



Education Committee member Tracy Moreland, left, hands a sweatshirt to Kailiyah Krehbiel after she danced in the “School Is Cool” K-12 Dance Special during the 2016 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 19. The dance was sponsored by the committee and each dancer received school supplies for participating and winners from each category, kindergarten and under, first- through fifth-graders, and sixth- through 12th-graders, received gift cards.

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Tribal community in recent years. He said the growth of the powwow has amazed him.

“Everyone that comes here has nothing but good things to say about the powwow, how we take care of our grounds and how we respect our culture,” he said.

Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Val Grout said she can’t help but remember the powwow when it began and the people who made it happen.

“It’s been great, but I miss the old days down at the school,” said Grout. “Those were the good old days. This is great, but I miss the old days.”

And as much as Grout and her

memories represent powwow days gone by, her family – including newly crowned 2016-17 Junior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout, Val’s granddaughter – represent the future of the Tribe and the many powwows to come.

Isabelle was crowned on Friday, Aug. 19, at the powwow grounds before the first Grand Entry for the Contest Powwow. She competed in the 2016-17 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant, along with Senior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes and Little Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi.

“I’m thankful for my struggle, because without it I wouldn’t have stumbled across my strength,” said Isabelle in a thank you to everyone who supported, encouraged and inspired her this year. “Hayu masi.” ■



Marcus Gibbons dances in the 1 p.m. Grand Entry of the 2016 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20.



Nacoma Liebelt competes in the Boys Traditional dance category during the 2016 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 20. He placed fourth in the competition.

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