

# Seekseequa District Candidates

## Myra Johnson Orange

It is an honor to be nominated for one of two positions in the Tribal Council for the Seekseequa district. My voice could be small, but meaningful to the people of our district and for the tribes as a whole. Meaningful, in that I believe we would need to work developing communication skills within Tribal Council and then have the ability to transfer that skill to working with the people of Warm Springs.

Communication is important to having our people have a voice in decisions that



will strengthen our people and community. We need to encourage our young people to vote and then to follow up with listening to their ideas and input. There are many issues that

our tribes face; health care, meth addictions, gang activities, economic growth, jobs, elder/youth initiatives, loss of language/culture, building strong family units, public safety, new school, education, housing, federal relationships, and others I may have missed.

I know that if elected that I would be one of 11 to work on these community concerns and that as one individual I could only do the best job possible given the situation of the moment.

Thank you and I wish the best to all the other nominees.

**Myra Johnson Orange.**

## Brenda Scott

To my people or to my Seekseequa voters:

I have an understanding of how our Tribal Government functions, having served on Tribal Council and our executive committees before.

We have organic documents we use as a tool. Some of these are the Treaty of 1855, The Constitutions and By-laws, and many more documents that help us.

We need to further our Tribal Council goals. Every year the Tribal Council holds a priorities workshop and puts our goals in order as to what is the most important to our people. Examples include:

1. Financial stability/economic development
2. Public safety
3. Youth development
4. Sovereign status
5. Culture and traditions
6. Tribal Council government operations
7. Resource management
8. Community development/housing
9. Essential government services

We can't do all the above if we are not healthy people who are fortunate enough to have a full-time job that provides health insurance. A growing concern to many people is access to adequate and affordable health care. This has been an ongoing issue for a long time now and



seems to be getting worse.

Part-time workers and the ones who don't have jobs just can't afford to buy insurance. So many people receive inadequate or no health care unless they are seriously ill. But in the meantime our people suffer in silence.

This brings us to the discussion of no jobs. How are we going to deal with this concern? These past two years Julie Quaid put together a program to partner up with outside businesses like Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort. This business provided jobs for our people. Julie helped provide the transportation to the work site 55 miles off the reservation.

So this project worked out well for those willing to work a very long day. Another project was providing transportation to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino for our summer youth workers. Julie and Janell Smith teamed up again to make possible more summer jobs for our youth. We have to make

positive things happen and not just talk!

There has been a great concern as to which direction our Tribes are moving. So many of our people are very worried about the financial situation we are experiencing at this point in time. We have been told there is going to be a million plus dollars cut from the 2008 budget, with no additional revenue in sight. This is going to negatively impact our people. So we have to find alternatives and solutions to make the tribal budget work to meet the basic needs of everyone.

The morale of our people is very low at this time. We really need to uplift the spirits of our people, and try harder to help in any way we can, so that we can all have a better quality of life now and for future generations.

I believe we all have hopes and dreams for our future. As a Tribal Council candidate, I am sure we will all work towards that goal. But most importantly we all have to work closely together, as a governing body, to address our membership's concerns. Our future is based upon the decisions we make today and I would like to request your support in being involved in making decisions on your behalf as a Tribal Council representative.

Seekseequa district member,  
**Brenda Scott**

## Julie Quaid

### Background

I am the third born of eight children of Fred "Buddy" Kalama and Jean Halfmoon Danzuka. My stepfather was Sammy Danzuka. All my parents and grandparents are now deceased, but have left many relatives to carry on the family name. My sisters are Judy Kalama, Margie Kalama and Celeste Whitewolf, and my brothers are Gilbert, Frances, Carl and Simon Kalama. I have a half brother in Pendleton and his name is Michael Johnson. I have many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, step-relations and in-laws from the Kalama, Moses, Danzuka, and Mitchell families. I have close and distant relatives in Pendleton, Lapwai and Nisqually.

I grew up in the Elliot Heights neighborhood and attended Madras and Warm Springs elementary schools. I was moved to the Mt. Hood area when I was 12 years old when my parents were divorced. During my childhood I spent time with my father learning how to ride horses and bale hay and I helped my mom do laundry the old fashioned way with a wringer washer and clothesline. Both my parents attended Chemawa Board School and always emphasized the importance of not just learning every life skills, but using education as an opportunity to support yourself and your family. My stepfather was a master tree faller and ran his own business. Because of his remarkable knowledge and experience in the reservation woods, all us children learned how to fish, hunt, camp and appreciate and respect the outdoors—maybe not all of us: my older sisters found jobs to get out of camping.

I had my first job when I was 13 years old. I cut and bundled kindling for 75 cents an hour. I worked at the old Snow Bird drive-in in Rhododendron (now it's a Dairy Queen) and worked at the Ski Bowl in Government Camp. My little brothers and sister knew I always had money stashed somewhere.

I graduated from Sandy High School and moved back to the reservation to live with my father. I attended Mt. Hood Community College for one year then returned to Warm Springs and married. After growing up some more and working at Macy's store



with Dan and Priscilla, Waldren and Ernie, and Shirley and Pat, I decided to pursue my dream of becoming a high school teacher. I returned to MHCC and earned an associate's of science degree. I transferred to Lewis & Clark College and after three years of liberal studies, earned a bachelor and master degree and teaching certificate and again returned to the reservation.

After graduation, I held only part-time jobs as an Alternative Education Teacher, substitute teacher, Spilyay Tymoo reporter, and Cub Scout leader.

Then Coty Soules, 24 years ago, recruited me to work as a Parent/Health/Disabilities Coordinator in the Head Start program. She asked that I improve my knowledge of early childhood education so sent me to The Bank Street College of Education in New York City where I completed a master of education administration degree. Since then, my career is devoted to designing and promoting quality education, employment, and community services for children and families on the reservation.

### Issues I Care About

Throughout my life and work, I was taught to respect people no matter their education, job or lifestyle. I was expected to always do my best no matter the conditions, hardships, or drawbacks and that patience is necessary to reach long term goals. My parents demonstrated that we treat people, especially the helpless, with compassion and dignity. I played a lot of team sports and learned early that rules are to be followed so the game is played fair and square and that more games are won by a team effort than by an individual performance. I learned that I am the only person responsible for my actions and take full responsibility for what I do and say.

Today, I believe that our human resource is the greatest untapped and neglected re-

source on the reservation. I am concerned about the loss of and lack of full-time jobs with benefits for our families and the hopelessness created when families struggle to make ends meet. Families without a steady income or health insurance run the risk of no health care or limited care from the Indian Health Service.

Today, I would like to see improvements in the way our tribal government serves the tribal membership. We need to focus our best efforts on meeting the basic needs of every enrolled man, woman and child. This includes not just quality, affordable and accessible health care, but also quality, affordable child care for working families; and full-time employment with benefits.

Today, the Tribal Council, managers, enterprises and membership need to work together honestly and earnestly to determine what services are essential and deserving of tribal dollars. Efforts must be made to use tribal funds to leverage non-tribal dollars to fill service gaps, without taking a big cut off the top for indirect costs.

Today, the tribal government needs updated policies, ordinances and resolutions. We need administrative and contracting rules that promote local tribal businesses. We need to determine if the tribal organizational structure exists to serve the membership or serve itself. We need to fully understand how political decisions negatively impact our financial security and instead make sound business decisions.

Tomorrow, our children's future, needs to be stable and predictable. Everyone has a right to feel safe and secure at home, at work, in our community. The responsibility to ensure the happiness and health of everyone in our community is one I take very seriously. I hope that you will consider all the Tribal Council nominees, from all the districts and imagine creating a positive, courageous, progressive, compassionate, honest and dignified group of people who always put your interests before their own.

Thank you very much for listening to my story and I respectfully request your support for service on the Tribal Council for the Seekseequa District.

**Julie Quaid.**

## Wendell Jim

I ask for your vote to elect me as your new Tribal Council representative. All eligible tribal members should vote to make a choice for qualified leaders to represent "you and all the people."

Family: parents Wilfred, Sr. and Geraldine W. Jim; sister Mona Jim; brothers Wilfred Jr. "Manny", Maynard and Cyril Jim, "Bird" and "Daffy" Windyboy; son Douglas M. Jackson; grandchildren Tika and Mato.

Employment experience has provided me the skills and knowledge to become a successful leader: learning our Tribal Code, comprehensive planning, recording oral histories, documenting off-reservation lands and learning from our tribal elders strengthened my leadership skills.

General Manager, Education branch—current position 12 years; Director, Culture and Heritage Department; Planner, Tribal Planning Department; Assistant Prosecutor, Tribal Prosecutor's Office. Boards—Oregon Indian Education Association,



former president; Northwest Indian Head Start; Washington State University; University of Oregon; Oregon State University—Cascades campus; American Distance Education Consortium; Tribal/State government to government; Affiliated Tribes Northwest Indian.

Education: Graduated, Madras Union High School; Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, Washington State University.

In my tribal leadership role, I encourage the tribal members to realize the importance of blending both Indian/Formal Education and what it can mean to their future. I emphasize the importance of not straying from

the wisdom, knowledge and the teachings of the "old ways" — traditional Indian laws.

Other interests: I played on five Jefferson County baseball all-star teams, winning a state championship and state runner-up. In high school, I earned football and baseball all-conference and all state honors. I played 20 years semi-pro baseball and managed the "Warriors" fast pitch team for 8 years. Today, I have become an avid golfer competing and winning on the Northwest Indian Golf Tour. My son, Douglas, has recently perked my interest in state-of-the-art technology, digitizing my powwow recordings and production of a DVD/CD for the Native American Indian Music Awards.

My vision is to provide quality leadership through honesty, respect, trust and equity; to create a powerful government recognized in Indian Country; to be accountable to the people, compliant with our Constitution and by-laws, Corporate Charter and Tribal Policies.

**Wendell Jim.**

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