

Powwow a special event for everyone



Traditional war dancing was one of the many contests which brought dancers to the powwow. Jimmy Selam performs here.



Drums, well hidden by feather bustles, set the beat for powwow dancing.

It was far more than just a gathering of people dancing for prize monies. The 7th annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow held at Simnasho Longhouse on February 11, 12 and 13 once again was a celebration that had many meanings for many people.

For the family of Isabelle Keo it was a joyous time and they shared the feeling of happiness by joining their mother in a dance, followed by a give-away. Isabelle had been ill earlier and now she was well and glad to be able to join in the dancing.

For Lloyd Adams, Warm Springs, it was the first time he had been able to participate in a powwow since he had been seriously ill.

"Captain" Raymond Moody, a marine home on leave, it was his Christmas, since he was unable to be home for the Holidays. He chose to share his Christmas with the people and he had presents for

everyone. The small children at the powwow truly enjoyed all the cars, dolls, games and other gifts that came out of the large boxes that Captain placed in the center of the floor for the children to select at present.

For many families whose members are living in different areas of the country it was a family reunion. A time to exchange pictures of family and discuss how much the children had grown.

For Grant Wahenaka and his wife Emily it was a time to share with the people the traditions of their people in the original idea of powwow and giveaway. They paid honor to the many people at the powwow.

The powwow offered to each person something special. It was a time to share friendship, it was a time to share prayers, it was a time to share a meal, it was a very special time for all.



Spectators, especially children, couldn't take their eyes off the dancers.



Not wanting to make a debut on the dance floor Michael Tallfeathers lets his feelings be known.



Lincoln's Birthday Powwow princesses (left to right) Monica Wahnetah, Bridgett Scott, Stacy Leonard and Gayleen Adams open ceremonies dancing in unison.

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Simnasho elder, Matilda Mitchell, presents princess Bridgett Scott with a necklace. Each girl received a shawl and necklace from the elders.



Buzzy Joe Berry and companion lead the grand entry carrying an American flag and the new Warm Springs Confederated Tribes flag.