

'We owe everything to our Elders'

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filling both pits inside warmed dozens of Tribal community members in the seats.

The fire sparked to the top rafters, but a lot of smoke was left behind.

"The key," said Tribal member and Youth Education Culture Specialist Travis Mercier of the smoke, "is don't rub your eyes."

Tribal Elder Pat Allen sat upfront and, despite the smoke, said she felt great finally after heart surgery two years ago.

Johnny Lucero, a Tribal spouse and member of the Chiricahua Apaches, is on the Red Road, he said, "working my sobriety" and spending time with family, especially grandchildren. "I'm getting into ceremonies and sweats."

Introducing lunch in the Tribal gym was a slide show honoring Tribal and community members who have walked on, and another with photos celebrating Tribal history. All afternoon, Tribal member and Restoration Celebration master of ceremonies Jon George announced raffle prizes.

George's father, Al, passed away during the holiday, and Jon remembered him. "Dad was always the type to say, 'Don't let me get in the way,'" Jon fondly recalled.

A noon meal was served in the Tribal gym courtesy of Food Services coordinator Kristi DeLoe and her mother, Penny, who is Member Services manager, Dan Ham and Kevin Campbell, all members of the Tribe, and Mike Burton. Campbell and Burton are cooks working under the Wellness arm of the Tribal Health & Wellness Center, and Ham is Elder Health advocate in the same department, as well as a Tribal Elder.

The meal for 400 included 60 to 80 pounds of ceremonial elk for stew, 100 pounds of ceremonial salmon (both provided by the Natural Resources Division), 40 pounds of vegetables for the stew, 60 to 80 pounds of butternut squash along



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Grand Ronde Royalty Princess Amelia Mooney, left, reads a "Did You Know Fact" as Little Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes, middle, and Junior Miss Grand Ronde Makenzie Aaron wait to read some also during the Tribe's 27th Restoration Celebration in the Tribal gymnasium on Monday, Nov. 22.

with salad and pies for dessert, Campbell said. The chocolate cream pie was the first to disappear.

Steve Hudson and Tommy Dean, who have been playing music together for two years, entertained during lunch. Hudson is a Tribal member and also, he said, in the White Bison recovery program.

Kennedy honored St. Andrew Episcopal Church Rev. Albert Kreuger, who attended with parish lector Don Amundson, for his work to secure the return of the Summer's Collection of Grand Ronde artifacts held by the British Museum.

Father Kreuger also has championed within the Episcopal Church the renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery that continues to endorse domination and title over non-Christian lands by Christian sects.

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard opened the evening powwow. Led by Tribal Elder and Army and

served in World War II, Johnny and Ken have since walked on and Herman and Gene are now Tribal Elders.

Grand Ronde Royalty, including Senior Miss Nakoosa Moreland, Junior Miss Makenzie Aaron, Little Miss Iyana Holmes and princesses Kallie Provost, Isabelle Grout, Madison Aaron, Amelia Mooney and practicing princess Amaryssa Mooney, all Tribal members, performed "The Lord's Prayer" and provided powwow attendees with what they called "Small Facts" about Grand Ronde Tribal culture and history.

Tribal member Marcus Gibbons, during powwow Grand Entry, danced and later spoke on behalf of the young warriors who also were dancing.

"We owe everything to our Elders," he said. "Make the circle complete to feel the pain of those lost within our families. If you need a hug or a prayer or a good word, come to us."

Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno honored "all the Elders who came out."

Tribal member Deitrich Peters served as arena director and host drums were Woodsman, Jo'naaiei Singers and All Nations.

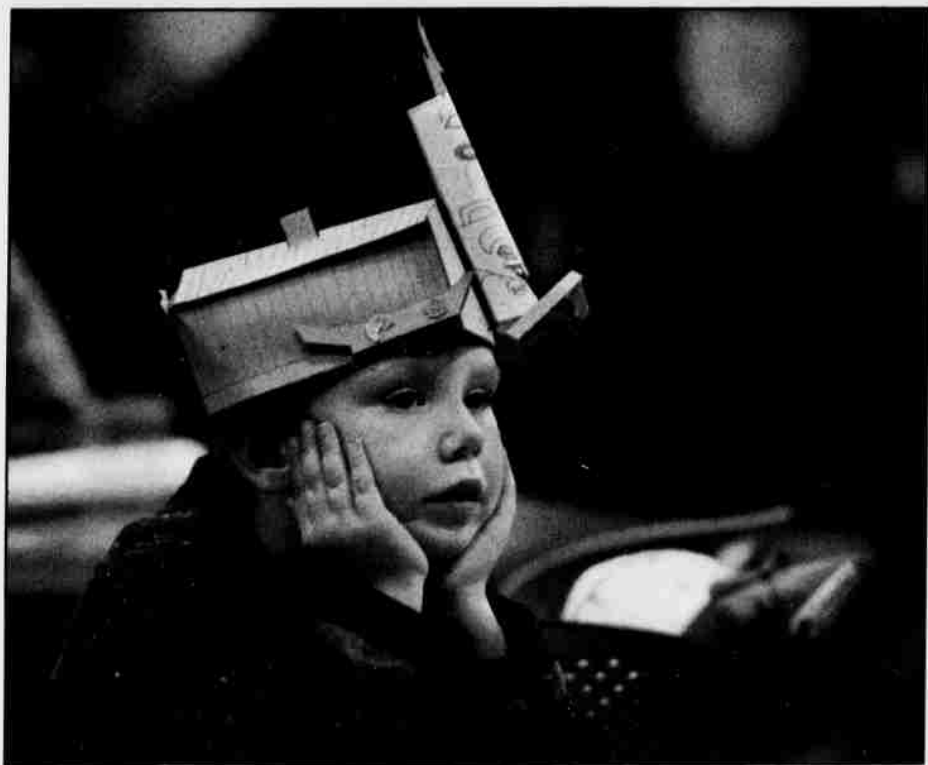
All Tribal Council members, except for Wink Soderberg, a Tribal Elder who was under the weather, turned out during the day's activities.

"It's kind of a renewal every time I go to Restoration," said major Restoration figure and former longtime Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, who started activities in the gym with an invocation. ■

Marine veteran Steve Rife carrying the Eagle Feather, the Honor Guard also included Wayne Chulik (Tlinget), Christian Tinney (Lower Eastern Cherokee), Tribal member T.J. Grefsrud and Al Miller.

During powwow, Aiyana Chulik, at 9 months of age, was one of the youngest to dance, first in the arms of her father, powwow emcee Matthew Ruff, and then in the arms of grandfather Wayne Chulik.

Herman Hudson Jr. recognized his three uncles, Hudson brothers Johnny, Ken and Gene. All four



Tribal descendant William Peters wears a paper longhouse as a hat during the Tribe's 27th Restoration Celebration in the Tribal gymnasium on Monday, Nov. 22. The longhouses were used as centerpieces on the tables.



Tribal members Shannon Stanton, front, and Steve Soderberg add names to their family trees during the Tribe's 27th Restoration Celebration in the Tribal gymnasium on Monday, Nov. 22.