

Wasco Chieftainship nominees

~ Leona Adele Ike ~

To our beloved people, Itukdi wigwa, Good day.

As one of the candidates for the vacant Wasco Chief, let us pray that our Creator guides our peoples as we move forward this sensitive process with love and kindness.

I am Leona Adele Ike, 62 years old, widow to William Kanim Smith Sr.; daughter to the late head chief of the Middle Columbia River of Yakama Nation, Frederick Ike Sr., and the late traditional medicine woman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Daisy Mae Ike.

I am a direct descendant of three 1855 Treaty Chiefs for the Wasco, Warm Springs and Yakama peoples.

I was raised within our two original ways of life and beliefs of our historical medicine society and Wa-shaat since birth. I have had all my life long ceremonies that include conception, birth, baby board, umbilical cord separation, Indian name, first foods, first cook, first shumxx (buckskin), and lastly a five years-long ceremony as burial regalia head sewer.

This is my pledge and covenant to our people:

One: I will always honor our Creator and our historical teaching.

Two: Accessibility to the people will be constant,



there will be no buffer between me and the people.

Three: I will honor and reinstate an annual service and giveaway each Indian New Year that begins our new cycle for our annual feasts and ceremonies.

Four: I will publish quarterly reports to our district through the Spilyay Tymoo.

Five: I will mentor any man or woman who wants to become next Chief upon my death, and I will include this process in the quarterly reports.

And six: As a public servant, I will always abide by our first teaching of love and compassion for the needs of our people.

Although, I am the first woman for our tribe to step forward to be nominated for this position, I would not be the first woman chief of the Columbia River peoples. In our history, women have played a strong role in historical leadership. In accordance to our 1855 Treaty, Chiefs are to be elected and our Treaty supersedes all

other documents.

I am named after my father's paternal grandmother, Lena Colwash Ike, Mi'Twi (Little Warrior-Fighter). I overcame the traumatic effects of the Boarding School era and have lived alcohol- and drug free since the age of 24.

I have been mentored by my great grandmother, grandparents, and parents and familial elders to advocate for the needs of the people. My language teacher is Radine Johnson.

I have worked since I was 5 years old in the fields with my parents in the 1960s.

I worked for the tribes for 41 years, Bestcare Treatment Services for three years. I retired and now work part time for Oregon State University-Cascades as the student Tribal liaison as I complete my Bachelor Degree.

I have served on tribal, county and state boards and committees, and completed multiple presentations on the history of the Columbia River tribes on a local and regional level. I participated in a meeting with United States Attorney General on Civil Rights under the Obama Administration to advocate for our people.

I ask for your vote and your trust to be your public servant. Thank you.

Leona A. Ike.

~ Garland Brunoe - Stowy ~

My name is Garland Brunoe, my Indian name, given to me by George Aguilar, is Stowy. I am Wasco from the Dog River Band of Wascoe's. My grandfather was Jerry Brunoe, and my grandmother was Sophie. My father was Urban Brunoe, and my mother Mary Brunoe. I have four sisters, Arlene Boileau, Urbana Manion, Ursula Gibson and Marcella Hall who all live in Warm Springs. My wife is Susan Brunoe, and we have three children and five grandchildren.

The headdress I am wearing in this picture was given to me by Chief Nelson Wallulatum in the year 1972 when my father passed away. It was during dinner after the funeral services at Agency Longhouse that Chief Nelson instructed Felix Wallulatum to put the headdress on me.



Except for my college years, military service and missionary to China, I have lived in Warm Springs most of my life, this is home. I have worked at the Warm Springs mill as a trainee for the Sales manager position. I was the general manager of Kah-Nee-Ta Resort for 11 years. I was promoted to the director of the Human Resources Department by Larry Calica.

During my time as Human Resources director, I served my first term on Tribal Council as Vice-Chairman, and my

second term as Vice-Chairman. My third term I served as a Tribal Council member. Halfway through my third term I resigned from my Tribal Council position to go and help Kah-Nee-Ta Casino and Resort with operational problems.

Being nominated as a candidate for the Wasco Chief's is a great honor and a humbling one. When we ponder on past Wascoe Chiefs, the period they served must have been very difficult. Today is no different from many challenges we face today. It is going to take all of us to come together and work together to resolve these challenges.

To all the candidates I wish them the best in the upcoming vote for the Wasco Chief position.

Garland Brunoe ~ Stowy.

~ Danny Martinez ~

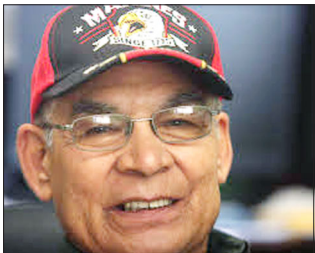
My name is Danny Martinez. My mother was Henrietta Kalama Johnson. Her mother was rose Kuckup, and her father was Henry Kalama. Rose Kuckup's parents were Annie Skitus and Perry Kuckup. Henry Kalama's parents were Lillie Pitt and Peter Kalama.

I am a traditional fisherman and have a scaffold located under the Bridge of the Gods. I am also a hunter and a traditional dancer. I served in the Marines during the Vietnam era.

My family shares the Wasco heritage. I have been taught to honor our elders and veterans with the dignity they deserve, preserving our culture and proud history for the future generations. I am running for Wasco Chief.

If elected as your tribal chief, I am dedicated to serving the Warm Springs Tribes with unwavering commitment, transparency and honesty. For over 50 years, I have been a productive citizen and leader in the community, serving in various leadership roles and professionally at director-level positions in safety and emergency services.

I am committed to exercising the sovereignty of the tribe and providing essential services for its citizens, including building infrastructure, maintaining services, and promoting social, economic and cultural development. My extensive experience with government contracts, large budgets, and employee development



makes me uniquely qualified to lead the tribe towards a brighter future.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have made significant strides in recent years, building sustainable programs for families, elders and children, and nurturing our youth while enriching the tribe's wealth. I have advocated for education, business, safety and protection for our tribe.

As your tribal chief, I am committed to keeping your families safe through my known safety programs, protecting their well-being, and keeping them together. I recognize that health is still a concern for many, and I am committed to supporting our elderly with assistance for their care while building up services within the tribe and with our partners.

Alcohol and drugs have adversely affected our community. I believe we need to wage a war on drugs through a multi-tiered approach that includes increased community treatment and rehabilitative services, and increased accountability for those who contribute to the problem.

I also believe in the importance of building up our youth and fostering their sense of community. I support the concept of the Warm Springs Youth Council, to teach our youth about tribal sovereignty and our proud Native American history. Our youth are our fu-

ture leaders. They should have a voice, and our full support.

Economic development is a top priority for me. I will advocate for the Economic Development Committee to be placed under the umbrella of the enterprise to provide strength for our tribe, jobs for its citizens, and potential growth beyond gaming solutions.

I will prioritize and advocate cultural knowledge from our elders. I always have and will advocate for elder assistance programs, tribal job opportunities, citizen business start-ups, and citizen low-income housing assistance. We will make a concerted effort to provide our youth with additional secondary education assistance and college or vocational grants.

I will provide a transparent and open government that benefits all Warm Springs citizens professionally, fairly and honestly. I will bring dignity, integrity, work ethic and an open mind to the role.

As your Tribal Chief, I am committed to serving my people with the utmost dedication and respect. I value the cultural heritage, language, and the pursuit of expanding our tribal traditions and history so that we may maintain our identity in the modern world. Together, we can build a brighter future for the Warm Springs Tribe.

Danny Martinez.

~ Alvis Smith III - Cheiftain nominee ~

~ John Katchia Sr. - Cheiftain nominee ~

Around Indian Country

Smaller staff for Portland tribal relations

Adam Becenti, Diné tribal member, former tribal affairs director for Oregon Department of Human Services, has assumed the role of Tribal Relations program manager, ending a five-month vacancy. Mr. Becenti will lead an office of two.

He comments: "I feel like this role is me just giving back and holding true to my commitment to my community.

"One of the most exciting things about this is to be able to create awareness and bring visibility for Native people, for tribes and for the urban Indian community."

Becenti's maternal clan is Tsi'naa jinii, Black Streak

Wood People, and his paternal clan the Tsé Nahabi'nii, Sleep Rock People.

He grew up in Gallup, New Mexico and moved to Portland 11 years ago. An active community member, Becenti is often spotted at events around Portland.

From presenting at ATNI conferences to attending the inaugural Native and Indigenous bike ride and the Native American Heritage Month Portland Trail Blazers game, Becenti shows up for his community.

He has held multiple roles serving the Native community in the city and beyond. Most recently, he

worked for five years as tribal affairs director at the Oregon Department of Human Services.

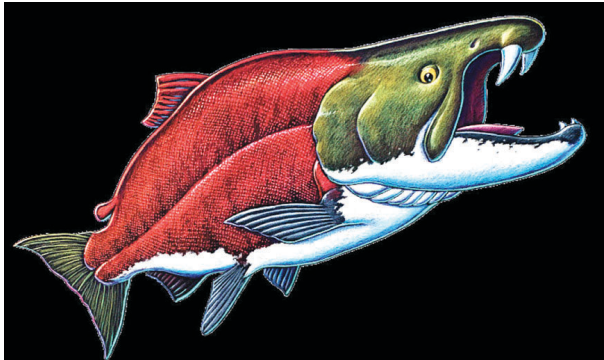
Before that, Becenti served as the community engagement specialist at the National Indian Child Welfare Association for just over three years.

Becenti attended the University of Colorado Boulder for his undergraduate education, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and ethnic studies. In 2013, he earned a master's in public policy at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, before making his way to the Pacific Northwest.

From saber-tooth Salmon to spike-tooth Salmon

Scientists now see the prehistoric saber-tooth salmon as the spike-tooth salmon. New research, including some striking illustrations by paleoartist Ray Troll, has revealed something new about its prehistoric piscine anatomy: The giant salmon *Oncorhynchus rastrosus* had a pair of spiked teeth that protruded straight out of the side of its skull, instead of the downward-pointing teeth scientists formerly thought it had.

Growing to more than 8½ feet long on average,



the prehistoric fish were the largest salmonid to ever exist, swimming the waterways of what is now the Pacific Northwest more than 5 million years ago. The modern Chinook salmon, the largest

living member of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, tops out at about 5 feet. Hucho taimen, or the Siberian salmon, is the world's largest living salmonid. It can only grow to about 6 feet long.

Lawsuit over Columbia basin hatchery programs

Wild Fish Conservancy and the Conservation Angler filed suit against federal, state and local governments under the Endangered Species Act.

The lawsuit seeks to protect threatened wild fish and

the fish ecosystems from hatchery programs in the Columbia River below Bonneville dam.

These parties continue to fund and operate hatcheries under the Mitchell Act and

Select Area Fishery Enhancement programs while exceeding limits under the ESA designed to prevent extinction of imperiled wild salmon and steelhead.