

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I have read the Feb. 3, 2007, General Council Meeting minutes and I agree with Kelley Ellis that an Enrollment Committee needs to be put in place. There should not be one person involved in processing and recommending approval/removal of tribal members.

The Enrollment clerk should be treated like other committees, as a "staff representative" recommending actions to council based on committee decisions.

I encourage every tribal member to read Tribal Council minutes. You can be put on a mailing list by contacting the Tribal Council secretaries.

Sincerely,
Cindy Urbach



To the editor:

My name is Angella Robertson and I live in Missouri. I just received my April newsletter. I read all the letters submitted to the editor from the Mason family and Wilma and Joella Strong.

I read that the Mason family has gone to council and asked for a DNA test to be done on a man claiming to be the son of Terrence Mason. His name reads Tristen, Leroy, John, Holt, Trudell.

I read each and every one of their articles and I say they were all well-written and have left us readers all the facts, along with quoting the correct ordinances and section on why this man should take this DNA test.

If this man has submitted the correct paperwork like every one of our enrolled tribal members had to do to get onto the rolls, then there should be no questions if he is eligible to be enrolled. But since in reading the articles the proper paperwork was not correct and the Mason family went to court and proved that the paperwork was falsified and not legal, then how in the world can one be enrolled? Good question.

I respectfully ask the Tribal Council who voted to have this man not take the DNA test, please give your reasoning here in our tribal newsletter. I am very confused as to why you once voted to have him take the DNA test and then you voted again and decided for him not to have to take one.

Was there any new evidence to suggest he was eligible to be enrolled before you voted the second time that wasn't mentioned in the tribal minutes? Did I miss something in my reading of the minutes?

I also ask respectfully to the council members who voted **no**, was this a personal reason on your part or did you go only by the factual documentation presented before, when you made your decision to vote no the second time on this DNA matter?

Are there more facts to this case that the Mason family has left out? Or did you have any unanswered question you felt the Mason family didn't answer?

Respectfully,
Angella Robertson

To the editor:

After reading the letters in the April issue of *Siletz News*, I would hope the Tribal Council is taking a proactive approach in making sure something like this does not happen again.

Safeguards need to be put in place in the Enrollment Department to prevent this from happening in the future. Our tribe is not above fraud, and identity theft is on the rise.

1. An Enrollment Committee should be put in place to look at applications for enrollment.
2. The ancestor the applicant is claiming should be posted on the Enrollment posting.
3. The Enrollment posting should be put in our monthly *Siletz News* paper.

Thank you,
Kelly Lane



To the editor:

I would like to thank Dr. Phillipson for being a good doctor.

I will never forget in 2004, my heart was fluttering. I called in and tried to make an appointment but was told you had no opening for a couple of weeks, I thought I could wait.

My heart kept fluttering, so I called back to try to get in earlier and the clinic told me that they could squeeze me in that afternoon, so I thought I could wait.

Well, my heart kept fluttering, so I called back again. I told the clinic that I could not wait. I never had this happen to me before so they called the nurses and told them that I was calling and what my heart was doing. They told me to come in right now.

When I got there, Dr. Phillipson was waiting for me. She had a nitroglycerin pill waiting for me. When I put that under my tongue, the fluttering stopped. I thought that now I can go home, but I heard Dr. Phillipson tell the nurse to call an ambulance.

I had heart surgery within a couple of days. I also got staff infection, but I am thankful that Dr. Phillipson knew what was wrong with me.

In 2001, my foot was in so much pain. I never felt pain before; this was a bone infection. I felt the pain.

I went to the clinic; this was a different doctor. I told him I was in pain and I never felt this before and something was wrong. I also had a fever.

He just looked at my foot and said that he saw no blood. He told me to get some cough syrup and go home and I would be healed in three days.

Well, that night, my foot blew open. There were two craters on the top of my foot. Sometimes, I wondered why didn't the doctor take a blood test or an X-ray. Would he have seen something?

I called Gatekeepers and told the nurse who answered the phone to see

To the editor:

Our elected leaders/administration have the unfair advantage of providing the facts that look good. Some tribal members/employees portray a different perspective.

In the article, *Dee Pigsley Among Top 10 Gaming Women* (... Pigsley certainly gains the respect from those around her), "People with new ideas and fresh perspectives on improving processes inspire me, both of which can be found in current employees. It's good to sometimes look beyond management for those fresh ideas. It is always good to get consumer feedback."

My viewpoint: I recall a tribal member who received less than favorable feedback from the public when asking them to complete a cultural center survey. I wonder what the vote would be, if left up to gaming enterprise employees (not management), if they didn't fear reprisal?



if I could go to emergency. I told her what my foot looked like and that I was in pain. She said, "No."

My niece came to my place to help me wrap my foot to try and stop the bleeding. I also had her call Gatekeepers and she too explained what was happening and what my foot looked like. Finally, she said that I could go to emergency.

There was a big difference with Dr. Phillipson. She knew what she was doing. I appreciate her for being here.

Thanks.
With respect,
William S. Strong

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 28
11 a.m.
Government Hill
Siletz, Oregon

Procession to Veterans Memorial
Honor Guard

Welcome – Delores Pigsley
Invocation

The Lord's Prayer – Siletz Royalty
Memorial Day Address
Presentation of Flowers
Gun Salute – Honor Guard
Taps

Closing

Lunch at the Tribal Community
Center at noon
Provided by the Culture Committee

Managers are rewarded with lavish bonuses, while workers share countless stories about facility problems, mistreatment from managers and co-workers. Management seemingly continues to support an environment that lacks positive morale/respectful communication.

There are many questions/concerns pertaining to management of tribal enterprises/programs. The most pressing is pursuit of construction of a "new" health clinic.

The cost has been stated as \$7,500,000, a grant \$2M (<http://tinyurl.com/3dfgu7>) has been acquired (the bill to us is going to be at least \$5.5M). This is optimistic because construction jobs seldom come in below projected cost.

A comment that Lynette Warren shared on www.siletz.net: "... members who live out of area will get very little benefit from this costly expansion. Yet, all tribal members would benefit from some fiscal responsibility on the part of the tribal government. Maybe a more modest renovation of the clinic is justifiable, but our tribal government has been on a decades-long spending spree. They need to begin to apply restraint and foresight when it comes to spending the tribal members' money."

In my opinion, expansion of the present building, eliminating the parking space (casino employees walk, maybe same for clinic staff?), and a multi-level structure could suffice, rather than obligating revenue we don't have readily accessible.

I'd like to see a transparent/detailed accounting of tribal programs/projects (expenses related and funding sources). Most importantly, goals/objectives to determine how successful we've been, if less than favorable, why/what can be done differently, and who was responsible?

We now pay Toledo \$268,196 for law enforcement and we **don't** have an officer that resides in Siletz. It seems, in the past, it **wasn't** possible to successfully manage law enforcement, so it was outsourced to the City of Toledo.

The Budget Committee? Dee Pigsley, Bud Lane, Phil Rilatos Sr., Brenda Bremner, Sharon Edenfield. Brenda Bremner supervised Law Enforcement, Judy Muschamp – Clinic, Terry Fisher – Housing, Jim Kikumoto – Casino.

This gives members an idea of where to start for questions that need answers. Yours truly

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Mark Your Calendars Culture Camp July 17-19, 2007

If you're interested in volunteering or attending the camp planning meetings, please call Selene Rilatos at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1246, or 541-444-8246.