

Agency District candidates

Susan Guerin



Candidate: Susan Guerin.

Parents: Johnnie and Karen (Wahpat) Guerin.

Grandparents: Phillip Guerin and Bessie (David) Guerin.

Grandparents: Chester Walpat Sr. and Theda (Aguilar) Whalawitsa.

Residence: 50 years in Warm Springs.

Education: Eastern Oregon University (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.)

Employment: Secretary, Firefighter, and Emergency Medical Technician, water truck driver, grader operator.

Business: Chinook International, LLC.

Volunteer: Gymnastic coach (17 years), tutor (10 years), Miss Warm Springs Committee; Our People's Meeting facilitator; American Red Cross.

Boards: North American Indigenous Games Council; Bob Beamon's Golf & Tennis Classic; Team Oregon; Eugene Greene Sr. American Legion Auxiliary No. 48.

Associations: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI); National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

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Tribal Council representatives must serve our members with two-way communications. We are a nation, not a club. We are many, not a few.

To represent adequately, Council must know the conditions, goals, and dreams of our people, of our families and of our businesses. Council must inform us of the issues and then seek our input. Since 1996 I have found my own way to attend ATNI and NCAI just to keep up with the issues, successes, and business models of other tribes. We must follow legislation as it happens so that

we don't make the same mistakes of our past, or that other tribes have made.

CTWS is a member corporation. As such, our members must be kept in the loop and their input sought on corporate issues. Our members possess varied and vast knowledge and experiences. Even the children must be asked what they aspire to become, and then Council must include these in 5, 10, 15, 20, 50 year plans.

In February of 2014, a tribal member was experiencing an unhealthy employment situation that caused me to advocate for tribal member employment rights. Three months later, I asked other tribal members to help organize a weekly meetings, which became known as "Our Peoples' Meeting." There we discussed issues that affect our people, our corporation, and our nation. Not only did we talk, but we actually met each other; some we only knew by face. Together, we asked questions and sought answers. Sometimes we were met with piety or ignored, but eventually our written requests garnered answers, which we used to formulate solutions to our nation's problems. When we were told of harassment on the job, we posted the personnel code related to that issue. When we were told a TM getting passed over for a job, we wrote a letter to the supervisor and to Human Resources citing the policies, resolutions and ordinances that support tribal member preference in hiring.

When we learned of successes, we applauded. In short, we protected and promoted our people. This was and still is a group effort, but I am the designated letter writer and the messenger. Why? Fear of retribution. I am self-employed so this was

not my worry, but it did come with a price. The most personal of all is that some of my family members have stopped talking to me, because in our search for answers, we found that their relative(s) were involved with unacceptable behaviors and dealings that gave non-tribal members preferences, privilege and benefits that tribal members did not have equal access. I am prepared to continue the aggravation for the good of all, and not just for the good of some.

As a member, you will have access to privileged information that we uncovered and is not suitable for publication to the general public. This is business of a personal, corporate, and national nature that must be kept within our sovereign nation. Just contact me.

I accepted the nomination for Council this time to facilitate actual transparency for our members. Our Council must humble themselves and Do The Task. Council hold monthly meetings; bringing issues to the people BEFORE passing resolutions and laws that affect us all. It is the "we" and not the "I" that will propel this nation forward and to greater days. The knowledge of 11 people does not compare to the knowledge base of an entire nation.

I have given you my philosophy, but what about the issues? I promise all our tribal members that I will continue to ask what you want for your families; for your community; for your corporation; for our nation.

I finish with the source of my strength; the Great Creator. Let's make a deliberate decision to entrust the One who created everything! I promise to seek divine guidance—the Creator must be at the head of our nation!

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Jonathan W. Smith Sr.



My name is Jonathan W. Smith Sr., and I am 44 years of age. I am the son of Janice Smith and William Leonard, although I was raised by my grandparents Milan Smith Sr. and Betty David.

I am a proud father of three wonderful children named Jonathan Smith Jr., Callista Smith and Racquel Smith. I am half Warm Springs and half Wasco and have spent most of my life here on the reservation. I am a lifelong treaty rights advocate, fisherman and ceremonial hunter.

I am happy to announce that I am a candidate for the Warm Springs Agency District Tribal Council 2016-2019 Term.

I have served in many capacities for the tribe at the technical level and policy level. Some of my notable achievements have been long-term in nature. My work has taken me through many departments here on the reservation, and I have had the privilege to work with many wonderful people.

When I was a young man fresh out of high school I heard about the Predator Control Program happening along the Columbia River. I decided to apply and ended up getting hired to work. I got to fish for a living as a young adult along the Big River.

An emergency incident happened and I came back home to stay with my family. I ended up working at Warm Springs Composite Products, where I got a lot of my work ethics that I still subscribe to.

I did a term as Safety Committee chairman at Composite Products, and learned about the world of a profit enterprise.

I went to work for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries because I became allergic to the dust at Composite Products. I learned blue collar work ethic of production in a fast-paced enterprise while performing both these jobs.

I operated high tech machinery, power tools and heavy equipment. I learned supervisory skills that became a daily kind of thing.

After seeing another ad for a training position in Natural Resources Fisheries Department, I decided to apply. I discussed it with my family, and moved to Maupin.

This job involved working with state and federal agencies, and required the ability to work with a diverse range of people.

I worked there and became a state certified

Fisheries Technician. I appeared in *The Dalles Chronicle* many times, and became familiar with tribal, state and federal fish management plans in the process.

I was promoted to Assistant Manager of the \$7 million Parkdale Fish Facility, and became familiar with our tribal management policies.

This is where I did a lot of my baseline networking in fisheries with all the tribes, federal and state programs.

After an accident, I moved back to Warm Springs to start Advanced Glass Repair, a local high tech state of the art windshield repair company. We have been in business for over 16 years, and have repaired thousands of windshields.

Some of our clients include the U.S. General Service Administration, the tribal vehicle fleet, the Warm Springs Police Department, Chilkat Enterprises, Warm Springs Fire and Safety Insurance Companies, and hundreds of private car owners.

I started working at the Warm Springs Police Department for a few years as a corrections officer and in the 911 dispatch center.

I learned about tribal laws, policies, codes and criminal social structure. I could not continue working there because of personal injury, so I moved out of that department and applied for the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

I received an acceptance letter, and still remember a former atwai Councilwoman's words. At the swearing in ceremony she told me, "Listen, I voted for you because I believe our young and smart people need a voice, so stand up and be that voice for your generation. And always do the right thing... I see you're a young father, and I'll know you will do those things for your people."

My first year on that term was pretty much a listen and report kind of learning. I became more assertive once I learned my role and the things you should be doing and when you should do them. I became very knowledgeable with our working documents of the legislative side of government.

The next term I became chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Committee because of my knowledge of these documents, policies, procedures and the things we ac-

complished.

I have worked in the Environmental Health Department at Indian Health Service in Warm Springs. During this time period I became very familiar with the federal laws, rules, policies and procedures. I became certified in Hazardous Waste First Responder, Hazardous Waste Operations (Hazwoper), OSHA Site Supervisor for Hazardous Waste Sites, FDA Food Safety Inspections Officer, EPA Building Inspector and disease prevention.

I conducted environmental health and safety inspections for the tribal government and for the Klamath Tribe. I conducted facility inspections, food safety inspections, employee safety inspections, and water program compliance and monitoring as well.

I am now a regular Fish and Wildlife Committee member, and also sit on the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. I have specialized my work on modernizing the Columbia River Treaty, keeping Nestle out of our homeland, protecting our traditional foods, protecting water quality, planning for climate change (climate change adaptability and resilience), preventing oil and coal contamination along the Columbia.

I have focused on housing along the Columbia River, and preserving our traditional way of life.

I am also the chairman of the Land Use Planning Committee. We have done a lot on our committee term for the local community. We have supported the tribes' economic development activities, standardized our metal salvage operations for the tribe, coordinated environmental remediation projects, updated transportation and infrastructure development plans, and worked with federal partners and other tribes. We have worked with ATNI, and focused on ceremonial activities for treaty access sites, joint committee sessions, and treaty and constitution training for new members, and many other things.

I am a true auto-didact sometimes, in that I often read a high volume of books, internet blogs, periodicals, reports, case studies, management and comprehensive plans.

Now that you know a little about me, with the diverse work background and the experience that are grounded with roots here in our community, I know I would serve our people well in the next Tribal Council.

Vote **Jonathan W. Smith** for Agency District!

Casino hosting Relay for Life tourney

Indian Head Casino will host the Relay for Life—Jefferson County 4-person golf scramble tournament in May.

The tourney is set for Saturday, May 21, at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort golf

course.

The entry fee is \$50 per individual, or \$200 for a team (carts not included). \$5 mulligans (two per person); and \$5 four-foot putting string (one per team).

For more information,

contact Willie Stacona at 541-280-3859. The mailing address is Willie Stacona, c/o Indian Head Casino, PO Box 890, Warm Springs, 97761.

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Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 Ext. 7749

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The Crooked River Ranch Spring Fling open golf tournament is coming up on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The entry fee is \$300 per team. This includes two rounds of golf with a cart, lunch on both days, and raffle prizes.

There will be \$5,500 in prize money (based on a field of 60 teams).

For more information, contact Pat Huffer, PGA professional, 5195 SW Clubhouse Rd., Crooked River Ranch. Or call 541-923-6343. The email is: ccrpat@crookedriverranch.com