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Response Team update

The tribes' Covid-19 Response Team with Tribal Council's approval would like to announce that we will be returning back to celebrating most of our events this year.

Easter will be a drive-thru event and is scheduled for April 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center, similar to last year's event.

All traditional feasts, Pi-Um-Sha events, the Fourth of July Parade, Family Barbecue and family activities can be celebrated in-person, as well as other community events.

This is a reminder that the virus is not over yet. We cannot completely relax yet. Please practice safety precautions by wearing your mask, sanitize and stay home if you are ill.

Testing kits are available at Emergency Management from Monday to Friday during the day, and after hours and weekends they are available at Fire and Safety.

The Response Team and Council will be monitoring the covid virus, and if the data shows we need to curtail back, or if we need to relax protocols, we will keep the community informed with those recommendations.

Protocols are still in place for our buildings with mask requirements, social distancing and temperature checks; and all employees need to be vaccinated unless they have an exemption on file. Be safe everyone!

Caroline M. Cruz, Covid-19 Response Team.
caroline.cruz@wstribes.org

Boil water, conservation notice

Officials in Warm Springs have issued an emergency water conservation notice for the Warm Springs Agency Water System, due to a fire that occurred at the facility on Friday, March 18.

This week Pacific Power was at the treatment plant site to remove the damaged transformer and install another one.

Chico Holliday, general manager of tribal Utilities, said Pacific Power located a replacement transformer in Klamath Falls. A crane is also needed for the project, Mr. Holliday said.

Utilities and Pacific Power have been working since last Friday to address the problem. Meanwhile, the boil water notice remains in place, for areas with water; and there is a call to the community to conserve as much as possible.

Utilities is in coordination with the tribes' Office of Emergency Management to provide resources to affected residents. Listen to KWSO for the latest updates.

Tribal Council election March 30

Election Day for the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes is coming up on Wednesday, March 30.

The voting place will be at the Community Center. Polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Absentee ballot boxes at Simnasho Three Warriors and Seeseequa Fire Hall will also remain open until 8 p.m. on election night.

After eight o'clock that evening the Election Board will

transport the Simnasho and Seekseequa ballot boxes to the community center for official counting by the Counting Board.

For entry into the polls, because of Covid-19, a face mask is required. Election and health officials will be checking people's temperatures and screening as required. Social distancing will apply for everyone's safety.

Campaigning and barbecue meals will not be allowed in the community center parking lot. These activities are allowed behind the fence in the Pi-Ume-Sha fields.

There will be a Tribal Elder drive-up, only for elders, to vote from the car, if an elder prefers; or the elder can vote inside and will be given priority in the line to vote.

Only tribal elders in the car will be given priority; if there are others, they will need to wait in line. These are the candidates:

Agency District: Rain Circle. Michael Clements. Reina Estimo. Eugene Austin Green Jr. Anita Jackson. Danni Katchia. Uren Leonard Jr. James Manion. Daniel Martinez. Cyrille Mitchell.

William Sam. Alvis Smith III. Glendon Smith. Jason Smith. Jonathan W. Smith. Ryan Smith Sr. Valerie Switzler. Dennis White III.

Seekseequa District: Rosa Graybael. Reuben Henry Sr. Vesta Johnson. Brigitte McConville. Wilson Wewa Jr. Martha Winishut.

Simnasho District: Carlos Calica. Taw "TJ" Foltz. Raymond Moody. Emerson Squiemphen. Lincoln Suppah. Levi Van Pelt.

Candidate statements, as they were available, are included in this edition of the *Spilyay Tymoo*, pages 2 through 8.

Exhibit challenges Native stereotypes

April and May at the Museum at Warm Springs will feature *Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes*.

"Whether using humor, subtlety or irony, the telling is always fiercely honest and dead-on," the museum review says.

"Images and styles are created from traditional, contemporary and mass culture forms." The show opens April and runs through late May. The review continues:

"The exhibition embraces Native American's power to replace stereotypical images that permeate the current pop culture landscape."

The show explores common stereotypes about Native peoples that are falsehoods, followed by the truths behind them. "The artists use the unexpected—humor, emotion or shock—to encourage viewers to question and challenge stereotypes, even unspoken, unacknowledged ones." The exhibit at the museum is made possible through ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts and Alliances, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

ExhibitsUSA sends more



Sample from the upcoming show, *...But I Can't Prove It...* by Tom Farris, acrylic, courtesy of the artist.

than 25 exhibitions on tour to over 100 small- and mid-sized communities every year. The exhibitions create access to an array of arts and humanities experiences, nurture the understanding of diverse cultures and art forms, and encourage the expanding depth and breadth of cultural life in local communities.

Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes was originally presented at

Tulsa's Contemporary Exhibition in 2016.

Mid-America Arts Alliance strengthens and supports artists, cultural organizations and communities throughout the Northwest region and beyond.

More 2022 exhibits

Coming in June this year at the Museum at Warm Springs will be *Faces from the Land: A Photographic Journey through Native*

America.

Faces from the Land is a traveling exhibit that documents the proud spirit and identity of American Indian powwow dancers throughout the United States and Canada. This is an extraordinary exhibit featuring 40 of Ben Marra's large color portraits of powwow dancers.

Each photograph is accompanied by personal narratives written by the subjects, describing the the tribal significance of the regalia and dance.

Then in October will be at the Annual Member Adult and Youth Exhibit. This museum this year is combining the adult and youth works into a single show.



From *Savages and Princesses*, coming up the Museum at Warm Springs, April 6.

Commissary building moving soon to new site

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is planning for the move of the Commissary building to its new site by Highway 26 on Monday, April 4.

The Commissary will be remodeled for the coming year, and will become the Warm Springs Business Incubator, helping small businesses to develop and thrive.

The historic Commissary is over 120 years old, and thought to be the oldest structure on the reservation.

In the distant past the Commissary was as a storage depot and distribution site for grain, flour and supplies. More re-

cently, from the 1960s through late 1990s, the building served as the home of the Natural Resources Department. The building is currently located by the police station and Post Office.

The construction contractor, Kirby Nagelhout, has been doing the site preparation this month.

On the Commissary moving day, April 4, the Community Action Team will commemorate the event in partnership with Tribal Council and community members, project partners, and key contributors and stakeholders.

"To some people in our community," said Dustin Seyler, the Action Team's Small Business pro-

gram manager, "the Commissary reminds us of systems of dependence created by the U.S. government when it forced our people onto the reservation."

As such, Mr. Seyler said, "It symbolizes the loss of control of our food system and economy, because the commodity foods provided there helped ensure we did not regain traditional ways of gathering food and sustaining our economy."

The Action Team plan is for the building remodel to happen during 2022 and into early 2023.

When the completely renovated and remodeled building reopens in early 2023, the Action Team plans for the structure to be a net-zero

energy building.

The Business Incubator will offer retail and co-working office space, classroom and conference room space, and small business incubation services.

Initial businesses will be the Painted Pony Café, and an art store operated by Action Team's artists co-op Tananawit.

Other businesses, including outdoor food services, will also be welcome. The outdoor food cart pod is currently planned for operation in 2024 and 2025. There will be the food cart pod with outdoor pavilion and market spaces, and a commercial kitchen for food-based businesses, among other features.



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Agency District Candidates

Dennis J. White III

My name is Dennis J. White, III. I am running for a seat on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council for the Agency District.

My parents are Dennis J. White Jr. and Charlene Stacona White. My paternal grandparents are atwai Dennis J. White Sr. of Compton, Calif., and atwai Bertha Elouise White of San Bernadino, Calif.

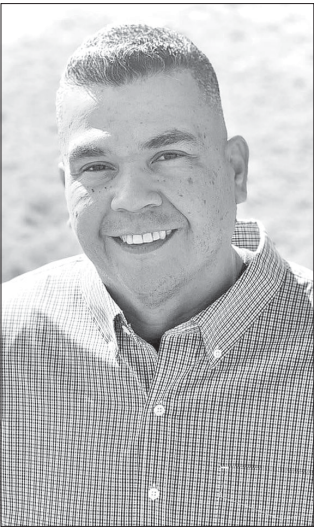
My maternal grandparents are atwai Curtis Stacona and atwai Marcelene (Gensaw) Stacona. I descend from the Stacona family.

I love my community and have served the membership for over 22 years as a protector of our community and our natural resources.

I began my career as a Cadet in high school as a summer youth worker. At the age of 21, I followed my life-long dream and became a Police Officer with the Warm Springs Police Department.

During my time at the Warm Springs Police Department, I held the following positions: Patrol Officer, Fish and Game Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant of Patrol, and the Chief of Police.

I learned the importance of engaging with



Dennis J. White

our community, leadership, communication, chain of command and teamwork.

Currently, I work with the Warm Springs Construction Enterprise and have seen first hand the hard work and effort it takes to literally build from the ground up. I learned a broad range of trade skills in a fast pace environment to meet the budget and time constraints of construction.

My goals are:

- **Communication**

Above all a leader must be present and make yourself available to your membership. Our memberships knows we face many challenges as a Nation and they rightfully demand answers as to how these challenges came to be, but also how we will work through them to a better future.

- **Accountability**

A leader’s service is to all of their people and all of the resources. I remain committed to understanding the issues of our community and to accept accountability for them.

Hard work, honesty, and communication are the tools needed in meeting our challenges.

- **Community leadership**

Empowering our membership in working together for the welfare of the people. Extending joint ownership and participation to those who live on and off our reservation and represent the voice of all our people.

Our people have varied points-of-view and we need to listen and re-examine our approach on how we invest our time and cultivate relationships to determine the priorities and efforts that will benefit our community and future generations.

I am running for Tribal Council because I want to serve the membership, and I would be honored to represent our community.

Vote **Dennis J. White III**, Agency District Candidate.

Reina Estimo

My name is Reina Estimo and I am an Agency candidate for the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council.

My parents are Alfred Estimo Sr. and Mina Shike. My grandparents are at’wai Charlotte Shike and at’wai Raymond Shike Sr., at’wai Della Smith and Tom Estimo Sr.

I have one brother, Alfred Estimo Jr., and one son, Dominic, I was recently granted permanent custody of through the foster parent program.

I am running for Tribal Council because I feel like I can help advocate for changes in our laws, policies and priorities that will create positive changes for the membership. My primary goal as a leader will be to improve opportunities for tribal members to have a higher quality of life for themselves, their children and grandchildren.

I have a strong background in law and government. My experience in law comes from my time as a Public Defender, and my experience in government comes from my formal education in Political Ccience and lifelong ‘passion’ for politics. I know our Tribal Code, Constitution and By-Laws by heart, and I truly understand the purpose and role of government.

What sets me apart from other candidates with a law background is that any job I have had



Reina Estimo

has been in a form or service to the people, and I was not only put in the position to judge people.

Working with legal aid and criminal defendants, youth and families and individuals in need of services has given me a strong understanding of the overall needs of our community.

There is no way to summarize my ideas as a candidate that I have developed and fine-tuned in my head over at least a couple of decades. But I can promise you I have ideas and a plan that I will advocate for. I can promise you that I will always be able to explain my logic and motives behind any decision I make. I can promise that I will go the extra mile to be transparent, and always be accessible to all of the people, not only people that support me.

The law-making process in the state and the U.S. governments is a long, drawn out process. It is not the same with the tribe. Tribal leaders can make immediate changes and immediate impact. We need leaders that understand this and most importantly, understand and love the people.

This sounds cheesy, but as a member, it bothers me to hear how many of our elected and non-elected leaders regularly talk about our people. They don’t use language that embodies ‘love.’ They might claim ‘tough love,’ but that has been our approach for decades, and given the financial and social state of our community, that approach is not working.

Our people deserve compassion and understanding. Our kids deserve people that will fiercely advocate for them, not those who can’t even bother to show up for a school board meeting or advocate for our tribal members running for the school board. Our people deserve leaders that are present in the community and make an effort to come to you, and not expect you to always have to come to them.

We need leaders that understand leadership is a privilege. I want to talk with the membership. I am willing to set up in person or virtual calls with individuals or families.

I am ready to serve and I want the opportunity to prove to you that I deserve your vote.

More detailed information about me, my experience and platform can be found on my campaign website: <https://sites.google.com/view/reinaforagencydistrict/home>

Reina Estimo

Jim Manion

I have been nominated to serve on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council and I have accepted the nomination.

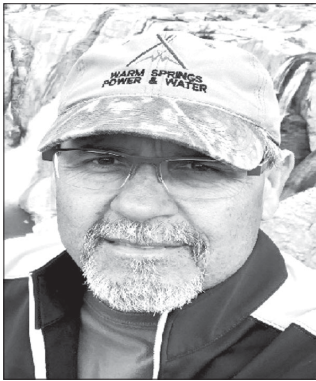
My great grandfather Jerry Brunoe served as the first Tribal Judge. My grandfather Urban Brunoe served on the Council, as have my Uncles Garland and Mickey Brunoe. It is a big responsibility with decisions that need to be made that impact all tribal members.

We are facing challenges that I believe we can overcome if we work together.

After 40 years I recently announced that I will be retiring from my job as the general manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises. I believe serving on Tribal Council requires you to focus solely on that responsibility.

I have served on several boards for our tribe, which brings a perspective to what we have done in the past, which would help us advance opportunities today.

I have also served on other boards, like the school district board, nonprofits, and for-



Jim Manion

profit boards.

We are at a point in time where we need to explore how we can expand generating jobs, revenue, and community. With that we can begin creating a safe, healthy community we can all call our home.

We need to look at implementing the many plans that have been identified as opportunities for us, both economically and socially.

Issues to explore:

- What are we willing to sacrifice as individual members today to create a better community for tomorrow?
- Is per capita serving its purpose? Should we use it to build a stronger community, which is approximately \$1.5 million annually and growing as membership grows. That could be re-channelled to assist in building a better community.

- Respectfully begin using our land base to generate opportunities for membership without creating problems for the future generations.
- Establish objectives to rein in violence and drug and alcohol challenges.
- Be accountable for what we are doing. Provide a clear transparent communication process to keep membership informed on issues we are dealing with.

I do not have all the answers, but I am willing to help in finding solutions to our challenges and advance opportunities we have.

As the Lewis and Clark expedition stated in their journals when they encountered our ancestors at Celilo, “We encountered a very inviting people who welcomed all and were willing to help all who needed it regardless of who they were. They have an organized economy and run it efficiently.” We are a people who care about each other.

May we have a great turn out at the polls and select the best possible Council to serve all tribal members.

Respectfully,
Jim Manion

Ryan G. Smith Sr.

Greetings, My name is Ryan G. Smith Sr., ‘Smitty,’ son of Lepha Marie Smith and the late Raymond Gene Smith. My grandparents belong to the Miller, Adams and Smith families, and my family relations further include the Tohet, Thompson, McCorkel, and Tufti families.

I am asking for your support to represent the Agency District in the Tribal Council election. With your help I hope to represent the largest voting district for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Agency.

I actively fish and hunt and have done so my entire life. I’ve served as a member of the Resource Management Inter Disciplinary Team, and Project Inter Disciplinary Team, and presently I am employed as the Water Soil manager.

I was a part of the Fish and Wildlife Committee from 2003-2021, during six Tribal Councils, and served as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer for the Columiba River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission throughout these years.

In 1997 I received my degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Oregon.

Resume highlights: Initiated expanded off-reservation hunting. Increased spring chinook production in the Hood River basin. Supported below Bonneville fishery (when numbers are high enough). Critically reviewed numerous funding priorities and strate-



Ryan Smith

gies.

I do have some understanding and practical implementation of policy at the local, regional, and national levels. I personally think middle ground hasn’t been getting it done! People, We are running out of time, your lifetime, and the belief your children, and their childrens’ children. So ask ourselves, Are we doing enough? What more can we do?

The Number One issue is to increase/maintain funding, secondarily create jobs, and address emerging climate change issues.

We need to develop better strategies on all issues. A fair expectation and manageable workload for success is paramount. Definitely many issues to cover and be knowledgeable about.

Within months of swearing in: Council will address the Integrated Resource Management Plan, Tribal Council priorities, and renew the Fish Accords. By end of 2022, I would propose to update all codes and ordinances by bringing fines into 2022 dollars.

Within the three years: Congressional ask—Tire recovery funding for the last ten to 15 years of fires on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Congressional ask—Testify about marking fish and bring to the front—

this allocation, not conservation issue.

National follow up: Flooding of Columbia with reservoirs, fishing places and homes, in fact these are some CTWS-only areas.

Continue to develop a campus plan, water infrastructure, waste water, and tribal business master plan.

By the end of the three year span: Address emerging climate change issues. The Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery acclimation ponds. Back up the Agency water source, Shitike creek.

Develop a strategy for the Power issues, maintenance, up-keep, and the price determination (lack of PUD for parts of WSIR). Expand on the history of Kah-Nee-Ta, problems and plans for the near future.

Further educate, on the tribes’ reliance and over-reliance on hydro and timber funds.

Educating our younger people on where we come from and educate about the last 20 years: Hunting and fishing expansion, and tribal success.

Focus on what it was like prior to these years. Educate on climate change: Things out of our control, things we control, flash flooding, wildfire, extreme weather, loss of property, infections, allergies, heat illnesses; research monitoring, preparedness planning, outreach and education, cooling centers, tribal housing retrofitting, and capacity of the clinic.

Appreciate your support, please get out and vote!

Ryan G. Smith Sr.

Agency District Candidates

Alvis Smith III

Good afternoon, My name is Alvis Smith III, enrollment number 2,073. I have been nominated for an Agency District Tribal Council seat.

I gratefully accepted and believe my experience and background represent and fulfill today's demands for representation as a servant within our Council chambers.

Major needs of our tribe fall into the areas of housing, public buildings, and infrastructure.

I have been a Journeyman Carpenter since September 9, 1993. My experience as a Journeyman has ranged from working on and off the reservation. I helped establish the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in Arizona on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, 1997. I worked with commercial concrete for Salmen Concrete, 1999; and several years with Kirby Naegelhout Construction, building the old Elementary School gym after the tragic fire, other projects off the reservation, and many local residential projects for housing units.

And most importantly of all this is a field I was born into, and grew up working into, as my dad was also a journeyman and taught me the field starting at a very young age while learning a strong work ethic. I feel in a



Alvis Smith III

Council position, this is going to be needed.

I have worked for the Public Utilities Department for the past 11 years, and feel my contribution has brought many positive changes. I've observed further change needed which has been limited due to financial needs which are a major issue for all areas within our tribal budget.

One major big problem I feel is that a high percentage of these finances are invested in outside sources to complete limited work due to profit being a major factor. When working with outside sources with no ties to our membership, profit becomes their major factor. I have observed that our leadership has invested their confidence with outsiders instead of listening to our own capable members in my misrepresented field. We already know our needs and what it takes to meet these needs. Why pay for what we already know?

Leadership is a privilege

and honor in Native country. I understand the frustrations our Native nation is experiencing, and communication is the key. Report to the people we serve and do not manage. Work together. Yes, debate is a major part of measuring our options but once we decide and vote as a tribe, we work together, not to tear each other apart just because of the outcome. Disagreement is not hate, it just shows we all have input as long as our common goal is to benefit the membership and not individual agendas. I would rather have my people upset with me for stating the truth rather than mad at me for lying to them stating what they want to hear.

My work history has proven always to serve the tribes at different levels, and my play time also is proven as a full-time coach to our youth for over 20 years.

Other jobs I have held include Army soldier, school district coach, police officer, and scope/grant writer.

I have served our youth as a Policy Council member, parent and coach.

Thank you for nominating me and encouraging all our voters to come out, make a difference and help start to rebuild our beautiful tribe.

Alvis W. Smith III,
Agency District nominee.

Cyrille Mitchell

Hello, My fellow Agency District People.

My name is Put-a-si, my English name is Cyrille Mitchell. I am the daughter of Robinson 'Gorkey' and Lori Mitchell. My maternal grandparents are the late Edward and Elizabeth 'Betty' Case; and my paternal grandparents are the late Arthur 'Art' and Bernice Mitchell.

I was raised here on the Warm Springs Reservation and continue to live my life with the beautiful people of our tribe.

I am an alumna of Madras High School, Haskell Indian Nations University, where I played three years of college volleyball; and and the University of Wyoming with a BA in Psychology.

I am currently employed with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Children Protec-



Cyrille Mitchell with the Rootdigger statue.

tive Service as the CPS supervisor, since August 2019.

I was publicly announced a Food Gather for the Agency Longhouse in June of 2007 and was gifted my Putlapa. I also was Miss Warm Springs 2008, which was an honor!

I am running for one of the three seats on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council for the Agency District.

I am person who listens with a open door policy.

I am not going to promise anything, as I cannot predict the future, as the term is for three years, but I would like to move forward with answers about our water situation that we battle each year.

I am for moving forward with the Cannabis Project, and I am for getting answers about our child care and the impact it plays in our working community.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me either on social media or in person. Just know at this time I do work Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and while I am at work I will not be on social media.

Thank you,
Cyrille Mitchell.
Nye

\$1 million to rehab rentals

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has secured a \$1.03 million federal grant from the American Rescue Plan to rehabilitate 11 rental units of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The \$1.03 million from the Indian Community Development Block Grant program, part of the 2021 American Rescue Plan, is to help the tribes prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic.

"Safe and affordable housing is of critical importance on the Warm Springs

Reservation," said Raymond Tsumpti, Tribal Council chairman.

"This grant will improve our ability to continue responding to disproportionately high Covid numbers amongst tribal members," Chairman Tsumpti said.

Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley were sponsors of the program.

"Tribal communities in Oregon and nationwide have been hammered by this

public health crisis that's magnified already serious housing challenges for their members," Sen. Wyden said.

"This pandemic has made access to safe and accessible homes all the more important for any community," Sen. Merkley said.

"Tribal communities in Oregon and across the country have been among the communities most impacted by the pandemic, only exacerbating ongoing housing challenges."

Coming up on Tribal Council agenda in April

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council Agenda for April (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, April 4

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with superintendent Brenda Bremner.
9:30: Office of Special Trustee update with Kevin Moore.

10: Realty items with Greta WhiteElk.

10:30: Legislative update conference calls.

11: Indian Health Service update with clinic CEO Hyllis Dauphinais.

11:30: Covid update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Tribal attorneys update.

3:30: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and Ellen.

Weekly check-in with Blue Stone Strategy, via Zoom.

Tuesday, April 5 - Enterprise updates

9 a.m.: Power & Water Enterprise update with Jim Manion.

9:30: Timber LLC update with Michele Stacona.

10: Indian Head Casino update with Jeff Carstensen.

10:30: Warm Springs Ventures update with Jim Souers.

11: High Lookee Lodge update with acting director Lonnie Parsons.

1:30 p.m.: Composite update with Jacob Coochise.

2: Housing update with Danielle Wood.

2:30: Telecom update with Tim York.

3: Credit enterprise update with Lori Fuentes.

3:30: Museum at Warm Springs update with Liz Woody.

4: WSCDO update with Valerie Switzler and Deanie Smith.

Wednesday, April 6 - Committee updates

9 a.m.: Water Board update.

10: Culture and Heritage Committee update.

10:30: Education Committee update.

11: Fish and Wildlife - On Reservation Committee update.

11:30: Fish and Wildlife - Off Reservation Committee update.

1:30 p.m.: Health and Welfare Committee update.

2: Land Use Committee update.

2:30: Range and Ag Committee update.

3: Timber Committee update.

3:30: Early Childhood Education update with Valerie Switzler and Deanie Smith.

Monday, April 11

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and Ellen.

11: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Akana update.

2:30: Tribal member concerns.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12-13: Open agenda.

Monday, April 18

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith.

9:30: May agenda, review minutes.

10: Draft resolutions.

11: Covid update with the Team.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

3: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and

Ellen.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20: Open agendas.

Monday, April 25

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update.

11: Covid-19 update with the Team.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26-27: Open agendas.

Draft resolutions and ordinances, including attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. Email gsmith@wstribes.org

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Agency District Candidates

Anita Jackson

Dear Agency District Voters,

It’ukdix kanawa iyamshgelkel. Qengi emshkiax. Naika askq’u. Naika ichxliu Salumgus, Anita Jackson.

Currently I am honored to serve as an Agency District Tribal Council member and am asking for your vote in the upcoming Tribal Council Election. Serving the People on Tribal Council is very important, a great responsibility and an honor.

This term our Tribe faced many unprecedented challenges, including failure of the Tribe’s water treatment plant and delivery system and the Covid-19 pandemic, in addition to on-going long-term challenges such as high unemployment, on-reservation housing shortages, drought and wild land fires, negative impacts of climate change, and loss of tribal revenue.

With these challenges came opportunities including CARES and ARPA funds, other federal funding assistance such as the recent \$915,000 for sanitation and landfill improvements, the federal bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Columbia Basin water bill, increasing home-ownership and funding for tribal housing near The Dalles, which will facilitate the exercise of our Treaty-reserved fishing rights, and the ability to secure banking for cannabis revenue.

The Tribes’ 1855 Treaty, Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribal Code and Tribal Ordinances direct the Council’s actions; other documents provide guidance as well. Our priority throughout the pandemic has been to provide for the welfare of our community, protection of life and health. This was and still is, an ever-changing process as we strive to provide for our members. Our longer range priorities



Anita Jackson

ties have been to repair infrastructure, including distribution of clean water and stable internet service throughout the reservation which will in-turn allow us to continue improving and building revenue-making businesses and homes.

We must update our Codes and laws so that the wishes of the People will become a reality.

As this Council took office in 2019, the state of neglect and disrepair of the Tribe’s physical resources and infrastructure required immediate attention before we could move forward. We are making sure that our Tribe receives as much funding assistance as possible to make these much needed repairs which will in turn help us establish an environment for growth of tribal and tribal-member owned businesses, increased housing (rentals and home-ownership), increased wages and salaries, job and career opportunities, and to provide for the most vulnerable sectors of our population (children, elders, other dependents).

We face many challenges on a daily basis, and in the future. Protection of our Senior Water Rights, of our lands and sovereignty, of our Treaty Reserved Rights, of our languages and traditional ways of life will always be at the center of every decision. We are fortunate in that we have all of these; other people across the United States and across the world, struggle because they have no historical founda-

tion to help guide them into the future.

I was fortunate to grow up in a family of Tribal leaders who taught that working together, respecting each other, looking out for the present generations, as well as future generations, was most important, and that to get there, we have to follow the teachings brought forward from our ancestors. Our Tribe thrived under those leaders and the benefits we enjoy today are a direct result of their foresight, love for the People, persistence, and dedication. We need to get back to that kind of leadership.

We need to support our young people and provide them with the tools to lead now and into the future. Every tribal member has a right to equal opportunities and access to tribal assets. Every tribal member also has a responsibility to the Tribe and to our future generations. Our Ancestors sacrificed so much, and our future generations deserve no less from us.

The love of my People, of and for all tribal members, has always been at the heart of my decisions and provides the basis for my actions; this is especially true as a Council member. Not all of what needed to be done has nor could be accomplished this past three years, and that weighs heavily on each Council member. There are many unfinished tasks that I want to see completed, and if I am re-elected to the Tribal Council, I will continue to work to see those projects completed, for a better present, and future, for our Tribe.

Wit’ax alma ayamshgelglaya. It’ukdix amshxuxa. Iyagaitlxumix y a m g e m l u x w a n . Daminwa iyamelgwax.

Anita L Jackson,
Agency District.

Rain Circle

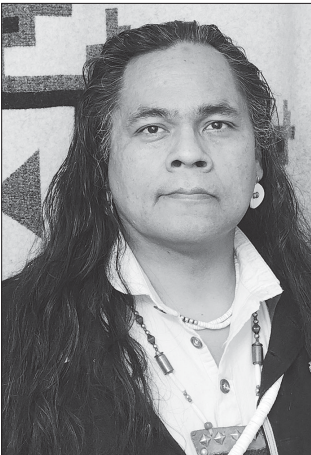
My name is Rain Circle and I was born in Madras, raised in Warm Springs. I am a White Buffalo, Class of 1993, and I went into the U.S. Army straight after that. What I learned there is what I bring to the Council: Leadership.

I know how to provide Purpose, Direction, Motivation and Accountability better than most.

I know the finer points to creating and sustaining a team, which is what a Tribe is... A large team with great people who have the largest hearts I have known.

We know how to survive, we know how to ‘make do’ but I want so much more for us than just living hand to mouth and scraping by. I want the pride back and I want your help to do it.

Our past leadership has forgotten how strong you



Rain Circle

are. They refused to listen to our voice and it has cost them dearly but we can come back from that together.

A nation whose economy crumbles and whose leaders make the wrong decision at the wrong time and don’t have the foresight to plan for the next 10, 15 and 50 years create failed states. Yhose are the countries that can’t feed their people and have failed infrastructure like you see in third world countries all over the globe,

and I fear we will become a failed state and lose our sovereignty if we don’t harness our No. 1 Resource: YOU.

I want to put you back to work, re-learn to help each other, feed each other, stop hurting each other, train you for the coming years to ensure that you can support your family and community, and show the United States that we, the Indigenous People of this Continent, can be an example of how to overcome the past and forge ahead successfully together, but I cannot do it without You my fellow tribal member.

I hope for your vote for Agency District Tribal Council later this month but at a minimum... Vote Vote Vote. Use your power and choose your future with your voice, I feel like you do so please vote for your candidate whoever they may be.
Rain Circle

Eugne Austin Greene Jr. ~ Mustalic

Niix tkw’l tlaawaxma and Itukdi Wigwa,

I am Mustalic, shiapo name Eugne Austin Greene. Having served several previous terms on Tribal Council, I have once again been nominated to serve as a Council representative. I thank the people for their trust and confidence in me.

My experience to serve my people comes from the years I previously served on the Council and committees, and over 40 years working for the Tribe. With that I have many years in public relations on the job, social and community related activities, and working with our youth and families through my work with the Recreation Program and our Community Wellness Center.

I have gained valuable knowledge through those experiences and my respect for the wisdom of our elders. I took time to listen and learn from my elders on what is important to our people. I paid attention when those elders, many of which were past leaders including my father, who also had years of service on the Tribal Council. They all had years of experience in working with and for our people. Through my years of experience sitting at the Council table, I understand the importance of that role, that decisions made at that table impact our Tribe and our future. I feel all this experience and knowledge will help me serve my people.

Decisions made by the Tribal Council affect our people now and for generations to come, so it is important that we remember who we are, not only our role in the business world but keeping strong our culture and traditions. This plays a strong role in our sovereignty. I am a very humble individual, but I pride myself on my un-



Eugene Austin Greene

derstanding of our people, our needs, and how our history plays into the important decisions made today for our future. And I believe our people must strive to carry on who and what we are to keep us a strong sovereign nation.

I fully understand the Historic and Guiding Organic Documents that guide our people, and how they drive the Council. It also remains imperative to have good communications to the People. And that once through this pandemic and it is again safe to hold larger gatherings, that we reinstitute the much-needed District and General Council meetings to keep the people informed and get their input. It is important to report to the Tribal Membership on now we are doing as a whole, and the effects of such on the people. It remains the responsibility of each individual Council member to communicate and report to their people, and if elected I will commit to regular reporting to the membership. And I also have an open-door policy to all tribal members and will gladly discuss matters of importance.

Very important to this Tribe is our current and financial future. I believe this Tribe needs to continuously pursue economic ventures into business and development, as well as the growth of our current Enterprises and Tribal Member small businesses.

Also to be considered is the budget assurance of Trust assets to our people’s Per Capita and Senior Pensions. In maintaining an acceptable budget level, I know travel has always been a concern and the dollars

spent on such. There are certainly some meetings and travel required to be able to address important matters for this Tribe, but I would advocate that proper travel delegations are in place and more digital based meetings, i.e., Zoom, conference calls, etc. to be considered.

It falls upon Tribal Council to ensure the Tribe’s fiscal state and the Tribe’s best interests are properly maintained on a consistent basis. Hence, I believe it important to ensure that a sound Executive team is in place. That team is critical to carry forth the objectives and needs of our people. It would be important to me to maintain precedence on the Proclamation of the Council’s priorities.

If elected to the next Tribal Council, with over 33 years of sobriety, I would bring knowledge, experience, and a traditional background with an understanding of how our culture works in today’s business world to move us forward. It is important to remember who we are and our role as a tribal member in general. As an elected official for this Tribe, you must put that foremost and know why we are here. Consequently, another important item that will carry us forward is the Federal Trustees and their roles in the protection of the 1855 Treaty. We work together to protect our Treaty rights, other inherent rights, and our sovereignty.

We look now and into the future with our tribal values to protect the well-being and the future of our people, their Health, Education, and always remember the importance of our Youth and Elders. Our Elders pass on their wisdom, reminding us of who we are, and the Youth are our Future!

Thank you and well wishes to all nominees!

Eugene Austin Greene Jr. ~ Mustalic.

New tribal advisory committee to work with Interior

Speaking at the recent National Congress of American Indians 2022 Executive Council Winter Session, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland said her department is requesting nominations for tribal member representatives for the new Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee, or STAC.

The STAC was announced as part of the 2021 federal government Tribal Nations Summit. The goal is ensure tribal leaders have direct and consistent contact and communication with the current and future department offi-

cials to facilitate robust discussions on intergovernmental responsibilities, exchange views, share information and provide advice and recommendations regarding Departmental programs and funding that impact Tribal nations.

“Tribes deserve a seat at the decision-making table before policies are made that impact their communities,” said Secretary Haaland.

“The creation of this new Advisory Committee is a timely and much-needed development that will ensure tribal leaders can engage at

the highest levels of the department on the issues that matter most to their people.

“I encourage tribal leaders to submit their nominations to ensure we have the best representation possible as we begin this new chapter of Tribal engagement at the department.”

The STAC will be composed of a tribal member representative from each of the 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs Regions, and one alternate member. The members will be appointed on a staggered term for up to two years.

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Agency District Candidates

William ‘Taco’ Sam

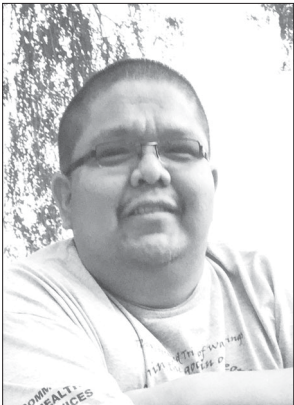
My name is William Sam but most of you in the local community already know me as ‘Taco.’

I have lived and grew up here on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation my whole life. I was raised by my two late grandmothers Mary (Sam) Danzuka and Nancy (Sam) Johnson, both of whom have now passed.

My best memories are those two elders exposing me to the wide range of activities here on the reservation.

Growing up I attended many functions such as longhouse, medicine singing, and wasklcik and Shaker church. Now as an adult I am an active member of the local Shaker church; however, I have a profound respect for all religions and faiths that are practiced here on our reservation today. I still hunt, fish, pick berries and dig roots as I was taught growing up.

In January 2004 I was hired into the tribal Finance office as the cash management specialist. In June of 2004 I was then transferred as the Payroll specialist for the tribe’s Payroll Department. I worked within that capacity until in May of 2017, when I transferred to Children’s Protective Ser-




William Sam

vices as the office administrator/budget person. Then in April of 2019 I was recruited to come back to tribal Finance to oversee the Payroll department as the Payroll/General Ledger Supervisor.

Most if not all my experience has been hands on and on the job training since I started working for the tribes back in 2004. My 18 plus years of continuous service to the tribes has taught me a lot while climbing the ladder in the tribal organization, starting at the bottom and working my way up over the years. This has taught me to appreciate what I have and all the opportunities that were afforded to get me where I am today. I would like to wish all the other Agency District nominees running for the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council the best of luck. Best Regards.

William L. Sam,
Agency District Nominee.



PLEASE VOTE
Glendon N. Smith
Agency District
Council decisions shall be made at the speed of business and less at the speed of government



- ▶ Masters of Science Degree in Administration of Justice and Security ◀
- ▶ Bachelor’s of Science in Liberal Studies ◀
- ▶ Associates of Arts in Engineering ◀
- ▶ Certificate Training in Tribal Judiciary Skills from the National Judicial College ◀
- ▶ Member of the TERO Commission ◀
- ▶ Associate Judge for Tribal Court for 10 years ◀
- ▶ Secretary-Treasurer / CEO 2015-2016-2021 & current ◀
- ▶ Member of the 28th Tribal Council for Agency District ◀
- ▶ Board Member for Neighborhood Impact ◀
- ▶ Appointed by Governor Brown to the Equity and Inclusion Board for Oregon ◀

Every District Matters
Including your vote

Uren Leonard

My name is Uren Leonard. My background is in planning. I worked for the tribe over 20 years.

I’ve assisted with the tribal budget, and the annual plan of operations for the tribe.

A person nominated for Tribal Council should have knowledge of the following:

- The Declaration of Sovereignty.
- The Treaty of 1855.
- Management planning.
- Planning for social



Uren Leonard

and economic development.

This should entail: 1: People. 2: Tribal Council. 3: Management. 4: Departments, and this should include the Bureau of Indian

Affairs, Indian Health Services and other funding services.

The tribes should put together a 10-year and/or 5-year plan by the membership; so the Tribal Council, people, management and departments are all going in the same directions.

Also, social and economic development programs and projects are listed as priorities for the next five years, including a fiscal forecast for the next five years.

This would let the tribe know if we need more funds for social programs

being planned, and economic projects being planned.

All the people would know what is being developed on a year-by-year basis.

There are a number of economic projects that were supposed to be completed, but none were. We need the projects for the tribes’ employment, funding, etc.

So please get out and Vote! Thank you,

Uren ‘Bunski’ Leonard.

A TRIBAL VOICE IN A GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Joe Peters earned a master’s degree online with Oregon State University Ecampus to improve his ability to manage natural resources for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

And in his online classes, Joe and fellow Native students introduced tribal teachings that were embraced by professors and peers.

Watch Joe’s story and see how OSU Ecampus supports tribal students like you:
ecampus.oregonstate.edu/joe



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Agency District Candidates

Valerie Switzler

Warm Springs has always been home for a number of people. We have very strong resilient ways taught to us from our elders. When they taught us to dig roots, this helped stretch our food budget. When we put away all year around we never were hungry.

One of my favorite stories was an elder who shared:

“My friend was visiting with me and they had a chain of stores.”

She shared, “The depression years were the hardest time of my life, Was it the same for you?”

Grandma couldn’t relate to her story because she never thought of herself as being poor as a child.

She had vegetables in the garden, she dug roots, dried fish, cured venison,



Valerie Switzler

and learned how to make her own clothing.

These were the strong women that were in my family line. They are just like most people here and where all of our lineage comes from.

I’m very proud of the advice shared with me from our elders in the Culture and Heritage Language program, like my people, they were everyday people.

Culture, Language and Tradition are strong virtues to carry. Each of us have some of our ancestors’ say-

ings. We live their way of life, they are instilled in our very nature. We need to bring these teachings back to a place where they make our people strong, our nation strong and balanced with the world around us.

Our goal is to become healthy, strong and ready for any challenge. It is to embrace our history, our way of life and practice our beliefs. This is how we will once again become as strong and as wise as our leaders were long ago.

To run and serve again as your representative would be an honorable way to spend my life, to be dedicated to those who have embraced me and carried me through to this point in my life.

Aga Saqw.
Valerie Switzler,
Agency District.

Daniel Martinez

In terms of leadership, I am a former Fire Chief, and before that I served four years in U.S. Marines, and now as manager of Emergency Management. These experiences have given me a leadership role to not only serve the community, but also to lead others in how best to provide services to the community.

I’m very compassionate when it comes to service. My role has always been to watch out for neighbors, always to watch out for the community, and provide the services if and when they are needed. My leadership has been to join forces with those who are willing to help others

I’ve always been a giver, I can’t give enough of myself. Whether I was a born a leader or not, I became one through 17 years as Fire Chief, and before that as an EMT firefighter.

I’ve always felt like I can never give enough. So I feel like I’m qualified to



Daniel Martinez

be a leader, and a solid one at that.

I can’t help but feel that over the last few years, and especially since the pandemic, our people have suffered enough. I think we all feel that. We’ve had death related issues due to Covid-19. I lost a son. My other son recently recovered from it. Every family in Warm Springs and beyond has had to deal with Covid-19.

So over the last couple of years, we have not had an opportunity to get things rolling in terms of economic benefits, or having a strong

vision on how to improve life in Warm Springs. I feel we now have a chance to re-open those opportunities, and to look to the creativity and listen to voices of the people.

I believe we should establish a Youth Council, who could give us their perspective, on new technologies, for instance. We could re-establish the apprenticeship and internship programs for job creation. For development ideas, I know I can’t do it alone. We have to reach out to the community for ideas.

We need to study where we are, how we can produce and be better community servants for our younger ones, as well as people of age. I’m very compassionate, as most folks know, and passionate about getting the job done.

There are going to be challenges, and we can’t please everyone, but we can create some visions for our community, to look at the big picture and dream about how we can make a better life here in Warm Springs.

Jason Smith

Danni Katchia

Mike Clements

In a recent interview with KWSO, Michael Clements, Tribal Council candidate for the Agency District, was asked about the skills and abilities that people look for in Council members. “The Constitution and By-Laws say a qualification is 21 years and over, though we know it takes much more to do a good job for our people,” Mr. Clements said.

Looking at today’s world: Knowledge and experience are what are needed most at this time, Clements says.

A Council member needs knowledge of the people themselves, as there are three tribes of the Confederation. The candidate “needs knowledge of the customs and traditions of the people

who live here,” Mr. Clements says. “And in the modern world, education is a real value. That’s something our old people wanted us to know, because they knew we would have to live with the white man.”

Knowledge of the major documents of the tribes is essential, and as the tribes are a corporation, “The Council member has to have understanding of business and finances.”

And how best to improve the quality of life among the members? “My concern is with the financial well-being of the tribal government to meet the needs of our people,” Mr. Clements says.

“We need more jobs, and the health and welfare of the people is always a high concern. We need more and better services for the people, and that would be

what I would work toward, but the first thing is to generate a revenue base that is more than we have now,” he said.

Mr. Clements has served on Tribal Council before, in the late 1970s and early ‘80s. “And I believe the people and the Council members were working together well then,” Mr. Clements says.

“I believe I have the knowledge and experience to help our Nation move forward. I am retired now so I can give full-time to the representation—To work with all our people and get our tribe back into a more progressive style of life. Quality of life comes from the tribal government working with the people and for the people.”

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ROBERT LUCEI, Respondent; Case No. JV3-19. TO: ROBERT LUCEI:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an SHOWCAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **12TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TURINA WALLULATUM, Respondent; Case No. DO68,69-13. TO: TURINA WALLULATUM, DEBORAH JACKSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **29TH day of MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

JODENE BOISE, Petitioner, vs JIMMY CULPS, Respondent; Case No. RO6-22. TO: JODENE BOISE, JIMMY CULPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **5TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHESTER VANPELT, Respondent; Case No. JV22-20. TO: BROOK WARNER, CHESTER VANPELT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **12TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV34,35,36-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER SR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **31ST day of MARCH, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

SUSAN MITCHELL, Petitioner, vs BENICE

MITCHELL, Respondent; Case No. JV57-14B. TO: SUSAN MITCHELL, BERNICE MITCHELL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **18TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KATIE MAE FRAZIER, Respondent; Case No. JV64-17. TO: KATIE MAE FRAZIER, LOUIS & KIMBERLY SMITH, MILLIE WALLULATUM:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a VISITATION REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **12TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

LAVENA IKE, Petitioner, vs DENA THOMAS, Respondent; Case No. JV92,94,95-17. TO: LAVENA IKE, DENA THOMAS, THOMAS SAM:

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs JACQUELYN SMITH, Respondent; Case No. JV77-08. TO: JACQUELYN SMITH, STANELY SMITH III, WENDI HILLER:

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NATASHA SLOCKISH, vs FRANCIS SPINO, Respondent; Case No. RO7-22. TO: NATASHA SLOCKISH, FRANCIS SPINO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an RESTRAINING ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **19TH day of APRIL, 2022**

@ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs SYLVIA SPINO, Respondent; Case No. DO18-19. TO: SYLVIA SPINO, JASPER SMITH SR., LOIS SQUIEMPHEN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MOTION FOR EMERGENCY PICK UP HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **25TH day of APRIL 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs PATRICE SPINO, Respondent; Case No. JV4-21. TO: PATRICE SPINO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **28TH day of APRIL 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MELODY BERRY, Respondent; Case No. JV22-20. TO: MELODY BERRY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **28TH day of APRIL, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLEA YAHTIN, Respondent; Case No. JV24-19. TO: OLEA YAHTIN, TEVOR TEWEE, JV PROS, P&P, CPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **12TH day of MAY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07, DO110-09. TO: CHARLENE CHEE, REX ROBINSON-ANGELES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **2ND day of MAY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

Jonathan W. Smith

I have 18 years of experience working within the executive branch of tribal government. I have served numerous committees, commissions, board and in other policy level positions. My work has included preservation of Treaty rights, expansion of our hunting and fishing rights, working to eliminate discrimination in the workplace, land and watershed restoration planning, economic development and tribal products, just to name a few.

I have represented our tribe in Washington, D.C. when I was a commissioner with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. That work was primarily focused on modernizing the Columbia River Treaty. I worked with Tribal Coun-

cil and the TERO office to establish an ODOT memorandum of understanding, and made preliminary adjustments to our TERO code. I’ve helped to streamline our land-use process to be more proactive and inclusive of modern tribal member activities.

Some projects I’ve been involved with are the Commissary project, as a member of the Warm Springs Community Action Team board; developing a site remediation plan for the area near the landfill; transportation planning, and many other things I’ve been involved in.

I will advocate for our tribal government to be more responsive to the community needs. Those needs include being more transparent with the business dealings of our tribes, elevating the moral and ethical aptitude of our leadership; and ensuring entities and corporations of the

tribe are accountable. I would also work with our counterparts at the federal and state level to ensure that the trust responsibilities are being met.

We need to increase revenue to the tribe, and help small businesses recover from the pandemic.

Our past economy was based on timber and the hydro revenue. Reviewing the budget, you can see these sources of revenue are no longer able to meet the present and future needs of our people. We have to develop projects and resources to meet those needs.

Renewable resource development and revenue here on the reservation also have great potential.

I would like the opportunity to work at the policy level of our Tribal Council. Please consider voting for **Jonathan W. Smith** for Tribal Council.

Seekseequa District Candidates

Rosa J. Graybael

My name is Rosa Graybael. I am seeking a seat in the upcoming tribal election in the Seekseequa District.

I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I have lived here most of my life and only lived off of the reservation to complete my education.

I received my Bachelor's degree with a major in Education and a minor in English from Eastern Oregon University.

My husband is Brent Graybael Sr. My mother is the late Karen Williams Wallulatum. She served on Tribal Council for several terms. My father is the late Merris Wallulatum Sr.

I worked for approximately 30 years at the Warm Springs Elementary and Warm Springs Early Childhood Education. I also have experience running a small concession trailer for about



Rosa Graybael

37 years.

I have volunteered tutoring our youth and coaching youth sports such as t-ball, softball, and basketball for about 28 years.

I truly believe that our youth are our future leaders and encourage them to succeed in all that they believe in by providing opportunities to assure our youth have developed strong traits to build strong leadership skills.

I believe we need a stronger support system for our elders to make sure they have continued safe and happy living environments. Also, we need to continue to

preserve the knowledge and wisdom of our elders.

The last area of concern for me that I would like to quickly address is the economics of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I would like to continue with the plans to reopen Kah-Tee-Ta, continue Indian Head Casino and other economic ventures to improve our economy and to increase jobs locally.

In closing, I would like to say thank you for this opportunity to serve on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council. If I am elected, I will do my best to listen to the people and push myself to learn all that I can to resolve and find solutions to the current issues we face as a tribe.

I respectfully ask for your support by voting for me in the upcoming election.

Thank you,
Rosa J. Graybael

**Ah-tumani ku Youd'I ~
Brigette McConville**

My name is Ah-tumani ku Youd'I, Brigette McConville, enrollment no. 2084.

I am running for one of the two Seekseequa positions on Tribal Council. Currently, I am on Tribal Council and also serve as the vice-chair on Council.

My parents are Gordon Scott Sr. and Brenda Kalama Scott. My paternal grandparents are Elmer Scott Sr. and Lela Puyette Scott. My maternal grandparents are Nick Kalama (Paiute Chief) and Viola Wallulatum Kalama.

I live in Seekseequa with my husband M. Sean McConville. I have three grown children and one grandson. I have lived here all of my life with the exception of attending Central Oregon Community College, graduating in 1989.

I attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1997, and attended the University of Oregon for Archaeological research, graduating in 1998.

I worked for Cultural Resources, GeoVisions as the Tribal Anthropologist. Since leaving I have been on the Culture and Heri-



Brigette McConville

tage Committee three terms, the Fish and Wildlife Committee two terms, and the Casino Board one term.

I am currently on my second consecutive term on Tribal Council. My first term I was a member representing the Seekseequa District. This term I am also representing the Seekseequa District and serving as the vice-chair of the Tribal Council.

As a member of Council, I have an open door policy to visit face to face, over coffee and also a meal.

I am always welcome to talk and visit with all tribal members concerning tribal issues, concerns, joys and praises.

Being our vice-chair, it is important to me to be here and present for the people. I can also be reached by telephone, email, messaging and

in person.

Some of the issues I have worked on during my terms are supporting the tribal membership with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, encouraging education, supporting cultural events, sports and family activities.

Fish and wildlife, traditional gathering issues are on the front burner to help and support the continuation of our gathering. As a traditional gatherer for the Agency Longhouse, it's important to me to practice, protect, enhance and share knowledge for all of our people.

I do believe all of our resources and issues are very important. When voting and making decisions on Tribal Council, my decisions and vote will affect each and every tribal member. I also believe in honesty and hard work—Two statements that I live by, hold true to my heart and take seriously.

I am asking for your support and vote to serve on Tribal Council.

Brigette McConville, Seekseequa District Nominee, Incumbent Tribal Council member and Council vice-chair.

#voteforbrigette

Martha Winishut

I believe that Communication is one of the best skills we can have on Tribal Council.

I believe the best way to improve the quality of life here on the reservation is Education. And I believe our youth, and our elders are our most precious people. We need to reach out to them.



Martha Winishut

On Tribal Council I would do my best to help everyone. I am here for the people, not just the people of my district but all of the people. I'm here for you, so come and talk with me.

I want to do what I was taught is right, and why God placed me here.

Martha Winishut, Seekseequa District.

Seekseequa Candidates

**Reuben
Henry Sr.**

**Vesta
Johnson**

**Wilson
Wewa Jr.**



Events coming up at Early Childhood

Dear Parents and Families,

Please join out staff at the upcoming events to celebrate the achievements of your children and their classes.

We are proud to mention, the Early Childhood Education Center has partnered with the Culture and Heritage Language program, and you can be proud that all the students are fast and enthusiastic learners.

The upcoming events will include awards for Language. The Education Branch and ECE realize that gas prices are soaring along with inflation costs; so to support our hard-

working parents, we will be distributing gas cards at the Family Engagement events.

Upcoming events include the Job Fair this Thursday, March 24. The Family Engagement Events are on Monday, March 28; and on April 25 and March 31. Meals will be from 5 to 7 p.m.; and the gas cards will be available.

Graduation will be on June 3 at 10 a.m. to noon, meal to follow.

ECE Job Fair

The Early Childhood Education Center is hosting a Job Fair this Thursday,

March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The fair will be at the Early Childhood Education Center, 1257 Kotnum Road. Some features at the Job Fair and at ECE:

On the spot hiring. Excellent employee benefits. On the job training. Promotional opportunities.

All jobs at the center provide stability and a meaningful and fulfilling work culture with the children of the community. Show up and prepared for an interview. Bring two forms of ID; and be prepared to take a drug test.

Head start program positions include: Family Services coordinator. Family

Service workers. Early Childhod Dis coordinator. Health coordinator. Maintenance/Custodian. Education coordinator/Coach. Home visitors. Head Start lead teachers (four positions). Heat Start Teacher Assistants (eight positions).

ECE Daycare program positions include: Infant Outreach coordinator. Day Care teachers (13 positions). Lead Day Care teachers (two positions). Lead Custodian.

For information call 541-553-3240.

Sincerely,
Deanie Smith, Director.

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2022 Primary Election ballots mailing next month

Ballots are going out next month for the May 17 Primary Election. Regarding the vote, the Jefferson County Clerk's Office would like to share this important voting information:

According to the state Vote by Mail Manual, misspellings or abbreviations of write-in names are disregarded by the Election Board if the board cannot determine who the vote is intended for. For example: A first initial is not sufficient to determine who the vote

is intended for, but a common abbreviated version of the first name is allowed (such as Bob for Robert).

In Jefferson County, there are 16,560 registered voters. The registration numbers by party are: Republican, 5,493. Democrat, 3,370. Independent, 825. Non-affiliated: 6,511. Other minor parties: 361. There are presently, 1,443 registered voters in the Warm Springs area precinct.

Here is a timeline for the upcoming Primary Election:

April 1: Military and over-

seas ballots go out.

April 8: Out of state ballots mailed.

April 26: Last day to register to vote, change your political party or request and Independent ballot.

April 27: Ballots mailed out.

May 17: Ballots must be in an official drop box or received by the Elections Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, or postmarked by the U.S. Post Office to be counted. No postage is required on the mail-in ballots.

If you have not received

your ballot some days after April 27, you can call the clerk's office at 541-475-4451. There will be a 24-hour drop site in Warm Springs, on Wasco Street by Fire and Safety. Other drop boxes are at the County Clerk's Office, the Metolius and Culver city halls, and at Crooked River Ranch. Public certification of the county's ballot tally machine will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 11 a.m. at the Jefferson County Annex conference room. The public is welcome.

Simnasho District Candidates

Taw ‘TJ’ Foltz

Taw Foltz is a second time candidate running for a seat on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council as a Simnasho District Representative asking for your vote. He believes that any and all decisions made will have a lasting impact on our tribe and our future generations.

Taw feels that a seat at the Council table is an honor, and will do his best to make a difference for all tribal members, while keeping our Constitution and By-Laws and Sovereignty a top priority while in office.

Taw was raised in Warm Springs by his late mother Rita ‘Patches’ Roybal Marchand. She is the daughter of Martha Henning of Warm Springs and Wilford Johns Sr. of Puyallup. Taw married Marcelene Stacona in November 2018. He has served as a coach in the Warm Springs community and the 509-J school district for a number of years.

Taw has coached numerous youth basketball teams, little league baseball teams, and many high school age athletes in various sports in Warm Springs and surrounding



Taw ‘TJ’ Foltz

areas. He is currently the head girls basketball coach and softball coach at Culver High School.

Career

Taw is currently working as a Prevention Coordinator in Warm Springs. He is a strong advocate for a drug- and alcohol-free community.

He continues to promote healthy life choices for the community through outreach and education for youth and adults.

Taw has been a part of various community coalitions that include the Native Aspirations Coalition and the former Let’s Talk Diversity Coalition. Taw is currently a member of the Education Committee and the Joint Health Commission. His professional interests focus

on the well-being of the community, helping provide healthy alternatives, drug- and alcohol-free activities with the Prevention Team, and advocating for youth support in all aspects of health. Taw is a Certified Prevention Specialist in the Prevention field.

When he is not focusing on work, Taw enjoys coaching multiple sports or participating in sports himself such as softball, golf, and basketball.

Education

Taw obtained an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree from Central Oregon Community College in Education and an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree from Central Oregon Community College in General Studies.

He then went on to obtain his Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University, Majoring in Human Development and Family Science with an emphasis in Human Services. Taw has applied for his Masters of Counseling program recently and will be preparing for that.

Goals

My goals for my term in Council are:
Transparency through-

out my term by having open conversations with members and bringing those conversations to the Council table when appropriate.

Revisit the Cannabis project voted by the people, and see where we as a tribe can move forward with any new endeavors.

Help find a solution that will provide reliable childcare for our tribal members and our employees.

Continue to maintain Senior funding and providing resources as needed.

Seek out dollars for infrastructure improvements and any new possible business ventures.

Advocate for increased youth support from birth to adulthood.

Work to provide livable wages that will enhance job creations for tribal members. And most importantly, uphold our Treaty and Tribal Constitutional and By-laws, and our Declaration of Sovereignty as written.

Please Vote for Taw ‘TJ’ Foltz.
Ready to Listen
Ready to Work
Ready for Progress

Carlos Calica

In a recent KWSO interview, Simnasho District candidate Carlos Calica was asked about the important qualities a person should bring to Tribal Council. “A lot of humility,” Mr. Calica says, “and knowledge of our governing documents—the Corporate Charter, Constitution and By-Laws, the Treaty—and education and experience with our businesses.”

The Council members have responsibility in helping carry on the culture and traditions of the tribes—“Our foods, our way of life, the songs and languages; and carry forward in the best way each and every one us can our relationship with the Creator. You have to be able to serve our people in many capacities.”

Mr. Calica was asked about areas of advocacy to improve the quality of

life on reservation. “There are many areas,” he says, “One being our family values—ways to bring our people back as one family, to make decisions together, live and work together, celebrate together. It takes unified action to help all three tribes, as we are confederated here as the Warm Springs Nation. It takes a lot of patience and humility.”

Council is able to serve the community members best when the eight elected members of the three districts are working together, to move forward in a positive way with whatever is before the tribes—from the budget, to events, daily operations, and the tribes’ livelihood, Mr. Calica says. Also: To protect the foods, water and resources, and look forward to future generations to keep the culture of the tribes’ alive in the best way possible.

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Spring Break with Recreation

Warm Springs Recreation is hosting Spring Break activities this week at the Community Center.

Recreation will have the Spring Time Bash with fun games, spring crafts, and light snacks and treats, this Friday, March 25 starting at 2 p.m.

The bash will be at the Community Wellness Center courtyard. It's a chance to test your skills at stamp rockets—How high can they go?

There will be prizes, yard games and lots of laughs.

The Family and Youth Health Fair is this Wednesday, March 23 at the Community Center. Check out the opportunities to gain physical endurance and strength with Wellness Coordinator Jennifer Robbins.

The Fitness Coordinator Joe Arthur will host a fitness session on motor skills, and Fire and Safety will have information on fire prevention.

The police department will hold the bike rodeo; and you visit with the Indian Health Services Patient Experience Specialist Shawnetta Yahtin.

By appointment you can get a free eye examination, sponsored by Casey Eye Institute.

Contact Warm Springs Optometry for an appointment, 541-553-1196.

The Bike Rodeo is at 2 p.m this Wednesday, March 23.

This will be at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center parking lot. Call Recreation at 541-553-3243 for more information. Ask for Carol.

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