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Elder and former Culture Committee member Betty Bly is honored by the Culture Committee, including Chair Francene Ambrose, left, and Secretary Joanna Brisbois, right, at the 34th Restoration Powwow held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Nov. 22. Bly is honored for her years of work on the Culture Committee and on the First Foods event.



Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout hands Emerson Turner an art kit that she won when her raffle ticket was drawn during the 34th Restoration Celebration held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Youth Council members served a lunch of salmon, ceremonial stew, salad, roasted potatoes, buttered pasta, corn, green beans with bacon, and cookies.

Fabian Quenelle served as afternoon master of ceremonies and Gary and Leah Villa were head man and head woman of the afternoon powwow.

The afternoon Grand Entry was led by Veterans Honor Guard members Al Miller, Dennis Klefner, Tribal Elder Alton Butler, Bobb and Rich VanAtta. Current and former Tribal Council members, as well as Royalty members Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi, Little Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout, honorary Tiny Tot Jameson Turner, Grand Ronde Warrior Nacoma Liebelt, Senior Veterans Queen Hailey Lewis-Little, Junior Veterans Queen Tasina Bluehorse and Veterans Princesses Mabel Brisbois and Camas Gibbon participated.

Jon A. George gave the invocation before the powwow began and said that the Tribe is "grateful and thankful" for 34 years of building a strong people, government and community, and rising above hardships and struggles.

Marine Corps and Vietnam War veteran Reyn Leno thanked veterans for their service. "We fought for the United States, the community and our Tribes," he said.

Veterans princesses and other Royalty were recognized as well.

"I want to thank the veterans for opening up this powwow in a good way," Kennedy said. "I am very pleased to see all the little ones who have come to dance today. We

dance for joy ... for our people so that they become strong."

After the Tiny Tots, Women's Golden Age and Men's Golden Age dances, Tribal Elder Betty Bly was honored for her work with the Culture Committee and on many First Foods celebrations

Bly, flanked by family members, received a Grand Ronde Pendleton blanket.

"I am very humbled," Bly said. "I think most people think of me as an activist, but I wasn't. I am just someone who cares a great deal. I am very surprised by this. Thank you."

There also an honoring held for Saige Selwyn, a Grand Ronde

Tribal youth who passed away in September 2015 from injuries sustained in a bicycle-and-auto accident on Grand Ronde Road.

An evening meal was served to attendees by the Culture Committee, with assistance from Royalty and Youth Council members.

The Restoration Planning Committee included Darlene Aaron, Francene Ambrose, Lisa Archuleta, Eric Bernando, Steve Bobb Sr., Joanna Brisbois, Julie Brown, Chelsea Clark, Jon A. George, Kathleen George, Marcus Gibbons, Stacia Her-

nandez, Toni Mercier, Tracie Meyer, Shayla Murphy, Margaret Provost, Shannon Simi and Faye Smith.

Tribal Council sponsored the junior powwow category with baskets as prizes for male and female. The Culture Committee sponsored the teen category with blankets for male and female winners.

Tribal Council has already decided that the 35th Restoration Celebration will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, at Spirit Mountain Casino since the 22nd also will be Thanksgiving Day in 2018. ■



Tribal Elder Bob Tom dances in the Men's Golden Age dance during the 34th Restoration Powwow held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

At left, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier speaks during the 34th Restoration Celebration held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Nov. 22. In the background are master of ceremonies Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., middle, and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George.

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