

Forum visit

Members of the French Prairie Forum visited the Tribe on Friday, April 22. The group includes county commissioners, mayors, city council members, chamber of commerce members and tourism representatives from Clackamas County, Wilsonville, Aurora, Keizer, Champoeg and Dayton. At right, Annie Von Domitz from the Oregon Travel Information Council in Salem admired the carving in front of the Tribal plankhouse, Achfa-hammi, which pays tribute to the Grand Ronde Trail of Tears that occurred 1856. Below, Tribal member and Tribal Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier spoke about the history and construction of the Tribal plankhouse. In addition to visiting the plankhouse, forum members toured the Tribal campus, met with Tribal Council members Reyn Leno, Wink Soderberg, Steve Bobb Sr., Jack Giffen Jr. and Chris Mercier, and dined at Spirit Mountain Casino for lunch, during which they met with casino Chief Executive Officer Rodney Ferguson. The tour was coordinated and led by Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor.



Photos by Dean Rhodes

Zumba held Monday, Wednesday

Zumba, an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance fitness party, is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Tribal gymnasium.

The first class is free and \$6 thereafter for drop-ins, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card.

For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at 503-879-1369. ■

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2011

Changes to Social Services Emergency Assistance and Medical Gas Voucher Program

For all income criteria programs, wage verification for past 60 days (wage stubs) will need to be submitted. If client has not worked for a period of time, client will need to submit a printout from their State Employment Office or printout from Oregon Self Sufficiency Office as verification of income. Rental/deposit or utility assistance may be utilized only 1 time in a 24-month rolling calendar period and is not to exceed the maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household within any 24-month rolling calendar period.

Medical Gas Vouchers

Social Services will not provide gas vouchers for medical appointments, counseling or drug & alcohol treatment. The only exception to this is for scheduled treatment plans, (i.e.: radiation, chemotherapy, surgery, etc.) and has caused hardship on the family, medical gas vouchers can be distributed to meet the need of the circumstances. A copy of all scheduled treatment plans must be received before client is eligible to receive this service. Assistance will end on the date of the last treatment appointment.

For a complete copy of policy or questions, please contact Tammy C. Garrison at 503-879-2077. ■

Notice to Construction Contractors

Request for Bid Behavioral Health/Optometry Remodel Project For The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is requesting proposals for the remodel of the Behavioral Health/Optometry offices in the Health & Wellness Center located at 9605 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon.

Interested persons wishing to be considered for the above work, please send an electronic request for a bid packet labeled "Bid Packet Request for Behavioral Health/Optometry Remodel" to: larry.leith@grandronde.org

A pre-bid walk thru for interested person will be held at the Health and Wellness Center on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Proposals must be received at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Procurement Department before 4 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2011. Proposals must be received by the established deadline. Those received after the deadline will not be considered. Proposals submitted by fax will not be accepted.

The Tribe reserves the right to select the proposal(s) that are in the best interest of the Tribe. The Tribe also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Tribe. Tribal Preference will be applied in the evaluation process.

Additional information regarding this request may be obtained by submitting written requests to larry.leith@grandronde.org. Questions and answers will be e-mailed to all proposers. ■

PSU sponsors suicide prevention poster contest

Our Healing Feathers Project, a suicide prevention awareness and wellness program at Portland State University, is sponsoring a poster contest for Native American/Alaskan Native junior high and senior high school students attending Oregon, Washington and Idaho schools.

The theme is "Breaking the Silence" and entrants are asked to create posters that encourage young people to step forward and help their friends who may be expressing suicidal thoughts or have threatened to commit suicide.

Posters must be 8.5-by-11 inches and can use photography, pencil, charcoal, paint and digital mediums. Applicants must be enrolled in sixth through 12th grades and be of Native descent.

First-place winner receives a \$100 gift certificate, second gets a \$75 gift certificate and third receives a \$50 gift certificate.

Entries should include a separate piece of paper with the entrant's name, age, address, Tribal affiliation, e-mail address, school and phone number. One entry per student is allowed.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, May 16, and entries should be mailed to Healing Feathers Program, c/o Dean Azule, Native American Student & Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson St., Portland, OR 97217.

For more information, contact Azule at azuled@pdx.edu or call 503-725-5348. ■

Attention All Tribal Artisans

The Grand Ronde Royalty Committee is seeking bids for beaded crowns and sashes for the 2011 - 12 Royalty Court.

Crowns and sashes must be completed and delivered by **June 30, 2011**

Please submit your bid to Public Affairs,
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

The deadline for bids is April 30
(Deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 P.M. that day)

Questions: call 503-879-1418