

Culture Committee plans camas dig

The Tribe's Culture Committee will host a Traditional Family Gathering Camas Dig at the Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

The committee is inviting Tribal member families for the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18.

Those who are interested should contact the Culture Committee at 503-879-4658 or send an e-mail to committee.culture@grandronde.org.

Community Picnic planned

A Community Picnic open to all Grand Ronde Tribal and community members will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the Raven Loop covered area in Grand Ronde housing.

There will be food, beverages and fun.

For more information, contact Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom at 503-999-9177.

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

■ JULY 16-18: **20TH ANNUAL TAMKALIKS CELEBRATION.** Nez Perce Homeland Site, 70956 Whiskey Creek Road, **WALLOWA, OR.** www.wallowanezperce.org.

■ JULY 23-25: **TURTLE ISLAND FIRST GATHERING.** Fritz Stable Property, 31909 Berlin Road, **LEBANON, OR.** 503-999-5407.

■ JULY 31: **6TH ANNUAL MNI WICONI WACIPI POWWOW.** Aldersgate Conference Center, 7790 Marion Road S.E. **TURNER, OR.** office@wiconi.com.

■ AUG. 13-15: **NESIKA ILLAHEE POWWOW.** Pauline Ricks Memorial Powwow Grounds, Government Hill, **SILTEZ, OR.** 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1230 or 541-444-8230.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, Smoke Signals would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Osborn, Whispers to perform at casino

Jeffrey Osborn and The Whispers will perform at Spirit Mountain Casino at 8 p.m. Friday, July 23.

Osborn began his music career in the 1970s and had several hit songs in the 1980s, including "On the Wings of Love" and "Love Power," a duet he recorded with Dionne Warwick.

The Whispers began their recording career in the 1960s and gained national attention in the 1970s with the hits "One for the Money," "Open Up Your Love" and "Headlights."

Tickets are \$35, \$25 and \$15 and are available for purchase at www.spiritmountain.com or at the Coyote Club desk inside the casino.

Honoring Elders



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Warren Brainard, chief of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, left, and Rose Brownfield (Squaxin), right, were named king and queen, respectively, at the annual Elder Honor Day at Spirit Mountain Casino on Friday, July 9. Emceeding the event was Egypt Leno, middle, the Tribe's optometry technician.



Tribal Elder and Elders' Committee Chair Gladys Hobbs gets bingo daubers ready to play bingo during the annual Elder Honor Day at Spirit Mountain Casino on Friday, July 9.

Invitation to Tribal member vendors

2011 Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Annual Powwow

The five federally-recognized Western Oregon Tribes — the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians — will host the third annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Powwow at the State Fairgrounds Pavilion in Salem, Ore., on Jan. 29, 2011. Eastern Oregon Tribes also will participate.

Tribal members from the five Western Oregon Tribes will have an opportunity to secure vendor tables before they are open to the Native American public.

Once the tables are open to the Native American public, it is anticipated that they will be completely filled by the next day.

The Fabulous Five Committee wanted to make sure vendors from the five Tribes were given this opportunity to secure a table.

Tables are \$50 per vendor with each vendor being allowed one table. Sorry, no food vendors.

The first year's attendance was estimated at 5,000 and last year we had approximately 3,000 people attend. Cutoff for this special offer to Tribal members only is Sept. 15, 2010, at noon. After that any table left will be open to the Native American public.

Vendors must provide their own transportation and lodging along with the vendor registration fee.

If you do not have enough merchandise or want to split the cost with other Tribal members, that is allowable. However, organizing the combining of resources will be up to the individuals interested in doing so. If you decide to combine resources, please appoint one person to be in charge of your vendor table.

If you are interested, mail or drop by your check for \$50 to Tara Bowen, Tribal Council Executive Assistant, at 541-756-0904, ext. 10242. Make checks payable to CTGR. Checks are non-refundable and must be delivered by Sept. 15, 2010, by noon.

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS!!!**

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A COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT. THE GOAL
IS TO HAVE OUTDOOR ART PROJECTS WHICH
REFLECT POSITIVE EXPRESSIONS OF ART.**

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US BY
EITHER DRAWING OR EXPLAINING YOUR
IDEA.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMMITTING
YOUR TIME**

**AND YOUR HANDS TO THIS PROJECT,
PLEASE CONTACT LISA LENO AT 503-879-1471.**

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