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Largest turnout noted at '86 elections

Radio air time, campaign posters scattered throughout the community and a record turnout made this year's Tribal Council elections different than any other in the history of tribal government. The April 3 election saw 690 local voters cast their ballots at the polls in addition to 217 absentee ballots, constituting a 68 percent turnout.

Elected in the Agency District were Bruce "Mickey" Brunoe, Sr., Zane Jackson and Rita Squiemphen. Elected from the Seekseequa District were Ellen Johnson and Karen Wallulatum. Harold Culpus and Olney Patt, Sr., were elected from Simnasho.

The Simnasho vote resulted in a tie between incumbent Delbert Frank, Sr., and Janice Clements. There will be a runoff between Frank and Clements April 29 to determine who will occupy the third Simnasho seat.

Agency District voters cast 97 votes for Levi Bobb, 43 for Maria Calica, 113 for Daisy Ike, 173 for Zane Jackson, 36 for Nathan Jim, Sr., 56 for Buford Johnson, Jr., 110 for Bernice Mitchell and 62 for Alvis Smith, Sr.

Claude Smith, Sr., received 125 votes, Lloyd Smith, Sr., received 111 votes, Raymond Gene Smith received 28 votes, Rita Squiemphen received 131 votes, Delton Switzler received 77 votes and Louie Pitt, Jr., received 88 votes.

Agency District write-in votes included 164 for Bruce Brunoe, Sr., 46 for Eugene Greene, Sr., six for William Katchia, four for Charles Jackson, four for Cyrus Katchia and one each for Zelma Smith, Ralph Minnick, Louise K. Jackson, Gerald Smith, Lupe Torres, Pat Curly Smith, Cassie Katchia and Charles Nathan.

Simnasho District voters cast 86 votes for Charles Calica, 130



Bruce Brunoe, Sr.



Zane Jackson



Rita Squiemphen



Ellen Johnson



Karen Wallulatum

for Janice Clements, 164 votes for Harold Culpus, 92 for Kathleen Foltz, 130 for Delbert Frank, Sr., 41 for Raymond Moody, 148 for Olney Patt, Sr., and 60 for Sylvester Sahme, Sr.

Simnasho write-in votes included 23 for Grant Waheneka, 22 for Earl Squiemphen, 3 for Eugene Greene, Sr. and two for Levi Bobb. Those receiving one vote each were Gregory Charley, Pierson Mitchell, Kate Jackson, Calvin Queahpama, Alvis Smith, Sr., Dennis Starr, Neda Wesley, Amos Simtustus, Jr. and Bruce Brunoe, Sr.

Seekseequa voters cast 13 votes for Margie Earl, 25 for Vernon Henry, 27 for Geraldine Jim, 36 for Ellen Johnson, 17 for Walter Quinn, 21 for Patricia Tulee and 31 for Karen Wallulatum. Wilson Wewa, Jr. received four write-in votes and Henry Palmer received one write-in vote.



Olney Patt, Sr.



Harold Culpus

Apportionment meeting set for April 24

At the request of many community members seeking more understanding of apportionment the Warm Springs Education Committee and Tribal Council has organized an educational meeting on that subject. The meeting, set for April 24, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The biggest concern, explain committee members, is the unfamiliarity voiced by tribal members who seek more knowledge and understanding of this section in the Constitution and By-Laws.

In an effort to provide answers for all questions, legal counsel will be present. Attorney Charles Wilkenson has been invited to attend the meeting because of

his expertise on the treaty, the Wheeler-Howard Act and the Constitution and By-Laws.

Input from the elders on the traditional and historical ways of selecting council members is encouraged and the meeting will be officially documented.

Apportionment is not a "black and white issue" explains Education Committee chairman Sal Sahme. There are political ramifications that would be created with apportionment and many unanswered questions, all needing discussion. "The Committee's intent is to provide the best information to the people to make the best choice with clear understanding of the ramifications and impact."

Acid rain a "double threat"

Tim Wapato, Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, recently, urged Oregon Commission Ron Wyden to support speedy passage of acid rain legislation in Congress. Wapato, speaking at a Portland, Oregon, roundtable discussion arranged by Wyden, called acid rain "a double threat to Pacific Northwest fisheries."

"Acid rain can hurt Northwest

fisheries in two ways. First, of course, acid rain and snow threaten water quality and that, in turn, threatens our vital and now-rebuilding fishery resource. This is a real threat: the natural chemistry of Cascade and Rocky Mountain lakes makes them much more vulnerable to acidification than lakes in the Northeast U.S. and Canada.

"But just as important," Wapato continued, "acid rain

poisons this country's relationship with Canada and we've learned from painful experience that Canada will vent its anger with the U.S. through its fishery policies—including especially the Pacific salmon fisheries.

"It was just over a year ago that we signed the Pacific Salmon Treaty with Canada. Those of us who work with it know that the treaty is a delicate victory and its ultimate success will

depend on the good will of both nations. If this country won't do what it takes to solve the transboundary acid rain problem, we'd better expect the Canadians to retaliate in part, at least, through the Pacific salmon fishery. I'm quite sure the Canadians will use every bit of leverage they've got.

"Now, as important as it is to solve the acid rain problem, it is equally important to ensure that the costs of doing so fall on the right shoulders. The Pacific Northwest should not be asked to pay the costs of cleaning up midwest and eastern utilities. Hydroelectric power absolutely should be exempt from any clean-up fee.

"I urge Congressman Wyden to support acid rain legislation that protects Pacific Northwest fisheries. We must not acidify our own waters and we should not allow local and regional fish management to be complicated by the midwest's acid rain production." Wapato closed his comments by stressing that "Ron Wyden can count on our help to solve this critical problem."



Rex Robinson makes a voting decision at the polls during Tribal Council election April 3.

REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE APRIL 24

If you're not registered by April 24, you will not be able to vote in the Secretarial Election on Apportionment May 15.

Contact the Superintendent's office for further information.

Prescribed burning begins

Spring prescribed burning sessions have begun on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Fire is a naturally-occurring phenomenon in the range and forest ecological systems. Through fire suppression efforts, Fire Management has interrupted this natural process causing forest residue (slash) to build up, ponderosa pine establishment to decrease, and foreign plant species to gain a foothold.

Each year at this time, the Warm Springs Fire Management section introduces fire under controlled conditions to selected forest locations on the Reservation. This "prescribed" fire is to return the ponderosa pine stands of the Reservation back to their

natural state.

While the short-term effect is unsightly with smoke for two to three days per burn and brown needles for one to two years, it will be vastly outweighed by the positive long-term improvement.

The primary reasons for burning are to enhance commercial timber establishment and growth, improve livestock forage, improve wildlife forage and habitat, reduce brush competition with trees, control undesirable tree species and reduce fire hazards.

The Confederated Tribes have reviewed the 1986 burn areas. A five-year prescribed burning plan is in the process of being developed for Tribal Council approval.