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26 days into the fundraising effort raises \$33,000

The Yuma Territorial Prison Chain Gang members should be proud of themselves. They have provided funding for the save the prison fundraising program to a tune of \$33,000 in just 18 days. The schedule of events for chain gangs are:

These events are underway in February:

■ February 17, 2010-March 29, 2010 K.I.D.S. Cuddlekit Closet

This local non-profit group is selling 6 different commemorative prints of the prison and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the prison. Photographer Julie Evans is donating the photographs for this project. K.I.D.S. recently authored and published a book that includes a page about the prison. For photos of the prints and place an order, visit www.cuddlekit.org or call 928-373-8152.

■ Feb. 17-Feb. 27, 2010 Burritos and Champagne Brunch at Phantom Wash

The Yuma County Historical Society is raffling a brunch at Phantom Wash for you and 19 of your closest friends. You will be caravanned up to the wash where a brunch awaits and champagne will be served in a commemorative flute. Drawing will be held Feb. 27th. \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Purchase tickets at the Yuma County Historical Society located at the Sanguinetti house, 240 S. Madison Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364 or call 928-782-1841.

■ February 17-March 1 Raffle tickets \$5 per ticket

Hundreds of vendors at the Yuma River Daze Festival, as well as other local businesses, have donated prizes for the \$5 raffle tickets. The tickets may be purchased at 180 W. 1st Street, Suite C in Yuma. They are also available at the free Sunday Concert Series at the Quartermaster Depot each Sunday until March 1st. Call 928-782-5712 for more information. Winners will be called and also posted on www.savetheprison.com after 3/1/2010.

■ Feb. 19, 2010 – March 29, 2010 Yuma's Next Generation Leadership Council

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Yuma's Next Generation Leadership is accepting donations on their website to help Save the Prison!
www.nexgenyuma.com

■ February 24, 2010 Zumba Class with Misty from 95.1 KTTI and Anna from KYMA at the Quartermaster Depot at 6 pm. Bring a friend and a minimum \$5 donation to Save the Prison.
www.kttifm.com.

■ February 26, 2010 Cell Block Party on Main Street
All day block party with food, live entertainment, Guitar Hero contest, and vendors. Classic cars and motorcycles on display. Restaurants will be serving special cell block and drink specials. Live entertainment includes 'Tommy & the Drifters', 'Mellobean', 'Continental Trio', and the 'Cell Tones'. A guitar hero contest will take place with all proceeds benefitting the prison.

■ Feb. 28, 2010 Free Sunday Concert Series at Quartermaster Depot
Featuring the **Two Balloons**, this free concert offers an opportunity visit the new visitors center and enjoy local entertainment. Donations accepted for the prison.

■ Feb. 28, 2010 The Cindy Klein Memorial Handbell Choir & Chancel Choir
4:00 pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 E. 8th Avenue. No charge for admission and a freewill offering will be taken. The proceeds collected by the Handbell Choir will be donated to the "Save the Prison Fund."

■ March 6, 2010 The Outlaws of Yuma performance
Outlaws of Yuma will perform at the Yuma Park & Swap, 4000 S 4th Avenue, 11:00 am, noon & 1:00 pm to raise money for the prison.

■ March 6, 2010 Yuma Desert Runners
Save the Prison Territorial Trek. 3 mile trail walk/run & 10 mile endurance walk/run. Quartermaster Depot 201 N. 4th Avenue Yuma. \$15/adults, \$5/kids (15 and under). 7am check-in, 8am start time. For more information, see yumadesertrunners.com . Register at active.com. 100% of the proceeds benefit the prison.

■ March 10, 2010 3:10 to Yuma Event
The Yuma Territorial Prison will be open for a very special day and evening of activities. The event will feature free admission from 12:00-5:00pm and will feature live entertainment, chain gang members displaying their merchandise, and a silent auction. The doors will close at 5:00 pm and reopen for a dining event at 6:00 pm. The ticket for the evening event is \$31 and includes appetizers, drinks, a Johnny Cash "Folsom Prison" act, a live auction, a special nod to Hollywood and more opportunities to purchase merchandise from chain gang members.

■ March 10, 2010 Yuma High School Crims
The Crims are going to 'build' an old-fashioned blue-and-white paper chain. For a \$5.00 donation, you may buy three blue and three white links for this chain (you may certainly buy more links if you

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want!). Hopefully the chain will be long enough to surround the Prison's front yard when all the festivities take place on March 10 celebrating the generosity of people like yourselves who raised the funds necessary to keep the Prison open. Checks should be made payable to Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (YCNHA). (Indicate "Save the Prison Fund" in the memo field.) Please mail your donations to: Carolyn Hoffmeyer, 3606 West 12th Place, Yuma, AZ 85364. Include the year you graduated (were paroled?) from YHS. If you're the family or a friend of Yuma High, indicate. In order to 'build' and hang the chain by 3-10 (as in "3:10 to Yuma!"), please purchase your links by March 3.

■ March 13, 2010 Beta Sigma Phi- Eta Nu Chapter

Beta Sigma Phi- Eta Nu Chapter will be doing a takeover from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Brewer's Restaurant, 2331 S Avenue B. 10% of sales and tips going to 'Save The Prison'.

■ March 14, 2010 The Outlaws of Yuma performance

Outlaws of Yuma will perform at the Yuma Park & Swap, 4000 S 4th Avenue, 11:00 am & 11:45 am to raise money for the prison.

■ March 19, 2010 Pull thru for the Prison

Pull thru for the prison at the Foothills Bank, 2285 S 4th Avenue Yuma, AZ from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Volunteers will compete to raise the most money during their 2-hour time slot. It's Crims (alumni) vs Crims (current) vs teachers vs public service workers vs elected officials.

■ March 20, 2010 The Outlaws of Yuma performance

Outlaws of Yuma will perform at the Yuma Park & Swap, 4000 S 4th Avenue, 11:00 am, noon & 1:00 pm to raise money for the prison.

■ March 20, 2010 Taste of Yuma Fund Raiser

Event is from 6pm to 10pm at the Pivot Point Conference Center - 200 N. Madison. Yuma AZ featuring tasty selections from some of Yuma's favorite restaurants! \$30 per ticket includes entertainment, silent auction, and a cash bar. Tickets are on sale at the Hilton Garden Inn 310 N. Madison. Call 928-785-1855 for additional information

■ March 28, 2010 The Outlaws of Yuma performance

Outlaws of Yuma will perform at the Yuma Park & Swap, 4000 S 4th Avenue, 11:00 am & 11:45 am to raise money for the prison.

■ Ongoing Scentsy Candles

Melissa Carter is doing a fundraiser for the Yuma Territorial Prison through her website <http://Cherishedscents.scentsy.us>. There is a link on the left hand side of the page that says "Yuma Territorial Prison Fundraiser." Click on that before you purchase so the fundraiser gets the credit. All raised proceeds will go to saving the prison.