

## Honor dinner received a huge turn out



Honored guests, Olney Patt and Delbert Frank

The honor dinner held on March 13, for Delbert Frank, Olney Patt, and Jacob Frank, had a huge turn out. The dinner was held at the Simnasho Long House.



Madras High School, ROTC performed the Color Guard during dinner ceremonies



Bernice Mitchell was one of many who attended the honor dinner



Story telling time brought many laughs and smiles during the dinner



Mr and Mrs Atiyah, were some of many dignitaries who helped celebrate this special event

### Letter to the editor

The Honor Dinner held March 13, at the Simnasho Long House for Olney Patt, Sr., Delbert Frank, Sr., and Jacob Frank, Sr. had a huge turn out and went very well. Many friends and dignitaries, relatives and well-wishers came from far and near. It made Delbert and Olney very happy to see all the people they worked with for many years come and share an evening of joy and laughter. Delbert and Olney didn't stop smiling all evening as one after the other got up to tell funny stories as well as sing their praises to these two honorees. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Owen Panner, family friend and Supreme Court Judge summed it up best, "If it weren't for the sheer dedication and hard work of these two men combined, Warm Springs Tribe would not be enjoying the many benefits it has today." Thank you Owen for those words.

Others who had words of praise included: Former Governor Vic Atiyah, Howie Arnett, Dennis Karnopp, Julia Davis, Dave Harding, Stan Speaks, Jay Minthorn, Dr. Manning, to name a few.

The Honorees received many beautiful gifts from many of those who attended: The Klamath Tribe, Warm Springs Forest Products, The Nez Perce Tribe, Indian Head Casino, Warm Springs Tribal Council, Stan Speaks family, Evaline Patt family, Warm Springs Museum. Thank you all. If I missed anyone, thank you also.

The family would also like to thank all those who helped pull this happy event together. The planning committee members, including Chief Delvis Heath and wife Shirley, Kathleen Heath, Dora Goudy, Orthelia Patt, Rosalind Charley, the cooks-Nola Adams, Marla Hicks, Kathleen Heath, Geraldine Blodgett, Ursala Little, and the helpers-Frankie

Mitchell, NASU members, ROTC members, Warner and Josie Williams, Isaac Williams, Mary McClung, James Noteboom, Beulah Calica T., The drum group who did the Honor Song that Delvis Heath, and Owen Panner danced to; J.P. Patt, the children and grandchildren in attendance, all the people who helped serve the food and set up tables, Patch Kalama for serving coffee and tea, Kah-Nee-Ta for the loan of the table cloths and salads, our cousin Anita Davis, for lending her beautiful voice and talent to this special occasion. Anita, sang the "Lords Prayer" and "Winds beneath my wings" for her uncles. We were all moved by these songs, thank you Anita.

Together, we made this Honor Dinner possible for these elders and made it a truly beautiful and memorable occasion that they'll always remember. It was wonderful to see them smile, joke, laugh and visit with

everyone throughout the evening. It was worth all the sweat planning and worries. They were finally recognized for all their hard work. In spirit our dearly beloved, departed mothers and grandmother were honored too for all the hardship and dedication to these men. Hats off to grandmother, Myrtle Frank and mothers Francis Patt and Cecelia McKinley Frank. Also to all the children because we all remember well the one-thousand trips to Washington, D.C. that they took to fight for the rights of our tribe. OH YES, we remember them well. This dinner was a turning point and a healing for us who gave up precious time with our fathers as they went about their business for the tribes. We'll long remember this event forever.

*Much gratitude and thanks to all from Myrna Frank and family and from the Patt family.*

