

Tribal Council Candidates - Election 2019

Mike Clements - Agency District

Not much to say as I believe we all know we have a big challenge in front of us as a Tribal Nation.

I believe this will be a turning point for our tribe and one of the most important elections for leadership.

Big decision for Agency District, to stay with younger developing leaders or more experienced leaders with past and present knowledge. In either case this Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council session needs to make some progress.

I believe we need the experience and knowledge if we want a future for the small children. The



young parents must listen and observe the offering of those who want to lead.

Is there a future outcome that will result from the candidates' you cast a vote for? Participate in upcoming forums by attending and listening.

It is not necessary to

speak but important to get a good idea on who you will vote for. This is all I can say, as I believe we have all that is needed to get our nation back on track. We must place those that have in mind how that can happen. Take care.

I believe we do need a Tribal Council body that will work for the people and respect the documents that guide our nation. The silence I hear and see from those that have been seated is not the leadership I think we need.

Seems some feel it is a done deal. If we want change we need to make the change. Prayers.

Mike Clements

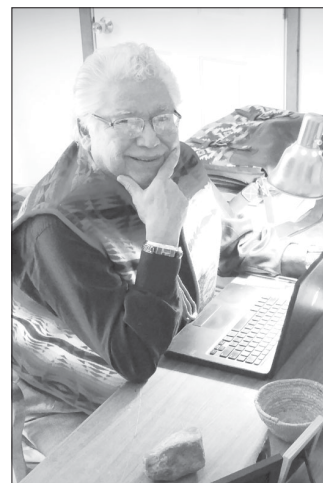
Sal Samhe - Simnasho District

In me' nai moo ma':

For many years we made the forest and water our economic providers. Past Elders and Tribal Councils decided to save parts of the land and resources for our future. We take great care of our culture, natural resources and image.

Today our mill and Kah-Nee-Ta are closed. We have 70 percent plus unemployment with 82 percent of our members under 40. There is no economic plan for the future and a no growth government.

Our Tribes' tourism model has been passive. This means Kah-Nee-Ta and the limited tourism services are static. The hosts of these services are viewpoints, trailheads, museum exhibits, interpretive signs



and limited oral presentations.

We sell lodging, dining, gaming and souvenirs. It takes volume to succeed. The quality of our guest experience is in the hands of the visitor and not our people.

I purpose a community tourism plan. Lodging, dining and gambling are the support system. The focus is adventures and cultural experiences. Visitor impacts

are more easily managed than passive tourism.

Visitors are guided and oriented to correct behavior by our people they come to know. This makes an authentic, personal experience, and creates a way to control visitor experience respectful of our culture and community. Ideas to consider:

1. Use our telecommunications infrastructure to create a central point of contact for reservations, billing, marketing and service quality control.
2. Create a Welcome Center including guest and retail services.
3. Expand tourism businesses including a workforce development plan.

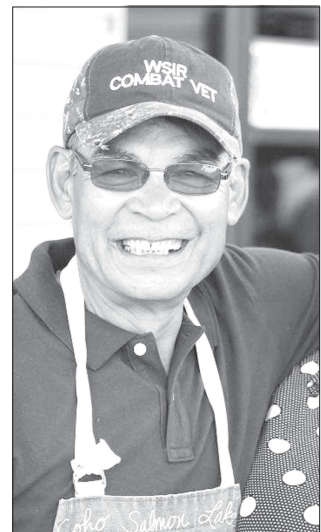
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Dan 'Danny' Martinez - Agency District

My name is Dan Martinez (Danny), and I am running for Tribal Council. I would like to share some of my goals and concerns for our community.

We are a strong nation. Our Elder generation is slowly dwindling away and most of the Elders are not willing to share important traditions, cultures, languages, Native ways and the Native way of raising children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. This is due to the attitudes of the younger generation who have never been taught since birth the proper ways of our tribe.

My goals are the following: More emphasis on Cultural Heritage at the grade school level to promote a greater bond between young tribal children. Do more to address drug, alcohol and gang awareness at the middle school level. Work to set up law en-



forcement-sponsored hunters safety courses. Then set up a guided big game hunt with the Conservation Rangers. Other goals:

Work internship for high school age students in the hay fields. Look into where feasible agricultural sites for growing alfalfa, grass and hay can be grown. Some fields could be for small bales to be used by local ranchers and others for commercial production and delivery to the valley in half-ton bales. With the old mill site to be the potential site

to set up storage and trucking operations. Further goals:

Set up cadet program expansion for public safety entities such as police, fire and ambulance. Start professional work intern programs at the courthouse and administration offices. Set up Agency family drug courts, and get the family involved.

Needed are goals for Warm Springs sponsored college scholarships. Provide a campus Food Court. Set up an off reservation commercial distillery for hemp oil. Open Kah-Nee-Ta Village and the golf course on a seasonal basis. Open Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge and Spa, once a quarter, for two or three events at the same time in different areas of the lodge. Enhance the apprenticeships programs and establish the old saw mill for economic benefits.

Dan Martinez

Gerald Tufti - Seekseequa District

Greetings valued relatives and friends,

My name is Gerald Tufti. I am 40 years old, my parents are the late Arnold Tufti and Carolyn Johnson. I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes, here in Warm Springs.

I am a proud descendent of all three tribes, and I am honored to be a candidate from the Seekseequa District.

I have resided in Warm Springs all my life. I grew up here, and in no way shape or form am I ashamed to be a member of a growing community.

In 2018, I became a married man, to my beautiful wife Edna, and legal parent to Esminda and Celeste.

With that being said, I value: Not just time, but all families, of all diversity, and I see our community as a big family. If we work together, we could learn from one another, but I also know families fight. Let us work through our differences and not set them aside.

Also, in 2018, I graduated from Central Oregon Community College with an AAOT in Early Childhood Education and with DALE degree: Developmentally Appropri-



ate Learning Environment.

I am currently enrolled at Oregon State University Cascades in the Human Development Family Science program; I plan on being an advocate in the social work field.

I value education: Going to school has taught more than just education on core subjects, with skills such as networking, volunteering, working groups (real world applications), presentation skills, interpersonal communications and small groups communication and much more.

I encourage family and friends to get the basics in college level courses or finish all the way.

I am part of the Early

Childhood Education team here in Warm Springs; and if I had to say anything about my career, it would be that working with children is a reward. Children are our future, so I believe we need to continue to nurture their development, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Working with children taught me patience, another way to listen, policies, and lots of helpful tools to perform in a professional manner. My family life, my education and place of work collectively helped me work on my communication with family, friends and all those who I may encounter daily.

There are many issues in Warm Springs that may need attention more than others. One is the water, others are job creation and stability, our culture and heritage, the homeless situation, and the people's choice with the cannabis referendum.

Water is life: It is a sacred element. We need it, I feel it being the most important issue.

My name is Gerald and I am honored to run, and thank you all for your time and support.

Gerald Tufti

Martha Winishut - Seekseequa District

Hello,

My parents are Atwaii Paiute Chief Vernon Henry, and Johnny and Helen Smartlowit. My paternal grandparents were Alec Henry and Josephine (Parker) Henry. My Maternal grandparents were Howard and Sallie (Purcell) Ike.

I lived in Toppenish, Washington before moving to Warm Springs in 1989. I told my daughter we were coming here for one day then coming home. We have been here ever since.

I thought I would one day go back, but I fell in love with the land, the people, and my people. This is my home!

My first job here for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was



with Administrative Services Center receptionist.

I applied for a job with the Warm Springs Police Department, and was hired as a corrections officer. I worked there from 1990-1994.

I then went through the Apprenticeship program and went to work in the pharmacy at the IHS. I worked there from 1994-2001.

In 2001 I applied to serve on Tribal Education Committee. I was selected and sworn in to serve from May 2001 to April 2003.

There were several departments I worked with for the Confederated Tribes. I have learned so much from each of these departments, and there is so much more I want to learn.

It will be an honor to serve you as Seekseequa District Council Representative. One thing I do ask from you is to vote. I would love your support to serve you with the best of my ability, but vote!

Thank you.

Martha Winishut

Reuben Henry - Seekseequa District

Hello, I'm Reuben Henry. I'm running for Tribal Council, and I want to make money for the tribes. I will be in chambers 100 percent of the time. We need to vote.

