

Davis Sohappy Sr. ~ Agency District

Dear Family, Friends and Relatives,

My name is Davis D. Sohappy Sr., my Indian name is Xus Xua Inni.

My parents are atwai William Don Sohappy Jr., Pilakaset; and my mother is Lola Sohappy, who was a former Council woman.

My paternal grandparents were William and Margaret Sohappy from McKay Creek, Pendleton. My maternal grandparents were Joseph and Gladys Thompson of Warm Springs.

My wife is Angelena Smith-Sohappy and our children are Victoria Smith, Tasheyina Sohappy, Davis Sohappy Jr., and atwai Matthew Sohappy of White Swan, Washington.

We have numerous grandchildren, and a great granddaughter is due in June 2025.

I started working as an



adolescent, thinning and falling trees with my father William Don Sohappy Jr. My first job with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was with the Warm Springs Inter-Agency Hot Show crew, working as a sawyer-swamper. This was when the original Hot Shot crew started back in 1984.

I also worked with the Engine crew for a few years when Dennis Thompson was the Fire Management Officer.

In 1988 I attended the Phoenix Institution and Technical School in Arizona. Thereafter I started my employment with the Confederated Tribes Vehicle Pool as a mechanic, serving the GSA, tribal and all emergency vehicles (ambulance and police).

I was employed with the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, working various sites until I was transferred to an apprentice Millwright position until just before WSFPI closed down.

I am familiar with Solar Farming, where I was trained as a quality control inspector and worked in Logistics, receiving on-site construction.

Good Luck to all the candidates from all districts.

Sincerely submitted,
Davis D. Sohappy Sr., Xus Xau Inni

James Halliday ~ Agency District

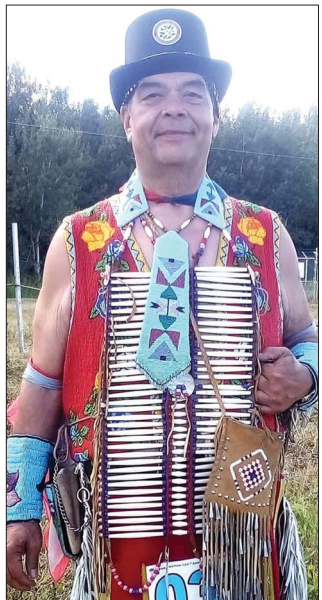
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H o w U u U u

I wanted to talk to you about the process to get a house in Warm Springs. A lot of people still come to me asking, even though I no longer work at Land Services, and I hope this helps people understand the process to get a home here on the reservation.

Land Use Planning (LUPC) does not approve homesites, but they do approve what homesites are presented to Council (any Tribal Council committee can reject a homesite).

The first step is to go to Credit and apply for a loan, the LUPC does not accept any applications without a letter of credit (step 2). They then can approve the homesite for 30-day posting and notification to Tribal Council committees (step 3), also at this time a Small Project Assessment (SPA) should be done with the Branch of Natural Resources (BNR) for any environmental concerns.

After the 30 days a homesite Summary Report is prepared, and seeing no objections it is presented back to the LUPC for approval to be for-



warded to Tribal Council by way of a resolution for final approval (step 4). If it is passed by TC then it could move forward to BIA for the lease recording and signing.

Once you have a lease in hand you can move forward with construction building permit needed and application to IHS for a well and septic tank.

If it is a lot in a subdivision, LUPC can waive the 30 day posting/committee notification.

Anyways this is how it used to work and I don't know if the process has changed.

I think the biggest challenge for the tribe is lack of

revenue, and the tribe needs to return to a place of self-sufficiency by way of revenue generation. The most lucrative forms of revenue for the tribe has always been electrical and casino gains.

PGE and Comcast both owe the tribes 50 million a year. The casino could be making the same at an alternative location the tribe already owns. The problem with the casino is we are not located in built-in population base like Alaina, Wild horse, Legends, Gran Ronde and Lincoln City. The tribe should be bringing in around 150 million a year in revenue. I have a plan for this.

I want to ask the state to pay for our new casino with a Lotto money grant, the same money that was used to shut down the Shaker Church for an asbestos study.

My old boss Chuck Chambers (YIN tribal member) self-made millionaire, used to say, "Don't step over dollars, to pick up nickels n dimes" (i.e. grant indirect fees).

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Me Ni mu Ma, **James Halliday.**

Alvis Smith III ~ Agency District

Alvis Smith III is running for re-election to the Tribal Council. One of the big accomplishments of his three years, on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council, has been working successfully on the organization budget, now balanced. Another major project was reopening Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort, a development with the support of the majority of the tribal community. This created over 70 new local good-paying jobs, many carried by tribal members.

Still, there is more to do: For instance, a residential treatment center on the reservation. "Alcoholism has been a problem ever since it was introduced, and there are new drugs that come into our community all the time," Councilman Smith said.

Education of the young people is a highest priority, and the tribes' work with the school district has been encourag-



ing, such as the Native American room at the high school, "helping to make our students feel at home there."

A high school on the reservation is a possibility in the future, though in the meantime providing the trained workers to build the school is a priority.

Raised on the reservation, he is the father of eight children, four daughters and four sons, and married to wife Vivian for 25 years. Councilman Smith is an

Army veteran, following two years of college, and a long work experience in the construction field.

His work with tribal Utilities allows the Councilman to be in communication with the community, the most important part of the Tribal Council job, he says.

He coaches football, Little League and basketball, "and this also helps me communicate with the community," Smith says.

The Confederated Tribes have many resources to work with in creating a better future for the community. **Alvis Smith III.**



Theodore 'Theo' Perez ~ Agency District

I am honored to announce my candidacy for the Agency District Tribal Council.

My journey has been deeply rooted in the values and teachings of our elders. I have spent years learning and practicing ways to excel forward while also honoring our past. I believe in doing this, we can build a stronger future for our children and grandchildren while also being progressive.

My background in business has equipped me with the skills necessary to address the economic challenges we face and to come.

I have experience in developing sustainable programs that not only support our community but also enhance our economic independence.

I believe that by working together, we can cre-



ate opportunities that empower our members and promote self-sufficiency.

I am the owner of Theo's Longhouse Coffee, the business that donates into our longhouses and schools.

I am the author of *Celeste Goes to Warm Springs*, which also donates proceeds back into the community. Both are successful and are bringing in money for our community.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve and rep-

resent you on the Tribal Council. I ask for your support and your vote in this upcoming election.

I have served and am currently serving on boards at the Warm Springs Community Action Team, Fences For Fido, St. Charles Patient and Family Advisory Committee, as tribal chair; the Inter-Tribal Fish Co. as president; also Papalaxsimisha, the Western Regional USDA Food Distribution on Indian Programs as regional treasurer.

I run the food distribution program for Warm Springs, the pet food bank, the Commodities food bank. I assist with spay and neuters as well as building fences and doghouses, and have worked hands on with our homeless.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Theodore Perez aka Theo Perez.

Around Indian Country

Tribes' response to English-only order

Native languages should be spoken and preserved, tribes are saying after a recent federal 'English only' executive order.

What's unclear is if the order can be enforced in Indian Country, where tribes have government-to-government relationships and fed-

eral law protects Native language use and instruction.

The English-only order also revived memories of failed federal policies when Indigenous languages were banned and children caught speaking their mother tongues in federal boarding schools were punished and

often beaten.

"What a boring place it would be if we all spoke, ate and did the same things," said Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, Navajo member, and the Phoenix Indian Center chief officer. "There's no one language that supersedes all others..."

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