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Tribal Monitors Workin' On The Railroad



Tribal monitor Henri Koteen (with backpack) keeps an eye out for culturally significant artifacts during construction along the south side of the Union Pacific right of way, while monitors Sophia Herrera and Barbarita Aguilar watch the north side of the tracks. The long planned double-track project on Tribal lands east of Sidewinder Road began on September 16th.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The Union Pacific Rail Road (U.P.) has spent billions over the past decade, upgrading their infrastructure by adding a second set of tracks on the line that runs from West Colton, California (just east of L.A.) to Sierra Blanca, Texas. While the U.P. was able to “double track” much of the line from Sidewinder Road to Blaisdale, there have been a few “choke points” in the area since their last big rail improvement project here wrapped up in 2011.

Earlier this year, the rail road approached the Quechan Tribal Council with plans to add another set of tracks here on the reservation, over a 2 mile sec-

tion that runs from Sidewinder Road just north of I-8 to an already double-tracked portion that begins nears the All American Canal north of the Quechan Casino Resort. The plans would include upgrading a pair existing fiberoptic lines within the rail road’s existing right-of-way, on both sides of the track.

Three months of meetings between the rail road, the Tribal Council, the Historic Preservation office and the Quechan Cultural allowed careful consideration of the plans. At their September 2nd meeting, the Tribal Council passed a Resolution to allow the Union Pacific and their

subcontractors to proceed.

The plan now includes fencing off and protecting a clay hill during construction, which is just outside of the U.P.’s existing right-of-way. That hillside has long been a source of good quality clay used for traditional pottery projects. There will also be cultural monitors on-site throughout the project, whenever anything is done to go below the surface (such as installing the fiberoptic lines or widening existing bridges).

The UP’s contractors will also be making improvements and straightening the unpaved roadway which parallels the track, used for railroad main-

tenance.

In a meeting at the Pivot Point Conference Center on September 11, 2014, subcontractor Granite Construction also told Tribal representatives that they will cover over some of the four wheel drive paths created by vehicles barreling through the washes along the route, which have been getting increasingly out of hand over the years, disturbing the natural contours of the area and contributing to increased erosion.

Actual work began on Monday, September 16th, with our tribal monitors present on site. The project will likely take at least five months to complete.

BIA's Land Buy-Back Payments Top \$100 Million

Related: Cobell Web Site Lists All Quechan Tribal Members as Residents of Utah!

In early September, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor announced that more than \$8.3 million in purchase offers have been mailed to nearly 2,100 individual landowners with fractional interests on the Flathead reservation. The mailing kicked off several weeks of additional purchase offers to landowners who own fractional land interests on the Umatilla, Coeur d'Alene, Lake Traverse (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) and Crow Indian Reservations.

The current Administration has committed to help restore tribal homelands. The Interior Department's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations has successfully concluded transactions worth almost \$103 million, restoring the equivalent of nearly 265,000 acres of land to tribal governments. "The success of the Buy-Back Program is reflected in our ongoing collaborations with tribal governments and active outreach to individual owners," according to Deputy Secretary Connor.

"We know that tribal leaders can best explain the value of reducing fractionated lands and the significant benefit to Indian Country, and we are committed to making sure that individuals are aware of this historic opportunity to strengthen tribal sovereignty by supporting the consolidation of Indian lands."

The Buy-Back Program implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided \$1.9

billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value within a 10-year period. Individuals who choose to sell their interests receive payments directly into their Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

There are almost 245,000 owners of nearly three million fractional interests, spanning 150 Indian reservations, who are eligible to participate in the Buy-Back Program. Many see little or no economic benefit from what are often very small undivided interests in lands that cannot be utilized due to their highly fractionated state. In addition to receiving fair market value for their land based on objective appraisals, sellers also receive a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land. Flathead Reservation landowners will have until October 24, 2014 to return accepted offers.

Sales of land interests will also result in up to \$60 million in contributions to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund. This contribution is in addition to the amounts paid to individual sellers, so it will not reduce the amount landowners receive for their interests.

Landowners can contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1 (888) 678-6836 with questions

about their purchase offers.

Individuals can also visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), or BIA field office or find more information at www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/

landowners in order to make informed decisions about their land. Individual participation is voluntary.

A decision to sell land for restoration to tribes does not impact a landowner's eligibility

to receive individual settlement payments from the Cobell Settlement, which are being handled by the Garden City Group. Inquiries regarding Settlement payments should be directed to 1 (800) 961-6109.

Quechan Tribe Listed in Utah On IndianTrustSettlement.com!

Many Quechan Tribal members have no doubt spent hours trying to find if they or their relatives are listed as eligible for payouts under the Cobell Vs. Salazar settlement.

The only place a person can find that information (and file a claim) is on the official Cobell website, IndianTrustSettlement.com.

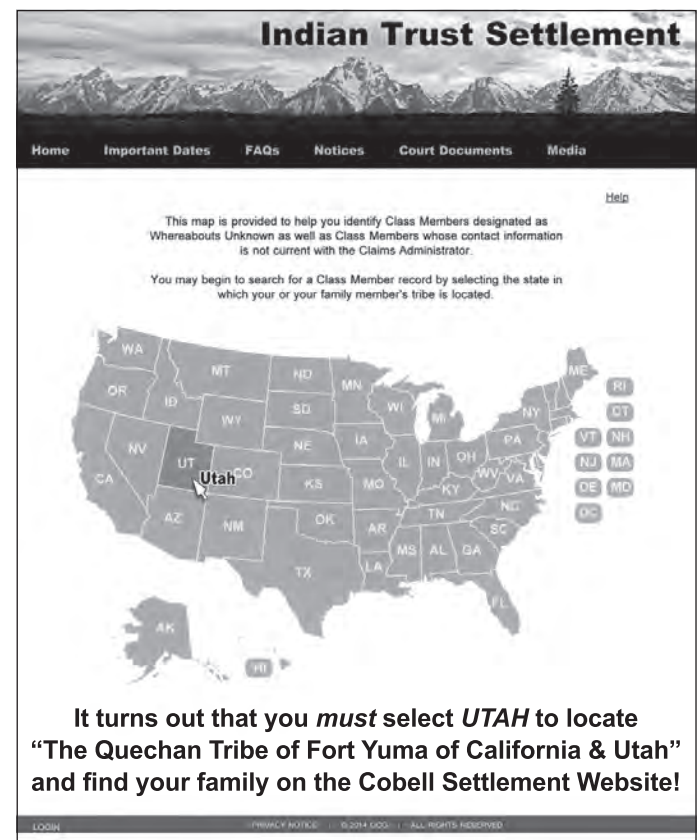
The problems start when you click on the small map at the right side of the website's opening page, under a blue box that reads:

Whereabouts Unknown: Help Locate Your Record

Since the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe is located on the border of Arizona and California, you would think that you should click on either of those states to locate your family or estate. But when you select California, it shows that there are 107 tribes in California, among them, the "Quechan Tribe of Fort Yuma of California & Utah", which, according to the website, has "0 Members in California!"

It turns out that IndianTrustSettlement.com has not listed the Quechan Tribe in either Arizona or California: they show the Fort Yuma reservation as being located in both California and Utah! (Apparently someone has forgotten the entire state of Nevada sits between these two states!) So, if you are hoping to locate your records, click on the state of Utah, where you will find a list of 441 eligible Tribal members listed for "The Quechan Tribe of Fort Yuma of California & Utah".

Whereabouts unknown indeed!



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Army Proving Ground Hosts Government-to-Government Consultations With Local Area Tribal Representatives

U.S. Army policy clearly states that the 565 American Indian governments and Alaska Native entities which the federal government recognizes should be treated as sovereign nations with inherent powers of self-government. This status as sovereign entities means the federal government has a duty to respect tribal interests. This duty is referred to as the "Federal Trust Doctrine."

Part of that duty is to consult with Tribal leaders regarding tribal cultural interests such as properties of religious or cultural significance and religious freedom. Since the Army's Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) covers a huge swath of Yuma and La Paz counties, the proving ground holds annual meetings to inform Tribal leaders of those Tribes that traditionally occupied that land about any new projects, construction, or discoveries on that land.

At those meetings, YPG staff members brief Tribal leaders on anything which may affect compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other laws which may require government-to-government consultation.

In late August, YPG Senior Commander Colonel Randy Murray and Garrison Manager Gordon K. Rogers invited the local Tribes to a two-day briefing both indoors on the main post and out in the field, to explain their efforts to protect, preserve and maintain items and locations of cultural, environmental and historic interest on the proving ground.

The August meetings in-



The August 2014 consultation was presented by YPG's Environmental Sciences Division, to discuss the Army's efforts to meet the requirements of both the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Policy Act. Among those attending were Linda Otero, Director of the Fort Mojave Aha Macav Cultural Society and Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman of the Quechan Cultural Committee. Q NEWS Photos by William Isbell

cluded representatives from the Quechan, Cocopah, Chemehuevi and Fort Mojave tribes, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

The first day, Tuesday, August 26th, was an all-day meeting held at YPG's Directorate of Public Works building. Quechan Tribal representatives present included Tribal Council members Emilio Escalanti and Virgil Smith, as well as Acting Chairman Manfred Scott as well as Lorey and Linda Cachora and Ernestine Noriega of the Quechan Cultural Committee. The day offered an open forum for questions and concerns as representatives from the Environmental Sciences Division at the proving ground provided updates on cultural and natural resources management in the form of an annual report to the Tribes.

Of particular interest to many was news about Sonoran prong-

horn recovery efforts centered in the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge north of the proving ground's Kofa Firing Range.

Starting in 2011, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, began relocating Sonoran pronghorn from a captive breeding facility in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge to a breeding pen on the Kofa Refuge.

Sonoran pronghorn were released in Kofa's King Valley in both January of 2013 and January, 2014. These pronghorn are being monitored via telemetry collars and aerial surveys.

The first group wandered south towards YPG, presumably looking for any native pronghorn herds which might live in the area, as well as good forage and sources of water. As herd animals, pronghorn antelope would prefer to live in a group, for the "safety in numbers" advantage it provides.

A few of those pronghorn stayed on or near YPG and after



the pronghorn release in 2014, both groups eventually linked up. This new population has produced a about 10 young which have so far survived the hot, dry summer months of 2014.

This is very encouraging news for the recovery effort of the species. They are often spotted on game cameras and by observers working on Kofa Firing Range on YPG, usually near a couple of artificial ponds created mainly for industrial uses such as dust suppression.

Sonoran pronghorn prefer the lowlands and washes between the mountains at the east side of YPG's Kofa Firing Range, while the native bighorn sheep in the area stick to the higher elevations. The Army has partnered with Arizona Game and Fish Department over the years to relocate the hardy sheep living on the proving ground to help sustain other populations within the state. They also assist on projects to repair desert water tanks, both natural and artificial, and to increase the storage ca-

capacity of wildlife water sources.

Other items covered in the first day's briefing included ongoing research to identify the habitat favored by desert tortoises on the north Cibola Range west of Palm Canyon and to try to get a population count of the often elusive reptiles. And since Golden Eagles have been seen cruising over the range, the Army has been conducting aerial surveys from April to June each year in an attempt to locate nesting habitats favored by large raptors.

Tribal representatives also received an update from Meg McDonald, the YPG Cultural Resources Manager, on the fiscal year 2013 archaeological survey conducted under contract in both the Cibola and Kofa ranges, including the Middle and Muggins Mountains areas.

Items of interest identified on the surface during those surveys included lithic tool fragments, pottery sherds, and ancient trails. Large-scale surveys such as these add to the knowledge base, allowing the Army to avoid potentially sensitive areas when planning for future projects. Although avoidance is preferable, adverse effects may also be minimized or mitigated as part of the consultation process.

The following day, August 27th, a helicopter field trip was taken to the remote but beautiful White Tanks, a group of natural tinajas just south of the Kofa Wildlife Refuge. There, Tribal members were able to hike across the hills and visit an area where our ancestors lived and hunted not so long ago, also leaving petroglyphs in the area. Photos from that trip can be found on page 7 of this issue.

The Damaging Effects of Taking Private Battles Public

By Frances Snyder

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All across the nation, tribes pride themselves on the ability to self-govern. Rules and regulations are ratified through a tribe's constitution and a tribe runs its organization by using a tribal government system. There's a tremendous amount of satisfaction in self-governance because it allows tribes to make decisions for themselves and to continue the historical tradition of tribes as sovereign nations.

But what happens when disgruntled tribal members aren't happy with a tribal decision and decide to take matters into their own hands by going to outside sources to air their differences? Is it treason when tribal members turn against the tribe and betray the tribe's confidence?

For tribes who have been there (and every tribe has), you know the answer to that. Dissatisfied tribal members can wreak havoc and, in the process, publicly taint or damage not only the reputation of their own tribe, but also damage the reputation of all tribes.

Tribal Politics = No Fun and Games

Tribal politics have always been a strange animal. Dominant families are often pitted against smaller families in the tribe or members of the same family are in conflict with each other. But all who have witnessed this in their own tribe know that the battles are fought internally and problems are eventually solved within the tribal structure. Tribal members can agree to disagree and continue to move on with the busi-

ness of running their tribe.

Conflicts and disagreements are nothing new in tribal government. In fact, internal conflicts can be found in any type of government, whether it's local, state or federal government. Disagreements and conflict are also standard fare in public and private corporations. In fact, it wouldn't be normal for any organization without differing opinions at all levels.

However, a disturbing new trend has surfaced recently and it promises to hurt all tribes. When disgruntled tribal members scurry to the media every time a decision is made that they don't agree with, they run the risk of creating the impression that the tribe can't govern itself.

In the past, when a tribal member took internal issues to the media, reporters had to stifle a yawn. After all, what did members of the media care about a tribal member's comments about internal tribal politics? Prior to Indian gaming, if one tribal member or a group of tribal members happened to disagree with the tribal leader, the outcome of the disagreement didn't necessarily have much effect on the community as a whole.

Today, however, as tribes run multi-million dollar gaming enterprises and are often the center of unflattering media attention, members of the media are only too happy to listen to tales of woe from disgruntled tribal members. In fact, they're waiting at the door for any sign of internal strife, as are all the

Indian gaming opponents who often interpret simple internal tribal political disagreements as a sign of weakness.

Our Own Worst Enemy?

We all know how unflattering the glaring media spotlight has been recently on Native Americans. It often seems as if we have very little control over the half-truths and biased opinions that pass as journalism these days.

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It's bad enough that so-called investigative reporters from national magazines and editorial writers from major financial publications are quick to point fingers and sing accusations about tribes. But when members of our own tribes join the chorus, it's downright discouraging.

The type of confidential information that is leaked to the media varies, but it all serves to damage the tribe in one way or another. One news article that still continues to puzzle me was an article that reported on a tribe's monthly per capita payment. I'm not surprised that the reporter printed the infor-

mation – because, as we know, that type of confidential information is like gold to reporters. But I was surprised that a tribal member leaked the information to the media in the first place. What benefit could that tribal member have possibly gained by providing such private information?

What exactly happens when renegade tribal members leak confidential information regarding tribal business or paint unflattering pictures of tribal leaders or fight their political battles in public? Let me count the damages:

- Invites additional public scrutiny of our tribes by outside entities.
- Damages the credibility of tribal leaders and the tribe itself.
- Provides an image that tribes can't govern themselves.
- Taints the overall image of the tribal nation.
- Makes the tribe appear out of control.
- Chips away at our sovereignty.
- Creates a sense of sensationalism surrounding tribal issues
- Exaggerates a division within the tribe.
- Provides the appearance of being unprofessional.
- Gives Indian gaming opponents more ammunition to criticize

We have enough external enemies as Native Americans – we don't need internal enemies too. Every time a disgruntled tribal member rushes to reveal the latest inside information to the media, that tribal member is creating yet another avenue for

out external adversaries to penetrate.

Gag Order Not Intended

I spoke with a variety of tribal media relations representatives recently and asked about policies prohibiting tribal members from speaking to the media without permission from the tribe. Most don't have such policies in place. For starters, it's a difficult policy to enforce because tribal members who leak confidential information to the media request confidentiality of their identity. They are rarely, if ever, identified. Also, the majority of tribal members don't have any interest in speaking with the media, so creating a policy for just a handful of individuals seems pointless.

Having an opinion and expressing it is a given in Indian country and I'm certainly not suggesting that we squash our first amendment rights. However, tribes have systems in place to handle disputes and forums in which to express opinions. We also have a way to demonstrate feelings about tribal leaders – it's called an election.

Here are a few words of advice to individuals who insist on hurting their own tribes by recklessly revealing tidbits to the media: The next time you feel the urge to share confidential tribal information with the media, think about the detrimental effect it can have on your own tribe. Is it worth it to put your own tribe in jeopardy? Take pride in your self-governance, for crying out loud – and stop the self-sabotage scenarios.

THE QHA CORNER: Home Repairs Help



United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development - Self Help Program

Do you need repairs to your home? Are you willing to help with the labor?

The Quechan Housing Authority, in conjunction with USDA Rural Development and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is currently participating in the USDA Self-Help housing rehabilitation program.

This program is designed to assist low and very-low income families in making needed renovations and repairs to their homes. Such repairs might include new energy efficient windows and exterior paint, having bathrooms rehabilitated to be handicap accessible, installation of new flooring as well as new cabinets or roof and stucco projects or putting in a new air conditioning unit.

| USDA Self Help Program Income Limits: Imperial County | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Number of Family Members | 1 Person | 2 Person | 3 Person | 4 Person | 5 Person | 6 Person | 7 Person | 8 Person + |
| Very Low Income | 19,750 | 22,550 | 25,350 | 28,150 | 30,450 | 32,700 | 34,950 | 37,200 |
| Low Income | 31,550 | 36,050 | 40,550 | 45,050 | 48,650 | 52,250 | 55,850 | 59,450 |
| Moderate Income | 37,050 | 41,550 | 46,050 | 50,550 | 54,150 | 57,750 | 61,350 | 64,950 |
| 38 Year Term | 26,580 | 27,050 | 30,400 | 33,800 | 36,500 | 39,200 | 41,900 | 44,600 |
| Adjusted Median Income | 39,500 | 45,100 | 50,700 | 56,300 | 60,900 | 65,400 | 69,900 | 74,400 |

Add 8% for each person in excess of 8 to a 4 person limit except for moderate income families, for which \$5,500 should be added to the respective low-income limit for 8+ person families.

In order to participate in this program, families must agree to provide a portion of the labor needed to make the necessary repairs. Home owners participate in the Self-Help program by doing things such as cleaning up after the contractors.

Participants who are physically able to also perform duties such as demolition work.

In some instances participants have installed shingles, plumbing fixtures and water heaters and some have even done the painting of their units. To date, six homes here on the reservation have been rehabilitated under this program.

QHA would like to thank the USDA Rural Development Self-Help Program and RCAC Organization for their funding and support.

If you are interested in participating in this program or if you would like more information on how it works, please contact:

Karena Cobos, QHA Homeownership Counselor at (760)572-0243

The Imperial County USDA Rural Development office is located at:

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Main Street Cinemas Goes Dark

The Main Street Cinemas in historic downtown Yuma closed its doors on Thursday evening, September 18, 2014.

The eight screen movie house closed after 13 years in business, according to a news release from representatives of Main Street Cinemas, a joint venture of the Quechan Indian Tribe and managing partner Blue Diamond Entertainment, LLC. The undated release failed to specify exactly when the theater would close, saying only that the business would be shutting its doors “tonight”.

However, passersby noticed that white paper had been placed over the box office windows and posters promoting upcoming attractions on the outside walls of the theater had all been removed on Friday, September 19. Attempts to access the Main Street Cinemas showtimes on their website also came up empty that day, returning only a graphic which read “Showtimes for Friday, September 19, 2014

are currently unavailable.”

While the news release was apparently sent out to local media companies such as the *Yuma Sun* and perhaps the local television stations, it was not delivered to the *Quechan News* until a week after the closing.

Tribal Council member Clivia Cyndee Miller was quoted in the news release as a representative of the Tribe, saying, “It was necessary to close Main Street Cinemas as the theater operation was no longer viable. We thank our loyal patrons and our employees who made many great memories with us over the years.”

Dennis Metz, a representative of Blue Diamond Entertainment, LLC, said that employees were aware of the pending closure but were formally notified of the decision to close only one day before the doors were closed. Opened in June 2001, the Main St. Cinemas was originally built as an anchor for Yuma’s downtown redevelopment efforts.

Kwatsáan liyáa!

Quechan Sentence Structure

If you wanted to say “Don’t step on the snake!” in Quechan, here is one way to say it:

‘Aavé máy kakav’óor alyka’émk!

The parts of this sentence are:

| | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| ‘aavé | may | ka+kav’ór | alyka’ém+k |
| <i>snake</i> | <i>top</i> | <i>command</i> | <i>don’t!</i> |
| | | <i>+ step on</i> | <i>+ end of sentence</i> |

Sentence Structure Samples From
Kwatsáan liyáa Mattkuu’éeyk!
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Diamond Rivera Accepted at **ASU**

Tribal Member Credits Years of Dance, Community Involvement With Helping Her Get There



Quechan Tribal member Diamond Rivera graduated for Yuma's Gila Ridge High School, where she was the only Arizona student chosen to speak at the National AVID Conference as a senior. That's Diamond in the second photo above posing with her AVID teacher, Beth Osowski at the Conference. Diamond has spent years involved in dance, studying and performing jazz, modern, ballet and hip hop styles, often on stage. She's also won a number of Bird Contests over the years: she's seen above holding her second place award at the 2013 Sycuan Pow Wow, and competing at the 2013 Quechan Indian Days Bird Dance Contest just a few weeks later. Photos Courtesy of Rose Phipps and Diamond Rivera

Quechan Tribal member Diamond Rivera has managed to parley her years of dedication to dance, community service and educational achievement into letters of acceptance from both the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. The 2014 graduate of Gila Ridge High School selected ASU as her alma mater, where she is now a freshman residing at the University's downtown Phoenix campus studying Exercise and Wellness in preparation for a career in Physical Therapy.

The oldest of Rose Phipps' four children, Diamond has been a traditional dancer since the age of 5. An enrolled member of the Kwat'san tribe, she is descended from the Kwat'san, Kwapa and Kumeyaay people. "She dances Bird and Pipa, spending the months of June through September attending various southern California gatherings for both recreation and competition," her mother tells the *Quechan News*.

"She has won numerous first place titles in these competi-

tions. She also participates and competes in our local Indian Days celebration and the Strong Hearts Pow Wow every year."

She also learned to play peon at the age of 8 and has been competing in tournaments during her middle school years up to the present day. Her constant participation in traditional gatherings all over the area led to her being invited to teach young girls the Pipa dance style at both the Barona and Viejas reservations during their Summer Youth Cultural Camps.

She also looks forward to and regularly participates in the annual Redlands University wetland cleanup brought to the reservation by the Quechan EDA.

Diamond also found ways to express her love of dance throughout the school year while growing up. She spent all 4 years at Gila Ridge High School as a performing arts dancer, with performances at pep rallies, basketball and football games, and choreographing routines the entire time, while studying jazz,

performing, modern, ballet and hip hop dance styles. Her final solo performance at the end of her senior year was attended by more than 22 family members, both local and from out of town.

"Her love of dance has not been without consequence," says her mom. "She has dislocated and sprained both knees several times over the last three years. She finally required an ACL replacement and a repair to her partially torn meniscus. Despite this she still performed her senior solo using an orthopedic knee brace!"

Yet her classroom work didn't suffer, despite all of the extra-curricular dance activities.

She has been a member of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a course which prepares students for college, since the 6th grade. During her Senior year she entered and won an essay contest through AVID. She was then selected to present her essay in a speech in front of more than 4400 teachers, education professionals and

family. Her speech can be seen on YouTube. She is the only student from her high school and the only Arizona student chosen to speak at the AVID conference.

In the final months of her junior year, she was selected to participate in the Arizona Girls State Program through the American Legion. Nominated by her teachers to represent Gila Ridge, she participated in a full week of lectures and courses at the University of Arizona in Tucson related to state government. Through this she has learned the importance of plan-

ning for her future and the significance of community service.

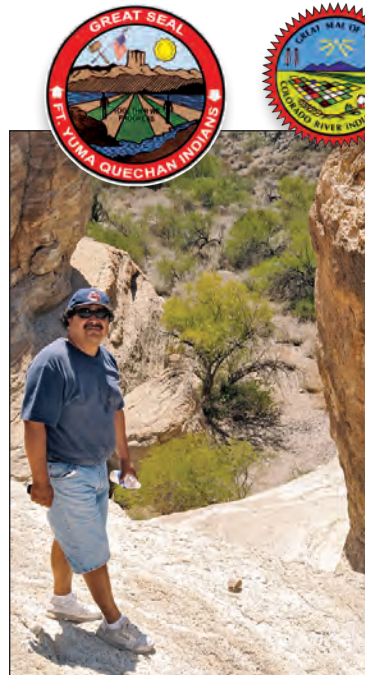
Her family wants to thank her constant supporters and mentors for helping her get where she is so far: Daniel and Amanda Murphy, Ernesto Moreno, Ira Murphy, Steve Banegas, countless family and friends, the Barona, Sycuan and Viejas communities, the Quechan Tribal Council, plus Allyson Collins of the Quechan EDA, Lewis Throssel, Lori Vest and her AVID teacher, Beth Osowski, as well as the Quechan Language and Higher Education Departments.



Diamond's love of expression through dance goes way back: That's her on the left at the Sycuan Pow Wow as contestant 295 at the age of 5!

TRIBAL MEMBERS VISIT WHITE TANKS AT Y.P.G.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Ron Escobar, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chemehuevi Tribal Council stands at the front edge of the upper White Tanks. There are additional water-carved tanks about 30 feet below the drop off immediately behind him.



Tribal members and YPG employees paused for a group photo at the end of their desert adventure, just before the visitors boarded the aircraft and Jeeps for their return to the Laguna Army Air Field. Those attached to YPG in the back row are Army medics SPC Roane and SPC Ham, Andrew Blatchford and Steve Dilks with North Wind Resource Consulting, and Meg McDonald, the Cultural Resources Manager at Y.P.G.



Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman of the Quechan Cultural Committee stops at the rim of the canyon to look over into the White Tanks wash with members of the flight crew (above). A few minutes later, Natasha Sanchez, Audray Ogo Harley, and Linda Ogo of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe stepped out above the tanks themselves for a similar pose (below).



Even in the driest years the natural tinajas retain some water (at left). The relentless action of centuries of flash floods coursing through a wash has carved out the white bedrock that gives the White Tanks their name. The opening to the tanks can barely be seen in the shadows of the bedrock, over 100 feet beneath the Jeeps on the hill (below).



The area is so remote it took almost 40 minutes to get there in Vietnam era UH-1 helicopters!



Quechan Tribal Council member Virgil Smith stops to take a water break after hiking down almost a half mile to the south edge of the upper White Tanks.



Cultural Resource Specialist Jefford Francisco of the Tohono O'odham Nation descends the rock cut steps to examine the upper most natural water tank.

ADAPP “Death Prevention” Educates and Entertains



Clients, staff and volunteers carried the ADAPP Banner from Indian Hill to the Community Center, to open the September 19 “Death Prevention” assembly. Special Diabetes Aide Pete Escalanti IV was one of the “ADAPP Network” speakers at the assembly. Both the network speakers and those who spoke from everyday life experience all emphasized the importance of community support in overcoming drug abuse, alcohol addiction and depression. The program included a dramatic skit which showed the often deadly, family shattering consequences of living a life of substance abuse.

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The Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) joined with other community service organizations like Social Services, the Indian Health Service, the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) and Rayna Madero’s “Native Cry” to present a “Death Prevention” program at the Quechan Community Center on September 19.

The program featured a group walk from Indian Hill to the Community Center to foster a sense of togetherness before everyone gathered on the lawn outside the entryway to release balloons carrying their prayers of remembrance for those they

have lost to suicide and addiction. Acting ADAPP Director Claudia Reyes said the day’s program might carry a harsh name, but the harsh reality is that too many people are being lost to addiction, alcohol and depression, and by looking at the harsh realities of the situation, maybe we can begin to find ways to reverse the trend.

ADAPP clients and program directors alike stepped forward to tell their own stories of how they work everyday to stay on track, to promote healthy living, hold each other up, and provide an understanding ear as well as a shoulder to lean on for friends, family and community members

who might be going through changes they don’t think they can handle. Everyone spoke on the need to stick together and provide common support for those who might be hurting.

The main portion of the program ended with a powerful and dramatic skit, written and directed by Tomás Jefferson. It showed the results of too much partying, as a young man passes out from alcohol poisoning, unnoticed by his rowdy friends as they laugh the night away. He dies alone, and the play ends with a heart wrenching scene at the county morgue as his mother and family are called upon to identify the body.

COMING TO THE Q:



Multi-platinum award winning recording artists Ann and Nancy Wilson and their band “Heart” will be appearing at the Quechan Casino Resort, rocking Winterhaven for one night only, Friday, October 17th.

Come enjoy these Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artists as they present the lush vocal harmonies and driving guitar riffs of

hits such as *Barracuda*, *Dreamboat Annie*, *Crazy on You*, *Magic Man* and *Dog and Butterfly!*

The live event begins at 8:00PM only at the Pipa Event Center inside the Q. Tickets are available at the Pipa Box Office, at www.playqcr.com, or by calling Star Tickets at 1(800)585-3737.

As always, you must be 21 years or older to attend.



THE 2014 QUECHAN COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

WILL START AT 5:00 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
AT THE QUECHAN
COMMUNITY CENTER

Costume Contest for All Ages - Including Seniors 55+: Sign-up for Contests Starting on Monday, October 20th at the Quechan Parks and Rec. Office
Registration for All Contests Ends at 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 25th!

GAMES FOR ALL AGES - FOOD & DRINKS
CANDY BAGS FOR THE KIDS!

BRING YOUR OWN CARVED PUMPKIN FOR THE PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST - ALL CONTESTS START AT 6:30PM!

PARENTS:
Please accompany your child for their Safety during the Carnival!



CalTrans Updates Andrade Port of Entry on Tribal Land

The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) has had a construction crew hard at work for the past month, dressing up the pedestrian path from the Andrade Port of Entry to the south end of the Sleepy Hollow Trailer Park. The walkway improvement project is taking place on a narrow strip of the highway right-of-way on the west side of Algodones Road.

The Quechan Tribe provided cultural resource monitors for the project, which involves the construction of three new wheelchair ramps from the pedestrian walkways to the raised Quechan Parking Lot. One ramp replaces a previously existing ramp just north of the U.S. Border Inspection Station, while two new ramps were installed at the far north and south ends of the Quechan Parking Lot.

The new, wider sidewalks follow a more meandering path from Sleepy Hollow to the border gate (passing through low maintenance desert landscaping) and three shade structures



A crew from CalTrans contractor **rsm² Constructors, Inc.** is installing new sidewalks, handicapped ramps, shade structures with informational kiosks and decorative safety lighting. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

with stone benches and trash receptacles. The shaded rest areas also feature twin information kiosks, which will provide tourists with facts about the Tribe.

New lighting is also being installed along the pathway, as well as a wider pebble finished decorative stone walkway near the customs inspection station.

The Quechan EDA assisted in the negotiations of a first-of-

its-kind joint powers agreement between the Quechan Tribe and CalTrans, which will allow the Tribe to provide the periodic maintenance of the facilities. This will increase long-term Tribal employment opportunities.

The entire project should be completed by mid-October, and is being paid for entirely through California state highway construction funding.

Yuma Community Job and Education Fair on Oct. 8

Several workforce development agencies will be hosting a Community Job and Education Fair from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Yuma Civic Center at 1440 W. Desert Hills Drive on Wednesday, October 8th.

This is the second time that all workforce development agencies have joined forces and sponsored one unified job fair to serve the community according to YPIC's Business Services Officer, Patrick Goetz. "This is the most employers and educators that we have ever had participate in a job fair in Yuma."

A total of over 100 employers and educators had signed up by late September. Goetz recommends that job seekers attending the job fair should have copies of their resumes in hand and be dressed for possible on-site interviews.

Achieve Human Services and partnering agencies will also simultaneously host the 4th Annual DREAM Job Fair for people with disabilities in conjunction with the Community Job and Education Fair.

D.R.E.A.M. (Disability and Re-

habilitation Employment Awareness Month) is celebrated every year during October.

Many of the companies attending the Job Fair require online applications. A Resource Center will be available on site with computers for job seekers to use so they can apply on-line. Goodwill Senior Director of Workforce Development Marco Garcia said, "This is a great opportunity for job seekers to meet with so many potential employers, and I am thrilled that we can make that connection."

Employment Preparation Workshops will be held at the Goodwill Career Center on Friday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 7th from 9:00 AM to Noon. Job seekers can register for the workshops by calling Goodwill at 1(928) 343-7600.

Those attending the workshops will be eligible for free professional clothing to attend the job fair. Career Resource Management Center Director Anthony Steen said, "This is a job fair designed with the community in mind, and it will have something for everyone."

QUECHAN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Quechan Tribal Members are encouraged to enroll their child(ren) for membership with the Quechan Tribe.

The Quechan Enrollment Application deadline for the Final Quarter of 2014 is Friday, December 5, 2014, at 5:00 PM (Arizona Time). Completed applications must include the following support documents:

- State Certified Birth Certificate (Copy)
- Social Security Card (Copy)
- If either parent is an enrolled member of another tribe, submit an updated Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and a letter of non-enrollment for the applicant.

Applications will not be processed until all the support documents have been received. Completed applications are processed quarterly.

The next Quarterly Meeting for the Enrollment Committee is scheduled for Mid-December.

Tribal members **must update** their mailing and physical addresses when necessary. Parents must update their minor childrens' addresses also. Your current mailing address is important as the Enrollment Department prepares the mailing labels for Revenue Distribution, Election Board and Tribal Administration business.

Contact the Quechan Enrollment Office at (760)572-0752 if you have questions regarding the enrollment application process.

Quechan Special Diabetes Program Employee Step Challenge Participants!

**Team Captains: please turn in
your Team Miles to Ana Hartt
EVERY Monday by 5:00 PM
from now until October 27th!**

**The Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians
(SDPI) will host a special Halloween Lunch for all
Employee Step Challenge participants
at the SDPI Building from Noon to 1PM
on Friday, October 31st!
See You There!**

Resolution R-171-14: A Resolution to approve a contract with Joseph Painting Company and the Quechan Indian Tribe for the sewer manhole project. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-172-14: A Resolution to approve a revocable permit to Engineering/Remediation Resources Group, Inc. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-173-14: A Resolution to approve a revocable permit to Union Pacific Railroad. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-174-14: A Resolution to approve a revocable permit to Fishel Company. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-175-14: A Resolution to approve a revocable permit to VCI Construction, Inc. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-176-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Language Revitalization Project for the Program Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-177-14: A Resolution to approve the submission of a grant application for the Colorado River Basin Tribal Water Study. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-178-14: A Resolution to approve the Johnson O'Malley Library Program budget for Program Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a*

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Official Resolutions Passed During The Month of September, 2014

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 53 Official Resolutions in September before this issue of the Estka Nav Ah Pai went to press. 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)572-0213, Ext. 204 or 206.

Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.

Resolution R-179-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Newsletter *Eska Nav Ah Pai* budget for the Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-180-14: A Resolution to approve the Land and Groundskeeping budget for the Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-181-14: A Resolution to approve the Higher Education/Employment Assistance Program Tribal Supplemental budget for Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-182-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-183-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-184-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved*

by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.

Resolution R-185-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #4 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-186-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #5 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-187-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #6 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-188-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #7 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-189-14: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #8 attending vocational education for the Fall 2014 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.*

Resolution R-190-14: A Resolu-

tion to approve the Title VI-C Program budget for the Program Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-191-14: A Resolution to approve the Title XX Program budget for the Program Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-192-14: A Resolution to approve the Title VI-A Program budget for the Program Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-193-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Senior Nutrition Center budget for Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-194-14: A Resolution to approve the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program budget for the Program Period 2014/2016. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-195-14: A Resolution to approve the BIA Law Enforcement Services budget for Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-196-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Police Department budget for the

Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-197-14: A Resolution to approve the Social Services Program budget Revision #1 for Federal Fiscal Year 2011/2012. *Approved by a vote of: 2 for; 0 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-198-14: A Resolution to approve the Social Services Program budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2012/2013. *Approved by a vote of: 2 for; 1 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-199-14: A Resolution to approve the Social Services Program budget for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013/2014. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 1 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-200-14: A Resolution to approve the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program budget for Federal Fiscal Year 2010/2011. *Approved by a vote of: 2 for; 0 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-201-14: A Resolution to approve the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program budget for the Federal Fiscal Year 2011/2012. *Approved by a vote of: 2 for; 0 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-202-14: A Resolution to approve the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Program budget for the Federal Fiscal Year 2012/2013. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.*

Resolution R-203-14: A Resolution to approve the Johnson O'Malley Program supplemental budget for the Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for;*

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0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-204-14: A Resolution to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness budget for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-205-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Tribal Court budget Revision #1 for the Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-206-14: A Resolution to approve the ADAPP & After Care Program budget Revision #1 for the Calendar Year 2013. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-207-14: A Resolution to approve the Special Projects Department budget for the Calendar Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-208-14: A Resolution to approve the Aid to Tribal Government/Comprehensive Planning budget Revision #1 for the Calendar Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-209-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Tribal Security Department supplemental budget for the Calendar Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 2 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-210-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan

Parenting Skills and Parent Aide Program budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 2 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-211-14: A Resolution to approve the Injury Prevention Program budget Revision #1 for the Program Year 2013/2014. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 2 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-212-14: A Resolution to approve the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program budget for the Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-213-14: A Resolution to approve the Department of Labor (DOL)/Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program budget for the Program Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 2 for, 0 against, 3 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-214-14: A Resolution to approve the removal of the Election Board Judge. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-215-14: A Resolution to approve an appointment for the Election Board Marshal. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 2 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-216-14: A Resolution to an appointment to the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity Board of Commissioners. Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-217-14: A Resolution to approve Amendment #2 for the professional services with Brodshatzer, Wallace, Spoon & Yip. Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 5, 2014.

Resolution R-218-14: A Resolution to approve an amendment to the resolution appointing an Election Board Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 12, 2014.

Resolution R-219-14: A Resolution to approve an appointment for an Election Board Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 12, 2014.

Resolution R-220-14: A Resolution to approve an amendment to the resolution appointing an Election Board Marshal. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 12, 2014.

Resolution R-221-14: A Resolution to accept the resignation of an Election Board Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 12, 2014.

Resolution R-222-14: A Resolution to approve a service agreement with CasinoRecruiter.com and the Quechan Indian Tribe. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 12, 2014.

Resolution R-223-14: A Resolution to overturn the recommendation of disenrollment of a person from the Quechan Indian Tribe. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 18, 2014.

Quechan Environmental Crew Removes Fire Hazards



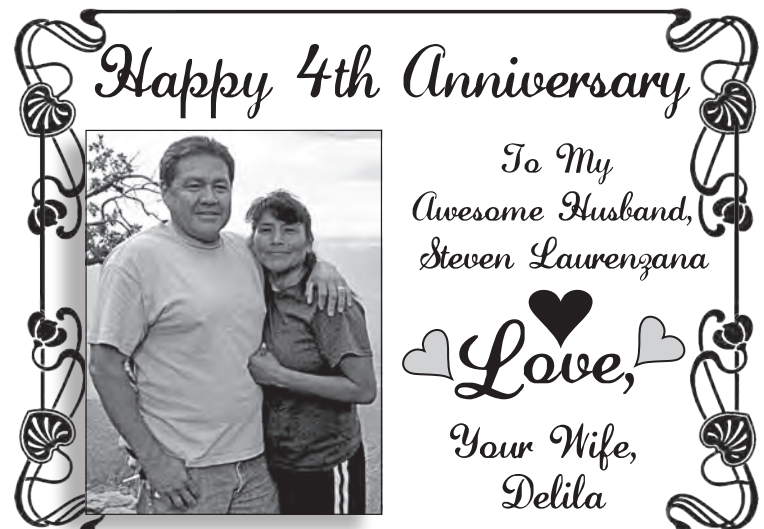
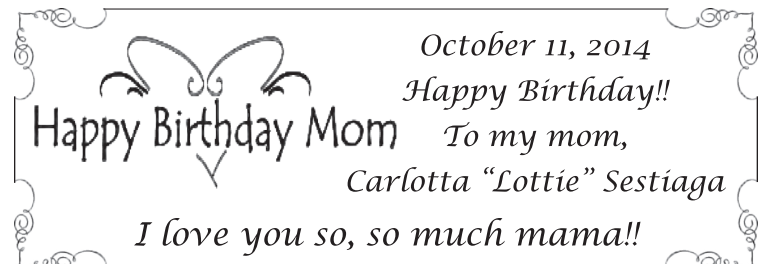
Emmett Hartt Jr., Jared Hartt and Mario Barley spent an entire week in September clearing out brush that had almost taken over the mostly empty acreage on Preston Arrow Weed's land. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

A BIA Fire Debris Removal grant has allowed work crews with the Quechan Environmental Department to spend the past few months clearing about 15 sites of excess vegetation which could fuel summer brush fires.

Over the summer, a WIA work crew made up of Travis Machado, Leo Alvarez and Andrew Luna joined Quechan Environmental workers Emmett Hartt Jr., Jared Hartt, Mario Barley, Cecil Palone and volunteer

Barry Comet to clear out salt cedars from a few homes in the old subdivision and remove the quail brush growing up around homes in the new subdivision. They also removed hazards from some scattered homesites and dense areas between Arnold and Indian Rock Roads.

A limited amount of funds are still available. Contact the Environmental Office and please leave a message, or dial Chase Choate's cell at (928) 503-3431.





Friday and Saturday - October 10th and 11th, 2014
At The Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe's Evergreen Park
On The Fort Yuma Indian Reservation



WITH THIS YEAR'S MISS QUECHAN PAGEANT

TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

OCTOBER 10TH, 2014

ON THE EVERGREEN PARK MAIN STAGE

BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 6:00PM



Friday Events

- 9:00 AM** Fun Run and Walk
At Diabetes Walk Park
- 10:00 AM** Shinny Tournament
- 11:00 AM** Children's Games and
Adult Games
- 6:00 PM** Miss Quechan Nation
Pageant On Main Stage

Saturday Events

- 9:00 AM** Indian Day Parade
- 11:30-1:30PM** Sign Up for Bird
Dancing /Singing
- 2:00 PM** Bird Dancing /Singing
Contests for All Ages
- 5:30 PM** Community Barbeque
- Dusk** Peon Tournament

Located Just North of Historic Downtown Yuma, Az

VENDORS: Be sure to pick up your Quechan Tribe Business Permit!

Contact Frank Venegas at the Quechan Economic Development Administration For More Information: edaasstplanner@quechantribe.com Or Call (760)572-5270