

‘It’s great all around’

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This could be the first of many company buildings going up across the United States and Canada, Puerini says.

“We shipped about 350,000 board feet of timber to Memphis for construction,” says Hull-Oakes buyer Nathan Nystrom, fourth generation in the family business. “We started cutting for that order at the end of May and finished toward the end of August.”

“Most smaller-log guys,” adds Nystrom, “are cutting timbers 32 to 40 feet. The Tribe cuts timbers to 52 to 56 feet,” and up to 130 feet for utility poles, adds Puerini.

Hull-Oakes also cuts longer logs for projects like bridges and trestles, residential and commercial timber-framed buildings, and pole barns.

Hull-Oakes’ trade in longer logs came from the company’s beginnings, says Nystrom. “When the market changes came during the 1970s to 1990s, we had a customer base and a niche that we felt we could stick with.”

Growing larger timber longer, Wilson says, “also meets other goals for the Tribe: creating good wildlife habitat, better carbon storage and other environmental benefits like overall watershed health. We don’t have to enter the stands so often, and all that gives us benefits like habitat for elk and other animals and a more natural forest.

“Tribal timber can be used for structural purposes and sold to clients who require structure and aesthetics. Our wood makes high quality, large and strong beams for support and they’re also very interesting and beautiful. It’s great all around.” ■

Help 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 or community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for this year’s planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org. ■

Event seeks to break world record

An event from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18, will seek to break the world record of 850 people planting bulbs simultaneously set last year in the United Kingdom.

The event will be held at White Oak Savanna, 2425 Tannler Drive in West Linn, and organizers are seeking 1,000 people to show up with garden trowels in hand to get bulbs in the ground and break the Guinness world record.

For more information or to sign up, send an e-mail to roberta.schwarz@comcast.net ■

Hospice seeking Native jewelry

The nonprofit Willamette Valley Hospice in Salem is planning a used jewelry sale in the spring as a fundraiser and is seeking donations from talented Native jewelry makers. Those who would like to donate can contact Hospice board member Steve Bobb Sr. at 503-876-3118. ■

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