

News from the Farm Service Agency newsletter

The Jefferson County Farm Service Agency Committee members share information from their newsletter.

1997 Crop acreage reports

It is now time to certify or report your 1997 crop acreage's to our office as soon as you have everything planted. Accurate and timely reporting is essential for ensuring compliance with FSA farm programs to determine eligibility for benefits.

All producers participating in the 7-year Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA) Program, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Catastrophic Insurance (CAT) Program or the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) are required to certify their crops by the June 30 deadline or all benefits will be lost.

Certification will be done by appointment again this year. Please call 475-3869 as soon as possible to reserve a date and time as over 300 farms must be completed by June 30.

It is very important to certify accurately to avoid penalties. Measurement service is available if you don't want to measure the fields

yourself.

CAT fees due

Producers with a carry over catastrophic insurance policy who are planting the insured CAT crop and wish to continue their coverage must pay the \$50 per crop annual premium by June 30, 1997.

CRP Early land preparation

Producers with CRP contracts expiring on September 30, 1997, may destroy the grass cover on certain acreage beginning May 1st if maintaining the cover through June 30 would inhibit normal planting of a fall-seeded crop.

The following special CRP provisions apply to CRP participants:

- Obtain an approved conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
- Submit requests on form CRP-1G to the FSA office to destroy cover before July 1, 1997.
- Receive written approval from the FSA office before destroying any CRP cover.

- Between May 1, 1997, and June 30, 1997, the payment reduction normally assessed is being waived.
- Certain acreage is not eligible

for this special provision.

After July 1, 1997, cover may be destroyed on expiring contracts by obtaining a conservation plan from NRCS.

Continuous CRP sign up

Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, announced a continuing sign-up for producers willing to enroll lands in the Conservation Reserve Program.

The following special provisions apply:

- Eligible acres must have been cropped 2 years between 1992-1996.
- Applications can be offered at any time.
- NRCS determines the acreage that is eligible.
- Only environmental priority practices such as field windbreaks, grass waterways, shallow water areas for wildlife, contour grass strips, shelter belts, filter strips and riparian buffers.
- Annual rental rates are based on the 3 predominant soil types.

Funds are available to eligible agricultural producers for farm operating loans, farm ownership

loans, beginning farmer loans and emergency loans.

Important dates

June 30—Last day to report 1997 crop acreage.

June 30—Last day to pay for CAT insurance.

July 4—Independence Day. Office closed.

Non-discrimination

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Across the Wire....

Burns-Paiutes plan to build casino

BURNS (AP)—Poor, nearly landless and a long way from anywhere, the 280-member Burns Paiute tribe is banking its fortunes on a casino amidst the sagebrush and jackrabbits.

They don't envision anything fancy at first — a prefab building with some slot machines. If things go as planned, a \$3 million facility would replace it.

But only about 7,000 people live within 100 miles of the reservation and it isn't even visible from U.S. 20. So far the tribe has not been besieged with investors.

The only other venture here is an alfalfa field that brings in less than \$15,000 a year. Seasonal unemployment tops 50 percent.

"If we don't do something, we're going to sink with the boat," said tribal chairwoman Wanda Johnson.

"We realize we won't do the business other tribes have," said Jim St. Martin, the tribe's general manager. "We've had studies done — conservative ones — and if it's a well-run operation, it will give us profit."

"We don't have any natural resources. There is right now no way we know of to give us money to operate."

Previous efforts have not gone well. A wood pallet operation fell as timber prices rose. A frozen-onion plant also failed.

"Can we afford to become \$3 million (in debt)?" St. Martin asked. "What do we know about gaming? There are a lot of unanswered questions. The alternative is to do nothing and hope that federal dollars improve."

The tribe, viewed as hostile by the military in the 19th century, lost a 1.7-million-acre reservation. They scattered around the West.

Those who returned patched together modest acreage through donation and federal programs. In 1972 Congress recognized it as a reservation.

But they were still too small to win federal housing grants or to compete with larger

tribes for dollars.

But an infrastructure has been built. Bureau of Indian Affairs funding and other grants pay for a four-person police force, court, housing subdivision, administration building and its 29-person government.

The tribe recently landed \$442,479 to build a health center, moving patients out of condemned trailers that have little privacy.

This summer the tribe hopes to replace up to 23 aging houses with federal money and has applied for a grant to develop a writing system for the Paiute language, still spoken by elders.

The casino will be tiny compared to other Indian gambling operations in the state.

The tribe, however, says it can be a part of economic growth in the area.

Attracting casino investors has not been easy.

Those interested tend to back off when they find where Burns is.

"It blew their minds," St. Martin said. "Usually you don't hear from them again."

Early this year the tribe solicited management proposals and settled on Wolf Gaming LLC from Colorado.

If all goes as planned, tribe officials say, the tribe will hire the firm as a consultant, setting up a temporary casino this summer. The tribe then will negotiate a management contract with Wolf.

The tribe then hopes — with financing from Wolf investors — to build a permanent casino.

The tribe hopes to draw truckers and tourists headed to Idaho, Nevada or the nearby Malheur Wildlife Refuge.

Even if things work out, nobody has agreed on what to do with the money. There are ideas. A market. A laundry. A gym for powwows. A senior center. A larger reservation. Money to record the memories of the tribe's elders.

New Mexico Indians claim compacts flawed

SANTA FE (AP)—Indian tribal leaders in New Mexico made it clear to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt they are not happy with the gambling compacts approved by the state Legislature this year.

During a 90-minute meeting Friday with Babbitt in Santa Fe, tribal leaders expressed concerns and displeasure with the gaming compacts, which they can begin signing with the state June 20 when the gaming law takes effect.

If the tribes sign the compacts, which they contend are flawed, the agreements then must be approved by Babbitt under terms of the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or IGRA. Indian leaders stopped short of asking Babbitt to reject the compacts, but said there are plenty of problems.

"The recommendation was to review IGRA and see how the compacts compare to the regulations," said Steve Juanico, vice chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act governs gambling on Indian reservations.

Juanico said Acoma Pueblo Gov. Ron Shitiva told Babbitt tribes had no say in what went into the compacts approved by the Legislature this year.

"It wasn't really negotiated, it was legislated," Juanico said in an interview later Friday.

The tribes oppose a provision in the compacts that requires Indian casinos to pay the state up to 16 percent of their net take from machines. And they contend that if requiring them to pay fees based on the number of gaming tables and machines amounts to illegal taxation of one government by another.

If Babbitt signs the compacts, the tribes would be left with terms most do not find acceptable.

The tribes, meanwhile, are also waiting to see whether the U.S. Supreme Court will agree to hear their appeal of federal court rulings that found compacts which were more favorable to the tribes were illegal because they were not approved by the Legislature.

Tribal leaders also complained to Babbitt that there is lack of communication between them and the Interior Department. Santa Clara Pueblo Gov. Walter Dasheno released a to the media a copy of his remarks to Babbitt.

Dasheno told Babbitt the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, of which he is the chairman, has repeatedly tried to communicate with Babbitt and been rebuffed.

"We send you letters. We passed resolutions," Dasheno said. "I don't know any other way that we can communicate with you."

Babbitt promised tribal leaders he would meet with them for a longer session at a later date.

Rainbow Service Station upgraded

After one-and-one half years of planning, organizing and getting the okay from the State, Jefferson county and coming up with the financing, the Rainbow Service Station has gotten a brand new, improved look.

According to owner and tribal member Roxanne McInturf, "in order to meet all of the federal requirements of underground tanks by year's end 1998, the new station has removed the old tanks and has installed self monitoring state of the art tanks that give utmost protection regarding the environment."

Along with the brand new look the pumps and all the lines have been replaced with equal quality. "In doing so, we also repaved the parking lot, the Rainbow Service Station has become a Shell service station and offers regular unleaded gas, plus unleaded, super unleaded, diesel and propane."

You can be sure that Roxanne McInturf, and all of the employees of the Rainbow Market and the new Shell service station feel that the business will do their best in offering quality service and goods at a reasonable price to the Warm Springs community, while showing good "face" to the tourists.

"According to Oregon Department Of Transportation, during the summer months over 8,000 cars cross the Deschutes River Bridge daily," concludes Roxanne.



The Rainbow Service Station is now a Shell Station.

The Burger Inn located on Highway 26 next to the Texaco Service Station and a Retail Shop located at the Plaza at Warm Springs have become available. Any tribal member interested in obtaining a commercial lease for either of these buildings need to submit a business proposal describing their proposed use of the buildings to the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) by the closing date of 6/13/97. For further information, call the Small Business Development Center at 553-3592 or drop by the SBDC at 2107 Wasco Street.

Class of '97
To our graduate, Marissa, on your 18th birthday!
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge HIM and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5 & 6)
We are very proud of you & love you very much.
Love & Prayers,
Dad, Mom, John, Tim, Marie, Titus, Simeon & Graceann

Congratulations & Happy Birthday to our niece:
Marissa Kalama
Keep your eyes on the Lord, He will never leave you.
Our prayers & love,
Curtis & Sarah Thompson



Happy birthday
Danny Lawrence
June 9
From Mom, Dad and the rest of the Family

Happy 6th birthday to
Maureen
From Carol, little brother
Tyrone and Daniel



Louie Pitt, Warm Springs Governmental Affairs director, greets guest during Tribal Information Fair at the State Capitol May 22. Warm Springs joined other Oregon Indian tribes to enhance understanding among all state residents.



Maria Lopez buckles tribal elder Elvina Switzler into newly acquired van.

New van approved for CHRs

After two years of trying, the Community Health department now have their own van with a wheelchair lift to transport patients to and from the Health and Wellness Center.

They received word from Tribal Council to order their van in December 1996. The van was custom made to be higher for the wheelchair patients.

The van was delivered to them recently and their first patient rode in the van Monday, June 2.

Elvina Switzler was transported from Mountain View Nursing Home to the Health and Wellness Center to see the optometrist. When asked how her ride was she said, "It was good."

Before receiving their own van they were using the Senior Citizens van that has a wheelchair lift. The Senior Citizens van wasn't always available because it was being used.



Happy Belated Birthday to my pretty girl **Courtney!**
And Happy 1st Birthday to my sweetie **Elizabeth.**
Love, Mommy

Kalama receives Employee of Month award

The Warm Springs Composite Products would like to take this time to recognize our Employee Of The Month. This award went to Sterling Kalama.

Sterling has been selected for the Employee of the Month award by the following criteria: Safety in the workplace; Quality of work; Production Quantity; Attendance; Personal Initiative; Attitude and Cooperation with fellow employees, lead people, supervisors and management.

Happy Birthday!!
"Jake" May 24th
May you have many more!!!
W/Lots of Love,
From a Friend

Drawback

Alcohol ripping and tearing my soul,
A mind twisted toll I owe for life,
No second chance on a sacrifice,
I was riding on top of the clouds with innocent sunshine,
Colorful as new rainbows in the sky,
To quickly to have died with a lost feeling in time,
My emotions no favor or flavor of class,
I've chosen these ones too many times in the past,
Alcohol ripping and tearing my hear inside fast,
From madness to sadness in a split second,
Flashbacks to when there seem to be no end with friends,
Telling true honesty couldn't even save my common sin,
Now in touch with the full consequence,
When will I ever learn, for when comes the text turn,
Alcohol ripping and tearing, and ready to burn,
Top the other person that was naked,
Time didn't even get a chance to get created,
I wanted so much than get related,
There was magic, fire, beauty and breath taking passion,
On the very first day it all started to happen,
Hypnotized into fearless reactions,
Then came the walls of deception,
Feeding evil thoughts, doubts, lies and back into our lives,
Alcohol ripping and tearing you far away from being mind,
I bow down and pray again somebody-someday,
Please keep me away from the denial that I hate with rage,
I bow down and pray again somebody-someday,
The alcohol still ripping and tearing in my eyes as a child,
Here it comes again to bring joy and misery to follow,
Alcohol ripping tearing on people, strangers, lovers, but most of all to a significant equal.

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