

# “Agi Panina Yadooaa”

“Greetings from the Summit Lake Tribal Staff”

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Summit Lake Paiute Tribe • 653 Anderson Street • Winnemucca, NV 89445



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**Holiday Greetings!**

The Summit Lake Tribal Council and Staff have been extremely busy completing year end projects. Elections also put a hold on everything. However, Council is extremely grateful and happy to be re-elected and eager to serve you. We are looking forward to initiating the economic development project which will lead the Tribe down the road to self-sufficiency. This past year we have heard from many tribal members and would like to assist you and your families by providing tools necessary to meet your needs.

Too many times we are tied to federal dollars which carry conditions that do not meet the tribe's needs, we hope to end this dependency and be allowed to represent the Tribe in a way that contributes to the local community and preserves our natural resources and heritage. The next generation is on the horizon and we must put something aside for them. Pesha Surname! (Good thoughts).

Robyn Burdette, Chairwoman

September 23, 2003  
Summit Lake Paiute Council,

***Please publish this letter in the forthcoming newsletter.***

On September 19, 2003 I received a notice dated September 17, 2003 which detailed approval of Articles of Incorporation as it applies to tribal enterprise.

This notice alarmed me as it informed tribal membership an intent of Council to approve an Articles of Incorporation. In my opinion this action appears to delegate authority to a corporation to conduct business on behalf of the tribal membership without invitation for tribal input.

Upon receipt of this announcement I called the tribal office and requested to speak with Robyn Burdette to learn more details of this announcement and request a copy of the Articles of Incorporation. I spoke with Lorraine Watson as Robyn was unavailable.

Lorraine explained the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Council to create a corporation separate from the Council to operate a tribal enterprise or business on behalf of tribal members. I responded that this action appeared to be done without sufficient notice to the tribal membership and asked Lorraine to direct me to notices or sources of information that would give members an opportunity to be informed and comment on this initiative. Lorraine mentioned that the tribal newsletter and public hearings conducted to discuss Soldier Meadows were forums when this initiative was introduced. I responded that I was waiting for a response to my letter submitted as part of the administrative record for the Soldier Meadows public hearing, wherein, I

requested a follow-up report be presented to the tribal

membership to report business and discussions held at those public meetings. I also acknowledge receipt of the recent tribal newsletter wherein, a list of economic development items were presented.

After the conversation with Lorraine, I carefully reviewed the September, 2003 tribal newsletter (which was received September 15) for more information about the Articles of Incorporation. On page 3 under the section titled "Purpose of Meeting" (which I assume is reference to the Soldier Meadow public hearing performed May 28, 2003) I found a list of items that were to be discussed under Corporate Structure. There is no mention of the Council intent to adopt an Articles of Incorporation. Rather, the list introduces the concept of a proposed executive team and a process where tribal member participation would be sought to review, provide input and adopt the final corporation structure.

In closing, I feel the Council acted in haste to adopt an Articles of Incorporation without tribal input. I am alarmed that the Council set qualifications on who could serve on the Board of Directors without tribal input and to allow a Board of Directors to be dominated by non-tribal members!

Please explain to the tribal membership why you felt it necessary to adopt the Articles of Incorporation without tribal knowledge or input and why you chose to delegate authority to a Board of Directors dominated by non-tribal members to conduct business on behalf of the tribal membership.

Respectfully,

William Cowan

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dear Tribal Members:

It is my hope you all are fine and happily preparing for the holidays.

The following information shall serve as positive, real-life suggestions to help your child succeed in school. Feel free to share with others. Do not hesitate to let me know if these suggestions are helpful or to share your ideas for school success.

### **HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL**

1. Talk to your child from the day of birth – early language experience builds the foundation of reading success.
2. Read aloud to your child – often.
3. Allow your child to explore his/her environment – set aside a part of the house (their room) for this.
4. Encourage your child to keep a journal.
5. For the beginning reader label objects around the house.
6. Ask your child to count objects for you – cans on a shelf, apples in a bag, etc.
7. Write messages that require written answers.
8. Provide a book shelf for your child's bedroom or study area.
9. Let your child measure the ingredients when you cook or bake.
10. Prepare a shopping list with your child – read it together while shopping.
11. Ask more "why" questions rather than yes or no questions – this will stimulate critical thinking.
12. Conduct a scavenger hunt by asking your child to find objects that begin with a certain letter – this is a fun activity that will help kids learn and use the alphabet.
13. Take your child to the library.

14. Encourage your child to interview family members and then write down what they discover.
15. Go for walks, gather objects as you go and have your child arrange them from smallest to largest – this activity promotes attention and critical thinking.
16. Find simple recipes and allow your child to cook by reading the directions and following each step.
17. Have your child make a scrap book with the beginning letter sound on each page. Provide old magazines for your child to cut out pictures that fit the applicable sounds.

### **ABOVE ALL ELSE HAVE FUN WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS!!**

I really would like to hear from Members regarding the above suggestions, specific, questions, general comments or any other information you wish to share. Your suggestions or opinions are important to the success of my office. With your input Member services become more focused and reaching Tribal goals more realistic.

As we near the end of another year I am excited to report the Tribe continues to make progress meeting the Council's educational goals. The past several months has seen an increase in the number of individuals entering a training, occupational or higher degree program. This is super news for not only them but for the Tribes as a whole. Each individual step, in time, will create opportunities for advancement for everyone. On behalf of the Council and staff I extend our congratulations to those of you who have taken this step and pledge our support to those of you who are ready to – it truly is an effort that will pay huge dividends.

Feel free to call or write, I would like to meet you and to hear what you have to say.

*"Best wishes for the New Year."*

Tony Wiggins  
Human Resource/Education Director

## **HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

*SEASONS GREETINGS!* I am a new employee beginning my job duties as Planner on September 2, 2003, the day after Labor Day. The last newsletter acknowledged me as a new employee, but within this issue, I will expound upon several concerns important to all. I am a life-long resident of the State, enrolled with the Yomba Tribe and have been employed, with various Nevada tribes for over twenty years. As a result of my exposure to the multitude of problems dealing with tribal government progress, my duties as Planner will hopefully benefit the efforts and goals delineated by the Summit Lake Tribal Council on behalf of its membership. As a result of being a new employee. I continue to observe and learn the internal administrative orientation activities, organization structure protocol, job specific requirements, local resource inventory, equipment/supply assessment and a host of other tasks. The reason for this is to adequately conduct day-to-day job duties, while recognizing barriers and opportunities in order to be effective in the position. Central to my tasks is implementing the Housing & Urban Development, Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) program and instituting a local housing function. In conjunction with this effort, infrastructure development is a major problem – without adequate access roads, satisfactory telecommunications, necessary utility services, quality/quantity domestic water source, solid waste disposal mechanism, etc., housing developed will be critically handicapped and would negatively impact upon other tribal areas. Simultaneously, I will attempt to fulfill the basic infrastructure needs, while seeking financial resources for housing construction. Although this action appears simple in concept, barriers including competitive funding process, justifying need for housing while lacking permanent residents, and “red tape” restraints from abiding to internal policy compliances, becomes a detriment to timely completion by delaying delineated planning goals. Thank you.

Glen Hooper, Planner  
ENROLLMENT

Tribal Members:

It is a great honor to serve as an Elected Council Member and thank each and every Tribal member for their votes and input into the 2003 Council Elections. As elected Council Member and sworn in the following Oath of Office: “I, Name of Elected or Appointed Council Member, hereby swear to uphold the Articles of Association and the policies, procedures and laws of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe against all who attempt to violate or ignore them and further swear to protect tribal assets to the best of my ability”.

The elected candidates have elected me as Secretary/Treasurer and resume the duties of Acting Enrollment Officer. We have four Tribal Members as our Enrollment Committee. They are Enrollment Committee Chairman, David Gallegos; Secretary, Jerri Barlese; Enrollment Committee Member, Reggie Townsend; and Alternate Enrollment Committee Member, Ronald Sam. The last Enrollment Committee Meeting was scheduled, November 24 at the Tribal Administration Office in Winnemucca, Nevada. Again we are seeking an Alternate Enrollment Committee Member to fill a position when we have a conflict of interest with one or more of our Enrollment Committee Members. If you are interested please contact the Enrollment Department or Chairwoman, Robyn Burdette. Next Scheduled Enrollment Committee Meeting is March 14, 2004.

The Tribe currently has 102 Tribal Members Enrolled as of December 10, 2003; Age groups are as follows:

0-17 years = 27	18-29 years = 20	30-39 years = 22
40-49 years = 21	50-54 years = 5	55-64 years = 02
65-99 years = 03		

**Congratulations** to newly Tribal Enrolled Members: Lolaina Northrup, Raina Northrup, Marcella Townsend, and Reggie Townsend Jr., welcome to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.

If you need a New Enrollment Application please contact the Enrollment Department. If you have an enrollment application pending please forward any information needed to the Enrollment Department or if you may have any questions please contact the Enrollment Department.

We are missing the following adult household addresses: Bonnie Barlese; Jerry Barr; and Loren Frank. Please contact these individuals and have them contact the Enrollment Department with their current addresses.

Thank you, all Tribal Members giving input on how you love to receive your newsletters and we appreciate your calls and questions. It is always a pleasure talking to each one of you.

Have Happy Holidays and a safe and Happy New Year.

Lorraine Watson  
 Secretary/Treasurer/Acting Enrollment Officer

## Birth Announcement



**Scott and Michelle Burdette are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Tori Michelle Burdette, who was born November 3, 2003, at Humboldt General Hospital. Tori weighed 7lbs., 13 ½ ozs and was 20 ½ inches long. Tori is the second child of Scott and has a brother, Kane Dougherty of Phoenix, AZ.**

*“Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Burdette”*

**No tribal member payments will be issued in 2003, hopefully, we will have a better year in 2004 and will be able to plan for tribal members payments by November of 2004.**



**HOLIDAY GREETING FROM OUR NEVADA HOME  
REED AND LORIETA**

Below is a poem titled “Days” that was submitted to “Agi Panina Yadoo” by Page Linton on behalf of his daughter Alexandria Linton. Alexandria Linton, nickname “Summer”. had submitted this poem to the “Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans>” Mr. Linton is very proud of his daughter and would like to share this poem with you tribal members.

### DAYS

When I wake up in the morning.  
I see my little brother snoring.  
I say good morning to my dog.  
and I kiss him on the head.  
Then I lay five minutes on my bed.  
My teeth are really great.  
But sometimes I'm always late.  
I love my Pop Tart when it's baked.  
But when it gets cold I start to shake.  
When I start to leave I grab my keys.  
Then my little brother says please.  
Then I walk to the bus stop and I say Hi.  
Then when my mom comes by and I wave good-bye.  
Then the bus comes by and I get on.  
Then my little brother talks to me long.  
Then I get off the bus and I see my friends.  
Then I chase my little brother it never ends.  
The bell rings and I get in line.  
Then I see Mr. Kwik his glasses shine.  
Then there's Mrs. Barnet she is so nice.  
She will give me my math one or twice.  
Then school is over and I have homework.  
And I have to work, work, work, work.  
When I get home I see the door has lumps.  
Then Toulouse my dog comes and jumps.  
Then my grandma comes home.  
And me, my grandma, and Toulouse are alone.  
Then Sterling and my mom comes home.  
Then it's time to go to bed and rest.  
I hope you guys have the best.  
And Halloween is coming up that is so neat.  
I hope you guys have all the candy you can eat.

Summer Linton  
Age: 10

**Housing Committee still needs volunteers. If interested please contact Tribal Planner, Glen Hooper.**

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Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 17, 2003  
9:00 a.m.

Tentative Agenda

Winnemucca Administrative Office  
653 Anderson Street  
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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
  - a. November 15 & 22, 2003
  - b. December 20, 2003
4. Unfinished Business
5. Enrollment
6. Personnel Manual Revisions
7. Reports
  - a. Chairwoman 10:00 a.m.
    - i. 2004 Contract Support Budget
    - ii. 2004 Aid to Tribal Government
    - iii. Indian Child Welfare/Social Services
  - b. Personnel Executive Session 25 minutes
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer 11:00 a.m.
  - d. 2004 Enrollment
  - e. Finance
8. Lunch
  - a. Reports – Continued
  - b. Human Resource 1:15 p.m.
    - i. 2004 Higher Education
    - ii. Education/Employment Program
  - c. Planner 2:15 p.m.
  - d. Natural Resources Director 2:45 p.m.
    - i. 2004 Fisheries Program
    - ii. General Assistance Program
  - e. Maintenance Dept 3:45 p.m.
    - i. 2004 Range Program
    - ii. Roads Operation & Maintenance
9. New Business
10. Summit Lake Tribal Enterprises 4:45 p.m.
11. Approval of Next Agenda
12. Adjournment