

My name is Rosie Tom, my family background : My Maternal Grandfather was Samuel Wewa Whom served on the 1st Tribal Council for the CTWS from 1938 to 1941. He also served in WWI My Grandmother was Maggie Paiute and my Mother was Christine Wewa Tom, my mother also Served on Tribal Council from 1965 to 1968. My Father was Elmer Lawney Tom.

I am a descendant of Chief We-You-Wa-Wewa and Chief Paulina.

I have one son Preston Tom whom is employed at the Plateau Plaza, I also have three Granddaughter's Askewin Tom, Skylar Tom and Tonikia Tom. And I have one Grandson Waukeen Tom.

I was raised in Seekseequa most of my life attending W.S. Boarding School, grew up mostly as a cowgirl and worked outdoors with horses. I also was raised up traditional and culturally and was taught by my Grandparents and Parents how preserved our traditional foods such as roots, berries, venison for later use during the winter months, by drying and canning. Also helped/assisted my grandmother with her hide tanning early in the morning, was taught to sew moccasins and beadwork, and to be a seamstress. I learned from my mother how to sew baby moccasins and how to make small shell dresses and other traditional crafts. Our family was taught how to sustain & preserve our ways. Also learned how to dance, and participate in our feasts & other ceremonies. Currently I belong to the Northwest Native American Basket Weaver's and the Great Basin Basket Weaver's, I am a Master Weaver and a Master Beadworker, and a Master Seamstress.

I graduated in 1972 from Chemawa Indian School, Studied at Central Oregon Community for AAS degree, and Studied Professional Development at University of Pheonix, and studied Financial Accounting through the University of Chicago.

I retired from the CTWS in 2018 with 43 years of service working in finance in the Cash Management, Accounts Payable Supervisor, Contracts & Grants Analyst/Supervisor and in Insurance. Finance brought many opportunities to of learning, State, and Federal Regulations, Procurement and many Policies to follow, also reporting financial reports. Learning the Indian Self Determination P.L. 638, and gained experience in the budget area.

In 1985 I was assigned by the Secretary Treasurer to ^{set} on the National Contract Support Cost Workgroup, I served ^{on} in the workgroup for approximately 9 years. The major highlight for me was working with the Indian Country Attorney's and experiencing the Ramah Navajo Settlement, which the CTWS received monetary payment, thanks to having a current Indirect Rate in place.

I am currently in my 3rd term serving on the Culture & Heritage Committee, also following the Committee's charter, preserving our tradition and our cultural ways.

Education is very important for the Tribe and our next generation of Leader's we need to encourage our youth and young Adults to continue their education, and give them employment

To gain experience in the workforce. With our newly elected President and administration we need to be aware and protect our tribe, we have to be able to solve problems and improve operations, and make strategic decisions. We all need to be on the same page when it comes to

Our Organic documents which drive the tribe, we need to make them uphold Treaty Rights Sovereignty, Trust Responsibility, and our relationship nation to nation.

Financial Status of our Tribe/Integrity is very important we need to be prepared for what is yet to come forth. We need to exercise our Treaty Rights and keep them accountable for our funding be it IHS, BIA/BIE, JOM, Impact Aide, DHHS Title VI. We also need a better understanding of all functions of finance and how they all work together so that we may get back on track to better serve the departments and people. Finance is a key department and integrity is a must in the workforce.

Sovereignty is the Supreme Law of the land it's the protection of our rights, traditional foods huckleberries, fish, roots, game, plants. There were not written laws we lived by the creator giving thanks for providing food water the songs and land we lived. Spiritually is our backbone of our existence and protect our religion, Language, culture, and natural resources, oral histories, and our Ceded lands, we need to walk in live accordingly to the ways set forth by our Creator. It is our way of life and it defines us as Indian people. All the elements for our people to live and survive by, and so much more.

Good Luck to all Candidates!