

DUCKWATER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



July 2016
3rd Quarter

TRIBAL COUNCIL QUARTERLY UPDATE

Greeting Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Members,

Our second quarter has been a busy one for April to June. There was a cleanup day in May before Memorial Day, where the employees went around Duckwater and pick up garbage and also they went up to the cemetery and cleaned and rebuilt the graves. End of the School year came up in June, and we had three Kindergartners graduates: Braden Baca, Bailee Mike and Audrina Centeno, Congratulations' to them. We also had one Senior Graduate this year from Eureka, NV that traveled every day from Duckwater to Eureka for four years, Congratulations to Shi Nestell, He will be attending Community College in the fall this year in Elko at Great Basin College. Then the planning of events for our 39th Annual Duckwater Festival to be held on June 24-26, 2016 started, every department pitched in and we had a great turn out, the weather was great as well.

Once the weather turned nice, Reck Brothers, Inc from Ely was able to finish the paving project that was started last year with paving the last road, which was Diamond Rd. that begins at the Ball Diamond to the cattle guard. It has made a tremendous improvement on dust control. If you have any questions on the project or to find out what the status of the next project please call Kim Townsend at the planning office @ 775-863-0444.

Work has continued on the Clinic Expansion, the outside walls are up, and one of the sub roof is up as well. The inside walls are coming together and windows are in. If you have any questions on the status of this project you may call Gonnie Mendez @ 775-863-0227 at the Tribal Administration.

The new CTX toilet was installed beginning of June and it was placed up at the Big Warm Springs (swimming pool) in the fenced area. If you have any questions you may call Virginia Sanchez @ 775-863-0444 at the Planning Office.

The Tribe applied for a grant through Barrick Gold of North America for Funding of Summer Youth Workers. We hired 6 youth and placed them in different department. They have done a wonderful job, and hopefully have learned some good working skills.

Housing Department: Shi Nestell & Kyle Mike

Tribal Shop: Darwin Mike & Paul Somerholm

Health Department: Justin Mike

Duckwater Learning Center: Angel Greeley

The Tribe applied for funding through BIA for Invasive Species Funding that was awarded to help the tribe to control the spread of the molly fishes that are in the water cannels, which then by removing the molly's it will help the Rail Road Valley Spring fish. With this funding the tribe was able to hire Stacy Mandell as a supervisor and 5 youth workers: Morgan Thomas, Breyanna Hooper, Carlin Hooper, Tristin Birchim and Angelika Townsend. If you have any questions you can call Stacy Mandell @775-863-0399 at the Natural Resources Office.

The Tribe was awarded funding through Tides Foundation for an Oral History Project, which will be to document stories from our elders. For more information on this project please call Virginia Sanchez at the Planning office a@ 775-863-0444.

New Enrolled Members : None

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Employees Hired

Deidre Moyle for Diabetes Assistant

Brooke Kelly for Justice Clerk

Shasta Blackeye for Medical Assistant

Marian Perez for Tribal Emergency Management

Lili Ann Pete for Purchasing

Natasha Allison for Daycare worker

Just a reminder all Regular Council meetings are held on the last Monday of the month and Special meetings are called if needed. If you have concerns or would like to be on the agenda please call the Tribal Administration at 775-863-0227 and speak to our Tribal Manager, Gonnie Mendez.

Respectfully Yours,

Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Council

Perline Thompson

Chairman

Lorin Watson

Vice-Chairman

Lili Ann Pete

Secretary

Paul Walker

Member

Kathy Adams-Blackeye

Member

Hello from the Desk of the Tribal Manager:

The Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) project for the expansion of the Health building is moving very fast the completion date is to be the end of August and close out should be by mid to the end of September. As you can see the glass doors on the front are on, the first phase of the roof is on, the metal structures of the offices; showers, exam rooms, and the wellness center are in place. The plumbers and electricians are working diligently to get their work completed. The walls are on and textured, all in all the project is moving along well.

The renovation for the men's and women's shower rooms is completed. John did a very good job on the renovation.

As you know the restroom at the big warm springs has been delivered and set up, before the festival. Please help us watch out that it doesn't get vandalized. There is a trash receptacle nearby, to keep the area clean of trash. There will soon be a light on the restroom for the night.

The nutrition and diabetes program is continuing to have good events, so keep your eye out for posters and calendars and enjoy the presentations and programs.

As a reminder the wellness center has work out equipment in the little white house, so take advantage, if you need assistance feel free to get a hold of Brenda at the Health Department.

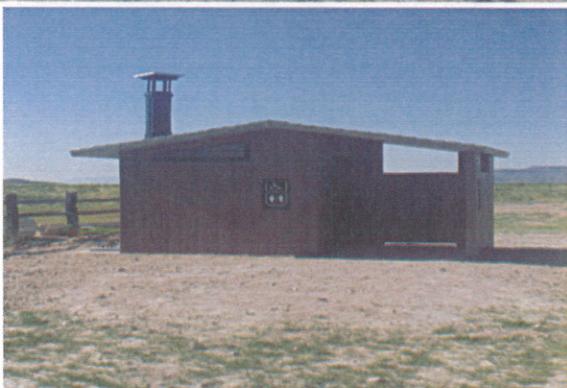
As you know it has been warming up, so keep yourself well hydrated, wear the appropriate clothing, try not to get sun burned, use plenty of sun screen and enjoy the rest of the summer because it is going by pretty fast.

The Spring Festival was a very good success; I would like to thank all the staff, everyone who helped and the youth for their hard work in making the festival a successful and enjoyable event.

The Bike Rodeo was very eventful, the kids had fun, there was plenty of food and activities for the kids, thanks to all that put on the event and helped out.

And as always, I hope you have a great year this year and you are able to do and complete whatever plans you have for the year.

CTX TOILET



Barrick Selection Committee of the Western Scholarship Foundation report for the Fall Semester by Kathy Adams-Blackeye, Chairman of the Selection Committee meeting July 20, 2016

Members attending: Gregory Bryan, Yomba Shoshone Tribe, Elena Atkins, Owyhee Shoshone Tribe, Courtney Williams, Ely Shoshone Tribe, Dallas Smales, South Fork Shoshone Tribe, Kathy Adams-Blackeye, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, Katie Neddernriep, Barrick Rep, and Jason S. Nichols, Barrick Attorney

Report for the Board included:

- 116 students' applications received
- 24 First time applicants
- 54 completed applicants for recommended approval
- 48 incomplete for more information needed recommend for approval upon receipt of info (grades, tribal enrollment etc.)
- 13 ineligible

Next scheduled meeting for the spring semester is set for January 18, 2017 9am in Elko, Nevada

Questions or for application information please call: Katie Neddernriep at: 775-748-1258 or email at: kneddenriep@barrick.com



Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School

Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School is busy gearing up for the 2016-17 school year. The last school year was a big success with student scores on standardized assessments being the highest they have been. All of the students showed substantial growth in reading, science and math. Math scores showed the greatest improvement with reading coming in a close second.

We are also pleased to report that the DSES alumni that moved on to Eureka County High School also did very well. A majority of the former DSES students were on the honor roll at some point during the 2015-16 school year. They also were very active in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Good job!!

DSES will also be using a new English/Language Arts curriculum next year. It is the "Wonder" series from McGraw-Hill for the 1st-5th graders and "StudySync" for the middle school students. We are all excited to start this new program. Next year we will be purchasing a new math curriculum as well.

Duckwater Shoshone Scholarship

The deadline for Spring 2017 scholarship applications is December 1, 2016. Applications can be requested by contacting the school at 775-863-0126, or by emailing the school office at dses.secretary@duckwatertribe.org. Please be sure that you are using a current application with the due dates of July 1 and December 1. Some old application keep surfacing and the due dates are different on the old ones.

Newsletter insert:
Fr. Annette George, Div. Manager of Natural Resources.

Community Water System:

Everything is working in the pump house, that's great news! Ricky continues to check this on a regular basis.

Please remember:

Always practice conserving water, please.

Solid Waste: Natural Resources continue to check for illegal dumping. If you notice any illegal dumping, please report it to one of the officers, or call the Division of Natural Resources @ 863-0388.

Invasive Fish crew: (Supervisor) Stacy Mandell, (Youth) Tristin Birchim, Angelika Townsend, Breyanna Hooper, Carlin Hooper, & Morgan Thomas, are now part of the Division of Natural Resources office. Dwight Hoof joined the crew on July 25, 2016. All of them have been working hard, trapping invasive fish out of the stream.

FSA NEWS>>>> The White Pine FSA Committee hired Micki Wines as the new WP Co. FSA Director. She will begin working at the Ely FSA office beginning July 25, 2016. She will be working in the Ely office full-time. Micki will also be out in the field visiting the producers.

NEW ELY FSA OFFICE HOURS:

Farm Service Agency: The White Pine County Farm Service Agency will be open FULL-TIME now, beginning July 25, 2016.

Micki Wines hours will be: Mon. – Thurs. 6:30 am- 5:00 pm.

Cassidi Collis on Fridays will be: 8:30am – 5:00 pm.

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LAC members have inquired about FSA programs they may be interested in signing up for assistance. With that, I coordinated with FSA to come out to Duckwater to provide an outreach. On Thursday July 14th, 2016, Micki Wines, and Claire Kehoe/ w FSA came out to Duckwater for an outreach presentation to LAC on FSA programs available for LAC producers.

*Attached are handouts Claire and Micki left for LAC members. I have included them with this newsletter, for your information.

The EPA grants have been submitted and I have worked with my project officer for months to get them finalized. The EPA grants we have are GAP and the 2 water grants S.106 & 319 grants. Ricky continues to work on the 3 grants with me.

Maurice continues to cover our Cultural Resource issues. I also attend some of these meetings with Maurice.

Our office also continues to work with the Planning office on the Weed grant, getting the weeds sprayed. Although we don't notice, the spraying has been helping to fight the weeds. Tri-Co. Weed has been out here spraying during the month of June.

Virginia works with us on the invasive fish program, and we meet on a regular basis. We also are working with the Planning gals Virginia and Kim on the Oral History grant. This grant is new, and we are just getting started.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

PROGRAMS

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Farm Service Agency Programs

BACKGROUND

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is an agency of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) that serves all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. The agency provides America's farmers with a strong safety net through the administration of farm commodity and disaster programs. FSA's long-standing tradition of conserving the nation's natural resources continues through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The agency provides credit to agricultural producers who are unable to receive private, commercial credit, including special emphasis on beginning, minority and women farmers and ranchers, and purchases and delivers commodities for use in international humanitarian food programs.

Following are programs and services offered by FSA.

AGRICULTURAL MEDIATION PROGRAM

The USDA Agricultural Mediation Program makes grants to state-designated entities that provide alternative dispute resolution (ADR) through mediation to agricultural producers, their lenders and others directly affected by the actions of certain USDA agencies. In mediation, a trained, impartial mediator helps participants review and discuss their conflicts, identify options to resolve disputes and agree on solutions. Ideally, this process helps to avoid expensive and time-consuming administrative appeals and/or litigation. These grants are administered by FSA. Cases covered by the grants include agricultural loans, whether made by USDA or commercial lenders, and disputes involving USDA actions on farm and conservation programs, wetland determinations, rural water loan programs, grazing on national forest system lands, pesticides, rural housing and business loans, and crop insurance.

AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE (ARC) AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE (PLC) PROGRAM

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) Program and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program, which are administered by FSA. ARC and PLC provide revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014 through 2018 crop years. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS LOANS

Each fiscal year, FSA targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning farmers and ranchers. FSA makes and guarantees loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial lenders. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years, (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying, (3) substantially participates in the operation, and, (4) for farm ownership loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the median size farm in the county and meet training and experience requirements. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

BIOMASS CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BCAP)

BCAP is a voluntary program for agricultural and forestland owners and operators. BCAP supports the production and use of biomass crops for conversion to bioenergy or for the development of bio-based products. BCAP can include 1) Project Areas: Supports establishing and maintaining eligible crops up to five years for annual and non-woody perennial crops or up to 15 years for woody perennial crops for conversion to bioenergy or bio-based products. Support may include annual payments and up to 50 percent

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cost-share to establish eligible crops; and
2) Matching Payments: Assists agricultural and forest land owners and operators with retrieving eligible farm and forestry residues to a qualified Biomass Conversion Facility. The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized BCAP through fiscal year 2018. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/bcap.

BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION LOAN PROGRAM

The Boll Weevil Eradication Loan Program provides low interest loans to nonprofit organizations that work collaboratively with state agencies, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the National Cotton Council to eradicate the boll weevil. The program objective is to assist producers and state government agencies in the eradication of boll weevils from cotton producing areas and ensuring the pest is not re-introduced.

CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM (CL)

FSA guarantees CLs to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources. Guaranteed CLs are available from lenders working with FSA. CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to plant long-term, resource-conserving grasses or trees on environmentally-sensitive farmland to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat.

In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

CREP is a derivative program of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) whereby nonfederal partners and resources are coupled with federal resources to address conservation concerns within a State. CREP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers protect environmentally-sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM - STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT (SAFE)

SAFE is a voluntary program available under CRP's continuous enrollment authority. SAFE is designed to address state and regional high-priority wildlife objectives. Producers within a SAFE area can submit offers to voluntarily enroll acres in CRP contracts for 10-15 years. In exchange, producers receive annual CRP rental payments, incentives and cost-share assistance to establish, improve, connect or create higher-quality wildlife habitat. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM - GRASSLANDS

CRP Grasslands is a voluntary program that helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland and land containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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DAIRY INDEMNITY PAYMENT PROGRAM (DIPP)

The Dairy Indemnity Payment Program pays dairy producers when a public regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides. Payments are made to manufacturers of dairy products only for products removed from the market because of pesticide contamination. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

DAIRY PRODUCT DONATION PROGRAM

The Dairy Product Donation Program (DPDP) is authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill through Dec. 31, 2018. The DPDP addresses low margins for dairy operations by using Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds to purchase dairy products for donation to public and private nonprofit organizations that provide nutrition assistance to low-income populations. Purchases are only made by USDA during periods of low margins. This program does not involve dairy operator or nutrition assistance enrollment. The FSA and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) administer DPDP. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

DEBT FOR NATURE PROGRAM

The Debt for Nature Program, also known as the Debt Cancellation Conservation Contract Program, is available to persons with FSA loans secured by real estate who may qualify for cancellation of a portion of their FSA indebtedness in exchange for a conservation contract with a term of 50, 30, or 10 years. A conservation contract is a voluntary legal agreement that restricts the type and amount of development and farming practices that may take place on portions of a landowner's property. Contracts may be established on marginal cropland and other environmentally sensitive lands for conservation, recreation, and wildlife purposes.

DIRECT FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN PROGRAM

FSA direct farm ownership loans (FO) may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, and promote soil and water conservation. To qualify for a direct loan, the applicant must be unable to obtain credit from commercial credit sources, able to show sufficient repayment ability and pledge enough collateral to fully secure the loan. A percentage of loan funds is targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

DIRECT OPERATING LOAN PROGRAM

FSA direct farm operating loans (OL) may be made to purchase items such as livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance, and other operating expenses. They can also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family subsistence, and refinancing debts under certain conditions. To qualify for a direct loan, the applicant must be unable to obtain credit from commercial credit sources, able to show sufficient repayment ability and pledge enough collateral to fully secure the loan. A percentage of loan funds are targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

DOWN PAYMENT FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS

Down Payment Farm Ownership Loans were developed to help targeted underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers purchase a farm or ranch. These loans provide a way for retiring farmers to transfer their land to a future generation of farmers and ranchers. The applicant provides a five percent down payment; FSA provides 45 percent of the needed loan funds at a reduced interest rate and other financing provides the remaining 50 percent. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

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ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TO USERS OF UPLAND COTTON

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues payments to eligible domestic users of upland cotton. Payments are made to eligible domestic users who enter into an agreement with the CCC. The payment rate is three cents per pound beginning Aug. 1, 2012. Proceeds received under this program must be used for capital investments that relate to manufacturing upland cotton into cotton products. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

ECP provides funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought. The natural disaster must create new conservation problems, which, if not treated, would 1) impair or endanger the land, 2) materially affect the productive capacity of the land, 3) represent unusual damage which, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area, and 4) be so costly to repair that federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use. Subject to availability of funds, locally elected county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which may be authorized by the FSA national office. Eligible ECP participants may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency land rehabilitation practices as determined by county FSA committees; qualified limited resource producers may receive financial assistance of up to 90 percent. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM (EFRP)

EFRP provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events such as floods, hurricanes, or other natural

disasters. Subject to availability of funds, locally elected county committees are authorized to implement EFRP for all disasters except drought and insect infestations, which may be authorized by the FSA national office. Eligible EFRP participants may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency forest restoration practices as determined by county FSA committees. To learn more, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEYBEES AND FARM-RAISED FISH PROGRAM (ELAP)

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary. ELAP was authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) as a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover losses that occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is provided for losses not covered by the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM (EM)

FSA provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine. EM loans may be made to farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain credit from commercial sources and own or operate land located in a county declared by the President as a disaster area or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a disaster area or quarantine area (for physical losses only, the FSA Administrator may authorize emergency loan assistance). Emergency loan funds may be used to 1) restore or replace essential property, 2) pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, 3) pay essential family living expenses, 4) reorganize the farming operation,

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and 5) refinance certain debts. For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

EXTRA LONG STAPLE (ELS) COTTON COMPETITIVENESS PAYMENTS

ELS Cotton Competitiveness Payments are made to domestic users and exporters of ELS cotton when the market prices of domestically produced versus foreign grown ELS cotton are such that payments are necessary to improve the competitiveness of domestically produced cotton in the world market. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The CCC, through FSA, may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for rice, soybeans, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas, peanuts, hay, honey, renewable biomass, sunflower seeds, canola, rapeseed, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, and other oilseeds as determined and announced by CCC. Corn, grain sorghum, oats, wheat, barley, and fruits and vegetables are also eligible, subject to program requirements. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

FARMABLE WETLANDS PROGRAM (FWP)

The Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) is a voluntary program to restore up to 750,000 acres of farmable wetlands and associated buffers by improving the land's hydrology and vegetation. Eligible producers can enroll eligible land in the FWP through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. FWP is designed to prevent degradation of wetland areas, increase sediment trapping efficiencies, improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and provide habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM (FFP)

FFP is designed to avoid sugar loan forfeitures to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) by diverting excess sugar in the marketplace to bioenergy production. Every quarter, USDA announces whether it plans to purchase sugar for the purpose of bioenergy production. Raw, refined and in-process sugars are eligible for purchase. Such sugar can be purchased from any marketer located in the United States. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

FOREIGN FOOD ASSISTANCE

FSA procures agricultural commodities that are donated to international relief agencies to help feed people around the world. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of USDA organizes the delivery of the donated food to international development and humanitarian organizations operating in dozens of countries. Food donations also assist in the FAS Food for Progress program, which assists countries working to transition to market-oriented economies. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

GRASSROOTS SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Grassroots Source Water Protection Program (GSWPP) is a joint effort between FSA and the nonprofit National Rural Water Association (NRWA) designed to help prevent source water pollution in states through voluntary practices installed by producers and other landowners at the local level. GSWPP relies on the onsite technical assistance capabilities of each state's rural water association in those states that operate a source water protection program. These associations deliver assistance in developing source water protection plans within watersheds with the goal of preventing contamination of drinking water supplies. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

GRAZE-OUT PROGRAM

The Graze-out Program provides for payments to eligible producers who elect to use their acreage planted to wheat, barley, oats, or triticale for grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the applicable crop year. Graze-out payments are subject to the same basic eligibility requirements as commodity loans and, when available, loan deficiency payments.

GUARANTEED FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN PROGRAM

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. A percentage of guaranteed loan funds is targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

GUARANTEED OPERATING LOAN PROGRAM

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HOMESTEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

If the FSA has exhausted all loan servicing options and foreclosures on a property as required by law, the Homestead Protection Program allows the borrower to lease, with an option to purchase, their primary residence and up to 10 adjoining acres for up to five years.

INDIAN TRIBAL LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM (ITLAP)

ITLAP loans enable Indian tribes to purchase privately held lands that lie within their reservations. Loan funds may be used to pay expenses incidental to the purchase of the land, but not for land development.

LAND CONTRACT GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Guarantees are available for the owner of a farm who sells real estate through a land contract to a beginning or targeted underserved farmer. The guarantee provides an incentive to sell to individuals in these groups as it reduces the financial risk to the seller in the event of default. FSA offers two types of guarantees: a seller may request either a Prompt Payment Guarantee of up to the amount of three amortized annual installments plus the cost of any related real estate taxes and insurance; or a Standard Guarantee of 90 percent of the outstanding principal balance under the land contract. To qualify for assistance, buyers must meet eligibility requirements similar to those for the Guaranteed and Direct Farm Ownership programs.

LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM (LFP)

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses for

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covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition during the normal grazing period for the county. LFP also provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a qualifying fire. For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators. For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

MARGIN PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR DAIRY (MPP-Dairy)

The Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy) is a voluntary risk management program for dairy producers authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill through Dec. 31, 2018. The MPP-Dairy offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

MICROLOAN PROGRAM

Microloans are a special subcategory of direct operating loans that provide flexible access to credit for small farming operations, including specialty, niche and local food producers. The Microloan Program simplifies the loan application process and reduces the paperwork burden substantially. It provides additional flexibility regarding certain loan eligibility requirements, reduces documentation

requirements, and streamlines financial planning for small operations. Eligible applicants may obtain a microloan for up to \$50,000. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP provides financial assistance to noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters. Landowners, tenants, or sharecroppers who share in the risk of producing an eligible crop are eligible. Eligible crops are those where crop insurance is unavailable. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod). The 2014 Farm Bill allows producers to purchase higher levels of coverage beyond the catastrophic coverage level for an additional premium. New, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers are eligible for free catastrophic coverage and higher levels of coverage for a significantly discounted premium. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

NONRECOURSE MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOAN (MAL) AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP) PROGRAMS

MALs provide producers interim financing at harvest time to help them meet cash flow needs when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. MALs for covered commodities are nonrecourse because the commodity is pledged as loan collateral and producers have the option of delivering the pledged collateral to the CCC as full payment for the loan at maturity. A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but who agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP. An LDP is the amount by which the applicable loan rate exceeds the alternative loan repayment rate for the respective commodity. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

PRIMARY LOAN SERVICING PROGRAM

The Primary Loan Servicing Program gives options to existing direct FSA borrowers who, due to reasons beyond their control, are unable to make the scheduled payments on their debt to the government. These options may include consolidation, rescheduling or re-amortization, deferral, interest rate reduction, and write down. The program allows delinquent and/or financially distressed FSA borrowers to attain, or maintain, their current loan status while at the same time allowing the borrower to regain a more solid financial footing for the long term.

RECOURSE SEED COTTON LOANS

Recourse seed cotton loans are made available by the CCC to producers through March 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the cotton crop is normally harvested. Seed cotton pledged as collateral for a loan must be tendered to CCC by an eligible producer and must be in existence and in good condition at the time of disbursement of loan proceeds, in addition to other requirements. A producer must repay the seed cotton loan principal, interest, and the charges before pledging the cotton for a nonrecourse loan or before a loan deficiency payment can be approved. Seed cotton loans mature on demand by CCC but no later than May 31 following the calendar year in which such crop is normally harvested. For more information, visit

www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

REIMBURSEMENT TRANSPORTATION COST PAYMENT PROGRAM (RTCP) FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS

The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized the Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (RTCP) to reimburse geographically disadvantaged producers with a portion of the cost to transport agricultural commodities or inputs used to produce an agricultural commodity. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

SUGAR LOAN PROGRAMS AND SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS

The Sugar Loan Program provides nonrecourse loans to processors of domestically grown sugarcane and sugar beets. This program provides producers with interim financing at harvest time so that producers need not sell their commodity when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. The 2014 Farm Bill authorizes FSA to administer nonrecourse loans for the 2014 through 2018 crops on behalf of the CCC. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

SUGAR STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

FSA may make loans to processors of domestically-produced sugarcane and sugar beets for the construction or upgrading of storage and handling facilities for raw sugars and refined sugars. Loans may be made only for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed handling equipment, or the remodeling of existing facilities. For more information, visit

www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The 2014 Farm Bill reauthorized the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to provide financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters. The 2014 Farm Bill established TAP as a permanent disaster program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to Oct. 1, 2011. For more information, visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

UNITED STATES WAREHOUSE ACT (USWA)

The USWA authorizes the Secretary to issue licenses to public warehouse operators who voluntarily request regulation through licensing under the USWA to store agricultural products, including bulk grain, cotton, peanuts, sugar and other agricultural products. FSA administers

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USWA by providing licensing of warehouse operators, regulation of paper and electronic warehouse receipt providers, protection for depositors through bonding or other financial assistance and compliance examinations. The USWA provides for the use of warehouse receipts and requires warehouse operators to accept agricultural products for storage without discrimination. Under the USWA, the facilities meet and are maintained at established standards. The USWA allows FSA to enforce a uniform regulatory system for the protection of depositors and the agricultural commodities stored in the licensed facilities. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

YOUTH LOANS

FSA makes loans to individual rural youth, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to establish and operate agriculture-related income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, the Future Farmers of America and similar organizations. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/youth-loans.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about FSA programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/factsheets or contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for 2015 and Subsequent Years

OVERVIEW

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops to protect against natural disasters that result in lower yields or crop losses, or prevents crop planting.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS

An eligible producer is a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop and is entitled to an ownership share of that crop. The 2014 Farm Bill specifies that an individual or entity's average adjusted gross income (AGI) cannot exceed \$900,000 to be eligible for NAP payments.

ELIGIBLE CROPS

Eligible crops must be commercially produced agricultural commodities for which crop insurance is not available and be any of the following:

- Crops grown for food;
- Crops planted and grown for livestock consumption, such as grain and forage crops, including native forage;
- Crops grown for fiber, such as cotton and flax (except trees);
- Crops grown in a controlled environment, such as mushrooms and floriculture;
- Specialty crops, such as honey and maple sap;
- Sea oats and sea grass;
- Sweet sorghum and biomass sorghum;
- Industrial crops, including crops used in manufacturing or grown as a feedstock for renewable biofuel, renewable electricity, or biobased products;
- Value loss crops, such as aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turfgrass sod; and

- Seed crops where the propagation stock is produced for sale as seed stock for other eligible NAP crop production.

Producers should contact a crop insurance agent for questions regarding insurability of a crop in their county. For further information on whether a crop is eligible for NAP coverage, producers should contact the FSA county office where their farm records are maintained.

ELIGIBLE CAUSES OF LOSS

Eligible causes of loss include the following natural disasters:

- Damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes;
- Adverse natural occurrences, such as earthquake or flood; and
- Conditions related to damaging weather or adverse natural occurrences, such as excessive heat, plant disease, volcanic smog (VOG) or insect infestation.

The natural disaster must occur during the coverage period, before or during harvest, and must directly affect the eligible crop.

COVERAGE LEVELS

NAP provides catastrophic level (CAT) coverage based on the amount of loss that exceeds 50 percent of expected production at 55 percent of the average market price for the crop.

The 2014 Farm Bill authorizes additional coverage levels ranging from 50 to 65 percent of production, in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Additional coverage must be elected by a producer by the application closing date. Producers who elect additional coverage must pay a premium in addition to the service fee. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional coverage.

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APPLYING FOR COVERAGE

Eligible producers must apply for coverage using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage," and pay the applicable service fee at the FSA office where their farm records are maintained. The application and service fee must be filed by the application closing date. Application closing dates vary by crop and are established by the FSA State Committee.

Producers who apply for NAP coverage acknowledge that they have received the NAP Basic Provisions, available at FSA county offices and at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

SERVICE FEES AND PREMIUMS

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers who elect additional coverage must also pay a premium equal to:

- The producer's share of the crop; times
- The number of eligible acres devoted to the crop; times
- The approved yield per acre; times
- The coverage level; times
- The average market price; times
- A 5.25 percent premium fee.

For value loss crops, premiums will be calculated using the maximum dollar value selected by the producer on form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage."

The maximum premium for a producer is \$6,562.50 (the maximum payment limitation times a 5.25 percent premium fee).

Beginning, limited resource, and traditionally underserved farmers are eligible for a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when they file form CCC-860, "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification." To be eligible for

a service fee waiver or premium reduction, producers must qualify as one of the following:

Beginning farmer – a person who:

- Has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years, and
- Materially and substantially participates in the operation.

For legal entities to be considered a beginning farmer, all members must be related by blood or marriage and must be beginning farmers.

Limited resource farmer – a person or legal entity that:

- Earns no more than \$176,800 in each of the two calendar years that precede the complete taxable year before the program year, to be adjusted upwards in later years for inflation; and
- Has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, or less than 50 percent of county median household income for both of the previous two years.

Limited resource producer status may be determined using the USDA Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self Determination Tool located at www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov. The automated system calculates and displays adjusted gross farm sales per year and the higher of the national poverty level or county median household income.

Socially disadvantaged farmer – these traditionally underserved farmers are a member of a group whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Groups include:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives;
- Asians or Asian Americans;
- Blacks or African Americans;
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders;
- Hispanics; and
- Women.

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For legal entities to be considered socially disadvantaged, the majority interest must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals.

COVERAGE PERIOD

The coverage period for NAP varies depending on the crop.

The coverage period for an annual crop begins the later of:

- 30 days after application for coverage and the applicable service fees have been paid; or
- The date the crop is planted (cannot exceed the final planting date).

The coverage period for an annual crop ends the earlier of the:

- Date the crop harvest is completed;
- Normal harvest date for the crop;
- Date the crop is abandoned; or
- Date the entire crop acreage is destroyed.

The coverage period for a perennial crop, other than a crop intended for forage, begins 30 calendar days after the application closing date and ends the earlier of:

- 10 months from the application closing date;
- The date the crop harvest is completed;
- The normal harvest date for the crop;
- The date the crop is abandoned; or
- The date the entire crop acreage is destroyed.

Contact a local FSA office for information on the coverage periods for perennial forage crops, controlled-environment crops, specialty crops, and value loss crops.

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR NAP

To be eligible for NAP assistance, the following crop acreage information must be reported:

- Name of the crop (lettuce, clover, etc.);
- Type and variety (head lettuce, red clover, etc.);

- Location and acreage of the crop (field, sub-field, etc.);
- Share of the crop and the names of other producers with an interest in the crop;
- Type of practice used to grow the crop (irrigated or non-irrigated);
- Date the crop was planted in each field; and
- Intended use of the commodity (fresh, processed, etc.).

Producers should report crop acreage shortly after planting (early in the risk period) to ensure reporting deadlines are not missed and coverage is not lost.

In addition, producers with NAP coverage must provide the following production information:

- The quantity of all harvested production of the crop in which the producer held an interest during the crop year;
- The disposition of the harvested crop, such as whether it is marketable, unmarketable, salvaged or used differently than intended; and
- Verifiable or reliable crop production records (when required by FSA).

When those records are required, producers must provide them in a manner that can be easily understood by the FSA county committee. Producers should contact the FSA office where their farm records are maintained for questions regarding acceptable production records.

Failure to report acreage and production information for NAP-covered crops may result in reduced or zero NAP assistance. Be aware that acreage reporting and final planting dates vary by crop and by region. Producers should contact the FSA office where their farm records are maintained for questions regarding local acreage reporting and final planting dates.

For aquaculture, floriculture and ornamental nursery operations, producers must maintain records according to industry standards, including daily crop inventories. Unique reporting requirements apply to beekeepers and producers of Christmas trees, turf-grass sod, maple sap, mushrooms, ginseng, and commercial seed or forage crops. Producers should contact the FSA

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office where their farm records are maintained regarding these requirements.

REPORTED ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

FSA uses acreage reports to verify the existence of the crop and to record the number of acres covered by the application. The acreage and the production reports are used to calculate the approved yield (expected production for a crop year). The approved yield is an average of a producer's actual production history (APH) for a minimum of four to a maximum of 10 crop years (five years for apples and peaches). To calculate APH, FSA divides a producer's total production by the producer's crop acreage.

A producer's approved yield may be calculated using substantially reduced yield data if the producer does not report production for a crop with NAP coverage, or reports fewer than four years of crop production.

Beginning with the 2015 crop year, FSA has changed the production reporting requirements to avoid penalizing producers for years when they do not participate in NAP and do not report their production. Those producers will no longer receive an assigned yield or zero-credited yield in their actual production history (APH) for that year. Producers may also request replacement of assigned yields and zero-credited yields in their APH for the 1995 through 2014 crop years with the higher of 65 percent of the current crop year T-yield or the missing crop year's actual yield.

PROVIDING NOTICE OF LOSS AND APPLYING FOR PAYMENT

When a crop or planting is affected by a natural disaster, producers with NAP coverage must notify the FSA office where their farm records are maintained and complete Part B (the Notice of Loss portion) of form CCC-576, "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment." This must be completed within 15 calendar days of the earlier of:

- A natural disaster occurrence;
- The final planting date if planting is prevented by a natural disaster;

- The date that damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent; or
- The normal harvest date.

Producers of hand-harvested crops and certain perishable crops must notify FSA within 72 hours of when a loss becomes apparent. The crops subject to this requirement will be listed in the NAP Basic Provisions.

To receive NAP benefits, producers must complete form CCC-576, "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment," Parts D, E, F, and G, as applicable, within 60 days of the last day of coverage for the crop year for any NAP covered crop in the unit. The CCC-576 requires acceptable appraisal information. Producers must provide evidence of production and note whether the crop was marketable, unmarketable, salvaged, or used differently than intended.

DEFINING A NAP UNIT

The NAP unit includes all the eligible crop acreage in the county where the producer has a unique crop interest. A unique crop interest is either:

- 100 percent interest; or
- A shared interest with another producer.

INFORMATION FSA USES TO CALCULATE A PAYMENT

The NAP payment is calculated by unit using:

- Crop acreage;
- Approved yield;
- Net production;
- Coverage level elected by the producer;
- An average market price for the commodity established by the FSA state committee; and
- A payment factor reflecting the decreased cost incurred in the production cycle for a crop that is not harvested or prevented from being planted.

For value loss crops with additional coverage, payments will be calculated using the lesser of the field market value of the crop before the disaster or the maximum dollar value for which the

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producer requested coverage at the time of application.

PAYMENT LIMITATION

NAP payments received, directly or indirectly, will be attributed to the applicable individual or entity and limited to \$125,000 per crop year, per individual or entity.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

FSA also wants to hear from producers and other interested stakeholders who may have suggestions or recommendations on the program. Written comments will be accepted *until Feb. 13, 2015* and can be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

MORE INFORMATION

Further information on NAP is available from your local FSA office at offices.usda.gov or on FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

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Greetings,

First off, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Brook Kelly, and I am the new Court Clerk/ Tribal Motor Vehicle Crash Injury Prevention Specialist.

We have successfully completed our 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo. Thank you to everyone who came out with their children and participated. I also want to thank everyone who came out and helped to make our Bike Rodeo possible.

Additionally, there will be a child passenger safety presentation at the end of August. This presentation will help teach parents the proper way to install a car seat, when it is safe for the child to move to a booster seat, and then when it is safe for the child to not need any additional support when riding in the car. I will be sending flyers throughout the community with more information regarding the child passenger safety presentation.

I also want to remind everyone to stay safe and have fun this summer. If you have any questions regarding the information from this newsletter, you can call the number above, Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Stay Safe!

**Brook Kelly, TMVCIPP/Court Clerk
Officer Janey Bryan, Chief of Police
Officer Mike Kortman
Officer Alex Graham**

From the Desk of Tilly Thompson, Health Receptionist

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and happiness.

I am always willing to help with any requests that need to be inputted into the RPMS system for the Managed Care Committee (MCC) to meet on. Don't forget I handle the Optometry and Dental requests and Shasta and Anita handle all medical that come in and in my absence you can always ask other Health Staff (Anita, Shasta, Linda, and Rondee) to see if you have been approved for services. They can also print out the referrals for you as well.

Please call us for each appointment that is made to have an approval on your appointments. Also once approved and you need a referral PLEASE call me for optometry or dental and have me send a referral before you go to your appointments, I have some patients who go to their appointments and are upset because there is no referral waiting at the facility that they are using. If I don't know of your appointment your referral will not be there.

I can also assist with Travel Advances and Travel Expenses. Just stop by my office and I can assist you. Reminder I must have an advance paper in 1 week prior to your appointment or every Tuesday before noon if the process is not followed you will have to wait to get a travel reimbursement the following week.

Our clinic is still under construction and is coming along nicely. I am excited to be a part of the Clinic and to have a new office. It's going to be really nice.

During the time of our Annual Festival we were very busy the week of, trying to prep grounds and making sure the reservation grounds were beautified. I got to work with the Summer Youth Group and they are all so helpful I appreciate everyone one of the Youth kids for their hard work and willingness to give their all every day that they helped. We would not have been ready if it wasn't for all of you I appreciate every one of you!!!

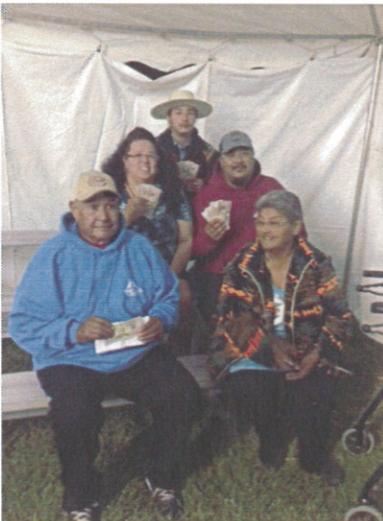
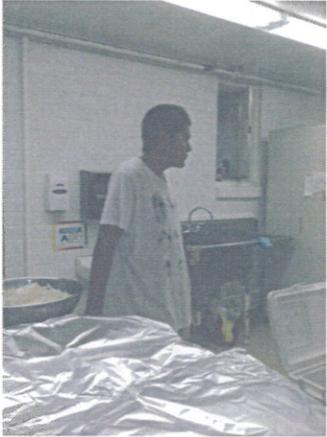
I had the pleasure of being a Supervisor to one Youth this year and that was Justin Mike, welcome to the Health Clinic Team this Summer, you are a very good worker and I appreciate all your help as well.

I coordinated the Youth and Adult Handgames this year at Festival. It went well as always, but we had a little mishap in the Adult Tournament but it was fixable although we started the tournament over but it is ok. The lucky winners in the Youth Tournament were our very own TRISTIN BIRCHIM, NICK THOMPSON, DARWIN MIKE, SHI NESTELL, AND JUSTIN MIKE, yah the Championship stayed home another YEAR! So proud of my Handgame Team. The adult winners were Aden Sam and Theodore Steele's Team. Congrats to them as well. There was a Bone Hog (2 Man) tournament on Sunday and Darwin Mike and Nichole were the Champs. Another year Bone Hog Champion for Darwin Mike. Congrats!

I had the pleasure of running the Duckwater Health Fun Run at Festival this year and we had 142 people at the Fun Run that morning. So great job everyone for the waking up early and joining us for the Fun Run/Walk. You know the joys of having the Festival is that I get to see all the family members come home and all of our friends come to visit it's always a joy to see all the smiling faces and everyone enjoying each others company. I helped run Festival for 11 years and it's always a pleasure to see returning and familiar faces return to our Festival.

Following are some pictures.

Meat Prep done by Paul, Darwin, Justin, Tilly, Derik, Amy and Leonard, thank you all for helping at 10 pm that night



Youth Handgame Champions! Duckwater!!!



Adult Handgame Champions!!



Bone Hog Champs!!



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MODERNIZATION PROJECT: Indian Housing Plan 2015-2016:

Our 2016 Indian Housing Plan project is to place metal siding on all of our nine aged-modular units on First Street. This past month of June we have begun and we are on our third home and getting ready for the fourth home. The men have been progressing and nearing completion within the next few months. Our two youth workers, Shi Nestell and Kyle Mike are assisting with the siding project and will have the knowledge of measuring, cutting and etc. with accuracy. They have been a great help to all of us at the housing, along with the other three maintenance men, Irwin and Jason, Watson, and Rodney Mike, working side-by-side with them. Our modular units are getting a new refreshing look.

Here are some photos of the old and new look!!!



- **Duckwater Housing Committee** consists of 5 members that are selected by the tribal council and are staggered each year 2-2-1, and serve a three year term. They make their housing recommendations to the tribal council for final approval.

Our committee Members are: Angel Graham, Arvilla Mascarenas, Delaine George, Linda Hooper, and now newly appointed, Alfreda Walker.

- **HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: (HIP): HIP is for the "NEEDIEST OF THE NEEDY.** This program is still available for families who can qualify at the poverty level, which is very low income. Applications are taken throughout the year and submitted to the Western Agency-Phoenix, AZ, and December, 2016.

(HIP cont.) ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for HIP assistance you must be a member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or be an Alaska Native; live in an approved tribal service area' have an income that does not exceed 125% of the [U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES \(DHHS\) Poverty Guidelines](#); have present housing that is substandard, as defined by the regulations ; have no other resource for housing assistance; have not received assistance after October 1, 1986 for repairs and renovation, replacement or housing, or down payment assistance; and have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program that includes such housing assistance.

Again for the third year, Duckwater has not been allocated any funding from this competitive program which is the Housing Improvement Program. This program is competitive with all the southern state of AZ, and we don't quite make the criteria with their low poverty guidelines.

- **Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program: HUD:**

Section 184 is available to you if you are still interested. Duckwater has been quite active with the enrolled members that are living off the reservation and a few on the reservation. Section 184 Loan Program is for purchasing a new home, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinancing. I would encourage any tribal enrolled member to take advantage of this great opportunity, for a smaller interest rate and by checking into your credit ratings periodically and the guarantee-loan can be your next step for a new home.

We are here to assist you, if you need the information and our Coordinator for the loan is Andrea Dunyon, in Phoenix, Arizona. You can contact me, Alissa Thompson at 775-863-0334.

- **Elders Handicap Program for (Duckwater Area Only):**

The Duckwater Tribe has written for a small grant to assist with a few items that our elder's need that reside on the reservation, only. This these past few months, Rodney Mike has been heading up this project with the Duckwater Tribal Elders Project with some of their handicap needs and so far, we have completed a bathroom in a home, which owners are Tim/Ondy Thompson's home. A hired contractor, Murry Hewko, from Ely, Nevada has been working on both homes and the other is Henry Blackeye's- another bathroom project.



Fire Safety WORD SEARCH

If you find matches, give them to an adult. If you see kids playing with matches, go tell an adult. Find other things you shouldn't play with in the puzzle below.

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WE LOVE LEARNING ABOUT FIRE SAFETY!





From the Desk of Ricky Mike



July 2016

Solid Waste News

Good day Duckwater Community Members! I hope we are all doing great these day. Not much to report in the Solid Waste Department, which means things must be going smoothly. As always please put your trash bins on the curve. I have been finding some metal trash and printers in some community members bins and in trash bags. These things need to be picked up separately. Please call me at the office to schedule a pick-up if you have over sized items that must go to the transfer station, call me for prices.

AIR SAMPLING

In the air sampling field, we have been running the sampler for two weeks every quarter. The sampler been running great. The weather station is also collecting data. Please check out the web site at www.cemp.dri.edu and if you have any problems logging on call me.

WATER

In the water field, water usage is a little up which happens in the summer time. We have been averaging around 80,000 gallons per day. On a couple of days we hit 100,000 gallons. Always remember to use water wisely. Just a reminder to try to water early mornings and evening times. At the end of last month I sent out the Annual CCR (Consumer Conference Report). This is a report of all the water sampling that was done last year and some water information on water. If you didn't get one let me know.

Begin of each month I take a water sample from our well and send it to the water Lab in Elko. EPA requires us to do this. This month water sample has come back negative for Total Bacteria and e-coli. I have also sent samples to the lab to be tested for copper and lead. The results should be back soon and I you would like to see the results let me know. In August I will be sampling for Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products.

If you should every have any question about your water, solid waste or air, I'll do my best on answering them. Call me at the office.

Purchased Referred Care

formerly Contract Health Service



Tele-Medicine

Exciting news about new services in Tonopah, NV.



ATTENTION:

Anybody with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance.

Rondee Graham,



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Hello...

I hope you're all enjoying some fun in the sun! Be sure to stay adequately hydrated, and use sun protection as needed.

As always I hope this newsletter finds you in good health, and that your summer is going as wonderful as it can so far. There are a couple of new services happening around here, otherwise it's business as usual. 😊

If you have any questions about the Tribe's PRC Policies, you may stop by or request a copy of the PRC brochure. We are currently updating the policy to incorporate IHS's new PRC rule. We hope to have it available on the Tribe's website soon www.duckwatertribe.org

Please remember that all your information in the Purchased Referred Care program remains totally private and will not be released without your authorization. The Duckwater Shoshone Health Department is mandated to comply with the standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

TELE-MEDICINE

On June 1st, Renown Health opened up a tele-medicine facility in Tonopah, Nevada. It is a program using secure video conferencing technology to enable long distance medical care between patients who live in rural communities and medical providers at Renown Health in Reno, Nevada.

It is convenient and fast access to medical care that's currently not available in our community. Being that it's closer to Duckwater, this will minimize the costs of long-distance travel to Reno for medical care, such as:

- ▶ Common conditions
- ▶ Be able to prescribe medications
- ▶ Order basic lab and x-ray tests
- ▶ Specialty providers

Patients will also be able to see specialty care providers through this tele-medicine service. To find out what types of services and specialty services are available please call 775.982.4700.

Emergency care is **not** offered.



For more information you may call 775.982.4700. HOW IT WORKS: Once appointments are made, the patient gets to the facility, they meet with a registered nurse who will assist and perform the duties associated with the office visit with the physician or specialty doctor from Renown in Reno, Nevada online.

The Duckwater Shoshone Health Clinic has the equipment for this same service, but since we currently don't have a registered nurse or provider, we are unable to offer it at this time.

www.renown.org/tonopah



WHAT ARE YOUR *RELAXATION* TECHNIQUES? 🐱💖

Taking the time to relax, has many benefits that include slowing your heart rate, which decreases blood pressure.

Not to mention that it reduces the activity of stress hormones - as you know, stress is not our friend. It increases blood flow to major muscles, so you can do all of those fun activities you enjoy.

It also helps to decrease muscle tension and chronic pain, which improves your concentration and mood 😊

DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW PRC WORKS FOR YOU?

ELIGIBILITY: **1)** an enrolled member of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe and resides within our established PRC service delivery area, **2)** an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and resides on the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation, who meets the eligibility requirements of the Health Department. Minor dependents are also eligible by meeting the same criteria of 1 or 2.

EACH AND EVERY TIME you need to see a medical, dental, and optometry provider, and you want help from the Duckwater Shoshone Indian Health Services Purchased Referred Care (PRC) program - you must put your request into the Managed Care Committee (MCC). Otherwise you risk paying for the services yourself.

- Obtain a referral from the Health Dept thru the MCC. Failure to obtain prior approval could result in you being responsible for all medical costs.
- All emergency visits must be reported within (72) hours. The MCC will review the priority level of the visit and availability of funds. Keep in mind, not all emergency services are eligible for PRC payment
- Report any changes of your insurance coverage and/or residency to Patient Records.

DUCKWATER RESIDENTS: If you received your American Med Flight membership card in the mail - please be sure to:

- Give us a copy or stop by and we'll copy it for you.
- Provide William Bee Ririe Hospital/Clinic a copy so they can enter the info into their system.



ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS: If you have made any requests to the MCC and it has been more than two weeks, please call our office and check on your request. The MCC meets every week, as long as all members are available.

FOR 2016 ONLY: If you are a tribal member living off of the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation **AND** you have primary insurance, we are offering to reimburse you for any co-pays you have made to any providers. Send us a copy of a receipt from the provider's office. After we verify all information, we will reimburse you. 📄

Allergies Ahead!



Struggling with your allergies right now?

First things first, know when allergy season begins in our area, by paying attention to weather changes so you know what's coming up ahead.

Have an allergy kit ready, one for travel and home. It should contain an oral antihistamine, a nasal steroid, allergy eye drops (for itchiness) and/or artificial tears, some sort of decongestant, and an anti-itch cream like hydrocortisone. Be mindful of drowsiness when taking an antihistamine.



FOR ANYONE who has Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance, have you taken advantage of the online health services that's available to you?

Video visits with a doctor or therapist is offered using LiveHealth Online with your smartphone, tablet, or computer at home. Visits using this service is covered under your health plan - Just go to their website to sign up, see your current medical card.

Access doctors 24/7 and save time w/ no appointments necessary. Average wait time is (10) minutes or less; a great way to access a doctor when your primary provider is unavailable.

Illnesses covered covered but not limited to are: pinkeye, sore throat, colds, sinus infections, rashes, fevers, allergies and more. Dr. will assess your condition and send prescriptions to the pharmacy you choose, if needed.

Licensed therapists are available by appointment. If you're having a hard time coping, you can make an appointment and see a therapist in four days or less.* Appointments are available seven days a week and are about (45) minutes.

If you decide to use this service, please either stop by, send an email, write a letter and tell us your experience with LiveHealth Online



Did you know that the health clinic carries several over the counter medicines you can ask for? If you're interested please call our Medical Assistant to find out what is available to you (775) 863.0222, if we don't have what you need in stock, there is a possibility we can order it.

TRADITIONAL HEALING

TRIBAL MEMBERS living in Duckwater, did you know that the Health Clinic can reimburse you for costs you pay towards traditional healing services? Place your request with the Managed Care Committee (MCC), and you will need to be able to obtain a receipt from the traditional healer. For more information you may call 775.863.0222

Good day readers of Quarterly Newsletters-Division Managers Assistant

The second quarter for the newsletter has surely come upon us in a hurry. Where has all the time gone? Anyway, I hope that my report is informative and let you all know what sort of activity is going on here on behalf of the community.

Nevada Department of Transportation: These field trips consist of going out in the field with the NDOT archeologist to assess the site and area of proposed activity. This field trip was to Long Valley and just about 3 miles south of the rest stop on Highway 318. No prehistoric sites were located and only the remnants of old milk cans and broken bottles perhaps from an old sheep camp. The site had no cultural or sites of religious significance to be impacted.

US Forest Service: Every so often the Austin Ranger District has a project and this quarter is about a proposed mining project near Porter Canyon. The archeological survey was completed and the Forest Service makes it a point to avoid any cultural sites within the proposed area. No cultural sites will be impacted.

Bureau of Land Management: The BLM had a a conference on the proposed Greater Sage Grouse management plan at the the Peppermill. Pyramid Lake, Duck Valley, and Duckwater were the only tribes in attendance. This sage grouse is still ongoing and they will talk with the Tribe in regards to their sage grouse land management plan.

Cortez Gold: The Cortez Gold/Barrick is finalizing their EA/EIS on this project to construct a portal on the south face

Scorpio Gold: This project Gonnie stepped in and presented to Carlene Lancaster of Scorpio Gold on the contract that will be made between Scorpio Gold and the Tribe for a 2-3 week monitoring agreement. I will set up the MSHA training for this project.

Nellis AFB: The Nellis AFB has several projects going on. The one I'll share is about the Nellis AFB's resource management plan/land acquisition. Ellis had a meeting in different location specifically for Indian tribes. The one meeting was held at the Ely tribe learning center with the Ely Tribe also participating. We will have until November to get the Tribe's comments for the draft EIS.

Creach AFB: This demolition project has been a problem child for the Air Froce Base, with many compliance issues and permits to complete. This project will finish in mid-August, well at least thats the plan.

THPO Training: I took a road trip to Seattle to attend a three day workshop in regards to setting up a Tribal Historic Preservation Office. One of the criteria is to develop an ordinance code with the passing of a resolution and then continuing to develop a code when the THPO grant is approved. The Tribe should consider this grant.

This is the high point of my quarterly report and of course there are activities such the weekly trash pick up with Ricky and answering and reviewing correspondence that comes in.

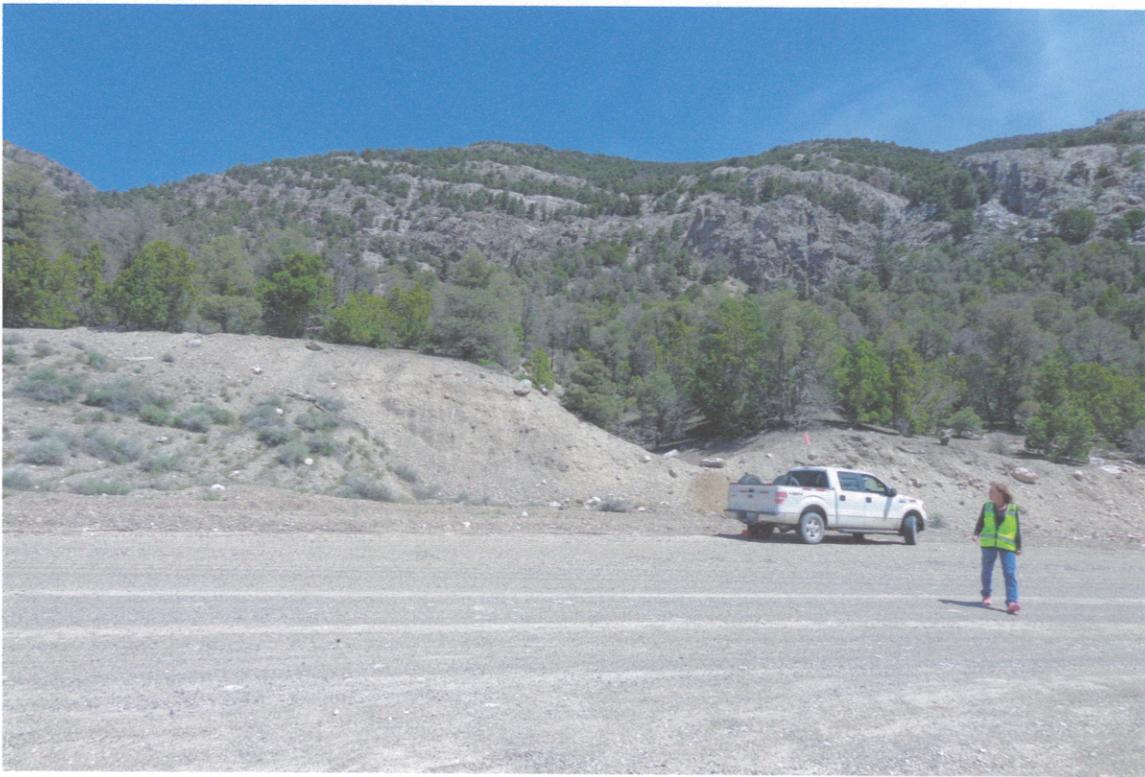
Maurice M. Churchill



Highway 918 NDOT
proposed gravel pit



Creech AFB - Tree removal / demolition



proposed portal near truck - Cortez | Barrick



Jeff Bryan 2016 Festival



gonnie 2016 Spring festival.

Where are they now?

Tribal Members:

Lucas Aaron, Veronica Aaron, Gerald Bill and Elaine Weiss

Duckwater Shoshone Tribe had received some money from the Spring Valley Wind Settlement in 2012 and all tribal members were sent checks. We had some checks that came back to the tribe as the address of the tribal members were not kept current with our enrollment office, the checks were voided and the money was put back in the checking account. We'd like to be able to get in contact with the 4 individuals listed above so that we may reissue their check.

Please contact our Enrollment office at (775)863-0227 and then know your updating your mailing address and we'll be able to reissue the check.

DEADLINE

The deadline dates for the Duckwater Quarterly Newsletter for the year 2016 will be as follows:

4th Newsletter deadline October 21, 2016- Newsletters mailed out on October 29, 2016

Any submissions for the Newsletter need to be in by noon, NO late submissions, PLEASE.

If you have any questions regarding the Newsletter, please contact Jackie Hodson at (775) 863.0227 or reception.fixedassets@duckwatertribe.org. Thank you.