Tribal Food Summit to be held in Portland

A Tribal Food Summit will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 8-9, to bring together Native local food gatherers, producers, manufacturers and growers.

The summit will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center, 1900 N.E. Multnomah St.

The educational event is dedicated to connecting emerging youth leaders with Tribal Elders. There will be a number of keynote speakers who will discuss the history of Native foods, legal issues and options, and future solutions, including next steps toward realizing the summit’s motto of “Protect, Respect, Restore.”

To reserve a spot at the summit, call 503-281-6111 or register online at www. pdx.edu/tribal.gov/tribal-food-summit.

Cover Oregon assistant to visit Portland office

A Cover Oregon certified application assistant will visit the Portland satellite office, 4445 S. Barbour Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, as well as Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 22.

Contact Loretta Menley at 503-878-1359 or 800-775-0095 to make an appointment to apply for or discuss Cover Oregon.

St. Michael’s offers weekly brunch

St. Michael’s Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community.

Brunch begins at 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance.

For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923.

Help needed identifying plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help identifying veteran’s plots.

If your family member’s or friend’s plot is a veteran and we do not have a veteran’s flag present on holidays, please inform us.

We will do our best to mark all plots of veterans. Contact Adam Leno at 503-878-5525 or adam.leno@grandronde.org.

Correction — An article in the Dec. 1 issue mistakenly characterized the history of the land upon which Three Rivers Casino in Florence is built. The land was originally part of the Coast Indian Reservation and then later became part of the Alsea Reservation. The land was terminated from the reservation and closed to Native Americans after 1875. It was never part of the Siletz Reservation. Smoke Signals regrets the error.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closing on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at noon and closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas. Offices also will be closing on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at noon and closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, in observance of New Year’s Day.

Basket weaving

with Connie Graves

Where: Elders’ Activity Center
When: Every Tuesday
Time: 12:30 P.M.

We will be having a basket weaving class every Tuesday that is open to the public.

If you have any questions, contact Brian Krechbel at 503-879-4639.