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Tribe Holds 6th Annual Pow-Wow

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde held their 6th Annual Pow-Wow celebration on August 17th, 18th & 19th at the Grand Ronde Elementary School. The celebration kicked off with a Royalty Pageant on Friday night and a Teen "Sober Dance" was held following the pageant.

Tribal youth Tara Leno, age 8, was chosen as the new Junior Miss Grand Ronde for 1990 at the Royalty Pageant by Judges Kathryn Harrison, Tessie Williams, Frank Peterson and Wilma Crow. Tara then honored her family by leading them in a dance. Tara's parents are Tom and Sheila Leno and her twin sisters are Lisa and Lacey.

On Saturday, the Pow-Wow activities got started with the 3rd Annual Fun Run/Walk for Health. Grand Ronde Tribal member Greg Leno took first place in the one mile event with a time of 6:12. Hollie Ashman won the one mile run for women in 7:49. In the 5K event, Mario Ortiz won in a time of 9:45 and Diane Pyle took first place for women in 30:17. Pat Fasana won the women's 10K race in 52:15 and Grand Ronde Tribal member Stan Kneeland, who has participated in such prestigious events as the Boston Marathon and the Hood to Coast run, won the 10K event in a time of 33:39. Following the Fun Run there was a Tiny Tots race and the Fun Walk took place at 10:00 am with close to 200 participants.

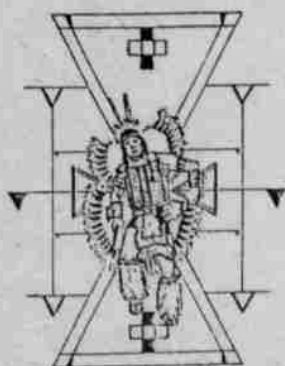
A free meal of baked salmon and buffalo was served from noon to 3:00 pm and according to Pow-Wow Committee Chairman Merle Leno, over 2500 people were served on Saturday and close to 5000 total visitors for the three day event.

The honorable Whipman Paul Whitehead lead Grand Entry on both Saturday and Sunday. Whitehead, who resides in Salem, has become a fixture at the Grand Ronde Pow-Wow as well as many others in the State of Oregon.

The many dancers who attended the event enjoyed the beat of four drum groups including: The Four Directions, Wasco Nation, Spirit Mountain Singers and Eagle Spirit. The Master of Ceremonies this year was Uren Leonard of the Warm Springs Tribe. Leonard honored the people of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde with a dance on Sunday.

On Sunday, things got started with a spaghetti feed and Grand Entry was at 1:00 pm. Paul Whitehead led the entry which was highlighted by the presentation of the Color Guard. Tribal members Randy Leno and Tom Harrison participated in the presentation. Parking coordinator Linda Olsen said "Parking went really well. We were pleased with the way people cooperated. The feature that I liked best was when seniors came they got out of their cars and we assisted them to seating. Then, our attendants parked their cars for them. Olsen said she was pleased with the way things went. "Overall

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William Clements performs the Eagle Dance.



Tribal youth Daniel Haug hopes to set a good example for other youth with his drumming and dancing.

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