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Election Approaching

It has already been two years since the current Tribal Council was elected to represent the Quechan people, which means it is time to head back to the polls and do it all over again.

The Quechan Tribal Council passed a series of official Resolutions beginning in early September, appointing five Tribal members to form an Election Board to oversee the December General Election. At the end of October, the Board included Judge Starla M. Cachora, Election Board Marshal Cody I. Hartt; two Clerks; Cheyenne Escalanti and Yvonne Summers; with Deborah Villicaña as the Primary Alternate.

Since being seated, the Quechan Election Board has been hard at work following the procedures set out in the Quechan Election Ordinance, posting a timeline of events connected to the election as well as deadline notices for the submission of nominating petitions. Two important dates on that timeline have already passed. The first was having the ballot box retrieved from the Quechan Police Department safe and delivered to the Quechan Tribal Council chamber. There, the box was unsealed before the witnesses present and the ballots and tally sheets from the December 2012 election were removed.

After the official witnesses



The Quechan Tribal Council carefully observed as Marshal Cody I. Hartt of the Quechan Election Board unlocked, unsealed and emptied the official ballot box in the Council Chambers on October 16. Once Judge Starla M. Cachora had all of the materials left over from the December 2012 election sealed in evidence bags, the empty ballot box was resealed for this year's general election.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

signed the affidavit certifying the ballot box is now empty, both the lower chamber (for absentee ballots) and the upper chamber (for use at the polling place on Election Day) were relocked and resealed.

The next day, the Board posted an eligible voters list as determined by the Enrollment Office, which is still subject to correction. The final corrected eligible voters list will be posted at the Tribal Office, Pipa Market and Community Center on Tuesday, November 18.

Right now, another important deadline looms, with Wednesday, November 5th be-

ing the last day the Election Board will accept requests for special needs accommodations or voter assistance at the polls. If you or someone in your family might want assistance, you have until 5:00 PM that day to meet with the Election Board at their office behind Fish and Game make your needs known.

Those wishing to run for office have until 5:00 PM on Friday, November 21, 2014 to turn in their nominating petitions to Tribal Council Secretary Alexis Summerfield. Those petitions must be signed by at least 10 enrolled adult Tribal members at least 18 years old at the time

they sign the petition.

In the meantime, the Election Board is holding voter/candidate information meetings every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Election Board office until the week of Thanksgiving. The two hour information sessions begin at 5:00 PM.

Next Tuesday is the Veterans Day holiday. That leaves only Wednesday, November 5th this week, Wednesday, November 12 next week, plus November 18 and 19 the following week, if you wish to attend. And remember: if you have questions about any of this, call the Election Board at (760) 572-0664.

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A Visit With Actor Saginaw Grant

As Recounted by Contemporary Native Artist Pascha Nierenhausen

Quechan Tribal member Pascha Nierenhausen received a special, personal honor at last month's 2014 CRIT Pow Wow in Parker, when she developed a quick bond with the well-known public figure and native elder, Saginaw Grant.

Her special connection with the veteran actor began at a meet and greet put together as part of that weekend's Nativisions Film Festival.

"Saginaw Grant is no different than any other elder I've met or spent time with," according to Pascha. "I honor and warmly greet all the elders. With that said, I had asked to take some pictures with him and my fellow Quechan tribal members and family. And very soon after, I and Manfred Scott found that Saginaw had sat down to view the CRIT festivities with us!"

She says that Saginaw was most intrigued and entertained, as he enjoyed his time with them on a wondrous and beautiful night in Parker, Arizona. "I never would never have guessed I would have such a kinship with him within seconds of our meeting, even though, at first, there were no words spoken," she recalls. "Naturally, the first thing I asked was if he was ok – did he have enough to eat and drink, was he comfortable or was he tired and wanting to head back to his hotel? But he said he was okay, and right away, we just began to soul talk."

"For over an hour, we talked about his career as a writer;



Veteran actor, native elder, writer and philosopher Saginaw Grant honored Quechan Tribal member Pascha Nierenhausen at the 2014 CRIT Pow Wow, sitting with her for over an hour to share his observations on a life worth living.

Photo Courtesy of Pascha Nierenhausen

which he tells me is his utter passion, as well as being a native actor. He also revealed his plans to write a play, which would have him engaging with children surrounding him on stage, as he tells stories. He told me of the utter importance of our Native American Culture – how it is imperative to learn and practice our roots, to instill it within our children so it permeates our tribal communities."

"I was a little native girl, sitting beside my elder while absorbing his testimony on life; Saginaw began to pour his soul into my lap, revealing profound realities and challenging my thinking—and he was determined to ignore the negativity and embrace the positives, to make life simple." Pascha says his message seeped in to saturate her blood.

She was so taken with his personality and the easy connection

they shared that she asked him to visit our Quechan tribe. He said that he is interested, if it fits in his schedule.

And so, the beautiful evening ended with the lingering aroma of frybread and the sounds of tribal members dancing, singing and laughing all around.

As he got ready to head in for the night, Mr. Grant asked Pascha to help him with his paperwork, and she walked with him to his car. She says that once she helped him get his papers safely into the car, "He had decided to gift me with a few items, and we hugged and we bid peace to one another — 'Til next time, see you on the Red Road in Amerika,' were Saginaw's final words as he closed the door."

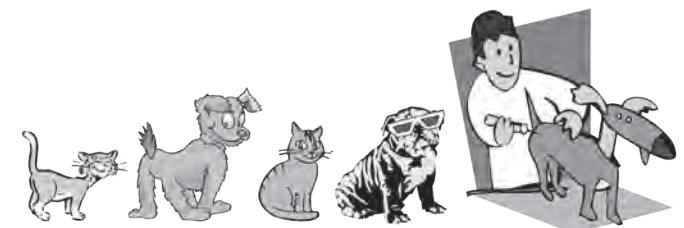
"Life is simple, it is the being that makes life hard with the wrong choices in life."

— Saginaw Grant

The Annual Quechan Head Start VETERAN'S DAY PARADE Will Get Underway at 10:00 AM On Monday, November 10, 2014



Come Join Us on Indian Hill As Our Children Salute Our Quechan Military Veterans and Current Service Members



WHAT: RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

WHERE: QUECHAN COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014

TIME: 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

All dogs and cats should have their first rabies vaccination followed by a booster shot within the first year. Thereafter, they should receive a vaccination every three years. Dogs and cats must be 3 months (12 weeks) old before they can be vaccinated.

All pet owners are responsible for their pets during the rabies clinic.

A cat placed in a cage, carrier, burlap bag, or pillow case, is much easier to handle. Dogs should be leashed at all times during the clinic.

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

Ah Keel Dance Group Attends Navajo Fair, CRIT Pow Wow



After arriving in Farmington, New Mexico, the group posed for a photo dressed in their best. Seen at left above are (L to R): Dan Hunter, Tessy Escalanti, Marilyn Dewey, Alva Emerson, Vivian Menta, Perdius Escalanti, Gail Johns, Donna Herrera and Arlie Emerson. They arrived in Parker a few days later, to join up with the current San Pasqual Middle School Princess (in the center photo, at left), Teresa Valenzuela, seen posing with her friend, Cynthia Emerson. Once the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Pow Wow got rolling, they all jumped in to compete with their age groups. Seen at right above are Quechan bird dancers Shirley Hart, Gail Johns, Eileen Valenzuela and Alva Emerson.

Ah Keel Photos by Gary Gilbert

The members of the Quechan Ah Keel Dance Group made a quick trip of over 1000 miles during the first week of October, to attend and compete in two of the big Native cultural events that always take place at this time of year.

They first headed northeast to take in the Navajo Elder Fest in Farmington, New Mexico, enjoying both cooler weather and a change of scenery to take part in one of the largest autumn gatherings in the Four Corners area each year.

There, they performed the Quechan Harvest Dance (the *Ah-Keel*) for the *Dineh* people and their guests. Group leader Arlie Emerson explained that they formed to preserve the fall

traditions of the Kwatsáan Pipá, singing songs and performing dances which give thanks for the Harvest.

"It is the season to pick vegetables and crops that were planted earlier and are now ready to be harvested," dancer Gail Johns explained, when asked about their trip. "Such as pumpkin, squash, fruits, vegetables, wheat, corn, and a variety of beans. In performing these dances, the Ah Keel Dance Group are doing their interpretation of the Harvest."

Though their tight schedule limited their stay in Navajo country to only two days and a night, they were able to give a complete performance there. They were even able to compete

in a couple of dance contests, before circling back around to take in the CRIT Pow Wow in Parker on the way home.

There, they met up with many more Quechan Tribal members who had also traveled north to take part in the festivities.

The Ah Keel dancers signed up for the Saturday, October 4th evening dance contests, and did quite well despite having to compete against local notables such as Roland Golding and the current Miss Cocopah, Santana Salazar.

The current Miss Native San Pasqual Elementary and Middle School Princesses, Marianna Shepard and Teresa Valenzuela also appeared at the Pow Wow, marching in the morning Grand



Dan Hunter took the time to demonstrate his most intimidating look for dancing (above) before "entering the ring" in Navajo Country.

While Alva and Eileen (seen at left) adopted a more serene approach later that week during their bird dance competition in Parker.

Entry with Native Royalty from all over the southwest.

When it was over, Shirley Hart and Gail Johns had taken the first and third place cash prizes (respectively) in the Women's age 55 Bird Dancing

competition, while Arlie Emerson took the first prize for the men in that bracket. For those just a little younger, Ah Keel members Christobal Emerson and Dan Hunter took the Men's 1st and 2nd place awards!

Have You Bought a Baby Tortoise? Here Are a Few Things You Should Know:

Quechan Fish and Game Officer Travis Owl says he noticed an Indian Days vendor offering cute little tortoise hatchlings as pets, which a few Tribal members took a real shine to. He says that those little reptiles were African Suleata Tortoises, which is also known as the African Spurred Tortoise.

Although they can make great pets, these animals can present significant challenges. They grow up to be the third largest tortoise in the world, averaging 3 feet long and weighing up to 200 lbs. Oh - and they can live up to 150 years, so you could be passing them down to your great grandchildren!

They require large enclosures where they can dig burrows up to 10 ft. deep. They need temperatures above 60°F and grass bedding, and should be fed *very* minimal fruit or sugary foods. Their natural diet primarily consists of many types of grasses and plants which are high in fiber and very low in protein: something like the arrowweed, grasses and scrub brush around here. Due to their high dietary fiber needs, grasses normally form at least three-quarters of their daily food intake.

Prickly pear cactus pads, hibiscus leaves, hay from various grasses, and dandelions are generally safe. Some common



Yes, they're cute now, but African Suleata Tortoises can grow up to three feet long, weigh up to 200 lbs, and live for 150 years.

garden plants, such as azaleas, are toxic to tortoises.

The Suleata Tortoise is a vo-

racious animal that will often overeat, and may require calcium supplements, since the soil

here is different from that of the southern saharan and sahel regions they are native to.

However, coming from areas like Ethiopia and Chad, the weather and other conditions here agree with them. However: **DO NOT RELEASE THESE ANIMALS INTO THE WILD**, as they could present negative effects on the local environment, overwhelming the native desert tortoises. The males of this species are very aggressive, and will fight to the death!

If you find you can no longer care for your pet Suleata Tortoise, call Quechan Fish & Game at (760) 572-0544 and have them come pick it up.

Meet The New Miss Quechan and Her First Attendant

The newly crowned Miss Quechan Nation for 2014/15 is Miss Diamond Marie Rivera.

An enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe, Diamond is a descendant of the Quechan, Kumeyaay, and Cocopah tribes. She is the daughter of Rose Phipps and the late Edwin Rivera. Her maternal grandparents are Gwendolyn Murphy of the Quechan and Kumeyaay tribes and Geraldo Moreno of the Cocopah Tribe.

Diamond is currently a freshman at Arizona State University and she is majoring in exercise and wellness.

She has a long-time love of dance, and has been competing in native dance competitions since she was a child. Diamond trained in hip-hop, jazz and contemporary dance styles throughout her middle school

Diamond Rivera

The new Miss Quechan Nation for 2014-15, Diamond Rivera is currently a freshman at Arizona State University in Tempe.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



and high school years, and enjoys going to dance conventions and learning new routines. She also enjoys traveling to different gatherings and powwows to participate in traditional dance contests and peon tournaments.

"I love going to gatherings and pow wows because I am passionate about my culture and am proud that I can go to these functions and participate and have fun dancing next to my friends and family," she says.

Continuing with her introduction, Diamond explains what motivates her: "Helping out in the community is something I encourage because it's a learning opportunity. It's an

opportunity to learn about your surroundings and the people around you."

She also says that, "Helping different tribes and my tribe is rewarding because I always come back learning something new about my people and my people's past."

"I like to think that I am a good role model to my siblings and to younger people because I try my best in everything I do and am not afraid of a challenge. My challenges include being the first in my family to go to university, and continuing to be drug and alcohol free in a community that's well-known for drugs and alcohol. I don't give in to peer pressure because I stop and think how this is going to benefit me and affect the goals I have for the future."

Her goals include graduating from ASU with a bachelor's in exercise and wellness so she can attend graduate school to become a physical therapist.

As the runner-up from this year's pageant, Maricela Barley now becomes the First Attendant to Miss Quechan Nation, ready

to step into the role of Miss Quechan if Diamond Rivera is unable to complete her term for any reason.

An enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe, Maricella is descended from both the Quechan and Cocopah Tribes. She is 21 years old and the oldest of seven children. Maricella grew up here on the reservation, where she played on the San Pasqual High varsity volleyball team all four years, graduating as one of the top 10 of her class.

She is the proud daughter of Marlon Barley Sr. and Aracely Le-Roy, while her paternal grandparents are Marlow Barley Sr. and the late Marveen



Maricela Barley

A top 10 graduate of San Pasqual High, 21 year old Maricela Barley is the receptionist at Quechan Social Services.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Brown. Her great-grandparents are the late Fritz Brown and the late Alice Brown, along with the late Owen Barley and the late Delores Barley.

She says that she doesn't know where she would be in this life if she did not have all those amazing and strong role models in her family.

Currently employed by the Quechan Tribe, she has been working at Quechan Social Services for a little over a year. She says there is no greater joy than assisting her fellow tribal members in any way she can. She also hopes to earn a degree in secondary education from NAU to give back to her community.

Social Services Adds Nickki Miguel, General Assistance Eligibility Worker

Over this past summer, the Quechan Social Services Department hired Tribal member Nickki Miguel as their General Assistance Eligibility Worker.

Nickki had previously served at Social Services for five years in 2008, serving as a G.A. Eligibility Worker for two of those years. During that time she says she gained a great deal of experience under the tutelage of the Social Services Director at the time, Ms. Marilyn Swafford.

"I enjoyed my first years here working alongside the other staff members," she says, "but due to the way Program Funding and Grants change, I was placed in a different tribal department for quite some time."

Nickki says the vagaries of federal funding led to cutbacks when the economy took a nose-dive a few years back, which eliminated quite a few jobs for a while, including hers. But she doesn't feel that time was wasted: "Even though I was out of a job for some time, during my unemployment I was able to spend more time at home with my family," she explains.

She decided to take a journey into the working world again this year, when she found temporary employment in the Tribe's Finance Department.

"Shortly after taking that job, I saw the General Assistance advertisement and I re-applied right away!" she continues.

"After I went through the interview process I was hired as the Eligibility Worker once again, and I'm so very grateful to be back at a job I love."

That job involves more than general clerical duties such as filing, typing and copying documents. This is a highly respon-



Nickki Miguel provides clerical support to members of the Quechan Tribe seeking social services' assistance. She not only keeps track of all their records, she can even help Tribal members with filling out the documents needed to receive assistance. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

sible position intended to provide support to Quechan Tribal members seeking assistance. So, Nickki not only provides and keeps track of all applications for General Assistance, she assists the clients in filling out their applications as well.

The job requires an ability to deal with all kinds of people and personalities in a professional, courteous manner in all kinds of situations. To get the job, Nickki not only had to pass an administrative skills test, she also has to demonstrate mature judgment and the ability to work with minimal supervision on a daily basis.

It's a job that normally calls for a college level education. That could mean Nickki may be looking to pursue future courses working towards an Associate's Degree in General Business (or something similar) as she moves up in her career at Social Services.

Saying she is "A very proud enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe," Nickki grew up here on the reservation, where she attended the San Pasqual schools.

"My parents are Kathleen Miguel and the late Nathan Nerva," she tells the *Quechan News*. "I did leave for some time to attend the Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California, where I met numerous tribal members of other nations. And while I did enjoy my experience as a Sherman student, I was also happy to return home to continue my education back at San Pasqual where I was a member of the Strong Hearts Native Society, so I was able to graduate here at home as a Warrior."

Soon after graduating, Nickki began working for Quechan Social Services through the WIA/DOL Program. She then spent 2 years as a temporary office worker for the Tribe.

"I love working here," she says. "I would love to continue my education in Human Services, but right now my main focus is helping our Tribal members as they become more self-sufficient. I would like to thank all my family, friends, coworkers and fellow tribal members who have encouraged me to be where I am in life today."

Happy Anniversary

On October 27

Mr. James Hunt
and
Mrs. Dawn Hunt

Happy 1st BirthDay!

To
Liliana
Bella Michele
Salinas-Golding,
From Mom, Dad,
Tristan and
Jenoah!

Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

Quechan Sentence Structure

If you wanted to say "The dog is happy and wagging its tail" in Quechan, one way to say it is:
Xátt tsoqtsoqənyts xalakúyk aa'árəny aaxweshxwéshk.

The parts of this sentence are:

xátt.tsoqtsoq+ny+ts xalakúy+k
 dog + the + subject he.is.joyful + same.subject
aa'ár+ny aaxweshxwésh+k
 tail + the he.wags.it + end.of.sentence

Sentence Structure Samples From
Kwatsáan Iiyáa Mattkuu'éeyk!
 (Learn the Quechan Language!)

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

PAGEANT NIGHT IMAGES

QUECHAN NEWS Photos By William Isbell

This year, the Miss Quechan Nation Pageant was held on Friday evening under the stars on the main stage area at the Evergreen Park: perhaps this is the start of a new more natural, "back-to-the earth" tradition for the year's premier event!



For her talent, pageant winner Diamond Rivera demonstrated the tactics used in playing Peón.



The outgoing Miss Quechan, Gina Rivera said goodbye to the crowd in the cool evening air.



Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the pageant.



Frank Venegas, Commander of Quechan Post 802 marched at the head of the visiting royalty and traditional singers for the night's pageant, to open the event by raising the flag to an honor song.



Each contestant gave an excellent introductory speech on their background and education.



For the question and answer portion, the contestants dressed in "business casual" this year.



Visiting Tribal royalty included representatives from the Pi and Cocopah Tribes, plus Miss Colorado River Indian Tribes and the San Pasqual Middle School and Elementary Princesses.



Contestant Maricela Barley danced in a variety of traditional styles to demonstrate her talent.



Gina Rivera wrapped up her two terms as Miss Quechan with her final dance before the crowd.



Gina then presented the crown to the Tribe's new royal representative, Miss Diamond Rivera.



Little Faye Short took home the top prize for the best traditional dress competition in the infants to 3 years old age bracket.



Pass the Beans and **Stomp the Balloon** were two games that found favor with all ages. The 5 to 8 year olds are seen at left trying to keep the beans moving before the music stops, while at right above, Keija and Mariah Koteen of the 13 to 17 age group both rush to be the first to pop Xavier John's balloon.



Sierra Rea takes first place in **Don't Spill The Beans** for 9-12, while **Jaleen Bohannon** struggles to keep his bowl of beans on top.



Jayven Wynn was this year's best dressed 4 to 7 year old boy.



Zion White took the best male dancer prize for ages 13 to 17.



The best traditionally dressed girl in the 4 to 7 years old age bracket was **Aubrinna Barley**.



One time Miss Quechan for 2006-07, **Ana Hartt** took the best female dancer, ages 18 to 35.



While the current Miss San Pasqual Middle School, **Teresa Valenzuela** won the 13-17 prize.



This year's best bird dancer for ladies aged 36 to 55 was **Jolita Ameelyenah**.



And Shirley Hart danced away with an energetic win over all the ladies aged 56 years and older!

SDPI Begins Indian Days With Exercise And A Healthy Meal



Faron Owl (at left, above) leads a group of Tribal members around the Quechan Diabetes Walking Park during the combined 5K Fun Run and community walk that began the Indian Days weekend on October 10.

The staff of the Quechan Special Diabetes Project for Indians (SDPI) led off the Indian Days festivities once again with a round of morning exercise followed by a good healthy breakfast for everyone involved.

There were three levels of exercise for participants, with all who registered getting a medal at the end for finishing.

Those who are really athletic (like the members of the San Pasqual track team) were able to take part in a 10 kilometer "fun run" heading south out of Evergreen Park, across the Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge, and along the edge of the river. Everyone else could either run at least four circuits to achieve a distance of 5 kilometers around

the Walking Park, or perhaps take a leisurely one mile walk, and still get some exercise.

San Pasqual High's Adam Wong came in first on the 10K run, after which everyone sat down to a healthy breakfast.



Brian Warner of the Special Diabetes Project whipped up a hot oatmeal breakfast for everyone who came out for the morning jog.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Quechan Election Board Call for Nominations

All Nominating Petitions for the December 1st Quechan General Election For the Offices of:

President, Vice President and Five (5) Council Members

must be submitted to the Secretary of the Quechan Tribal Council no later than Friday, November 21, 2014 at 5:00 PM for Certification of the Legality of such Petition per the Constitution of the Quechan Tribe; Article V, Sections 1 and 2

ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Please call the Election Board at (760) 572-0664 if you have any questions.

QUECHAN INDIAN DAYS: BIRD DANCING AND TRADITIONAL CULTURE CONTESTS WINNERS

Children's Infant to 3 Years Traditional Dress Contest

Overall Girl: Faye Short

Children's 4 to 7 Years Traditional Dress Contest

Overall Girl: Aubrinna Barley
Overall Boy: Jayven E. Wynn

Girls 8 to 12 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Brina Ironcloud
2nd: Reagan Goforth
3rd: Tonisha Honga

Girls 13 to 17 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Teresa Valenzuela
2nd: Xyntrice Barley
3rd: Santana Salazar

Women 18 to 35 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Ana Hartt
2nd: Chantel Ameelyenah
3rd: Heather Rae Evanston

Women 36 to 55 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Jolita Ameelyenah
2nd: Joyce Paya
3rd: Dorinda Iron Cloud

Women 56 and Over Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Shirley Hart
2nd: Jorigine Paya
3rd: Marianna Bobtailbear

Boys 8 to 12 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Jerryn Goforth
2nd: Jentry Goforth
3rd: Jason Coyote

Boys 13 to 17 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Zion White
2nd: Cedric Lukee
3rd: Eagle Vigil

Men 18 to 35 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Todd Tapija
2nd: James Cuero
3rd: Elias Ameelyenah

Men 36 to 55 Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Cristobal Emerson
(Only Contestant Entered)

Men 56 and Over Traditional Dance Contest

1st: Roland Golding
(Only Contestant Entered)

Men's 18 to 55 Winner-Take-All Dance Challenge

James Cuero

Indian Days Parade Winning Entries

Overall Sweepstakes:
San Pasqual Elementary School
(Theme: "Honoring Our Past,
Celebrating Our Future")

1st: Quechan Police Department
2nd: Red Boy Boxing Club
3rd: Preservation of Kwat'san Way

Parade Grand Marshalls:
Timothy O'Brian
Marianna Bobtailbear

Congratulations to all the 2014 Indian Days Contests Winners!



Christine says she can make custom beaded capes. Drop by the Senior Center and ask for her if you are interested. You can pick any three colors, a light, a dark and a contrasting shade, and she will get right on it!

Tribal Member Enjoys Craft of Making Beaded Capes

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

One of the booths at the early October Quechan Indian Days celebration featured the work of Christine Lopez, who has really gotten into creating traditional beaded capes.

"I first learned to do bead-work when I started going to the Quechan Senior Center," she tells the *Quechan News*.

"During that time I went to a few language conferences, and there was a young man teaching a beading class, which I attended. He said it was called 'Peach

Spring Style'. I really liked the way it looked and that is the style I do now."

"I enjoy beading very much, and when I see the finished product, I feel proud and honored that I was taught how to bead. I want to thank all the Tribal and non-Tribal visitors for both their nice compliments and for purchasing my capes during the Quechan Indian Days celebration. I also want to thank the people who taught me how to bead."



YCAB Route 10 Winter Schedule:

Effective Monday, November 3, 2014 - Sunday March 8, 2015

YCAB Route 10 is the only Route in the Yuma County Area Transit system which connects with the Imperial County Transportation Commission system. That means when California returns to "Pacific Standard Time" at the end of October, the Route 10 pickup and drop off times change for the winter months. Here are the Mon. & Wed. and Saturday Schedules for YCAB Turquoise Route 10 to El Centro during the winter months of 2014/2015.

WINTER		Turquoise Route 10 - Interstate 8 / El Centro / Yuma											
		SATURDAY ONLY											
Summer Schedule Effective: March 9, 2014 - November 2, 2014 and March 8, 2015 to November 1, 2015													
Westbound from Yuma to El Centro													
Yuma	Ft. Yuma	Winterhaven	Ft. Yuma	El Centro									
Arrival Times for YCAB Routes (Downtown Yuma Transit Center)	Downtown Yuma Transit Center (3rd St. at Gila St.) DEPART	Paradise Casino	Winterhaven Dr. at Railroad Ave. (Hub Liquor)	Quechan Casino Resort	Imperial Valley Mall at Dillard's ² On Request ¹	Imperial Ave. at 7th St. (El Centro Regional Medical Center ¹) ARRIVE	State St. at 7th St. (El Centro Bus Terminal) ARRIVE						
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El Centro	Ft. Yuma	Winterhaven	Ft. Yuma	Yuma									
State St. at 7th St. (El Centro Bus Terminal) DEPART ⁴	Aurora Dr. at 4th St. ¹	Quechan Casino Resort	Winterhaven Dr. at 2nd Ave. (Gonzo's Super Save USA)	Paradise Casino	Downtown Yuma Transit Center (3rd St. at Gila St.) ARRIVE	Departure Times for YCAB Routes (Downtown Yuma Transit Center)	Departure Times for YCAB Routes (Downtown Yuma Transit Center)						
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						Rte 4 2:18	Rte 4 11:18						
						Rte 4A 2:30	Rte 4A 11:30						
						Rte 5 2:19	Rte 5 11:19						
						Rte 95 2:32	Rte 95 11:32						
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IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT — SATURDAY SCHEDULE Effective: July, 2014							
Departures / El Centro Regional Bus Transfer Terminal				Arrivals / El Centro Regional Bus Transfer Terminal			
1 to Calexico	2 to Brawley	3 to Holtville	4 to Seely	Blue Line	Green Line	1 from Calexico	2 from Brawley
12:50	1:30	1:20	12:35	—	—	11:40	11:15
5:10	4:10	5:40	4:55	—	—	2:50	3:35

WINTER		Turquoise Route 10 - Interstate 8 / El Centro / Yuma											
		MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY											
Winter Schedule in Effect: Monday, November 3, 2014 to Saturday, March 8, 2015													
Westbound from Yuma to El Centro													
Yuma	Ft. Yuma	Winterhaven	Ft. Yuma	El Centro									
Arrival Times for YCAB Routes (Downtown Yuma Transit Center)	Downtown Yuma Transit Center (3rd St. at Gila St.) DEPART	Paradise Casino	Winterhaven Dr. at Railroad Ave. (Hub Liquor)	Quechan Casino Resort	Imperial Valley Mall at Dillard's ² On Request ¹	Imperial Ave. at 7th St. (El Centro Regional Medical Center ¹) ARRIVE	State St. at 7th St. (El Centro Bus Terminal) ARRIVE						
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Rte 2 8:27	8:30	8:34	8:38	8:47	8:45 ³	8:53	8:58						
Rte 4 8:16													
Rte 4A 8:20													
Rte 5 8:11													
Rte 95 8:14													
Rte 2 3:27	2:30	2:34	2:38	2:47	2:45 ³	2:53	2:58						
Rte 4 3:16													
Rte 4A 3:20													
Rte 5 3:08													
Rte 95 3:14													

WINTER		Turquoise Route 10 - Interstate 8 / El Centro / Yuma											
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Winter Schedule in Effect: Monday, November 3, 2014 to Saturday, March 8, 2015													
Eastbound from El Centro to Yuma													
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IMPERIAL VALLEY TRANSIT — WEEKDAY SCHEDULE Effective: July, 2014							
Departures / El Centro Regional Bus Transfer Terminal				Arrivals / El Centro Regional Bus Transfer Terminal			
1 to Calexico	2 to Brawley	3 to Holtville	4 to Seely	Blue Line	Green Line	1 from Calexico	2 from Brawley
9:30	9:30	10:40	1:00	9:30	9:30	8:45	7:55
3:20	3:20	3:20	3:20	3:20	3:20	2:35	2:10

SHAKE OUT AT FORT YUMA IHS CLINIC



LCDRs Scott Raisor and Amanda Parris of the Indian Health Service began the 2016 Great American Shake Out drill by ducking, covering and holding on under the IHS conference room table! Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The Fort Yuma Indian Health Clinic took part in the Great Shake-Out Earthquake Drill on October 16, 2014, with a pre-recorded "this is only a drill" announcement over their P.A. System at 10:00AM. The drill tested reactions to a 7.2 magnitude shaker similar to the Easter Sunday earthquake of 2010.

The entire staff participated in a "Drop, Cover and Hold-on Drill" at the start of the exercise, before going back to their usual daily interactions with patients. Upper level staff members of the Incident Management Team then reported to the main conference room for a

"tabletop exercise" lasting until noon. There, they broke up into two teams and discussed how they would respond to a real life earthquake while on the job. The Team will use the resulting data to improve procedures in maintaining their preparedness.

The exercise was overseen locally by LT Kendra Vieira, the Environmental Health Officer/Safety Officer at the Fort Yuma Clinic along with LCDR Amanda Parris of the U.S. Public Health Service, who came down from the Phoenix IHS headquarters precisely for the purpose of guiding the staff through a successful drill.



Congratulations to Miss Quechan



Dear Ms. Rivera,

I would like to congratulate you on your new reign as Miss Quechan 2014-2015.

It was an honor to run alongside you in the pageant. You are a very kind girl, and I am glad someone as genuine as you is now invested with the title of Miss Quechan.

Being Miss Quechan is a very serious decision, but I have all the faith in the world that you will excel in your reign.

Good Luck at ASU and Congratulations.

To my Family and Friends, dress makers, Bird and Pipah Singers, the entire Polk/Smith Family, and pageant committee: Thank you for helping me prepare for this very important milestone in my life. I do not know where I would be if I did not have all of you in my life.

Thank you.

Respectfully, Maricela Barley

Time For A Big Birthday



To: Nianna Celen Arroyo

Happy 7th Birthday on November 29th!
I Love You!
~Mom

Commercial Space Available

The Quechan Economic Development Administration has new commercial lot spaces and daily vendor spaces available for rent at 475 Quechan Drive, just south of the Pipa Market. All spaces are now ready for use, just before the busy Winter Visitor season begins!

Commercial lots for business trailers or food concession trucks are available on 6-month or 1-year terms. The commercial lots have electrical, water and sewer hookups. Contact Allyson Collins at the EDA at (760) 572-5270 for more information and to submit your proposal for one of the available lots.

There are also four table and canopy daily vendor spaces available next to the commercial lots, available at \$10.00/day. These spaces share an electrical outlet and a water faucet. To rent one of these spaces, submit a completed Space Reservation Application prior to use to Frank Venegas at the EDA Office. Phone: (760) 572-5270

All vendors must obtain a valid Business Permit with the Quechan EDA, located at 604 Picacho Road, Winterhaven, CA. All food vendors must also obtain a Food Handlers Certification.

THE QHA CORNER:

USDA SECTION 504 HOME REPAIR LOANS AND GRANTS FOR QHA SELF HELP REHAB PROGRAM

The USDA Section 504 loan and grant program provides loans and grant funds to pay for needed repairs and improvements to dwellings of eligible very low income families. Grant funds must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

Eligible Applicants

- Very-low income (50% of county median income or less)
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or be legally admitted for permanent residence
- Must have a credit history that indicates a reasonable willingness to meet obligations
- Must have sufficient and dependable income for loan repayment
- Must possess legal capacity to incur the debt
- Be unable to obtain credit elsewhere and does not have personal resources available

FOR GRANT ONLY:

- Be 62 years or older
- Lack repayment ability for a loan amortized at a 1% interest rate for 20 years for the cost of needed repairs
- Repair loan and grants may be used to remove health and safety hazards such as repairing roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, water and waste disposal, installing screens, windows, insulation and other steps to make the home safe.

• Home improvement loans may include similar purposes, but may also be used to modernize and bring a home up to standards, make changes for convenience, add a room, remodeling and overall making improvements to the home. The home must be owner-occupied.

Restrictions

- Grants may not be used to make changes to the dwelling for cosmetic or convenience purposes, unless directly related to removal of health and safety hazards.
- Loan and grant funds may not be used to construct a new dwelling, repair a home that will continue to be a major hazard, move a mobile home, make off-site improvements or to refinance existing debts.

Security and Terms of Loans and Grants

- Loans of less than \$7,500 may be secured by a Promissory Note only.
- Grant Agreements must be signed by all co-owners. Grant Agreements must be repaid in full if property is sold within 3 years from the date of the Grant Agreement.
- Loan terms are not to exceed 20 years at 1% interest. Examples of payments are:
 - \$1,000 loan at 1% for 20 years - \$5.00 monthly payment
 - \$5,000 loan at 1% for 20 years - \$23.00 monthly payment

Contact Karena Cobos or Adreana Jackson at QHA for assistance in filling out an application: (760) 572-0243



TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Official Resolutions Passed During The Month of October, 2014

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 23 Official Resolutions in October 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.

Resolution R-224-14: A Resolution to approve a first amendment to the credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A., Capital One, N.A., and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 25, 2014.

Resolution R-225-14: A Resolution to appoint an Election Board Primary Alternate Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on September 25, 2014.

Resolution R-226-14: A Resolution to approve 20 enrollment applicants as officially enrolled members of the Quechan Tribe. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014.

Resolution R-227-14: A Resolution to acknowledge and increase the blood quantum for an enrolled Tribal Member. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014.

Resolution R-228-14: A Resolution to certify the rejection of an applicant for membership who did not meet the required enrollment criteria. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014.

Resolution R-229-14: A Resolution to approve a joint resolution with the Cocopah Indian Tribe and the Quechan Indian Tribe to appoint representatives

to the Ft. Yuma Health Care Center Project Leadership Team. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014.

Resolution R-230-14: A Resolution to approve a joint resolution with the Cocopah Indian Tribe and the Quechan Indian Tribe to appoint representatives to the Ft. Yuma Health Care Center Advisory Committee and the adoption of the committee bylaws. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 1, 2014.

Resolution R-231-14: A Resolution to approve the designation of the polling place for the Quechan Tribal General Election. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 2, 2014.

Resolution R-232-14: A Resolution to approve the appointment of a Quechan Election Board Secondary Alternate. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 6, 2014.

Resolution R-233-14: A Resolution to approve the Economic Development Administration budget for the Calendar Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-234-14: A Resolution to approve the BIA Tribal Transportation Program budget, Fund 474, for the Calendar Year 2014. Approved by a vote

of: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-235-14: A Resolution to approve the Tribal Gaming Agency budget for Fiscal Year 2014. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-236-14: A Resolution to approve the annual operating budget for the Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program Grant Award #AZ-18-X073, Fund 468, for the Program Period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-237-14: A Resolution to approve the annual operating budget for Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program Grant Award #AZ-18-X072, Fund 468, for the Program Period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-238-14: A Resolution to approve the submittal of an application and tentative budget for the Community Services Block Grant, Fund 202, for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-239-14: A Resolution to approve the tentative budget for the Low Income

Home Energy Assistance Program, Fund 203 for the Federal Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2014.

Resolution R-240-14: A Resolution to approve the Injury Prevention Program budget, Fund 271, for the Program Year September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-241-14: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Tribal Court budget, Fund 104, 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 October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-242-14: A Resolution to accept the resignation of the Quechan Board Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-243-14: A Reso-

lution to approve the appointment of a Quechan Election Board Judge. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-244-14: A Resolution to approve an amendment to R-225-14 to appoint an Election Board Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-245-14: A Resolution to approve an amendment to R-232-14 to appoint an Election Board Primary Alternate Clerk. Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.

Resolution R-246-14: A Resolution to approve moving the Quechan Indian Tribe/Paradise Casino Savings and Retirement Plan to Transamerica and approve plan name change to the Quechan Indian Tribe Employee Savings and Retirement Plan. Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 2 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on October 14, 2014.


Our Commitment to Health and Safety, Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility

At New Gold, we make it a priority to act as a responsible mining company, from our management practices to our health and safety standards to our stewardship of the environment. We understand that our business activities have an effect on the people who work in our operations, their environment, and on their communities. Our growth and success as a company depends on the long-term economic, social and environmental sustainability of each of the communities in which we work and live.

We are committed to maintaining the highest health and safety standards in our mines and development projects. We seek to minimize and mitigate the impacts of mining on the environment, and to practice effective, progressive rehabilitation of mined areas.

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Quechan Halloween Carnival for 2014

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Fort Yuma residents of all ages crowded into the Community Center parking lot on the Saturday before Halloween to enjoy the annual Quechan Halloween Carnival on October 25th. Tribal departments, volunteer organizations and the local schools all offered food, games and prizes, while the Quechan Special Diabetes Project took over the nearby baseball field for a Haunted Walk. Later that night, Val Scott (at left), came as a bit more dangerous Red Riding Hood to win the adult portion of the All Ages Costume Contest, while Marsha Emerson (at right) came as an Oompa Loompa to take the first prize for seniors.



First place for infants up to 11 months old went to Eunice Thomas as a Pink Monster.



Donovan Perez dressed as a Little Vampire to make his dad proud, winning second place.



And Gracelynn Aguerro took 3rd for infants from newborn to 11 months, as a Little Mermaid.



Codah Silva was a convincing "Russell from UP!", winning first prize for the 1 to 2 year olds.



Daemon Villicana came as a classic Frankenstein's Monster to take 2nd place for ages 1 to 2.



Lillian Bella Salinas-Golding took third place for the 1 to 2 year olds as a Little Ballerina.



Tiana Thomas made a regal appearance as Queen Elsa from Frozen, the best for ages 3 to 5.



Khloë Nunn won the 6 to 8 age bracket a by coming dressed as a demure Blue Princess bracket.



Noah Illingworth showed up on stage as Miss Piggy to win the top prize for kids from 9 to 11.



And the teens aged 12 to 17 first place prize went to Kieran Palone as Edward Scissorhands.