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member Monte George who passed on in 2003),” he said.

“If you want a shout out,” said master of ceremonies Fred Hill over the loud speakers, “bring me a piece of flat bread.”

Among Tribal and social service booths, including the Tribal Housing Authority and Tribal Courts, was the Yamhill Community Action Program at the powwow for the first time, according to Executive Director Lee Means.

“We’ve been trying to get out to all of the communities,” Means said.

YCAP provides transportation, youth services, energy and housing assistance, as well as a growing food bank, for which the group has raised \$750,000 of an almost \$3 million project. A year and a half ago, Spirit Mountain Community Fund donated the first \$25,000 to the effort, said Means.

In a ceremony under the big tent, Fred Hill announced Grand Ronde’s 2009-10 Royalty Court: Tribal member Halona Butler, 17, is the new Senior Miss Grand Ronde; Tribal member Nakoosa Moreland, 13, is the new Junior Miss Grand Ronde; and 6-year-old Tribal member Isabelle Grout is the new Little Miss Grand Ronde.

Grout was shy in talking about the things she had learned on her way to the Little Miss title. Still, staked out with grandparents Randy and Lauri Foshee and mother, Genifer, a dental assistant at the Tribal Health Clinic, and other family members at the northeast corner of the big tent, she had plenty of help.



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Junior Boys Fancy dancer DJ. Shadley dances as he participates in the afternoon Grand Entry of the 2009 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Genifer whispered in her ear and Isabelle said, “I learned to dance.”

Tribal Elder Jackie Many Hides, who coordinates Powwow Royalty, happened over and reminded Isabelle about “the Lord’s Prayer.” And Isabelle said that learning that was “really easy.”

Asked about how she got so cute, grandfather Foshee was right there with, “From her grandmother.”

And Isabelle, getting the hang of the interviewing business, was right there on this one, too, saying, “From my mom and dad.”

For Nakoosa Moreland, her lessons were “self-discipline and learning to get along with others.”

Halona Butler took some time with the question, and said in an e-mail afterwards: “This is the sev-

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The Mandaree Singers perform at the 2009 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 15. The drum group is from North Dakota and was one of three host drums at the powwow.