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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

The 2008 Election day will be May 25, 2008. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is May 5, 2008. All absentee ballots need to be received by Friday, May 23, 2008. Onsite voting will be available on May 25, 2008 at the Tribal Office. The list of 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

For questions or concerns, you can call the Tribal Election Voicemail at 760-920-5402, and the election chairperson will return your call, or you can write to: Benton Paiute Election Committee c/o Postmaster, Benton, California.

Thank you to Jamie Meredith, Juanita Watterson and Rana Saulque for serving on the election committee



IRS- FYI

Jim Rivers, the Indian Tribal Government Specialist was in the office not long ago. He was asked about the difference between "Revenue Sharing" and "Per Capita".

Jim explained that "Per Capita" is the money that is given back to Tribal Members who have Gaming. The income from the Gaming is given directly to tribal members.

On the other hand "Revenue Sharing" is the money that comes from Gaming, and 'shared' with non-gaming tribes.

The Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe receives Revenue Sharing and does not get Per Capita.

Remember- you have to pay Federal Withholding taxes on Revenue Sharing, and you will receive a 1099 at the end of the year.



GREENING UP!

REALLY! We've got a lawn growing in front of the Tribal Office. With the addition of some flowers, and the lawn growing, it's really starting to look like Spring!

We've got Tomatoes growing inside the center, and plan to add some more vegetables.

Plans are to include an outside table in front of the center, and add some more lawn later.

Come by, and check it out!!

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EDITORIAL

After the publication and mailing of the last newsletter in March, we felt that we had produced a positive and informative newsletter for ALL tribal members. Following the release of that newsletter, an anonymous letter was also mailed. It's really too bad that this negative and hateful letter was sent out.

A lot of the hate spewed in the 2nd letter was directed to individuals. All of what was said is not true. Is it racist to refer to someone who works for the tribe as "the great white hope" and "Indian hater",? (both of which are untrue). Using the term "Corn People"? Is that not also hateful? Do you really think that is necessary? Individuals who work for the tribe were accused of drinking on the job, and not being family members. It's a sad state of affairs when one family member degrades another in a mean and viscous attack.

Statements in that letter were untrue, and we'd like to address some of them. No Tribal members yards were cleaned for free. Every tribal member who requested to have their yard worked on paid for that work. Judy Vargas was injured on the job. The Tribal Office staff made certain that she was taken to the Hospital and check out, and the Tribe completely covered her medical bills.

Any tribal member is more than welcome to come into the Tribal office, and ask about the financial situation of the tribe. We, in the Tribal Office, have nothing to hide. All the monies that belong to the tribe are handled in a professional manner, and everything is on the up and up, and you, as Tribal members deserve to know that, and be able to address any concerns that you may have. Please come by, anytime, and ask.

At a time when the tribe really needs to work together, we don't need this kind of negative "yellow" journalism being sent out. We are doing our best to try and make a positive and upbeat newsletter, giving you facts and information about the Tribe, and what is happening with the Tribe, Benton Station and Saddle Tree. We will continue to do so, and hope that the 'hateful' follow-up letters will stop.

There is a lot of potential and good things that can be done around the reservation, and for the people. Lets work together for the good, and stop the evil.

Meanwhile, we will continue to send helpful and positive newsletters out, and we'd appreciate your input, comments or news worthy items.



**Comments?
Newsletter Article
Suggestions?**

**Call, email or come by the
Tribal Office
(760) 933-2321
bentonpaiutetribel@earthlink.net**

CHALFANT PROPERTY SOLD

The property that the Tribe owns in Chalfant is currently in Escrow. The selling price was \$255,000.00, and the new owners are requesting a 30 day escrow.

The sale of this property will ease up the financial burden on the tribe, as the property payment is around \$2000.00 per month, along with Property Taxes, Insurance and Utilities.

Our thanks for Eastern Sierra Realty for getting the property sold.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Remember, students, get your Education Grant application into the Tribal office right away.

Education Grants need to be approved by Tribal Council. You will need to have your grants in, and approved before you head back to college in the fall.

If you have any questions about the Grant or the Financial Policy, please give the Tribal Office a call (760) 933-2321, or drop an email to: bentonpaiutetribel@earthlink.net.

There are many changes in the new policy, so be sure to read it carefully.

BENTON STATION NEWS



The employees at Benton Station have a new look! Their new uniforms are dark green shirts with a Benton Station Logo, and black aprons.

Unfortunately, the price of fuel just keeps going up and up. Benton Station is doing all they can to stay in step with the Eastern Sierra on the price of fuel.

The Station has new hours, on a temporary basis. Those new hours are:

Monday-Thursday 7 am–7 pm

Friday-Sun– 7 am– 9 pm

Hopefully , the summer traffic will pick up, and the old hours will be implemented.

Come by the Station and try some of the great specials, including Prime Rib, and the famous Indian Tacos, prepared every other Saturday.

You're always welcome to call ahead and have your meal ready, or make it to go.

933-2231.

SUPERIOR SADDLE TREE NEWS

Saddle Tree employees are working hard on orders for trees. The employees are working well together, and getting the work done.

Saddle Tree is sorry to have Gloria Gonzales leaving. Gloria is going to Bishop to get her Certified Nursing Asst. Gloria has done a great job for the Saddle Tree, and will be missed. Dora Jones will be stepping into Gloria's job in the office, and will be available to

take orders, as well as help out with the production of Saddle Trees.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!

The Saddle Tree is going to have a new look for their website. Look for a new website at www.superiorsaddletree.com.



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

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Council Members:

Mike Keller, Chairman

Judy Vargas, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Information you can find:

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IRS Stimulus Payments

Economic Stimulus Payments will be issued to individuals and families who have filed their 2007 tax returns. On the average, the payment will be from \$300.00 per person up to \$1200.00 if you file jointly.

The payments will go out on the following schedule.

The Schedule is determined by the last two numbers on your social security card

DIRECT DEPOSIT

00 through 20	May 2
21 through 75	May 9
76 through 99	May 16

PAPER CHECK

00 through 09	May 16
10 through 18	May 23
19 through 25	May 30
26 through 38	June 6
29 through 51	June 13
52 through 63	June 20
64 through 75	June 27
76 through 87	July 4
88 through 99	July 11