

# Casino donated complimentary gifts

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roast, 70 pounds of salmon, 160 pounds of mashed potatoes and 120 pounds of green beans were eaten by the overflow of Tribal members and guests who attended. Some diners, in search of empty seats, ate their lunches in the Community Center hallway.

Tribal members received complimentary pen sets and bathrobes from Spirit Mountain Casino and, after the meal, most Tribal members remained out of the rain, socializing and catching up on news from family and friends.

In attendance were eldest of the Elders, Nora Kimsey, who turns 99

on Dec. 2, as well as Tribal Council members Cheryle Kennedy, Val Sheker, Jack Giffen Jr., Wink Soderberg, Steve Bobb Sr., Kathleen Tom and June Sell-Sherer. Chris Mercier and Reyn Leno attended the afternoon pow-wow.

Starting at 3 p.m., Restoration festivities moved over to the gymnasium for the 2007 Restoration Pow-wow as the downpour continued outside.

Elder Louise Madieros read the names of Tribal members who passed on during 2007.

Bobb called Restoration, "The most important day in Grand Ronde history."

"I give my thanks to the founders of our Restoration," Bobb said. "These are the people I looked up

to as a youth and still do."

To Grand Ronde youth, he gave this advice, "Be proud, but for the right reasons."

Tribal member Frank (Grammer) Quenelle said, "Thanks for the sacrifice. Without the work with our culture and history and language, it all would have been lost."

Quenelle, back from a tour in Iraq, begins work at the end of November in Spirit Mountain Casino's Security Department.

"We were young people when Termination took place," Kennedy recalled about the 1954 event that severed the trust relationship between the federal government and Tribe. "It's the old ones who sacrificed."

Many Tribal members described their memories of the events that took place over more than a decade to make 1983's Restoration a reality.

"I remember having to fight the white children who said we were not Indian anymore," said Tribal member Natalie Jackson.

Tribal members Dakota Whitecloud and Jackie Provost organized the event for the fourth time in a row this year. Whitecloud said they'll be passing the torch on to others for next year's 25th Restoration celebration.

The drums for the event included All Nations, Shunka Sapa, Four Directions and Ahniif Nijii.

Matt Ruff (Siletz) served as master of ceremonies. ■



Photos by Ron Karten

**Clockwise from top left: Wayne Chulik (Tlinget) led the Grand Ronde Honor Guard during Grand Entry on Nov. 18 at the 24th Restoration Pow-wow held inside the Tribal gymnasium; Tribal members Mary Lopez and Little Miss Grand Ronde Promise Rimer performed "The Lord's Prayer" in sign language; Elder Kathryn Harrison, left, remembered Restoration efforts as Elders Margaret Provost, center, and her mother, Elder Nora Kimsey, the Tribe's oldest member, along with Harrison's daughter, Elder Patsy Pullin, listened; and Matt Ruff (Siletz), served as master of ceremonies for the pow-wow.**

