



bal dance.



Little Miss Princess Marie Quenelle, 9, and Auburn Logan join other members of the Canoe Family in performing a dance.

that have gone on at the leadership table’

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events in Oregon.
After Kennedy spoke, Kathleen George gave an invocation and lunch was served. It included baked salmon, ceremonial stew, green salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and cupcakes.
Most who attended Restoration received a gift box with trail mix, beef jerky, a notepad, magnet, sage, can-

dles, a cedar bark candle holder and salmon-shaped gourmet chocolates.
During lunch, raffle prizes including backpacks, purses, Tribal blankets, Pendleton coffee mugs, huge stuffed animals, body pillows and gift bags filled with goodies and other items were given away.

Powwow was standing-room only

After lunch concluded, tables and dishes were quickly whisked away and the gym was transformed for the Restoration Powwow, which attracted so many people that it soon became standing-room only.

The powwow began with host drum Bad Soul providing Grand Entry music as the Honor Guard brought in the colors, followed by Tribal Council members past and present, veterans, Grand Ronde Royalty, Head Man and Head Woman Anthony and Ramona Quenelle and dancers of all ages, most dressed in regalia. The emcee was Tribal Elder Bob Tom.

“I want to welcome all of our visitors here,” Kennedy said. “We have different Tribes from different states, and we love to host and entertain you, and share with you the blessing Creator gave to us. We offer our hospitality and hope you have a good time here.”

Jon A. George added that hosting other Tribal Nations was “an honor.” “It’s good for us to fellowship together and I’m honored to stand before you as a humble leader,” he said. Bobby Mercier led the invocation and then veterans introduced themselves to the audience.

“Before Restoration, we were still Indian and will always be Indian,” Reyn Leno said. “A pen (signature) didn’t make us Indian again.”
Powwow specials were held in the junior/teen and adult categories for Fancy Feet and Warrior Up, along with Sweep Your Teepee for junior/teen and adult categories. There also was an Honoring Our Visionaries Golden Age Special.

A Margaret Provost family giveaway lasted for approximately 90 minutes with several of the late leader’s family members participating. Provost’s granddaughter,

Molly Provost Leno, said she wanted to acknowledge all of those who had a relationship with the family.

“Our ancestors fought for Restoration so we would have a family that looked like this,” she said. “You learn a lot about a person at these giveaways.”

Restoration and Culture Committee members who assisted with the 36th anniversary event include Darlene Aaron, Francene Ambrose, Lisa Archuleta, Chelsea Baranski, Eric Bernando, Joanna Brisbois, Julie Brown, Jon A. George, Jack Giffen Jr., Rachelle Kellogg, Shannon Ham-Teixeira, Stacia Hernandez, Logan Kneeland, Brad Leno, Molly Leno, Jackie Many Hides, Tracie Meyer, Shayla Myrick-Meyer, Antonio Perkins, Sarah Ross, Faye Smith, Crystal Szczepanski and Sara Thompson.

Before the Restoration Celebration began, 11 Tribal members including Jon A. George participated in a morning ceremony at the Tribal Cemetery, where they prayed and drummed for healing of the Tribe and community. Other Tribal Council members in attendance were Kennedy and Kathleen George. ■



Tribal Elder Herman Hudson, 94, joined in the 36th annual Restoration Celebration held in the Tribal gym.

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