

Paiute Chief to be chosen January 19

Members of the Seekseequa District held a meeting on December 2, 1986 to nominate people to fill the vacant position as Chief of the Paiute Tribe.

The individuals who were nominated and accepted their nominations are Vernon Henry, Wendell Jim, Raymond Johnson, Jr., Karen Wallulatum, and Wilson Wewa, Jr. In addition to these people, each nominee will select a person to run as sub-chief. The sub-chief would assume the duties of the chief in case of any circumstance that would prevent their continuance in the role of chief.

All eligible voters of the Seekseequa District are urged to support the candidate of their choice in this important election. The nominee elected will be a lifetime representative of the Paiute tribe in important policy and decision making that will affect the entire tribe in all areas of politics and tribal government. Election day has been set for January 19.

of each candidate qualifications or statements. Raymond Johnson, Jr., was unavailable for comment or picture.

Vernon Henry

"I, Vernon Henry, am running for the the Paiute Chief of the Seekseequa District. I am presently serving on the Land Use Committee, LHA Board and Economic Development Committee for the Affiliated Tribes. I have served on Tribal Council from 1983 to 1986.

I feel that the person elected as the Paiute Chief should be able:

- 1. To be assertive but not aggressive.
- 2. To distinguish what a person is saying, not how they are saying it.
- 3. To accept criticism.
- 4. To be open and sincere, and willing to be stand corrected.

I still stick by my statement when I was running for council. I feel that tribal members moving into managerial positions are not ready because they take things too personally. That tribal employees



Vernon Henry

should submit a test at the Warm Springs clinic from the Chairman of the Tribal Council, to the entry level person at random selections. I feel that the people are not being dictated to, that we are a true form of democracy. Let the people pick their best choice for the Paiute Chief.

I have five children and seven grandchildren, which are all enrolled tribal members."

Wendell Jim

Wendell Jim has resided in Warm Springs for all but six years of his life which were spent attending college and working. Mr. Jim is a graduate of Washington State University in Pullman, Washington where he majored in Bi-Lingual Studies.

Wendell believes his major strength is being considered as chief of the Paiute Tribe is his natural leadership ability. He started playing sports in Little League baseball as the catcher, a position which



Wendell Jim

requires leadership and decision-making skills. In high school he was a letterman in baseball and elected captain of the football team. He also served as president of the Madras High School Native American club. At Washington State University he was president of their Native American Club and was active with student council for four years.

He is presently employed with the Prosecution department for the tribe and has a thorough understanding and knowledge of the laws and policies that govern the tribe.

Wendell also feels it is to his advantage to have lived both the traditional Indian life on the reservation and experienced life off the reservation. He learned to plan and budget money and to better understand the world on the outside.

Wendell believes some of the tribes major concerns are in education. He feels that District 509-J is lacking in a curriculum emphasizing

ing Indian values and traditions such as dance, language, literature, history and art. The Tribe also should have more people on the Board of Education because Warm Springs comprises a significant portion of the population in the school district and they need a stronger voice in decision making regarding our education.

The Tribe also needs to educate not only our people but people on the outside. They need to realize Indian sovereignty and learn that Indians are not dependent on federal funding and that they no longer live in teepees as many assume. Indians also need to utilize educated people in the areas they specialized in at college. He also feels that managers are making decisions in areas they are unfamiliar with. They need to go to the program people to see if changes are required.

Another concern is to follow the tribal policies as they are written. A prime example would be tribal member preference in hiring. And after being hired they can be given the opportunity to show what they can do, to learn from their mistakes, and not get called on the carpet when they do make a mistake.

Also, the tribes need to emphasize keeping our traditions and culture alive. The people have to register and vote for there is strength in numbers. As a Bi-Lingual major in Spanish Wendell learned how the Chicano population got involved in politics and government and believes that Indians, Warm Springs in particular, can and should become more involved in decision making. In conclusion, he feels that what he got from education is common sense and that his abilities would allow him to more than ably fill the role as Chief of the Paiute Tribe.

Karen Wallulatum

"I, Karen Wallulatum, am 4/4 Paiute and I am the fourth generation of Chief Oitz. I am thankful to have been able to walk with and listen to the teachings of some people who lived in Malheur and other



Karen Wallulatum

people who lived and talked with my grandfather Oitz. With this I would want to revive and promote the traditions of our people.

I have had twenty years involvement in tribal government. Previously, I sat on Tribal Council and was employed by the Credit Department. The committees I served on include the Credit Committee, Health and Welfare, Culture and Heritage and the Constitutional Amendments Committee. My training in tribal government began when Raymond Johnson, Sr. helped to appoint and groom me for these positions.

Further, I would like to express my gratitude to the people for their support through the years. I plan to continue to strive toward doing all I can for my people and the reservation."

Wilson Wewa, Jr.

Wilson Wewa, Jr. is a lifetime resident of Warm Springs. He has worked six years with the Tribal Senior Citizens Program. Wilson believes that by working with the elders and young people he has the trust and respect of people



Wilson Wewa, Jr.

from all age groups.

He is active and outspoken at General Council meetings and believes he speaks for the good of the people. He wants to see what is being done in Tribal Council and then inform the people as to what is happening. Wilson believes tribal members do not get involved mainly because they are not kept informed.

He also sees a need to simply communicate. People often do not understand what is being said during public meetings and he believes he has the ability to bridge that gap of misunderstanding. One way he can do this is to visit the people right at their homes to get their feelings and opinions.

Wilson's post high school education has been in the field of health. He is involved with Washat and has received a great amount of teaching from the elders in tribal culture and values and feels he can use this knowledge as chief and be able to pass these teachings on to the young people.

He would like to see the tribe develop more jobs for the people and would like to travel to other reservations to compare our progress with theirs. In closing, he would like to see the tribe advance forward, but not at too fast a pace.

Young women urged to seek title

Young women, ages 18-25 years of age... are you looking for a relief from the everyday doldrums of life? Reach for something positive and exciting which can be a once in a lifetime chance. It entails traveling and meeting new people while representing your culture, tribe and and reservation. Sign-up now for the Miss Warm Springs pageant competition which will be held Tuesday, December 30 at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the pageant will start at 7 p.m.

Each December, a new Miss Warm Springs is selected to represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs throughout the year at a number of social and business functions. Young enrolled females are being sought by the Miss Warm Springs Committee for the upcoming contest.

Miss Warm Springs XIII, Lana Shike, extends an invitation to single, never married women who have no dependants and who have resided on the reservation to join in the pageant.

It is important that all girls who are interested in competing in the pageant have their applications in to the committee by December 26,

stated Anna Clements, Miss Warm Springs coordinator. The committee needs time to prepare the gifts that are given to the girls.

If there are some girls who would like to compete but are unsure just what to do in the talent portion of the competition they should contact Anna at 553-1161, ext. 290. There are a number of ideas that perhaps have not been thought of. In the national competition girls have read poetry, told legends, performed special dances of their tribe, demonstrated their beadwork, sewing and other crafts. Anna advises girls not to be held back because they fear not having a special talent.

Contestants will be judged on their appearance, personality, poise and a three to five minute talent presentation. The talent can be a choice of either modern or traditional. Also judged will be dancing abilities and interviews with the judges. Girls will also have to give a short speech.

Application forms may be picked up at the Tribal Council office and the Culture and Heritage department. If you have any questions you may contact one of the committee members, Anna Clements, Dorothy "Pebbles" Smith or Trudee Clements.



Lana Shike, 1986 Miss Warm Springs, encourages young women to participate in upcoming Miss Warm Springs competition.

Cold weather survival is topic

The newly organized Search and Rescue team will learn Cold Weather Survival at the next meeting, January 7, which will be held in the Forestry Management Training office, at 6:30 p.m. Interested people should contact the Fire and Safety department at 553-1161, ext. 208.

The team is composed mostly of community volunteers. A person completing the training program will become certified by the state of Oregon. Topics to be covered during training will be first aid, radio communications, search patterns, outdoor survival, crime scene security, man tracking, local policy, requirements for certification as well as learning to read maps and compasses.

Hypothermia, a subnormal temperature of the body, each year claims

uninhabited can become a victim of hypothermia.

It isn't enough for a search and rescue person to find the victim, he/she must be able to recognize the symptoms of hypothermia and have some knowledge of first aid.

the lives of people who went into the snow country unprepared. In Warm Springs each year search parties have to be organized for people who have not been able to get back to their vehicles before night sets in. So far, there have not been any deaths attributed to hypothermia with local people. A hunter who does not return to his vehicle, the person who goes out into the woods to cut wood or any person who goes into areas that are

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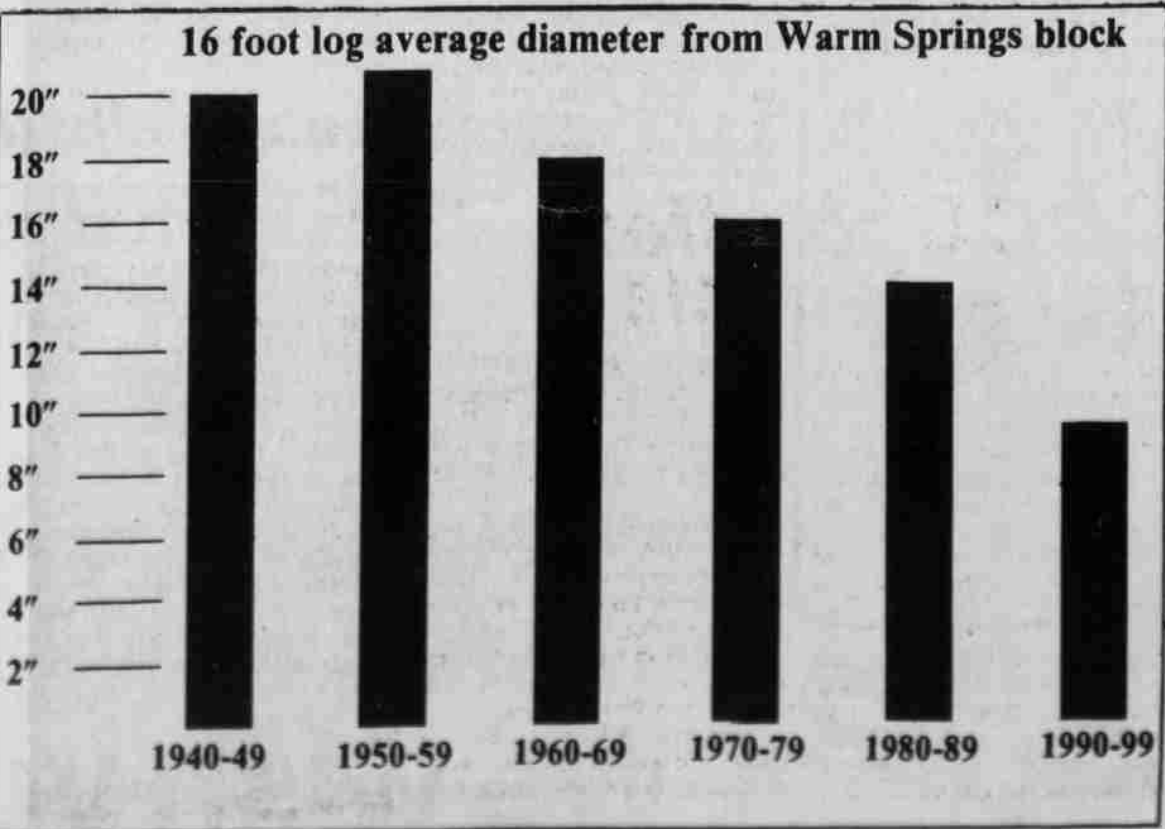
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Flathead reservation have proved promising and may prove satisfactory on the Warm Springs reservation. Larger diameter, faster growing trees have been produced. With proper management and optimal conditions the stands will be more vigorous. "The growth potential is here," said Portland area forester Cliff Reed.

But "maybe there are other things that you want," said George Smith. If other resources are to be considered the data base is available to work out those calculations.

At the request of Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson these calculations will be made. BIA forestry and area officers along with tribal administrators, mill management and tribal natural resources representatives will meet to determine costs for various alternatives with consideration for resources.

Costs for converting the mill to a small log operation will also be determined with information being returned to Tribal Council at the end of January. "We would like to know the monetary effect of doing one thing or another," says Jackson.



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