

20th annual World Peace and Prayer Day to be held in Southern Oregon

ASHLAND, Ore. – The 20th annual World Peace and Prayer Day (WPPD) will be held at Howard Prairie Lake in Southern Oregon on June 18-21.

This international gathering of indigenous and traditional leaders from diverse Tribes and affiliations is free to the public, offering four days of ceremony, workshops and performances. Intended to bring awareness to sacred sites, WPPD is a global call for a return to sustainable and sacred practices.

WPPD was founded in 1995 by Lakota Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19th generational keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle. Recognized as the spiritual leader of the Lakota, Dakota and North Nakota Sioux Nations, Chief Looking Horse has established relationships with world leaders, including Desmond Tutu, President Barack Obama and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

“We must comprehend in each of our hearts and minds the two ways we human beings are free to follow, as we choose the good way, the spiritual way, or the unnatural way, the material way. It’s our personal choice, our personal decision – each of ours and all of ours,” said Chief Looking Horse.

Ceremonial leaders from around the world who will attend include Chief Looking Horse and Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim. World-renowned speakers will address global issues of peace, justice and environmental concerns.

An Elder/youth conference that enriches young people with the wisdom of the world’s sacred traditions will be held in conjunction with WPPD proceedings.

Participants include:

- Chief Arvol Looking Horse – Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe and founder of World Peace

and Prayer Day/Honoring Sacred Sites Day

- Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim – Spokesperson for the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, Elder of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, revived the ancient salmon ceremony for the people of her bioregion
- Grandmother Flordemayo – Member of the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, founder of the Institute for Natural and Traditional Knowledge
- Eddie Benton Banai – A chief of the Midewiwin Lodge (Grand Medicine Lodge), Elder and keeper of the Ojibwe oral tradition
- Chief Dominique Rankin (T8aminik), Algonquin hereditary chief and medicine man, one of 49 Elders representing Canada’s aboriginal spiritual leaders, founded with Marie-Josée Tardif the NGO Kina8at for the promotion of culture and healing of indigenous peoples
- Rabbi David Zaslow, leader of the Havurah Synagogue in Ashland, who will share ancient chants and poetry from the time of King David that speak of the planet as alive, imploring humanity to be grateful partners with the land

For more information, contact Dan Wahpepah at 541-631-1769 or visit WorldPeaceandPrayerDay.com.

Event organizer is Red Earth Descendants, an Oregon nonprofit 501(c)3. Information is available at redearthdescendants.org or redearthdescendants@gmail.com.

Donations are welcome at start-somegood.com/WorldPeaceandPrayerDay and gofundme.com/elderyouth.



To the editor:

I attended the Elder Honor Day celebration for the Coquille, Coos, Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua Tribes. It was held this year in Florence at the Three River Casino.

I was privileged to sit at a table with two other past kings of the event. As the celebration went on, another was crowned king and he too was sitting at the table. I was blessed to be sitting at a table that now had three past kings and the newly crowned king.

Four Kings at one table, of which three were Siletz:

Ed Ben
Newly crowned Raymond Ben
And myself
Gene LaChance from Grand Ronde was the forth king at the table.

Sitting nearby was the newly crowned queen, Cynthia Lozano, also Siletz.

These celebrations, including ours, are wonderful events that I look forward to attending with all Elders in the future.

I wish I had a picture of the four of us at the table, but I am sending this one picture. It shows past king, Sir Ed Ben, and the new king, Sir Ray Ben!

If anyone has a picture of the table of kings, I would love to have a copy!

Thank you for supporting our Elders.

John L. Roe Jr.

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Maude and Alfred Lane Family Reunion at Crooked River Ranch, Oregon

There is a get-together at the Sandbagger Saloon and Restaurant
Aug. 14 (Friday), 4-9 p.m.

Family BBQ at Crooked River Ranch's MacPherson Park
Aug. 15 (Saturday) • 2 p.m. to sunset

Bring your favorite beverages
BBQ will be provided. Side dishes welcome!

Please RSVP/call Linda & Greg Merrill for info at
(home) 541-548-2452, (cell) 541-598-6683 or
crookedwillowm@gmail.com

Lodging info and RV/camping info available
Reserve early!

I have reserved a block of tee times, so if you want to
play golf on the morning of the 15th, let us know.

See you soon!

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