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## Powwow set for Aug. 19-21

**Annual event is one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest**

By Melissa Biery  
*Summer Youth employee*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is holding its annual Contest Powwow, which is one of the largest powwows held in the Pacific Northwest, from Friday, Aug. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 21, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, just off of Highway 22 next to Fort Yamhill State Park.

Hosts drums will be Blackstone, Seekaskootch and Cree Confederation. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday and Grand Entry and Royalty Coronations will be at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, activities will begin with a parade at 11 a.m. followed by Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Dancer registration deadline will be at 2 p.m. with another Grand Entry will be at 7 p.m.

At 1 p.m. Sunday, the final Grand Entry will be held.

Prizes will range from \$1,000 for first place to \$25 for fifth place depending on the dance category. Tax forms are required for participants as well as Social Security numbers and photo identification. Specials — Women's Traditional and Men's Chicken Dance — will feature \$800 for first-place finishers.

Master of ceremonies will be Hal Eagletail

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Tribal member Marcus Gibbons dances in a Grand Entry of the 2010 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds last year.

## Mark Hatfield walks on

**Senator instrumental in Grand Ronde's Restoration efforts dies at 89**

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Mark Hatfield, the U.S. Senator who played a pivotal role in ushering through Congress the Restoration of the Grand Ronde Tribe in 1983 and the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1988, walked on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the age of 89.

On Monday, Aug. 8, the Grand Ronde Tribe flew its flags at half-mast in honor of Hatfield's life.

"Words cannot describe what he did for us," said Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, who worked on the Grand Ronde Restoration effort in the early 1980s and served many terms as Tribal chairwoman. "His kindness, dignity and respect ... He was a genuine friend of the Tribe. What a loss."

"Senator Mark Hatfield was a man of valor," said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, "who courageously served the state of Oregon. He stood for unpopular decisions, including Tribal concerns. He served to make things right so that the greater good would be achieved under his watch."

Hatfield, along with then-U.S. House of Representative Les AuCoin, introduced the legislation that would restore the



Smoke Signals file photo

Former Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield stands with former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse and former Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison in 1998. Hatfield, who was instrumental in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe get restored in the early 1980s, walked on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the age of 89.



Grand Ronde Tribe to federal recognition in 1983, ending 29 years of Termination.

Five years later, AuCoin and Hatfield would once again team up to ensure that the federal government's promise

of new reservation land would be kept.

"He was a consistent, unflinching friend of Native Americans," AuCoin said Monday, Aug. 8, from Bend, where he was visiting relatives. "He wanted to correct historical wrongs. That

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## Tribe mounts diabetes effort

**Screenings help catch diagnosis before people show signs of disease**

By Ron Karten  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

A Beaverton-based laboratory, DiabetOmics, is improving the way diabetics can check the markers of their disease.

It used to be that drawing a drop of blood was only good for a momentary blood sugar level, but DiabetOmics now learns a whole slew of medical and wellness information from one little drop of blood.

The screenings read momentary and long-term blood sugar levels, but also provide information on overall kidney, pancreas, heart and liver functions in a convenient, easy-to-read report that can be shared with a primary care physician.

The reports also make suggestions for helpful lifestyle changes.

A screening at Spirit Mountain Casino and among Tribal government employees sold Mark Johnston, Tribal Health Services executive director, on the company.

"We were very impressed with the results," he said during a recent interview in his Health Clinic office. "We found, for example, extremely high cholesterol" among some of those tested, and for others, the test let them know for the first time that they had diabetes.

"They were walking diabetics,"

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