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HAPPY 4th OF JULY

Orient School Centennial Celebration

by Gloria Geary

The Orient Centennial Committee, headed up by local Orient resident, Jo Anna Thompson, is gaining more and more momentum as the celebration day moves closer on the calendar. On Saturday, August 14th, many events are planned, with a breakfast served at the Orient Community Church beginning at 7:30 a.m. For \$5.00, a breakfast of quiche, juice and coffee will be served.

A parade is planned to begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the church. The committee is still actively seeking participants for the parade. Please call Nicholei Bryant, parade organizer, at 509-684-5926 if you have a group that would like to be in the parade.

The biggest news is that we have secured author and naturalist Jack Nisbet, who will be giving a lecture on IMAGINING THE KETTLE RIVER: The Origins of Orient, 1810-1910.

Beginning with fur agent David Thompson's first tribal encounters and confused map of the Kettle River, this presentation will explore the early human and natural history of the drainage, from the fur trade economy to the First Thought Mine. Mr. Nisbet's lecture will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. For more information on Mr. Nisbet, please see his website at <http://jacknisbet.com>

Lunch will be served at the First Thought Park from noon - 2 p.m. by the Orient Improvement Club. An old-fashioned ice cream social will be sponsored by the Kettle River Community Health Clinic beginning at 2 p.m.

The oldest school building in the State continuously used for education, Orient School is proud of its history. Gladys Tolliver, former student and local resident is using her creative skills to present "Windows of Time" a photographic display of former students and events through the decades. Many volunteers and former students such as Jennifer Hussey are using their creative skills to make this celebration one to remember.

There are many community groups that are participating including: The Panorama Gem and Miners Club, Kettle Falls Public Library, The Colville Valley Fiber Friends,

Ansorge Hotel Museum from Curlew, The Northeast Washington Wildlife Rehabilitation Society and Stone Rose Interpretative Center, from Republic.

The old school building will be open to the public from 1 pm - 6 pm. The event is free unless otherwise noted and open to the public.

Live entertainment will be provided by local music impresario Bill Holmes, of Rock Cut Blues Festival. The Sweet Adelines Mountain Melodies will be singing outside and other live musical acts such as Borderland Blues Band will also be participating.

We have also confirmed that the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture will be sending "Burke Boxes", a new educational program. The first box will represent Native Peoples of the Northwest Coast and it will contain artifacts such as a soapberry spoon and a cedar bark mat fragment amongst other historical items. The second box will tell the story of Washington State History. This box sounds fascinating. Imagine making your own candles or grinding your coffee by hand. Handle artifacts that help you understand how pioneers in Washington State lived, worked, and played. Some of the artifacts included in the kit are handmade nails, a sarsaparilla bottle, homemade ice skates, clay marbles, ox shoe, and powder horn.

The Vintage Tractor Club will display their tractors on the school grounds. Dinner at the school begins at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. A ham, potato, salad, dessert and a beverage are available for \$10.00 per person. You must make reservations for dinner. Please call organizer JoAnna Thompson at 684-9822 to reserve your dinner. Also, The Orient Centennial Committee hopes to keep the historical spirit alive by forming a historical society in Orient. With that in mind, a donation for the Centennial event or to contribute to the formation of a historical society is much appreciated. Please send all donations to: Orient Centennial Committee, PO Box 1356, Orient WA 99160. Or, call the school at 684-6873 for more information and ask for Gloria.



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Summertime Musicfest In Marcus Is Back

by Susan Urhausen

The Lake Roosevelt Summertime Musicfest in Marcus is back for 2010. This popular event featuring live music, art & craft vendors, food vendors and a raffle will be at the park in Marcus on August 14. This year, the theme is WOMEN ROCK. Five musical acts will grace the main stage and provide entertainment in the beer garden in the evening. The main stage music begins at noon.

The Musicfest has been a fixture at the Marcus Park since 2006, and is showing signs of becoming as popular as the annual Marcus Cider Fest in October each year. This small town to the North of Kettle Falls, overlooking Lake Roosevelt may be small, but they know how to put on a great event. The Musicfest is headed up by three very dedicated people: Fran Bolt, Mayor of Marcus; David Keeley, Kettle Falls City planner and musician; and Mike Pickett, musician and creative designer. The Musicfest was cancelled in 2009 because all three had some emergency event in their lives. The Marcus Cider Fest Committee also plays a large part in the planning and running of this event. They are in charge of the beer garden. Gladly, music will fill the ears of dedicated fans and supporters again this year.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to put on this event. Because the events of last year brought about a cancellation, Keeley stated that they are looking for a few people to become involved more than just the day of the event. It is hoped that someone will join forces with them in long-term planning of future Musicfests. It takes dedication

and time to organize this event, and they could use some help, Keeley said. Contact information can be found at the end of this article.

Attendance at The Lake Roosevelt Summertime Musicfest has fluctuated over its relatively short lifetime. From a high of approximately 1,000 who attended in 2007, it has drawn as few as 500. Keeley feels that weather plays a huge role in how many people show up. It rained in 2008 and the attendance suffered. Of course it is hoped that by August 14, all this rain we have had will be a distant memory, and the attendees can bask in the sun as well as the tunes.

Money raised from this annual event goes to the continuing project of refurbishing the Marcus High School Gym. The gym, when done, will serve as a community center for Marcus. Mayor Bolt has high hopes for the gym being used for a number of things: meetings, plays, music, art and other community needs and activities. The Kettle Falls Focus will have more on the history of this building and the refurbishing project in the August issue.

As stated, there will also be two raffles held at the Musicfest. There are a number of items being raffled, but two prizes stand out. The Grand Prize will be two tickets to a concert at Northern Quest Casino. The other prize that just might pique interest is a guitar, signed by all the musicians at the Musicfest. There is only one way to get the raffle tickets for these two items this year. Purchasing VIP passes for \$20.00 entitle the holder not to just admission,

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Wanted: Your Opinions and Input

by Susan Urhausen

Kettle Falls Horizons will be hosting the Washington State University Horizons team for an evening of idea sharing. The WSU Horizons team is bringing something called Mind Mapping to communities like ours who have participated in the Horizons series of trainings and meetings.

WSU Horizons is embarking on this project in an effort to collect input to help measure the effect of the Horizons presence in participating communities. The information will be shared with community economic development professionals and elected leaders. It will be a way for our community to build stronger relationships both within our community and with others outside our area. Information from this project has the potential to help find other grant sources.

Come to the Kettle Falls Senior Center on July 15th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and find out what Mind Mapping is all about. Kettle Falls Horizons would like to cordially invite all past participants of the Kettle Falls Horizons projects, and anyone else who is interested. Come get involved! Sharing ideas has a way of making exciting things happen. Everyone is welcome to this meeting.

Refreshments will be served.