

Smoke Signals seeking logo submissions

Smoke Signals is seeking logo entries from Grand Ronde Tribal artists that represent the newspaper’s mission of communicating with the membership.

Culturally, blue jay is a fitting character in Tribal stories that is a teller and conveyor of information and logo suggestions that incorporate the bird will be considered.

Logos will be used in the newspaper, on the newspaper website and on any swag that is eventually created to help promote the newspaper at future events, such powwows, General Council meetings and conferences.

Tribal artists interested in submitting a logo proposal should send their drawing as a jpg to Editor Dean Rhodes at dean.rhodes@grandronde.org. For more information, contact Rhodes at 503-879-1463. Submissions will be accepted until a logo is finally selected. ■

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chief judge for five years, beginning as interim chief judge in May 2014.

Noble says her judicial philosophy is to provide firm and clear guidance from the bench, as well as to provide accountability.

“The court needs to continue its tradition of professionalism, courtesy and dignity, while creating an environment in which every voice is heard with caring and understanding,” she said in a statement. “A judge needs to act wisely and with the full understanding of the facts and the application of law, so that public confidence in the judiciary and the juridical system is preserved.”

Noble, of McMinnville, has worked in the legal field for 27 years. In addition to her job as Tribal Court chief judge, she also serves as a part-time McMinnville Municipal Court judge and has a private family law practice.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from New York’s Syracuse University in 1981 and a doctor of

law degree from Willamette University in Salem in 1992. Noble was admitted to the Oregon State Bar the same year she earned her law degree.

Her work in municipal court has included presiding over most misdemeanors, traffic violations, minor in possession violations and city ordinance violations.

“(I am) dedicated to finding peaceful resolutions that strengthen the community,” Noble says. “(I have) a passion to right wrongs and help others.”

In addition to being a member of the Oregon State Bar, she is also a member of the Yamhill County Bar Association, Yamhill Justice Center, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Oregon Municipal Judges’ Association and Oregon Association of Collaborative Professionals.

Noble and her husband, Rick, have two grown children and two malamutes. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with music and art endeavors in the local community. ■

Sifuentez case still not set for trial

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

SALEM – Former longtime Tribal Security employee Juan Jose Sifuentez, 55, remains out of jail on bail while awaiting trial on first-degree sexual abuse charges.

A trial date has not been set by Marion County Circuit Court.

Sifuentez, 55, was arrested by the Salem Police Department on Thursday, Feb. 7, and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual abuse. He remained in the Marion County Jail until mid-April when he posted the \$8,300 security release.

Sifuentez worked for the Tribe as Security Supervisor in the Engineering & Public Works Department. Before that, he served as an employee of two previous contracted security firms, ProStar and Advance.

According to amended charging documents on file with Marion

County Circuit Court, Sifuentez is accused of two incidents of alleged inappropriate touching of a girl younger than 14. The alleged incidents occurred in August 2014.

He is being represented by Salem attorney Martin Habekost, who did not return a phone call or e-mail requesting comment on the case.

According to Oregon law, first-degree sexual abuse occurs if the victim is younger than 14 and is subjected to force or is incapable of consent because he or she is mentally defective or incapacitated or physically helpless. It is a class B felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of 6 years and 3 months.

Marion County District Attorney Ashley R. Cadotte is prosecuting the case.

Sifuentez’s next court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25. ■

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Director’s Position Openings

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (“SMGI”), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (“Grand Ronde”), operates Spirit Mountain Casino – the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas-style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest’s premier casinos. Grand Ronde invites applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There are two open board positions.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. The Board oversees strategic planning, overall fiscal accountability, budgets and operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The SMGI Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, which are held at Spirit Mountain Casino – although participation by telephone will occasionally be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position, and a solid understanding of the Portland-metro and Salem area economies. Experience in the following areas is also preferred: gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources, and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is required.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission deadline: Friday, Sept. 20, 2019

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:

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