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Parade brings exposure to Tribe

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and Mike Comeaux, was the eldest model surrounded by a fully blossomed rose.

Bobb said he felt pride when he watched the float emerge from the Coliseum.

"There is always some excitement when you take something from paper, from an idea and a thought, and develop it and then see it done in the form that it is," said Bobb. "There's a little bit of excitement that comes with that."

Bobb said he loves that the parade brings exposure to the Tribe in front of the entire Northwest.

"They figure there are 400,000 people just at the parade from all over the Northwest," said Bobb. "To get that type of exposure for us that we are always trying to get out there – well, that's pretty major. I'm proud to be Grand Ronde and proud to let people know that. The Grand Ronde people are not the newcomers. We are the people of this valley. We are still walking the footsteps of our ancestors today, right now, here."

Bobb said he has followed the Portland Rose Festival since he was a child, reading about it in the papers. He said he was always interested in participating in such a "huge, major" event.

"There is some pretty wonderful stuff there that people do," said Bobb. "And now to be a part of it, that is something I never thought I would have been involved with. To have our Tribe's sign and name everywhere, I would have never thought of anything like that. And, here we are."

Fifteen floats were entered in this year's Grand Floral Parade and Portland General Electric's entry won the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde award for best depiction of community spirit. The lively float featured sixth-graders selected to participate after sharing examples of how their families had put together emergency kits or a disaster plan.

Also participating in the Grand



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Little Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout hands out cedar roses during the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade in Portland on Saturday, June 6. Grand Ronde and Veterans Royalty walked behind the float at the beginning of the parade and distributed cedar roses to the crowd.

Floral Parade were members of Tribal Royalty, who distributed cedar roses to parade watchers lining the streets.

Tribal Elders and casino employees helped decorate the float on Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 and 4, in advance of float judging day held on Friday, June 5.

Attending the parade were, among others, Tribal Council members Cheryle A. Kennedy and Jon A. George with their respective family members, as well as Tribal members Chelsea Clark, Shannon Simi and Francene Ambrose who joined Tribal Council Senior Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith and many Tribal Royalty family members. ■



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Tribal Elder Dan Ham uses a sponge to press pink coconut flakes on to a flower as he helps decorate the Spirit Mountain Casino float "Bloom'n the Beauty Within" in Portland on Wednesday, June 3.