedicated gamers from as far away as San Diego and Casa Grande on a regular basis.

Since that time, the Pipa Event Center at the Q has hosted trade shows, local gatherings, educational expositions and concerts of every kind. From perennial favorites like the Beach Boys, Blondie and

Foreigner, to newer entertainment choices such as Gretchen Wilson and the hosts of MTV3, the Q has hosted them all. Many acts have returned to play the Pipa more than once. Ron White and Paul Rodriguez have both performed twice at the Q, while Dwight Yoakum will be back for his third visit at the end of March! Another great entertainer, Paul Anka will headline the Pipa at the end of this month, on Friday, February 28.

The Pipa has even hosted nationwide pay-per-view cable events like the *King Of The Cage* MMA fights in 2009.

These events have often opened up new opportunities for Tribal members, such as the Ah Keel Dance Group being

invited to open the Southwest Border Sheriff's Conference in September of 2009. Quite a few TERO workers have also found employment over the years, setting up and tearing down seating and providing the spotlight and road crew helpers for many nationally known acts!

Of course, big daily draws for our visitors are the wonderful gaming promotions, like Golden Rewards, Crazy Kiosks and Spinning & Winning.

The Q has also held contests which attracted so many visitors, you almost couldn't get in the door when it came time for the drawing! The Tax Day Driveaway in April of 2010 featured a 32-foot Fleetwood Bounder motor home as the

grand prize. The Casino♠Resort's parking lots filled to overflowing on the last night, as locals and snowbirds alike crowded into the gaming floor, hoping they'd be holding the lucky number!

But Tribal members are often the biggest beneficiaries of the fact that the Q is here to stay. Many local meetings, like the Indian Child Welfare Association Conference and the annual Quechan CHR Traditional Health Conferences have met at the Q, and just this past summer the Pipa hosted natives from all over the southwest at the Quechan Senior Games.

The past five years point to a very bright future for the Quechan Casino♠Resort!

Quechan Dictionary Milestone: Graphic Arts Contract Awarded

Last month's *Quechan News* contained an advertisement from the Quechan Indian Tribe on behalf of the Tribal Council and the Language Preservation Program, requesting proposals from qualified individuals to provide Graphic Design Services for an illustrated Classroom Dictionary.

Local resident and Tribal member Kenrick Escalanti submitted a proposal to the Tribal Council, which was accepted on a vote of three in favor, one against, one absent, and two abstentions, on January 16th.

Kenrick has over 10 years of professional experience in the graphic design field, with particular expertise in print media/magazine publication and marketing.

Mr. Escalanti's proposal cited his proficiency in industry standard design software packages such as ADOBE Creative Suite, Quark Xpress and Microsoft Office, which will enable him to create the electronic files needed for print shops which may be contracted to produce the Quechan Language Classroom Dictionary.

Kenrick attended his first meeting with the other project participants on Friday, January 24th, to begin a collaborative process as part of the project team. That meeting was the first step in ensuring everyone's satisfaction with the final product.



Quechan Tribal member Kenrick Escalanti, a graphic arts technician under contract at the U.S. Army's Yuma Proving Ground, has been awarded the contract to provide graphic design services for an illustrated Classroom Dictionary of the Quechan Language.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

At that meeting, Language Program Coordinator Barbara Levy shared existing copies of curriculum materials with the project's new graphic designer and began the process of identifying all of the categories, words and phrases to be included in the classroom dictionary.

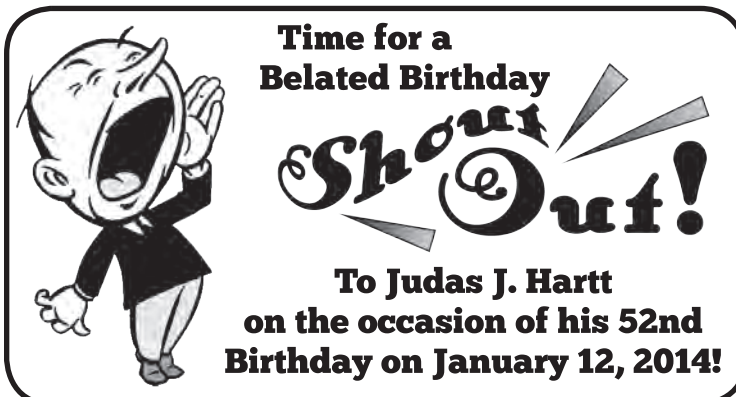
A small group of fluent Quechan speakers has been working diligently over the last three months in choosing the specific words and subsequent phrases to be included in the dictionary.

The project budget has estimates that it will take approximately 100 hours of work by the graphic designer involved to produce the illustrations needed for the dictionary.

Several dictionary illustrations may also be incorporated into the display cases at the Quechan Cultural Center located temporarily at the Quechan Casino Resort.

The project budget anticipates printing about 1,000 copies of the completed dictionary to be used in classrooms and at home by tribal members interested in teaching the Quechan language to their children.

The current status of the project anticipates the dictionary to be ready for publication in September of this year.



Basic explanations which compare and contrast our various legal systems by Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White

Hello fellow Kwatsans,

I would like to introduce you to the Court's new section in the *Etska Nav Ah Pai*.

The section is called "The Judicial Unofficial." It's labeled "unofficial" partly because it may just be *my* perspective or thoughts on an issue, as opposed to a formal legal opinion.

Some future columns may however be based on law and if so, there will be supporting information related to that.

As the Tribe's Chief Judge, I want to be involved in a greater outreach to the membership and I thought a regular section to discuss matters of law or topics that were related to the legal system would be a good way to do that.

Some columns may be about statutes, process, a new trend or something occurring in Indian Country regarding the law or issues related to the field, while others may be intended to address a specific demographic of people, to help educate them on an issue.

If there are topics you would like to see me consider, please email them to tribal.court@quechantribe.com. You may also submit them directly to the Tribal Court or get them to our Newsletter Coordinator, William Isbell.

Thank you, and I look forward to this new opportunity to interact with you all.

Respectfully,
Judge White

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Rigel Garibay at rgaribay@spvusd.org
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Have a story idea, or an event you want covered?
Quechan News is here to cover the special events and everyday lives of Quechan Tribe Members, and the issues that affect you in the world today. This newsletter is here to keep the lines of communication open, to expand opportunities, and uplift the Native Spirit of the *Kwat'san Pipá*. Your ideas and input are welcome!

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



Culture & Heritage

Tribal Members Return to Ocotillo For Memorial Service



Tribal elders Lucinda Polk-Smith, Vernon Smith, Preston Arrow Weed, Milton Jefferson and Ila Dunsweiler hold up a banner they had printed expressing their opposition to the Ocotillo Valley wind power project. The banner has been used at Ocotillo events since early last year. In the center, Vernon Smith and Kenrick Escalanti brief Matika Wilbur, one of the Pacific Northwest's leading photographers on their objectives for the weekend. Later, while pausing for lunch in Ocotillo, Matika sat down with Mr. Smith for further insights into the Quechan Tribe's struggle to preserve ancient cultural sites against the federal government's "fast-track" process. Photo 1 from the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation, Photos 2 & 3 by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

At least two dozen dedicated Quechan Tribal members spent most of the Martin Luther King holiday weekend doing service to the memory of their ancestors by travelling to the Ocotillo Valley 90 miles west of Fort Yuma to hold another memorial to those who remain there.

Those ancestors would be resting peacefully right now, except for the constant hum and swish of Pattern Energy's giant wind turbines which now fill the valley. While the latest gathering in the Ocotillo Valley was primarily intended to honor those ancestors who are inextricably bound to the soil there, it also served to get the message out once again that the Quechan Tribe will never accede to the

federal government's continuing overreach.

Kenrick Escalanti of Kwatsan Radio got together with Brian Golding, Sr., Tomás Jefferson, Christian Lopez and Christopher Emerson, Jr., to prepare a site for a 12-hour overnight memorial of lightning, honor and creation songs.

They travelled to the valley a day ahead of everyone else, to build a shade ramada and set up long benches underneath for the elders and singers.

While they were at it, they also contacted various members of the media to let them know that the Tribe would be gathering at the Ocotillo Community Center on Saturday afternoon, to share a meal and tell their

stories before heading over to the memorial site at sundown.

Matika Wilbur, a Native American woman of the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes who travels the United States as an artist and social documentarian of Indian Country, answered the call. She rode along to Ocotillo with the Quechan Tribal members, to include the gathering in her ongoing Project 562.

Hoping to provide inspiration for the youth of her home area, Matika has spent the 16 months visiting over 170 Tribal Nations in Washington, Oregon, Montana, California, Arizona, and New Mexico to photograph the unique ceremonies and lifestyles of each indigenous community. Miss Wilbur and Mi-

chelle Faust of KAWC Public Radio both spoke with Tribal elders during the gathering, to hear their concerns and broadcast their stories to the nation.

"We have told both BLM and the big companies that are out here that any time they uncover a cultural resource we *will be* out here," Elder Vernon Smith told one interviewer.

"They have uncovered some bone fragments. We feel strongly that those remains may be those of our ancestors who lived here thousands of years ago. It's traditional for Quechans to conduct these memorial services anytime something like this has turned up, so we are out here to conduct that ceremony, and we will be here all night, finishing

up early in the morning."

Mr. Smith made it clear when he spoke that there are a number of Quechans who still practice those ceremonies, "no matter where those bones are unearthed, no matter where anything is found which has to do with our people—we will be there." He said that no matter who has jurisdiction on the land today, "those remains are still our people, and we have to be out here to remember them."

He also said the Ocotillo Wind Project has impacted more than just the Quechan, it is also impacting those who live in the valley, with noise, dust and the constant presence of unsightly wind machines blocking the views of the nearby mountains.

Bus Stop Improvements Coming to Fort Yuma



New shaded bus shelters are going in along Winterhaven Drive at both 2nd Street and Railroad Avenue. Photo provided by YCIPTA

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) is adding new passenger amenities to various Yuma County Area Transit (YCAT) bus stops starting this month.

Most riders answering survey questionnaires have told YCAT that what they most want to see are bus shelters and bus benches at various bus stops throughout the YCAT service area. As the demand for the transit system continues to grow each month, YCIPTA is now moving to meet those requests.

In 2013, the YCIPTA Board of Directors authorized staff to enter into agreements with Marv Kirchler of Tucson, Arizona and Creative Outdoor of Orlando, Florida to provide advertising bus shelters and bus benches throughout Yuma County. These amenities will be provided at no cost to YCIPTA.

In addition, the Imperial County Transportation Commission is providing funding for the installation of up to two bus shelters for eastern Imperial County riders in the Winterhaven area.

YCIPTA has also worked with the Cities of Somerton and

San Luis, the Town of Wellton, and the Cocopah and Quechan Tribes, to provide additional passenger amenities at other YCAT bus stops. These include:

Bus Shelters:

East Cocopah Reservation:

- Cottonwood Loop Drive at Cottonwood Drive

And in Winterhaven:

- Eastbound on Winterhaven Drive at 2nd Street
- Westbound on Winterhaven Drive at Railroad Avenue

And Bus Benches:

On the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation at:

- Agnes Rd & Quechan Drive
- Paradise Casino

And on the Cocopah Indian Reservation at:

- Centre Ave & Hava Street E (at the Community Center)
- Veterans Way Across from Cocopah Police Station

In El Centro, the Turquoise Route 10 began serving the new El Centro Transfer Terminal located at State Street and 7th Street starting on January 27, 2014. This facility has covered waiting areas, restrooms, kiosks and connections to other Imperial Valley Transit routes, Greyhound and private shuttles.

It is anticipated that an ad-

ditional 15 bus shelters and 105 benches will be installed throughout the City of Yuma and unincorporated areas of Yuma County. YCIPTA hopes to have all the improvements completed by the early Summer of this year.

"It is very important to provide passenger amenities to our passengers as soon as possible" states John Andoh, Transit Di-

rector of YCIPTA. "With routes generally operating hourly, ridership growing, and Yuma's extreme weather conditions, passengers need a place to sit and be protected from the elements while waiting for our buses."

In addition, over 175 stops throughout the YCAT service area will soon have infoposts installed, telling passengers when the bus will arrive at their

bus stop. The catTRAX system powered by NextBus of Alameda, CA will be expanded to all YCAT routes so passengers can see in real time when the bus should arrive at their bus stop by visiting an interactive map online at www.ycat.az.gov, calling 928-304-7537 or by texting "Yuma and a bus stop number" to 41111 to obtain the real time stop information.

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New Triplex Unit Completed in Mesquite Subdivision

The latest project in the new Mesquite housing subdivision was completed in late December, 2013. The center of the block on the west side of Ko Ah Drive has a new triplex unit, after a 10-month build which broke ground last February.

Built under the supervision of the Quechan Housing Authority (QHA) as the General Contractor, the triplex was funded through fees generated from current tenants and homeowners in the Mesquite Subdivision and certain scattered homes.

According to an email news release from the QHA, the project was made possible through funds which were provided many years ago by the Tribe,

to both develop the subdivision and build homes and rentals. Located in the Mesquite Subdivision, the triplex was built in 10 months due to funding arrangements. The apartments are now available and will go to those next on the waiting list.

That email also went on to note that three local Indian owned subcontractors were hired to help build this project. They were Constructive Building Solutions Inc., Charlie White Paint Services, and Yuma Desert Landscaping.

To qualify for housing, a completed application must be submitted to QHA along with supporting documentation so that eligibility may be determined.



The new apartment style triplex is located on Ko Ah Drive, on the west side of the Mesquite Subdivision. Completed in late December, three local Indian owned subcontractors were hired by the Quechan Housing Authority to help in its construction and landscaping.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Volunteers Trim and Clean the Elder Village



The Strong Hearts singers came to both help in the cleanup in the Elder Village and to provide musical inspiration for Tribal members. Ronald Gist was among the volunteers.

Photos Courtesy of Allyson Collins, EDA



Dead leaves and weeds which collected in the Elder Village (above) was all cleaned up by the volunteers on a single day in January (below).

Saturday morning, January 25, 2014 saw 15 volunteers contributing their time and energy to maintaining the Elder Village, located on the riverbank in the Anya Nitz Pak (Sunrise) Park.

The Economic Development Administration, which facilitates the work days, recognizes the following Tribal members, Tribal employees, Strong Heart members, and community members: Ronald Gist, Frank Venegas, Cedric Lukee, Randy Allen, Brian Golding, Sr., Isaac Collins, Valverine Barley, Earl Daniel, Phillip Gallindo, Roxanne Jackson, Clifton Fierro, Faron Owl, Vernon Jose, Jacob Menta, and Allyson Collins. EDA also thanks those who donated money and items for the lunch.

The group weeded phragmites from the bank line at the beach area, weeded volunteer plants that were invading the cottonwood and mesquite trees, and cleared brush – maintenance that is critical to vitality of the trees there at the Elder Village. The group is planning another work day on Saturday, February 15, 2014 to repair some of the ramada's beams, repair the wall to the mud hut and apply fresh arrow weed to the ramada. This will require many hands and all are welcome to join! Know anyone needing some Community Service credit? Send them to the Elder Village!

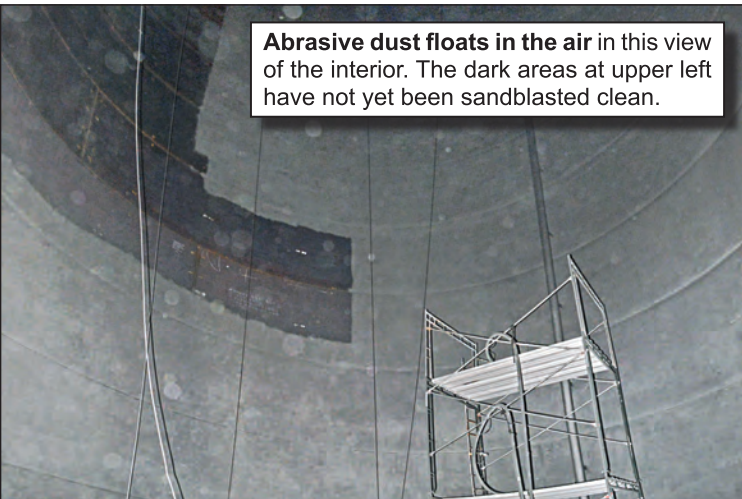




Joseph Herrera, a local champ with the Desert Heat Boxing Gym (at left) marched in the February 1st Silver Spur Rodeo Parade with his coach and some of the other boxers at his gym. They were in line about a quarter of a mile ahead of the Strong Hearts Native Society float (above). The girls in the center are San Pasqual High School Native Princess Lucille Alsop, Elementary School Princess Marianna Shepard and the Middle School Princess, Theresa Valenzuela. Marianna holds the trophy the Strong Hearts won for their entry this year. Riding in front is the Quechan Head Start Princess, Sienna Lorenzana, while following up in back (walking on either side of the float) are *Mahi Kwanamiis* Philip Galindo and Jacob Menta. Middle School *Mahi Kwanamii* Cedric Lukee can just be seen, riding along in the back, right behind the Princesses. Lucille’s father, William Alsop was at the wheel of his big black Dodge Ram, pulling the float!



It took a huge array of specialized equipment to sandblast the inside of the new water tower to prepare the surface for painting. The men doing the work had to be provided with clean air to breathe, a lift to reach the very top, moveable scaffolding for the lower levels, and vacuums and recirculation pumps to evacuate the abrasive sand once it had been used to strip the surface clean.



Abrasive dust floats in the air in this view of the interior. The dark areas at upper left have not yet been sandblasted clean.

Progress continues on the new 780,000 gallon water tower on Indian Hill. An industrial painting crew from Southwest Industrial Coatings took over shortly after the welding crew finished, to begin the process of preparing the entire 80 foot tall structure for paint, inside and out.

The Cottonwood, Arizona based contractor brought in an entire range of heavy-duty equipment to sand-blast the interior down to the bare metal, to insure that the special high gloss coating for the inside of the tank stays in place for years to come. The crew used a specialized scaffolding set-up similar to those used to clean windows on skyscrapers, to move up and down the inside as they cleaned off all the rust that had accumulated due to weather, before the tank’s shell had been completed in December.

All of the welds were also “stripe coated” with an extra pass before the final coat went on, as an extra precaution against leaks.



A painter prepares to attach the fresh air supply line to his helmet just before entering the water tank for a long hard day of sandblasting.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Three Full Nights Dedicated
To **THE KING**
At the Quechan Casino Resort!

E.P. EXPO



The Aloha From Hawaii live TV special was recreated on the first night by Jay Dupuis.



Dwight Icenhower shared the stage with Jay on Friday for a complete career retrospective.



QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Jacob Roman, last year's winner, returned as the featured showcase artist for the 2014 EXPO.



Contestants were even mobbed at the stage for scarves. That's Seve Botello handing some out.

For the second year in a row, Presley Productions brought the E.P. Expo back to the Pipa Event Center at the Quechan Casino Resort, filling the arena with the sights, sounds and excitement of a live appearance by the King of Rock and Roll at the peak of his career.

The three-day celebration of Everything Elvis is a popular draw each winter, with local fans and winter visitors

alike streaming in to the Q to take in as much fun as they can handle.

This year's special guests were Elvis' Head of Security, Sam Thompson and his tour producer, Charles Stone. They joined master of ceremonies Chuck O'Brien on stage each evening, to share personal anecdotes and often humorous behind the scenes stories of their time with The King (as seen on the left).

The main draw on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights were the 20 Elvis Tribute Artists (ETAs) who appeared live on stage to win over the judges and the crowd with their interpretations of their favorite concert hits. Professional ETAs opened the show each night, backed by the EAS Band, the best live band in the Elvis trib-

ute business. After a brief intermission, the contestants appeared one after the other, transporting everyone in the room back in time to give those present a feel for what it was like to see Elvis in his prime. Some specialized in the early Elvis, some as Elvis in the jumpsuit era, but all were amazing. On Saturday, January 18, it all came down to 10 finalists, with Travis Allen winning the \$2500 top prize!



The entire rear quarter of the Pipa Event Center was set aside as a sales floor where fans could wander among tables featuring Elvis mementoes. Some of the more popular tables belonged to people who worked with Elvis during his career, where fans could shake their hands, hear personal recollections and take photos with them.



Other very popular tables were those offering photos taken at Elvis Presley's concerts by his official photographers, with prints made from the original negatives. Many also lined up to buy detailed replicas of Elvis' jewelry and his famous sunglasses, to better take on the aura of a star as they sang along with the performers each night.

GREENLIGHT FILM FESTIVAL COMING SOON!



Quechan Tribal member Dan Golding, owner of Hokan Media Productions, will once again serve as the advisor to local students wanting to enter their own short films into competition. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Interested in learning how to create and direct your own films? The Yuma County Library District will be teaming up with Daniel Golding and the Quechan Tribe to host the second annual Greenlight Film Workshop and Festival from March 31st through April 4th.

The workshops will once again give Tribal members between the ages of 13 and 24 the opportunity learn filmmaking techniques and show their films to the public on the big inflatable screen at the Yuma Main Library's Centennial Area.

Just like last year, two of the film workshops will be held here on the reservation for Tribal members, though the dates haven't been set. There is no charge to attend though space is limited and registration is required. For more information, call Lauren Regenhardt, Teen Services Manager at the Yuma Library at (928) 373-6487.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Construction of the new water tank will require the connection of its plumbing to that of the existing tank. During this process, water service will be shut down to all buildings on Indian Hill during the lowest demand hours of the very early morning.

Interconnection work originally scheduled for December will now take place in February or March to accommodate preparation of the new tank, which must be in service before the connection can be made.

Be on the lookout for bulletins or call Quechan Utility Company: 760-572-0667 for more information.

Border Patrol Citizens Academy Begins on February 26th



The next U.S. Border Patrol Citizen's Academy will take place from February 26th to March 26th. The Citizen's Academy meets at the Yuma Sector Border Patrol Headquarters in Yuma (at 4035 South Avenue A) every Wednesday evening for five weeks from 5:00PM to 9:00 PM.

Quechan Tribal member Alexandria Brown (at left) took part in a Citizen's Academy last year. She got to hear presentations, participated in simulated scenarios using night vision to track people in the field, and examined a helicopter while learning about the the Border Patrol's mission.

Applications are available at the Yuma Border Patrol headquarters and the San Luis Port of Entry. You may also request an application from the *Quechan News* via email at: w.isbell@quechantribe.com. Registration for the upcoming Citizen's Academy ends on Tuesday, February 18th. For more information, call BPA Tom Rutkowski or BPA Lee Pooley at (928) 341-6559 or SCBPO Teresa Small at (520) 519-7047.



Tribal Monitor Training Program Begins Soon

The Quechan Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) and the Quechan Cultural Committee will hold another Tribal Monitor Training Program in February and March.

Tribal Monitors work to protect historic and cultural resources by observing and recording work activities in sensitive areas. They must be able to recognize artifacts or cultural sites and take immediate action to protect them.

Quechan Tribal monitors work closely with the HPO and Cultural Committee members as well as government and private contractors (including archeologists, managers and other crew members).

Tribal Monitors must be in good health and able to work long hours under extreme conditions, walk several miles, and be able to travel to sites within a 150 mile radius. They must have good communication skills. The monitors will also complete daily logs and

report to the HPO daily.

Tribal Monitors will be required to read and understand environmental/cultural documents. They will be required to attend cultural and project meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a Tribal Monitor please submit a Letter of Interest to the Historic Preservation Officer by Friday, February 14.

Either mail your letter to:

Arlene Kingery
HPO, Quechan Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, Arizona 85366

Or, you can hand deliver your Letter of Interest to the Tribal Administration Office at 350 Picacho Road. Make sure you address it to: Arlene Kingery, HPO, Quechan Indian Tribe. And be sure to have the receptionist place it in the Historic Preservation Officer's Inter-office mailbox!

Deadline is February 14th.

Be sure to include the following information in your

Letter of Interest:

Your name, address and phone number. Be sure to say if you have a valid Driver's License. Do you have a vehicle? Are you a Quechan Tribal member or relative of a tribal member? (Please explain if you are a spouse, or child of a Tribal member).

Also, be sure to explain your level of education as well as any additional qualifications such as any classes you have taken related to this field, your cultural/historic knowledge and language skills. And be sure to tell us why you would like to become a Tribal monitor.

Drug testing for this position will be required by the Tribe or private contractor.

Training will take two weeks, lasting from from 2 to 8 hours each day. A schedule will be provided.

All Letters of Interest will be reviewed by the HPO and the Cultural Committee.

New Andrade Setup Limits Attempts at Avoiding Payment

Changes have been made at the Quechan Parking Lot just north of the Andrade Port of Entry, as construction workers spent the past month relocating the payment booths from the exit drive to the entryway.

Customers using the lot were previously allowed to pay on the way out, but more and more drivers lately have expressed surprise that they weren't allowed to park for free.

"A lot of people were coming back out of Mexico with no money," explained parking lot manager Chano Escalante. "And some would say they were just coming in to turn around, that they had just come into the lot accidentally, and we weren't monitoring the traffic as they were coming in, so we couldn't see if they *had* parked or if they were just driving through."

The new layout also allows the staff to use the large area



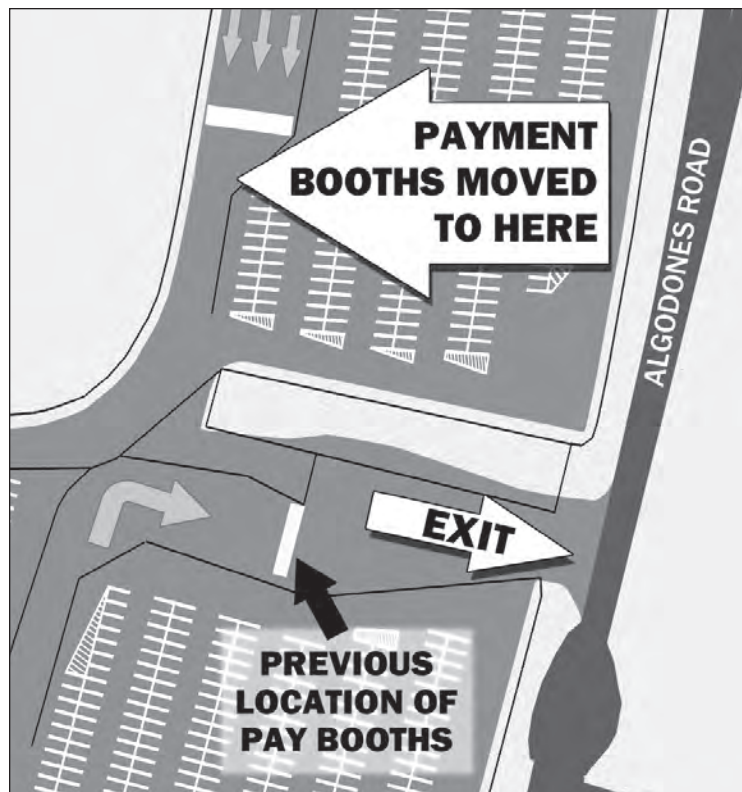
A construction crew began the work in December, installing electrical conduit and new underground power for the gate arms and booths. Once the chosen site along the back of the parking lot on the entry lanes was ready, small cranes were used (at left) to transport the attendants' booths to the new location. Speed bumps were installed and painted, and the gates were put into action. Everyone using the lot (except for Tribal members) must now pay *before* they can park, which should increase revenues.

Photo (1) Courtesy of Business Enterprises, Photo (2) by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS



just to the south of the booths as an overnight parking area they can better keep an eye on.

A new per vehicle fee for non-Tribal members of \$6.00 per car, truck, ATV or motorcycle was also instituted at the same time in December.



The payment booths in the Quechan Parking Lot were moved from the exit lane onto Algodones Road at the south end to the entry lanes along the back (west) side of the lot.

Digital Illustration by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Spring Singspiration and Fellowship



Saturday, March 1st, 2014
From 11:00AM to 8:00 PM
At The Quechan Diabetes Park

Food and Beverages Provided: Limited seating available, please bring lawn chairs.

Special Guests include:

Bruce Williams
(Parker, Arizona)

Edison Manakaja
(Peach Springs, Arizona)

Daphne Poolaw
(Parker, Arizona)

Vince Durand
(Winterhaven, California)

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throughout the day.



For more information, please contact:

Roy Durand - (928)304-4699 or Cecile Durand - (928)287-5762

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**Feb. 28th & March 1st, during the Strong Hearts
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Adult Co-Ed Games Begin in March!

Volleyball League Sign up begins Monday, February 10th
Deadline is Friday, March 7th

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**And don't forget the Adult Horseshoe
Tournament- on Saturday March 15th!**

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Plus: **Yuma Little League Baseball** - Free to Tribal Member children, boys & girls ages 4 to 17. Applications available at the Parks & Recreation Office. Need tribal ID for the child, birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency.
Little League games begin in March, so hurry up!

Kwat'san Qi'ya!

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Xavashuu-k

Grey

Xama'uly-k

Red

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Submitted by Ila Dunsweiler of the
Quechan Language Preservation Program

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QUECHAN TRIBE PHONE LISTINGS BY DEPARTMENT			
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Bureau of Indian Affairs	928-782-1202	Irene Herder, Superintendent	(928)782-1266
Business Enterprises	760-572-0668	Barbara Cachora	(760)572-0653
Community Health Reps.	760-572-0753	Sosa Diaz	(760)572-2988
Commodities Distribution	760-572-0740	Debbie Hill	(760)572-5066
Diabetes Prevention	760-572-1286	Sandy Palone, Director	(760)572-4363
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Economic Development	760-572-5270	Brian Golding, Sr.	(760)572-0519
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TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Resolutions Passed From January 1st through January 22nd, 2014

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 17 Official Resolutions at both regular and special meetings, since the beginning of 2014. The 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 Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield, or the Executive Secretary, Marsha Emerson, at the Tribal Administration Office: (760)572-3912, Ext. 204 or 206.

Resolution R-01-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-02-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-03-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-04-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-05-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #5 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Disapproved by a vote of: 3 for; 2 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council

Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-06-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #6 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-07-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #7 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-08-14: A Resolution to acknowledge the Quechan enrolled Tribal Member attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year that has a \$0 unmet need. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-09-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 3, 2014.

Resolution R-10-14: A Resolution to allow Quechan Casino

Resort and Paradise Casino Arizona to conduct normal operations until the budgets for 2014 are approved. Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on January 7, 2014.

Resolution R-11-14: A Resolution to allow the Quechan Indian Tribe to proceed with Tribal Operations until the budget for 2014 is approved. Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on January 7, 2014.

Resolution R-12-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 16, 2014.

Resolution R-13-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 2 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 16, 2014.

Resolution R-14-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending higher education for the Spring 2014 Academic Year. Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 1 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 16, 2014.

Resolution R-15-14: A Resolution to approve the 1st extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Quechan Indian Tribe, Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority and Imperial County Transportation Commission. Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 16, 2014.

Resolution R-16-14: A Resolution to approve a 36 month attorney contract with legal

counsel Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville and the Quechan Indian Tribe. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 2 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 22, 2014.

Resolution R-17-14: A Resolution to approve a contract with C&D Disposal and the Quechan Indian Tribe for solid waste collection services. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 1 against, 2 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on January 22, 2014.

Tribal Members Take Part In The YUMA TERRITORIAL MARATHON RUN



A number of Quechan Tribal members took the time to enter and run the Annual Yuma Territorial Marathon and the Half Marathon on Saturday, January 25th. Most of them are associated with the Quechan Wellness Center.

Among those participating in the run from the Cocopah Casino parking lot south to Gadsden, Arizona and back were James Espino, Robert Paige, Daniel Sanson, Peter Escalanti IV and San Pasqual's Rosa Campos.

This is a fine example of the Diabetes Wellness staff taking their own fitness advice to heart!

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