

### Spirit Mountain Casino Employee Picnic



Photos by Peta Tinda

**Tasty** — Casino employees were treated to a day of festivities at the annual employee picnic, held at Sheridan City park. Hundreds of casino employees came with their families to enjoy games, prizes and a catered lunch. Aaliya Morales, daughter of Berinoca Morales and granddaughter of Iola Orlando, chomps on some yummy watermelon, while Katie Heinlien and Aimee Albrecht (right) cool off with a splash.



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**He's Not The Tax Man** — Country music superstar Willie Nelson was at Spirit Mountain Casino, Wednesday, July 30, where he played to sold-out crowds on both nights. Fans got a chance to see Willie up close and personal as the down-to-earth star entertained with his signature laid-back style.



Photo by Merle Holmes

**Warm Springs' Tradition** — Warm Springs Tribal member Wilson Wewa, Jr., (Paiute) prepares salmon outside the HeHe Longhouse on Sunday, August 3, in Warm Springs, Oregon, for the Tribes' Annual Huckleberry Feast.



Photo by Merle Holmes

**Smoke Signals?** Tribal Elder Merle Holmes photographed this controlled burn south of Grand Ronde recently. Controlled burning improves conditions for forest workers, helps maintain a healthy balance of vegetation and cleans out underbrush that can turn otherwise small spot fires into large destructive fires.



Photo by Brent Merrill

**Road Widening Project** — Tribal Engineer Eric Scott describes to Tribal Council and local public officials the details and options of the upcoming Grand Ronde Road Widening Project. The project will provide walkways and bicycle lanes for this community road that is frequently traveled by large commercial trucks.

### Convenience Store Update

**New Project** — The footings are in (left and below) as work on the Tribe's new convenience store moves forward. At right, Tribal member Skip Norwest (down in the hole) helps install the giant (20,000- and 22,000-gallon) underground gasoline storage tanks. The Grand Ronde Station is scheduled to open in November

Photos by Willie Mercier

