

Tribal Members:

I would like to caution the Tribal members and community members who believe that Lynette Warren is providing Tribal information through the siletz.net that otherwise is not available. This site is highly censored by Lynette as the site administrator and many Tribal members (me included) have posted comments, questions and responses that do not ever appear on this site. Lynette has been complaining about the lack of information from our Tribal Council and Tribal government since the site began over a year ago and it appears that she is now the one withholding information.

Since Lynette has refused to post my comments and responses I will continue to respond to those statements and comments in this monthly newsletter. It may not be timely, but the information will eventually be provided to the membership.

During the week of March 30, I attempted to respond to allegations made about me on siletz.net by members who assumed I had access to private and confidential information presented at the Expulsion Hearing. I would like to clarify that I did not have access to any documents. I took the time to sit in and listen to the hearing, both days, and it was clear that there were two versions of the STGC investigation report presented in the binder to Tribal Council and Lisa Brown at the hearing. One included the names of the people interviewed for the investigation and the other did not.

There were also statements on siletz.net made about "new allegations" being presented at the March 19 hearing. There were no "new allegations" nor was any "new information" provided that was not already distributed to Tribal Council and Lisa Brown prior to the hearing. The binder was prepared and distributed in a manner that could be easily referenced with tabs with all of the same information that was provided to all Tribal Council members and Lisa Brown prior to the hearing. I only know this because it was also reported during the hearing.

I again would like to plead with the membership and the public as well to please be very cautious in absorbing and believing what you read on the siletz.net site. There are very few people making comments anymore (mostly because we are not allowed to have our comments posted by the site administrator) and when comments are made, they are from Lynette Warren or supporters of her and her causes. This is not healthy or accurate information.

Kelley Ellis

To the editor:

I have been sitting back listening to all the disagreements and the negativity for so long now. I just wanted to bring back some perspective to where and how we have come so far since we were restored.

When I was growing up, everyone who helped get us to where we are today worked diligently to strive for the betterment of Tribal members. I remember the talk back then – we need education, health and housing for our people. We are very fortunate to have all of those needs met. It doesn't mean that we are through working, it means we will continue to work for the betterment of our Tribal members.

Look back at what we have accomplished over the years. Also when our children graduate from high school, go on to college and have come back to work with our Tribe in one way or another. We should be really happy and grateful they want to come back in some capacity to work for our Tribe. Isn't this our goal?

All the negativity about the Tribe is hard to hear and read. We as Tribal members need to not let our young children hear all of that negativity as they pick up and learn this quickly. Say thank you or be thankful for what we do have and what we have accomplished.

Sincerely,
LeiLani Cordova



Dear Tribal members:

I'm wondering how our Tribal Council can override our votes for Lisa Brown and have her taken off our Tribal Council. To me this is wrong and reminds me of a communist government.

Our Elders have fought and died to keep the communist government out of our country – "U.S.A." – yet here our own Tribal Council is acting like a communist government in acting on their own and kicking Lisa Brown off our council without asking for a Tribal vote from us all as a Nation. If we think that Lisa should remain on our council or not should be up to us Tribal members, not our council.

They are our Tribal Council, we are not their Indians. To me Lisa Brown should remain on our council; she is always looking out for our Elders, our children and our money.

To me I feel that there are others on our Tribal Council who fear Lisa Brown because she is smarter than they are.

I believe that our Tribal members who voted for Lisa should do a petition to keep Lisa on our Tribal Council.

A concerned Tribal member,
Archie Nelson



To the editor:

Tribal Council to be Sued

My name is Delores Riding In and I plan to sue the six-member quorum of Tribal Council that voted to expel Lisa Brown. The suit will be filed with the Siletz Tribal Court and the charges will include willful violation of the Election Ordinance and conspiracy to disenfranchise Tribal voters by nullifying 401 properly cast votes. Willful violation of the Election Ordinance carries a fine of \$5,000 and no more than six months in prison.

Delores M. Riding In, BS

To the editor:

Since elected I've asked repeatedly to advertise contractual opportunities in Nesika Illahee. We have qualified members living outside the area willing to travel/work here. I'm most often told that's not possible because of time constraints. Although I know with proper planning, time constraints aren't a realistic reason.

I've asked for years now for a list of members' knowledge/skills/expertise for contractual personnel, rather than the non-Tribal architects, consultants or vendors who get first chance for many opportunities. No action has been initiated to date, so I've decided to ask myself. Please send a letter/résumé to the Tribe and a copy to me (lisab97380@live.com) so we can start the process of you getting a chance to receive some of these opportunities\$\$\$.

I know there are many members who have never visited our reservation/casino. If there were the chance you could take a couple weeks' vacation, travel here, do a job/earn some money, it would be a win-win for all. It could be a paid vacation, a chance for you to meet your people. And Tribal money would go back to Tribal members. This was the gaming enterprise goal and I don't understand why it's taken so long to initiate this process.

About the expulsion action: Many Tribal members voiced fear of coming forward publicly/objecting because they were afraid of losing jobs/benefits. My efforts to instill transparency in regards to money that flows out of EPR/government funds aren't something that's welcomed.

On numerous occasions on public record I've opposed giving away contractual opportunities. I want them advertised openly. This isn't what I'd call "jeopardizing Tribal assets" or "abusing authority." Supporting a Tribal government cloaked in secrecy is what I'd refer to as "abuse of authority."

My campaign platform was accountability/transparency. For five years, I voiced my strong opinions of change for no pay. It's obvious that now as a seated Tribal Council member I'm party to realize answers to my/your/members' questions and gaining access to answers can lead me to provide this information.

In the few meetings I've attended so far, I've already seen expensive deals I view as terrible for our Tribe. And more are planned for the future. I voted no on one such sweet deal, which because of "executive session" will have to remain "secret." I'm not even allowed to speak of these matters even though these details are crucially relevant to charges against me. This is unacceptable and violates my rights.

I'm the catalyst that threatens actions to keep important details from members. I'm not alone in this opinion of being more forthcoming and taking actions based on integrity, equality and sound judgment. Reggie Butler and Lillie Butler agree also.

Lisa L. Brown, CPS
541-444-1290 (h)
541-351-0003 (personal cell)
lisab@97380@live.com
(Tribal Council e-mail)
nadosh2@yahoo.com
(personal e-mail)

Happy 13th Birthday to my oldest son, Robert Alexander Williams. Love you!
Love, Mom and your lil sister Kaetlin

Happy Birthday on May 12 to Kane Erin Rilatos. Love you so much, my son.
Love, Mom, your brother Robert and your sister Kaetlin

Happy Birthday to my three nephews – Robert, Kane and Michael. You're all growing up too fast. I can't believe Robert is a teen-ager. We'd also like to wish Roxy, Lexi, Jaylin, Jesse and Todd a Happy Birthday.
Love – Amie, Michael, Mahala, Cameron and Elka

Happy Birthday to Jaylin Mya. You're such a sweet girl. We love you.
The Wawrak family

Happy Birthday to my sis, Roxanne Elkins, on May 10. I know it's been a hard year. You've been so strong and a rock for our family! Thank you – we love you so much!
Love, your sis Wendy and family

Happy Birthday grandson, Todd Ramsey. We love and miss ya, can't wait till ya come home to us!
Love ya, Gram Connie

Our family would like to wish a very loved and special person a very Happy Birthday, Todd Ramsey! We love you and you're always in our hearts and prayers. Miss you sooo much!
Sending our thoughts and our love – the Wawrak family

Happy Birthday to Jess Ramsey.
Love ya, The Wawraks

Happy Mother's Day to the best moma anyone could ask for, Connie Williams. You're our heart and soul – thank you for all you do. I'm sorry for all you've been through – I wish I could take all your pain away! I love you, Moma.
Your youngest, Wendy

To a great mother-in-law, I mean Moma Connie. You're wonder woman – I love you for your heart and strength. Happy Mother's Day!
Your son, BJ

Happy Birthday to Michael Norton on May 25. We love you and hope you have a good birthday.
Love, Auntie Maggie and family



To the editor:

www.SiletzForum.com
Let's hear the good and bad, and ways to improve our Tribe.
Everyone is welcome to the site (including non-Tribal).
Post your message anonymously.
Thanks,
Clint Muschamp