

Tribal Council election 2019 - Candidates

Evaline Patt - Simnasho District

Greetings to Warm Springs tribal members,

First, I want to thank those of you who have given me words of encouragement to run for Tribal Council. It gives me more courage and confidence with people thinking that I would make a difference working with our governing body.

I have worked for the tribes in various areas since 1969. This has given me experience and knowledge about our tribes' governing documents.

Looking back, I am proud of the Tribal Councils of long ago, who established a good path for us. I praise the past leadership that made good decisions with the future in mind, and high consideration of our grand-children's grand-children.

I am thankful of having the opportunity to work in various departments, such as tribal accounting, Kah-Nee-Ta and presently for the Museum at Warm Springs.

I've served on tribal committees, Education and presently Land Use Planning. I have served on the tribal Credit enterprise board since 1997, and recently on the Warm Springs Housing board.

This gave me the opportunity to learn of the tribal documents like the enterprise charters, and other documents like the tribal ordinances. I'm especially thankful in assisting with parts of the tribal



commercial code, to be able to bring in banking services on the reservation, where we now have the Mid-Oregon Credit Union located in a small section of the Credit building.

As I remember Warm Springs, we always seemed to have strong leadership, not only within the tribal organization but with many local tribal members being active in our community. The tribal organization is well established and there were/are good businesses in the community.

Now, as we turn with the times, we're having to change. We all know the issues facing the Tribal Council. Most importantly the dwindling revenues and the need to develop economically or a way to develop revenue and create jobs for our people.

The tribal organization has been through a lot in the last couple years, having to close the mill, then Kah-Nee-Ta.

But we've always pulled through and I would be glad to be part of the planning and work towards the soundness and footing of our organization to lead to-

wards revenue generating businesses.

I think it's most important for tribal council members to have knowledge and always keep in the back of our minds any issues that might affect our sovereignty and treaty rights, this is the utmost important.

I would appreciate your support and vote for me to serve on tribal council. I'm an elder, I grew up in Simnasho with my parents, Amos and Dorothy Simtustus, along with five brothers and two sisters. I went to school in Simnasho, Warm Springs, Madras and COCC. I have an associates degree in accounting and business management. I have good work ethics and a good sense of personal ethics.

I'm conscientious of time, and results oriented. I praise my parents for the teachings in life, not only traditional ways but the encouragement for further education. They also taught me to have a belief, pray to the Creator which I try to do often. I have learned right from wrong, to be honest and trustworthy.

I would devote 100 percent of my time to Tribal Council. If elected I would look at the issues, most importantly ways to address them. I have served one term on Tribal Council and it would be an honor to serve again. Thank you. Sincerely,
Evaline Simtustus Patt

Brigette McConville - Seekseequa District

My name is Brigette McConville, and I'm an incumbent and running for a Tribal Council seat for the Seekseequa District.

I'm married to Sean McConville and have three beautiful children. I am also alcohol and drug free.

My parents are Gordon and Brenda (Kalama) Scott. My paternal grand parents are Elmer 'Scottie' and Lela (Puyette) Scott, and my maternal grand parents are Chief Nick and Viola (Wallulatum) Kalama. I grew up and live in Seekseequa.



My time on Tribal Council has been focused on our Zone 6 tribal fishery on the main stem Columbia River, and the tributaries; culture and heritage activities and a supporter of education.

During my term, my appointments include to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) as a commissioner, CRITFC FishCo representative, and the Governor's Cultural Task Force.

I was also voted in as the treasurer for the Oregon Indian Education Association.

I have enjoyed serving my people and would like to continue my work.

Vote for Brigette McConville; Seekseequa District. Thank you.

Brigette McConville

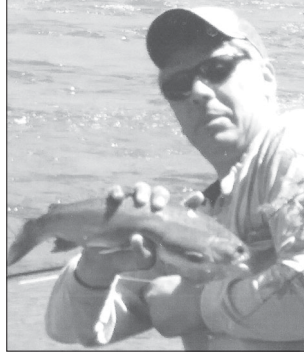
Harold Pennington - Simnasho District

My name is Harold 'Toot' Pennington. I was born 7-21-64.

My mother is Iva McKinley, and grandparents are Stella and Clarence McKinley.

My great grandfather is Chief Charley McKinley.

I am asking for your



vote to make the reservation better for everyone. I will serve with honesty and integrity, to ensure the health of our forest, our lands, our rivers and our economy.

Thank you for your vote.

Harold Pennington

Lee Tom - Seekseequa District

Hello!

My name is Lee Harley Tom. I'm 66 years old, place of birth Warm Springs, Oregon. I'm running for Seekseequa District Tribal Council.

I have lived my life in the Seekseequa District. I reside on a ranch where my mother Christine Wewa Tom and Elmer Tom raised us kids, brother Eldon Tom, and sisters Frances Allen and Rosie Tom.

I also raised my children, Justin Tom and Liana Tom, the same place we were raised.

My education: First-through sixth grades at the Warm Springs Elementary School, and the Warm Springs Boarding School. Junior high in Madras, and high school at Madras High School. I also attended the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma, and Chemawa.

I attended Portland Community College, and received an Associ-



ates in Science degree in Building Construction Technology. I attended Central Oregon Community College, studying Small Business Management and Accounting. At Chemeketa Community College, studying Building Inspections.

I have served one term on the Tribal Council. I was delegated as Council representative to the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), and Range & Ag.

With the closing of our mill, at TERO we have found 70 jobs for tribal members and married-into-the-tribes, off reservation.

Through TERO we have the first over-lapping boundaries in the U.S., look-

ing to place more tribal members to work.

With Range & Ag, I went to meetings to help find grants and utilize USDA, Indian Agriculture and new programs for funding and to help our agriculture business and ventures.

Things we need to do to help our people:

1. We have always had a shortage of homes.
2. We have a meth, opioid and other drugs epidemic that we need to clean up.
3. Our infrastructure needs work, and we have been working on programs for funding.
4. We need to update the wastewater treatment facility.
5. We need to update the water treatment facility.
6. Get our enterprises on track and move in a positive direction.

All I can do is the best job with what little we have. I'd appreciate your vote. Respectfully,

Lee Tom

Wilson Wewa - Seekseequa District

My name is Wilson Wewa, I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I reside and vote for the Seekseequa District. I have been a life-long resident of Warm Springs; except when I went to school and got a two-year degree in Paralegal, in Portland. Then I worked for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe as the first executive director of their cultural center.

I have also served as the director for the Culture and Heritage program, and for many years have been the representative for the Senior Citizen Program. This has allowed me to work with budgets, both tribal and federal.

These opportunities have placed me in a unique position to be able to listen to our cherished past elders on the cultural and spiritual aspects of our tribes; especially sovereignty. Times have changed but we must continue to keep our sovereignty intact, for it is the foundation of everything that we are and can be in the future.

I have been involved in many aspects of the tribe since my youth; Indian Club during high



school, Seekseequa District meetings, tribal budgets and the cultures of all three entities of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I believe that we cannot forget who we are, because it will help us to move forward into the future.

I also served on the Tribal Council from 2007 to 2010 and represented Confederated Tribes at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. It was during this time that we won a victory for our claim against the BIA for damage done to our homeland. Some of the judgement funds were used to mitigate damage on our reservation.

I have continually worked as the Senior Wellness Coordinator for our elders program for over 35 years and have networked with people from other tribes, federal and state entities and corporations that represent elders' interests. We have one of the most outstanding programs in In-

dian Country because we stay involved with all aspects of growing old.

Throughout the years, I have been consulted by those tribes, state and federal entities regarding issues on elders abuse, healthcare, federal and state budgets, and a continued Indian presence in advocacy for all Indian people.

Having a network of professional entities can help us to grow; as we can get valuable information from those people who have experience in the many aspects of tribal business.

It is with this that I believe my experience, voice and networking skills are an asset for the confederated tribes; and, its people.

I will not make promises to the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; but, I will to best of my ability advocate for the health and wellness of all tribal members.

To the people of Seekseequa District, I ask for your vote to represent us and the people of the Simnasho and Agency districts; for we are the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Wil Sando - Agency District

Wil Sando (Warm Springs, Wasco, Jemez Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, Aleut) is a first-time candidate running for a seat as an Agency District representative.

Wil is the son of Mary Sando-Emhoolah (Stevens) and Wilfred Sando Sr.; and his step father is Michael Emhoolah.



His maternal grandparents are Bertha Stevens (Mitchell) and Frank Don Stevens.

His paternal grandparents are Mabel Sando (Arigon) and Frank Sando.

He was with his ex-wife for 18 years, married for seven still great friends and co-parent two young children.