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Contest Powwow set for Aug. 19-21

If you go

Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

Grand entries: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20; and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21.

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 \$35,000 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. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 21, under the arbor at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Highway 22.

The annual powwow – one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest –

drew more than 230 Native dancers in 2015. 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. 19, followed by the first grand entry at 7 p.m. Royalty coronation also will be held Friday evening.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, a parade between the powwow grounds and Fort Yamhill State Park will be held at 10 a.m. and include cash

prizes. Parade participants will gather in the parking lot at Fort Yamhill and the route will travel down the road and around the powwow grounds, where it will conclude.

On Saturday, grand entries will be held at 1 and 7 p.m. with the deadline for dancer registration set for 2 p.m.

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Community Fund begins airing new TV commercials

By Brent Merrill

Smoke Signals staff writer

This year's Summer Olympic Games is primetime for the nation and also for the Tribe's Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

The Tribe's charitable-giving organization is being featured in a series of updated television commercials that began airing in June and will run through the end of the year. Many of the ads are set to run during primetime as a backdrop to Olympic coverage.

"One of the things I heard from the board fairly quickly is that the vast majority of Oregonians don't know that Spirit Mountain Community Fund, on behalf of the Tribe, does this very substantial amount of charitable giving," said Community Fund Director Kathleen George. "The Tribe doesn't often talk a lot about the incredible charitable giving that it does. So there was a desire on behalf of the board to get the message out."

Spirit Mountain Community Fund officially surpassed \$70 million in charitable giving during its second quarter distribution ceremony in June.

The Community Fund hired filmmaker David Poulshock of Red Door Films in Portland to create the television ads. Poulshock was familiar to the Tribal community after working on the "Dare to Have Fun" television ad campaign for Spirit Mountain Casino.

Poulshock is an award-winning writer, director and editor who works on commercials, web videos, documentary and corporate films, and features. He won a Telly Award for the work he did on the Spirit Mountain Casino commercials. Red Door Films was founded in 2001.

The four television ads feature members of the Tribe, including late Tribal Elder Mike Larsen.

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

A young African leader takes a selfie with the salmon packer house post in the Governance Center atrium during the delegation's visit to Grand Ronde on Friday, July 15.

Out of Africa

Young leaders visit Grand Ronde for cultural exchange

By Brent Merrill

Smoke Signals staff writer

Tribal member Clifford Olson had no idea that work on his master's project at Portland State University conducted here with the Elders on the Grand Ronde Reservation would be opening eyes and breaking

stereotypes in 21 African countries.

On Friday, July 15, Tribal Education Department Manager Leslie Riggs and his staff welcomed 25 young African leaders to the

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