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Contest Powwow set for Aug. 15-17

If you go

Grand Ronde Contest Powwow
Grand entries: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17.
Where: Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22
Cost: Parking \$1 per day or a donation of canned food; \$3 for a weekend pass
More info: 503-879-2037

More than \$35,000 in prize money up for grabs during annual event

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

More than \$35,000 in prize money will be on the line during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's annual Contest Powwow set for Friday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 17, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9390 Highway 22.

The annual powwow – one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest – drew more than 250 Native dancers in 2013. Dancers compete for prize

money in 20 categories.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, followed by the first Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Royalty coronation also will be held Friday evening.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, a parade between the powwow grounds and Fort Yamhill State Park will be held at 10 a.m. and include cash prizes.

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'It's Your Game' encourages youth sexual responsibility

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

During fall and spring semesters last school year, Grand Ronde and Willamina Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders went through an evidence-based curriculum that emphasizes abstinence, but also teaches students how to protect themselves from pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV using medically accurate information.

The curriculum also taught how to develop healthy relationships and set personal limits.

The program, "It's Your Game," was developed by the University of Texas Prevention Research Center. It uses lectures and online tools to teach the subject, and conducts surveys before and after the program to evaluate results.

"The focus of the IYG program is to teach youth what healthy relationships look like, equip them with refusal skills, and provide them with information about sexually transmitted infections so they can make informed decisions," said a Tribal Youth Prevention evaluation summary of the program.

In summary, surveys found that after the program students were:

- Talking more with their parents about sexual health;
- Resisting peer pressure regarding sexual activities in greater numbers;
- Abstaining in slightly greater numbers from having sex or the intent to engage in sex;
- More resilient about making and keeping new plans;

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Nate Gutzwiller attempts to take down a steer as he competes in the steer wrestling competition during the 2014 Spirit Mountain Stampede held at Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on Sunday, July 20.

Crowded Carnivals

Spirit Mountain Stampede attendance up 10 percent

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

It is still before grand entry at the 2014 Spirit Mountain Stampede and horses are tied to horse trailers along the road in, soaking up the sun.

Cowboys are practicing with their lassos.

In the ring, Rodeo Special

Event Board Chair Harold Lyon, Secretary Jim Holmes and board member Joy Burcham ride in with flags flying for the start of the Spirit Mountain Stampede.

Board member Ed Ashman and Jolanda Catabay follow in a truck supplied by sponsor Capitol Auto Group. Catabay sings

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"The Star-Spangled Banner."
 Other members of the Rodeo

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