

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION SERVICES

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) is soliciting bids by 3 p.m. May 15, 2009, from contractors to perform periodic maintenance work for GRTHA-owned housing in Grand Ronde. All contractors are required to meet Davis Bacon Standards.

Bids for services needed in the following areas: Floor Coverings, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Appliance Repair and Cleaning.

Contact GRTHA to receive related bid packets and additional information. Phone 503-879-2401, or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Fax: 503-879-5973.

Goal is to attract a younger gaming demographic

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brew beers.

Like Raindrops, Mountain View will offer live entertainment and dancing on weekends.

Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Rodney Ferguson said in December that the nightclub and sports bar are an effort by the casino to attract a younger gaming demographic to Grand Ronde.

"Many gamers around the country are in their mid-40s," he said. "We can capture more of those folks

and have another revenue source coming in the door than we do currently."

Ferguson added that the new nightclub and sports bar will give customers attending concerts or sporting events in the casino's Events Center, which opened in May 2008, something to do afterward if they are not gamers.

During the grand opening weekend, rhythm-and-blues band Kool and the Gang and variety act Spirit of Asia are scheduled to perform in the Events Center on May 23 and 24, respectively. ■



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Rick Paukert, business development manager for 3M, cuts off a piece of Di-Noc, an adhesive architectural finish, as work continues toward completing the new Raindrops Nightclub in Spirit Mountain Casino on Thursday, May, 7. The Di-Noc is being used to cover parts of the walls, posts and bathroom doors in the nightclub, which is opening on Saturday, May 23. Below, Mountain View Sports Bar in Spirit Mountain Casino will open along with the new Raindrops Nightclub.



Walking On...

Frances Lena Byars

April 25, 1941 – May 10, 2009

Tribal Elder Frances Lena Byars walked on Sunday, May 10, 2009, in McMinnville, Ore., at the age of 68.

She was born April 25, 1941, in Chemawa, Ore., to Lewis and Doris (LaRose) Riggs. Frances lived her life in many places, including eight years in Germany and many years in Salem, Dallas and Grand Ronde. She was a proud military wife of more than 20 years.

Frances worked at Dunkin' Donuts on South Commercial Street in Salem for many years. She enjoyed Wimbledon, the Seattle Mariners and "The Crocodile Hunter." She loved bingo, gambling at Spirit Mountain Casino, live music, rock hounding, driving on long road trips and collecting owls. She loved a good argument and always had to have the last word.

Frances is survived by her son, James Byars Jr. of Grand Ronde; daughter, Stacey Grier of North Carolina; sisters, Louise Coulson of Grand Ronde and Georgene Gray and Una Birchum of Salem; brother, David Riggs of Salem; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Fae Marie Garrouite; sisters, Jacque Riggs and Koann Huntley; and brother, Lewis Riggs III.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 15, in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the Tribal gymnasium in Grand Ronde. Private interment will be at City View Cemetery in Salem.

Online condolences may be left at www.dallastribute.com.



2009 Tribal Marketplace dates

- June 5-7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 3-5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Elder Honor Day
- Aug. 7-9, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 14-16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Powwow
- Sept. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 2-4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6-8, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet. For more information, call Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-4240.

2009 Winter General Council & Community Membership Meetings

This year the community membership meetings started in January and were combined with the General Council meetings in Portland and Eugene, as well as in Grand Ronde. The focus of the meetings will be on the Draft 2009 Strategic Plan.

May 17, 2009

Sunday

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Community Meeting

Riverhouse Hotel (Deschutes Room;
south end of Restaurant Bldg.)
3075 N. Highway 97
Bend, Oregon 97701

Recently postponed General Council meeting also being held before the membership meeting and after the noon luncheon.

The 2009 Tribal Strategic Plan will be adopted by mid-July based on comments received at the community meetings and written comments received through the mail. Comments from these meetings also will be used in preparing grant applications (e.g. ICDBG, ANA). For additional information, call the Planning & Grants Department at (503) 879-2286. If you wish to mail in comments on the Strategic Plan or Tribal priorities please write to Mr. Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Department, Grand Ronde Tribe, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97147.