

# Cocopah Times Newsletter

COCOPAH INDIAN TRIBE

MARCH 2016 ISSUE

## Tribal Phone Directory

ADAPP	627- 2161
Children's Home	627- 1298
Cocopah Casino	726- 8066
Cocopah Korner	341-1444
Cocopah Resort	722-6677
Cocopah Speedway	344-1563
Cocopah Wellness	627- 2681
Community Center	627- 5658
Cultural Resources	627- 4849
CVT	627- 8026
Daycare	627- 3729
Education	627- 4973
Elderly Program	627- 4166
EPO Director ext.13	627- 2025
EPO Tech ext15/16	627- 2025
Head Start	627-3197
Housing	627- 8863
<b>IHS 1(800) 862- 4911</b>	
Judicial	627- 2550
Museum	627- 1992
Manpower	627- 0616
Pesticide ext. 14	627- 2025
PHEP/CTERC ext.12	627-2025
Prosecutor ext. 17	627- 2025
Assistant ext. 18	627- 2025
Public Works	627- 0616
Purchasing ext.11	627- 2025
Assistant ext. 10	627- 2025
Resort Gift Shop	217-1068
Rio Colorado Golf	627- 0057
RV Park	343- 9300
Social Services	627- 3729
Title VI/XX	627- 1148
Tribal Gaming	217- 7718
Tribal Headquarters	627- 2102
Tribal Police	627- 8857
Wild River	627- 0980

## Cocopah Departments take 1st Place in the Somerton Greater Days Parade

“Celebrating the Past and Future Together” was the theme of Somerton’s 36th Annual Greater Days Reunion Festival. This annual event, celebrating Somerton’s founding in 1898, kicked off with a 10:00 a.m. parade on February 20th, featuring entries from both the Cocopah Museum and the Cocopah Police Departments. Both departments brought home first place honors. The Cocopah Museum was awarded first place in the Float Division, and the Cocopah Police Department was awarded first place in the Open Division.



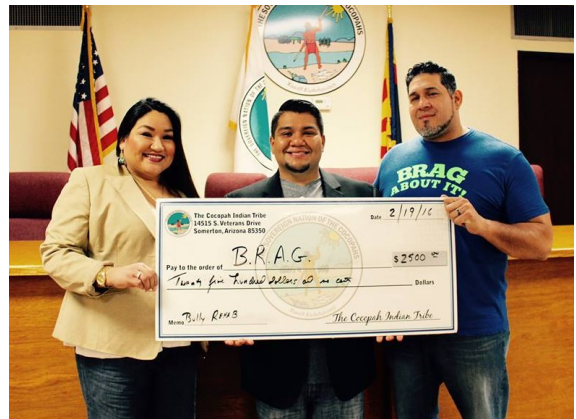
## COCOPAH PHILANTHROPY IN FEBRUARY



Cocopah Tribal Councilwoman Rosa J. Long accepts an appreciation award from the Arizona Western College Matadors Athletics Association (MAA). The award was presented by MAA Coordinator Samuel Hovan on February 23rd during the men's and women's basketball games. Each year the tribe sponsors the college's MAA program.

Photo by Craig Fry/Arizona Western College Campus Photographer

Cocopah Tribal Councilwoman Rosa J. Long presents a \$2500 check to Yuma-based Bully Rehab Awareness Gym in support of the organization's outreach to youths. Chief Operating Office Kenrick Escalanti (center) and Chief Executive Office Carlos Flores (right) accepted the donation. BRAG was founded three years ago and has approximately 40 youths enrolled and 60 adults involved in the organization's program.



The Cocopah Indian Tribe is a major sponsor of the Yuma Fine Art's "Art in the Park" event. The family event took place Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gateway Park. There was music, food, activities, and art from local artists. Cocopah Tribal Council Members J. Deal Begay and Rosa J. Long were present, and the Cocopah Museum hosted a booth.

Cocopah Tribal Councilwoman Rosa J. Long presents a \$500 donation to the Desert Valley Senior Center in Somerton. The donation will help the center continue with a variety of enrichment programs and activities that provide mental awareness and physical conditioning for seniors in the community.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**COCOPAHA  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT**

14515 S. Veterans Dr.  
SOMERTON, AZ 85350  
PHONE (928) 627-0616  
FAX (928) 627-3173

### ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Public Works Department will be picking up trash on the following days:

**Thursday 3-24-16**

There will be **NO** trash pick up on:

**Friday 3-25-16**

**In observance of Good Friday**

### **Play, Learn and Grow...Together!**

Join the Cocopah Indian Tribe Library's Free  
Program

1000 Books Before Kindergarten  
5 Years Old and Younger

Must be accompanied by an adult  
Fridays at 2:00 p.m.



For more information please contact  
Shirley Miller, Library Aide at (928) 627-8026 extension 7527



### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

DATE: Saturday, March 26, 2016

TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

PLACE: Steamboat Park on West Cocopah Res.

Egg Hunters: Ages 0-12 years old



Activities will include: games, contests, prizes and the hunt for the lucky eggs! Bring your Easter baskets & don't be late!

Barbeque will be served at 12:00 noon.

For more information, call Cocopah ADAPP (928) 627-2161

# COCOPAH VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

## March 2016 Training for Success

Don't forget! If you need transportation for GED Classes please contact our office at (928) 627-8026



14515 S. Veterans Drive

Phone: 928-627-8026

Fax: 928-627-2510

johnsonss@cocopah.com

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## COCOPAH ELDERS CULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING



**The ECC Meeting will be on  
Tuesday**

**March 15th**

**at 10:00am**

**Open to all Cocopah Elders 55+**

Please be advised, this will serve as  
your notice for the meeting.

**Any questions please call  
(928) 627-1992**

### Native News

#### **Tara Houska, Ojibwe, Named Bernie Sander's Native American Advisor**



Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Merkley's Office

Tribal Rights Attorney and Indian Country Today Media Network contributing columnist Tara Houska was named Bernie Sander's Native American advisor on Tuesday, February 24th. Bernie Sanders, Democrat, is hopeful that he can "work with the Native American community in preserving their heritage, and their way of life."

Houska, who is Couchiching First Nation, will help draft Sander's Native American policy, field press inquiries, and target Native American voters. Houska plans to

bring Native voices and concerns to the forefront of the political debate. "I hope to elevate Native American issues at a high level. Too much of America is unaware of the plights our communities face, and we are tired of hearing more of the same from politicians."

Houska attended the University of Minnesota with a triple major in Biology, Art History, and American Indian Studies. She holds a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law school.

"I look forward to continued and expanded outreach in Indian country. Our voices and our votes matter."

# ELDERS LUNCH MENU MARCH 2016



**Nutrition Program**  
**Lunches Provided Monday—Friday**  
**Faye Ortega, Title VI/XX @ 627-1148**

ELDER LUNCH MENU – MARCH 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1  Turkey Sandwich Potato Chips	2  Beef Stew Fl. Tortilla	3  American Salad Wheat Crackers	4  Hamburger Lettuce Tomatoes
7  Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes	8  Roast Beef Lettuce Tomatoes Tortas	9  Egg Sausage Muffin	10  Pork Chops Rice Green Beans	11  Chicken Patties Lettuce Tomatoes Potato Chips
14  Beef Gravy Over Rice Mix Veggies	15  Turkey Sandwich Lettuce tomatoes	16  Meat Ball Soup Fl. tortilla	17  Egg-Ham Muffin	18  Green Salad Chicken Tenders
21  Spaghetti Corn	22  Ham & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce Tomatoes Potato chips	23  Potato Soup Wheat Crackers	24  Chicken Salad Potato Chips	25  GOOD FRIDAY
28  Beef Macaroni Mix Veg.	29  Egg & chorizo Burrito	30  Chicken Soup Wheat Crackers	31  Meatloaf M. Potatoes Vegetable	

• Menu may be substituted due to shortages of stock items.

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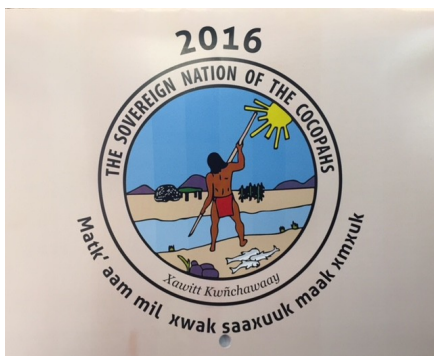


### Do you need a Driver's License? Cocopah Education & Cocopah Police Department can help you!



Cocopah Education and Cocopah Police Department will be hosting a Driver's Education Review for any person 15 years of age and up on March 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center. We will go over the Arizona Driver License Manual and will give out a practice test. If the person passes the practice test Cocopah Vocational Training Center will be able to pay for you to take the Arizona Driver Permit Written Test and Arizona Driver Road Test.

You may contact Cocopah Truancy Officer Nick Kenn at  
(928) 627-4973 or (928) 581-9478



If your household has not received the 2016 Cocopah Calendar, please contact or stop by the Cultural Resources Department.

For more information call;  
928-722-7523

### Cocopah Head Start New Recruitment 2016-2017

Cocopah Head Start is accepting applications for Enrollment of the 2016-2017 school year. This is a comprehensive pre-school program for children 3-5 years of age.

#### Head Start Offers:

- Education
- Nutrition
- Developmental and Health Screenings
- Parent Involvement
- School Readiness

**Apply Now!**

Contact: Cocopah Head Start

Office: (928) 627-2811/(928) 627-3197

Address: East Cocopah Res. Bld. 11

Somerton, AZ 85350



# COCOPAH SPECIAL WISHES



## Happy St. Patrick's Day from the Cocopah Museum!

Happy Birthday to Georgina Portillo from the Cocopah Museum.

“It is good to love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is well done.”  
— Vincent van Gogh

Happy Birthday to Marjorie Manuel!



Happy Birthday Kamie Escalanti

Wishing you a great birthday.

The Cleveland Family



## Cocopah Newsletter Submission Form

The last day you can submit any information for the April Issue is: **Monday, March 28, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.** Any late submissions will be added in the next month's newsletter. Community, Tribal departments and local events submissions are welcomed. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for length, language, multiple submissions, clarity or reject inappropriate submissions. You can complete this Submission Form which includes your name, date, and a contact phone number. Please fax or email us (museum@cocopah.com) with all information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Placing Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Message Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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