

## Editorial Board votes to allow candidate ads in *Smoke Signals*

The newly created Editorial Board voted unanimously on Friday, June 2, to allow Tribal Council candidate ads in *Smoke Signals*.

However, there will be limitations.

Only nominated Tribal Council candidates can advertise in *Smoke Signals* for the editions that they can meet the newspaper's already delineated deadlines.

Tribal Council candidates will pay the non-Tribal advertising rate of \$8 per column inch and not receive any discounts for the size of their ad.

Tribal Council candidates will be limited to one full page of advertising total in *Smoke Signals* with a limit of a half-page ad being the largest ad that can run in any issue. Tribal Council candidates can only buy four quarter-page ads, two half-page ads or two quarter-page ads and a half-page ad in the four editions that are published after Tribal Council nominations and before Tribal Election Day.

Candidate ads are subject to the same editorial policy as other submissions to *Smoke Signals*. Candidates should tell voters why they should be elected, not why voters should not vote for another candidate.

All campaign ads must be pre-paid and submitted ready to run. Ad placement requests will not be allowed. Editorial Board members said that since Tribal Council candidates currently must pay an outside agency for a full mailing to the membership, it would be better that they use that money to help support an independent Tribal press.

In addition, by making candidates pay the non-Tribal advertising rate, it ensures the Tribe is not subsidizing a candidate's run for office.

Other Tribal newspapers, such as the *Confederated Umatilla Journal* in Pendleton, regularly run paid candidates ads as a way to help fund their program and allow candidates to reach the general membership.

The Editorial Board also hired Dean Rhodes as editor of *Smoke Signals* and elected officers with Siobhan Taylor as chairwoman, Monty Herron as vice chair and David Harrelson as secretary. Mia Prickett and Andy Jenness round out the board's membership.

The board's next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 14, in Room 204 of the Governance Center. It is open to the public. ■

## MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

### Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Director's position opening

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. invites dynamic business-orientated individuals to apply to the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There is an available board position open for a qualified applicant who possesses the appropriate business knowledge and experience; preference will be applied to Tribal members.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council and oversees fiscal accountability, budgets, policies, procedures and business operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The SMGI Board meets once a month on the average but more if necessary. Each board member receives a stipend each month for their participation. Travel reimbursement is limited to the six (6) county service area for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and/or Washington.

Qualifications include general business knowledge, experience in hospitality/customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a responsible business position and strong financial experience. Knowledge of Native American-owned and -operated organizations preferred but not mandatory. There also should be a demonstrated ability to be responsive to the goals of the business and its increasing dynamic character with appropriate analytical and communication skills.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license is necessary.

**Applicants may submit a letter of interest, resume and 3 references to:**

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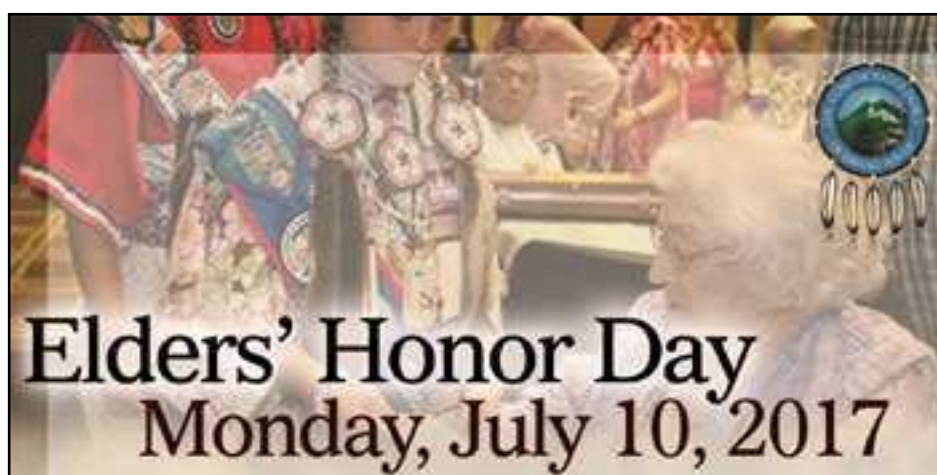
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## Annual Court visit



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Little Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi, left, and Little Miss Princess Sophie Grout lead the 2017 Rose Festival Court in a frog dance during the court's visit to achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse, on Tuesday, May 30. Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier, Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel and Tribal Cultural Adviser Bobby Mercier gave the princesses a briefing on Grand Ronde Tribal history and drummed and sang, and Grand Ronde Royalty Coordinator Chelsea Clark shared how Grand Ronde's Royalty program works. The Rose Festival Court makes an annual visit to the Grand Ronde Tribe as part of their schedule.**



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