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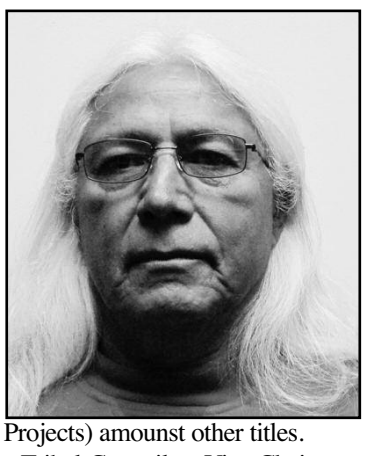

Dwight "Bucko" Teeple, incumbent
Bay Mills Councilperson

Greetings to my Community,

I will keep this short, I would like your support and vote in my run for the office of Tribal Councilperson. I'am married to Michele Wellman-Teeple, and have four Children, Robin, Sarah, Ted, and Victoria. I'am a Vietnam Era Veteran, that served with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1969-71. My education includes a Sociology Degree from Lake Superior State University.

My Tribal life experience, includes growing up here on the Rez., and having experienced life and history of the Bay Mills Indian Community. My work history includes such jobs as Berry Picker, Pine Cone Picker, Bough Cutter, Fisherman, and many other seasonal employment opportunities.

In Tribal employment my history includes, ANA Project Director, Assistant Director of MICWA, Resource Developer (Economic Development and Grant Projects) amounst other titles.

On the Community Boards, Committees, and Organizations, I have been on Tribal Council as Vice Chairman, and Councilperson. I have served Bay Mills as a member of the Gaming Commission, Chairman of the Board of Regents, and many other committees. On the volunteer level, I have served on the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society and other organizations.

I believe this history and experience provides a solid background for the position of Tribal Councilperson. I would continue to do my best if re-elected, that is all that I can promise. Bottom line, I will do what I feel is right and what is best for the Community. I appreciate the support and trust you have given me in the past, and will continue doing my best, if provided the opportunity in the future. Miigwech.

Brenda Clor, Bay Mills Councilperson candidate

Aanii. My name is Brenda Clor. In this year's upcoming election, I will be running for a seat as councilperson. Before we head to the polls, I would like give a bit of background about myself.

I am the daughter of Bay Mills tribal member Patty (Keith) VerWiebe and Sault tribe member Leslie (Tracy) Ailing. My parents were married in the fall of 1989. The following spring, we moved to "the farms," next door to my great-grandparents, Lehman and Peggy Teeple. In the fall of 1994, we relocated to the other end of the rez.

I attended Brimley Area Schools from second grade until I graduated in June 2001. That fall I started classes at Bay Mills Community College. While attending BMCC, I became a tutor in both Math and English. I was also treasurer on student council during the 2003-2004 school year. I graduated with my Associate of Arts degree Business Administration in May 2004.

I am currently employed at Bay Mills Child Development Center as an Early Head Start Teacher. I started as a Head Start Teacher in October 2006 after transferring from Bay Mills Resort and Casinos. I made the decision to move from Head Start to Early Head Start in June 2009.

Mitchell Willis and I have been in a relationship for nearly 6 years. We became engaged this past February. We have three children - Jonathan (13), Josephine (11), and Marie (3).

Thanks for letting me share a little about myself and I hope you consider me as an exceptional choice as our next councilperson.

Councilperson candidate Terry Carrick did not submit a profile.

Lorri Burtt, Bay Mills Councilperson candidate

Boozhoo!

I am a very proud elder of the Bay Mills Indian Community. I am age 58 and was the former Vice-Chairperson of Bay Mills, and the oldest daughter of Robert and the late Irma Parrish. I would like to share my background, ideas and knowledge in continued service to the Tribe.

My experience and abilities are extensive and varied. I worked as a planner for the Tribe in the late 70's then as Executive Director for the tribal Housing Authority and a city housing commission. I also worked for Michigan Indian Child Welfare in Traverse City in the early 80's. I am familiar with audit requirements, federal regulations and program requirements. I've written a large number of grants and was awarded many millions of dollars for community projects. I managed over $2.5 million in yearly funding from federal/state/county and non-profit groups. All of this prepared me well for being on the Tribe's Executive Council once again.

These are a few examples of things I would promote on the Tribal Council:

A Centralized purchasing/procurement/distribution center for all tribal programs and business is needed. This can provide profits by eliminating waste and taking advantage of combined purchasing power. Centralization and oversight could serve to eliminate potential fraud or abuse.

I would like to add more in terms to accountability and transparency - more needs to be done. Financial statements and audits need to be readily available to our tribal members. I will promote the right to know. I will not walk away or shrug off legitimate problems our people are having. I will have regular office hours for weekly meetings with you to listen to your situation, problem, or concern.

More needs to be done for the elderly, disabled and children in our community. More recreation and education opportunities for the young ones and expanded meals and chore services for the elderly and disabled are just a couple examples.

Very little support is provided to our tribal members who own or want to own businesses on or near the reservation. The tribe should invest in its tribal members, including the young just starting out.

Everyone working for the Tribe, in business and government, needs to make a livable wage. All employees deserve to be able to support themselves with what they earn here. A new and modern wage and salary system would be beneficial to the tribe and our employees. Migwetch.

Dan Tadgerson, Appellate Judge candidate

I am running for Appellate Judge and would appreciate you support at the ballot box. Fairness and learning from our mistakes are important to me. We have rules, regulation, and laws in place to make in a better place for all the community, so when someone ignores these we are all disrespected.

I know the Appellate Judges are not called upon to act very often, but if I am called upon to act you will know I will be fair and use the alternatives in place to help people learn from their mistakes. Please consider voting for a person who treats people fairly and has the best interest of the community in mind when making decisions.

Candidate Profiles were not received from Appellate Judge Candidates Robert Passage or Kasey Perron

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