

First annual fundraiser concert 'Between Friends'

Date: Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008

Time: Doors open at 7 p.m.

Place: Spirit Mountain Casino Events Center

Cost: General admission: \$30. The first 550 people will receive a signed *Between Friends* CD from all eight artists and a gift from Spirit Mountain Casino.

Tickets: www.ticketsoregon.com

All proceeds will benefit *Share's Children's Hunger initiative*.

Featuring: Linda Hornbuckle, Ellen Whyte, Lady Kat, Duffy Bishop, LaRhonda Steele, Janice Scroggins, Karen Therese and Myrtle Brown.

Cultural Resources slates October classes

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department has scheduled several classes in October in Grand Ronde, Portland and Eugene.

The classes are:

Grand Ronde:

- ◆ Traditional Paint and Pigments: 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Education Room 207.
- ◆ Carved Paint Brush: 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25 in Education Room 207.
- ◆ Chinuk Wawa is every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Education Room 207.

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- ◆ Traditional Paint and Pigments: 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 15 and 22.
- ◆ Carved Paint Brush: 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, 12 and 19 and Dec. 3.

To sign up for any of the classes or for more information, contact Cultural Education Specialist Misty Thorsgard at 800-422-0232, ext. 2320, or by e-mail at misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org. ■

Position to be unbiased

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for five states of Tribes to ask you questions and place you into almost a personality contest, and weigh your experience and work ethic, it's even a scarier thing."

Sheker says she will continue attending ATNI's quarterly meetings and three to four executive board meetings held at ATNI's headquarters in Portland.

"Maybe a little more. It depends on what issues on the ATNI table, as an organization, that we have to look at," Sheker says.

According to its Web site, ATNI promotes Tribal self-determination and sovereignty. The organization formed in 1953 and today represents 54 Northwest Tribal governments in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, northern California and western Montana.

A seven-member executive board supervises ATNI and representatives from member Tribes set the policy and direction through committees by way of resolutions during annual meetings.

Resolutions passed by ATNI are sent to the National Congress of American Indians and then, if OK'd, sent on to the U.S. Congress for presentation.

Sheker says she has a "fondness" for ATNI's Culture and Elders subcommittee, which deals with in-

advertent remains and cemeteries, such as the one at Fort Vancouver.

"Tribes can come with individual concerns as long as they don't disrupt the interests of another Tribe or another Tribe does not protest it," she says. "Then, as an organization, we support it. There is strength in numbers. If a Tribe opposes, then we have to be unbiased in our political views."

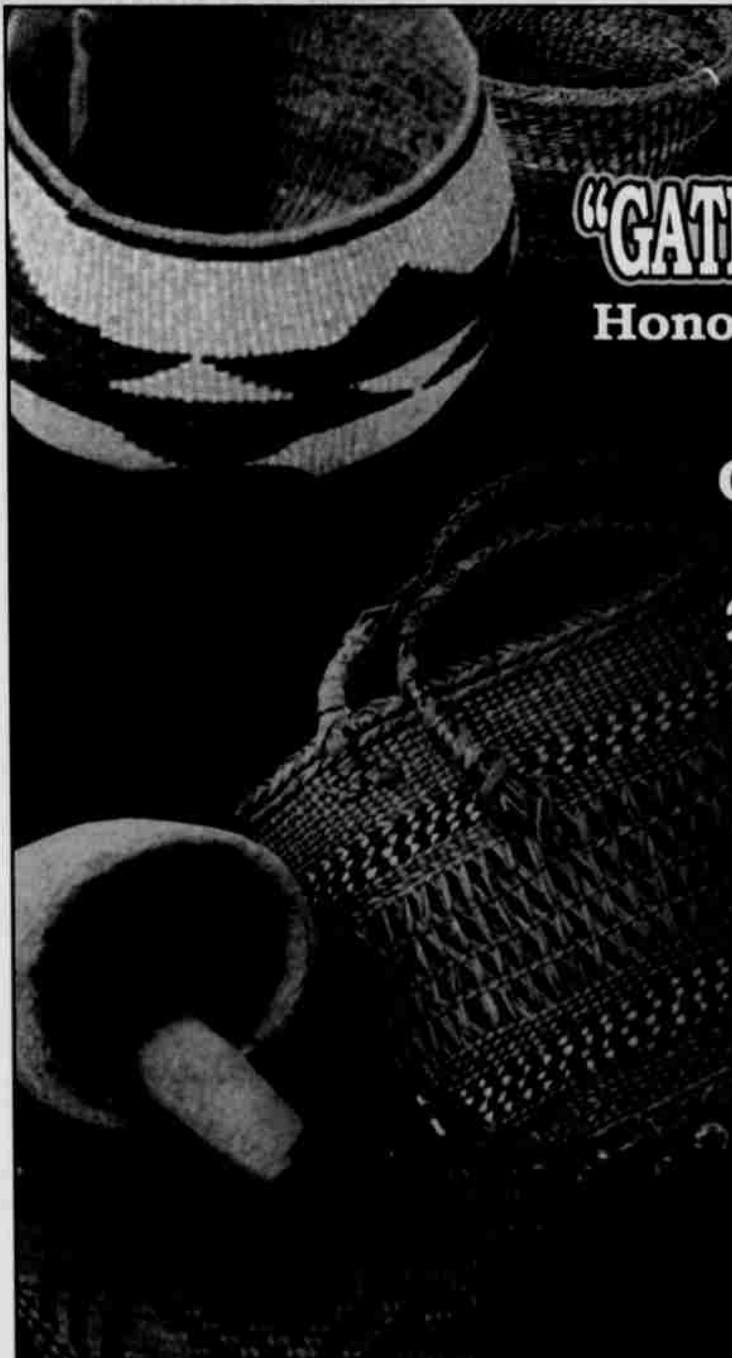
Sheker said she will check some of Grand Ronde's special political interests, such as opposing off-reservation gaming, at the ATNI door.

"It's not really going to be a tough time taking the ATNI one-for-all, all-for-one and taking Grand Ronde special interests out of my position. My job is to work for all Tribes the same."

"Grand Ronde has taken some tough stances on some issues, and not the popular stances, but that Grand Ronde stance is not going to factor into my office as an ATNI third vice president."

Sheker becomes only the second Grand Ronde Tribal member to serve on the ATNI Executive Board. Tribal Elder and former longtime Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, who nominated Sheker for ATNI third vice president, was first.

"I want to thank Kathryn for the touching nomination she gave me," Sheker says. "It meant a lot to me." ■



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