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"This is part of my healing," he said of his return to this year's Pow Wow. "This has helped me get a better understanding of who I am. It has helped give me back my identity."

"It's part of making my life one of balance and wellness."

While the dancing attracts most of the crowds attention during the two day event, this year's Pow Wow also attracted more than 100 people selling native crafts, clothing, jewelry and food.

Evelyn Spence of Hamilton, whose husband is from the Mohawk nation, says each Pow Wow that she attends is always different.

"Every time I come here, I learn something new," said Spence, after learning more about the "last Warrior" from one of the local vendors at the Pow Wow.

Charlene Bomberry, a member of the organizing committee, told reporters at the Pow Wow how the event began 20 years ago on Six Nations.

"There was a group of us from the Six Nations that were always going to Pow Wows," Bomberry said. "We thought, why not hold one here at Six Nations."

The weather turned ugly on Saturday night, but the rains were short lived and the Pow Wow went off without any weather problems all weekend long.



*Karen Smith (left) and Jayme Doolittle enjoy the comfort of the shade on Saturday at the Odrohekta booth at the Pow Wow.*