

Seekseequa District Candidates

Myra Johnson Orange

It is a great honor and humbling experience to have been nominated for the upcoming Tribal Council elections. I can only make one promise and that would be to work hard to see that our people's words and concerns are heard and to communicate as much as possible to and with the people. To change, revitalize, renew and seek positive outcomes for the tribes will take strong people with strong commitment elected into Tribal Council to work together, for and with the people. And to know that communication is a very important piece of getting feedback from the people to see if the work being done is working in a positive manner that is making a difference for all.

Whoever gets elected into Tribal Council has a huge responsibility in front of them, for we all know Tribal budgets and economy are at an all time low. Tribal Council members must be able to have positive rapport with all government officials, state, tribes and federal, as well as with each other.



They must also be able to read, comprehend, and disseminate all documentation that could make a difference in upholding of our sovereign rights as defined in our 1855 Treaty. We must understand our languages, traditions and cultures are of utmost importance in keeping our sovereignty in place for our children, grandchildren and our future people.

My life has been one of ups and downs as many of our people have faced and still do today. However, I have lived through all the adversities of life and continue to work hard every day to live in a positive manner. I am now retired (partially) af-

ter working 35 years for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, where I educated myself on all the documentation that makes our Tribes who we are today.

I assisted with Senate Bill 690, the State Teacher Certification of Language Teachers, by asking questions of our state lobbyist, Michael Mason.

I have knowledge and understanding of our financial system of the Tribes as well as the management set up and areas of responsibility. Accountability, responsibility, integrity, honesty, and the ability to give and receive positively are the most important qualities that I consider important to me as I continue my journey in life.

Today I thank you all for listening to my words and would respectfully ask for your vote on April 4th to represent the Seekseequa District of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as we continue to strive for unity of all.

Myra Johnson-Orange.

Scott Moses

Greeting Tribal members,

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who has supported me during the last 3 years.

As your District Member of the 25th Council, I have worked well with the other districts unifying our common goals of creating new jobs within the community; creating new revenue sources and becoming more efficient in our government.

I sincerely hope that you will put your trust in us to continue this progression into the 26th Tribal Council.

First priority we addressed, was the Casino location.

In less than one year we moved the Casino into the community of Warm Springs on Highway 26, which has generated more revenue and created over 130 new jobs. This is the speed we



Warm Springs that will help reduce the extremely high unemployment rate on the Reservation.

During tough economic times, the Council has been reducing the Tribes over all "operating budget" each of the last 3 years to address proper money management. And in spite of these reductions, our efforts have created 300 plus new jobs under our tenure. I believe with the right council it is possible to create at least 300 more in the near future.

I encourage the community to vote for results and I will continue pushing for what our reservation needs, in order to move in a positive direction.

I am looking forward and dedicated to serving our district and community for the next three years.

Respectfully,
Scott Moses

want "business" to continue to be developed. This effort helped revive the old "Plaza" which is now full of entrepreneurs and the museum is also seeing more visitors.

I am proud to say the 25th Tribal Council has taken action on getting the K-8 school progressing forward.

This community has long awaited (decades) the arrival of our childrens new school which we should soon see by the Fall of 2014.

We've also established a Small Business Loan program for the Tribal Members to start new business' here in

Wendell Jim

With support, encouragement and endorsement of my relatives, family, friends I am willing to serve and represent Seekseequa district, on the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council. I will maintain open communication and make decisions in the best interest of the people and Tribes.

This is a challenging, difficult time for our Tribes. I believe my experience through my traditional family upbringing, participating in the sacred ceremonies, college education, and work experience and one term on Tribal Council helps make me a qualified candidate. My parents and role models have trained me that: "The adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws pursuant the Indian Reorganization Act in 1938 specifically reserved all powers to the people while delegating certain powers to the Tribal Council."

I've learned that our elders were guided by a strong sense of wisdom, vision, and spiritual commitment to community and people. I will meet and listen to the people's voice; I will continue to learn, respect and apply



what I learned from my elders.

My work style is to listen, do research through our tribal and legislation documents (Constitution and By-Laws, Corporate Charter, Tribal Ordinances, State and Federal legislation and laws), unwritten laws and then make a sound decision. I have testified and represented the CTWS at tribal, state, regional and national associations to protect and make certain our unique tribal sovereignty is accurately represented. I have the diplomatic skills and confidence to write, speak and testify on behalf of the CTWS. I will continue to support our tribal values and sovereignty, while blending together the wisdom, intelligence, and traditional laws

taught-learned by elders.

I am campaigning for positive change, accountability, quality of tribal government, and quality of life for all tribal members. I am dedicated to work, meet and report to all the people on important issues. I will work to restore CTWS back to a competent tribal government: a government that is fair, transparent, with consistent rules; a government in which disputes are fairly dealt with; a government where procedures are professionally followed; a government to implement a strategic plan to increase and generate enterprise revenues; a government that will gain the respect of our people and a government that can get the job done.

As your Tribal Council representative: I will provide quality leadership through dignity, respect, trust, and equality. I am prepared to work hard to create a successful tribal government acknowledged in Indian Country and I will be accountable to the tribal people.

Thank you, Please vote **Wendell J. Jim**, Seekseequa District

Lee Tom

Many of you may know me but some may not. My name is Lee H. Tom. I have been nominated to run for the Twenty-Sixth Warm Springs Tribal Council for the Seekseequa District.

I have lived and resided in the Seekseequa District on the Metolious Bench most of my life, at 5700 Jackson Trail Road.

I attended Warm Springs Boarding School, Madras Junior High, and Chemawa Indian School. I also attended Portland Community College, where I obtained my AAS Degree in Building Technology; Chemeketa Community College to obtain my Building Inspection License, where I also took courses in Building Codes, Business Accounting, Supervisory Training, and I was trained to be a Trainer with the Carpenters Union.

I've worked all my life both off the reservation and in various areas on the reservation, including at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, and the Danzuka, Jackson, and Smith Logging Companies.

I was the Building Inspector for the Tribes,



gies; we too need to be moving in a more positive direction.

• Ensure protection of our Tribal Sovereignty.

• We need to create a safe and healthy community for our children

I believe I can work with all the members of the Tribal Council on the Missions and Goals that are currently in place, as well as new goals to be implemented.

I would like to include tribal members in being a part of solutions that will make things happen. I would like to listen to the concerns of our people. I don't feel that we have had the opportunities to voice our opinions or give input into how and what the tribe does anymore. We need to find ways to work together and be respectful to each other. No one can do it all alone. We need to work in unity to make a difference.

I won't make promises I can't keep but I have told you how I feel and that I think I can do a good job for the Seekseequa District and the tribe as a whole. I will be honest and upfront and represent the people to the best of my ability. Feel free to call me if you want to talk about any of my comments.

worked in Public Utilities and HUD Housing. The last 12 years I spent working for the Carpenters Unions in Oregon, Washington, and Nevada.

Some of my political experience has been being a member of the Range & Ag Committee for six years and the Land Use Planning Committee also for six years.

I feel the time has come for me to step up and try to work for the tribe as a member of the Tribal Council. Some of my concerns and areas I would like to try and make better are:

• The Tribes Financial status. We are in a situation where the out flow of money exceeds the inflow of money.

• We need to get serious with our Economic Development. It seems like many other Tribes are growing financially with simple strate-

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