

Tribal Council Candidate Forum slated

The Tribal Executive Team will be sponsoring a Tribal Council Candidate Forum from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Tribal Executive Officer Chris Leno at 503-879-2340 or Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor at 503-879-1920. ■

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 28.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I am writing this letter to enlighten the person/persons who are in charge of the conduct of the security guards at the casino. There were at least two of them that discriminated against Grand Ronde Tribal family members and another two that neglected to remove a man who was seen by the construction crew trying to break into some vehicles in the rear parking lot.

The first incident happened on June 1, 2010, after a few of my relatives had eaten dinner at the casino and was enjoying a sporting event that was almost over. The two guards approached them and asked the grandfather to step outside for a moment. They took him outside where there was a Polk County Sheriff and they told him to remove his shirt. Naturally, he is not going to undress in public and be humiliated. His shirt was a red T-shirt with a memorial picture of his grandson silk-screened on to the back.

The security guards proceeded to leave and return to my relatives on four separate occasions. On one occasion, they pulled a sister outside and told her she needed to take off her jumpsuit, which was pink. On the final attempt to humiliate these relatives in front of everyone in the establishment, one of my relatives proceeded to tell all of the non-Native patron onlookers who were wearing the same color some of them were that they needed to go get in line because they were getting evicted.

This made the guards mad and they kicked him out for harassing the patrons, but the Polk County Sheriff agreed with my relatives and said they kicked us out for wearing something that non-Native patrons are wearing, then that's racial profiling, which is illegal. The guards then stated that what they were doing was ordered by members of Tribal Council.

The second incident happened June 4, 2010, when my son, other Tribal crew members and the construction boss were on the fourth floor working. They spotted a man in the back parking lot trying to break into their vehicles. The boss immediately reported it to security, who eventually got there. The construction boss asked if they were going to need him or his crew to hang around to give the Polk County Sheriff's Office a report and identify the guy and security told him no that they would take care of it.

Four hours later, my son said he got off work and went to the front of our casino and was shocked to see the thief standing with the security guards, laughing and smoking a cigarette. I want to know if there is anyone on council who really knows about this and cares?

This isn't a joke. Who is the one that gives the guards their orders and did they order them to persecute traditionalists who are direct descendants of our oldest and respected Tribal member, Nora? Cheryle Kennedy and Wink Soderberg are also our direct descendants and I don't believe for a second that it was them who said, "Go harass my tilixum!"

Since these guards put our elected relatives on the block, then let's hear what they have to say, or see what you can do to find out about these incidents and please report back to your Tribe, your tilixum, because that's why you're working.

Thank you for your prompt and serious response and feel free to contact me anytime at 541-550-8183 for more information.

Tiny Gibbons
Roll #1116

(Editor's note: *Smoke Signals* has not investigated the statements in this letter to verify their accuracy. A Spirit Mountain Casino representative, however, stated that Ms. Gibbons does not have the correct facts.)

Attention Tribal members

Copies of Legislative Action Committee recommendations are available on the Tribal member side of the Tribal Web site. They are located with the Legislative Action Committee minutes.

These forms are only a recommendation used by the Legislative Action Committee to move discussion items to a regular Tribal Council meeting for a vote of the Tribal Council. If you have any questions, please contact Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, for more information. You may reach Whitecloud at 503-879-1309 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1309. ■

General Council meeting
Sunday, Sept. 12 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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