

2011 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow winners

Junior Girls Traditional: Decole Wilson, Klamath/Navajo, first; Oteskwebeeksaki Shebala, Blackfeet/Navajo, second; Kaylee Johnson, Paiute/Haida, third; Denaë Smith, Yakama/Navajo, fourth; and **Makenzie Aaron, Grand Ronde, fifth.**

Junior Girls Fancy: Aurelia Johnson, Paiute/Haida, first; Gracie Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, second; Autumn Sky Johnson, Warm Springs, third; Carissa Jackson, Klamath/Modoc, fourth; and Maya Moling, Kechua/Mesheeka, fifth.

Junior Girls Jingle: Cherokee Eagletail, Northern Dene Canada, first; Nizhoni Tallman, Yakama, second; Leilonnie Wilson, Klamath, third; Tia Butler, Siletz/Yurok/Northern Cheyenne, fourth; and Jocelyn Hernandez, Siletz, fifth.

Junior Boys Grass: Marcel Allen Jr., Grand Ronde, first; P-Nutt Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, second; Sky Smith, Yakama/Navajo, third; Hawk Squetimkin, Colville, fourth; and Robert Sampson, Warm Springs, fifth.

Junior Boys Fancy: Evan Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, first; and Jonathan Perdiguerra, Apache/Shawnee, second.

Junior Boys Traditional: Aiden Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, first; Bobby Butler, Siletz/Yurok/Northern Cheyenne, second; Isaac Butler, Siletz/Yurok/Northern Cheyenne, third; Devyn Leigh, Blackfeet/Cherokee, fourth; and Gus Garcia, Siletz, fifth.

Teen Girls Jingle: Camille Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, first; Destiny Buck, Yakama/Wanapum, second; **Nakoosa Moreland, Grand Ronde, third;** Nixa Rice, Northern Cheyenne, fourth; and Courtney Molimer, Mesheeka, fifth.

Teen Girls Fancy: Numu Wockmetoah, Comanche, first; Ivory Gardner, Nez Perce/Spokane, second; Destiny Summers, Wasco/Klamath, third; Mia Peacock, no Tribal affiliation listed, fourth; and Kateri Whitehead, Siletz/Colville, fifth.

Teen Girls Traditional: Kelly Ponyah, Lakota/Hopi/Dine, first; Raedawn Wahl, Klamath, second; Melissa Moccasin, Lakota, third; Keteri Howtopat, Yakama/Oneida, fourth; and **Savannah Ingram, Grand Ronde, fifth.**

Teen Boys Grass: Desmond Madera, Blackfeet/Colville, first; Nathan Norwest, Klamath, second; Tyrone Sitting Eagle, Siksika, third; Cody West,

Karak/Potawatomi, fourth; and Deon Smart Luit, Yakama, fifth.

Teen Boys Fancy: Manny Totus, Yakama, first; Davey Madera, Blackfeet, second; Garrett Begay, Yakama, third; Jared Jackson, Klamath, fourth; and Sheidon Jishie, Lukaachukai, fifth.

Teen Boys Traditional: SanPoil Whitehead, Colville/Siletz, first; Garyson Johnson, Warm Springs, second; Josef Perdiguerra, Apache/Shawnee, third; Logan Butler, Colville/Siletz, fourth; and Tristen Eagletail, Northern Dene Canada, fifth.

Women's Golden Age: Wilma Buck, Yakama/White Swan, first; Gwen Point, Sto:lo, second; Bernadine Robertson, Yakama/Walla Walla, third; Leona Ike, Warm Springs/Yakama, fourth; and Rose Starr Peters, Shoshone/Ute, fifth.

Men's Golden Age: Charles Tailfeathers, Cree/Blackfeet, first; Greg Red Elk, Sioux, second; Albert Summers, Wasco, third; Don Moccasin, Nakota, fourth; and Lee Sorrell Horse, Northern Cheyenne, fifth.

Women's Fancy: Crystal Howell, Paiute/Lummi, first; Aggie Meninick, Yakama, second; Shaneesha Mountainsheep, Dine/Crow, third; Christine Point, Stolo, fourth; and Arielle Bitsuie, Lukachukai, fifth.

Women's Jingle: Paula Shebala, Blackfeet/Choctaw, first; Jodie Starlight, Cree/Tsuu Tina, second; Kayla Johnson, Warm Springs/Lummi, third; Norene Sampson, Warm Springs, fourth; and Julie Johnson, Paiute/Shoshone, fifth.

Women's Traditional: Leah Brisbois, Grand Ronde, first; Sisiley Scott, Warm Springs/Sioux, second; Mallory Jones, Navajo, third; Celeste Nunes, Yupit, fourth; and Cheryl Stinnett, Kiowa/Wasco, fifth.

Men's Grass: Kelsey Haywahe, Wasco/Assiniboine, first; Colton Tohanie, Shoshone/Navajo, second; Tyson Wahchumwah, Yakama/Nez Perce, third; Saul Jurado, Siletz, fourth; and Washie Squetimkin, Colville, fifth.

Men's Fancy: Adrian George, Yakama, first; Rod Begay, Yakama, second; Aaron Wright, Klamath, third; Freeland Jishie, Lukachukai, fourth; and Stanson Yazzi, Navajo, fifth.

Men's Traditional: Irvin Tso, Navajo/Dine, first; Sheldon Shebala, Navajo/Dine, second; Bryon Adams, Yakama, third; Colin Chief, Saskatchewan, Canada, fourth; and Mike Ponyah, Hopi/Dine, fifth.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Koosah Quenelle competes in the Junior Boys Traditional dance category during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 2011 Contest Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20.



Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey rides in her "float" during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 2011 Contest Powwow Parade from Fort Yamhill State Park to Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20. At 102, Kimsey is the Tribe's oldest living member and that was the theme of her "float."

Drummers sang hearts out

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the Eagle staff, with Chris Tinney (Lower Eastern Cherokee), Al Miller, Tribal member J.J. Lafferty and Norris Merrill also carrying flags.

Blackstone, from Alberta, Canada; Seekaskootch, from Saskatchewan, Canada; Indian Nation from Yakama; and Grand Ronde's own drum, The Woodsmen, served as host drums. Fourteen visiting drums also played.

"Drummers, sing your hearts out," said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy. "Your message is very important to us."

They did, and dancers from the Grand Ronde Tribe responded with a message of their own: Tribal member

Marcel Allen Jr. took first place in the Junior Boys Grass dance; Tribal member Leah Brisbois won first in the Women's Traditional dance; Tribal member Nakoosa Moreland won third place in the Teen Girls Jingle dance; Tribal member Makenzie Aaron won fifth place in the Junior Girls Traditional dance; and Tribal member Savannah Ingram won fifth in the Teen Girls Traditional.

Lara Ike was Head Judge and Freddie Ike Jr. was Arena director. They are both members of the Yakama/Rock Creek Wasco Tribes.

Hal Eagletail (Tsuu T'ina Nation in Alberta) was master of ceremonies. He has performed in this capacity across the Northwest over the last 22 years. ■



Tribal Elder Dorothy Greene, right, walks in the 1 p.m. Grand Entry of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 2011 Contest Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20.