

Bobb designs fifth festival float

'Dances With Roses' will represent casino this year

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Spirit Mountain Casino has been title sponsor of the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade for three years.

Tribal Council member and artist Steve Bobb Sr. has this year completed his fifth Tribal float design.

"They hit you with the theme early this year — Portland's Party — but I was thinking, thinking, thinking, and nothing was coming to me at all," Bobb said.

He started in late December when word of the theme was announced. "I kind of struggled," he said, "but like everything, it hit me in the middle of the night. Bam!"



Steve Bobb Sr.

His dreams brought together a number of images from the parade and colors from Royal Rosarian uniforms.

"I took the fountain, the Salmon Street

fountain. I used that and took two shawl dancers dancing from Tribal photographs. I made the colors match the Royal Rosarians' colors, the off-white suits with burgundy capes, so the shawls are burgundy; the dancers' regalia is off-white, with Tribal-looking flowers on front and back of the regalia."

The dancers will turn in place. The music is the title track from Native American Music Awards

Musician of the Year Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach's 2012 release "Wind Dreamer."

"We found a flute song with some upbeat guitar music," said Bobb. "Another of his tracks had chimes. I really liked them, so we used them. We went to his studio and put together the song with the chimes added."

Huge roses will circle the base of the float. A fountain is in the center with flowers, instead of water, cascading down as the dancers circle.

In a play on the title of the movie "Dances With Wolves," Bobb calls this year's float "Dances With Roses."

"It's a Native American theme tied around the Rose Festival theme," he said.

Bobb's designs have received awards year after year at the Rose Festival. In 2009, his work earned the Golden Rose Award; in 2010, the Al Reser Sweepstakes Award; and in 2011 and 2012, the Spirit Mountain Casino float won the President's Award.

A lifelong artist, Bobb's work also has won many other awards over

the years. In the 1981-82 season of the International Show Car Association, Bobb's rebuild of a 1936 Ford won both the Pacific Division Championship and the International Championship in the Custom Street Coupe class.

This is the last year under the existing agreement for the casino to serve as title sponsor, but the sponsorship has served the Tribe well, Bobb said, and Tribal Council will consider a new agreement following this year's event.

The sponsorship, Bobb said, "worked out to our benefit. We were able to use it as a vehicle to let a lot of people in the Portland area know that the Grand Ronde are also the people of this area. We've been able to do that very well. I've spoken at events and passed that message on."

The Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade will be held this year on Saturday, June 8.

"It's been quite an honor for me to use my ideas and my design," Bobb said. "I have been given a gift from my creator that flows through me. I am obligated to share this gift with all." ■

Yamhill County seeking volunteer drivers

Yamhill County is seeking volunteer drivers to transport local veterans to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland.

Volunteers are unpaid, but a meal is provided for their time.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jim Cox at 503-472-4771. ■

Volleyball nights held on Wednesdays

The Tribe's Recreation Program holds open volleyball from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Tribal gym.

Volleyball is open to anyone who wishes to participate.

For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator Matthew Mosley at 503-879-1369 or matthew.mosley@grandronde.org. ■

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To: Parents, Guardians or Custodians of Minor & Incompetent Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon:

RE: RABBI TRUST FUND AND MINORS' CUSTODIAL TRUST FUND

This letter serves to inform you of the upcoming annual election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk. The election deadline is May 17, 2013, and the investment period will be effective from June 1, 2013, to May 31, 2014.

Recognizing that each Tribal member's tolerance for investment risk may be different, on August 1, 2009, the Tribal Council of Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon permitted parents of minor members age 17 or younger having balances in the Rabbi Trust Fund and Minors' Custodial Trust Fund, or members age 18 or older to recommend that these funds be invested in one out of five possible investment options. A brief description of each investment option is enclosed with this letter.

The information on pages 4 and 5 describes both the risk associated with each investment option, as well as the investment securities and investment style reflected in each alternative.

The five possible investment options are as follows:

- Option 1: Age Based Allocations
- Option 2: Fixed Allocation / Low Risk / No Stock / All Ages
- Option 3: Fixed Allocation / Stocks 20% / Fixed Income 80% / All Ages
- Option 4: Fixed Allocation / Stocks 40% / Fixed Income 60% / All Ages
- Option 5: Fixed Allocation / Stocks 60% / Fixed Income 40% / All Ages

If you are satisfied with your minor's current investment option, you do not need to respond.

But, if you wish to change the investment option you previously recommended or if your minor was enrolled as a member of the Tribe after May 14, 2012, please complete the Investment Risk Assessment Recommendation Form to recommend that the funds be invested in one

of the above investment options. One election form must be completed for each minor member. If the member has funds in both trusts, this election will apply to investments in both trusts.

An informational meeting has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for you and other Tribal members to gain information and ask questions regarding the investment options:

■ Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 9 a.m. in the Valley River Inn Conference Center (before General Council meeting), 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, OR 97401

A member of the Tribe's investment consulting team from Robert W. Baird & Co. will be present at the meeting to answer your questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may still speak with a member of the Tribe's investment consulting team by contacting the office of Joseph S. Hoon at 877-792-3667 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please note: If you do decide to change your minor's current investment option or you need to recommend a first time investment option for your newly enrolled minor, the Investment Risk Assessment Recommendation Form must be received by Trautmann, Maher & Associates (the third party administrator of the trust funds) no later than 5 p.m. May 17, 2013. If this form has not been received by that date, your minor's funds will either remain in their currently invested option or be invested in the default option (Option 1 – Age Based Allocations).

The conversion for the new investment changes will begin May 18, 2013, and is scheduled to be completed by June 1. After this date, the next opportunity to change your investment election will be May 1, 2014.

Please contact Member Benefits Department directly at 800-422-0232 if you have any questions relating to this change.

Sincerely,
Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon