



UTU UTU GWAITU PAIUTE TRIBE

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BIA Recognizes Chairman Keller

With the Arbitration council decision of August 29, 2008, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has announced that they are recognizing Mike Keller as the Chairman for the Benton Paiute Tribe.

In a letter dated September 3, 2008, Superintendent Troy Burdick stated that based on the decision of the Office of the Arbitration Council, "Mr. Keller is the duly elected Chairperson of the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe".

Mr. Burdick goes on to say that "Based on actions completed within a tribally sanctioned forum, I recognize the following individuals as the official Tribal Council of the Benton Paiute Reservation:"

- Mike Keller, Chairman
- Adora Saulque, Vice Chairman
- Judy Vargas, Secretary/Treasurer
- Gerald Lewis, Council Member
- Bill Saulque, Council Member

Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Tribal Council

- Mike E Keller, Chair
- Adora L Saulque, Vice Chair
- Judy Vargas, Sec/Treas
- Bill Saulque, Council Member
- Gerald Lewis, Council Member

With this announcement by the Bureau, the Tribal Council is complete, and the Tribe can be assured that Tribal business will continue. The Tribal Council is anxious to get to work on things that will benefit Tribal members, and complete the requests of the General Council.

If you would like a copy of the letter from the BIA, please contact the Tribal Office- 933-2321.





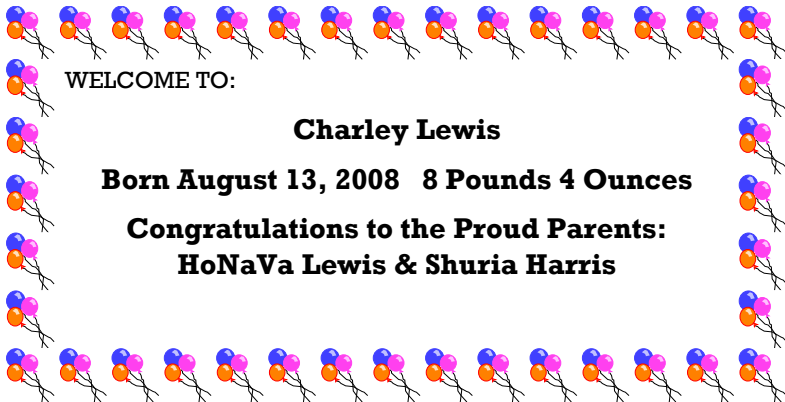
Arbitration Council finds in Favor of the Election Committee..

No actions by the Election Committee that affected the outcome of the Special Election

On August 30, 2008, the Arbitration Council announced their decision in the case involving the appeal of the Special Election of November 10, 2007, brought by Pomo Saulque.

The Arbitration Council found that there were no actions by the Election Committee that affected the outcome of the Special Election, and that Mike E. Keller is the duly elected Chairperson of the Tribe.

A complete Arbitration decision is available from the Tribal Office.



WELCOME TO:

Charley Lewis

Born August 13, 2008 8 Pounds 4 Ounces

**Congratulations to the Proud Parents:
HoNaVa Lewis & Shuria Harris**



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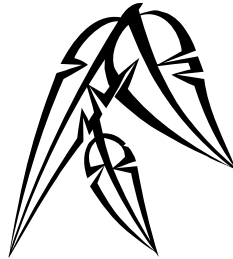
Benton Station

Benton Station has had a busy summer, even with the jump in fuel prices. Business for the Café and store has been steady, and the fuel sales have been excellent.

As fall approaches, Benton Station will be planning a date for closing the Café and Fuel pumps for the necessary repairs. A contractor must be hired to do the concrete work. Along with the repairs to the pumps, a new floor will be put down in the Café and kitchen, with some changes to the counter, and other

upgrades.

Benton Station has a new cook, Tim Holdaway. Tim lives here in Benton, and is getting used to the routine at the Station.



Superior Saddle Tree

During the General Council meeting in May, 2008, the General Council voted to close the Saddle Tree.

The Board of Directors of the Benton Paiute Economic Development Corporation made the decision at their June meeting to close the Saddle Tree, and auction off the equipment that remained.

A private party purchased the patterns and duplicator.

The Auction was held on July 26, 2008. There were 10-12 people, mostly locals that attended. All of the items listed in the catalog were sold, with the exception of a few saddle trees. The gross of the auction was \$10,100.00, and with the private sale the gross

for the Saddle Tree dispersal was \$18,100.00.

The Tribal Council is discussing ideas of what to do with the building, including using it as a wellness center, finding another type of business, or renting the building out.

Benton Station Employees

- Veltha (Tommy) Race– Manager
 - Craig Anderson– Stocker
 - John Marquez– Stocker
 - Carrie Marquez– Waitress
 - Jackie Reininger– Waitress
 - Charlotte Johnson– Waitress
 - Tim Holdaway– Cook
 - Jake Saulque– Cook
 - Rana Saulque– Cook
 - LaDona Saulque– Cook & Waitress.
- POST OFFICE
Marie Spor
Nancee Crowell

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BENTON PAIUTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

- Mike Keller, President
- Mark Marquez, Vice President
- Marion Everett Saulque– Sec.
- Tim Keller, Treasurer
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NEW ARBITRATOR SETS UP “SHOP”

The newly elected Arbitrator for the Tribe has been busy setting up his office. Jerold Blain was elected Chief Arbitrator in the May election of 2008. Jerold participated in the Arbitration that was held in August.

Jerold is advertising for a clerk. This is a part time job, working with Jerold as the Arbitration clerk. It will involve picking up the Arbitration office mail, and other clerk type duties. Job descriptions and applications are available from the Tribal Office. Applications will be accepted until the 19th of September.