

NUMA NEWS

Fallon Tribe Housing Project Breaks Ground Moving Forward



With golden shovels in hand, the start of construction for the new Low Income Housing Development Project. L-R: Andrew Hicks FPST Vice Chairman, Maurice Page, Nevada Housing Coalition, Edwin Conway, FPST Council Member, Sandra Hicks, FPST Council Member, Jake Zamora, A & K Earthmovers, Abby Day, Travios, Elsia Garcia, Travois, Adam Mannelin, Pavillion Construction, Stan Lau, FPST Project Manager, Philip Johnson, FPST Secretary. (Front) Jennifer John, FPST Housing Director, Cathi Williams-Tuni, FPST Chairwoman & Tiffany Welch, Tax and TERO.

By Jill Wright tribalnews@fpst.org

The Fallon Tribal Chairwoman Cathi Williams-Tuni kicked off the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 9, 2025. She stated that the project was a culmination of a lot of work over several years. During the ceremony, Chairwoman Williams-Tuni gave special recognition to key partners involved in the project. The Fallon Business Council, representatives from the partnering companies, and key players who were instrumental in the project, participated in the symbolic groundbreaking, officially marking the start of construction. Remarks from project leaders emphasized the importance of this partnership and the significant positive impact it will have on the community.

With smiles, laughter and the simul-

taneous motion of golden shovels breaking earth, a new chapter begins as the Fallon Tribes Grows Their Commitment to their People!

The project located on Paiute Drive is designed to meet the growing needs of the FPST tribal community, it will include 22 apartments comprising of one to four bedroom and featuring numerous amenities including a community building and playground. The development will provide affordable housing options for tribal families, individuals, and elders.

Additionally, the development will serve households with some of the highest levels of need for affordable housing. Six units are targeted for households with up to 30% of the area median income (AMI), 12 units are targeted for households with up to 50% of AMI and four units are

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe

targeted for households with up to 60% of AMI.

A&K Earthmovers began horizontal construction on Dec. 2, 2024, preparing the site for new housing designed for Paiute-Shoshone tribal members. Chairwoman Cathi Williams-Tuni confirmed that the project is on schedule. Pavilion Construction, led by Rick Burkette, is set to begin vertical construction soon.

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe is among several Nevada tribal communities working to address housing shortages. In 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated nearly \$27 million to support tribal housing programs across the state, with a \$2.5 awarded to the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe for the project.

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FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

From the Office of:

Catherine Williams-Tuni TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN

January 29, 2025

Dear Tribal Members and Staff.

Subject: Federal Funding Freeze Rescinded

As you may be aware, the Trump Administration, through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum on January 27th ordering federal agencies to freeze federal grant and loan disbursements. The reason provided for the freeze was to, "align Federal spending and action with the will of the American people as expressed through Presidential priorities." In response to the memorandum, several challenges were filed, including groups of various non-profit organizations and by several states, including the State of Nevada. On January 28th, a federal judge in Washington D.C. issued a temporary restraining order, which in turn paused the funding freeze. On January 29th, the OMB rescinded the memorandum they had issued. At this point, there is no federal funding freeze in effect.

We want to assure our community that we are continuing to follow this matter closely, including any further developments. As a team, FBC has been actively engaged in discussions with the Tribe's legal counsel to ascertain how to best protect the Tribe's interests. We intend to continue to enthusiastically defend the critical nature of our federally funded programs and advocate for the Tribe and our members.

Another concern many of you may have are recent news feeds regarding the ICE raids that are occurring throughout the U.S. Although we are in our small remote community, we always have to lean on the side of caution. With that said, we are encouraging you to keep in your possession your current tribal ID along with other forms of ID at all times. Please update your identification cards to ensure your documents have current addresses. Just as with the DMV exemption forms where we require the tribal ID, Driver license and vehicle registration to match, it's a good idea to do the same in this current situation in case you are ever questioned. We are offering our tribal member youth under the age of 18 to come into the Enrollment Office and get a tribal ID card that proves your enrollment with the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. At this time, those ID's are free of charge to our youth.

Finally, we want to assure our membership that we are constantly keeping on top of the current events from our nation's capital and will pass along information through our Official Facebook page as well as our FPST website as developing information unfolds.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (775) 423-6075 Ext. 1004 or (775) 427-9948. Email is also available at chairman@fpst.org. Blessings,

Cathi Williams-Tuni, Chairwoman

& Fallon Business Council

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION

This Governmental Services Tax Exempt Privilege/Eligibility has been in effect since 2012. The current Tribal Chairwoman is only enforcing the DMV Vehicle Privilege for the benefit of all eligible Tribal Members.

It is the responsibility of the Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe to verify that the following vehicle tax exempt application through the State of Nevada is in accordance with NRS Nevada state requirements. The statement above the required signature of the Tribal Chairwoman states "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements listed above." This statement puts a great deal of responsibility on the Chairwoman & Vice Chairman under penalty of perjury to ensure the documents presented for exemption are true and correct. Likewise, the tribal member seeking the tax exempt also has an obligation by the statement above their signature, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." meaning the applicant attests all information is correct and has met the eligibility criteria when requesting the vehicle privileged exemption.

This privilege was created for the beneficial use & opportunity for federally recognized Tribal Members LIVING ON THE FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE RESERVATION OR COLONY ONLY

INSTRUCTIONS & ELIGIBILITY:

- The exemption must be applied for annually with a separate exemption application required for each vehicle being registered.
- Bring your Tribal ID, Drivers License & DMV Registration and/or Title to the Chairwoman's Office for
 processing. ALL documents must match the same address to validate the applicant & vehicle. If any of
 the documents do not match, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make necessary changes.
- Once the proper documents are turned in, please give the Chairwoman's Office at least 24 hours time for processing.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE:

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Members or other Nevada Tribal Members who <u>DO NOT</u>
permanently reside within the boundaries of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation
or Colony are NOT ELIGIBLE for receiving the Governmental Services Tax Exempt from
the Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe.





Chairwoman Williams-Tuni giving opening remarks at Ground Breaking Ceremony





Greetings from the THPO office:

Here is a history lesson about how our people started on Indian reservations.

DISCOVERY OF DOCTRINE; Pope Nicholas the V. gave a Portuguese king permission for only NON-CHRISTIAN lands could be discovered and claimed by early Christian discovers and traders. This law became.. INTERNATIONAL LAW- European Monarchs claimed primary lands owned by the Indigenous people all over the world of these lands.

May 28, 1830- Andrew Jackson signed into law the Indian removal act, which allowed the settlers to take and claim Indian land, at the same time tribes of these lands were removed into the Indian Territories and places on Reservations. Moreover, children were taken from tribes and placed in boarding schools, to take away the cultural and language.

1872-1874 NATIVE AMERICAN ACT, General mining act of 1872 – ALLOWED individuals to stake a claim on Indian lands, without informing or consulting tribes.

Our citizenship into the US started in 1924, we were granted citizenship in 1924, so some of us are only fist generation born US citizenship, some of our parents were not born citizen of the US, most of our grandparents were not born US citizen. Prior to Indians gaining U.S. Citizenship considered a sovereign nation. To this day, tribes are Sovereign.

1968 Indian Civil Rights Act: Prior to 1968 Indians, did not have constitutional right, in the constitution of the U.S. it states "all except the Indians". This is the reason why our ICRA gives us the same rights as the U.S. constitution.

On Tuesday of last week, the BLM had a meeting with our tribal resources department. Their goal is to bring our tribal people seeds to grow the natural plant that grow on BLM lands. The lands need to be replenished. The BLM will buy back all the plants and the seeds we produce. The people could grow the plants inside your yard and sell the plants back to the BLM. On the other hand, we could start a community garden, what plants you grow you can sell it back to the BLM. If you are interested in this seed program, please watch for the flyers or look into the Tribes web page and attend the meetings.

SPRING: I would like to have a family day at the graveyard to document and identify family graves, and unmarked graves. My number is (775) 423-6075 or cell work No. (775) 426-8353 e-mail thpo@fpst.org.



James Earl Carter, Jr.

1924-2024

39th President of the United States

"We are, of course, a nation of differences.

Those differences don't make us weak.

They're the source of our strength."

-Al Smith Dinner, New York, October 21, 1976





FPST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2025



Mental Health Program Assessments, Psychiatric & Therapy Services

Dr. Sonny Ruckstuhl, Clinical Psychologist, available on Mondays



Kristin Circle, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Kristin provides virtual psychiatric assessments and prescribes medications for mental health and substance use disorders at 16 hours each week.



Susan Stark, MA, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker. She is available for therapy services on 2 days a week.

Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Assessment & Outpatient Treatment Services



Cynthia Wachsmuth, CADC Intern, full-time Substance Abuse Counselor.



Sunny Cox, **CADC Intern**, full-time Substance Abuse Counselor.



Brenda Hooper, Recovery Support Coach & Coordinator. She provides peer support to individuals in early recovery from substance abuse and mental health issues.



Shelby Harrison, Behavioral Health Assistant. Call Shelby to make an appointment with any of the BH Providers at (775) 423-9076.

For questions regarding services or activities contact Leslie Steve, MA, LADC, Director of Behavioral Health at 423-9076, ext. 1147.

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS Take a deep breath. "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow hasn't happened; what we have is right here, right now.



Cancer Prevention Measures include:

- 1. Be more active; at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day. Walking is good.
- 2. Avoid red meat, processed meats and fried foods (use an air fryer if you have one).
- 3. Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- 4. Avoid alcohol, non-prescribed drugs and tobacco/nicotine products. **Remember:** Smoking and secondhand smoke exposure causes over 480,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.
- 5. Stay on top of cancer screenings. Make and keep your appointments.

SAMHSA Native Connections Project:

Adrian Tom is the Project Director for this 5year grant which focuses on suicide prevention and mental health awareness for youth and young adults.





The Prevention Specialist position is vacant as **Valerie Bill** has moved on to another position at the Health Center. We wish her all the best.



Bureau of Justice Assistance Connect & Protect Project:

A 3-year project for Law Enforcement officers and Mental Health providers regarding crisis interventions within the FPST community. **Paula Wright** serves the project as the Behavioral Health Liaison.

The Fallon, Lovelock & Yomba Wellness Community (WELCOM) Network—We will host the next meeting at 999 Rio Vista on 2/20/25 from 12noon to 1:30 p.m. to attend. Lunch is provided to participants at 11:30. We welcome people from the community.





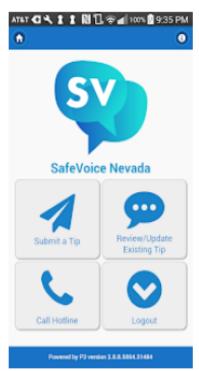
Brought to you by the FTHC'S Behavioral Health Program.

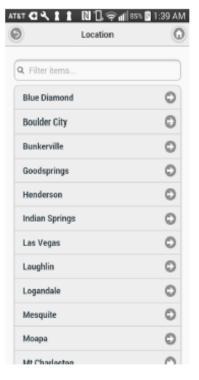
"Our children are our most precious resource. It's our duty to keep them safe."

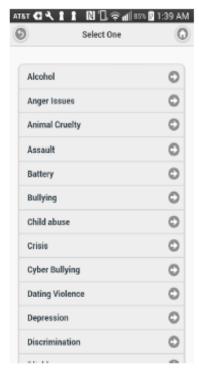
School violence has become more prevalent in the United States, including in Churchill County. On November 15, 2023 News4Reno reporter Kim Burrows reported a serious concern entitled, "Fallon Parents concerned about aggressive bullying – school district making changes." The parents in this story challenged the Churchill County School District to address the dangers children face each day. (https://mynews4.com/news/local/fallon-parents-concerned-about-aggressive-bullving-school-district-making-changes)

The SafeVoice Nevada App was created to allow kids to anonymously report what they are experiencing or seeing the harm afflicting them and their peers. Once the app is downloaded into a smart phone, you will see three prompts, the third allowing for a description of concern/event. All children deserve safety. At the bottom of the page, click on the Google Play address to download the app. . If you have a question about this app, call 775-423-9076, ext. 1002 or 1004.

About this app:







The Nevada Department of Education in partnership with P3 Intel for SafeVoice Nevada is offering the next generation tip management system allowing students, parent, and community members to submit secure and anonymous safety concerns to the statewide SafeVoice strategic prevention model. Secure intel, ongoing two-way dialogue, and image and video upload features sent to a live 24/7 answering point enable Nevada school administrators and law enforcement to receive the most accurate information in order to create effective interventions to support student well-being and prevent violence and tragedies. (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.p3tips.safevoice&hl=en_U).



Indian Health Service QPR Suicide Prevention Instructor Training

Fallon, NV - March 24 - 25, 2025

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) is an evidence-based suicide prevention training. Our QPR trainings are culturally customized for American Indian/Alaska Native communities by experts in Al/AN behavioral health. QPR is a quick intervention to help someone with suicidal thoughts or feelings

FPST Community Learning Center 8955 Mission Road Fallon , Nevada 89406

QPR Train the Trainer -

An intensive, **2** – **day**, participatory training designed to prepare trainers to become certified QPR trainers. **This 6-hour training is appropriate for those who want to deliver QPR Trainings to build the suicide prevention capacity in the community.** (3-year certification)

Required Prerequisite: Must complete & obtain the Sister Sky Inc Gatekeeper certificate. This can be completed Online or in –person. For more information regarding this REQUIRED prerequisite, please see below for more information.

Pre-Registration is required: Registration will close March 14. Seating is Limited

To learn more, or to resister Contact:

Adrian Tom at ncpdir@fpst.org

Questions, Contact:

Karen Tenorio at ihs-spt-training@sisterskyinc.com

Training Events

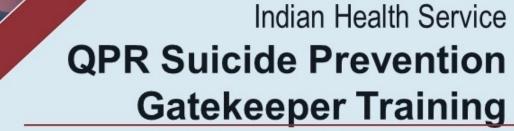
QPR Instructor Training

March 24
1 PM – 4PM
Lunch will be served.

March 25 9AM – 12PM Refreshments will be served.

Hosted by the FPST Behavioral Health Program, Native Connections Grant # SM088767.





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FPST Community Learning
Center/Multipurpose Room
8955 Mission Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406

QPR Gatekeeper Training -

Learn to effectively support our community members struggling with mental health issues and suicidal feelings through a 3-hour training.

Gatekeepers can be health center staff such as CHRs, front desk/reception, TTWC staff, and program staff such in housing, CLC, victim services, social services, courts, senior center, transit drivers and spiritual advisors.

Pre-Registration is required: Registration will close Friday, March 14, 2025. Seating is Limited

To learn more or Register, Contact:

Adrian Tom at ncpdir@fpst.org or at (775) 9076

For more information, Contact:

Karen Tenorio at ihs-spt-training@sisterskyinc.com

Gatekeeper Training Event

March 24, 2025 9 AM – 12 PM Lunch will be served.

Hosted by the FPST Behavioral Health Program, Native Connections Grant # SM088767.





CALL (775)428-2250 AND ASK FOR VANESSA OR JAYLEN FOR MORE INFORMATION

IS LOOKING FOR ADVISORY MEMBERS FOR OUR NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE!

WE'RE PLANNING TO GET TOGETHER TWICE A MONTH TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITIES. OUR AGENDA INCLUDES TALKING ABOUT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT CAN BENEFIT THE VR PROGRAM AND FOSTERING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Keep in mind that our goal is to empower Native Americans with disabilities in making informed choices to achieve gainful and meaningful employment, independence, and integration into the family, tribes, community, and workplace by providing culturally appropriate vocational rehabilitation serices.

IMPORTANT TRIBAL DROP OFF & PICK UP NOTICE DMV TAX EXEMPTION

This Governmental Services Tax Exempt Privilege/Eligibility has been in effect since 2012. The current Tribal Chairwoman is only enforcing the DMV Vehicle Privilege for the benefit of federally recognized Nevada Native Americans residing permanently within the boundaries of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Reservation & Colony.

PLEASE:

 When you arrive at the Administration Building, 565 Rio Vista requesting a DMV Exemption, the Front Desk Staff will ONLY take a copy of your Valid Tribal ID, Drivers License & DMV Registration and/or Vehicle Title which will be picked up and processed by the Chairwoman's Office. Please leave a current phone number so the Chairwoman's Assistant can call you when your application is ready for pickup.

NOTE: ALL documents must match the same address located on FPST lands in order to validate the applicant & vehicle. If any of the documents do not match, it is the responsibility of the applicant to make necessary changes are done before receiving the exemption.

THERE IS A ONE DAY TURN AROUND FROM THE TIME YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, SO PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR DMV EXPIRATION DATES CLOSELY & PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

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All Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Members

The Membership Services (Enrollment) Department will be updating Tribal membership information immediately. Now is the time to update and get a Tribal ID if needed. In addition a Copy of the Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) will be provided to the Tribal member.

Contact: Rosalie Allen, Enrollment Coordinator

When: Starting immediately

Where: The Tribal Administration Building

565 Rio Vista Drive

Fallon, NV 89406

Phone: (775) 423-6075, Ext. 1014 membership@fpst.org

Fax #: (775) 428-1604

OPEN: MONDAY to FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Housing Department News

The Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Housing Department would like to welcome Jennifer John as the new Housing Department Director. She is working to advance housing projects that are on the FY 2025 Indian Housing Plan, as well as other projects that will assist the community. The Southwest Office of Native American Programs has accepted and approved Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Housing Department's FY2025 Indian Housing Plan with a total budget of \$1,894,350.00.

The Housing Department welcomes Wilfred Tuni as the Housing Maintenance Supervisor. If there are any repairs needed in your home, please call Krystal Williams, (775) 423-3321, to put in a work order for you. The maintenance of units is an on-going responsibility of the Housing Department and the residents. After Hours Emergency # (775) 442-0126 (Wilfred).

The Elder & Near Elders Winter Heating Program is on-going from October thru March of each year for members 55 years and older. Applications are available. It is best to plan ahead when needing assistance, so that the Housing Department can work with the utility companies to get you the assistance without delay.

The Rehab/Modernization of CAS Units are still proceeding. HAF program is still on-going. HVAC program will proceed this year and will serve Elders 62 years and older. The Housing Department is asking that you check to see if you are on the list, if not, please fill out an application to be added to the list.

Amerind Coverage Elderly Program provide Amerind Insurance coverage to eligible low-income families. You must apply annually with premiums coverage paid for 1 year, annual term.

The Assistance to Elderly and Disabled Homebuyers and Homeowners is still proceeding, if you have any questions call Briana Chee, Resident Service Specialist (775) 423-3321.

The Criminal & Safety Prevention Program provides salaries for 2 Law Enforcement officers, to help with keeping the community safe.

The Demolition of 1937 Act allows for identifying substandard home at the Colony to be demolished and removed from their sites. Three homes are scheduled to be demolished in 2025, with the working beginning around March.

The Operations of 1937 Act CAS Housing Units includes compliance work on HUD Housing Units such as yard maintenance, collection & eviction issues, inspection of services and other Housing Policy requirements. This work is done thru work orders, prepared following home inspections or by housing notifications thru resident requests.

For Housing Development, funding has been included in the budget to build 4 scattered sites in 2025. The LIHTC Sagebrush I Project is proceeding and construction has begun. The Ground Breaking Ceremony was held on January 9, 2025. Horizontal construction phase in process with A&K Earthmovers starting the groundwork in November 2024. This project is to be completed by 2026.





After School Program is in full swing for the spring semester. Please reach out for an application. We provide transport home to anyone living on the reservation, and up to fox peak for any intown kids. We provide snacks, physical education, academic support, emotional and social trainings, cultural teachings, and we share a general goal to make our kids into great future leaders and community members.





Finally we send out a heartfelt good bye to a long term staff member Adrian Tom. He was our JOM coordinator and Learning Specialist III. Also our in house artist!!! Good luck and much love to him. He will be sorely missed, but we plan to stay connected in his new position.



Valentine's Day Couples Special Only on February 14th

MATINEE HOURS

12PM-6PM

\$30

EVENING

\$35



INCLUDES:

- 2 MOVIE TICKETS
- 2 LARGE DRINKS
- 1 LARGE POPCORN
- 1 VALENTINES DAY CANDY





February 5th Becoming Led

Zeppelin

February 7th Love Hurts

Heart Eyes

February 7th-13 Slant Streets FREE OF CHARGE

February 14th Captain America:

Brave New World

Paddington in Peru

Verona's Romeo &

Juliet

February 21st The Monkey

The Unbreakable

Boy

February 28th The Legend of Ochi

Last Breath

Pick up your bag of popcorn at Fox Peak Station for only

\$5





Adult evening shows: \$10.00 Children (under 12) are \$7.25 Seniors / Military: \$8.25 Matinee (before 6pm): \$7.25 Classic Shows: \$1.00 Call for showtimes: 775-423-7099

Meet-and-Greet with FEMA Region 9, BIA Region 9 and NV Division of Emergency Management Tribal Emergency Management

On January 29, 2025 the Emergency Management Department hosted a meeting with Josie Burnett, FEMA Region 9 Tribal Liaison-Nevada; Crystal Harjo, BIA Office of Emergency Management, Pacific and Western Regions, Emergency Management Specialist and the newly hired Aaron Thacker, NV Division of Emergency Management, Tribal Coordinator.

There were active discussions regarding emergency management programs, assistance provided and needed. Jackie Conway and Ripley Zulz took them on a tour of the Reservation, Wetlands and then to the Administration Building for a meet-and-greet with some of the Fallon Business Council Members (FBC) pictured below. The attending FBC Members also had discussion of current issues and assistance needed.

In Emergency Management it is often said that it is good to build these relationships during blue sky days, when everything is fine, then grey sky days when an event or disaster is happening.



Picture during the Meet-and-Greet from Left to Right: Sandra Hicks, FBC Member; Josie Burnett, FEMA Region 9; Aaron Thacker, NVDEM Tribal Coordinator; Catherine Williams-Tuni, FBC Chairman; Crystal Harjo, BIA OEM EM Specialist; and Philip Johnson, FBC Secretary.



Did you know if the power goes out on the weekend and you need a place to get warm or charge electronics that you can go to the Toi-Ticutta Wellness Center at 8929 Mission Road? The hours are Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Next page... Valentine card cut-outs for preparedness.

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RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS

FOR A DRINKING WATER QUALITY RESEARCH PROJECT IN FALLON!

Most people in rural Nevada get their drinking water from a privately owned domestic well, but most well owners infrequently test their water quality. Well water testing helps ensure that your water is safe for you and your family to drink. This research project provides participants with free testing of their well water quality.

WHO CAN BE IN THIS PROJECT? Adults (18 or older) who live in Fallon, Nevada and get their household water from a private well.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO AND WHAT IS MY TIME

COMMITMENT? You will be asked to allow a member of the research team to collect water from your home, requiring up to two home visits of about one hour per visit. A subset of participants will be selected to have a water treatment installed, which will take about two hours.

WHEN IS THIS PROJECT? Summer 2024 to Summer 2026.

WILL I RECEIVE SOMETHING FROM THIS PROJECT? Yes!

Your well water quality will be tested for free and you will be sent all results. Additionally, you will receive free registration to a Private Well Informational Webinar and select participants will have a water treatment system installed for free.

HOW CAN I SIGN UP OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

Follow the link: <u>bit.ly/fallondrinkingwater</u> or scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone.

Have your private well water quality tested for free!





PROJECT LED BY:







Questions?

Contact: daniel.saftner@dri.edu

775-673-7422

The History of Sweet Grass-Steve Wiseman

By Jill Wright tribalnews@fpst.org

On Monday, January 27, at the Community Learning Center, both Cultural and Child Care Program hosted a presentation, "The History of Sweet Grass" given by Steve Wiseman from Sutton, Nebraska.

His first stop was spending time with the youth from the FPST Boys & Girls Club. With undivided attention, Steve taught students to have a deeper appreciation for the Earth and a sense of responsibility for its care, promoting environmental stewardship and wise decision-making. During the presentation, there was a hands-on demonstration on how to braid sweet grass. The students picked partners and given a bundle of sweet grass to braid that they could take home.

That same evening at 6pm, the community was invited to come and listen as Steve shared stories and topics in the History of Sweet grass which is of a sacred nature to the Native Peoples. He respectfully had discussions on the sacred meaning of sweet grass, other sacred plants, and the shared stories from other Indigenous tribes.

Drawing from his own experiences, he shared his wisdom of many years spent growing and harvesting. He brought his own bundles of sweet grass to share with all attendees and demonstrated how all living things provide us with gifts and lessons every day. Specifically, sweet grass braids are used in Smudging and purification. Burning Sweet grass, often in braid form, is a common practice for cleansing spaces, objects, and peo-



Community members came out to learn about the History of Sweet Grass from warrior Steve Wiseman

ple of negative energy and inviting positive spirits.

Steve had stated how he would send the tribe plugs of sweet grass to see if it can be grown here in our community. At the end of the presentation, there was time for Q & A from the community. At the end of the event, Vice Chairman Philip Johnson presented him with a tule duck made by tribal member Mike Williams. He was thanked for

coming and sharing his passion of life with our youth and community.

We thank Dawn Garner, Child Care Coordinator for her thoughtfulness and kind heart as well, Letisha Yellowhawk, Cultural and Library Coordinator, for cooking a traditional stew for the event. Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who came out to learn about the History of Sweet grass.



Vice Chairman Philip Johnson presenting a tule duck to Steve Wiseman



Steve Wiseman showing teens how to braid sweet grass



February 2025

Fallon Head Start opened Jan 6th, 2025 for the first time in about 2 years! We are fully staffed and open to volunteers as well.



All students ages 3-5 years old or turning 3 are eligible to attend Head Start. Applications can be picked up in person, emailed, or faxed.

First Month of Head Start!

We are having a great first month of school! Everyone has been doing an amazing job at getting to know each other and learning our classroom routines. We are so stoked for this year and what great things that will come with it! Phone: (775)423-6351

Email:
fallonhs@itcn.org

Fax: (775)423-7182

Nutritional activities every Wednesday with our cook!



Introducing Our Staff:



Kerry Brady-Head Teacher



Sara Rodarte-Assistant Teacher



Marilyn Mauwee-Assistant Teacher



Zeke Downs- Cook



Keliah Brady- Family Service Partner

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW CLASSROOM!







Our classroom got a much needed facelift, with a fresh coat of paint and new decorations. Making it a more homely and welcoming learning environment.







CCD / WNA FIRE



2025 AD Fire Hiring Season

Fire training will take place starting in the month of March-May, consisting of classroom training, rookie school and pack test (for firefighters). For those already qualified, there will be refresher training offered.

Firefighter Requirements

- 18 years or older
- Physical examination
- Work Capacity Test (Pack Test)-walk 3 miles, carrying 45-lb. pack in 45 minutes or less

Camp Crew Requirements

16 years or older (need to be 16 by 6/30/2025)

Various Overhead Positions

For trainees and qualified personnel

Hourly Rate FY 24 (FY25 TBD)

Camp Help: \$18.08

Camp SQUAD Boss: \$19.84

FFT2 (Rookie Training): \$19.84

FFT2 (After Rookie Training) \$22.16

How to Apply:

Email the AD Fire Program for application or call and we can send application via mail upon request. aespinoza@blm.gov 775-885-6196

For more Information contact: Dan Gustafson AFMO WNA 775-291-0437

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 7, 2025



AD Fire Employee additional information

Camp Crew information

What is a camp crew? When large fires occur and an IMT (Incident Management Team) is ordered, fire camp is established. Help is needed to setup and take down camp and to keep the camp clean and organized throughout its usage. Camp Crews are ordered by the incident to assist with these duties. Camp Crews are a call when needed resource, assignments can be up to 21 days long including travel.

Camp Crew member AD-A

- 16 + years of age (need to be 16 years old by 6/30/2025)
- Performs various types of manual labor activities to meet incident objectives by completing various work duties and assignments during each shift, while on an incident.
- Heavy lifting, travel to fires out of state, 16 hour work shifts, and camping are common.
- Must attend/complete the mandatory training requirements. IS-100.c & 700.b. If selected guidance for training completion will be provided.
- Needs a strong work ethic, good attitude, be accountable for your actions and quality of work; willing to help with and work at completing numerous tasks safely, and capable of picking up and learning new skills.

Camp Crew Squad Boss AD-B

- 1 years of experience as a camp crew member or comparable work experience.
- Previous Supervisory skills.
- Needs a strong work ethic, good attitude, be able to handle the pressure of being accountable and
 responsible for the actions and quality of work for others and yourself, willing to help with and guide the
 work of others completing numerous tasks safely, and capable taking on new responsibilities and picking
 up and learning new skills.
- Provide daily leadership and supervision of camp crew members while performing various types of manual labor activities to obtain incident objectives. Must be able to organize, assign tasks, motivate, and deal with concerns and issues as they arise.

Fire Crew information

Often during fire season additional firefighters are needed to support local and national fire suppression efforts. Our call when needed (AD fire crew) will be trained and issued gear for firefighting. Employees will be paid during training and during any fire/work assignments they are assigned to. At times hard working and reliable individuals from the AD crew will be called and asked to help staff BLM initial attack engines. All training and required gear will be provided by the CCD/WNA AD program.

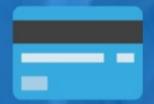
- Must be 18 years old by 6/10/2025
- Must attend Rookie School (if it's your first season)
- Must pass a Physical examination
- Must pass the Work Capacity Test (Pact Test) walk flat ground carrying a 45lb pack for 3 miles in 45 minutes or less
- Must attend/complete the mandatory training requirements. IS-100.c & 700.b. If selected guidance for training completion will be provided.

Overhead (Single Resource) Positions

- Must submit an AD Fire application and complete any required training.
- Typical positions are IMT support positions, Dispatch, READ, DIVS, SOFR, SOF2, PIO, RADO, ATGS.
 There are many more, but these are a few we support annually.



Tips for dealing with scam calls



Never give out your bank details over the phone to someone you don't know



Remember you don't have to answer calls from numbers that you don't recognise



If you're unsure if a call is genuine, hang up and ring the organisation back on their official number



If you think you've been the victim of a scam call notify your local Law Enforcement

Welcome all New Committee Members



L-R; Manuel Bettencourt & Chairwoman Williams-Tuni /Natural Resource Committee



L-R; Michelle Welch, Herb Williams, Jackie Allen & Chairwoman Williams-Tuni/ TERO Committee



Ray Allen & Chairwoman Williams-Tuni/ Cultural



L-R; Officer Zane Powless, Chairwoman Williams-Tuni & Officer Maurice Elzy



Brenda Hicks & Chairwoman Williams-Tuni/Housing & Senior Committee



Valerie Bill and Chairwoman Williams-Tuni/ Housing Committee



Community Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) **Collection Program**

The Environmental Protection Department will begin implementing a new community household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program in 2025.

WHERE? Environmental Yard in the Colony, by the office.

WHO? Tribal Community Residents Only

WHEN? Beginning Monday January 27, 2025, Tribal community residents will be able to drop off HHW, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Fridays, except on holidays and any special or unforeseen events

HOW? Please stop by our office for HHW drop offs or call 775-423-0590 to schedule a drop-off time. For elders and those with special needs, please give us a call to schedule a curbside pick-up.

HAT CAN I DISPOSE?

Garden products: pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and sprays. Paints and related products: spray paint, stains, varnish, thinner, remover and adhesives. Household cleaners: bleach, solvents and sprays, acid and caustic cleaners. Auto products: old fuel, oil, oil filters, waxes, polishes, additives and batteries. Propane tanks, aerosols, fire extinguishers. Photo and pool chemicals. Fluorescent lamps and bulbs. All appliances, ride on toys and E-waste. No Trash.

Items Not Accepted:

Ammunition, Explosives, Asbestos, DEA Controlled Substances, Radioactive Waste (smoke detectors), Compressed Gas Cylinders (other than propane, aerosols and fire extinguishers), Preserved Wood, Laboratory Chemicals or Sewage.

Latex paint - Latex Paint is not toxic and once solidified can be disposed of in your household trash.

NO Commercial or Agricultural Hazardous Waste

Keep the materials in their original containers, whenever possible, and bring them to the yard in cardboard boxes to ease unloading. Reusable containers will be emptied and returned.

Please call 775-423-0590, if you have any questions. Thank you.

FPST Environmental Protection Department

1011 RIO VISTA DRIVE

FALLON, NEVADA 89406





Committee Vacancies

(1)Tribal Election Committee (TEC) — Closes 2/7/25

(1) Higher Education — Closes 2/23/25

(5) Publics Works — Closes 2/23/25

(5)Law and Order - Closes 2/23/25

(2) TERO — Closes 2/23/25

If interested, submit a Committee Appointment Form to the Council Secretary's Office at 565 Rio Vista (Administration Building) or email application to: secretary@fpst.org

POSTED: January 23, 2025



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TRIBAL POINTS-OF-CONTACT

Program Area	Point-of-Contact	Email	Phone Numbers
ADMINISTRATION			
Primary Contact Chairwoman	Chairwoman Williams- Tuni	chairman@fpst.org	775-423-6075 427-9948
Primary Contact Secretary	Secretary Johnson	secretary@fpst.org	775-426-8635
Primary Contact Treasurer	Treasurer Moyle	fbctreasurer@fpst.org	775-423-6075
Primary Contact HR	Vacant	hrdirector@fpst.org	775-423-6075 ext. 1026
Primary Contact Grants Compliance	Sandra Hicks	grantsofficer@fpst.org	775-423-6075 ext. 1021
COMMUNICATIONS	Saliula Hicks	grantsomcer@rpst.org	773-423-0073 EXT. 1021
	III Wright	tribalnous@fact.org	775 967 9204
Primary Contact	Jill Wright	tribalnews@fpst.org	775-867-8304
VICTIM SERVICES			
Primary Contact	Michelle Bowers	victimservices@fpst.org	775-427-0985
HOUSING AUTHORITY			
Primary Contact	Jennifer John	housingdirector@fpst.org	775-423-3321
SENIOR CENTER			
Primary Contact	Vacant	scmanager@fpst.org	775-423-7569, 775-866-8656
NATURAL RESOURCES			
Primary Contact	Joe Bryant	landwaterdir@fpst.org	775-423-3725
Environmental	Richard Black	richenviro@fpst.org	775-423-0590
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER	R		
Primary Contact	Lisa Bedoy	clcdirector@fpst.org	775-427-0991
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Business Office	Tricha Hutchcraft	businessservdir@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1145
Medical/Dental/Optical Services	Susan Bracamontes	clinicservdir@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1035
Pharmacy	James Dexter	chiefpharmacist@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1052
Community Health Nurse	Sherry Taylor	regnurse1@fpst.org	775-423-3634, 775-294-5475
Benefits Office	Syenna Welch	benefitscoordinator@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1015
Patient Registration	Crystal Hall	patreg@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1026
CHR Program	Arlene Austin	chrsup@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1039 775-427-0977
Medical Records	Tracy Grace	medrecords@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1035
PRC Office (referrals)	Lorna Mauwee	prcmanager@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1057
Behavioral Health	Leslie Steve	mhsadirector@fpst.org	775-423-3634, ext. 1147
Wellness Center	Jessica Pishion	diabetescoord@fpst.org	775-423-7569, 775-866-8656
In Home Health Program	Tamalia Rosse	homehealthaide@fpst.org	775-423-2220, 775-427-4976
Food Pantry	Cathrn Foote	foodpantry@fpst.org	775-867-8703, 775-427-9949
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Emergency Management	Jackie Conway	emd@fpst.org	775-867-8706, 775-427-0996
Tribal Police	Chief Blackeye	chiefofpolice@fpst.org	775-423-8848
PUBLIC WORKS			
Water/Sanitation	John Schafer	publicworks@fpst.org	775-427-9954
Public Works On-Call #	On Call		775-866-2175
TRIBAL COURT			
Judicial Services	Kae Ward	judicialmgr@fpst.org	775-423-8883
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES			
Social Services	Christine McKamey	yfsdirector@fpst.org	775-423-1215
Vocational Rehab.	Vanessa Charley	vrm@fpst.org	775-428-2250



Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Employment

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Environmental Assistant-This position will provide administrative and program assistance to the Environmental Protection Department. The incumbent will perform specific objectives and work plan activities as directed in compliance with environmental programs administered by the Fallon Tribe. Salary Range: \$14.42-\$21.81

Environmental Specialist-The Environmental Specialist performs specific objectives and work plan activities under established environmental grants, assists Environmental Director in management duties, planning and administration of environmental protection, and HAZMAT activities. This is a high-demand position on a salary scale; therefore overtime is not available to the position recipient. Duration of this position is based on current and future funding availability. Salary Range \$18.26-\$21.81

Environmental Specialist I-The Environmental Specialist 1 is an entry level position in the Environmental Specialist series. Under close direction of the Environmental Manager, the environmental Specialist 1 learns and performs variety of routine and specialized tasks associated with environmental protection. The Environmental Specialist 1 will complete objectives under an established environmental program and assist the Environmental Manager in other environmental protection and hazardous materials activities. Duration of position is based on current and future funding availability. Salary Range: \$16.23-\$19.38

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Officer Trainee-The Police Officer Trainee is entry level Law Enforcement position. Trainees will participate in initial departmental training and orientation programs, including attending an accredited Police Academy. The Police Officer Trainee is a non-sworn position designed specifically and solely for the purpose of employing Police Officer candidates in trainee status during the initial basic police officer academy training. Incumbents will be afforded the opportunity to be appointed to and sworn in as a probationary entry-level police officer with full police authority upon successful and satisfactory completion of academy training.

Salary Range: \$24.55-\$29.31

Police Officer-Performs Law Enforcement/Public Safety duties by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property within the Reservation and Colony; enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws within Tribal codes and Nevada Revised Statues when appropriate; promoting good community relations. If coming from reciprocity state or approved federal program as an equivalent to a Nevada Category I peace officer there are eligibility requirements that will need to be met. Maintain a working relationship with city, county, state and federal allied agencies.

Salary Range: \$24.56-\$29.31

FALLON TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

Medical Assistant (MA)-This position is responsible for providing pharmaceutical care and education to the patients of the Fallon Tribal Health Center and supports all related activities to ensure that high-quality care is provided to all patients.

Salary Range: \$16.23-\$19.38

Pharmacist-The Associate Director – Quality and Compliance is under the general supervision of the Health Director. The incumbent is responsible for assisting in the development, implementation, evaluation and supervision of assigned components of the Health Center's quality improvement programs, clinical case management, regulatory affairs and accreditation. Responsibilities include developing and implementing policies and operationally practices and coordinating and promoting common activities of assigned components to ensure the delivery of quality and fiscally responsible health care. This position is also responsible for developing operational and policy and procedures to integrate services, eliminate duplication and optimize safety. Does related work as required. Salary Range: \$56.16-67.06

Associate Director- Quality and Compliance--Dental Assistant II (Certified)The Associate Director – Quality and Compliance is under the general supervision of the Health Director. The incumbent is responsible for assisting in the development, implementation, evaluation and supervision of assigned components of the Health Center's quality improvement programs, clinical case management, regulatory affairs and accreditation. Responsibilities include developing and implementing policies and operationally practices and coordinating and promoting common activities of assigned components to ensure the delivery of quality and fiscally responsible health care. This position is also responsible for developing operational and policy and procedures to integrate services, eliminate duplication and optimize safety. Does related work as required.

Salary Range: \$29.31-\$35.00

Dental Hygienist-Perform dental prophylactic treatments and instruct groups and individuals in the care of teeth and mouth. **Salary Range:** \$37.13-44.33

Dental Assistant II (Certified)-The incumbent performs a wide variety of advanced duties to facilitate clinic functions in general dentistry, including chair-side assistance in all phases of restorative, prosthodontics, surgical endodontic and periodontics treatment; performs prophylaxis and range of reversible intro-oral procedures under the direction of the dentist; and provides assistance in clinic management, e.g. appointment control, supply inventory. Salary Range: \$18.26-\$21.81

Prevention Specialist-The Native Connections Prevention Specialist is responsible for the planning and implementation of prevention programs and initiatives directed to address suicide, prevent substance misuse and promote mental health. Prevention Specialist will work with youth and family serving tribal programs, agencies and schools to promote positive lifestyles, reduce suicide attempts and completions, and eliminate drug use and other risk factors that lead to unhealthy behaviors.

Salary Range: \$19.38-\$23.14

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Employment

COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Community Learning Center Specialist-The CLC Specialists provide services on behalf of the Tribe, to address the educational, personal, social, cultural, and emotional needs of tribal and community members attending educational institutions and pursuing various academic opportunities so that they may reach their maximum potential and develop a positive academic, social, and cultural experience. These positions are responsible for establishing effective collaboration, coordination, and communication between participants, families, the community, and the Community Learning Center.

Salary Range: \$12.81-\$20.56

ADMINISTRATION

Tribal Administrator-The Tribal Administrator is responsible for the daily operations of assigned Tribal departments and programs, including all contracts and grants services, as directed by the authority of the Fallon Business Council. The Tribal Administrator works under direction of the Fallon Business Council (FBC) to carry out the goals and objectives of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. The Tribal Administrator performs his/her duties and responsibilities in recognition that the FBC is the final authority for the Tribe and works within their direction and guidance, as well as in compliance with Tribal laws and Tribal policies. He/she has the overall responsibility of overseeing all Tribal departments and programs. **Salary Range: \$41.79-49.90**

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Human Resources Director-The Human Resources Director will be responsible for the overall personnel management, which includes recruitment, employee relations, employee benefits program, salary administration, workers compensation, grievance and appeal system, and personnel records management.

Salary Range: \$31.12-\$47.07

SENIOR CENTER

Kitchen Technician-As the Kitchen Technician, the incumbent will be responsible to assist the kitchen staff with daily preparation of regular meals, keeping the kitchen orderly, sanitized and all equipment ready for use. The incumbent will also, as daily duties; keep restrooms, annex, and building clean and orderly. **Salary Range: \$11.38-\$17.22**



For more information go to fpst.org





FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE OFFICIAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP COMPLAINT FORM

Any complaints that are not followed by the guidelines below will not be addressed.

- 1. To file a complaint the individual must complete a Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Official Complaint Form within five (5) business days of the alleged incident.
- 2. The complaint form must be completed and signed by the individual whom is directly involved with the alleged incident. No exceptions.
- 3. The form will need to be delivered to the Tribal Administrator's Office Only where it will be date stamped and a copy will be provided to the individual filing the complaint.
- 4. The Tribal Administrator or designated official will investigate the allegations made in the complaint form through the proper chain of command.
- 5. The Tribal Administrators office will maintain files and records of any complaints regarding the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe Departments and/or employees.
- 6. All investigations will be concluded within ten (10) working days. Should the investigation take longer the complainant will be notified.
- 7. This form is not for FPST Personnel complaints. FPST personnel refer to the Employment Handbook Personal Policies.
- 8. THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL NOT ADDRESS ANY COMPLAINTS THAT INVOLVE ANY ACTIVE OR NON-ACTIVE CONFIDENTIAL COURT CASES.
- 9. For any valid reason the individual is not satisfied with the resolution of their complaint, the FBC will make the final decision.

Complaint forms are available for <u>pickup</u> at the following address:

FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

Tribal Administration Office

565 Rio Vista

Fallon, Nevada 89406

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe TERO OFFICE

Tribal Employment Rights Office



SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

* GENERAL RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

TO ASSIST WITH CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT ON THE

RESERVATION.

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 * TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS

If you are interested in working with our TERO Office please contact Tiffany D. Welch– Acting Tax and TERO Administrator

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

@ 565 Rio Vista Drive (Admin Office) or call (775) 423-6075 Ext. 1028



CALLING ALL Elders

Our peoples stories and traditions are important,
the best way to keep them alive is to share them with our youth.
The CLC would like to invite any available elders of our community
to share or read stories to the youth once a week during After
School Program hours. Participants will be compensated.

Thursdays at CLC 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

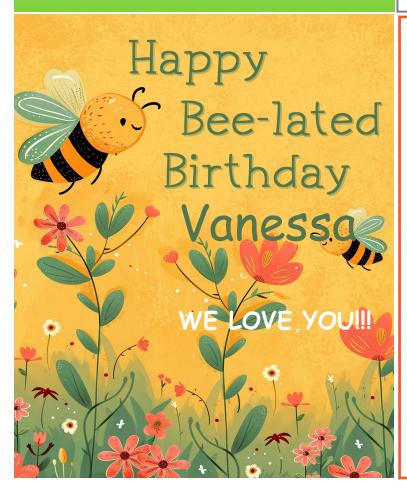
For more information and to sign up.

Please call us at the CLC.

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