

"Agi Panina Yadooaa"

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe * 653 Anderson Street * Winnemucca, NV 89445 * Phone: (775) 623-5151 * September 2003



Summit Lake Reservation

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Greeting Tribal Members.

By the time you receive this newsletter there will less than two weeks left for the sitting Tribal Council. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to all Council Members, they worked through many difficult situations. I felt there was growth and I am very grateful to have been a part of it.

The staff of Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is to be commended as well, we faced incredible obstacles and worked to overcome them, and we're still working

to the end of this Council's term and will be prepared to work beyond to support the next Council on behalf of the membership. Hopefully, we will grow once again in a good way.

There is much news to get out and my closing comments will be a poem I found in a journal honoring tribal governance. Thank you.

Robyn Burdette – Tribal Chairwoman

*At one time,
All of our nations across the nation were free and
fiercely independent.*

*At one time, all of our nations were rich in our
languages, cultures, health, and histories.*

*At one time, we were secure in our abilities
knowledge, and heritage.*

At one time, our nations were brimming with life.

*We were at peace with the creation and we had the
wisdom of the ages.*

*We know this because we have survived terrible
onslaughts against us, our ways of life, and against
the very earth we call mother.*

Yet, we survived.

*We survived because we had good leaders whose
spirits could not be broken.*

*We survived because the will of our peoples to be
who we are could not be broken.*

*We survived because generations of our peoples
suffered, fought, and died for us.*

*They protected our lands and future with their
lives.*

We are here today because they sacrificed for us.

They called us the seventh generation.

*Today is our work. We must keep the principles
that have sustained our nations bright and
untarnished. We must pick up the responsibility
for seven generations coming. If we do this they
will sing our songs and love us, just as we sing the
songs of our grandfathers.*

Today is tomorrow and yesterday.

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Economic Development Project

Earlier this year the Council held two public meetings to discuss the Tribe's economic development venture. The following is information provided at meetings, however, there have been changes due to current negotiations. details must remain confidential but the project is still underway. We hope to demonstrate the importance of the project and that this opportunity can not be missed.

One Vision

- ❖ A successful future for Summit Lake hinges upon the economic health of the **immediate and surrounding area.**
- ❖ **Regional and local economics** influences both the quality and the long-term stability of development for the Tribe.
- ❖ For Summit to **become financially secure the Tribe must pursue economic development opportunities** on and off the reservation.
- ❖ These opportunities should be made available, in one form or another, to the Membership.

Membership Participation in Economic Development

- ❖ The pursuit of economic development has long been established as a major objective for the Tribe.
- ❖ The Tribe's "Land Use Plan", approved by the Membership in 2000, stipulates the pursuit of economic development.
- ❖ The Soldier Meadows project falls fully within Tribal goals and objectives.



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Soldier Meadows Ranch - Acquisition

- ❖ In 2000 the Soldier Meadows properties were offered to the Tribe.
- ❖ Properties Include:
 - ✓ Wheeler Ranch
 - ✓ Varies Water Rights
 - ✓ Vested Grazing Rights
 - ✓ Small parcels of lands in the Playa
 - ✓ Cotton wood parcels
 - ✓ Stanley Camp
 - ✓ Summer Camp
 - ✓ Water Gap Properties
 - ✓ 40 acres of property surrounded inside the reservation
 - ✓ Total Approx. 9,400+/- acres

Project importance

- ❖ Water Rights – Protection of Watershed – Security of Water Gap
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Generate Tribal Revenue & Employment
- ❖ Enhance self-sufficiency
- ❖ Control – Recognition
- ❖ Private Property Rights
- ❖ Opportunities to Expand

Obstacles Encountered

- ❖ Maintaining Confidentially
- ❖ Political Climate
- ❖ Prior Agreements
- ❖ September 11, 2000 (stock market plunged and everyone was broke or hold investment money)
- ❖ NCA, ISA, and Wilderness Designations
- ❖ Conservation Easement

Land Use Restrictions

- ❖ ISA/NCA/Wilderness Designations
- ❖ County Zoning Regulations
- ❖ BLM Managed Conservation Easement
 - No subdividing
 - No mining
 - No commercial development except grazing
 - No development within ¼ mile of Applegate-Lassen Trail
 - Full public access (by foot only) to trail area
 - BLM is allowed access for archeological research

Conservation Easement Advantages

- ❖ Direct Government-to-Government Relationship with Bureau of Land Management
 - Debt reduction through negotiation
 - Land exchanges
 - Reduced Tribal liabilities
 - Cooperative management opportunities including financial support
 - Resource protection

Process

- ❖ Due to sensitivity and politics of the area the seller required confidentiality.
- ❖ A business plan was developed.
- ❖ Retained legal and real estate services.
- ❖ Met with potential investors and commercial banks.
- ❖ Red-Horse investment broker.
- ❖ Pursued potential partners.

Purpose of Meeting

- ❖ Re-establish One Vision.
- ❖ Discuss corporate Structure
 - ❑ Appointment of an interim executive team to develop structure and manage the enterprise.
 - ❑ Council shall appoint the initial three members of the Board.
 - ❑ Board of Directors shall have experience in business.
 - ❑ One member will be a Tribal Member.
 - ❑ Tribal Members will participate by reviewing, providing input and adopting final corporate structure.
 - ❑ Day-to-day activities would be run by corporation, not by the Tribal Government (Council).

Business Operations Agreement

- ❖ Tribe will maintain the Property in an open and natural condition, to preserve wildlife habitat, and to provide for low-impact and passive recreational uses.
- ❖ Corporation will hire a Manager to work side by side with Estill Ranches to learn the business.
 - Estill Ranches will operate the Guest Ranch for 2-3 years.

- Estill will continue to graze and funds will be used to pay off loan and provide operating revenue.
- Tribe will share in 30% of the Guest Ranch Profits when a minimum profit is reached.
- Acquired property will not be managed like the reservation, it is not in trust status, and membership must respect the Enterprise Corporations Management responsibilities with Estill Ranches.

Closing Comments

- ❖ Affirmation of Membership confidence and support for our decisions.
- ❖ Council felt risk was worth the effort and pursued the opportunity because of the importance to the Tribe.
- ❖ Currently the Tribe receives 100% federal funds, which means we have to abide by federal regulation and policy. By becoming self-sufficient, we the Tribe can set our own financial priorities and guidelines and maybe able to better provide resources to tribal members and their families.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO REMEMBER

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe has a new address which will be in effect as of September 16, 2003. We have moved next door and are now occupying one office building. Below please find our new mailing address and location:

***Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
653 Anderson Street
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445***

***Fax No.: (775) 623-0558
Telephone No.: (775) 623-5151***

Our telephone number, fax number and email address will remain the same.

NOTICE

Future (tentative) Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council meetings will be held at 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV on the following dates:

September 19, 2003 @ 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

September 20, 2003 @ 9:00 a.m.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP TO SERVE ON THE HOUSING COMMITTEE, THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE IS STILL IN NEED OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE HOUSING COMMITTEE, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME TO THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE.

**INDIAN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT**



The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe will be submitting a Indian Community Development Block Grant application for a Community Building. If you would like information please contact the office.

Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council Elections
September 27, 2003
Summit Lake Paiute Reservation

Notice is hereby given that the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe will be holding its Tribal Council elections on September 27, 2003. Important deadlines to remember.

September 25, 2003 (5:00 p.m. P.S.T.)

Deadline for the return of the absentee ballots to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe's Administration Office in Winnemucca, NV

September 27, 2003

Tribal Council Election Day. Polls will open at the Tribal Complex on the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. (P.S.T.).

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR:

The 2003 Needs Assessment mailed out to tribal members had a 50% return. GOOD JOB MEMBERS! The winners of the incentive were Kathryn Trujillo, Angela Langfield and Ernie Barlese. For those of you who did not fill out the survey in time to be included in the drawing, you may still have your voices heard by completing the survey and returning it to us in the prepaid stamped envelope we provided. The information we gather from the surveys will identify the needs of the tribal members. This enables us to seek funding to address the needs of the majority of the membership. If you would like to respond to the survey questions by phone please call Helen Windy Boy at the Administration Offices 1-800-335-7978.

We have been going through some very positive changes at the administrative offices. The Natural Resources Department (Fisheries and Environmental programs) has recently relocated their offices to the reservation. With this move, we were able to close half of the administration offices in Winnemucca, thus realizing a savings in rent. This move will allow for more efficient operations of natural resource programs.

Because of the move, we have also identified some excess equipment that we are offering to Tribal Members to bid on. The following is a list of what is available:

- ✚ One 44x Max Genuine Intel Pentium Processor with monitor, speakers and keyboard.
- ✚ One Samsung Monitor
- ✚ One Sony Trinitron Monitor
- ✚ One set of Plano plastic shelves

If you would like to view or bid on any of these items call Helen Windy Boy at the Tribal Offices by October 15, 2003.

Helen Windy Boy, Administrative Coordinator

EDUCATION:

Please accept the following as the August and September installment of our parenting program. With school starting either in late August or early September (depending upon your location) we felt it's best to combine the two months so that everyone would receive this worthwhile information in a timely manner.

What To Do If Your Child Is Having Trouble At School

- * Talk to your child about school – (see the following suggestions, there are others):
 - Are you having trouble doing what the teacher asks?
 - Do you understand what the teacher wants you to do?
 - Can you finish your homework/worksheets on time?
 - Are certain subjects giving you difficulty? Math? Reading? Writing?
 - Can you see the chalkboard?
 - Can you hear your teacher?
 - Are other kids bothering you? (Have child explain, with names).
 - What things do you like about school?
 - What subjects are you doing well in – How are they taught?
- * Talk to your child's teacher about your concerns— suggestions:
 - Contact your child teacher by calling or sending a note with the child – ask for a meeting
 - At the meeting tell the teacher what your child has told you.
 - Ask the Teacher if they have seen the same things and/or what they have seen.
 - Is my child working at grade level in all subjects (talk about each separately).
 - What can be done at school to help my child?
 - What can I and/or my family do to help you/child?
 - Are there activities I can do at home—signing homework, making quiet time, etc.
 - What ideas do you have for after school help?
- * If the teacher can't help, find someone who can – suggestions:
 - Principal
 - Social Worker
 - Community Advocate
 - Other parents – group support
 - Special Education Services

Hope these suggestions are helpful. Feel free to call anytime if you have concerns.

Tony Wiggins, Human Resource/Education Director



NEW EMPLOYEES

Introductions are in order for new staff members, you may have noticed many vacant positions have been filled.

Linda Lambert was hired as the Fiscal Manager and was promoted into the Accountant position. Nancy Saunders was hired as the Fiscal Manager and works for the tribe on a part-time basis. Lisa Northrup is now employed for the tribe as the custodian Glen Hooper recently began employment with the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe as the Planner. Welcome aboard



SECRETARY/TREASURER/ENROLLMENT:

GREETINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS:

WE ARE STILL SEEKING AN ALTERNATE ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER; IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT. THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 24, 2003 @ 9:00 A.M. AT THE WINNEMUCCA TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE. ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE **CONFIDENTIAL**.

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING **ADULT** TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS: **BONNIE BARLESE; WARNER BARLESE; JERRY BARR; MURRAY BARR JR.; DARLA BROWN; LISA MYERS; MARIE (SAM) REITH; ANGELA STACONA; AND AMY STEARNS**. IF YOU HAVE CONTACT WITH ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS PLEASE

TELL THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING UPDATED INFORMATION.

RECENTLY WE HAD A GLITCH IN OUR ENROLLMENT SOFTWARE AND NOW WE HAVE INSTALLED AN UPDATED VERSION OF OUR SOFTWARE. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AN ENROLLMENT CARD PLEASE PROVIDE: A 3X5 PICTURE; PERSONAL INFORMATION (NAME, ADDRESS, ETC...) AND SIGN A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER WITH BLACK INK; OR YOU MAY REQUEST TO RECEIVE AN ENROLLMENT CARD INFORMATION FORM FROM THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAS TWO NEW EMPLOYEES: ACCOUNTANT, LINDA LAMBERT (FORMER FISCAL MANAGER) AND PART TIME FISCAL MANAGER, NANCY SAUNDERS. BOTH ARE GETTING FAMILIAR WITH OUR TRIBAL BUDGETS AND ACCOUNTS. WE LIKE TO WELCOME THEM WITH SMILES.

AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES FOR GIVING YOUR INPUT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CALLS AND YOUR COMMENTS. PLEASE CONTACT US ANYTIME TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING WHAT THE TRIBE IS DOING AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

LORRAINE WATSON
SECRETARY/TREASURER
ENROLLMENT



This issue of Agi Panina Yadoo was compiled and edited by the Tribal staff. Please send input, suggestions, and ads to:

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“Hope to hear from you soon!”