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Contest Powwow set for Aug. 14-16

If you go

Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

Grand entries: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15; and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

Where: Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 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 \$55,000 in prize money up for grabs during annual event

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

More than \$35,000 in dance prize money and \$20,000 in drum awards will be on the line during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's annual Contest Powwow set for Friday, Aug. 14, through Sunday, Aug. 16, under the new arbor at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Highway 22.

The annual powwow — one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest — drew more than 260 Native

dancers in 2014. Dancers compete for prize money ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 depending on age 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. 15, a parade between the powwow grounds and Fort Yamhill State Park

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Council OKs Reservation hunting tags and seasons

By Dean Rhodes

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For the first time since the Tribe was restored in November 1983, Tribal Council approved issuing 46 Tribal Reservation hunting tags and set Tribal hunting season dates at its Wednesday, July 15, meeting.

Although the approval was on Tribal Council's consent agenda, Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. acknowledged the importance of the vote in the Tribe's continuing pursuit in regaining sovereignty over its own lands.

"This stems from a lot of hard work for over 10 years to regain management of our Tribal lands," Giffen said. "I just say it is a historic day because we've been restored more than 31 years and this is the first time in more than 31 years that we've been able to issue tags on our own land. I want to thank all of the people that were involved in this, from the Fish and Wildlife Committee, the Timber Committee and the NRD staff. Fantastic job and I'm very proud of each and every one of them."

In September 2014, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Management Plan, which delegates authority to the Tribe over natural resources on Reservation and trust lands.

In addition, an administrative

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Veronica Montano, a Tribal member and Tribal Cultural Collections supervisor, screens chunks of grass and dirt for artifacts as she participates in an archaeological dig at a site on Grand Ronde Road on Friday, July 17. Montano is an anthropology student at Western Oregon University. Working with her is Karl Bloomberg, a University of Washington archaeology student.

In search of history

Archaeology students surveying two sites in Grand Ronde

By Brent Merrill

Smoke Signals staff writer

Archaeology students at the University of Washington in Seattle have found a new home in Oregon on the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Tribal Historic Preservation Office, in collaboration with the University of Washington's Department of Anthropology, is hosting a 12-credit summer session archaeology "field

school" on the Tribal homelands for students.

The course, ARCHY 270 Field Methods in Indigenous Archae-

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