

GRAND RONDE 1992 POW-WOW



Fun Runners and Walkers head out over the starting line. The event is sponsored by the Health Department, and had many participants.



Royalty Court in the Pow-wow Parade.

By Tracy Olson

Pow-wow weekend was August 14, 15, and 16, and if it was not the biggest and best pow-wow we have ever had, it sure came close. Tribal members, friends and family all showed in to share in the traditional dancing, sports, and have some good food on a hot day.

Friday, August 14, the pow-wow grounds were blessed and many tribal members gathered to express their thanks and gratitude to an occasion that has been a long time in the making: the first celebration on our homeland.

That night was the Royalty Pageant and Teen Sober Dance. The new Senior Miss Grand Ronde is Molly Rimer and Junior Miss Grand Ronde is Amelia Houg.

Saturday, the Harrison family held a giveaway, a traditional Native ceremony, which in this case, was a way of expressing thanks and love to those friends who offered support in a time of grief.

"I received so much support, kindness, love, and generosity from so many people during the time I was in mourning. This giveaway is my and my family's way of saying thank-you," said Kathryn Harrison.

During a giveaway, the family is supposed to give gifts back to the people who helped them through a particularly troubling time.

There was a terrific turnout for the FUN RUN--FUN WALK Saturday morning. The winners in the 1 mile race for both women and men were Gordon Cox (6:17) and Deana Weaver (7:15). Winners in the 5K run were Shawn Davis (21:03) and Lorna Lamebow (27:27). Winners in the 10K run were Leroy Maass (41:28) and Cheryl Weffler (49:44). And finally, first, second and third places in the Tiny Tots race belong to Kyle Kearn, Paso Schafer, and Ali Holsclaw, respectively.

Meanwhile, the 1st annual Volleyball Tournament was beginning. The winners of this double-elimination contest were "The Shredders", "Ultimate Edge", and "Team 22". The winning trophies stand on display in the Community Center.

Sunday the Maori Dancers performed and gave us all a taste of other Native cultures around the world. Arts and Crafts, dancing, and drumming continued throughout the weekend.

Sober Dance, '92

By Jeff Mercier

I guess this year's Sober Dance (put on by the Health and Drug and Alcohol Departments) could be summed up with one sentence: "Two hundred and fifty kids of all ages bobbing around to a heavy metal band and swapping up sodas."

Sound like quite an evening? Well in fact it was! It all began "fashionably late" due to the late sound check by the band, so at around 9 p.m. we opened our door to 100 screaming kids. Destiny Event Specialists provided the dance music, and the band WASTED ANGEL followed. They are a heavy metal band who played two half-hour sets. They shook up the crowd with their style of rebellious Rock&Roll. Later in the evening the band brought members of the crowd up on stage with them (including myself) to dance to their own rendition of Billy Idol's "Mony Mony". The band hung around to sign autographs for the kids for a long time.

To sum the evening up in one word, I would use "chaotic", but what else could you expect from a free Rock&Roll show with 250 kids? A fun time was had by all, with no harm done. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out in making this year's dance such a success.