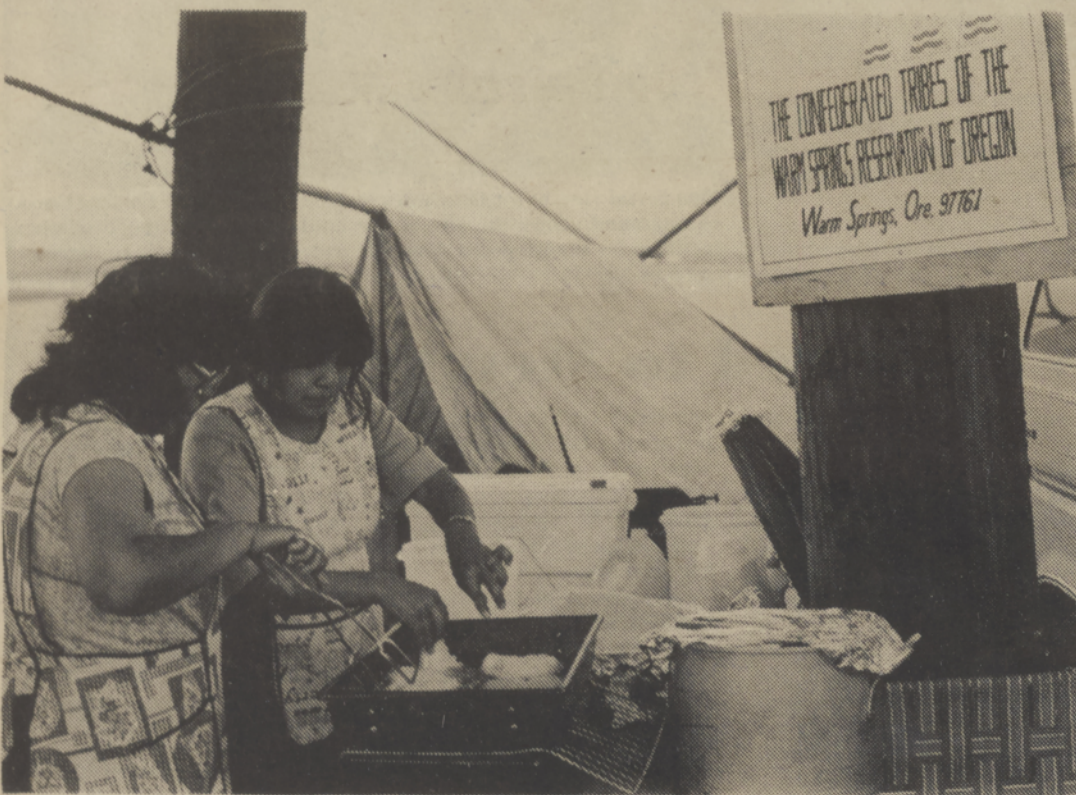




"Guess Me!"

Heat Didn't Bother Fair Goers



"Fried Bread Power"

The first Indian World's Fair almost didn't happen. But last minute rumors that the week-long event at Firebird Lake near Phoenix had been cancelled didn't stop people from going. They just crossed their fingers and piled into their cars, pickups and campers.

Most just played it by ear when they arrived at Firebird Lake, site of the fair. It was hot, dusty and disorganized, so people just organized their own powwow, met old friends, and enjoyed themselves.

While some of our local people (upper left) tried their luck at the stick game contest, Stan Natchez (upper right) of Aguilar, Colorado readied himself for the dancing contest.

Meanwhile, back at the booth, Phyllis Miller and Eileen Florendo cooked up a batch of fried bread for their group and lucky passers by.

The latest stick game headwear was modeled by Ada Sooksoit and Susan Moses (center right). They didn't let the heat bother them one bit. Perhaps the smartest people were the kids who took advantage of Firebird Lake to keep cool.



"Power Braids"



"Cool Heads"



Splash, "Ahh!"

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