

# Parade, basketball tournament held Saturday

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Senior Golden Age Women, all 65 years of age and older.

“I have a lot of respect for these ladies,” he said. “They are our caregivers and the backbone of our people.”

Grand Ronde Tribal member and Veterans Royalty Senior Queen Mabel Brisbois competed in the Traditional Teen Girls dance category.

“I have been dancing since I was little,” Brisbois said. “I enjoy dancing with all of the other girls, especially when you get to dance with the Golden Age women.”

Galligher, who helped judge the Royalty Contest on Friday, competed in the Senior Golden Age Women’s category.

“I have been doing this several years and just enjoy the whole powwow experience and the dancing,” Galligher said. “There are a lot of great dancers here and several new people in the Elders categories.”

Kathleen George said standing inside the arbor as dancers fill the floor gets her “fired up.”

“Seeing these powerful, beautiful Indian people is very elevating,” she said. “I couldn’t be happier or prouder today.”

Powwow attendees had plenty of food and beverage choices to keep them going in Saturday’s 86-degree heat, including Indian tacos, yakisoba noodles, fry bread, Mexican food, fresh fruit cups, curly fries, smoothies, hot dogs and kettle corn. Dutch Brothers returned and was one of the most popular spots, judging from the lines Saturday afternoon.

Other vendors sold jewelry, purses, backpacks, garden art, shirts and jerky.

Laurie Hostler, whose husband is a Tribal member, offered a variety of handmade earrings and necklaces. She has been attending powwow

for 10 years. “It’s a lot of work, but also a lot of fun,” she said. “I just love all of the good energy here. There are so many dancers from all over the place. It is amazing.”

Contest Powwow staff included Powauke, Arena Director Fred Ike Jr., Head Dance Judge Charles Tailfeathers and Head Drum Judge Chase Sawyer.

In addition to the regular prizes, special contests included Old Style Jingle for \$1,000, sponsored by the Native Wellness Institute of Gresham; Round Bustle/Chicken Dance for \$800 and four consolation prizes; Old Style Grass for \$800 and four consolation prizes; and a Junior and Teens Team Dance sponsored by the Grand Ronde Youth Council, with prizes ranging from \$30 to \$75.

Audio Visual Network Technician Wendell Olson was on hand throughout the event to ensure the sound system worked properly during the four grand entries.

Saturday’s activities also featured the annual Powwow Parade, which began at Fort Yamhill State Park to the úyxt Powwow Grounds. Newly crowded Grand Ronde Royalty and Veterans Royalty waved to crowds from festively decorated vehicles.

## 3-on-3 basketball tournament

The Contest Powwow included the Recreation Department’s 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, which returned after no signups last year resulted in its temporary suspension.



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**From left, Frank Scott (Sioux), Tribal Elder Deitz Peters and Tribal members Monty Herron and Deitrich Peters II walk in the Contest Powwow parade.**

**Young Guns Cohen Haller drives to the basket against Warm Springs’ Skytus Smith during the middle school bracket finals of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Native Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held next to úyxt Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 18. Warm Springs won the game 20-17 to take first place. The tournament was sponsored by the Tribe’s Recreation Department.**



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“(We) had a great turnout for the basketball tournament,” Recreation Specialist Harris Reibach said. “There were a total of five teams in the high school bracket and five teams in the middle school bracket. Teams from Warm Springs, Yakama, Klamath, Grand Ronde and Willamina were all present.”

Approximately 100 people, including teams, coaches and spectators, attended the event, held in the parking lot next to the powwow grounds.

The winners of the middle school bracket were a team from Warm Springs. They faced off against a Grand Ronde team in the semifinals and won 20-17.

The high school bracket was won by a team named “Chiletz,” which stood for Chiloquin and Siletz. Team members are local youth Izaiah Fisher, Isaiah Holmes, Grave Gibbons and Justin Gonzalez.

The Contest Powwow continued with grand entries at 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. ■



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**Dancers gather for the Contest Powwow’s final grand entry on Sunday, Aug. 19.**