

Community members wanted

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 477 Employment and Training Program and Land and Culture Department have resources that can be utilized along with community members who have a passion for gardening or want to learn the art of agriculture. If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for next year's planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org. ■

Tribal Court seeks request for proposals

In an effort to build the capacity of the Court, the Tribe is seeking Requests for Proposals from interested individuals, legal service providers, agencies or law firms to develop new Tribal ordinances, revise current ordinances, develop self-help packets and develop local rules for the court.

To obtain a copy of the RFP, contact Angela Fasana at 503-879-4596 or angela.fasana@grandronde.org. Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. June 28, 2013. ■

Notice to Interested Persons

Invitation for Bids Tribal Court Remodel The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Grand Ronde, Oregon

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) seeks bids from qualified and licensed contractors for safety and security upgrades to CTGR's Tribal Court.

Scope of work includes installation of bulletproof resistant doors, bulletproof panels and creating additional staff space.

The Court will continue to operate during the remodel project and the contractor will be required to be flexible with respect to the Court's scheduled hearings.

Copies of the IFB documents may be obtained by e-mailing Jesse White at jesse.white@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2404.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 3 p.m. at Tribal Court, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

Respondents shall provide a written bid by 3 p.m. June 19, 2013, to Jesse White, Owner's Representative, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. ■

Gamblers Anonymous

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays -7 p.m.

Wednesdays 8 p.m.

Saturdays 10:30 a.m.

Stick and Stay and
make it pay!

Sundays 1 p.m.

8720 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Old Elementary School
Enter next to playground area



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Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, left, holds a piece of ribbon that Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. cut during the ribbon cutting to officially open the electric car charging station at Grand Ronde Station on Wednesday, May 29. Looking on is Phil Ditzler, background, the Federal Highway Administration's Oregon administrator, and Mark Ellsworth, right, Gov. John Kitzhaber's Oregon North Coast Regional Solutions coordinator. Leno made the first cut in the ribbon.

Ribbon cutting officially opens Tribe's electric car chargers

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

About 40 Tribal and industry representatives, along with a selection of electric cars and two-foot-long scissors made the scene on Wednesday, May 29, at the two electric car charging stations located next to the Tribe's convenience store on Highway 18.

Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. cut the ribbon that officially ushered in the Tribe's contribution to the coming era of low fuel costs and no-emission electric cars.

Electric car chargers are planned for up and down the West Coast, from Canada to Mexico.

"Oregon is leading the nation in the advancement of electric vehicles with the development of the West Coast Electric Highway, managed by the Oregon Department of Transportation in partnership with AeroVironment, and in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Energy, Oregon Department of

Energy and a variety of utilities throughout the state," said Ashley Horvat, state of Oregon Chief EV Officer in the Office of Innovative Partnerships Programs in the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Currently, there are 45 electric vehicle fast charging stations using three-phase 480-volt transformers located every 40 to 60 miles across the state. A full charge with these machines takes 20 to 30 minutes.

Depending on the model, electric vehicles get about 100 miles on a charge, although the Tesla Model S gets upwards of 280 miles.

Level 2 units – requiring 110 volts and 240 volts, respectively, and taking two to four hours to charge – also are popping up at stores and homes throughout the state.

Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar oversaw development of the project, which was installed last December. He was assisted by Economic Development Senior Administrative Assistant Jilene Mercier. ■

Family Night Out set for June 20

The ninth annual Family Night Out will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 20, on the Tribal campus.

There will be the Quad Air Jumper, Pirate Ship, Gyroscope, Bungee Jump, Rock Wall, Cake Walk, Fishing Booth and more. Hot dogs, chips and cotton candy will be available to eat. Seating is not provided.

For more information, call 503-879-2034. ■

Veterans Royalty meeting scheduled

A Veterans Royalty meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, in the Tribal Community Center for all girls ages 8 to 18.

The Veterans Special Event Board will be giving out instructions and applications to girls who want to run for Veterans Queen 2013-14.

Parents and/or sponsors of girls running for Veterans Royalty should attend as well.

For more information, contact Reina Nelson at 503-877-0460. ■