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Experience Coquille Native American Culture

Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration Coming Up

NORTH BEND, Ore. – Mark your calendars for Sept. 10-11, 2004, when The Mill Casino•Hotel will be the venue for the first annual Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration, sharing the culture and traditions of the Coquille Indians and other Pacific Northwest tribes with residents and visitors to Oregon's Bay Area.

The festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 with a music performance by the R. Carlos Nakai Quartet in The Mill Casino's Salmon Room.

Nakai has used the traditional Native American flute in new musical settings, creating a new genre that has found widespread popularity. With the R. Carlos Nakai Quartet, he continues this musical experiment by joining the haunting sound of the cedar flute with sax, bass, keyboards, drums, and female vocals.

Tickets go on sale July 12 in The Mill's General Store, or charge by phone by calling 1-800-953-4800 or 541-756-8800.

On Sept. 11, the vendors' marketplace opens at 10 a.m., with Native artisans from across the Pacific Northwest offering handcrafted items. Performances of drumming, dance, and music will continue throughout the day, as will cultural displays.

Canoe races will periodically take place on Coos Bay alongside demonstrations of traditional canoe carving methods. Children will have an opportunity to learn traditional Native American games and crafts.



The highlight of the event will be a Salmon Bake, with salmon cooked in a traditional Coquille open-pit.

"We always look for opportunities to share our culture with the broader Coos Bay/North Bend community," said Tribal Chairman Ed Metcalf. "We hope to see many of our friends and neighbors at this celebration of our Coquille traditions."

Located directly on the Highway 101 waterfront of scenic Coos Bay, The Mill Casino•Hotel is a favorite destination for Bay Area residents and one of the premier attractions on Oregon's south coast. Its mix of Nevada-style casino games, dining options for every palate, and distinctive accommodations offers something for everyone.

Schedules of current and upcoming events are available throughout the casino or on its Web site, www.themillcasino.com.

Vendors Needed for Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration

The Mill Casino•Hotel is pleased to announce its first annual Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration on Sept. 10-11, 2004. The event will be held at The Mill Casino•Hotel in North Bend, Ore., located directly on beautiful Coos Bay.

The event will showcase the Native flutist R. Carlos Nakai Quartet, drums, dancers, demonstrators, canoe exhibition, cultural booth/display, and a traditional Salmon Bake dinner. The event is open to the general public and

we hope to make it a fun-filled educational experience for all.

The scheduled day for vendors will be Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. If interested, your booth should be reserved as soon as possible because of the limited amount of available space.

Please contact Anati Pierce at The Mill Casino•Hotel at 541-756-8800, ext. 420, for a vendor application packet. **The application deadline is Aug. 11, 2004.**

Eagle Feather Ceremony Honors Graduates

The Indian Education Program of the Lincoln County School District invites you to join us in honoring our graduating seniors at the

Eagle Feather Ceremony

June 8, 2004

6:30 p.m.

Silet Tribal Community Center
Government Hill, Siletz, Ore.

For more information, contact Patty Savage-Socha at 541-444-1100



Qwest Provides Low-Cost Service in Tribal Lands

DENVER – Qwest Communications Inc. recently announced that it is launching a public service campaign to promote the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up programs. These important programs help low-income individuals living on tribal lands gain access to low-cost local telephone service.

Qwest established the Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up programs after the Federal Communications Commission determined that many tribal areas are underserved. The programs provide access to basic local telephone service at rates as low as \$1 per month.

"Bringing telephone service to reservation lands will go a long way to help with law enforcement, health care, and education for the millions of American Indians who live there," said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell. "I encourage all to check to see if they are eligible, and to spread the word about these programs."

The key elements of these important programs are outlined below.

Tribal Lifeline Program

- Qualified individuals will receive basic local service for as low as \$1 per month.
- The Tribal Lifeline program is available to all eligible persons living on reservations.

- Free toll-blocking services are available to individuals who sign up for the program.

Tribal Link-Up Program

- This program provides credits toward installation fees for new service.
- The program pays one-half of new basic service installation charges up to \$30.
- The program also may pay up to \$70 toward line-extension charges or construction charges if applicable.

Program Qualifications

1. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Programs
2. Medicaid
3. Food Stamps
4. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
5. Head Start (meeting income requirement)
6. Tribally administered temporary housing for the needy families
7. Federal public housing assistance
8. Low-income home energy assistance
9. National school lunch program
10. Any other qualifying program approved by the state Lifeline and Link Up program

Enrollment is easy. Qualified individuals need to complete and return a simple application that can be obtained by calling Qwest at 1-800 244-1111.