

On Friday, Aug. 14, the 2020-21 Royalty Pageant was held at the úyxat Powwow Grounds among royalty contestants and their immediate family. The socially distanced event had plenty of space for families and judges to sit in their own areas while wearing masks. Tribal Elder Susie Lash, crown artisan Tammy Fisher and Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear served as judges for the 10 contestants. Bad Soul provided previously recorded songs for use during the pageant, outgoing and coronation segments.

During the outgoing portion, Senior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes reminded those in attendance that “family is not just the people you’re related to by blood, but it’s the people who make a big impact in your life.” Joyful tears were shed as Holmes reminisced about her eight years of service on Grand Ronde Royalty and the experiences that were offered to her.

Coronation brought an end to the day’s anticipation for two Senior Miss contestants, one Junior Miss, six Little Miss contestants and one Tiny Tot. This closeknit group of young women are ready to represent the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde during these challenging times as your 2020-21 court. hayu masi



2019-20 Court:
From left, Senior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi and Little Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout.

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2020-21 Court: Back row from left, Little Miss Grand Ronde Kalea Liebelt, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout, Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout and Royalty Coordinator Chelsea Baranski. Middle row from left, Little Miss Princess Aubrey Campbell, Little Miss Princess Marie Quenelle, Little Miss Princess Satara Blanchard and Senior Miss Princess Anavey Smith. Front row from left, Tiny Tot Ulali Quenelle, Little Miss Princess Grace Macon and Little Miss Princess Leloo Quenelle.



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2020-21 Court: From left, Little Miss Grand Ronde Kalea Liebelt, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout and Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout.

Hello everyone, I’m Isabelle Grout, the newly crowned Senior Miss Grand Ronde for the years 2020-21. I am 17 years old and from the Umpqua, Rogue River and Molalla bands. I live here in Grand Ronde with my mom and dad, Genifer and Peter Grout, my sister Sophie, and my dog Bentley. My grandparents on my dad’s side are the late Val and Pete Grout, and on my mom’s side, Lori and Randy Foshee. My great-grandparents are Arvella and DeWalt Houck. I am also the great-great-great-granddaughter of Tilmmer and David Leno. Recently, I was elected to my second term as chairwomen for the Grand Ronde Youth Council. I also sit on the Northwest Portland Indian Health Board as a Youth Delegate. I am going into my senior year at Sheridan All Prep Academy. My plans for after graduation are to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology and study dental hygiene. I am looking forward to representing my Tribe one last time. This year I hope to bring attention to the issue of mental illness as well as educate Native youth about it. While this year may look different from others, I will still put forth my best effort to represent my Tribe, community and family in the best way possible. I hope you all and your families are staying safe and protected. Masi



Hello, I’m Sophia Grout, Junior Miss Grand Ronde for 2020-21. I’m happy to be representing the Tribe with my sister again this year. I am in the sixth grade at Sheridan Japanese School. Some of the activities I enjoy are painting, cooking, swimming and riding bikes. When I grow up, I want to be a chef and own my own chain of restaurants. Over the summer I took part in the YED activity boxes and Youth Empowerment “Cooking with Shannon” programs. They were both so much fun and I would encourage other youth to join. I would like to thank Tammy Fisher for my beautiful crown and I hope to see you all in person real soon. Hayu Masi



Hello. My name is Kalea Liebelt. I’m your current Little Miss Grand Ronde 2020-21. I’m 8 years old and going into third grade at Willamina Elementary School. My parents are Levi and Nichole Liebelt, my grandparents are Denise Haskins and Joe and Penny Zimmer, and my great-grandparents are Marilee Norwest and Kenneth and Darlene Lafferty.

In my free time I enjoy powwows and Canoe Journey. I also love sports and playing with my kitty. I will proudly represent my Tribe and family and be a role model for future generations. Stay safe, stay healthy. Hayu masi.

