

'Biggest powwow I've seen'

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enth title I have held with Grand Ronde Tribal Royalty and I have learned new things every time. No year is ever the same. No powwow is the same. It's a lot of fun and exciting! You make friends that you will have forever and get to see new places that you'll always remember. I love representing my Tribe. It makes me feel good and makes me feel proud."

Perfect Storm played the Honor Dance for the new Royalty.

"There's a Ford Explorer and a Honda Civic with their lights on," said master of ceremonies Fred Hill.

The parking area, which is huge, was so packed on Saturday afternoon that people were driving around, waiting for people to pull out.

"I saw (Tribal member) Rick Grout walking to his car when I was coming in," said Tribal Grants Developer Bob McElderry (Flat-head). "He said, 'Follow me. I'm just pulling out.' And I pulled into his space."

"This is the biggest powwow I've seen," said Tribal Elder Tom LaChance, who, with his family, was headed over to the annual LaChance picnic later in the day.



Dancers are a blur as they dance around the arena during an Intertribal Dance during the 2009 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Among newly seen T-shirt announcements was this one: "I'm part white but I can't prove it."

And this one: "My T-shirt serves a purpose," on the front, and on the back: Honoring Native American Women Survivors. It comes from a group out of Auburn, Wash., that is

promoting the 1st Annual Rainbow of Ribbons Powwow in May 2010 (RainbowofRibbons@gmail.com).

Steve and Donna (Monican, Cherokee, Lakota, Blackfoot — "That's why I'm so mixed up," she said) Lawson, of Steeles Tavern, Va., were in town to see their mother

in Willamina when they decided to come to the powwow.

"It's awesome," said Steve.

"Very," said Donna. "It's a whole lot bigger than the (Monican) pow-

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2009 Contest Powwow winners

Junior Girls

Fancy: Aurelia Johnson, Paiute, first; Aulum, Warm Springs, second; Nizhoni White, Navajo/Shuswap, third; Larae Ellenwood, Nez Perce, fourth; and Georgene Tenorio, Modoc/Klamath/Paiute, fifth.

Jingle: Noralene Scalplock, Siksika-Navajo, first; Rosetta Wilson, Klamath/Navajo, second; Nixa Rice, Northern Cheyenne/Tlingit, third; Tionna Tillequots, Yakama, fourth; and Jackie Zamora-Heath, Warm Springs, fifth.

Traditional: Halena Jim, Yakama, first; Hana Jim, Yakama, second; Miriam Wesley, Yakama, third; and DancingStar Leighton, Nez Perce, fourth.

Junior Boys

Grass: Manny Hawley, Cree, first; **Marcel Allen Jr., Grand Ronde, second;** Jonathan Sherwood-Plett, Spokane, third; Josiah Barney, Navajo/Burns Paiute/Mojave, fourth; and Nolan Stevens, Shoshone, fifth.

Fancy: Ila Pinkham, Nez Perce, first; Trevor Smith, Yakama, second; and D.J. Shadley (unknown), third.

Traditional: Kiowa Dougherty, Kiowa, first; Grayson Johnson, Warm Springs, second; Bobby Butler, Siletz, third; Samuel Jim, Yakama, fourth; and Martin Lopes, Wasco/Warm Springs, fifth.

Teen Girls

Jingle: Hokian-Win McCloud, Dakota, first; Katie Harris, Umatilla, second; Nikollane Kanuho, (unknown), third; **Nakoosa Moreland, Grand Ronde, fourth;** and Noreene Sampson, Warm Springs, fifth.

Fancy: Shaamute Azure, Yakama/Chippewa, first; Angela Bellanger, Warm Springs/Chippewa, second; Willow Kipp, Sho-Ban/Blackfeet, third; Latesha Jackson, Yakama/Klamath, fourth; and Aklah Shamsudin, Blackfeet, fifth.

Traditional: Angelina Antone, Yakama/Tohono O'Odham, first; Genita Mcninick, Yakama, second; Shalene Joseph, Assiniboine, third; Destiny Summers, Klamath/Wasco, fourth; and Mileena Edwards, Warm Springs, fifth.

Teen Boys

Grass: Mason James McGurk, Navajo, first; Junior James, Stoglo/Cree, second; Hardo Lopez, Warm Springs, third; Tullix Bourgeau, Nez

Perce, fourth; and Cody West, Karuk, fifth.

Fancy: Redhorse Wesley, Yakama, first; Mitchell Baker, Hidasta/Cree, second; Arthur Bennett, Dine, third; C.J. Azure, Yakama/Chippewa/Cree, fourth; and Jared Jackson, Klamath, fifth.

Traditional: Redbear McCloud, Dakota, first; Tyson Warchumwah, Yakama, second; Gerald Brien, Crow/Santeel Hidasta, third; SanPoil Whitehead, Colville/Siletz, fourth; and **Leland Butler Jr., Siletz/Grand Ronde, fifth.**

Men

Fancy: Rylan Baker, Hidasta/Cree, first; Nigel Skyler, Oneida/Odawa, second; Gary Olney, Yakama, third; Rainbow Azure, Chippewa/Yakama, fourth; and Jamie Ward, Wintu, fifth.

Grass: Lee Jack Jr., Dine, first; Wesley Windy Boy, Assiniboine/Cree, second; Sidrick Baker, Hidasta/Cree, third; Jesse Bevis, Umatilla/Flat-head, fourth; and Jimmy Olney, Yakama, fifth.

Traditional: Ardell Scalplock, Siksika, first; Brando Jack, Dine, second; Russell McCloud, Puyallup/Yakama, third; Darrell Tso, Dine, fourth; and Cayto Kider, Blackfeet, fifth.

Women

Fancy: Urselona Kanuho, Dine, first; Rose Greene-Harry, Nez Perce/Salish, second; LaVerna Benally, Navajo, third; Denelle Stanley, Ute/Navajo/Shawnee/Cree, fourth; and Michelle Guzman, Sho-Ban, fifth.

Jingle: Henrietta Scalplock, Navajo/Apache, first; Sophie White, Shuswap, second; Shawna Olson, Ojibway, third; Shannetta Yahtin, Yakama, fourth; and Ursula Windy Boy, Dine, fifth.

Traditional: Thea McCloud, Dakota, first; Tisa Matheson, Nez Perce/Cree, second; **Leah Brisbois, Grand Ronde, third;** Temi Meninick, Yakama/Nez Perce, fourth; and Wilma Buck, Yakama, fifth.

Golden Age

Women: Charlene Tillequots, Yakama/Nez Perce, first; Lynne Pinkham, Nez Perce, second; Nancy Tailfeather, Warm Springs, third; Berni Robertson, Yakama/Walla Walla, fourth; and Janet George, Yakama, fifth.

Men: Charlie Tailfeather, Cree/Blackfeet, first; Norman Largo, Dine, second; Peter Jo Olney, Yakama, third; Stan Greene, Nez Perce/Salish, fourth; and Ross Bull, Cree, fifth.