THANK YOU

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, would like to Thank everyone who came to help us celebrate our First Annual Pow Wow, " Weht Nesika Mihtlite ".

A Special Thank You to Rudy Clements, for his fine job as our M.C., and for all of his advice before and after the Pow Wow.

We were Honored to have Matilda Mitchell, Sylvia Wallulatum, Minty Showaway, from Warm Springs, to give the Invocation at the Pow Wow. Thank You very much.

A Special Thank You to the following Drummers and Singers who came to make our celebration a great success.

Pine Grove Juniors - Warm Springs
Red Drum - Portland
Daybreak - Portland
Choke Cherry Stick - Chiloquin
Light Feather - Chiloquin

A Special Thank You to the men who honored us by carrying the Eagle Staff and the U.S. Flag in the Grand Entry.

Paul Whitehead - Kootenia Tribe - Canada
Edmond Ben - Siletz Tribe
Tom Leno - Grand Ronde Tribe - U.S. War Veteran
Herman Hudson - Grand Ronde Tribe - U.S. War Veteran
Wilfred Yallup - Yakima Nation - Toppenish, Washington - Guest Speaker

Thanks also go out to all of the dancers in the Grand Entry and throughout the celebration.

A Special Thank You to Wilfred Yallup, Inter-Tribal Fish Commision, Yakima Nation, for his most generous donation of salmon for our Feast.

Thanks to the following Ball Teams for their participation in our First Annual Ball Tournament.

1 - Pony Press - Klamath Falls, OR
2 - The Bruers - Sheridan, OR
3 - Grand Ronde Rockets - Grand Ronde, OR
4 - The Stone Lion - Independence, OR
5 - World Outreach - Silverton, OR
6 - Mary's Pronto Pups - Otis, OR
7 - Warm Springs - Warm Springs, OR
8 - Sweathouse Lodge, Inc. - Foster, OR

Congradulations to the winners and hope to see you all again next year.

Congradulations to the Raffle winners.

Rifle - Bill Lonsford - Grand Ronde, OR
Drift Boat - Dee Pigsley - Siletz Tribal Chairperson
Crib Blanket - Mary Wheeler - Grand Ronde, OR
Shawl - Karen Merrill - Willamina, OR
Afghan # 1 - Joyce Millsap - Eugene, OR
Afghan # 2 -
Decorative Mice # 1 - Russ Leno
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Please forgive me for not listing the other two winners names, but in all of the hustle and bustle I have misplaced my winners list. My Apologies to the winners.

If I have forgotten to Thank anyone please Let it be known that you are appreciated more than you know. You all did your best and we succeeded in pulling of the greatest Pow Wow yet. Thanks again.

Note: If you find error in the following please let me know and I will do my best to correct the error. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN and we will be looking forward to seeing you next year.
Pat Gray, Editor, Smoke Signals.