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Contest Powwow set for Aug. 14-16

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe will host to one of the largest powwows annually in Oregon the weekend of Aug. 14-16 when the Contest Powwow returns to Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22.

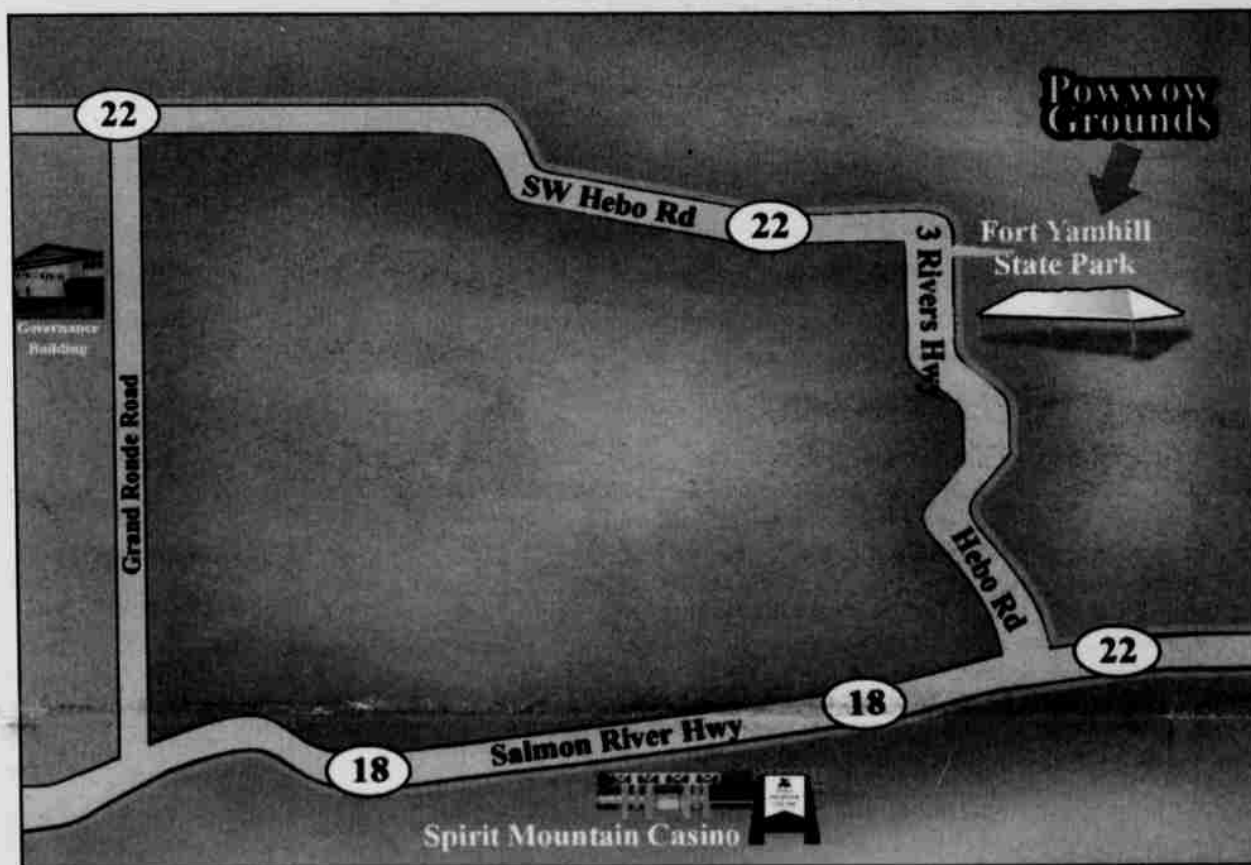
Powwow registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, with the first Grand Entry slated for 7 p.m.

On Saturday, a parade with cash prizes will be held, starting at 10 a.m. at Fort Yamhill State Park and winding down to the powwow grounds. Grand entries are slated for 1 and 7 p.m. with dancer registration deadline set for 2 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, Grand Entry will occur at 1 p.m.

Host drums will be Blackstone and Perfect Storm, both from Canada, and Mandaree Singers from North Dakota. There will be Specials with \$800 first-place prizes for Women's and Men's Fancy dancers. Both categories will have four consolation prizes.

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Map created by George Valdez

Grand Ronde area swimming holes

Five spots can help you cool off during hot temps

By Jack Ham

Special to Smoke Signals

With its coastal hills, rivers, streams, forests and beautiful countryside, Grand Ronde is the perfect scene for summer time.

Grand Ronde is also a perfect place for swimming on a hot summer day. Thankfully, the rivers and creeks in the Grand Ronde area offer many local swimming spots.

Many of the favorite swimming spots in Grand Ronde have de facto nicknames created by local residents.

The top five favorite swimming locations in Grand Ronde include "Three Pools."

Three Pools, located on Agency Access Road, is about a quarter-mile from the rock quarry. An orange Hampton

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Grayson Elmer, 8, of McMinnville swings from a hanging rope over the swimming hole known as Three Stumps while swimming in Agency Creek in Grand Ronde on Tuesday, July 27.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

