

January 30, 2012
Home To Roost

So, the second petition on Weenie Boy, the murderer elected as chairman in an election where it didn't matter if the numbers added up or not, is in. There are plenty, if not even more than enough legit names signed to get him out of office.

People take a big risk going after him. His family has murdered people over something as small as a traffic ticket, and others were killed, mostly for sport, but also to make sure no one would get out of line and tell what they knew about that murder.

Turdclan steps over dead bodies to get what they want.

Yet, people signed. The Tribal Council immediately went into a huddle to try and figure what they could do about this. They want to find a way to ignore the petition altogether. But they were told that if they did that, the people would revolt and petition them all out. I am sure that all of those petitions will also be ignored.

So, in order to make a legitimate recall petition go away, and the cowardly Tribal Council (all of them) not wanting to appear to be the ones who flushed it; it has been given over to one of the Tribal Council appointed judges to decide if it is going to be acted on or not.

So, they have now, openly, taken away your voice. They have told you that you can follow all the rules and step up, and they will -- because they always have and always will-- ignore you.

Typically, the next step would be to contact the BIA Agent on the rez. But, everyone knows Rowdy Cavanaugh is in it deep with the Turdclan. His own family has been robbing millions out of the tribe, so he is not about to rock that canoe. He has never filed one incident report. That was, for a long time, despite the BIA and the Department of Interior KNOWING that major crimes were being committed on the rez, allowing the BIA to turn a blind eye, deaf ear, and of course, say nothing. Rowdy is as much the BIA's insurance policy that they will never have to address anything, as he is the Turdclan's go-to man for putting a lid on any information or complaints ever going outside of the rez.

Rowdy can even take leave, whenever he wants, without notifying his superiors in Aberdeen. They only find out when they can't reach him. Some supervision, eh?

Let's get their attention, shall we?

Contact:

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And, if you get the run around, saying she's not in, or whatever, feel free to leave a message with whomever answers the phone. Write down his or her name and document what day, time you spoke to them-- then send it to me. I'll keep track for you.

By the way, if you want to just call her directly, and demand that the Petition that has been turned in be addressed, and the Tribal Council's refusal to process it in the normal and legal fashion; and if you want to ask her who, if anyone is supervising Rod Cavanaugh and when was the last time he had a performance review... call her directly: **605-226-7343**

Tell her you are demanding that the BIA step in and assure the people that their petitions will be heard, and process will be followed. Tell her to back it up with agents from the BIA--- NOT Donovan Wind, who, during his service as a Tribal police officer and as the Chief of Police for the tribe, failed to investigate rapes, underage drinking parties, molestation, robberies and assaults. Tell her you want someone not pals with the criminal organization that has been running the place.

I encourage those of you who have been threatened, or had incidents of violence or terrorism towards you by or on behalf of the Tribal Council or Weenie Boy and his family, call directly and let them know that all is not well on the rez, despite Rowdy not filing any reports.

You might ask if Rod Cavanaugh works for the BIA or if the BIA is there to serve him and his family. We should probably clear that up at the outset.

Judge Knot

So, Brooke Black and Justin Yankton are found guilty on the charges of stealing from the LIHEP funds/fuel. Sentencing will be next month.

Because Justin was reinstated, illegally (mention that to our good friend, Alice, while you are at it) and his reinstatement was never recorded in the minutes, and he was given back pay and benefits, the Tribe has had to pick up the tab for his

attorneys' fees. They will also be picking up the tab for whatever pittance of a fine the Judge delivers to him. Given how Carl Walkingeagle and his family, who stole more and for longer were given such a slap on the wrist, I doubt that either Justin, who shamefully stole from the poor and cold of the tribe and then, cowardly creature that he is, tried to hide behind his girlfriend and let her take the fall for him, will get any kind of a real sentence. If he did, it would seriously call into question the laughable sentence dealt out to Carl & Co.

That alone, would make it so the judges who want their favorites to skate by, will pressure any of the other judges to go soft, flaccid, if you will, in this case. Perhaps so much so, that they can tie it into a knot?

Unless of course, Justin and Brook get the same judge as did Carl & Co. Then, with a wink and a nod, a stern lecture... and then the punch line: Some measly amount, and house arrest. Better yet: Time served. I can hardly wait.

Any judge that doesn't go along with the program, will of course, stand out, and so will the other cases. Going to be interesting-- maybe.

Meanwhile, just like Carl & Co, or the murderers, all of whom walk among you-- take your children into their families-- and you let them. You act as if the wealth they stole from you, and now parade in front of you as if you are less than they are, is something to be respected. No one calls them out. No one turns their backs. Always a friendly greeting, and a wave of the hand... hoping, just hoping, they might notice you and smile back.

After all, who are you to judge? It is as if you have no judgment whatsoever.

Courage

The people you should be supporting, in my humble opinion, are the brave people who stood up and put their names to the petition that has earned them, thus far, nothing more than scorn from those who are supposed to be leaders, and complete disinterest from those who are supposed to be making sure that government on the rez runs according to laws. The Federal Government has got to be made to take an interest in what happens to people out there.

Stand together or you shall all, down to a person, be wishing you had stood by those who were standing up for you when it was still possible. Bad times are coming and it will get a lot worse before it gets better... and it won't get better unless you take the lessons learned and stand up and stand together.

The more abuse you take, the more you will have to take even more abuse.

Lyin' Around

Everyone really anxious to know what the State found in regards to the audit they just did on Social Services. The Good People of Spirit Lake are being told by their leaders that the problems were minor, and everyone is cooperating and all is well. Nothing to see here... move along.

The truth is far from that. The State is not at all at ease with what has been found. Now, it remains to be seen, what, exactly, they will do about it.

Meanwhile, children are being snatched from safe homes and delivered into the hands of their abusers... all to clear up a little problem with record keeping. A little problem where the money never went where it was supposed to go.

Each one of these children, will grow up never able to trust anyone. Many will not survive at all. Those who do will have to overcome overwhelming odds and pressures to not turn to drugs, alcohol, drop out of school and engage in demeaning sex just to feel like they 'belong somewhere'... even if they never do feel like they belong anywhere. Most will not be able to clear those hurdles.

Look around you. Look around town. You see them in various stages of survival. Most are in jail or have been in jail. Some are screaming at you on the street, others just passed out, lying around... maybe dead.

That is what is waiting for these children. What they become is waiting for all of us who did nothing to stop the abuses.

Contact

Write to your State, Local and Federal Representatives. Tell them you want them to take the problems and abuses that happen in Indian Country seriously. Tell them you want investigations into complaints, deaths and embezzlement of tax dollar funds and grants. Tell them that it is important. Keep telling them until they do something about it, or you can vote in someone who will.

We all have to become very proactive if anything is going to get better for any of us. First, it has to get better for all of us.

Indians did not "do this to themselves". This is what has been done to First Nations ever since Contact and the greed filled hearts of Corporate Thieves who saw the treasure of resources and only one thing standing in their way--- The First Nations.

Time to open our eyes and stop pretending that since we did not do this to them,

we are not responsible for what continues to be done to them... in our name, with our TAX DOLLARS.

We can, at the very least, reclaim our own small portion of Humanity and say something; do something; pressure government to do what is right.

Only a small handful of people get benefit from stealing the resources. But all of us have to pay for the damage done to the environment, the survivors, and we can no longer afford to just let it be what it is. This all has to change. It starts with one. It starts with us.

It won't be easy. Nothing worthwhile ever is. But we pride ourselves on being a great nation and on our Justice System and our Laws. None of that was easy either.

Are we not the dreams of our Grandfathers? If not, then are we a bigger disappointment to them? Or to those we leave to clean up and fix what we could not be bothered to do? Do we do this ourselves and now? Or do we leave it all, in a broken heap of stink, for our Children and Grandchildren? What will they think of us?

You know where to find me.

~Cat