

Simnasho District candidates

Orthelia Patt

First of all is to thank the Education Committee for bring forth the partnership project between the Tribe and state agencies. Especially the state agency meeting with the school board on the high drop-out rate, suspensions and expulsions.

Thankful the partnership will make efforts to include our Indian languages, and possibly include more meaningful classes for Native American students.



We need to seek federal grant funds for more reservation-wide employment and training projects for both women and men.

With the continued budget reduction there has to be cost-cutting accomplished without interrupting the public service departments such as the Warm Springs Police Department, Water Management, Utilities and Fire and Safety departments.

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Charles 'Jody' Calica

I volunteered to serve our country, from 1965 to 1968, as a U.S. Navy combat veteran during the Viet Nam War.

While tragic, it was an excellent lesson in witnessing personal sacrifices for a greater good.

I was also grateful to serve as the BIA superintendent at the Northern Idaho Agency, working with the Nez Perce, Coeur D'Alene and Kootenai tribes, until I was asked to return to serve as the secretary-treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.



My career has been dedicated to education, ensuring the health, safety and welfare of our community, our

youth, and our natural resources, while respecting our traditional and spiritual values and the preservation of tribal sovereignty.

I faithfully served our people and our reservation for 37 years, starting in 1976 until retiring in 2014.

If there is a need or an opportunity that I might further serve our people and our community, let that be the will of the Creator and a vote of our people.

Charles Jody Calica

Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

I want to thank Janice Clements for the nomination to be the district's representative. Also, thank you to Neda Wesley for the second.

Every three years, the three districts offer their best candidates to represent them. I have had the honor to sit with the best minds and most respected representatives that the tribes have to offer. We often came together and made some difficult decisions on behalf of the tribes, and more importantly for the generations yet to come.

Our important documents, such as the 1855 Treaty, the Constitution and By-laws, Corporate Charter and the Declaration of Sovereignty, have played a large part in coming to good decisions, in protecting the future and our sovereignty.

I have stated this term has been a challenging effort, by that I mean there



suggests that "north-enders" are less than equal to the rest of the membership. I for one am proud to be a north-ender.

It's a shame that a handful of people would resort to outside campaign smear tactics. They forget that we are a tight-knit community. The only people they hurt are themselves and their family members, whom I feel sorry for.

We all know who these people are. They're hoping that I respond to their childish school-yard bullying tactics.

Whatever the outcome of the election, I want to thank my district for their confidence to be their representative for seven terms.

To that I wish all the good, mature-minded candidates well in their goal to be a representative of the tribes. Respectfully,
Raymond C. Tsumpti Sr.

was total disrespect to our major documents and to other members of Tribal Council. This disrespectful attitude demonstrated a pure lack of knowing and understanding of traditional values and the foresight to look out for future generations, as past representatives had done.

There was a term spoken in a tone that I have not heard in 50 or 55 years, that would be "north-ender." It

Sylvester 'Sal' Sahme

In me' nai moo ma', my name is Wa'ticks na' ckit, I was named after my grandmother Millie Queahpama's father, Chief of the Tygh Valley Tye cch' pums. I am a 70-year-old grandson of Frank Queahpama. My grandfather was the Warm Springs Chief at the time our Constitution and By-laws were adopted in 1937.

I spent my school years attending the Simnasho School, graduating from Madras High. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. Before retiring I worked for our tribal membership for over 40 years. I earned my Master's Degree while working full time, writing our tribes' first health plan. The plan (my Master's Thesis) led to the building of our health clinic. Our number on health issue was alcoholism. Today alcohol is still the drug of choice, with meth a close second.

As a young health department manager and planner, the secretary-treasurer and Tribal Council directed me to use the data and research from our plan to prepare our Council's testimony for the appropriations hearings held in Washington, D.C.

The results of our testimony were alcohol treatment and program funds for our people, and a full funded staffing package to run our new clinic. Today we still hear our sister Northwest tribes say how envious they are of our staff and program funding.

My work and traveling with the Council taught me how to develop our tribes' tribal, state and federal health care funding and program unmet needs



and position statements. The Council demonstrated to me how to promote and win support with the counties, state and tribes, especially ATNI, NCAI and other national Indian organizations. During these trips, we always came back with new health, education and economic development resources for our people. This made our quality of life and times good.

We all see and feel what's happening to our government and the effect it has on our people. We're not on the cutting edge of tribal health care or leading Indian Country in economic development.

I'd like to help bring those good times back to all of our people.

Within the next three years we need to compact/contract all IHS health funding and programs. I believe it's time for our people to take complete control of our health. We are responsible, smart and self-supporting people. The Health and Welfare Committee is on record recommending an IHS compact to the present Council. During my time on the Health and Welfare Committee, I was told we have \$30 million in health fund savings, and no plan on what to do. I can help plan how to use these savings and lead compacting all IHS staff and programs.

I have also worked as an economic development di-

rector. I helped build the Simnasho Store and Commodity Food building. My work in business and economic development contributed to the Oregon Tourism Commission's Creative Tourism Development Award for a sustainable tourism plan.

Our people have a tool to create jobs using our natural resources. This means our people working and earning a decent living wage. These jobs would transport, guide and control visitor access and guest services, and contribute to the management of our natural resources.

One of the biggest challenges we face is working together. We need community and economic decisions that help all our people. As stated in our Declaration of Sovereignty:

Ultimate sovereignty is vested in our people, who received that sovereign authority in the forms of laws given by the Creator and by the land itself. Our people have delegated only limited authority to the Tribal Council and have reserved the rest of our national sovereignty to ourselves.

Our membership must have a say and play a critical role in decisions that affect our future. We have the tools and plans. We have retired seniors who've had my experience of being mentored by past senior managers and Councils. I'm will to share and teach what I've learned. We don't have to create a new tribal member leadership and mentor program or an economic development strategy. We have the tools and resources.

Sylvester 'Sal' Sahme.

Priscilla Frank

My name is Priscilla Frank, enrolled member with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I have lived on the reservation all my life. My parents were Delbert Frank Sr. and Celia McKinley Frank, both enrolled members of Warm Springs. I have three sons (one daughter is deceased), ten grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

I am now a retired employee from the Warm Springs departments and enterprises, where I spent many years of enjoyable employment, a few as manager, supervisor or in a key position.

After retirement ten years ago, I went on to serve the tribes on the Warm Springs Casino and Resort Enterprise (three terms), the Warm Springs Housing Commission, Land Use Committee, and Culture and Heritage Committee. My commitment and ambition have always been to be a strategic team player of a dynamic working body of the tribes—good decision-making does prove to be fruitful for the tribes.

I have lived among a few Warm Springs Tribal



taken into account.

My focus is contributing to progressively move forward. Education, knowledge and experience have been mileposts of successful results for the tribes.

Tribal members of Warm Springs have been resilient, even during depression days. Transparency creates ownership by active participation and firm strong systems among the investors.

One person cannot be all of a well functioning system. A body has many branches with different functions to operate properly. Achievement requires all investors.

A long range plan can provide actual results in a reasonable time frame with the least cost, with review of measurable results.

Everlasting successful results can happen with enduring commitment. Our reserved documents have served our tribes well, and have served to protect how the tribes have functioned successfully. Let us all join hands as Indian people and be strong in long-term successful results.

Priscilla Frank

Council people of past years, who were visionaries. My foundation of strong, firm values and work ethics developed from models in tribal decision-making, Isaac McKinley (Ida McKinley household), Delbert Frank Sr., Jacob Frank Sr., Olney Patt Sr., Harold Culpus, and many more leaders of this tribe.

My vision is to become an active and committed participant among my tribal membership, for youth, parents and elders. The core of strong support is our tribal members with many valuable ideas directed at successful results, ownership and involvement, with a firm focus on long-term positive results.

We are now in a very challenging position, nationally, regionally, and tribally. There are many perspectives to be

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