

More letters to the editor. . . Smith seeking write-in votes

Dear Tribal Members,

I definitely will seek election to the Tribal Council from the Agency District as a write-in candidate.

Some tribal members believe that the Council took appropriate action to do away with the write-in candidates on the Agency District ballot. This is not true. The Council did not take action on Ordinance No. 44 which covers election matters. Nor did the Agency District voters. No resolution or ordinance was acted upon; no official motion was even made. The Seekseequa and the Simnasho Districts are accepting write-in candidates which shows inconsistency with the Tribal Council

members. Such an issue as the election procedure is an important matter and should be addressed properly as stated in the Constitution which says that an attempt should be made to have the full Council's participation in important matters. No such attempt was made, and since the Council did not take appropriate action, Chief Nelson Wallatum's opinion is only that. As a tribal member, I feel that my rights have been violated or an attempt to violate them has been made.

If I should be lucky enough to win the election, I intend to pursue this matter through the fullest legal procedures to ensure that my individual tribal rights are not violated. This is

one of the main reasons I wish to be a Tribal Council member: to help our Tribes to become better organized for the benefit of the people. If elected, I intend to:

Improve Tribal Council communications with the people by providing adequate information and clear answers to the peoples' concerns;

Establish and support a training and employment policy beneficial to tribal members and understood by tribal members. Presently, we do not have a well-understood policy on employment and it is difficult to work under these conditions. If we are to truly govern ourselves, then tribal members must learn to make decisions that involve and train

tribal members to become qualified in all types of jobs including management and supervisory jobs as an overall objective. This will take years, but we must begin to take some definite action soon.

We must be able to tell tribal members how they may fit into the tribal organization or tell them they will not fit into the tribal organization. It is too difficult to tell the truth? I think we must level with our tribal members.

It appears that the tribal organization respects and listens only to consultants, yet they have not solved our problems in the human services department because of the need to understand peoples' problems on the grass roots

level, and for the grass roots people to understand their own problems. We need written policy and procedures to hire consultants and set up a procedure to learn from them. At the present time, we have no clearly understood procedures on how we are to use consultants.

I believe that some of the Tribal Council's business involves minor issues that could be taken care of by some administrator. These are just a few of my concerns.

On the Agency ballot, space is provided for a write-in candidate. Please write in my name: **Lloyd G. Smith, Sr.**

Sincerely,
Lloyd G. Smith, Sr.

Your vote is important

Tribal Members:

With Tribal Council member elections coming on Friday, April 1, I would like to encourage each of you to vote. This is **your** reservation and governing body. Whoever you choose to vote for will represent you for the next three years in making their decisions. Their decisions will affect you, the reservation, and the future.

Many tribal members have not been satisfied with some of past Council's decisions. This is your right and privilege as a tribal member of whom Council is to represent. Also, it is your right and privilege to vote for the candidates you feel would best represent you, the reservation, and issues to be dealt with. In the past, when attending General Council meetings and District meetings, many tribal members have expressed concerns, questions, and disagreement to Tribal Council. Many times we have

heard, "you are the ones that elected us." If you, as Tribal Members, are not satisfied with this answer or past Council's representation of you, this is your time to do something about it. Vote!

And vote for those that you feel will benefit this reservation and we the people. Look into

their past achievements, accomplishments, stands or risks they are campaigning to take, and their ability to communicate in keeping you informed. This is your reservation and your time to do what you feel is right.

Pinky Beymer

Grandson was special

My Beloved Grandson:

If you ever had a Grandson like mine, "Whose personality was special and had a smile for everyone he met, you would know what I mean.

I was very proud of everything he did, little or small.

If you ever had a Grandson like mine...

Grandmother of Alex Jr.
Mrs. Wilson LaMere

We would like to thank all the relatives, and elders for their beautiful prayers, songs, and their support and concern. We appreciate the way the service was conducted.

From

All the LaMere Family

Wapato, Washington
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Calica vying for hospital seat

To the voters,

The main reason I am running for a seat on the Mt. View Hospital board of directors is that I feel that we need a representative on the board from our community. We also need better community understanding of what the hospital offers and we need to work on improving the relationship with Warm Springs.

I feel, also, that we need to make Warm Springs feel that Mt. View is their community resource. Since Warm Springs is involved and using the hospital, I feel Warm Springs should have representation.

I would like to see improved financial viability and programs offered to enable

hospital employees to better understand cultural and traditional ways, healing, diet, Indian's attitudes toward illness and their reaction to grief.

In working as a community liaison with school district 509-J, I have found similar needs, whether they be in Warm Springs, Madras or Metolius—those needs all fit together.

Because PHS and employee health insurance through the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs provides a large financial assistance to the local hospital, I feel the board is in need of a person with constructive input for the community of Warm Springs.

I encourage you all to vote. If you registered, please do so,

your vote can make a difference.

I will represent Warm Springs diligently and consider the needs of all Jefferson County residents.

Sincerely,
Marie Calica
Candidate

Mt. View Hospital Board

Editor's Note: Twelve names will appear on the March 29 hospital board ballot. So as not to split the vote, three of these people, Jerry Huff, Bob Jackson and Robert Lowry, are encouraging voters to cast their ballots for candidates other than themselves.

Tanewasha seeks board seat

To the Editor,

My interest in being elected to the hospital board lies in the direction of improving communication between the hospital board and the Warm Springs community in general. I would also seek to improve relations among Mt. View Hospital providers, the Indian Health Service and the Tribe.

As a member of the hospital

board I would see myself in an advocacy roll being concerned that quality care is given to the Indian people.

I will focus on some of the cultural differences I have observed including the language barrier, nutrition and what I feel is the insensitivity towards the involvement of the extended families when a family member is hospitalized.

Teddy Tanewasha

Untruths hurt many

To the People,

I would like to take this time to clarify something. Whatever has happened between me and my brother in the past, should in no way, affect my family, my brothers in-laws or my in-laws. Whatever happened was between us and no one else.

In the future, situations such

as this should not affect our personal and family relationships with either side of the two families.

I would like to apologize to those who have been hurt by these misunderstandings and untruths.

Sincerely,

Richard and LaDonna Moody

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