

1993 GRAND RONDE POW-WOW



Members of Council during Saturday's Grand Entry.

1993 Pow-wow a Success

People from all over Oregon as well as out of state attended the 1993 Grand Ronde Pow-wow August 20, 21, and 22. Saturday night, the flags were not retired until after midnight. There were over 80 craft and food vendors, and over 3,000 people were served at the buffalo and salmon feed on Saturday.

Special guests of the Pow-wow included Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts (see story, page 1), Les AuCoin, and Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse. Two former Oregon Governors also visited the Pow-wow—Vic Atiyeh and Bob Straub. BIA Area Director Dan Speaks and Senator Dick Springer were also in attendance.

Friday night was the Royalty Pageant competition, in which Courtney Warren and Tina Dizick were crowned Junior and Senior Miss Grand Ronde.

Volleyball, horseshoe, and softball tournaments were held Saturday, as well as the Annual Fun-Run/Fun-Walk. The Fun-Run first, second, and third place winners of the one mile were: Delmon, Mickey Hoopingartner, and Joe Schaffer for the men; Amanda Slivers, Kathy Coley, and Jamie Coley for the women. The 5K Run winners for the men were: Phil Watkins, Shawn Davis, and Reggie Butler; the women's winners were Glenna Boggs, Chris Dean, and Chris Scarla. Finally, 10K run winners for the men were: Stan Kneeland, Leroy Maas, and Steve Vincent, Jr. In the women's 10K run, Selina Danko won.

The weather was hot and sunny both Saturday and Sunday, and many compliments were given to the drummers and dancers.

VIDEO FOR SALE

If you are interested in purchasing a video of the 1993 Grand Ronde Pow-wow, contact Mychal Childers at the Tribal offices.



1992-93 Junior Miss Grand Ronde Amelia Houg and Senior Miss Grand Ronde Molly Rimer prepare to crown this year's pageant winners.

"Road To Restoration"

This is the first of a three-part series of stories about Grand Ronde tribal restoration. Part two will appear in October.

It all began many years ago, in a trailer parked in tribal member Russ Leno's yard. This trailer was the tribal headquarters. After the Tribe was terminated in 1954, it took a lot of effort to keep up tribal roles and membership records. Many people, who still live and work in Grand Ronde, some for the Tribe, helped do this.

Operating through small grant monies, the offices were eventually moved to the small cemetery building. The Tribe had only five employees. Kathryn Harrison was one of them. "I came to work for the Tribe in 1979," she said. "We were trying to lay the ground work we needed to get restored. We met with politicians like Les AuCoin and Mark Hatfield. We went canvassing to different towns and neighborhoods, asking them if they would support our efforts to get restored. I spoke at churches, historical societies, and fund-raisers."

During this time, the Tribe, still operating with very little money, held many fund-raisers of its own.

"It seemed like we were always putting something together," said Kathryn. "We had tee-pees for rent down at the Sea-Way market a fry-bread stand, Margaret provost opened a bead and gift shop on highway 18, and it seemed like so many people donated their time and money. There were some strong supporters of the Tribe."

There was a Tribal Council at this time, and monthly General Council meetings were held in St. Michael's Gymnasium in Grand Ronde. Sometimes they were held at the grade school.

It would be 1983 before members of the Tribe would fly to Washington D.C. with Elizabeth Furse, (who then was Restoration Coordinator) to testify before Congress.

I wrote it down," said Kathryn. "There are thirteen different steps we had to go through before we were actually restored. It was a very long process. You can't just walk into a politician's office, tell him you want to be restored, and that's the end of it."