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Above — Jessica Broncheau - Umatilla won \$100 for taking first place in the Junior Girls' Traditional competition. **Right** — Sky Miller - Puyallup competed in the Junior Boy's Grass competition. **Below Left** — Mitchell Lee Hawk - Yakama. **Below Center** — Logan Butler-Siletz. **Below Right** — Girls from the Junior Girls Jingle category wait for the results of their competition.



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The last time, there was no tent and it was so hot. I'm going to tell her for next year."

With the covering, daylight was muted and at night, too little light made photography and even enjoyable viewing difficult, according to some in attendance, but it didn't seem to limit the number of competitive dancers (200) who showed up, or the 18 visiting drum groups that complemented the three host drums — Blacklodge from the state of Washington, Perfect Storm and Blackstone, both from Canada — signed for the event.

Grand Ronde dance winners included Leland Butler, Jr., 11, who won 2nd in the Junior Boys' Traditional; Marcel Allen, 6, who took 4th in the Junior Boys' Grass; and Marcel Orrin John Allen, 15, who placed 2nd in the Teen Boys' Grass. Nineteen from Grand Ronde participated in 12 different events.

"It is very nice," Tribal Elder Charlotte Gray, "but too commercialized. Let's get back to the olden days when we sang songs and danced ourselves. We don't need to pay for the dancers."

Speaking of commercials, 45 merchandise vendors — seven of them Grand Ronde Tribal members — sold photo buttons, drums, t-shirts, dried and smoked salmon, beadwork, artwork, a dramatic poster showing how Indian reservations have shrunk from pre-Columbus days, and countless other items. An unofficial survey found many happy with the weekend's commerce.

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Not The Same — Blackfeet Tribal member Kenny ScabbyRobe (right) emceed the 2005 Annual Grand Ronde Pow-wow. ScabbyRobe was asked to emcee after the passing of respected Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Roy Track (above left) who emceed the pow-wow in previous years.



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Dean Smith (Oneida), whose nickname also is, Oneida, said sales have been "pretty good all weekend. I'm happy with the conduct of the pow-wow." He was back for his sixth pow-wow.

Fifteen vendors — seven Grand Ronde Tribal members — sold a range of foods, said Tribal member Jackie Provost, the Pow-wow Board Member in charge of vendors. "We select for a variety," she said. "And they're all friendly. They all help each other. And they're pretty independent."

When the new pow-wow grounds are established, Provost said, "Hopefully, we'll be able to put all the vendors in a circle so that everyone has a good spot."

The Tribe hosted 1,200 for

a salmon dinner on Saturday night and fed breakfast to 600 on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Down the road, St. Michael Church held a "family and friends" barbeque on Saturday afternoon that drew nearly 100 for a picnic delight of salmon, fresh corn and, of course, the hotdogs and hamburgers that are a must on sunny summer afternoons.

Following the passing this year of Tribal member Roy Track, long time Master of Ceremonies for Grand Ronde pow-wows, the Tribe enlisted Kenny ScabbyRobe (Blackfeet) from White Swan, Washington who has hosted pow-wows in the U.S. and Canada.

"You can't meet any better people than at Grand Ronde," he said.

And no truer words were ever said for Tammy Cook's adopted son, Anthony, nine this month. Cook was married to Tribal member Mark Cook, who passed away in 1999.

Anthony was less than a year old when the foster care system took him away from his family, but Cook put his birthday picture in the *Smoke Signals*, and the boy's grandmother, Marsha Dyer, said

they were ready to try to arrange a reunion this year, anyway, and it all worked out so that Anthony met his brother, Tribal member Robby, 16, and sisters Amanda, 14, and Brianna, 12, also Tribal members, who live in Eugene, for the first time at pow-wow.

"They were expecting to see a baby," said Cook, "as they remembered him."

Missing from the reunion was Tribal member Samantha, 11, who was visiting her grandfather in South America at the time.

"It was great," said Dyer. "It was really fun."

"Our children are our future," said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl Kennedy as the pow-wow started on Saturday. ■