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## Stories and histories shared at powwow

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to meet with Native peoples, share languages and continue ancient traditions," Leht-Smith said. They hoped to make a friendship group with the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"It was a great experience hosting the Estonian delegates at Chachalu," said Reibach. "We shared our respective histories together and their stories are touching."

Once again during powwow, the Tribe's Recreation Program sponsored a three-on-three basketball tournament with two competition categories – seventh through ninth grades and 10th through 12th grades.

Tribal Council members in attendance Friday night and/or Saturday included Leno, Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr., Cheryle A. Kennedy, June Sherer, Jon A. George, Kath-

leen Tom, Denise Harvey and Ed Pearsall.

Charles Tailfeathers was powwow head judge and Freddie Ike Jr. was arena director.

Host drums were Young Spirit and Young Bear. The Woodsmen, the Grand Ronde drum, was honorary host drum.

Seventeen other drums also played during the weekend. They were Buckshot, Sho-na-ay, West Coast Boys, Northern Black Horse, Four Directions, Horse Creek, Yellow Stone, Big Eagle, 007, Turquoise Pride, Star Horse, a-nee-nazee, Red Road Nation, All Nations, Battle Axe, War Pony and Yakama Boys. Host Young Bear came from North Dakota to play this year.

Kennedy, a longtime Tribal Council member, gave the invocation on Friday night.

"The drum is the heartbeat of our people," she said.  $\blacksquare$ 



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Leno and Tom family members honored Margaret "Tootie" Peters during the 2014 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at  $\acute{u}yxat$  Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 16.

## Parade and youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament held



2014-15 Royalty queens from left, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes, Senior Miss Grand Ronde Promise Rimer and Little Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout wave to the crowd during the 2014 Contest Powwow Parade that went from Fort Yamhill State Park to úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 16.



Kalea Liebelt picks up candy thrown from floats during the 2014 Contest Powwow Parade that went from Fort Yamhill State Park to Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 16.



CKNC's Nick Colton looks to pass the ball as he is covered by Dream Team's Dominik **Briant during the third annual Youth Contest Powwow 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 16. Put on by the Tribe's Recreation Department, the tournament was broken into two divisions for seventh-through ninth-graders and 10th-through 12thgraders. CKNC won the 7th-9th Division with a 35-14 win over Team Portland. **Besides Colton, team members were Chance** Kalawa, Chris Savoldi and Kabel Reid. Grand Ronde won the 10th-12th Division, beating Real Grand Ronde 36-35. Grand Ronde team members were Lenny Logan, Anthony Simmons, Nick Larson and Julian Lane. Both divisions fielded four teams each.

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