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# Interior Preparing for \$1.9 Billion Land Buy-Back Program

Following extensive consultations with American Indian leaders, the Department of the Interior made a number of announcements in mid-June related to what they say are significant efforts that will soon be underway, to begin a program of purchasing fractional interests in American Indian trust lands from willing sellers.

Those announcements detailed the Interior Department's efforts to establish cooperative agreements with several tribal nations to begin the purchase of individual interests in "highly fractionated" trust lands. It is hoped the plan will consolidate the ownership of these acres for the beneficial use of the tribal nations affected.

The Department has also established purchase ceilings to ensure that all qualifying tribes will be able to participate in the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program). Additional incentives for individual owners to offer

their fractionated shares for the benefit of tribal communities were also announced, including minimum payments and Indian scholarship funds.

The Buy-Back Program was created to assist in President Obama's commitment to help strengthen Indian communities through implementing the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provides a \$1.9 billion fund to purchase fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers, at fair market value, within a 10-year period.

"With a solid foundation built on government-to-government consultation, the Department is now prepared to begin working with tribal nations so we can proceed with initial offers by the end of this year," said David J. Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Hayes, who chairs the oversight board created to ensure "the highest-level of accountability within the Interior De-

partment", emphasized that the goal of the Buy-Back Program is to unlock the benefit of those smaller parcels for their tribal communities.

"We need to be smart about managing the available resources of tribal communities and the federal government, while developing flexible processes for each cooperative agreement," he said.

As outlined in the Implementation Plan released in December of 2012, Department officials have had extensive consultations with tribes across Indian Country over the past several months to determine how to move forward with a process in a way that provides an efficient and fair outcome for individual owners of fractionated lands through participation in the Buy-Back Program. It is hoped the Program will maximize the opportunities for tribal government involvement, while offering greater flexibility for each tribal nation to determine what is best

for their respective communities.

The June 18th announcements are based on those consultations, which will guide the next steps in the process.

According to a news release from the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, his Department's personnel have been hard at work refining valuation methods, updating title systems, and staffing appraisal teams to accommodate the predicted interest in the program.

Interior holds about 56 million acres in trust or restricted status for American Indians. More than 10 million acres are held for individual American Indians and nearly 46 million acres are held for Indian tribes.

The Department holds this land in more than 200,000 tracts. About 92,000 tracts on 150 reservations contain fractional ownership interests available for purchase by the Program.

Approximately 90% of the fractionated lands available to

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# \$1.9 Billion Land Buy-Back Program

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purchase are in 40 of the 150 locations.

As tribal communities are identified for participation in the program, the Department will enter into cooperative agreements that are flexible and responsive to the specific needs of the nation involved. Tribes have the opportunity to actively participate in the process, which will improve the program's effectiveness and efficiency while minimizing administrative costs.

Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities.

"This is a program that will not be implemented overnight, but we will be thorough and tailor opportunities for the benefit of each nation," said Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn. "We must have the flexibility to learn from each buy-back effort and provide transparency for each successive tribe."

Two key decisions flowing directly from the Department's nation-to-nation consultations include purchase ceilings and

base payments. To ensure that the Program will be implemented at as many locations as possible (including less fractionated locations), purchase ceilings will be used to protect against premature exhaustion of funds.

The Buy-Back Program will also provide landowners with a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land, based on estimates for the time and effort required for individual land owners to proceed through the acquisition process and to facilitate sales. In addition to base payments, the Department discussed the allocation of funds toward Indian educational scholarships as a further incentive for participation.

Up to \$60 million from sales will be designated for the Cobell Scholarship Fund for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Buy-Back Program will launch a website later this summer, with resources for tribal governments and individuals, including easy-to-use templates for the creation of cooperative agreements which are now being developed with input from various tribes and tribal organizations.

## New Dentist for IHS

Dr. Spain's last day at the Fort Yuma Dental Clinic was Friday June 28, 2013. The Dental Clinic closed on Monday July 1, 2013. The new IHS Chief Dental Officer, Dr. Wayne Tomkinson from Kayenta, Arizona will resume dental services on Monday, July 22, 2013.

# Full Scholarship to University of Arizona for Quechan Tribal Member

Quechan Tribal Member Joshua "Josh" Owl, 18, recently completed his final year as a student at Yuma High, where he received a \$40,000 Baird scholarship and the renewable Wildcat Excellence Award for \$6,000 a year upon graduation.

In addition, Owl received the \$5,000 Ronald D. Harper scholarship and a \$2,500 scholarship from the Yuma U of A Alumni Club in honor of Bobbi Olson.

These scholarships will help him pay for his tuition at the University of Arizona, where he hopes to use his education to ultimately become a biomedical engineer and help eradicate diabetes.

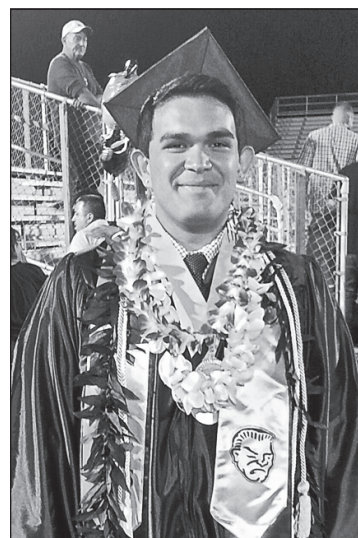
Josh says Baird Scholars also receive automatic admission into the U of A Honors College.

He is the son of Faron Owl, a faculty member at San Pasqual High, and Catherine Owl.

Josh tells the *Quechan News* he recently had a chance to meet other Baird Scholars at a dinner at the University of Arizona's campus in Tucson.

"Going up there I didn't really know what to expect," he said, "but it was really cool because I got to meet some really interesting people who were in the Baird Scholarship program."

Going on to explain his plans, he continued: "Right now I'm looking at majoring in biomedical engineering and I was looking to minor in elec-



**Josh Owl** smiles after graduating as the Class of 2013 Valedictorian at Yuma High. Courtesy of Faron Owl

trical or computer engineering, one of those two, I'm not really sure. I want to work with prosthetics and biomechanics, so overall my goal in life is to leave a legacy behind. I want to be remembered as the person who helped alleviate or eradicate diabetes."

"Diabetes is important to me because being of Native American and Hispanic heritage, I have a lot of exposure to diabetes and what it can do. My grandpa has lost his leg to diabetes."

He also wants to help those who have lost the ability to hear, after playing baseball in high school with two deaf students who weren't able to get cochlear implants. "Exposure to people like that inspires me to want to help them, I want to

help people like that in the future."

Josh says his parents were happy to hear about his scholarship awards, especially after both of his older brothers just recently graduated from college. "They haven't really told me directly, but I'm pretty sure they're relieved to not have to pay for anything!" he explains.

"That has been my whole goal throughout high school because I've always known that I have the potential to not have to pay for my college, so I worked all four years to be able to be up where I am."

In addition to graduating as valedictorian with a weighted 4.15 grade-point average, Josh was enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, took part in the Academic Decathlon, was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Lyres Club and was the President of bands at Yuma High. He somehow also found time to play in the community jazz band as well as participating in various community service projects.

"Sometimes it's hard to juggle all the extracurriculars, since most days if I'm not at school, I'm at work, and if I'm off work, I'm at home doing class work."

He plans live in the dorms this fall and he's really excited to make that transition. "I'm ready for a new experience, to see where life takes me."

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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](mailto:w.isbell@quechantribe.com). I'm looking forward to hearing from you!





# Culture & Heritage

## Hunger at Fort Yuma? Not With Commodities Available!



**The Quechan Commodities Department** has a warehouse full of food, provided by the US Department of Agriculture through their Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) system. The warehouse includes a large walk-in freezer/cooler and three industrial sized refrigerator units along the south wall, for storing perishable items and frozen meats which are included in the program. The monthly shipments from the FDA are packed high on shrinkwrapped pallets. Those pallets are so large that Warehouse Worker Elizabeth Comet needs a forklift to move them around the building, as they are broken down into smaller specific groups for easier sorting while filling orders.

QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

The second week in June saw the release of a new study from Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. With the release of that study, called "Map the Meal Gap 2013," local media exploded with the news that Yuma and Imperial Counties were both listed as having frighteningly high "food insecurity rates": those percentages are now 27.3% for Yuma County, and 27.8% for Imperial.

That means both Yuma and Imperial Counties have now moved to the number one spot in their respective states for people who may not know where their next meal is coming from. As many as 52,950 people may be going hungry in Yuma County, out of a total population of 193,995, while

Imperial County (with a lower total population of 171,343) having 47,690 suffering from chronic hunger. The main cause for both counties seems to be the high rates of unemployment here on the southwest border.

As local media searched for answers, the local television, radio and newspaper outlets all seemed to be calling on the Yuma Community Food Bank for solutions.

But the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe has long had a solution for helping those who might be going through temporary difficulties, whether it's a result of unemployment (or *under*-employment), family members returning to the nest, or other uncontrollable circumstances.

The solution here on the Quechan reservation is the

Quechan Tribe's Commodities Distribution Program, a part of the federal government's Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), which is funded by the US Department of Agriculture.

Debbie Hill, the Director of the program, has been with the Commodities Department since 1990. She runs the program with the help of three full time employees: Warehouse/Office Clerk Kevin Chiaparosa, who most often answers the phones and greets clients from the front office, and Warehouse Workers Peter Perez and Elizabeth Comet, who keep track of the large inventory of foodstuffs they keep on hand.

The Quechan Commodities Distribution Program is housed in a large warehouse just north

of the Utilities Department on San Pasqual School Road.

About once a month, a large semi-truck from pulls up to their loading area and disgorges a couple of tons of boxed and shrink-wrapped food items. Peter and Elizabeth unload and stack the new load on pallets inside the air conditioned warehouse, and pack all of the perishable items in their walk-in freezer and industrial sized refrigerator cabinets.

Once everything is unloaded and inventoried, they immediately begin setting up smaller pallets for the various family clients they serve. There is a set amount of commodities per person, and the staff prepares a check-off list for each family they serve, pulling the items needed from their inventory

and boxing it all up, checking everything off as they go.

Following their checklists, the Warehouse Workers then lay out and label a box of items for each client. A family of four with two kids will receive one combination of items, while a pair of elders who make up a household will have similar, but fewer items boxed up for them.

Most clients have a set day to arrive each month to pick up their packages. Clients can then check in at the front office, then drive around to the back, roll-up garage door, where Pete and Elizabeth will help load the family car.

"We used to get a lot of things in plain, generic black and white packages," says Ms. Hill, remembering what things

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# Commodities

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were like when she first joined the program. “Now, it’s all name-brand canned and packaged foods, from companies like Quaker Oats, Hunts, Libby’s, Kellogg’s and such. It’s not only much nicer, it’s easier to find what you’re looking for when you prepare a package.”

Also going into the packages are chicken breasts, ground beef, roasts and whole chickens from their freezer. Special items like hams, canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce also come in around the holidays.

There are income eligibility requirements, of course. If you want to check it out, call the



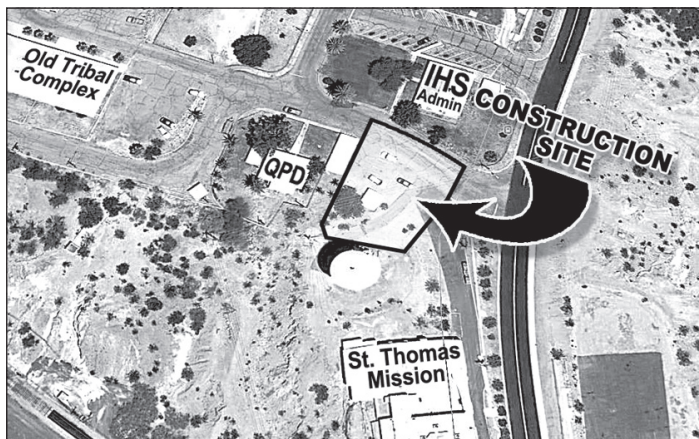
**Commodities Director** Debbie Hill has been with the program since 1990. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

Commodities Department during the week at (760)572-0740 and set up an appointment.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



**Beginning on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, Southwest Tank and Steel, the general contractor charged with constructing the Quechan Tribe’s new water storage tank, has been conducting site evaluation in preparation for the construction of a new 780,000 gallon water storage tank on Indian Hill.**



**Construction is scheduled to be complete in December 2013.**

**During this time, please be careful and patient when traveling in this area.**

# Quechan Emergency Action Plan Prepared For Adoption

The recent installation of two emergency generators — one at the Tribal Administration office, the other at the Senior Nutrition Center — gives tangible, visible proof that the Quechan Emergency Management Committee (EMC) is making progress.

A little over 2 years ago, the Committee was formed to develop an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for the Tribe in order to clarify procedures to follow in the event of large scale events (such as earthquakes, long term power outages, wildfires requiring evacuation and similar situations).

Under the guidance of Safety Officer Melvin Miguel and QPD Emergency Liason Rosario Zavala, the Committee has provided training for Tribal employees on Federal Emergency Management standards, to make sure everyone who works for the Tribe knows who to report to, and what their responsibilities are in the event of an emergency.

The goal is to meet the core capabilities required to achieve the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) as outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks and other community-wide emergencies. Meeting those goals not only helps the Tribe respond to those emergencies while requiring less dependence on outside agencies, it allows the Tribe to qualify for funds through the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) which provides the infrastructure and equipment necessary to respond to such events.

In the past year, the Tribe



**A new 70KW emergency generator** went through a complete test before going on line at the Tribal Administration office on June 19.

QUECHAN NEWS Photo by William Isbell

received a grant which paid for the two generators just installed, along with emergency radios to be used by Tribal Security to keep in touch with other emergency responders during community wide events.

The generator at the Administration office will allow that building to remain “on line” at all times, to be the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) even if an earthquake, terrorist attack or weather event were to knock out power over the entire surrounding area. The Senior Center will also have power now, to become a shelter for our elders during such events.

The EMC’s Emergency Action Plan also designates the Paradise Event Center as the primary emergency shelter for most other Tribal members, since both Casinos (and their event centers) are already equipped with powerful generators to keep the lights, kitchens and air condition up and running whenever “the grid” goes down.

Now that the first two generators are in place to provide an EOC and a shelter for the el-

ders, the Tribe hopes to qualify for another grant from the Department of Homeland Security to give the Quechan Education Complex the capability to be used as another shelter here on the reservation.

If a wind storm were to blow through the area and knock out power, it makes more sense to leave the little children and seniors right where they are, and let them “shelter in place” with lights, a kitchen and air conditioning, than to have to worry about moving the most vulnerable among us to another location while emergency crews are attempting to coordinate other, more pressing matters. Once things are more under control, parents who may have to respond to those emergencies as part of their job descriptions will be able to go to the Education Complex and either pick up their kids, or perhaps even join them there, if the emergency continues for more than 24 hours.

The draft Emergency Response Plan also divides the reservation into four North, South, East, and West zones, centered at the intersection of Picacho and Indian Rock Roads. If an emergency develops, each zone will be the responsibility of a primary emergency response group, to allow quick action and clear lines of authority. Each group will keep in touch with the EOC, passing along information to the community.

The Tribal Council has the EAP under review, and may approve it for adoption sometime later this month. Once it is approved, look for maps of the zones and more information in the *Quechan News*.



# Guest Speakers Present Special Lessons at J.O.M.

Tribal member students have been rotating through the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program at the Quechan Education Center according to age groups, since shortly after the public schools got out in late May.

Elementary students from the first to fourth grade were able to gather a little extra classroom time first, with their 13 day session from June 5th to the 21st. Following right behind them are the middle school types, from the 5th through 8th grades, who are right now in the middle of their session, which goes from June 26th to the end of next week. All of the kids so far have attended morning classes, with a free breakfast and lunch included, from 9:00 in the morning until three in the afternoon.

When the high school students attend JOM from July 17th until August 2nd, they will have an afternoon schedule, being picked up for class at noon and going right into lunch, and staying with the Program until about 5:30 every afternoon.

All three sessions, for all ages, include a two hour period at the end of each day for some sort of fun activity that also includes opportunities for both education and increasing sociability. That means they take part in arts and crafts every Monday, head over to the Rainbow Pool next door for swimming on Tuesdays, go to the park or the gym on Wednesdays, and everybody gets to see a movie on Fridays. The high school students will mix it up a bit, by also throwing in a day for general discussions on a variety of subjects every Tuesday.

Pamela Manchatta, the Director of the Quechan JOM Program knows that the key

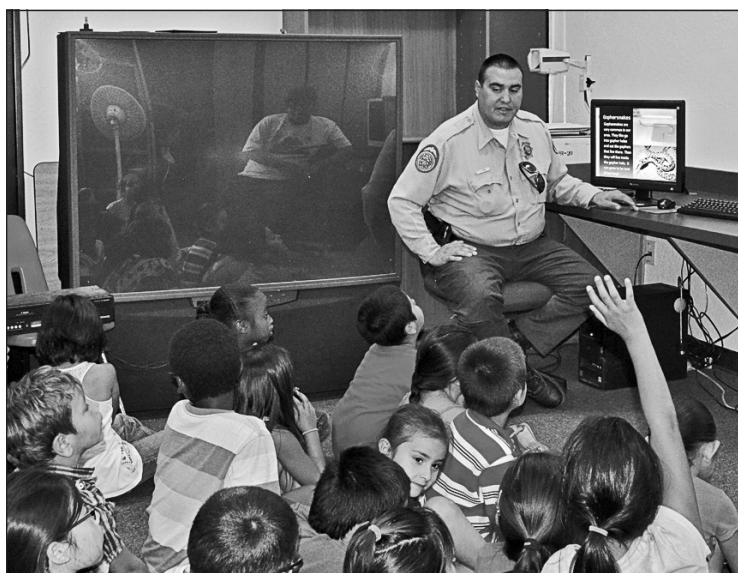


**Lisa Aguerro, from Quechan Injury Prevention** gave the elementary students instruction on water safety. The following Monday, Travis Owl, from the Quechan Game and Fish Department spent a good part of the afternoon with a show and tell lecture on the various snakes in the area. QUECHAN NEWS Photos by William Isbell

to keeping kids interested is to keep their minds stimulated. To help in that, she's arranged for local workers from different agencies and departments to stop in after lunch and give presentations on their particular areas of expertise.

With all of the kids getting much of their exercise at the pool, one of the first experts invited in this year was Lisa Aguerro, who runs the Injury Prevention office for the Quechan Tribe. She brought over coloring pages a quiz sheets for the younger students to fill out, so they could follow along and read what she was talking about, and reinforce the message. Lisa had a list of 10 important water safety rules that she really wanted to get across, and with the coloring handouts she gave them, the students heard, saw and colored those rules, and hopefully had some of those rules "sink in" through repetition.

They learned that you should *always* swim with a buddy, stay in designated areas (and *out* of canals!), and to always be sure



an adult is *with you and watching* at all times! Lisa's presentation also stressed the importance of staying out of unknown waters, and obeying warning signs such as "No Swimming".

Another guest lecturer who stressed the importance of rules was Officer Marco Veloz of the Quechan Tribal Police. The main subject of his presentation at JOM concerns how to use the 911 emergency call system, and when you should use it.

There are also times when you *shouldn't* be calling 911, and he covered that, too. When asking the kids for examples of what not to do, some of the little kids can get pretty imaginative! The discussions could get pretty far afield, but as a law enforcement professional, Officer Veloz was able to steer the conversation back in the direction he wanted it to go!

One thing he made sure the kids learned was to always tell

the dispatcher *where you are when you call*, and to *be sure* you tell them you're in Winterhaven, since the calls are sometimes routed through Yuma, and they might end up going to the wrong address and never find you, because they're looking in the wrong town!

The kids also enjoy learning things when Warden Travis Owl of Quechan Game and Fish comes by, since he brings visual aids and props on his visits!

His class in early June included a PowerPoint presentation, with color photos of all the creepy crawlies, as he told the elementary students about all the different snakes that live in the area. He even had photos of himself capturing rattlesnakes right on peoples front porches, too, to help get the message across that snakes aren't always hiding in the grass: they can be anywhere, and you shouldn't chase, touch or injure them—just call Game and Fish and they'll take care of it.

Lectures like these will continue at JOM, helping local students learn *and* stay busy all through the summer months.



**Officer Marco Veloz with the Quechan Tribal Police** stopped by on June 10th, to talk about the 911 system and how to use it to make your needs and your location clearly understood in an emergency.





Joseph poses outside the venue soon after arriving in Denver, above. Below, he is seen with his opponent, Diaz Sisneros.



# Joseph Herrera Takes Junior Olympic Regional Boxing Title

Photos Courtesy of Rosie Herrera, Quechan SDPI



Quechan Tribal member Joseph Herrera has his arm held aloft (above) at the end of his June 8th Junior Olympics Title fight in Denver, Colorado, showing the crowd that Joseph is the winner and new Champion of the 13 to 14 year-old 125 lb. Middleweight Class in the Southwest Region for 2013. He and his mom, Rosie Herrera, left Fort Yuma for Santo Domingo, New Mexico on Thursday, June 6th. There, they spent the night with relatives before getting up and continuing on to Denver at 6:00 AM the next morning. After checking in to their hotel, they found the Colorado Golden Gloves Gym, the site of the weekend tournament was held. Once at the gym, they met up with the Arizona team coaches: Mike from Azteca Boxing Gym in Phoenix, and Sergio Zaragoza from Arizona Boxing and Fitness in Tucson. The next day, Joseph's match was the third for the day, and after beating his "red corner" opponent and collecting the trophy, the Herrera's hopped in the car and headed back home! They travel to the San Carlos Apache reservation this weekend for the Native American Boxing Tournament on July 5th and 6th, and then to Indio for the 3-day Desert Showdown five days later!



Joseph also posed with his newest championship trophy right after the win, and with the Arizona team coaches shortly afterwards.



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**Family Activities at the Evergreen Park**  
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Take Part In The 10AM Horseshoe Tournament



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*On your retirement  
after 28 years of service  
at the Fort Yuma Agency,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, ending your career  
as their Fire Management Range Clerk*

*Sybil Shanklin & Family*



# Tribal Member Retires After Nearly 28 Years With the BIA

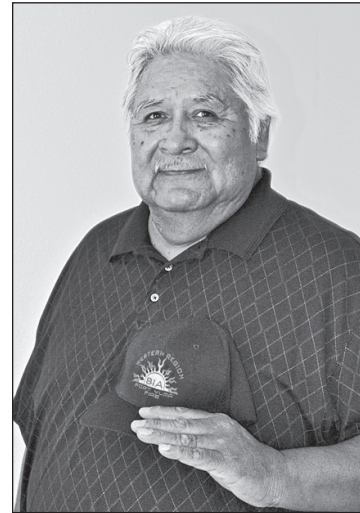
Michael Miguel has retired after 27 years and 8 months with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Fort Yuma Agency.

A graduate of San Pasqual High, Michael grew up here on the reservation in the home of his parents, Nellie S. Miguel and Jefferson D. Miguel, Jr. He moved to Phoenix to take accounting at a business college, and first applied for a position with the BIA there. "I applied about 8 times, and was rejected (each time)," he recalls, "and on the ninth try I went through!" When you live in Phoenix, there is a large population competing for each job, he says, so he just kept on applying until he "rose to the top," and got picked.

The position he was accepted for was Clerk/Typist for the Land Operations Office at Fort Yuma, which was based in the present Quechan Community Center at that time. His duties included answering phones, creating memos on request, filing and learning how a government office operates. The months went by, until Michael had been there for 8 years.

By that time, one of the administrative assistants left, so Michael was appointed to the position of "acting" administrative assistant, which lasted for 3 years. All that time, he was assisting Land Operations by keeping track of land trust issues and the water bills owed by the farmers who lease family parcels on both the Cocopah and Quechan reservations.

In 2008, the BIA Wildland Firefighters needed a Range Clerk to help them meet their schedules and keep track of their materials and time, so Michael applied for, and received



Although Michael Miguel enjoyed his time at the BIA, he says he also looks forward to spending more time with his family now that he's retired. Q NEWS Photo by William Isbell

a transfer to that position.

The new job meant he had many more responsibilities beyond simply keeping track of clerical matters. As the Range Clerk, Michael also served as the Crew Representative which accompanies a fire crew whenever they are dispatched outside of their local jurisdiction. He was responsible for all administrative duties such as time keeping, commissary runs, accident reports and follow-ups, as well as verifying their travel arrangements and lodging before heading out of town.

He not only had to process the crew's timesheets (both by hand in the field and back at the office, using the ISuites accounting program), he also kept in touch with the Fire Management offices at other government agencies such as Arizona Game & Fish, the BLM and the other Indian Agencies. Those groups use the Fort Yuma crews whenever a range fire grows beyond the local agency's ability to contain it on their own.

"I had to transport the fire crews to fire locations within the state of Arizona using a government vehicle, and deliver their supplies to them while they were on-site; like cases of bottled water, bags of ice, meals, Gatorade and additional equipment. I spent a lot of time driving back and forth between the command posts and the 'front lines' at fire scenes."

"We went to Tucson, San Carlos, Mesa, Laveen, Casa Grande and Parker. I also provided ground support at the Little Bear Fire in Myer for 10 days and at the Bull Flat Fire in Flagstaff for 4 days in 2012," he recalls. "I enjoyed assisting our Firefighters, who never hesitated when putting themselves in harm's way, to protect the Trust Lands and communities we visited."

Michael says it was a pleasure serving the Cocopah, Quechan and other tribes, and he feels the BIA Western Regional office staff is available to provide additional professional services whenever they are called upon.

"The local community is still in need of BIA services and the qualified staff at the Fort Yuma Agency," he says.

Now that he's retired, he says he wants to travel now and then and spend more time with his wife of 8 years, Margarita, and his many (now grown) children. His extensive family includes daughters Alicia Miguel, Ofelia Peynado and Sophia Herrera, stepdaughters Allison Thomas and Kathy Montague and sons Henri Koteen and Richard Herrera and stepson James Barley.

Michael also enjoys yard work and spending time at the Senior Center visiting with his "former classmates".



# HEAT ILLNESS



*Exposure to extreme heat can make a person seriously ill or even result in death.*

*Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are conditions caused by overexposure to heat, loss of fluids and electrolytes.*

*People usually try to get out of extreme heat before they begin to feel ill but often they do not or cannot. They might not even recognize that they are in danger of becoming ill.*

*Heat Exhaustion symptoms include: headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, thirst, fatigue and heavy sweating. Heat cramps and heat rash are less serious but they are still signs of too much heat exposure.*

*Heatstroke symptoms include: confusion, irrational behavior, fast breathing, very high body temperature, hot, flushed skin, possible convulsions and unresponsiveness - plus, sweating may have stopped. CALL 911 if you suspect heatstroke!*

*Move to a cool place • Remove outer clothing • Drink water or a sports drink  
Do not drink alcohol and avoid caffeine – obtain medical assistance if necessary.*



## AT RISK:

- People who work or exercise outdoors
- Young children and elderly people
- Pets
- People with health problems
- People with previous heat-related illness
- People living in buildings with no cooling/poor ventilation

## where's baby?

Look before you lock.

*NEVER leave infants or young children unattended in a vehicle, even if you leave the windows partly open or the air conditioning on.*

## TIPS ON PREVENTION

### **WATER. REST. SHADE.**

*The work can't get done without them.*

Remember three simple words: WATER - REST - SHADE

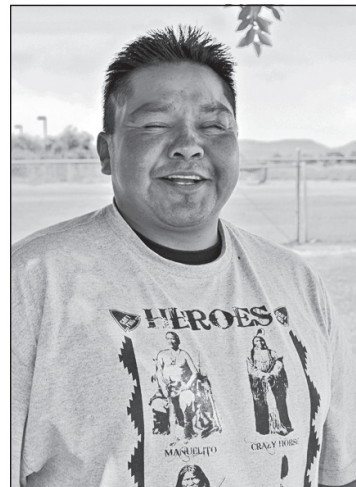
**WATER:** You need plenty of water throughout the day every 15 minutes.

*Don't wait until you feel thirsty.*

**REST:** Rest breaks help your body recover.

**SHADE:** Resting in the shade or in air-conditioning helps you cool down.

## ADAPP, Client and Counselor Recognized



**Travis Manchado**

Was recognized for assisting other clients in their recovery process.

Every year, the Transition and Living Center (TLC) in Yuma holds a meeting to honor those friends in recovery who have been a support or volunteered in their own community to help make that recovery possible. The Quechan Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) was among the organizations recognized at this year's event. ADAPP Director Josie Camacho Garcia, Counselor Claudia Reyes, and client Travis Manchado were also among the individuals recognized on Wednesday evening, June 12, 2013 at the American Legion Center. The event was attended by many representatives of Yuma's mental health agencies, local law enforcement, and the community at large.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Marie Charles, daughter of Marie Joaquin and Noah Charles, for your promotion to 1st Grade at San Pasqual Elementary on May 23rd!  
Keep up the good work!

From Your Mom, Sister,  
Brother Uncles and Nieces  
in the Joaquin Family



## NOTICE

The Quechan Indian Tribe is seeking interested Tribal Members to serve on the following Committee:

**3 Members for  
The Quechan Tribe  
Enrollment Committee**

*If interested, please submit a  
Letter of Interest to the  
Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield,  
at the Tribal Administration Office.*





# San Pasqual Schools Schedule For 2013/2014

The San Pasqual Valley Schools will return to class on Monday, August 18th. The first grading period will total 85 classroom days, with Report Cards going home at the beginning of the Winter Break on Friday, December 20th. The second half of the school year will begin on Monday, January 6th, ending on Friday, May 30th, after another 95 days of classroom work.

## Elementary School Bell Schedule

**Please note that the Elementary School will have early release each Wednesday at 1:15 PM.**

Regular Day – Kindergarten – 5th	8:00AM – 2:15 PM
Early Release Wednesday for Grades K – 5	8:00AM – 1:15PM
Prekindergarten	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Transitional Kindergarten: Monday through Friday	8:00AM – 1:00PM

## Older Students Bell Schedule: Monday - Tuesday & Thursday - Friday

### Middle School

1st Period	8:05AM - 8:55AM
Advisory	9:00AM - 9:20AM
2nd Period	9:20AM - 10:10AM
3rd Period	10:15AM - 11:05AM
4th Period	11:10AM - 12:00 Noon
<b>MS LUNCH</b>	<b>12:00 PM - 12:30 PM</b>
5th Period	12:35 PM - 1:25 PM
6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM
7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:15 PM

### High School

1st Period	8:05AM - 8:55AM
Advisory	9:00AM - 9:20AM
2nd Period	9:20AM - 10:10AM
3rd Period	10:15AM - 11:05AM
4th Period	11:10AM - 12:00 Noon
5th Period	12:05 PM - 12:55 PM
<b>HS LUNCH</b>	<b>12:55 PM - 1:25 PM</b>
6th Period	1:30 PM - 2:20 PM
7th Period	2:25 PM - 3:15 PM

## Wednesday/Late Start Schedule

**Middle School and High School – start late on Wednesday at 9:45AM.**

### Middle School

<b>MS/HS Breakfast 9:45AM - 10:05AM</b>	
1st Period	10:10AM - 10:45AM
2nd Period	10:50AM - 11:25AM
3rd Period	11:30AM - 12:05 PM
4th Period	12:10AM - 12:45 PM
<b>MS LUNCH</b>	<b>12:45 PM - 1:15 PM</b>
5th Period	1:20 PM - 1:55 PM
6th Period	2:00 PM - 2:35 PM
7th Period	2:40 PM - 3:15 PM

### High School

<b>MS/HS Breakfast 9:45AM - 10:05AM</b>	
1st Period	10:10AM - 10:45AM
2nd Period	10:50AM - 11:25AM
3rd Period	11:30AM - 12:05 PM
4th Period	12:10AM - 12:45 PM
5th Period	12:50 PM - 1:25 PM
<b>HS LUNCH</b>	<b>1:25 PM - 1:55 PM</b>
6th Period	2:00 PM - 2:35 PM
7th Period	2:40 PM - 3:15 PM

## Happy Belated Anniversary

*May 21st, 2013  
3 Years! WOW!*

*We Hope You Both  
Enjoyed Hawaii!*

*Welcome Back!*

*~ Lots of Love ~*

*Joanna & Randy Allen*

*Sisters & Brothers*



*Jackson and Antoni Brenner*

## Congratulations to Marie Joaquin!



Who graduated from AWC on May 17th with her Associates Degree in Environmental Science (with an emphasis on Biology) as well as an Associates Degree in general studies! She will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science at NAU this fall! **A big KUDOS to You!**

**From your Mom  
and the Entire Joaquin Family**

## Kwat'san Ji'ya!

### TIME TO GET UP AND GET BUSY!

<i>To Yawn</i>	<i>To Walk</i>
<b>Tsaxaqwaaq-k</b>	<b>Avaa-k</b>
<i>To Get Up</i>	<i>To Drive</i>
<b>Aman-k</b>	<b>Tsaavesh-k</b>
<i>To Get Dressed</i>	<i>To Dig</i>
<b>Nyuu aaly-k</b>	<b>Axwelly-k</b>
<i>To Put On Hat</i>	<i>To Plant</i>
<b>Kapuun-k</b>	<b>Tsavawkortsavoow-k</b>
<i>To Put On Shirt</i>	<i>To Put On Shoes</i>
<b>Matt-takxav-k</b>	<b>Nyaxamnyew-k</b>

Submitted by Judith Prietta of the  
Quechan Language Preservation Program  
**To enroll in a Language Course, call (760)572-4412**



# TRIBAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

*Resolutions Passed From May 20, 2013 through June 21, 2013*

The Quechan Tribal Council passed 19 Official Resolutions at the Regular Tribal Council meeting on Monday, June 4, 2013. The Resolutions are listed in numerical order, as they were passed and adopted by the Council. The effect of each Resolution is covered by its Title. For further information on these Resolutions, please contact the the Tribal Council Secretary, Alexis Summerfield, or her Assistant, Erna Jackson at the Tribal Administration Office: (760)572-3912, Ext. 204 or 207.

**Resolution 128-13: A Resolution to submit a grant application for the Social Economic Development Strategies Program.** *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 1 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 129-13: A Resolution to approve the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2013-2016.** *Approved by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against, 2 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 130-13: A Resolution to enter into a Tribal Transportation Program Agreement with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 131-13: A Resolution to approve a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad for the Sewer Line "F" Project.** *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 132-13: A Resolution to approve the Bylaws of the Quechan Legislative Committee.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 133-13: A Resolution to approve an agriculture lease with Amigo Farms for Tribal land located on Ranch**

**2.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 134-13: A Resolution to approve the tentative operating budget for Law Enforcement Services, Fund-290, for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 135-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for Lands and Groundskeeping, Fund-116, for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 136-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget for Parks and Recreations, Fund-308, for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 137-13: A Resolution to submit a grant application for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Program.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 138-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget of the Pesticide Program, Fund-260, for Fiscal Years October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.** *Approved*

*by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 139-13: A Resolution to approve the operating budget of the Economic Development Administration for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 140-13: A Resolution to approve the supplemental operating budget for the Johnson O'Malley Program, Fund-222, for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 141-13: A Resolution to approve the tentative operating budget for the Johnson O'Malley Program, Fund-222, for Calendar Year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 142-13: A Resolution to approve an appointment to Quechan Election Board-Judge.** *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 143-13: A Resolution to approve contract with Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 144-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #1 attending vocational education for the academic program year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against, 1 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013*

**Resolution 145-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #2 attending vocational education for the academic program year**

*2013. Approved by a vote of: 3 for; 0 against, 3 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

**Resolution 145-13: A Resolution to expend funds for financial aid to Applicant #3 attending vocational education for the academic program year 2013.** *Approved by a vote of: 6 for; 0 against, 0 abstained, 0 absent at a Regular Council Meeting on June 4, 2013.*

## Free Business Assistance



The Quechan Housing Authority hosted a workshop for the Vendors, Merchants and Entrepreneur Group in the Conference Center Room of Paradise Casino on Wednesday, June 12.

The "Start Your Own Business Basics" training was presented by Mr. Randy Nelson assisted by Business Analyst, Vanessa Castillo of the AWC Small Business Development Center. The seminar was made possible thanks to the USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant recently awarded to the Quechan Housing Authority.

The workshop was offered free for Quechan Tribal Members who are interested in starting their own small business or who may need guidance and counseling with a business they may already have. It was designed to help organize thoughts and answer questions on how to start a successful

small business.

Attendees learned how to evaluate their ideas, determine if they are entrepreneurial, sell to the government, determine the correct structure for their business, and develop professional resources. The group was also given information on services SBDC has to offer such as: free one-on-one counseling, workshops, seminars and training, statewide support and assistance, loan and capital resources, technology planning and much more.

If you are interested in starting your own business and would like more information, you can visit the AZ Small Business Development Center website at [awc.azsbdc.net](http://awc.azsbdc.net). For information on future classes and activities please contact Carol Mahkewa via email at [cmahkewa@quechanhousing.org](mailto:cmahkewa@quechanhousing.org) or call (760)572-0243.



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Drawings take place every Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM - 8 PM. One lucky winner will receive \$500 in Rewards Play and 1,000 additional entries into the Grand Prize Drawing.

**Grand Prize Drawing on Sunday, July 28 at 8 PM.**

All players must activate their entries by playing one (1) hour prior to drawing times. Each winner will have up to five (5) minutes to claim their prize from the Player's Rewards Club Booth. If winners do not claim their prize within the allotted time, another winner will be selected for that drawing period. Players may win once per drawing day, except for the final drawing.

POINTS MUST BE EARNED AT Quechan Casino Resort. Visit the Players Rewards Club Booth for complete details on how to participate.

**BEAT THE BOSS  
\$1000 FREE ROLL  
TOURNAMENT**

The top 18 poker players with the most live action hours will earn their entry into the weekly tournament. The names of the qualifying players will be displayed on a board every Saturday at 3PM. On the day of the tournament (Wednesday at 6PM) the top nine players will be seated. If any of the original nine players are not in attendance by 6PM, then the seat will be forfeited to the first alternate.

**WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS**

The single table tournament will consist of the original nine players plus one Boss.

**PRIZES: 1ST PLACE-\$700 • 2ND PLACE-\$300.**

There will be no chopping of prize monies.

Prizes will be paid out to 1st and 2nd places.

If the Boss wins either 1st or 2nd place prize monies, the amount of the prize won will roll forward to the next week's tournament. The Boss will have a bounty on their head for \$100. The bounty monies will not roll over.

THE 

**QUECHAN CASINO RESORT**

**Dodgeball  
TOURNAMENT 2013**

**Friday Night  
July 26, 2013  
From 5:30 PM  
Until 8:00 PM**

**At the Quechan Community Center!**

**Double Elimination for Adults 17 and Over**

*To register your team  
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please call:*

**(760) 572-4057**



*Hosted by:  
The Quechan  
Diabetes Project*

*Registration  
Deadline is  
Wednesday  
July 24<sup>th</sup>!*

**SIZZLIN'  
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**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN UP TO  
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**IN CASH AND REWARDS PLAY EVERY  
SATURDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JULY**

Register to win by playing your favorite slot machines from 7am - 10pm. Plus, receive one additional entry for every 25 points earned. Entries can be earned Saturdays from 7am - 10pm. Drawings every Saturday from 6pm - 10pm.

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**BRING THE FAMILY TO PARADISE CASINO!**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 • 7PM – 9PM**

FREE snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn, games, face painters, jumpers and MORE!

Live music by Checker'd Past beginning at 7PM

Motorcycle stunt show by FreestyleMX.com throughout the evening

Fireworks begin around 9:30pm

DJ Rudy in Sharky's 9:30PM – 1:30AM

**Paradise  
CASINO**

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At The Paradise Casino to Qualify for  
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