

Inmates welcome visitors to Deer Ridge



Aurelia Stacona attended the powwow, here being served lunch by inmates.



Inmates prepared lunch for the guests.



Sarah Frank (at front on left) arrived from the Pendelton area.



Inmates at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Jefferson County welcomed about 40 guests to the institution's first powwow. A drum group from Warm Springs was on hand, joining the inmates' drum. The inmates cooked lunch for the guests, and held a giveaway. Inmates were grateful, thanking the guests for the inspiring visit.



Over the past several months Inmates made gifts to give to visitors.



Greg Arquette, among the drummers, addressed the gathering, sharing an inspirational message.

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