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Contractors Tour Site, Prepare Bids for IHS



President Jackson and Quechan Tribe Construction Coordinator Walt Brooks stand next to IHS Consultant Engineer Mike Young (in uniform) as Young speaks to contractors bidding on construction of the Fort Yuma Health Care Center. At least 50 people representing 18 contractors attended the November 5th pre-bid meeting, to learn everything they could before the bidding deadline of December 2nd.

Photo by William Isbell

On Thursday, October 22nd, the Indian Health Service (IHS) posted a solicitation for bids on the FedBizOps website, requesting bids for the construction of the long delayed and much anticipated Fort Yuma Health Care Center. Two weeks later, on Thursday, November 5th, the reality of the project materialized when at least 50 visitors gathered here at Fort Yuma, to get a first hand look at the site where the Fort Yuma Trailer Village once stood, where the new Health Center will be built in the fast approaching future.

"Many contractors are interested, and have downloaded the

documents and are preparing their bids," according to Mike Young, a Consultant Engineer with the IHS Division of Engineering Services in Seattle. "Some have been very active in submitting bid inquiries, and these are the contractors most likely to submit bids."

Representatives of at least 29 different companies showed up to attend a day of meetings on November 5th, which began with a discussion of the project's history at the Cocopah Casino near Somerton. There, the sealed bid process was explained, and the contract authorities and lines of communication for the contract were

laid out, to make sure everyone understands how the project is to go forward.

The IHS representatives in charge of the bid process, Tribal Council members from both tribes and their employees, then convoyed north to the Quechan reservation, accompanied by those bidding for the contract. There, they toured the actual site where it will all come together. Once on site, a detailed briefing took place covering such subjects as drainage, the surrounding roads and where the Imperial Irrigation District powerlines and underground waterlines are located.

The contractors were also

shown where to "stage" their equipment when construction begins, and given a chance to ask questions.

The group then moved to the Paradise Event Center, to go over specifics on the equipment, furnishings and computer equipment which will go into the new Health Care Center.

Paul Reed, the IHS Contracting Officer, also gave a detailed talk on the solar power generation system designed into the project, which will allow the Fort Yuma Health Care Center to produce a good percentage of its own electricity the day it opens for business.

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Contractors Tour Site Of Health Care Center

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All federally-funded projects are required to out perform the national energy standard (ASHRAE 90.1-2010) by 30%.

Mike Young says “This project not only meets that requirement, it out performs it by 77%. Furthermore, federally-funded projects are subject to a Fossil Fuel Reduction Requirement in which the building is compared against the 2003 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey for similar buildings. The current requirement is a reduction of 65% over the 2003 standard. This building is at 91%.”

And so, in terms of energy savings, the Fort Yuma Health Care Center is the most ambitious energy saving health center ever construction by IHS. Everyone from the IHS involved in the November pre-bid meeting said they are very proud of that aspect of the project.

Right now, the design calls for solar cells on the covered parking at the north end of the site, across from the Pipa Market. However, during the design review phase (as discussed in the April, 2015 issue of Quechan News), it was decided to also reinforce the entire roof structure of the buildings, to prepare for installation of solar panels atop the entire site.

“We have estimated that if we can cobble together an additional \$1 Million towards the end of construction, we should be able to provide enough solar

panels to make this project ‘Net-Zero’ in energy usage,” according to Paul Reed. “That means it would generate as much energy on site in one year as the building would demand.”

Sign-in sheets for the day indicated there were some 29 companies represented at the meeting. The IHS says 10 of those were general contractors, while the rest were subcontractors specializing in specific tasks such as framing, concrete, electrical wiring and plumbing.

The bidding closes at 3:00 PM Arizona time on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. “Bids will likely be hand delivered to the Phoenix Area IHS Office,” according to Mike Young. “We are anticipating a request for an extension, so the actual bid opening is expected to occur on December 10th.”

At that time, Contracting Officer Paul Reed will open each sealed bid and publicly announce the amount of each bid. The low bidder will not automatically be awarded the contract, since bid bonds, insurance and additional considerations figure into the process. Pre-award activities will be completed by December 18, with the award expected to be issued on January 9, 2016.

Construction will begin shortly thereafter. Assuming everything goes as planned, the contractor is expected to begin setting up the site in late January, around Martin Luther King Day!

COFFEE FOR VETERANS

A Special Treat to Honor Service Members on a Special Day



IHS Health Educator Sarah Schmasow decided to do something special to commemorate Veterans Day, to keep the good feelings going after the Children's Veterans Day Parade was over.

She sent out flyers the day before the Parade, inviting all current service members and veterans to drop by the front lawn at the Fort Yuma IHS Clinic and have a free cup of Starbucks coffee. She also had delicious Starbucks snacks! Richard and Naomi Illingworth, who had stopped by for flu shots, volunteered to lend a hand.

Nick Flores, a 20-year Navy vet is seen here picking up a Danish and a cup o' Joe.

Commercial Space Available In The Pipa Market Building



Commercial Space is now available at the Pipa Market Building.

EDA announces that space once occupied by the Village Barber Shop at 401 Quechan Drive — at the Pipa Market Building — is available for permitted use to Tribal member entrepreneurs who are ready to do business. The ideal tenant will be capable of having all equipment and fixtures ready for move-in; willing to pay a monthly fee; will cover his/her start-up costs; will fulfill the terms and obligations of a proposed revocable permit and will open up shop within two months from executing that revocable permit.

EDA will use a Revocable Permit for use of the space, and the following conditions would likely apply:

- 12 month permit period
- \$50.00 per month for space, plus utilities
- Commercial liability insurance coverage of \$250,000.00

If you would like to see the space and enter your proposal for consideration,

Please contact EDA at 760-572-5270

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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!



Progress & Development

President Describes The Benefits of the Tribe's Casinos

I wrote this story to support Arizona Tribes and Tribal Gaming. It will be featured in the December issue of the Arizona Gaming Magazine. The story is a perspective of how tribal gaming has brought financial progress to our Quechan Tribe. The article will include pictures of our tribal community showing the kids at our Education Complex and the elders at the Senior Center. Arizona tribes are being proactive in preparing for our new future state gaming compact.

It is important for the tribes to stress how tribal gaming brings a positive economic impact to both the tribes and the state of Arizona. — Mike Jackson, Sr., Quechan Tribe President

The birth of Indian Gaming in Arizona gave tribes the right to a form of free enterprise on their respective tribal lands. By entering into the gaming business, the Tribes accepted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act's (IGRA) definition of free enterprise.

Indian Gaming gave tribes the ability to gain economic freedom, providing opportunities to care for their people. Tribal casinos have allowed them to be financially independent and prevent themselves from being a burden on state assistance.

The economic impact from Indian Gaming on the tribes and the state cannot be argued due to the tribal nations' partnerships with the State of Arizona.



The benefits of gaming revenues include the ability to independently fund our own projects, such as the Quechan Education Center and the Senior Nutrition Center. Economic independence means there is no need to consider the "strings" that often come attached to external grant assistance.

Some say Indian Gaming has matured, but tribal casinos are still developing, especially rural gaming tribes. The United States took over 200 years to become a great world country and thus it will take years for Indian Gaming to fully develop. Arizona tribes have advanced rapidly despite the minimal amount of time tribal casinos have been in existence. Other tribes are still in their infancy stage of development and looking forward to their future.

I was a tribal leader before gaming; I know the struggles my tribe and people had to endure, as well as the other Arizona tribes.

The opening of our Paradise Casino brought economic independence and freedom to the Quechan people. Gaming revenue has allowed our tribe the benefit of self-reliance and to be autonomous as a tribal nation.

Our Paradise Casino has been

the heartbeat for economic gain for the Quechan Tribe. Revenues generated give our tribe the opportunity to provide optimal care for our youngest and oldest tribal members.

It also funded the creation of new departments and restructuring of existing departments such as: Social Services, Tribal Courts, Tribal Police Department; it has also renovated our Parks and Recreation Department as well as improving our tribal infrastructure projects.

We also built new homes for our people, as well as a new Senior Center where our elders can meet every day for meals and activities.

In addition, a new Education Complex was constructed for all our education programs. The Quechan tribe puts education as a high priority in spending our revenue dollars. Our Language Program was also developed to assist our elders in teaching

our younger generation the language. It is vital, when tribes are advancing to the future, not to leave culture and tradition behind.

In 2009, we held the Grand Opening of our Quechan Casino Resort. When constructing our casino resort, we took advantage of Interstate 8, which runs between Tucson, Phoenix and San Diego. We also considered Mexico, less than 10 miles away, as a viable market.

Our Tribe is a rural gaming tribe; therefore our demographics are uniquely different from metro tribes. Our casino management staff must do additional outreach to our surrounding communities in our gaming business operation. Both tribal casinos brought economic benefit to our people; most importantly, employment. The economic stability of our casinos has created the ability to provide growth and future opportunities for our tribe.

The Quechan Nation and the City of Yuma joined together to fund the renovation of the historic Ocean-To-Ocean Bridge.

The mighty Colorado was a raging river before that bridge was built. The bridge became the gateway for travelers to cross from Arizona to California. No other city in Arizona has a history like Yuma and the Quechan Tribe. While the river runs through us, it does not separate us.

Our Tribal government will continue to work with the Yuma officials to bring tourism and economic growth to both communities. Our casino economically impacts Yuma County: we hire Yuma citizens and local contractors, and donate to different organizations and schools. A high percentage of our casino dollars are spent in Yuma County. The presence of Indian Gaming contributes to the Arizona economy, progressing where it's needed the most: on tribal land.

Strong Hearts Pass On Traditions Through Education



The Strong Hearts Native Society participates in many community events through volunteering their time. Taking part in activities such as annual maintenance at the Elder Village gives them practical knowledge of Kwatsáan culture. They also spend hours each week learning traditional songs. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

Last month's Miss Native San Pasqual Princess Pageant put the spotlight on the Strong Hearts Native Society once again, as hundreds of community members turned out to watch their children and grandchildren participate in the annual event. That event was the perfect occasion to speak with the group's current student President, to learn more about their mission, and help emphasize their connection to the community.

When asked to sum up their mission, Adam Wong, President of the Strong Hearts Native Society for the 2105/16 school year has a quick and clear answer: "Our goal is to encourage the spread of the Kwatsáan culture, tradition, and heritage through teaching local students the native language, song, and dance."

He then explains his position as President, by adding, "We promote acceptance and understanding, meaning we encourage everyone — not just Native Americans — to join the organization and learn the history and traditions of the Kwatsáan tribe." He says they strive to educate students from elementary to high school on how the

land around them came to be and how the boundaries of that land have changed since Europeans settled in the Americas.

"We strongly believe that that our students should learn that heritage in order to pass down the language, song, and dance to their own children in the future," Adam says. Much of that knowledge comes through their long established cultural exchange program with local elders, who visit the school to advise the students through their knowledge and experience.

Putting that knowledge to practical use, the Strong Hearts volunteer in numerous community activities. They also take part in multiple fundraisers throughout the year in order to sponsor several events. Fundraisers include selling t-shirts, visors, beanies, and jackets proclaiming Warrior Pride and support for the Strong Hearts. The biggest and best known event those funds go to is their annual cultural gathering, the Strong Hearts/Quechan Nation Pow Wow. They also provide scholarships to their graduating members who hope to attend college.

Strong Hearts members have

provided volunteer service over the years by serving dinner at holiday events, like the Fourth of July, Indian Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. They also participate in the Youth Cultural Festival every year, when students from the University of Redlands and TAMIT (Teaching And Mentoring Indian Tarahat) visit Fort Yuma to help beautify and restore the Elder Village and East Wetlands. The Strong Hearts also take part in additional clean ups during the year to show their respect for both elders and Tribal veterans.

Although they are a cultural group, they also support and sponsor other educational and athletic activities, to help boost the attendance at San Pasqual's sports venues. "We also have 'burrito meetings', where we discuss current items and future activities; and occasional car washes", according to Adam.

The Strong Hearts Native Society continues to be one of the most prominent and influential organizations on campus, encouraging all those interested in learning Kwatsáan traditions to join them in their journey to a more culturally aware world.

Kwatsáan Iiyáa!

With Christmas on the way, you might want to remind children to be on their best behavior.

Here are three ways to do that:

If you are speaking to one child, you could say:

Kuutar'úyk kuuváak!

Be good! (This literally means, Behave yourself!)

The parts of this sentence are:

K+uutar'úyk

Command+behave.self+same.subject

k+uuváak

command+be.moving.about+end

If you are talking to two children, you might say it this way:

Kuutar'úyk koonóok!

Be good! (Literally, Behave yourselves!)

The final word/phrase in this sentence is:

k+oonóok

command+be.moving.about.plural+end

If you are talking to a whole group of children, you could say:

Maaxuumáaranyts, kuutar'úyk vikatiivk!

(Literally, You children, behave yourselves!)

Maa+xuumáar+ny+ts

You+children+the+subject

k+uutar'úyk

command+behave.selves+same.subject

vi+k+atiiv+k

here+command+be.sitting.plural+end

Sentence Structure Samples Provided By:

The October 2015 Kwatsáan Iiyáa Dictionary Workshop Participants

Remember: If you say things differently, please make your voice heard by attending the next Quechan Dictionary Workshop. Check with the Quechan Senior Center for a schedule of dates!

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

Long Awaited Safe Routes Construction Underway

Everyone walking and driving along Baseline Road near the San Pasqual schools have seen the heavy construction equipment, traffic cones and flag men just to the east of the road, digging and scraping for the past month. At least one palm tree has been uprooted and laid on its side, and you just can't pull into any parking lot from the football field to the middle school anywhere you feel like right now. A pretty deep drop off was cut into the earth, right at the edge of road in that area, limiting access for drivers to just a few set points.

But things will be back to "better than normal" soon, when Pyramid Construction wraps up the first phase of the "Safe Routes to School" project, currently underway.

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is a national program with the primary purpose to increase the safety and mobility of students who want to walk or bike to school, providing infrastructure improvements and education programs that will result in safer and healthier student access to schools.

The current Fort Yuma SRTS project is the first of two projects as a result of a partnership between the Quechan Tribe and the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District to build new sidewalks and driveways along Baseline and Arnold Roads, which should encourage students to safely walk and bike their way to and from school.

In 2011, the Tribe prepared a federal and state SRTS grant application in partnership with



Pyramid construction has been on site since late October, preparing the right-of-way along Baseline Road for a curb and sidewalk in front of the San Pasqual schools campus.
QUECHAN NEWS Photo By William Isbell

Imperial County Public Works. The Quechan Housing Authority, the Quechan Police Department, the Yuma Bike Club and the Bard Water District all provided letters of support for the grant applications.

Though the grant was awarded over three years ago, it still

took a long time to overcome the usual inertia at the state and county level, to shake the funding loose and actually move forward to get the construction started. While the Tribe and the School District sponsored the applications, Imperial County Public Works is the actual ap-

plicant of record responsible for carrying out the work.

The first phase, in front of the schools along Baseline Road, involves digging down to pour in a crushed rock aggregate foundation for the sidewalks and curb, as well as the installation of a sidewalk seven feet wide from San Pasqual School Road north to about where the bus lanes enter the high school. From that point north, the sidewalk will be about 4 feet wide.

That phase should be completed around the same time the schools let out for winter break.

A second phase will construct similar improvements east along Arnold Road all the way to Ironwood Drive. That phase will connect the subdivision directly to the school property with a concrete sidewalk.

CHRISTMAS MOVIES

FREE Shows For the Kids
Every Tuesday Night Until
Christmas at the Quechan
Community Center!
SHOWS START AT 6:00 PM!

**December 8:
Triple Feature!**

Rudolph the
Red Nose
Reindeer

Frosty the
Snowman

Santa Claus
Is Coming
to Town

December 15:

The Polar
Express
(starring
Tom Hanks)

**December 22:
Double Feature!**

A Charlie
Brown
Christmas
and

How The
Grinch Stole
Christmas

Need More Info?
Call Parks & Rec:
(760) 572-1242

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe Is Seeking
Letters of Interest From Enrolled Tribal
Members For The Following Committees:**

Quechan Housing Board	Health Committee
Enrollment Committee	Events Committee
Legislative Committee	Pageant Committee
Education Committee	Impact Aid Committee
Cultural Committee	Law Enforcement Committee
And A New Park & Recreation Committee	

*Please get involved in these important committees
which bring services to the people and our community.
I encourage YOU to apply to bring fresh ideas
and equality to these committees.*

— Mike Jackson Sr., President.

Please Submit Letters of Interest to:
Regina Escalanti, Council Secretary Pro Tem
At the Tribal Administration Office
Monday - Friday During the Hours of
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Miss Quechan Nation, Chynna Cachora showed her support!



Miss Native San Pasqual Elementary
Lillian Pablo



Miss Native San Pasqual High
Kaylin Thomas



Miss Native San Pasqual Middle School
Brina Ironcloud



Every contestant demonstrated great talent during the pageant.

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By William Isbell



Strong Hearts Shiliyi 2015/16
Donna Herrera



Elementary Mahi Kwanamii
Anthony Gilmore



Middle School Mahi Kwanamii
Orlando Jefferson



High School Mahi Kwanamii
Anthony Montague



Judges for the Pageant were Vivian Jackson, Allyson Collins, Miss Quechan Nation and Eileen Valenzuela, as well as the current Miss CRIT and Maureen Menta.



Once all of the contestants had appeared on stage to introduce themselves, perform their talents, and speak on their understanding of their responsibilities ahead, it was up to the judges to tabulate all of their scores. During that time, the outgoing Strong Hearts royalty gathered on stage with the visiting CRIT Native Princesses to share on last dance together.



Strong Hearts President Adam Wong spoke on the objectives of the educational club. School Superintendant Dr. David Bealer also spoke in support of the students.



Live music for the program was provided by local gourd singers, assisting everyone with their talent demonstrations. Those appearing on stage included Zion White, Larry Hammond, Xavier Juan, Jayson Coyote, Vincent Tiger (not seen in photos above), Vernon Smith, Allen Paquin and Leon Thomas. Mahi Kwanamii contestant Orlando Jefferson is seen in the last photo above, singing with his great uncle Preston Arrow-weed accompanied by Strong Hearts singer Cedric Lukee and uncle John Ray Jefferson.

VETERANS DAY AT FORT YUMA

QUECHAN NEWS Photos By William Isbell

Community members of all ages come together to Honor our Veterans and active duty Service Members!



The official start of this year's Veterans Day events was the Children's Parade for Veterans held the day before November 11th. Students from Quechan Head Start and daycare marched all the way around Indian Hill, passing out cookies and American flags to everyone they met, before trooping through the Tribal administration offices to greet everyone there. The tykes then headed out to the Quechan Veterans Memorial eagle to give all the adults a chance to snap group photos with their cell phones!



Our new Strong Hearts Native Royalty got up early on November 11, for their first public appearance in the city's Veterans Day Parade. Riding in two pickup trucks, waving at the throng of supporters were Middle School Mahi Kwanamii Orlando Jefferson, Middle School Princess Lillian Pablo, Elementary School Mahi Kwanamii Anthony Gilmore, and Middle School and High School Princesses Brina Ironcloud and Kaylin Thomas with their new Shiyii, Donna Herrera. While the parade was underway in town, Tribal members and community supporters gathered on Indian Hill for the Quechan Tribe's Veterans Day commemoration. There, the Post 802 Color Guard conducted a flag raising ceremony.



US Army veteran (and Quechan Tribe President) Mike Jackson, Sr. discussed his service during the Vietnam era, and reminded everyone of the need to always keep our veterans in our thoughts. A large crowd of community members turned out for the events on the hill, which included traditional songs by Vernon Smith, Vincent Tiger and Allen Paquin. Delphine Hamilton, the Director of the Yuma Vetrans Center at 1450 East 16th Street, was invited as guest speaker for the day. She told about her struggles to get a Vet's Center here in Yuma, and reminded veterans in the audience that they have a home there, any time they need it. The program ended with Adrian Gomez playing "Taps".

INTRODUCING OUR NEW STRONG HEARTS ROYALTY

The 2015/16 San Pasqual Native Princesses and Mahi Kwanamii Introduce Themselves to the Community

The newly appointed Strong Hearts Native Princess at San Pasqual High is Kaylin Thomas, the oldest daughter

KAYLIN THOMAS

The oldest sister in a large family, Kaylin has one sister enrolled at San Pasqual Middle School, and six siblings in the Elementary School.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



of Alicia Thomas. She has one older brother (Shane) and a sister (Josiah) just four years behind her in the middle school.

Six younger members of her family attend classes at the elementary school, ranging in age from Ehren in 5th grade to Leon, Elijah, Elias, Aiyanna and Isabella, all following behind one grade below, all the way down to kindergarten!

Right now, Kaylin helps out with senior class projects, in addition to the time she devotes to Strong Hearts. Her favorite classes this year are geometry and graphic design.

Kaylin has long served as an example to her younger family members, having served as the Middle School Native Princess for the 2011/12 school year. She says she'd like to get even more involved in the community and extracurricular activities this time around.

"A big concern to me is our traditions, heritage and culture dying down," she says. "There aren't many kids who know

their traditions. They would rather stay on 'social media'. My goal as Princess is to show our younger generation how important our culture is to people, because if no one is involved in our culture, we will eventually not be a Tribe at all. We should give back to our elders and carry on our traditions because there are not many elders left to receive our traditions from."

One tradition is making sure you thank those who have provided for your success, either through material or personal assistance. Kaylin is quick to credit those who have helped her reach her goals so far.

"I want to thank Susan Kooten for making my dress for the Pageant," she said in her speech as a contestant. "And thanks to Yittie and Arlie Emerson for singing for me, with a special thanks to Yittie for taking the time to teach me my dances. And of course, I also thank my family for supporting me, and Mr. Owl for pushing me to do my best!"



BRINA IRONCLOUD

The daughter of Dorinda Ironcloud and Alfred Tatro, the Middle School Princess is of both Quechan and Hunkpapa Sioux descent.

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Miss Native San Pasqual Middle School for 2015/16 is Brina Ironcloud. The daughter of Dorinda Ironcloud and Alfred Tatro, Brina is an 8th grade student who says her favorite classes are math and science.

son Coyote, who are in the fifth and sixth grades at the San Pasqual Elementary School.

Brina is involved in many community projects, in addition to the Strong Hearts Native Society. She also joins in the

activities of the Women's Auxiliary at American Legion Post 802. She says "I look forward to representing my family and school well, and attending the many Strong Hearts activities, where I can get to know the other Princesses."

Brina also tells the *Quechan News*, "I would also like to thank my mom, dad and sisters for all their help, and my uncle, Larry Hammond, for coming all the way from Parker to sing for me at the Pageant."

A senior at San Pasqual High, Anthony Montague is the son of Quechan Tribal members Monica Montague

ANTHONY MONTAGUE

Anthony looks forward to learning new songs and dances from visiting elders when he competes in the 2016 Strong Hearts Pow Wow.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell



and Chano Escalante. He has one brother in the 10th grade, Chano Escalante, Jr., as well as two younger siblings, Christopher and Melissa Valenzuela.

Anthony looks forward to going places outside of school to sing and dance as he fulfills his responsibilities as *Mahi Kwanamii* in the coming year.

"I hope to work hard in our travels, to spread our culture, tradition and heritage to others," he says.

"I also look forward to learn-

ing new songs and dances from visiting elders when I compete and participate in this year's Pow Wow." He also says his favorite subjects at school are Quechan Culture and math.

Anthony also stated that "I want to thank my parents for all their support, as well as my great-aunts, Perdius Escalante and Tessie Escalanti, for all they have taught me. And thanks to my brother Christopher and my sister Melissa, as well as Mr. Owl, for all their help, too."

ANTHONY GILMORE

An enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe, the Elementary School Warrior is the son of Latalia Gilmore and Darin Short.



A fifth grade student whose favorite classes are P.E. and Science, Anthony Gilmore has 3 brothers and 4 sisters. He loves all sports, but his favorite, and his family's sport, is volleyball. He says he wants to learn all the Pipa and Bird songs he can, and says they are all really nice to hear at gatherings. When asked who he wants to thank this year, Anthony said he doesn't want to be disrespectful to anyone who has helped him get where he is today by leaving them out!



ORLANDO JEFFERSON

Middle School Mahi Kwanamii Orlando Jefferson is the son of Coleen Jefferson, and an enrolled member of the Kwatsáan Tribe.

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The new Middle School Warrior at San Pasqual is Orlando Jefferson, an eighth grade student who most enjoys science and social studies. The

second son of Coleen Jefferson, his older brother, Ambrose Tristan, is 19 and out of school.

One younger brother, Elijah Jefferson, is in the 8th grade while 10 year old Akira Gilbert is in fifth grade.

Orlando is looking forward to traveling to different pow wows

and gatherings in the year ahead.

He also said, "I want to thank my uncle Preston Arrowweed for teaching me Pipa songs, and Vernon Smith for teaching me Bird during the sessions at his house. And a special thanks goes to Penny Jefferson, for making my ribbon shirt, and thanks again to Arlie Emerson for letting me borrow his head-dress and for painting my face for the competition."



LILLIAN PABLO

One of Lillian's favorite after school programs is ASES, which she attends to learn beadwork and Quechan Bird dancing.

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Lillian Pablo lives with her guardians, Wallace Dugan and Eileen Menta. An enrolled member of the Quechan Tribe, she has two sisters, Atiyanna

and Rhinna Pablo, who are in the 2nd and 4th grades at San Pasqual. She says she looks forward to traveling to

events to represent her school, and wishes to thank her guardians for standing behind her decision to run, and Adina Alvarez and Lucia Polk for coaching her.

Tribal Member Honored for a Lifetime of Achievement

Quechan Tribal member Dr. Troy Walter Barbee, Jr. was inducted into the Stanford University Native American Cultural Center Hall of Fame on October 23rd at the Tresidder Memorial Union building on the University's South San Francisco Bay campus. Dr. Troy Barbee is a Senior Scientist in the Material Science Division, Physical and Life Science Directorate of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory—a title that recognizes a professional lifetime of scholarly and professional achievement dating back more than 50 years.

Raised off the reservation in Yuma and San Diego, Troy attended San Diego's Hoover High School, where he excelled in both academics and football. His abilities in both caught the eye of several universities, among them Notre Dame, USC,

and others, but Troy eventually chose Stanford.

"He played violin from age seven through his junior year in high school," according to his cousin, Gene Moore. "Troy even played in the San Diego youth symphony. He still plays his violin from time to time."

Gene also says Troy learned responsibility early as a paper boy and he thinks carrying those papers developed his strength for football. "But all of those distractions were given up for football and girls during his last year of high school", the way Gene tells it!

Troy also spent a couple of summers while in high school working for his uncle on the tuna boat *Lone Wolf*, going to sea for several weeks each time. He also did a lot of scuba diving and snorkeling off of La Jolla.

An enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe, Troy



Dr. Troy W. Barbee poses with his daughter, Rebecca, after receiving his recent award from Stanford University. Photo Courtesy of Gene Moore

says he was blessed with strong matriarchal role models having been raised by his maternal great grandmother, grandmother and mother while his father served as a seagoing officer in the US Navy during and after World War II.

These influences, together with his own diverse life expe-

riences, helped Dr. Barbee to shape a personal vision in line with Stanford's founding guideline—to educate the children of future generations as their own.

As one of a very few Native students at Stanford in the 1950s and '60s, the program for the October award ceremony pointed out that Dr. Barbee represented Native identity with the highest ideals of excellence and authenticity over a decade before Stanford officially abandoned the Indian as their mascot. While at Stanford, he earned athletic accolades on the gridiron during the 1956-1958 seasons and on the rugby pitch as a Stanford player from 1955 to 1965.

Dr. Barbee holds three Stanford degrees: a BS in Physical Metallurgy from the School of Earth Sciences in 1959, and an MS and a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from the School of Engineering in 1962

and 1965.

His legacy epitomizes Stanford excellence and innovation, earning him recognition and widespread acclaim as "The Father of Atomic Engineering." A prolific scholar, Dr. Troy Barbee has published over 300 peer reviewed technical papers, written more than 400 conference papers, edited two books, and holds 26 patents.

Dr. Barbee's exceptional awards reflect his membership in honorable global scientific societies and the highest intellectual affiliations.

The Multicultural Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 1995. Since then, each of Stanford's four ethnic community centers representing Native American, Black, Asian and Hispanic alumni have participated. Alumni are inducted in honor of their distinguished service to their communities and society at large.

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 First Quarter of 2016 is Friday, March 4, 2016, at 5:00PM (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 Quechan Enrollment Committee is scheduled for Mid-December, 2015.

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

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4 months:	DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV, RV	18 to 36 months:	Hep A
6 months:	DTaP, Hib, Hep B, PCV, RV	4 to 6 years:	DTaP, IPV, MMR, Varcella
6 to 18 months:	IPV	11 to 12 years:	Tdap, MCV, HPV
6 months to 18 years:	Influenza (Annually)		

December Immunization Clinics Will Take Place:

From 2 PM - 4 PM on Tuesdays: December 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

And From 1 PM - 4 PM on Friday, December 11

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Experienced Apache Officer Hired as New Chief at QPD



Arron Julian, the new Chief of Police for the Quechan Tribal Police Department waits to co-sign the form certifying he has taken the oath of office for the position. Gordon Osborne, who administered the oath at the November 3rd regular Council meeting, signed first. Photo by William Isbell

The long search for a new Chief of Police for the Quechan Tribe has ended, after the Tribal Council announced their choice for the position at their regular monthly meeting on November 3rd. The first order of business that evening was witnessing Gordon Osborne, head of the Quechan Fish and Game Department swearing in Arron Julian, who will now take over leadership of the Quechan Tribal Police.

Once the formal ceremony was completed, and the paperwork signed, Chief Julian turned to the audience to briefly introduce himself and provide a little background information on his career thus far.

At least one Tribal member spoke up to ask the Council if the new Chief had been fully vetted before he was hired, and wanted to know if the new employee is fully qualified to run the QPD. President Jackson informed those present that the new hire is well positioned to be in charge of law enforcement here on the reservation,

and assured everyone that Arron Julian was hired only after careful consideration of all the candidates involved.

The new Chief of Police is a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation. Chief Julian grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he attended high school. He says he developed a love for bicycles living there in his youth, and he rode professionally for many years.

After graduating from high school, Julian attended Bellevue University, where he studied Criminal Justice and Police Administration.

He started his career as a police officer in 1985, holding a variety of job titles through the years; such as Police Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Weapons Armorer, Special Agent, Police Lieutenant, Investigator and Chief of Police.

"As I continued my career in Law Enforcement, I helped develop a training plan for the city," he tells the *Quechan News*. "Later on, I taught in the New Mexico Police Academies."

All of his experience really came together while he was serving with the Jicarilla Apache Police Department.

"I served as their Executive Director of Public Safety and Natural Resources," he says. "In that position, I was responsible for the management of 13 departments with a total staff of over 450 persons. Those departments included the Police Department, Fire Department, Game and Fish, Corrections, Emergency Medical Service, Oil and Gas, Water Administration, Water Wells, Forestry, Agriculture, Historic Preservation, Environmental Protection Agency and Land Administration. He eventually retired from a municipal police agency just outside of Albuquerque.

Upon his retirement, Chief Julian was posted overseas as a federal contractor with the Department of State as the Operations Manager for the U.S. Embassies in Baghdad, Iraq and Kabul, Afghanistan.

As for his personal life, he revealed that he met his wife, Letitia in Dulce, New Mexico, and they just got married this year. "We now have a combined total of 10 children; most of them are all grown. My wife has 3 Masters Degrees and a Bachelors. We believe strongly in education and we preach this to our children."

The new Chief also said, "I look forward to working together with the community, council and other agencies, to continue the work of improving our emergency services. And if I have not met you personally, feel free to stop by my office and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting everyone."

Christmas Events CALENDAR

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Wednesday At The Quechan
December 2 Community Center
At 6:00 PM All Ages Welcome!

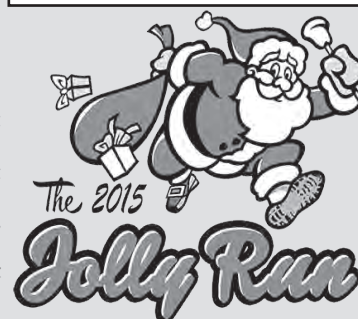
Gingerbread House Making



Wednesday
December 9
At 6:00 PM
At The Quechan
Community Center

Santa's Tribal Toys Giveaway

Wednesday
December 16
At 6:00 PM
At The Paradise
Event Center



Saturday
December 19
At 9:00 AM
At The Quechan Diabetes
Walking Park

Registration for the Jolly Run Begins at 8:30 AM

Christmas Lighting Contest

Friday
December 18
At Dusk
Judging Begins At
Sunset!



Lighting Contest Winners Announced
At The Tribal Christmas Dinner At The
Paradise Event Center: Saturday, December 19!

COMMUNITY EXPRESSIONS

Caw•witts! Caw•mah•thumme!

To all of the Kwatsaan Pipa on the Fort Yuma reservation, this is Blase Smith, and I am currently doing five years in a federal prison for some past mistakes I have made.

But I would still like to take the time to let you all know I have written this letter. It's because I am seeking a pen pal, someone to just share letters with. If you would like to send me a letter, you can do so by writing to me at my mailing address:

Blase Smith #42215298

Federal Correctional Institute #2

P.O. Box 3850

Adelanto, California 92301-3850

I would also like to take the time to send my love to my little boy, Blase Junior, and to his big sister Emilee Eva and Haley Bug. And ***much respect*** to their mothers for raising them!

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



I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Diana Waters at Revenue Distribution for you always being there, ready to assist and answer my questions!

Lanisha Romero

Here is a Belated Birthday Shout Out for:



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-Mom-

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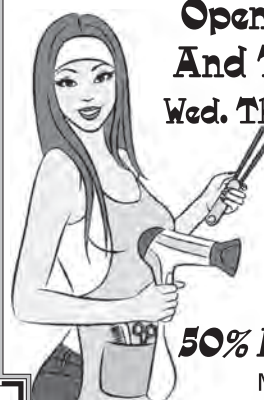
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Prepare for a Cold, Wet Winter

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winters is 62 inches compared to 41 inches in most years.

And who can forget the record setting rains and the billions of desert flowers that followed after the winter months El Niño of 1997-98?

What is El Niño?

El Niño is an ocean-atmospheric phenomenon marked by warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean near the Equator. This phenomenon occurs about every two to seven years and last about 9 to 12 months; although, some prolonged events can last years.

The presence of El Niño can influence global weather, climate, ocean conditions, and marine fisheries.

A strong El Niño means above-average precipitation for Arizona; particularly in the winter months of December, January, February and into March.

The Climate Prediction Center's latest models "predict a peak [of El Niño] in late fall/early winter," and temperature and precipitation impacts to increase during that same time period. Although a prediction of a strong El Niño is by no means a guarantee, all signs point to a wet winter in Arizona.

Arizona last experienced a strong El Niño during the winter of 2009 and 2010. The most damaging storm that year happened over January 20-23, and resulted in numerous search and rescues, widespread flooding, localized evacuations, power outages and extensive damage to public infrastructure.

Over three days, between 40 and 60 inches of snow fell across the White Mountains. The town of Pine was blanketed under at least 25 inches of snow. In communities at lower

elevations it rained seemingly relentlessly. In Black Canyon City in Yavapai County, 29 homes were destroyed or damaged when the Agua Fria River overran its banks. Flooding in Gila County isolated 826 people living in the Tonto Creek Basin when it turned the major road in and out of the area impassable.

As a result, Governor Jan Brewer declared a state of emergency which formally activated the State Emergency Operations Center at the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. This gave the state's Adjutant General authorization to mobilize the Arizona National Guard to assist in the protection of life and property.

Eventually eight Arizona counties (Apache, Yavapai, Coconino, Gila, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave and Navajo) and six tribes (the Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, San Carlos Apache, Tohono O'odham Nation and the White Mountain Apache Tribe) would receive federal aid for impacts to public infrastructure.

What can you do to prepare?

Emergency preparedness is as much about having confidence in your ability to prepare as it is about making preparations. Some people consider themselves too busy with work, friends and family to prepare. But basic emergency preparedness is easily achievable, instantly actionable and applicable in an El Niño winter. Winter IS coming, but you've got a head start.

Prepare for the possibility of heavy rains, cold and power outages:

- Sign up to receive emergency notifications. Several Arizona counties maintain emer-

gency notification systems that can be used to warn residents of severe weather, evacuation notices, etc. Contact the Quechan emergency management office for more information.

- Heat your home safely. Never use a generator, grill or camp stove indoors.

- Check on your neighbors.

- Winterize your vehicle. Install winter tires, and have your brakes, battery, filters and fluids checked.

- Write a family communication plan that includes an out-of-town contact

- Prepare for prolonged power outages. Build an emergency supplies kit with enough non-perishable food and potable water to last at least 72 hours.

- Drive defensively. Don't tailgate snowplows or try to cross flooded roadways.

- When you leave the house, tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.

Prepare for the possibility of heavy rain, flooding and the need to evacuate:

- Buy flood insurance. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flood damage.

- When you're out on the highway, and you come to a dip in the road that's under water, remember to NEVER try to cross a flooded roadway. It takes only six inches of water to float many vehicles. Turn Around, Don't Drown.


- When the power goes out, once you've made sure everyone in your home is safe and accounted for, check on your neighbors.

- Prepare to evacuate. Build an emergency supplies kit with enough nonperishable food and potable water to last at least 72 hours. You may need it when you move to other shelter.

Long Term Forecast: Prepare for a Cold, Wet Winter

Arizona Emergency Information Network Advises Everyone to Prepare for Winter Storms, Possible Power Outages

El Niño



Winter Preparedness

Scientists at the National Weather Service approximate a

95%

chance EL Niño will continue into winter 2015-2016.

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inches

14,000

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homes

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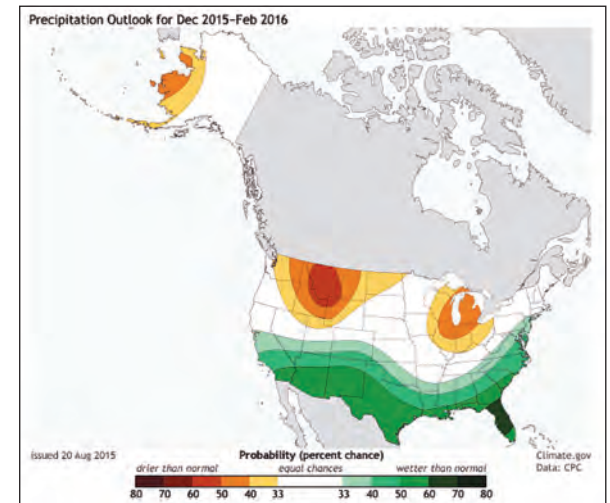
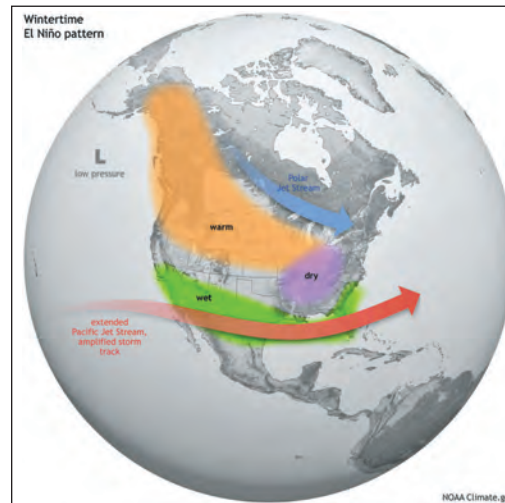
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Never tailgate snowplows or try to cross a flooded roadway. Turn Around, Don't Drown

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Created by the Arizona Emergency Information Network (AzEIN), www.AzEIN.gov



Forecasters say El Niño will have a big impact on winter weather in Arizona this year. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), temperature and precipitation impacts associated with El Niño are expected to start out small and increase in late fall and winter. The NWS Climate Prediction Center in College Park, Md., says there is about a “95 percent chance that El Niño will continue through the winter of 2015-2016 in the Northern Hemisphere, and gradually weaken through the spring of 2016.” While impacts are anticipated, they are not certain to occur. Forecasters expected a strong El Niño effect last winter that never materialized. Art: NOAA

El Niño has been a big topic of discussion ever since Bill Patzert, a climatologist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California said, “This definitely has the potential of being the Godzilla El Niño.”

But no matter how good the data is, long-term weather forecasting doesn’t always turn out

the way we think. Most climatologists expected a strong El Niño effect last winter, but it never materialized.

Just because El Niño was a no-show last winter, it doesn’t mean its impact won’t be felt this winter. According to the NWS in Flagstaff, past winters during strong El Niños have

shown a tendency to be wetter than normal in Northern Arizona. Window Rock on the Navajo Nation typically receives 21 inches of snow during strong El Niño winter seasons; it averages 6 inches during a “normal” winter. The average snowfall in Alpine during strong El Niño (Story continues on Page 11)

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