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Jordan said he and his wife, Amanda, bring Ila to every Tribal event they can and that they do it with a purpose.

“That is her family,” said Jordan. “Those are the people that she has been around her whole life. I strive to get her to every single event that I can. She always has a really good time. She’s just happy.”

“The people at those events love her and she gets a lot of love from everybody. That’s all I want for her – I want her to be happy and I want her to be loved. There are things that the community offers and that she gets at those events that we could never provide that. There are certain things that only being around this stuff (cultural events) will teach her.”

Ila is named after one of the most beloved Tribal members in Grand Ronde history, Ila Dowd (Hudson), who walked on in 2001.

Jordan said that he was given Eula Petite’s Chinuk dictionary when he was young as a gift from his grandfather Vincent Mercier. Ila was Eula’s sister and Vincent’s aunt.

“When I would go to family events I would always run up to her and say a few words to her in Chinuk,” Jordan said. “She was just really loving and that was a big deal for me as a kid and it planted the seeds to bring me to where I am now. She was always doing things for other people and she would never say anything bad about anyone.”

“I feel like putting that name on Ila would help bring some of that into her life and it has already. When people meet her and we introduce her by her name, people light up. It kind of brings her life



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Veterans Special Event Board Senior Queen Makenzie Aaron dances in an InterTribal dance during the 2016 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20.**

back around. I wanted to put that name on her. I wanted her to be like that.”

Ila and the Canoe Family welcomed a large crowd on Friday night, but not the type of crowds Grand Ronde has become accustomed to in recent years.

Tribal leaders said the hot weather and competition from a powwow at Muckleshoot in Washington state kept crowds from being at capacity, but that they were still

pleased with the number of people and vendors who made the trip to Grand Ronde.

“I think it’s a great turnout for the heat,” said Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno.

“It’s been great, but Friday was brutal,” said Tribal Council member Chris Mercier. “I don’t know if the heat scared people away, but overall it’s been good. There were lots of food options this time (17 food vendors in all) and a lot of

people made a special trip out here. There are a number of people that this is their only time of year we see them.”

According to AccuWeather.com, the heat reached 102 degrees on Friday, the first day of the powwow, and almost hit 100 on Saturday with a 99-degree reading. Temperatures moderated on Sunday, only

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## 2016 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow winners

**Girls Jingle:** Jasmine Barney, Navajo, first; Victoria Butler, Siletz, second; **Kaleigha Simi, Grand Ronde, third;** Tawnee Hunt, Yakama, fourth; and Layla Rose Harmon, Shoshone, fifth.

**Girls Fancy:** Macyquin Johnson, Warm Springs/Wasco Paiute, first; Terianna Heath, Warm Springs/Wasco Paiute, second; Ei-shah Pirtle-Boise, Warm Springs/Siletz, third; Ava Smith, Klamath, fourth; and Keya StandingBear, Cherokee, fifth.

**Girls Traditional:** Dahyitihi White, Coeur d’Alene, first; Aaliyah Reasoner, Seminole/Choctaw, second; Askewin Tom, Paiute/Lakota, third; Mabel Lane Parazoo, Klamath, fourth; and Miya Weigel, Karuk, fifth.

**Boys Grass:** Levi Nez, Lakota/Dine, first; Alvin Sixkiller, Cherokee, second; **Kaikanim Mercier, Grand Ronde, third;** Tyce Begay, Sho-ban/Yakama/Dine, fourth; and Darmani Soto, Warm Springs, fifth.

**Boys Fancy:** SunHawk Barney, Navajo, first; Apollo Johnson, Warm Springs/Wasco Paiute, second; Joseph Petty-Jarrell, Pend Oreille Salish, third; and Kalen Scalplock, Siksika/Navajo, fourth.

**Boys Traditional:** Jayden Esquiro, Warm Springs, first; Kobe Sam, Warm Springs/Nez Perce, second; Hawk Squetimkin, Colville, third; **Nacoma Liebelt, Grand Ronde, fourth;** and Emery Kordatzky, Umatilla, fifth.

**Teen Girls Jingle:** Noralene Scalplock, Siksika/Navajo, first; Kimberly Ann Chief, Warm Springs, second; Ezahbella Mosqueda, Siletz, third; **Aspen Wilson, Grand Ronde, fourth;** and **Amaryssa Mooney, Grand Ronde, fifth.**

**Teen Girls Fancy:** Jaydean Randall, Navajo/Lakota, first; Aurelia Johnson, Paiute/Shoshone/Haida, second; Nizhoni Tallman, Yakama/Navajo, third; **Kailiyah Krehbiel, Grand Ronde, fourth;** and **Isabelle Grout, Grand Ronde, fifth.**

**Teen Girls Traditional:** Jovena Scabbyrobe, Yakama/Blackfeet, first; Victory Randall, Navajo/Sioux, second; Susseli Pete, Salish/Navajo, third; Tia Butler, Siletz, fourth; and Aiyana Reyes, Klamath, fifth.

**Teen Boys Grass:** Josiah Barney, Navajo, first; Manny Hawley, Rocky Boy Cree, second; Garen Growing Thunder, Dakota/Nez Perce, third; Jacob Bearspaw, Stoney Nakoda Nation, fourth; and **Marcel Allen, Grand**

**Ronde, fifth.**

**Teen Boys Fancy:** Daniel Schofield, Wintu, first; Dasan Schofield, Wintu, second; Emmitt White, Coeur d’Alene, third; Devon Shaw, Shoshone/Dine, fourth; and Budge Stanton, Ely Shoshone Tribe, fifth.

**Teen Boys Traditional:** Darion Shaw, Shoshone, first; Trenton Calica, Warm Springs, second; and **Tristin Liebelt, Grand Ronde, third.**

**Golden Age Women:** Audrey Olney, Yakama, first; Rose Starr Peters, Shoshone, second; Sophie George, Yakama, third; Terrie Jarrell, Pend Oreille Salish, fourth; and Barbara Miller, Klamath, fifth.

**Golden Age Men:** Allenroy Pay-Kwin, Jicarilla Apache, first; Stan Greene, Nez Perce/Salish, second; Larry White Jr., Dine, third; Gary Villa I, Yakama, fourth; and Chet Clark, Dine, fifth.

**Mens Grass:** Gary Villa, Warm Springs, first; Kelsey Haywahe, Wasco/Paiute, second; Jeremy Barney, Burns Paiute, third; Mason-James McGurk, Navajo/Apache, fourth; and Creighton Scabbyrobe, Blackfeet/Cree, fifth.

**Mens Fancy:** Doug Schofield, Wintu, first; Marshall Madera, Blackfeet/Colville, second; Gary Olney, Yakama, third; Perry Thompson, Dine, fourth; and Jamie Ward, Wintu, fifth.

**Mens Traditional:** Colin Chief, Warm Springs, first; Bryon Adams, Yakama, second; Quindon Calica, Warm Springs, third; Shandin Pete, Salish/Navajo, fourth; and Stoney Cloud Dodson, Navajo/Mono, fifth.

**Womens Jingle:** Henrietta McGurk, Navajo/Apache, first; Tia Lone-tree-Gray, Ho-Chunk/Dine, second; Celeste McGurk, Navajo, third; Cecillie Rose, Colville, fourth; and Raylene Thomas, Warm Springs/Navajo, fifth.

**Womens Fancy:** Dottie Pratt, Blackfeet/Cree, first; Talia Reasoner, Seminole, second; Josette Wahwasuck, Potawatomi, third; Chenoa Landry, Puyallup, fourth; and Darci Haywahe, Assiniboine/Hidasta, fifth.

**Womens Traditional:** Shawna Tom, Shoshone, first; **Leah Villa, Grand Ronde, second;** Bobbi White, Coeur d’Alene, third; Sisiley Scott, Warm Springs/Grand Ronde, fourth; and Ida Adams, Colville, fifth.

**Drums:** Seekaskootch, first; Battle Axe, second; Battle Stone, third; and Awakening Thunder, fourth.