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Quechan Seniors Plan A Month of Activities



May began with a parade of seniors led by the Post 802 Color Guard marching down Quechan Drive and into the Senior Nutrition Center. A formal proclamation designating May as "Older Americans Month" read by Quechan Tribe President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. followed. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

May began with a parade of the Tribe's oldest members, accompanied by the Post 802 Color Guard and the Quechan Diabetes Program staff into the Senior Nutrition Center. Once inside, President Keeny Escalanti, Sr. read a Proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month, kicking off a busy month for the elders. Traditional songs and dances following the reading of the proclamation, putting everyone in a great mood for the Senior Games the following week.

Many local seniors had spent hours in April getting in shape for those games, which had 469 registered participants filling the Pipa Event Center this year.

"Counting our volunteers, I think we had about 602 people there this year," reports Senior Center Director Delonie Snowden. "It is the biggest Senior Games we have ever had!"

The Games began with a Cultural Exchange Night on Tuesday, May 5th, as older athletes from 14 tribes gathered to enjoy refreshments along with traditional songs, speeches and a fashion show.

Many old friendships were rekindled, as the mingling elders sized up their competition on the sly. A full day of games on Wednesday was capped by an awards banquet on the morning of May 7th, before everyone returned home, looking forward to more games next year.

But the Senior Center staff didn't go home to rest, since they hosted a special 2015 Mother's Day Celebration the very next day!

Other activities planned for this month include a healthy cooking demonstration for seniors, to be presented by the Quechan Special Diabetes Prevention staff on May 13. That will take place at the Senior Center at 1:15 PM, with special gifts for participants. This is a fun class, with the opportunity to sample delicious goodies as part of the lesson! Anyone 55 or older is welcomed to attend.

Another class, which is much more fun than it sounds, is the new course on identifying and reporting elder abuse given by Margaret Sauza of the Sure Help Line Crisis Center of Imperial County. Quechan Elder Services has Margaret come over once a month to explain how elder abuse can include cons, age discrimination and neglect. Her presentations involve humor, personal anecdotes and observations from years of experience that both enlighten and entertain. If you'd like to attend, call Charlotte Hills at (760) 572-2914 for this month's time and date!

Keep An Eye Out For Yellow Fever Mosquitoes

The Quechan Mosquito Abatement Program is currently working with the IHS Department of Environmental Health, conducting a comprehensive trapping survey of many neighborhoods here on the reservation.

The survey is part of a surveillance effort to determine if the Yellow Fever Mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) has returned to the area this spring, after a similar trapping program identified its presence in San Luis and Somerton, Arizona last year. These mosquitoes are important because they can spread the Dengue Fever Virus.

The traps (as seen below) will tell them if adult mosquitoes are present and allow them to focus their control efforts in the locations needing it most.

The traps contain water and a strip of paper onto which the mosquitoes will lay eggs, which





will then be collected for identification in a laboratory. Please do not disturb the traps and tell children to leave them alone. The traps are harmless, but if disturbed will not be helpful.

Yellow Fever mosquitoes are active in the daytime, not at night. They feed primarily on humans, rather than birds or animals. They breed around houses, not near the rivers or in fields.

Since they like to go into homes and are able to live with humans, here are some things you can do to help reduce their numbers:

Repair any holes in doors or window screens.

Dump out anything that can hold even the smallest amount of water, like pet bowls, buckets, plant pots, soda cans, tires and old appliances.

And kill any mosquitoes inside your home, and use mosquito repellant according to the label instructions.

To help them in their efforts, if you see any black and silver mosquitoes flying in the daytime, please call the Quechan Pest Control Officer on his cell phone: (928) 920-0608.

The QHA Corner: Safety Preparations For Monsoon Season - Part 1

We've all seen the wind damage, localized flooding and power outages that can result from the sudden summer thunderstorms that blow through our area during the summer monsoons every year. The best way to mitigate the inconvenience and expense that follows a summer storm is to get ready now. The Quechan Housing Authority has compiled these tips on what to do before and during a sudden summer cloudburst, to help you prepare for the worst:

Disaster Supply Kit Contents

Every family should prepare a family disaster supply kit in the event of severe weather conditions. The disaster supply kit should contain essential items such as food, water, and sturdy clothing, to sustain a family for up to three days since electric power, gas and water services may be interrupted.

- Three gallons of water in clean, closed containers for each person and pet
- First aid kit
- A stock of food that requires no cooking or refrigeration
- Portable and working battery-operated radio, flashlights, and extra batteries (Remember: candles and oil lamps are fire hazards!)
- Necessary medications
- Back-up power source for life support or other medical equipment that requires electricity to function

Lightning Safety

When thunder roars, go indoors. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. There is no place outside that is safe from a lightning strike. Remaining indoors for 30 minutes after seeing the last lightning and hearing the last thunder will eliminate the risk at the end of storms.

If fewer than 30 seconds elapse between the time you see a flash and hear the thunder, then the flash is less than 6 miles away. Research has shown that the most successive flashes are within 6 miles, which means that you should have reached a safe place if lightning is less than 6 miles away.
However, lightning may strike up to 10 miles away from the parent storm.
If someone is struck by lightning, call 911 immediately.

Power and Communications Outage Safety

Power and communications outages can be more widespread and last longer than a thunderstorm. Protect sensitive electrical equipment by installing power protection devices that can be purchased at department, hardware or electronics stores.

Look for additional monsoon season safety tips in the next issue of ***Quechan News.***

Safety Tips Provided by *Monsoonsafety.org*

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

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

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

Culture & Heritage

Ah Keel Group Represents Tribe At Treaty Dance And In Video









Members of the Ah Keel Dance Group can be seen among the contestants at the Five Tribes Peace Treaty dance competition (above, left), at the Pee-Posh District 7 Gym in Laveen, Arizona. Arlie Emerson, the leader of the Ah Keel Group, can be seen in the center photo above, going on to win first place in his division. The day before their trip, the dancers also participated in a video project organized by the Fort Yuma IHS Clinic. The group, posing at top right, includes Marvin and Gail Johns, Tessie and Perdius Escalanti, Eileen and Teresa Valenzuela, Arlie and Alva Emerson, Donna Herrera, Lorraine White and Vivian Menta. They can also be seen at right, dancing for the film's videographer. Photos Courtesy of The Quechan Ah Keel Dance Group

Early April was a busy time for the dancers of the Ah Keel Dance group, as they participated in a new video project for the Indian Health Service before traveling to Laveen, Arizona the next day to compete in the dance contests marking the 152nd anniversary of the signing of the Five Tribes Treaty of Peace in 1863.

Peace talks under the auspices of American military personnel involved five tribal chiefs from the Pee Posh, Akimel O'odham, Hualapai, Yuma and Chemehuevi tribes. The negotiations took place at Fort Yuma between April 7th and 11th, 1863. The five tribes of the area then known as the "Territory of New Mexico," agreed to the treaty, which brought harmony between the Arizona tribes and organized a militia to aid in the self-protection of all Five Tribes as well as the protection of Arizona settlers against non-allied tribes.

Still a recognized historical event to this day, Gila River's Maricopa Village hosted this year's Five Tribes Peace Treaty Celebration at the District 7 Park on April 10th and 11th.

Bird dance competitions took place in the D7 gymnasium in the evening, with dancers and singers from all five tribes competing in age categories. Arlie Emerson of the Ah Keel Group took first place in his men's age bracket!

Perhaps the practice he put in earlier while participating in the video project helped.

KAT Communications, the producer of Good Health TV® is working with the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service to provide the Good Health TV® network to six IHS sites in Arizona, Nevada and Utah. The Fort Yuma Health Center was selected as one of those six sites.

A subscription-based service, Good Health TV® provides ongoing health education programming to clients waiting to receive medical services. It is the nation's only health education network created specifically to address Native health issues while appealing to Native American audiences.

Producer Nolyn Falcon, visited the Yuma area along with a videographer, to develop programming with local appeal.

Some of the topics visitors to the Fort Yuma Health Center will be able to see (as early as this summer) include diabetes prevention and management through healthy diet and exercise, as well as the importance of preserving Native American traditions and culture, and how practicing that culture relates to overall wellness.

Others participating in the

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IHS Video Project

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video included several members of the Lightning Singers, Kenrick Escalanti, Tomas Jefferson and Zion White, who offered their comments on how traditional singing affects their health. They also sang several songs and explained their meanings for the video crew. Zion, an asthma sufferer, shared that singing the songs helps to calm and relax him. He also explained that singing also has helped build up his lungs. Quechan Tribal Court Judge Claudette White also provided an interview.

The Ah Keel Dancers also demonstrated the harvest dance for the cultural portion of the program. Everyone involved agreed that the songs have significant bearing on their overall health, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

The entire Quechan Diabetes Prevention crew took part in the medical side of things for the video. Michael Throssell, Ana Hartt, Ricardo Juan, Peter Escalanti IV and Melissa Johnson did various exercise demos in the Wellness Center along with Juan Cuen and Octavio Arvizu from the Winterhaven Fire Department. Randall Moody, Brian Warner and Sandy Palone did the food preparation, making a black bean salad. Everyone enjoyed a healthy lunch of the salad, sub sandwiches, and baked chips. "It was a great experience for our department," according to Sandy, "and we hope the project turns out successfully and the message of healthy living can get across to members of our community."

The producer says it may be a of couple months before the draft cut is ready. The Public Health Educator at the IHS Clinic, Sarah Schmasow, is the local contact for the project. She plans to invite all the participants in the video, as well as the Quechan and Cocopah Tribal Councils to a "Preview Night" when it is ready, to obtain their feedback and comments before the final cut is completed for GoodHealthTV® viewers.



COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Mr. Isbell:

I am submitting this letter as a Tribal member to voice my observations on the *Financial Report to the Community*, presented by the Tribal Council on April 20th. That report was very informative, and it helped me to understand why we are still not financially sound. While the majority of Tribal members are no doubt aware of why we are in this terrible financial situation, the discussions that night ignored those facts and directed their blame at the current Council.

One of the individuals who requested the meeting did refer to the former President's authorizations of large per capita payments, which was a continual policy before the current Council was elected. This is precisely why we are deeply in debt to this day.

The Quechan Casinos were established to provide income and employment for the Tribe, with per capita payments based on the income those casinos generate. If the casinos do not generate sufficient income, those per capita payments are not given out. But this was not done.

The former president and council were transferring all Tribal Enterprise income to supplement per capita for years, eventually using up all the assets of the Tribe before obtaining large loans from two Indian Tribes to continue the illusion of prosperity. They also used up the Docket 319 Trust Funds held by the BIA for years. As a result, the Tribe ended up owing half a billion dollars just to build "The Q".

That multimillion dollar casino was built to house only 1000 slot machines, while the Paradise Casino has 900 machines and no overhead costs! The final result is that the Tribe is now broke and deep in the hole to lenders who continue to view the Quechan as being unstable and not capable of managing our finances. For too long, we lived with the knowledge that our creditors might foreclose on their loans if the Tribe didn't have the ability to keep up the payments. The result would have been a default of our loans, with the lenders seizing all of our assets and taking control of our future.

Could this really take place? Yes – It ***CAN*** happen.

Fortunately for the Tribe, the Quechan people changed the composition of the Council in one election. The current Council *inherited* that debt. They immediately began to curtail expenditures and did all they could to get the Quechan people out of debt and to stabilize the financial status of the Tribe. They are continuing to do all that is necessary to this day. The problems they have inherited are not their doing, though they continue to be blamed for our present financial misery.

Some are in denial that all this has happened, but the fact remains that *it did* happen and ***all*** should be aware of who shoulders the blame, and those are the ones who should be held accountable.

There is an election coming up, and I would hope that we elect a Council who will not allow this to occur again for any reason. Just remember that we no longer have any money to squander, and that new loans cannot be obtained until we pay off our current loans. Even then, we will have a hard time obtaining another loan.

No matter who is elected, per capita will not increase. We should not be holding out false hopes that we can elect any person, or any combination of people, who can perform a miracle. I must also say that there are other means of using tribal funds to generate deposits, and keep rolling them over instead of using it up with nothing left.

I have not written this letter with the intention of making any one person look bad, but these are the facts as they occurred, and we should not let these things happen again. You can prevent this from happening all over again by electing those candidates who will serve the people by protecting all of the assets of the Tribe. Don't vote simply for the false promises of a bigger per cap for the people.

Respectfully,

Vernon S. Smith, Quechan Tribal Member

You can bring your Community Expressions letters to the QUECHAN NEWS office trailer just north of the Senior Center entry on Quechan Drive, or email them to the email address printed in the box at the bottom of page 2.

Tribal Monitors Complete First Phase of Training

Tribal monitors have spent the last six months training on archeological standards, state and federal regulations, and the identification and interpretation of artifacts which may be found at their worksites. These on-site observers accompany any construction projects which might turn up native cultural artifacts while digging, building or otherwise disturbing the surface of the earth from the Colorado River to the California coast.



Tribal members pose with their Achievement Awards after making their presentations to the Tribal Council. Seen here (from the left) are Ira Murphy, Barbarita Koteen, Gloria McGee, Phyllis Jones. Henri Koteen, Sophia Herrera, Richard Herrera, Jarred Rendon and Ernesto Murphy. Cultural Committee consultant Lorey Cachora, in charge of the training, is kneeling in front next to Sophia's little girl, Malia Rendon. QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

The training was led by Lorey Cachora, consultant to the Quechan Cultural Committee. The first six-month session was also attended by individuals from the Preservation of Kwatsan Ways. In March, at the end of this first session, they all gathered before the Quechan Tribal Council for to present what they had learned during their classes, and receive certificates marking the completion of the first phase of their training.

The students formed two study groups and met outside of class to review and discuss material, share knowledge, and complete work assignments. Working together as a team, they prepared PowerPoint presentations for the Tribal Council. Each student gave a presentation on a selected topic from the curriculum. Their PowerPoint slides were projected on a large screen in the Council Chamber to show examples and illustrate their talks.

Jeremy Rendon led the first group with a detailed summation of the current laws and regulations governing the protection of cultural resources in the field.

Richard Herrera followed up with an explanation of the types of artifacts that might be found at construction sites, while Barbarita Koteen spoke on the history and objectives of the American Indian Federation.

Sophia Herrera focused upon the role of the Tribal monitor and archaeological field studies. Henri Koteen spent his time speaking on the interrelationships of the fourteen Yuman Language Tribes found here in the desert southwest.

The second group's presentations included Gloria McGee's discussion of the Quechan creation story, while Phylis Jones spoke on traditional lifestyles. Ira Murphy identified the mountains that are culturally significant to the Colorado River Tribes, providing their Quechan names, history, and meanings. Ernesto Murphy provided a little entertainment along with the educational content, giving a presentation on songs while singing a few excerpts as well.

Lorey Cachora made it clear that the training being provided is still being developed, and is a work in progress. There is so much to pass on, he is still working out exactly what comes first, and what might need to be expanded as he learns what it is the students find most interesting, or what it is he finds most people don't know when they first come into the class.

In the meantime, the second phase of training for Tribal Monitors has begun, with advanced instruction on archaeological field procedures as well as additional Quechan history. If you have any questions about the class, contact the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) at (760) 572-2423.

The students would like to thank the HPO and the Cultural Committee, especially Linda Cachora, for all the support.

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 Second Quarter of 2015 is Friday, June 5, 2015, 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-June, 2015.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe
Is Seeking Letters of Interest
From Enrolled Tribal Members
For 2 New Members to serve on

The Legislative Committee

Please Submit Letters of Interest to:
Tribal Council Secretary Alexis Summerfield
At the Tribal Administration Office
Monday - Friday During the Hours of
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



The annual senior games began with a big cultural gathering in the Pipa Event Center, with traditional songs and dancing.

Quechan Senior Games
13th Annual
Quechan Senior Center
May 2015
Fort Yuma Indian Reservation



This year's attendance was one of the largest ever, with over 460 seniors showing up to represent Tribes from all around the area.

One of the bigest events here on the Fort Yuma reservation is the Senior Games competition each May. Held at the Pipa Event Center since 2013, the games bring hundreds of Tribal elders to Fort Yuma to meet new friends, rekindle relationships with old friends, and engage in a full day of good natured competition. The healthy excercises they engage in are all designed for older, slower bones, with low impact activities the rule. Games include shooting baskets against a timer, tossing rings for accuracy and rubber chickens for distance, and feats of physical prowess such as crumpling a sheet of newspaper using only one hand, running an ostacle course that includes a manual dexterity test at the end, and playing volleyball while seated!

This year saw the biggest crowd ever, as over 460 Tribal members from Salt River, the Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River, the Colorado River basin and the mountains around San Diego gathered with their Fort Yuma hosts to share native bonds while competing for medals! Even though the competition can be fierce, good humor prevails when you're throwing rubber chickens! The three-day event opened with a Cultural Exchange Night, followed up with a full day of games on Wednesday, May 6. An awards banquet followed on the morning of the 8th, which handed out medals to recognize the winners.



Faron Owl came over to help out with the event's announcements.



The seated volleyball tournament had 44 teams involved this year! That's a Cocopah team up against a team from Ft. McDowell, above.



Lewis Throssel from the Quechan Diabetes Project times local elder Yvonne Vance during her visit to the newspaper crunch table.



Colin Soto demonstrates his ring toss skills as Xavier Juan scores.



Charlene Emerson tries to get her rubber chicken to fly straight!



Maricela Barley, a volunteer from Quechan Social Services, observes as Christian Sanchez speeds through the high speed cup stacking game.



Phyllis Jones shoots baskets as Aaron Juan keeps score for her.

PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST!

Child Abuse Awareness Month Highlighted at the Quechan Community Center

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



The staff at Quechan Social Services (under the direction of Dr. Rod Nelson) sponsored Fort Yuma's first ever Child Abuse Prevention Fair at the Quechan Community Center on April 24th.

April has been designated as Child abuse Awareness Month, and the afternoon event was designed to increase that awareness in a way that would remind everyone involved that the problem exists, while giving the children attending a feeling that there are adults all around them who really care, and are willing to step in and help whatever the problem may be.

Billed as "A Celebration of Our Children and Our Families", the event featured many fun events like a slip'n'slide, free hot dogs and ice cream, raffle prizes for the kids, and lots of games. Rigel Garibay of the Imperial County Office of Education even set up a booth which gave everyone a chance to draw and write their own message on a quilt square that will be included in a Child Abuse Awareness Quilt she's putting together later this year. Said Dr. Nelson: "Kids need to know that anytime someone makes them feel uncomfortable, there are plenty of people out there who can help, who are ready to listen to what they have to say. They don't have to be afraid to look for that help."













The afternoon's events included Steve and Carol Lundgreen handing out free soft serve ice cream; Steven Ramirez cooking up free foot long hot dogs; Mikaela Vega and Jazmyn Phillips (among others) challenging Jason Cardenas in cup stacking; three different bouncy castles; Alicia Chavez offering free face painting (here she decorates Pamela Castro's cheeks); children like Senoya Havier and Linda Turner contributing art for a Child Abuse Prevention quilt; and kids like Jeremy Sanovia winning free raffle prizes from Ernesto Reyes.

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SHOP LOCAL! SHOP PIPA!

Interim CEO Assigned, New Facility Engineer at IHS Clinic

Rose Weahkee, Acting Area Director for the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service has assigned Ms. Helen Stafford, Ed.M. to temporary duty as the interim CEO of the Fort Yuma Service Unit of the Indian Health Service.

Ms. Stafford reported for duty on April 20th, and assumed her duties as the interim CEO on Monday, May 4th, after the previous CEO of the Ft. Yuma Clinic departed for the Hopi lands on Friday, May 1st.

Ms. Stafford is a member of the Koyukon Athabascan tribe, originally from Tanana, Alaska. She received a Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Just prior to her new position, Ms. Stafford served as the Division Director of Clinical and Preventive Services in the Phoenix Area Office of Health Programs, where she was responsible for the planning and coordination of health care and preventive programs.

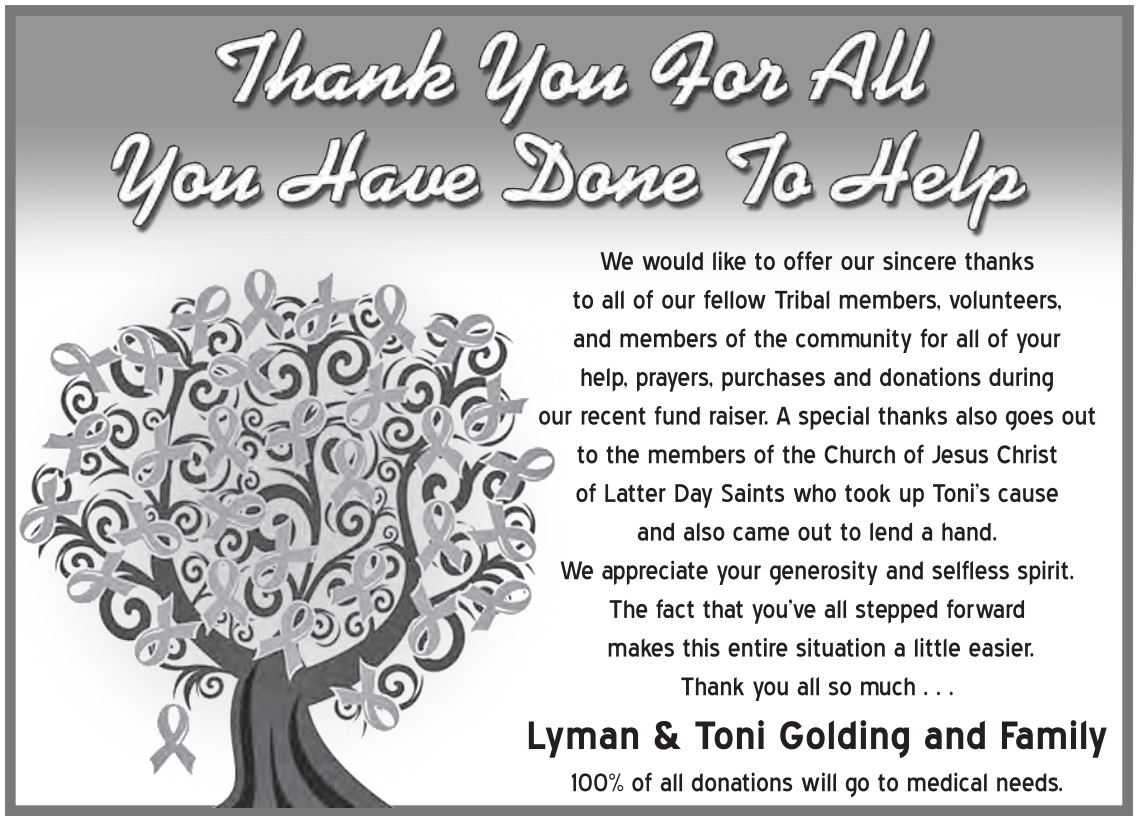
The Phoenix Area Headquarters is currently recruiting for a permanent CEO for the Fort Yuma Health Center (FYHC), and anticipates filling the position by mid-summer.

At around the same time Ms. Stafford took over, another important member of the staff also reported to Fort Yuma to look things over in anticipation of his new assignment, which begins June 1st. On that date, LCDR Brandon Groh, P.E. will become the new Facility Engineer at the FYHC.

LCDR Groh brings significant expertise in engineering, health care construction and leadership. Brandon started his career as an environment engineer and facility engineer at the IHS Tucson Area and Phoenix Area offices. His previous assignment was with the Army Corps of Engineers as a project manager. He has received the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

LCDR Groh has earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado and a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Louisiana. He also has a Healthcare Construction certification from AHSE, Contracting Officer Technical Representative certification and received training in NFPA 101 and NFPA 99 life safety codes.

It is anticipated that LCDR Groh will remain here throughout the construction of the new Fort Yuma Health Center next year. Once it is finished, he should be transferred over to become the Facility Engineer of the new hospital when it opens.



Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

Senior Games Sentences

Here are this month's Kwatsáan sentences. Each one is followed by a diagrammed breakdown showing its constituent parts as translated:

Xaly'á saarápm kwarts'áakənyts 'aatskóoytsənyts aarto'óoy 'im viitíivək.

"In May (the fifth month), the elders (the old men and the old women) are going to play."

Xaly'á saaráp+m
month it.is.five+different.subject

kwarts'áak+ny+ts *old.men+the+subject*
aatskóoytsə+ny+ts *old.women+the+subject*
aarto'óoy *they.play*
'i+m *they.intend.to+end*
viitíiv+k *they.are.here+end*

Kaawíts aartoo'óoy 'im?

"What are they going to play?"

Kaawíts *What*
aartoo'óoy *they.play*
'i+m *they.intend.to+end*

Nyaqwalayáaw atápk.

"He throws a chicken."

Nyaqwalayáaw *Chicken*
atáp+k *he.throws.it+end*

Peelóot alytooqósh.

"They toss balls in."
(As when shooting baskets in a basketball game.)

Peelóot *Ball*
aly+tooqósh *in+they.toss*

Tsavuukyáav mattnyiikáam 'im.

"They are going to compete against each other."

Tsavuukyáav
They.run
matt+nyiikaam *each.other+they.compete.against*
'i+m *they.intend.to+end*

This month's sentences for *Etska Nav Ah Pai* were proposed by the April Language Workshop participants and recorded and transposed by Amy Miller

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

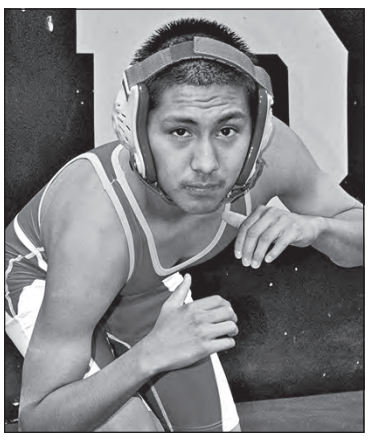
Cedric Lukee To Represent Tribe, California Down Under

San Pasqual varsity wrestler (and Quechan Tribal member) Cedric Lukee has been invited to represent California Wrestling on the Pacific Conference Team competing this summer at the 2015 Down Under International Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

The Down Under Sports Tournaments take place every summer in the southern hemisphere on the other side of the world. The program includes competition in wrestling, football, cross country, golf, track and field, basketball and volleyball. Cedric and his team mates will spend nine days traveling, competing and sight seeing in Brisbane, on the Gold Coast of Australia, and Auckland, New Zealand.

A valuable member of the 2014/15 Warriors Wrestling Squad, Cedric is one of six wrestlers who completed the entire season at San Pasqual. After ending the season with a record of 20 wins to 13 losses, Cedric was one of three wrestlers here at Fort Yuma selected to move on to the Arizona State Finals at Prescott in February.

This year the Warriors went up against teams from Phoenix Christian (where Cedric won 3 out of 4 of his matches), the Arizona Western College Prep Academy (3 wins, 1 loss) and Bourgade (3 to 1, again!). Although there were tough meets on this year's schedule, like Antelope, where he lost 4 out 5 matches, he did take all four bouts on his second shot at Phoenix Christian, and remembers coming out 2 to 2 at both the Last Chance Wrestling Tourney at Bourgade, and at Sectional in Buckeye at the end of the season. It was that ability to persevere against schools that are able to field much bigger teams that earned him a spot at the State Finals. Although the warriors came away from the finals without being able to place, Cedric hopes to return next year and find even greater success against the competition.



Cedric Lukee is currently involved in a fund raising drive, to be able to go to New Zealand and represent the Tribe and the state in an international wrestling competition.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo By William Isbell

The son of David and Marla Taylor, Cedric's parents are proud of their son being selected to represent the state at the Down Under Wrestling Tournament. The whole family has been heavily involved in fund raising to help Cedric make the most of this once in a lifetime experience, and they are also proud of the fact that the Quechan Tribe is helping them to realize their goals.

"After we met with the Tribal Council to tell them about this opportunity, they put us in touch with the marketing department at the Q. The Casino has promised to match any funds we are able raise between now and the middle of June, so we can basically double our money with the help of the Tribe."

Below you will find a copy of the contribution form they are using, if you'd like to help out.

ATTENTION VOTERS!

Adult Tribal Members Wishing To Vote By Absentee Ballot Must Ensure That Their Mailing Address Currently On File At The Quechan Enrollment Department Is Correct and Up-To-Date.

To Update Your Information Contact the Quechan Enrollment Office at (760)572-0752

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Residential Air Conditioning Tune-up/Maintenance



For Tribal Members: $45

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Correcting the Record!

The phone number in last month's PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION printed on page 8 was incorrect. While the General Election will still take place on Monday, June 15, 2015, from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Arizona Time, you should call **The Quechan Election Board at (760) 572-0664** if you need more information! — Ed.

We at Down Under Sports have invited Cedric Lukee to represent California Wrestling in the 27th Annual Down Under Sports Tournaments to be hosted in the summer of 2015. We wholeheartedly endorse Cedric and ask that you give his sponsorship full consideration. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated.

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THANK YOU TICKET

1st Draw: Win 2 all expense paid trips to the 2015 Down Under Sports Competition in Australia and Hawaii. All entries must be received by ISSI no later than 5PM MST on June 1, 2015 - entries received by this time will be entered into both drawings.*

2nd Draw: Win a 5 Day Cruise for 2. All entries must be received by ISSI no later than 5 PM MST on August 3, 2015 - entries received between June 1, 2015 at 5:01 PM MST and August 3, 2015 at 5:00 PM MST will be entered into the 2nd draw only. Does not include airfare.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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#HashtagLunchbag

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thrilled with the idea, so we put it all together and gave it to our Peace Ambassadors as an activity to promote peace building in the community."

Once the elementary school's role models for the Peace Builders got involved, things began to quickly come together. At least a dozen students sat down with Jovi and faculty members Lizet Diaz and Rosa Campos to put together a plan to deliver lunch bags to the residents of the Crossroads Mission in Yuma. Within a few days, loaves of bread, and bologna, cheese and fresh fruit were donated by San Pasqual teachers and staff to fill over 100 brown paper lunch bags, and the student volunteers got together to write uplifting messages on 3 by 5 cards to go with each one.

Principal Monson joined the Peace Ambassadors and her fellow faculty members to spend an hour after school got out on March 25th, making over 100 sandwiches and filling the lunch bags. They then packed the lunches in insulated chests and went over their plans for their first community outreach field trip, which would take place the next day.

On Thursday, March 26th, the entire group packed all the hashtag lunchbags into three vehicles before climbing in to head over to the Mission. There, they were met by a crew from the local TV news, as well as the Quechan Tribe's Newsletter Coordinator.

Under the full gaze of local media, the students wheeled in three full carts of lunchbags and laid them out on a table alongside dozens of pints of chocolate milk donated by a local vendor. The volunteers then set up the Mission's dining room with tables and chairs for at least 50 people. When their guests filed in, all of the students delivered a lunchbag, milk, and a handmade message to each diner. The volunteers then had plenty of time for interviews, bringing the Hashtag Lunchbag message to the entire desert southwest that same night on television!

2015 SALT RIVER CHAMPIONS



The San Pasqual Warriors were crowned Champions of the Salt River Baseball Classic on March 28th with a 5-0 tournament record at the end of the three-day invitational. Seen above kneeling in front, are: Coach Danny Flores, Alex Flores, Arron Avila, Brian Gutierrez, Victor Alvarez, Rafael Dominguez and Ryan Marks. Standing in the back, proudly surrounding their trophy are Coach Ron Arviso, Coach Ronnie Flores, Kris Avila, Joshua Gilmore, Deion Twist, Andrew Limones, Andrew Luna, Paul Stauffer and Coach Faron Owl. Coach Owl says "The Warriors demonstrated great character and team unity, as they battled back from from behind in three of games. They represented San Pasqual with class!" Photo Courtesy of Faron Owl

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM THE QUECHAN SPECIAL DIABETES PROJECT AND WELLNESS CENTER!

We would like to acknowledge the winners of our New Year, New You weight loss challenge:

1st Place - James Barton
2nd Place - Neil Hill, Jr.
3rd Place - Mandel Sanchez, Jr.

The winners of the 2015 New Year, New You Weight Loss Challenge won gift cards to Big 5, $30, $25 and $20 respectively. There were a total of 32 participants in this year's challenge, and our top three lost a total of 25.4 pounds!

A FAMILY BEAUTY SALON

In The Vendor's Square area between the Pipa Market and the Quechan News Office

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Haircuts:



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Senior Man Over 55	$5.00

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Perms for Seniors: **$45** - Cut Included In Price

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TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

Official Resolutions Passed During The Month of April, 2015

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 28 Official Resolutions since the previous issue of the Etska Nav Ah Pai *was published. The Resolutions are listed below in numerical order, as they were approved or disapproved by the Council. The purpose 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-65-15: A Resolution to expend funds to the Quechan Tribal member attending higher education for the Spring 2015 Academic Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on March 26, 2015.*

Resolution R-66-15: A Resolution to expend funds to the Quechan Tribal member attending vocational education for the Spring 2015 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 4 for, 0 against, 2, abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on March 26, 2015.*

Resolution R-67-15: A Resolution to expend funds to the Quechan Tribal member attending vocational education for the Spring 2015 Program Year. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on March 26, 2015.*

Resolution R-68-15: A Resolution to designate a polling place for the Quechan Tribal Election. *Approved by a vote of: 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on March 26, 2015.*

Resolution R-69-15: A Resolution to approve the Higher Education/Job Placement and Training Program budget Revision #1 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 April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-70-15: A Resolution to approve the Higher Education/Job Placement and Training Program budget for the Calendar Year 2015. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-71-15: A Resolution to approve the Higher Education/Job Placement and Training Program supplemental budget for the Calendar Year 2015. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-72-15: A Resolution to approve the Johnson O'Malley Program tentative budget for the Calendar Year 2015. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-73-15: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Top Flavor Farms for Ranch 10. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-74-15: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Top Flavor Farms for Ranch 15. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-75-15: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Top Flavor Farms for Ranch 16. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-76-15: A Resolution to approve an agricultural lease with Montie Lee Farms for Farm 126. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-77-15: A Resolution to approve a professional services agreement with Phillip Meyer. *Approved by a vote of: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2015.*

Resolution R-78-15: A Resolution to approve the Aid to Tribal Government Program budget Revision #2 for the Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-79-15: A Resolution to approve the BIA Law Enforcement Services Program Budget Revision #1 for the Calendar Year 2014. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-80-15: A Resolution to approve the Social Services Program tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-81-15: A Resolution to approve the ICWA Program tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-82-15: A Resolution to approve the Quechan Parenting Skills Program Budget Revision #1 for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-83-15: A Resolution to accept the resignation of a Quechan Legislative Committee member. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-84-15: A Resolution to appoint a member to the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity Board of Commissioners. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-85-15: A Resolution to appoint a member to the Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity Board of Commissioners. *Approved by a vote of: 2 for, 0 against, 1 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-86-15: A Resolution to appoint a member to the Health Committee. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 9, 2015.*

Resolution R-87-15: A Resolution to appoint a Pro Tem Tribal Council Secretary. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 13, 2015.*

Resolution R-88-15: A Resolution to appoint a Tribal Comptroller. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 13, 2015.*

Resolution R-89-15: A Resolution to review and certify eighteen enrollment applicants as officially enrolled members of the Quechan Tribe. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 20, 2015.*

Resolution R-90-15: A Resolution to certify the rejection of an applicant for membership who did not meet the required enrollment criteria. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at a Special Council Meeting held on April 20, 2015.*

Resolution R-91-15: A Resolution to review and certify one enrollment applicant as an officially enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe. *Approved by a vote of: 3 for, 1 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at Special Council Meeting held on April 20, 2015.*

Resolution R-92-15: A Resolution to approve no per capita distribution for May 2015. *Disapproved by a vote of: 3 for, 0 against, 0 abstained, 3 absent at Special Council Meeting held on April 27, 2015.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Resolution R-68-15 was passed at a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council On Thursday, March 26, 2015, Designating The Polling Place For the Upcoming

GENERAL ELECTION

At The Quechan Community Center Located at 604 Picacho Road Winterhaven, CA 92283

The General Election Will Take Place On Monday, June 15, 2015 From 7:00AM — 7:00 PM Arizona Time

Tribal member Jovi Barker found a community outreach project on the internet. When she brought the idea to her school principal, the idea became a reality. Within just a couple of weeks, the San Pasqual Elementary Peace Builders had organized their own . . .

#HashtagLunchbag

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell



Alejandra Bugara, Delila Taylor and Marlea Aceves insert cheerful messages for the recipents to find inside each of the lunches.



Local television reporters were there at the Crossroads Mission to carry the story to the citizens of Yuma County and the Imperial Valley.



Joey Avila, a resident at the Mission, shows off his Hashtag Lunchbag message, which reads, "I know you will do great things".

Mary Kay Monson, the Principal at San Pasqual Elementary School, says that one day in early March, third grade student Jovi Barker approached her on the playground with an idea for a "school project" called Hashtag Lunchbag. Jovi had come across a website describing the nationwide movement which helps others by feeding those in need.

"I was intrigued by the proposal, and happy to see one of our students coming forward with a great idea like that," says Mrs. Monson. "So I asked her to write out the idea in a letter and bring it to me to present to the faculty as a school project. Everyone I spoke to was *(Story continues inside on page 10)*



Jovi Barker works on the assembly line helping to build 150 balogna and cheese sandwiches.



Posing with the lunches packed for delivery are (in the front): Alejandra Bugara, Delila Taylor, Aysha Kenney, Jovi Barker, Mireya Maya and Caroline Rios. Standing behind them are Ms. Diaz, Julissah Ruiz, Aaron Nunn, Isabella Ramirez, Marlea Aceves, San Pasqual Elementary Principal Mrs. Monson and Ms.Campos.





Jovi posed proudly with the stacks of lunchbags before helping her fellow Peace Builders fill the dining room with chairs and tables for those who would be sharing the day's meal. Once each person had their lunchbag personally delivered to them by a student, the kids were able to take turns speaking with the curious media. Jovi also took her turn, speaking with a reporter and producer from KSWT.