

## 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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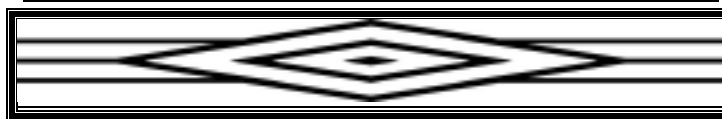
## Spiritual hike



Photo courtesy of Jerry Bailey

**Tribal Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey received permission from David Hampton to take youth up to Spirit Mountain and on Monday, June 19, a small group from Youth Education and some Cultural Resources Department staff members went on a hike. They hiked the little ways up to the top, looked at the different plants and enjoyed the view. Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier and Tribal Cultural Adviser Bobby Mercier found Indian tea that a few of the youth picked to take home. Bailey said it was a great experience for both the youth and staff, since only a few of them had been on Spirit Mountain before.**

### COMMUNITY EVENT IDEAS - SUBMISSION REQUEST



We Want To Hear From YOU:

The Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center is dedicated to "Community Building!"- We will begin offering regular community activities and events that provide healthy exercise for the mind and body and that are fun for the entire family! After-all, laughter really is good medicine!

Please think of a creative, fun filled idea and if your submission is chosen for our 2017 activity calendar you will WIN a PRIZE.

To submit your idea by phone, Please call:

Activities/Wellness Promotion Coordinator at 503- 879-2078

**Saturday, July 15**  
**Tribal Rodeo Grounds**  
**High Desert**  
**Bucking Bull Competition**

Hosted by:  
**RadRanch Bucking Bulls**  
Sanctioned by:  
**High Desert Bucking Bulls**

Schedule: Junior "Futurity Bull" Category 10 a.m.  
Followed by: 2 year old bulls  
Lunch Break  
Derby and Classic Bulls with riders begins at 2 p.m.

**Free admission with 1 can of food**

Ad created by George Valdez