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The Tribal General election will be May 25, 2008 at the Tribal Headquarters on Yellow Jacket Road.

The election will include an election for Vice-Chairperson; Members at Large, and Arbitrator.

The candidates are:

For Vice Chairman

Adora L Saulque (Cricket)

Joseph C Saulque

Member at Large (vote for 2)

Bill (Jake) Saulque

Geraldine Buckley Cady

Dennis C Saulque

Gerald Lewis

Jolene Mestaz

Arbitrator

Barbara Pena Diaz

Winnifred (Bette) Reymore

Jerold Blain

Write in's will also be available. Don't forget to get out and vote on May 25 for your tribal leaders.

Request absentee ballots by May 5, 2008. For questions, contact Jamie Meredith through the Tribal Office

REZ CLEAN UP

The Tribal Maintenance crew, Vincent Meredith; HoNaVah Lewis and on contract, Dennis W. Saulque have been busy cleaning up around the reservation, Benton Station and the Saddle Tree.

The beginning goal was to remove the old cars and other

junk from around the Tribal office, as well as the Tribal properties.

There are also plans in the works to plant a lawn in front of the Tribal office, clean up around the trailer park at Benton Station, and hopefully clean up more around the

reservation.

Do your part! Take pride in your Reservation.

If you want help cleaning up, call the Tribal office 933-2321, and we'll help you out!

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TRIBE PLAYS "CATCH UP" WITH MONEY

The tribal financial situation has been difficult for the past year. The Tribe has been playing 'catch up'. Some of the areas of problems are:

Aoki & Associates: the tribe paid them \$320,000.00 since the 1st of January, 2007. Aoki was hired as a lobbyist to help obtain the 240 acres at the south end of the reservation. This property in all cost the tribe \$2,000.00 per acre.

Arbitration: In June of 2007, Joseph Saulque went to Arbitration to contest the outcome of the May 2007 election. The cost to the tribe was \$7,531.51. (No cost to Mr Saulque)

Property Purchases and payments: The Tribe has paid out, since Jan 1, 2007 the amount of \$82,965.88 in property payments and down payments on the property in Chalfant, Highway 120, and the Christie Property.

Meanwhile, the rent being collected is \$825.00 per month. Tribal Council, in an effort to correct this, has placed the Chalfant property up for sale.

Taxes: The tribe has also been playing catch up with the IRS. Tax bills have been coming in from 1998, noting unpaid and past due taxes, penalties and interest. Since January 1, 2007, the total amount paid to the IRS in penalties and interest, due by the Tribe and Economic Development have been \$40,000.00. This has happened because taxes for payroll were not made at all, or made late, causing penalties and interest. Since October 1, 2006, only \$275.00 has been paid in past due taxes.

The Fiscal office for the tribe is anticipating that the tribe is finally caught up with the past due payments on taxes,

except for the \$24,000.00 past due taxes for 2002, as well as any other expenses that were left over.

In February, 2008, Tribal Council adopted a budget for the tribe, and has plans on sticking with that budget. The new budget defines cost areas that need to be watched, and yet, keeping in mind that some costs are going to continue to rise.

If you are interested in the financial condition of the tribe, please feel free to call, or come by the Tribal Office.



The cost to the tribe for the Arbitration issue in June of 2007 was \$7,531.51!

TRIBE HAS NEW EDUCATION POLICY

The Tribal Council has been hard at work developing and approving a new Educational policy.

The policy, which is available on the Tribe website: www.bentonpaiuterreservation.com, spells out the changes that were made including:

- Completing an Educational Grant Form.
- Grant payments will only be made for school related items, and will not include rent, and other non-school purchases

- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA to be eligible.

The request for educational support from the Tribe will be considered after the student has exhausted other ways to get educational funding.

The Tribal Council has set a budget amount for education, and after that amount is filled, no other grants will be given, so get your information for the 2008-2009 school year in yearly.

For information visit the website: www.bentonpaiuterreservation.com. Follow the link.

BENTON STATION NEWS



Spring is coming, and Benton Station's business will finally pick up.

There are many new changes in store for Benton Station, including replacing the floor in the Café and kitchen, repairing the concrete outside around the pumps, and expanding the bathrooms. These repairs are much anticipated, and have needed to be done for some time.

The bad news is the price of fuel, which is on the rise!! The Station Manager, Veltha Race, is doing her best to keep the prices reasonable.

There are always new dinner menus coming up, along with the weekly Prime Rib dinner for \$11.95, and the famous Indian Tacos on every other Saturdays, which is a real hit with the locals!

Benton Station is hoping for a good summer.

Information for Benton Station:

Web:

www.thebentonstation.com

SUPERIOR SADDLE TREE NEWS

After a shaky few months, the Saddle Tree is back in business with a new Foreman, Brad Witman.

Brad and his crew have been diligently working on getting trees out. The majority of their orders coming from Blue Ribbon Tack Co in Arizona.

There are currently 8 employees at Saddle Tree. Since the first of February, they have completed and shipped 70 trees.

It's great to see all the Saddle Tree Employees working so well together.

Keep up the good work!!

On the web:

www.superiorsaddletree.com

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Benton Station and Saddle Tree are divisions of the Tribal Corporation the Benton Paiute Economic Development Corporation.

Corporation Board:

Mike Keller, President

Mark Marquez, VP

Marion Saulque, Sec

Tim Keller, Treas.

Winnifred (Bette) Reymore

TRIBAL INFORMATION

Information you can find:

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Council Members:

Mike Keller, Chairman

Judy Vargas, Secretary/Treasure

Members at Large: Bill (Jake) Saulque, Adora L Saulque

Tribal Office; Adora L. Saulque- Administrative Assistant; Cindy S Kitts, Fiscal Officer

Dennis C Saulque- Security

Maintenance: Vincent Meredith, HoNaVah Lewis, Dennis W Saulque- Maintenance Contractor

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

MAY 25, 2008

