

## Question of the week

What are your thoughts on the Huckleberry Feast?



**Rosemary Charley**

I'm a participant and one of the misunderstandings of

non-tribal employees is because the word feast is used, they assume that alcohol and partying is involved.

They don't realize that it's a traditional ceremony. Because they don't honor, they don't agree with the time off we request. Some of us don't get cultural leave. We don't always get time off.

Also it's a late feast and by the time we have a chance to get there we'll have to fight with the immigrants.



**Dallas Winishut**

It's an annual thing, also the cultural and traditional happenings.

Our way of respecting our creator, for the creations on this earth such as, the berries, deer, roots, and salmon.

Our river people look at it as part of the four main foods. When we combine a central feast.

People gathering together for a really good gathering.



**Jillissa Suppah**

It's neat, good time to get together with all the people.

It is a good time for cultural stuff, and a great time to learn from it.

Also the time spent out there can be spent with our Elders.

## Programs take church outdoors

By Leslie Mitts  
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Riding in a pickup along a bumpy dirt road, Gladys Grant and Chris Buller seem right at home.

Though they seem ready to herd cattle or plant some seeds, the duo has something else in mind: God.

Grant and Buller are two people working on the reservation with the common goal of helping people expand their relationship with God.

With that in mind, Buller's organizations recently leased about 100 acres from the tribes in order to set up an area for people to come to, whether they are religious or not.

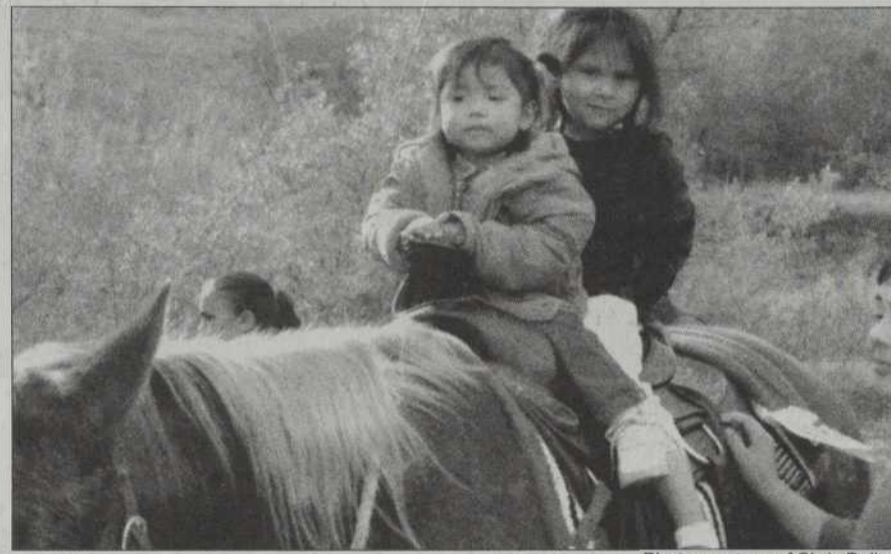
Along with the 1,200 acres that Grant has with the Willow Creek Canyon system, they have managed to create what is essentially a 1,300-acre outdoor church.

Buller's organizations—the Christian-based Sanctuary and the secular Faith Trails—are both non-profit organizations that have been working with people on the reservation for nearly three years.

Grant is equally devoted to spreading her faith and runs summer camps for children on her property.

The goal of this new project, Buller said, is to give people a safe place that they can come to in order to connect and work with their faith.

"It all revolves around working with horses and ranch work



Shirley Spino and Treanna Blueback enjoy a horseback ride as part of a Faith Trails program. Photo courtesy of Chris Buller

and a tie to the land," Buller said, but people can participate in a variety of other activities.

Buller said one of the benefits of their organizations is that families don't have to make a decision between family fun and going to church.

"You can do both here," he said. "You can just come as a family picnic."

He added, "This isn't for everybody. But for a lot of people, this is what they're missing in their life."

Gladys Grant bought her property in 1967, and didn't discover how she truly wanted to use the land until several years later. "This is a place that has been set aside by the God of the universe," Grant said. "It's a gift from God."

Now she works with children for various camps in the summer, telling them about the history of the surrounding land and also sharing her faith.

The camps and Buller's organizations do not charge for

their services, but they do accept donations—both monetary and time spent working.

Faith Trails already sponsors activities like trail rides and roping clinics, as well as a study hall for students. According to Buller, "All of the things that I'm talking about have a really heavy native component, but they're open to everybody."

They will continue to host worship and prayer services on Sundays and on Wednesday night around sunset.

Buller said there is also a radio program, on Sunday at 9 a.m., Tuesday at 10 p.m. and Wednesday at 4 a.m. that offers a Christian message and music.

For more information, contact Buller at [cb@faithtrails.org](mailto:cb@faithtrails.org) or call him at 460-0177.

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