



Stanley "Buck" Smith

I feel really honored for the opportunity to serve you. I'd like to thank all of you who voted for me last time. I'm trying to do a good job, the best I can do.

Dereke Tasymp

My dear people, greetings and goodwill. I am Sloutia/Tasymp, English name Dereke Tasymp (Tyrone Ike). As a nominee to be one of three representatives for the Agency District I am honored to present to you, why my appointment would be good for our people.

Many circumstances have placed our Confederated Tribes in a dire situation. Our community problems, organizational problems, our country's economic state, our tribes' economic state and implications from a conservative government. We need a Council which will lead by example via cooperation amongst the three districts and requiring such at the executive level, between the branches and departments, and between our enterprises.

We have too many Chiefs, in a sense, and everyone (the people, Council, the boards, the enterprises and the organization) needs to contribute to the wellness of our people and community. No single body, branch or department is going to wave a magic wand and solve our problems. We the people need to step up and not only complain, but offer solutions and then contribute to those solutions. Our government needs to learn how to listen to its people, not react to paper articles or to people who do not live here. We've come this far together, let's continue forward together as Indian people.

I was fortunate enough to be



raised traditionally and to gain at least somewhat of an education. I learned how to read in our constitution and by-laws, our tribal, state and federal laws, because my mom was an officer of our Tribal Court. I grew up in these books. While growing up, I learned from my parents, Pushas, Tillas, Ullas, Cuxlas and other leaders, like Olney Patt Sr., Linton Winishut, Delbert Frank Sr. and Chief Wallulatum, some history of our people, governance, reservation and ceded areas. I have worked in the legal field most of my professional life, with a substantial experience in the business field when I was recruited as a collections officer/supervisor to help turn our Credit Department around because they had too much bad debt. I also did a stint at our former bread and

butter, the Warm Springs mill. Throughout my career, I've accepted or been placed in jobs no one else wanted or could do. Thus far, thanks to good mentoring and hard work, I've been successful. I was in college and was recruited back to Public Safety shortly after the snakebite incident. Now I am your Chief Prosecutor. I don't claim to be a politician, but have been pretty successful at lobbying for good causes. My activities for our community have been: former president of the Veterans Day Powwow, a founding member for the Affordable Housing Program with Marcia Soliz (she did most of the work, I was just one of her idea guys), helped form our Credit Department into an enterprise (which has become very successful), provided testimonial input for

our Child Abuse and Neglect Manual, and I continue to support our local youth activities.

As a tribal member, I hope the people make an educated vote when appointing people to represent them. Since Council members are responsible for our tribes' spiritual, physical and financial well being, the people should choose members who do not have bad debts or records with the tribes. Before managing the people's finances, a representative should demonstrate the character, ethics and financial responsibility with his/her own money.

It's important to have representatives who will listen to their people and employees who address issues at the front lines. And, my dear people, when we complain about a problem, let's provide a solution! Let's quit living in a world of negativity, thievery, drugs or bad politics and forge ahead to success together, as a people, by capitalizing on our positive traits as a people and community. We've got to beat the adverse effects of Anglo-ism, by strengthening our roots and educating our people.

Our cultural identity has pulled us through termination and assimilation periods. There has to be a good mix in order for us to be successful. As a member of your Council, this would be my goal. We can't bank on a new casino forever, we've got to find new revenues and resources for our future generations. Our resources are in our people. Thank you and vote well.



Rita Squiemphen

Parenting class starting

There will be a parenting class provided by Warm Springs starting Wednesday, March 31, at the Community Counseling Center. This will be an eight-week session every Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Classes will be on the top floor in the conference room of

the Counseling Center. Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Child care is still being determined.

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