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*The Siletz Feather Dancers opened the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoration Celebration. Please see more photos on pages 13-15.*

## Siletz Tribe Honors Tradition, Resurgence at Restoration Celebration

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its restoration on Nov. 16 with the Siletz Feather Dancers, guest speakers, special gifts, food, and its annual Restoration Pow-Wow.

Thirty feather dancers opened the festivities with Bud Lane and Robert Kentta singing. From adults to young adults to teen-agers to six-year-old Micah Case-Welch, the dancers showed tribal members and guests the traditional form of Siletz dancing.

Fifty-five former and current Tribal Council members were honored for their dedication to the tribe and the roles they played in restoration and the years since. They or members of their family received a Siletz Pendleton blanket in tribute (see list on page 14).

If there was a theme for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoration Celebration, it might have been "memories."

Throughout the day, many people remembered what it was like before the Siletz Tribe was restored on Nov. 18, 1977. Others remembered the hard work and sacrifices made by those who recognized the possibilities that Restoration would open up.

Delores Pigsley, tribal chairman, described the event's first speaker as "a friend of Indian people not only in the Northwest, but across the nation." Victor Atiyeh, former governor of Oregon, spoke of the hardship that came before the celebration 25 years ago.

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