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Ft. Yuma Recycling Program Initiated

HOW THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM WORKS

- 1 Carts should be placed at the curbside the evening prior to your scheduled collection day.
- 2 Carts should be placed with the handles and wheels facing towards your home.
- 3 Cart lids should be closed, please do not overload.
- 4 Items placed outside of carts will not be collected.
- 5 Place carts side-by-side approximately 1 foot apart & at least 3 feet from any stationary object [i. e. vehicles, fire hydrants, trees].



Graphics Courtesy of
C&D Disposal

The recent change to contract trash pickup for the Quechan reservation has brought along with it an automated recycling program. C&D Disposal has printed up a waste and recycling guide explaining the program, available at from the Quechan Utilities Office at 1890 - C San Pasqual School Road.

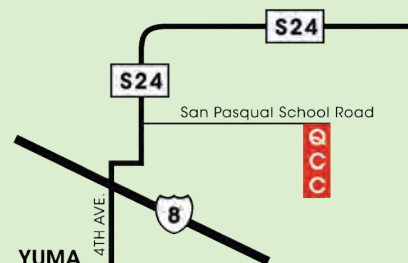
The brochure explains that their curbside trash receptacles have color coded lids. The 96 gallon containers with red lids are for normal household trash (such as milk cartons, waxed paper, meat/fish or bones, food containers, pet waste or dairy products) while the smaller, 64 gallon containers with blue lids are for recyclables.

Items which should always go into the recyclables can include glass (which could be food, beverage or liquor bottles, juice bottles, soda bottles, wine bottles and jars. Mirrors, even if they are made of glass, should be regarded as trash.) Many metals are recyclable, also. Such things as empty aerosol cans, and aluminum or tin cans, aluminum foil, empty paint cans (even those containing remnants if dried paint) should go in, as well as paper products like newspapers and phone books, colored paper, pizza boxes, junk mail, cracker and cereal boxes and cardboard.

And finally, many plastics can also

TWO WAYS TO GET RID OF BULKY ITEMS

- 1 You may deliver to the Quechan Convenience Center located at the intersection of Baseline Road and Sapphire Lane (Ranch 5).



- 2 Biannual Clean-Up Days at Curbside (collection point) For this year, the following dates our established:

April 7 -10 And September 8-12, 2014
Future Years To Be Announced Later.

be recycled, so think about those when you're throwing out the trash. Clothes hangers, plastic water, soda and milk bottles should all be recycled, as well as many plastic toys. Just look for the three arrows recycling symbol on most plastics, if you have a question.

But what do you do with your large, bulky items, or hazardous waste?

It is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste in your curbside trash cart. Household hazardous wastes are products that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic.

It is also illegal to disposal of electronic waste [e-waste] in a C&D Disposal automated trash cart. E-waste is

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QUECHAN SENIOR CENTER HELPS EDITH WHITE CELEBRATE 101 YEARS!

Edith White, the oldest living member of the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe, celebrated her 101st birthday on March 18th, with a gala celebration at the Quechan Senior Center. Brian and Dan Golding started things off, singing traditional songs to the assembled crowd.

The White family had a special table set aside for them at lunch, where Edith was joined by at least three generations of her descendants. Son Charles White attended with his wife and kids, while Edith's granddaughter Angela Maynahonah stood in line for her to pick up Edith's lunch of frybread, stew and vegetable soup. As a community birthday celebration, everyone at the Senior Center got a free lunch that included a slice of the giant 101st birthday cake!



Surrounded by family members Edith White enjoyed a meal, birthday cake and the best wishes of friends on her 101st birthday party on March 18th. Standing behind Edith are grandson Andrew White, great-grandson Jacob Mendez, grandson Cameron Chino, great-grandson Charleston White, daughter-in-law Aubrey and her husband Charles White. Sitting next to Edith are granddaughter Angela Maynahonah and great-granddaughter Audrey Soliz. Photo by William Isbell, QUECHAN NEWS

Chris and Isaiah Bouts Take It All At The March Horseshoe Tournament

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Chris Bouts

Brothers Chris and Isaiah Bouts cleaned up at the Quechan Parks and Recreation March Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, March 15th, taking on 8 other teams to come out the victors. The Winner Take All Tournament awards the proceeds of the entry fees of all the teams to the winners, so the Bouts split a total prize purse of \$225.00.

The games began at 9:00AM, as soon as the Saturday morning registration period ended. With a total of eighteen entrants (in 9 two-man teams) the competition lasted for a little over four hours, wrapping up just after 1:00PM. Watch the *Quechan News* for more tournaments to come!



Isaiah Bouts

Photo Caption Correction!



The photos of the San Pasqual Schools Health and Safety Fair were a last minute addition to the March issue, inserted right before the issue went to the printer. Unfortunately, a "brain freeze" on the part of the Newsletter Coordinator gave the wrong name for the person showing the kids at the Fair a few simple exercises they can do to stay active. That's **Pete Escalanti IV** seen exercising with the kids above. Sorry about the mixup in the names! — Ed.

ADAPP Offers After School Program For Local Teens

The Fort Yuma Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) has been accepting applications for the past month for their "Kwat'san Warriors" Youth Program, which is open to grades 6 through 12

This structured program is a year round, holistic approach towards empowerment and healthy living. The group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM, and participants are provided transportation from local schools to ADAPP and back to their residence at the end of each days activities.

Activities may include field trips to colleges, museums and occupational environments, as well as fishing and nature hikes. Youth will be provided tutoring

for school work and socialization opportunities. Participants will learn life lessons to help deal with stressors and develop skills to help them in avoiding drug and alcohol use.

Our "Kwat'san Warriors" will participate in healthy physical activities: basketball, hockey, volleyball, softball, swimming, bowling, camping, and biking. They will learn culture through arts and crafts, wellness conferences and other youth events on different reservations and cities, giving our young men and women the opportunity to experience the social differences amongst other Native Youth Groups.

The program is available to Tribal members only. Contact Quechan ADAPP at (760) 572-0232 if you are interested.

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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

George Bryant Honored For Language Contributions



Local community members lined up to wish Quechan elder George Bryant a happy 93rd birthday, and ask him to sign their personal copies of his book, "Xiip'uktan (First of All)—Three Views of the Origins of the Quechan People", which he wrote in collaboration with linguist Amy Miller, Ph.D. The book is now for sale at the Senior Center Gift Shop, or it can even be downloaded from the internet! QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Tribal members, local dignitaries, officials and educators joined the family of Quechan elder George Bryant at the Paradise Events Center on March 29th, to celebrate his many contributions to the preservation of the Kwat'san language.

Local historians and students also filed in to have Mr. Bryant sign their copies of his book, "Xiip'uktan (First of All)—Three Views of the Origins of the Quechan People", which has recently been made available to the local community. A World Oral Literature Project, the first group of local copies were purchased through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Service.

Born in 1921, George Bryant grew up in a Quechan-speaking family. He began his schooling on the Fort Yuma Reservation before moving on to the Phoenix Indian School, Yuma High School, and the Sherman Institute. As a young man he enlisted in the U.S. Marines, serving in combat in the Pacific in World War II and in Korea. After his military service, Mr. Bryant was elected to the Quechan Tribal Council, where he helped in efforts to have the federal government restore tribal lands and planning many of the projects that have made the tribe successful today.

Mr. Bryant followed a family tradition of working to preserve

the Kwat'san language, working with linguist Amy Miller over the years since 1998. The first result of that collaboration was the book, "Xiip'uktan". Mr. Bryant is the primary contributor to the forthcoming Quechan Classroom Dictionary, and he has devoted years to translating stories with Ms. Miller and other Tribal members for a forthcoming volume of Quechan stories from the Oral Literature Collection of A. M. Halpern.

His first book is already being used by local students, and several additional unpublished manuscripts will be on our bookshelves in the near future.

Twenty-five complimentary paperback copies were delivered

as part of the deal with Open Book Publishers. Those have been distributed to the Bryant family, the Quechan Language Preservation Program, the Quechan Language Committee and the Tribal Administrator and all Tribal Council members. George Bryant also received his own hardback copy, and two additional hardbacks of the book were delivered to the Quechan Senior Center library.

The weekend program in Mr. Bryant's honor began with a prayer by Vincent Todd Durand, followed with opening remarks by actor Lee Whitestar, who drove over from Pomona, California to add his voice to those praising our elder. Patricia Lumas of the Senior Center also had a few words to say, just before everyone gathered around a table to have Mr. Bryant autograph their copies of his book on Quechan creation stories.

Both the Tribe and the San Pasqual Schools have purchased 110 hardback copies of the book. Sixty have gone to the school district for local students to use in class, while 10 copies were set aside for the Quechan Tribal Library. Fifteen copies will be used by the Tribe's Language Preservation Program, while the remaining 25 hardback copies went to the Senior Center gift shop for sale to the public at \$28.00 each.

Since he is the eldest male member of the tribe, the gathering also served as a celebration of Mr. Bryant's 93rd birthday.

A traditional meal was provided by the family and the elder members of the group, *Preservation of Kwat'san Way*, which Mr. Bryant founded last year. Lunch included beans, squash and corn, a stew, fry bread (*a' sh rii ko tap*), indian bread (*'amut ku tap*) and tortillas (*tor tii*). A Bryant family favorite, macaroni with ground beef, was also on the menu.

Once the meal was over, there was time set aside for formal remarks. Quechan Tribal Administrator Vernon Smith was the first in a long line of community members who shared their memories of growing up under his tutelage. Those who followed in sharing their reminiscences included President Keeny Escalati, Sr., Preston Arrow-weed, Gloria Bryant McGee, Barbara Levy and Charlene Emerson.

Traditional singers such as Larry Hammond, José Levy and Xavier Juan came to sing for everyone, while Quechan language Coordinator Barbara Levy sang "Happy Birthday" to George in Kwat'san! Slices of two huge birthday cakes were also parceled out to everyone before the day's program ended with a prayer in Kwat'san.

Quechan Tribe Hosts Yuman Language Immersion Workshop

The Quechan Tribe hosted a language immersion workshop in late March, hosting Yuman Language speakers from miles around for three days of discussions on how to encourage young children to learn their own native languages through experiences, interaction and confidence in those who teach them.

Seventy-four of the 165 Native American languages still spoken are nearly extinct, having only a handful of elderly speakers remaining. Another 58 Native languages in America have fewer than 1,000 speakers. The recent series of workshops at the Paradise Event Center were arranged to gather as many Yuman Language speakers as possible in one room to share their ideas and discuss lesson plans and curricula as they are currently

presented on the various reservations surrounding the Colorado River and its tributaries.

Experienced teachers and other interested in passing along their knowledge came from places such as the Gila and Salt River/Maricopa Indian Communities, Fort Mojave, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Cocopah lands just south of Fort Yuma and a number of the branches of the Kumeyaay, ready to demonstrate their methods and watch as others did the same.

The workshop, prepared for as many as one hundred participants, was one in a series of Yuman Language Summit meetings designed to assist those interested in learning, teaching and revitalizing the Yuman Language at home, in schools, and in the workplace.

Sixth Grade Boys Come in Second At City Basketball Tournament

The 6th grade boys basketball team from the San Pasqual Middle School was invited to compete in the City of Yuma over the weekend of Friday, February 28th and Saturday, March 1st. Five teams took part in the games at the Yuma Lutheran school.

After an undefeated regular season, the San Pasqual Fighting Wildcats took second place to the Yuma Wildcats in the City's Boys League Tournament.

Top scorers through out the games were Angel Fierro, Deshane Taylor II and Xavier John, while Angelo Palone was the king of rebounds! Taylor and Palone say they enjoyed the entire tournament, especially scoring against other teams!

Both Taylor and Fierro also play year round as members of



The 6th grade Fighting Wildcats from left to right (in the rear) are: Neil Hill III, Xavier John, Stormy Ramirez, Angelo Palone, Kieran Palone and Coach Anthony Palone. Kneeling in front are Eddie Thundercloud, Lance Menta, Zion Mandujano, Deshane Taylor II (holding their second place trophy) and Jacob Ramirez. Not present for the photo were team member Angel Fierro and Coach Deshane Taylor. Photo by William Isbell

Team Heat, which took part in the Las Vegas AAU Basketball Invitational meet over the week- end of March 22nd and 23rd! Everyone agrees that we've got some real talent here!

Ft. Yuma Recycling Program

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anything with a circuit board or battery. They are dangerous to the public and the environment.

Household hazardous waste may be disposed of at the Quechan Convenience Center twice per year as announced.

The first opportunity to get rid of bulky, hazardous or electronic items you want to throw out will be next week, from Monday, April 7th, through Thursday, April 10th.

The Quechan Convenience Center has been established as Ranch 5, located at the intersection of Baseline Road and Sapphire Lane. The center will be open from 7 AM until 7 PM for the first four days of next week, so that area residents may drop off hazardous waste, e-waste

and items that don't fit into your automated curbside trash carts.

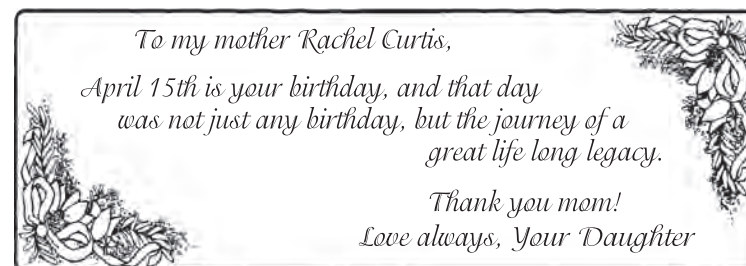
Bulky items include couches, tables, desks, refrigerators, old air conditioners, chairs, stoves and mattresses. Bulky items that are also considered e-waste include such things as old television sets, microwave ovens, computers and their peripherals, laptops, monitors, printers and scanners . . . even old cell phones and digital cameras that no longer work; anything, remember, that has a circuit board or a battery.

And while you are loading up those items, don't forget that this will be your first chance this year to get old hazardous materials out of the house . . . for free!

Those things could include car batteries, used motor oil and oil filters, pesticides, cleaning products, solvents, fluorescent blubs/tubes, sharps, any kind of battery . . . even old, used cooking oil!

If you still have some painting to do around the house, you'll get another chance to toss out the unused paints and solvents during the second week of this coming September.

In the meantime, just remember that gives us the opportunity to take useful products and exchange them. Such reuse offers quality products to people and organizations with limited means, while generating jobs and business activity that contribute to the economy.



Holy Week at Fort Yuma United Methodist Church

Good Friday Service
April 18, 2014 - 7:00 PM

A service remembering Christ's death on the Cross for ALL!

Easter Sunday Celebrations - April 20, 2014

6:00 AM - Sunrise Celebration and Breakfast

Hosted by Trinity United Methodist Church

3030 S. 8th Avenue - Yuma

Pastor Bob Klein, preaching

10:30 AM - Easter Day Celebration at

Fort Yuma United Methodist Church

followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids

STRONG HEARTS POW WOW WINNERS

Here are the names of the dance contest winners from this year's Strong Hearts Spring Pow Wow, as determined by the judges at the event during the first weekend in March.

All winners are listed from first place to fourth place. Those contests having fewer contestants will show all winning entries as listed by the judges.

GOLDEN AGE DANCES

Women

- 1st: Virgie Tsosie
- 2nd: Nita Track
- 3rd: Claudia Lorentz
- 4th: Yolanda R. Two Two

Men

- 1st: Terry Fiddler
- 2nd: Kelly Grant
- 3rd: Allenroy Pay-Kwin
- 4th: Damon Polk

JUNIOR GIRLS' BUCKSKIN/CLOTH

- 1st: Rhiana Spoonhunter

- 2nd: Wheylaya Becenti
- 3rd: Selena Iron Cloud
- 4th: Taliyah Eagle Star

JUNIOR GIRLS' FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE

- 1st: Alaina Spoonhunter
- 2nd: Alyona Spoonhunter
- 3rd: Suzanah Tsouhlarakis
- 4th: Lalaina Becenti

JUNIOR BOYS' NORTH TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

- 1st: Alec King

JUNIOR BOYS' NORTHERN/SOUTHERN FANCY/GRASS

- 1st: Ricky Garcia

MENS' NORTHERN/SOUTHERN FANCY

- 1st: Quanah Henry
- 2nd: Billy Pewo, Sr.
- 3rd: Cheyenne Satepeahta
- 4th: Scott Siquah

MENS' NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

- 1st: M.J. Bull Bear
- 2nd: Nathan Largo
- 3rd: Peason Tahuka
- 4th: Allen King

MENS' GRASS DANCE

- 1st: James Bud Day
- 2nd: Brian Thunder
- 3rd: Jared Pidgeon
- 4th: Darryl Bolten

MENS' SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

- 1st: Lewis Perkins
- 2nd: Keith Satepeahta
- 3rd: Vince Youvella

WOMENS' BUCKSKIN DRESS

- 1st: J'shen Tsosie
- 2nd: Raetava Yazzie
- 3rd: Sharyse Monroe
- 4th: Janelle Chee-Chief

WOMENS' JINGLE DRESS

- 1st: Danette Chee-Chief
- 2nd: Alexa Funmaker
- 3rd: Bria Lonetree Gray
- 4th: Maureen Perkins

WOMENS' FANCY SHAWL

- 1st: Desirae Redhouse
- 2nd: Carol Melting Tallow
- 3rd: Helene Gaddie
- 4th: Lela Lopez

WOMENS' CLOTH DRESS

- 1st: Mary Fiddler
- 2nd: Rickielyn Hughes
- 3rd: Tarrissa Spoonhunter
- 4th: Lisa Little Town

TEEN GIRLS' BUCKSKIN/CLOTH

- 1st: La Lani Bull Bear
- 2nd: Alendra Logan
- 3rd: Kendra Eagle Star
- 4th: Cheyenne Jacome

TEEN GIRLS' FANCY SHAWL/JINGLE

- 1st: Tia Lonetree-Gray
- 2nd: Kendra Becenti

TEEN BOYS' NORTH TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

- 1st: Kaleb Largo
- 2nd: Myles Bull Bear
- 3rd: Wesley New Holy Jr.
- 4th: Dylan Ashley

TEEN BOYS' NORTHERN/SOUTHERN FANCY/GRASS

- 1st: Riley Spoonhunter
- 2nd: Darnell Chee-Chief
- 3rd: Jake Jacome
- 4th: Bubba Begay

Color photos from the Friday night traditional dances for local Tribal members plus general images of the Pow Wow can be seen on page 6, with special dance photos on the back page.

Friday Night Contests Women's Bird Dance Winners

GOLDEN AGE

- 1 Valerie Tahbo
- 2 Shirley Hart
- 3 Gail Johns
- 4 Alva Emerson

ADULT WOMEN

- 1 Nicole Hammond
- 2 Stella Short
- 3 Celisse Cornejo
- 4 Ana Hartt

JUNIOR GIRLS

- 1 Reagan Goforth
- 2 Brina Ironcloud
- 3 Royal Phipps
- 4 Kaitlyn Humemptewa
- 5 Tonishica Honga

TEEN GIRLS

- 1 Neveah Montague
- 2 Eden Rivera
- 3 Cynthia Emerson
- 4 Diamond Rivera
- 5 Sky Alvarez

Junior Boys & Teen Singing Contest

- 1. Strong Hearts Pipa Singers
- 2. Quechan Birds



Quechan Higher Education 2014 Fall Semester Grant Application Deadline:

JUNE 01, 2014

Since the deadline date falls on a Sunday, completed applications will be accepted on Monday, June 2nd.

Applications can be picked up at the Higher Education Office located at:
**628 Picacho Road
Winterhaven, CA 92283**

Phone:
(760) 572-5268

Application Requirements are Listed On The Grant Application



Kansas Begaye, this year's Miss Indian World came to serve as the Head Woman dancer!

The Quechan Post 802 Color Guard (below) took up their position at the head of all the Pow Wow participants for every grand entry throughout the weekend. Following close behind them at the Friday night traditional bird dance competition were the Roadrunner Singers and all the local dancers and singers.



QUECHAN NEWS Photos

By William Isbell

THE 2014 STRONG HEARTS NATIVE SOCIETY POW WOW CELEBRATION



Lewis Perkins captured first in the Mens Southern Straight Dance.



Local and nearby Tribal members gathered together to renew family bonds and dance together on Friday night, as the The Strong Hearts Pipa Singers took the prize as the top Teen and Jr. Boys singers.

Myra Andrews (at right) was given special recognition with an "Honor Walk" around the arena on Saturday, as the Strong Hearts Native Society's *Shii Yii* (or Great Grandmother) for 2014. Myra herself honored the veterans in attendance with special gifts.



Danelle Chee-Chief (below) was the best at Womens' Jingle Dress.



The best in Womens' Golden Age Dance was Vergie Tsosie.

It's always fun to watch the littlest kids join in on the Pow Wow, and see them learning their family's traditions from a young age. That's Lewis and Alyssa Perkins at left, members of the Comanche and Wichita Tribes. They drove down from Chandler, Arizona.

The Mens' Golden Age Dance winner was Terry Fiddler (below).



Joining Faron Owl (in the red shirt in the photo at left) at the announcer's desk were the Head Staff members charged with making sure everything ran smoothly. That's Gourd Emcee Mike Salyabe on the microphone next to Mr. Owl, while sitting at the desk in front are Arena Director Pat Pacheco and Head Emcee Tate Honidick.





SPECIAL DIABETES PROJECT FOR INDIANS FLAG FOOTBALL

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



A lot of crazy action took place on the San Pasqual football field on March 15th, as the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians held an all day flag football tournament. Seven teams from all over the area signed up to get active and stay healthy that day!



The Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians borrowed the Warriors football field on the third Saturday in March, to host a flag football tournament aimed at encouraging healthy exercise.

Diabetes staff members officiated, with SDPI Director Sandy Palone watching the clock to limit each game to a total of 20 minutes, beginning at 9:00 AM. Utilizing the north half of the stadium, the competitors squared off for a long series of double elimination play that went on until 2:30 that afternoon.

Teams who signed up and made it to the field for the tournament included the Rez Dawgs, the Penetrators, the JB's, the Yuma Scrubs, two teams made up of players from Yuma High School and the Z Fighters. Once all the dust had cleared, and all the flags had been torn away in all the games, the top three teams were the Yuma Scrubs, "JB's" and the Rez Dawgs, in that order.



EAGLE BUSTLE PASSED ON AT POW WOW

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Cheyenne River Sioux Elder Terry Fiddler assisted Warrior in passing on his late brother's traditional dance regalia. Together, they saluted the four cardinal directions in the arena, a blessing requested in Ronald's memory.

Quechan Tribal member Warrior Nierenhausen stands with the Head Young Man Dancer, Donovan Chee-Chief, who received the Eagle Feather Bustle which once belonged to Warrior's departed younger brother.

Donovan's family joined in a group photo once the ceremony was complete. Left to right are brother Darnell, mother Sheila Chee-Chief, Donovan, Warrior Nierenhausen, and sisters Danette and Janelle Chee-Chief. The family, who are Dineh, hail from Shiprock, New Mexico.

Quechan Tribal member Warrior Nierenhausen honored the memory of his late brother Ronald at the 2014 Pow Wow, passing along an item used in many dance competitions over the years. The eagle feather bustle Ronald used was passed along to a worthy young man, as required by the traditions of the Sioux tribe. The bustle had originally come into the Nierenhausen family when a Sioux elder presented it to Ronald at around age 14. He danced in South Dakota Pow Wows wearing it on his outfit for several years. "I am passing this along in keeping with the traditional ways of my father's branch of the White Earth Sioux people," Warrior explained.



IHS Head Makes Quechan Skate Park: An Idea Whose Time Has Come!



Indian Health Service Acting Director Yvette Roubideaux sits at the head of a table in the Fort Yuma IHS Clinic, answering questions from both the Quechan and Cocopah Tribal Councils. Ms. Roubideaux visited to tell both Tribes that the current proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2015 includes funding for the Fort Yuma Hospital. Photo by William Isbell

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, the Acting Director of the Indian Health Service visited the Fort Yuma Health Center on Friday, March 14, 2014 to personally deliver the news that a \$304 million increase over last year's funding for the IHS has been included in President Obama's budget request for FY2015.

Speaking before a joint delegation meeting of the Quechan and Cocopah Tribal Councils, Director Roubideaux confirmed that, among the line items included in that proposal are funding to complete construction on three new health care facilities, one of which is the long delayed Fort Yuma Health Center.

She also reminded everyone in the room that the President's budget proposal must still undergo review by Congress as they work on appropriations for FY2015. "We're going to be fighting for this 100%," she said. "It's in there. I want you to know that the advocacy of both of your Tribes has worked, and you're always trying to meet with me together, which says a

lot about how important this facility is to both of your Tribes."

However, she also noted that Congress must still approve enough funds to complete the construction. "But over the past few years," she continued, "we've been getting the amounts we've requested in health facilities construction, and I don't know that I see any reason that would be different for '15, but you don't know (for sure) because there is national politics involved in the budget."

Although everyone was polite and upbeat throughout the hour long meeting, President Escalanti's comments at the end made it clear it's already taken too long to get to this point.

Speaking directly to Ms. Roubideaux, he said, "If you're going to do something for the people, and you're committed to do that, then make sure it happens. Don't waste your time (coming for additional meetings to explain the delays), just stay in Washington, because we need the help, and I think we've run out of patience on this."

In the final quarter of 2011, the Quechan Parks and Recreation Department applied for a Nike N7 grant to fund the construction of a skatepark here on the reservation. Unfortunately, the Quechan Tribe learned of the grant's availability late in the game, so the Tribes with more lead time were able to prepare the more detailed proposals needed to capture that grant.

Some here on the reservation thought that marked the end of our hopes for a Quechan Skatepark . . . until Kenrick Escalanti and the crew at Kwatsan Radio began a new series of community meetings to explain their plans to revive the process.

The first meeting took place on March 12, 2014 and the next meeting is planned for April 2, 2014, to describe what the skatepark's boosters already accomplished, and lay out their plans for the future.

Having researched the grant funding process in more detail, Mr. Escalanti has learned that preparation is the key to a good proposal and a project of this scale will not happen overnight. Mr. Escalanti made it clear to the attendees of the meeting that the fundraising process could take up to three years and would not be possible without a professional skate park designer. This is why Mr. Escalanti contacted Greg Mize, owner of Native Skateparks of Oklahoma, to see what Mize can put together as part of the Quechan Tribe's effort to go after available grant funding for Native health and recreation projects.

Mr. Mize says "There is a ground swell for skateparks among Native America," which



Greg Mize of Native Skateparks shared his experiences as a designer/builder at the March 12 meeting. Photo by William Isbell

he has helped to encourage, as one of the most successful designers of skateparks in Indian Country. He has already built over a dozen parks in Oklahoma and Colorado, including the 22,334 square foot skatepark in Leadville, Colorado, which may be the highest skate park in the world, having been built 10,200 feet above sea level!

The design and construction techniques pioneered by Native Skateparks are world class, and have enabled Mr. Mize to be "9 for 9" in going after skatepark grants offered by the Tony Hawk Foundation. While he typically receives 12 to 15 thousand dollars for a complete skatepark design, Mr. Mize has already agreed to charge only \$8,000 to design a park for the Quechan Tribe, since he really wants to build one here in southern California.

At least 50 community members, including Tribal officials, parents, teens and children attended the March 12 meeting at the Ironwood Community Center, to hear Kenrick's ideas on fund raising and keeping the excitement alive through the months it will take to see such

a project through.

"What can we do to raise money?" he asks. "Every idea, every fund raiser is on the table, no matter how small."

And money must be raised, since many grants are set up on a matching funds basis, where the amount awarded depends directly upon the amount a community can raise themselves.

One of the first ideas discussed is a contest to design an "art piece" to be printed on T-shirts, which would be sold to both raise funds and keep the idea of a skatepark before the public. This idea ties in well with the ongoing "People of the Colorado" art show which the Ah Mut Pipa Foundation and Kwatsan Radio have this month at the Yuma Art Center.

The current target site for the park seems to be a large, empty lot just east of the baseball field at the Quechan Community Center, north of the Quechan Commodities Warehouse. An alternate location, in an empty lot east of the Ironwood Community Center on San Pasqual School Road has also been discussed, but most participants at the meeting agreed the central location would be preferable, since the Quechan Community Center already has the lights, parking and restrooms a skatepark would need.

Additional meetings to organize fund raisers and create assignments for volunteers to put it all together will be taking place soon. If you want to get involved, checkout the Kwatsan Radio Facebook page or email your ideas to kwatsanradio@gmail.com. And be sure to keep an eye out for handouts and posters on skatepark planning!

Cleanup Begins on Phase 1 of Riverfront Master Plan

Photos of Volunteers Courtesy of Allyson Collins, Quechan EDA



An accidental fire caused by stray fireworks at last year’s Indian Days celebration burned away much of the overgrowth on the rock terraces along the riverbank, giving volunteers a head start on their cleanup. Janyse Collins-Solorio can be seen above raking out weeds and debris along a walkway between the terraces, while Frank Venegas and Orson Bevins remove dead tree limbs with a chain saw at right.

On March 12, 2014, Arizona Senator John McCain introduced a Bill in the Senate to continue funding of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (YCNHA) for another 15 years.

“First authorized in 2000, YCNHA has grown into a collaborative effort by local, tribal and federal partners to transform the City of Yuma downtown riverfront area and restore the banks of the Colorado River.” McCain said.

The Quechan Tribe is one of the partners in the effort, and on March 13, 2014, the Tribal Council approved the wording for the proposed Resolution in support of the reauthorization.

One of the riverfront de-

velopment projects that the YCNHA supports is the Riverfront Master Plan (RMP).

The project area includes Tribal land along the north bank of the Colorado River extending from the Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge, under the I-8 Freeway Bridge, to the Fourth Avenue Bridge, then beyond to the California Wasteway drain just west of the Fourth Avenue Bridge.

The plan for that area includes construction of wildlife/bird watching trails, primitive campsites and RV campsites, interpretive signs, canoe and boat access ramps, picnic facilities, an amphitheater and access points for swimming and fishing. The plan is in its con-

ceptual stage; the Quechan EDA is seeking funding for construction of the development.

In October of 2013, limited funds became available to the YCNHA which has allowed some clearing of the riverbanks to begin at the project area’s Phase I—the site of the old rock house, across the river from Yuma’s Gateway Park.

Nine volunteers from the Elder Village Focus Group spent the day of March 8, 2014 clearing trees that were still choking access to the rock terraces. Volunteers not mentioned in these pictures are Brian Golding, Sr., Charles Golding and Allyson Collins. Thank you volunteers, for all your hard work!



With their work finished, all of the volunteers gathered to enjoy their lunch break on the newly cleared terraces. Top Left Photo by William Isbell, Q NEWS



Isaac Collins carried mesquite cuttings to dump (above), before Greg and Eagle Gilbert took a break, checking their work (at right).



Kwat'san Li'ya!

Learn these words for Spring Time!

Rabbit	Chicken
Xaly'aw	Qwal'ii'aaw
Butterfly	Eggs
Xanaavly'ep	Qwal'ii'aaw Shra'ta'uur
Basket	Grass
Kwn'xo'	'Ax'att aamaa ts
Candy	Colors (Striped)
Thulys	Kwa'noor
Flowers	Spring (Warm) Season
Tsa'pak	Pii ny

Submitted by Barbara Levy, Language Coordinator of the Quechan Language Preservation Program
To enroll in a Language Course, call (760)572-4412

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

This year (2014), the Quechan Language Preservation program is requesting your support to continue providing language classes at your facility, school, or home. This message I am sending to you through the “*Etska Nav Ah Pai*” is very important. I would hope that all tribal members respond to this request, as well as others who are currently working with the language teachers, such as the San Pasqual School District, the Johnson O’Malley program, Head Start and Fort Yuma ADAPP.

In the past years, you have made contact with our Quechan language teachers: Della Escalanti, Ila Dunzweiler, Judith Osborne, Arlie Emerson, and me, Barbara Levy.

I would like to ask for your continued support in teaching the Quechan language to our students, staff, and families.

Your personal or professional comments would help us to continue working for a better language program to offer our tribal community, school districts, and for tribal members who are also interested in learning the language.

Please keep in touch and let us know of any suggestions you might have to make improvements in helping our students and people to learn more about language learning, speaking, reading, or writing so that we can make progress in our efforts to reach out to you for better, improved language studies.

If you do have comments and want to respond, you can drop your letters off either at the Quechan Tribal Office at 350 Picacho Road on Indian Hill, or mail them to: Attn: Quechan Language Preservation, P.O. Box 1899, Yuma, Arizona 85366-1899.

I am asking for brief comments on your feelings towards the language learning process as it takes place in our tribal community. I am looking for any information you would like to share with us regarding the services we can provide, or ways to reach out to you, as to how we should continue to maintain the Quechan Eya’, and where we should go with the program.

We hope to present another Language Survey to the tribal community soon to gather as much information as we can to work towards the improvements needed for further education and training in the areas of tribal traditions, customs, our ways of life, and knowing your Quechan tribal history.

The Tribal elders meet every month at the Senior Center to provide the words for our Children’s Dictionary. The dictionary will give our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren a working knowledge of Kwat’san. We also hope to develop CD’s, DVD’s or cassette tape recordings in the near future of our elder’s speaking, teaching, and talking about the past, present, and future.

And finally, the Quechan Language classrooms are available Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. We are closed on weekends and holidays.

Sincerely,

Barbara Levy, Quechan Language Preservation Coordinator

Email your Community Expressions letters to w.isbell@quechantribe.com, or drop them off at the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer on Quechan Drive north of the Senior Center.



TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Resolutions Passed At The March, 2014 Regular Council Meeting



The Quechan Tribal Council passed 35 Official Resolutions at the regular Tribal Council meeting on March 4, 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-23-14: A Resolution for the Quechan Indian Tribe in support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on February 27, 2014.

Resolution R-24-14: A Resolution to approve Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for the Sewer Line F Project.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on February 27, 2014.

Resolution R-25-14: A Resolution to approve supplemental lease Amendment #8 with the U.S. General Services Administration for the Andrade Port of Entry.

Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on February 27, 2014.

Resolution R-26-14: A Resolution to approve a sales order between Aruze Gaming America, Inc. and the Quechan Indian Tribe.

Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-27-14: A Resolution to approve an equipment purchase between Bally Gaming, Inc. and Quechan Paradise Casino/Quechan Indian Tribe.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-28-14: A Resolution to approve an equipment purchase between Multimedia Games, Inc. and the Quechan

Indian Tribe. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-29-14: A Resolution to a proposal quote with VSR Industries, Inc.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-30-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Quechan Child Care and Development Fund for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-31-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Quechan Child Care and Development Fund for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-32-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Quechan Child Care and Development Fund for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-33-14: A Resolution to approve the renewal application for the Child and Adult Care Food Program for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-34-14: A Resolution to approve the renewal application for the Child and Adult Care Food Program for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-35-14: A Resolution to approve the renewal application for the Child And Adult Care Food Program for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-36-14: A Resolution to approve budget Revision #2 for the Aid to Tribal Government Program for Calendar Year 2012.

Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-37-14: A Resolution to approve budget Revision #1 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Law Enforcement Services for Calendar Year 2013.

Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-38-14: A Resolution to accept a grant award and approve the budget for the Quechan Police Department and the Fish and Game Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program, overtime and mileage.

Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-39-14: A Resolu-

tion to accept a grant award and approve the budget for the Quechan Police Department and the Fish and Game Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program, equipment. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-40-14: A Resolution to approve budget Revision #1 for the Johnson O'Malley Program for Calendar Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-41-14: A Resolution to approve the budget of the Tribal Gaming Agency for Fiscal Year 2013. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-42-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Environmental Department's Water Pollution Control Program for Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-43-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Environmental Department's General Assistance Program for Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-44-14: A Resolution to approve the budget for the Environmental Department's Non-Point Source Program for Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-45-14: A Reso-

lution to approve a submittal of a Woodlands Management Project Proposal for the Fiscal Year 2014 funding. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-46-14: A Resolution to approve a revocable permit to the Preservation of Kwatsan Way for the use of 472 S. Maiden Lane, Yuma, Arizona. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-47-14: A Resolution to accept the resignation of the Quechan Culture Committee President. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-48-14: A Resolution to accept the resignation of the Acting Chairperson of the Quechan Culture Committee. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-49-14: A Resolution to appoint an Acting Chairperson to the Quechan Culture Committee. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-50-14: A Resolution to reappoint Member #1 to the Quechan Legislative Committee for a two year term. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 2 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-51-14: A Resolution to reappoint Member #2 to the Quechan Legislative Committee for a two year term. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-52-14: A Resolution to reappoint Member #3 to

the Quechan Legislative Committee for a two year term. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-53-14: 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 Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-54-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. *Approved*

by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-55-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 0 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-56-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular*

Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.

Resolution R-57-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #5 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Resolution R-58-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #6 attending vocational education for the Spring 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2014.*

Funds Awarded to Continue Bus Service

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) has received notification from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the Quechan Indian Tribe was awarded \$150,000 in discretionary funding as well as \$15,324 in formula funding to continue public transit services across the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, connecting Yuma and Winterhaven riders with the Andrade Port of Entry on the border with Mexico.

The FTA announced the award of \$5 million in competitive funds to 42 American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in 19 states for projects to improve transit service. Those funds complement \$25 million allocated by formula to eligible tribal recipients for FY2014.

The investment doubles the amount available in prior years to enhance public transit service on rural tribal lands and better connect tribal members with jobs, education and other economic opportunities.

"The Obama Administra-

tion is proud to partner with tribal governments throughout the United States to create new ladders of opportunity for hard-working families and seniors hoping to improve their quality of life," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

"Access to affordable transportation goes hand-in-hand with ensuring that American Indians, Alaskan natives and other rural residents have a chance to succeed and pursue their goals."

Through FTA's Tribal Transit Program, the competitively awarded FY2013 funds will allow tribes to continue or enhance existing transit service, launch new public transportation or plan for future transit needs. The Quechan Indian Tribe is among those receiving competitive funding to continue operating existing transit service.

Those routes connect Tribal members on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation and surrounding areas of Winterhaven with El Centro, California.

This is the third year the Quechan Tribe has succeeded

in receiving competitive grant funds to support YCAT's public transit services.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe will also receive funding to continue Purple Route 6 between all areas of the Cocopah Reservation and Somerton, Arizona every Monday through Saturday.

Under the prior authorization, about 200 tribal transit programs received a total of approximately \$107 million to enhance, launch, or plan for transit service on tribal lands under the FTA Tribal Transit Program.

"With the participation of the Cocopah and Quechan Indian Tribes in the YCAT system, YCIPTA has been able to provide quality service to these tribal members as well as Yuma County without increasing local government subsidies" said John Andoh, Transit Director.

"These FTA grants have expanded mobility to El Centro, Andrade, Quechan Casino Resort and Paradise Casino, and improved the frequency of transit service on the Cocopah Reservation from 2 hours to 1 hour".

GRASS DANCE HONORS MEMORY OF ANTHONY POLK

QUECHAN NEWS
Photos by
William Isbell



James Bud Day:
Grass Dance Winner



Anthony's uncle, Damon Polk spoke for the entire family at the Pow Wow on Sunday, as they sponsored the Men's Grass Dance competition in a memorial to the fallen wildlands firefighter. Many in the Pow Wow joined the family in a memory walk through the arena, as dance judge George Miller carried Anthony's photo at the head of the procession. Gourd songs were also a part of the presentation.



Dozens of dancers, both locals and visitors, gathered on the Pow Wow grounds to join in the gourd dances which took place at the beginning of the memorial.

A special honoring ceremony was sponsored by the Polk Family for their beloved and fallen firefighter Anthony Polk.

Anthony was a traditional person who sang with both the Winter Hawk Tail and Star Eagle Nation Drum Groups. He was a dancer in both the Traditional and Grass Dance categories, and was also a Sun Dance Singer and Bird Singer.

Four bird songs were sung to begin the special event on Sunday, followed by a memorial song by the Midnight Express Drum Group to start the walk around the arena. Many items were presented to friends and guests of the Polk family.

A special grass dance contest sponsored by the extended Polk family highlighted the special with the following prizes being awarded: \$800.00 for 1st Place, \$600.00 for 2nd and \$300.00 for 3rd. The first place winner, James Bud Day, also received a beautiful sunburst pattern quilted blanket. The Polk family extends their deep appreciation to all who were in attendance.

HAPPY EASTER!

**THE QUECHAN TRIBE INVITES EVERYONE TO
TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!
SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 STARTING AT 10:00 AM
AT THE DIABETES WALKING PARK!**



*We would like to thank Lolita Rodriguez
for making our Ribbon Shirt
and Traditional Quechan Dress.
You did a great job on both!
We are happy to recommend your
work to anyone!*