

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO  
TRIBAL MEMBER  
EMPLOYEE PROFILE:**

**Merle Leno**



**Job title:** Bingo Supervisor  
**Hire date:** October, 1995  
**Hometown:** Grand Ronde  
**Job Duties:** Supervise a bingo staff of about 20; monitor the performance and quality of work by the staff; keep daily bingo sessions running smoothly.  
**Joys of your job:** "I love to watch the expressions of people who realize they have hit a bingo. You can tell a lot about how excited a person is by the look on their face, and what they are feeling when they realize they have won some money."  
**Most interesting part of your job:** "Supervising folks who really work together and know what they are doing."  
**Hobbies:** Basketball and hunting.  
**Philosophy or personal creed:** "Do the best job you can."  
**Why did you want to work for SMC?** "I had been the bingo caller for the Tribe for three years. I was retired when the Casino was getting ready to open, but realized I wasn't ready to stop working yet. So I applied for this job and have been here ever since."  
**Parents:** Dave Leno and Emma Tom Leno.  
**Other thoughts:** "I have a director and a manager who really know all about the game of bingo, and are great people to work for. I have a great staff. Being surrounded by motivated, responsible people makes the Casino a great place to be."

**MUGS AND  
COFFEE CUPS NEEDED  
for Elder Honor Day.**

The Elders plan to give a potted plant in a coffee mug as a welcome gift to each guest. They are asking for mug donations. Please call Kerrie Jones at 879-2078 or 1-800-422-0232; or use drop box at the Clinic. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**Fine artists needed**

The Governance Center Artwork Committee is looking for fine artists to submit portfolio work for consideration. Art to include painting, photography, two-dimensional weaving, mixed media, sculpture or carvings. Tribal members and Native artists are preferred.

Please contact Simone Koch at 3257 N.E. US Grant Place, Portland, OR 97212; (503) 780-4066; or e-mail at wokas@worldaccessnet.com.

**Tribal Elder At-A-Glance**

**NAME:** Robert A. Jackson  
**BIRTHDATE:** February 20, 1944  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Aberdeen, Washington  
**FAMILY:** Mother, Bertha Cunningham-Jackson;  
**Father,** Charles William Jackson;  
**Children,** Timothy Jackson and Jodie Jackson.  
**HOBBIES:** woodcrafts, fishing.  
**JOBS:** Marine Mechanic, custodial work,  
**H.V.A.C. Technician.**



**ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO TRIBAL YOUTH:** "Be willing to make changes, to accept advice, willing to work for what you want. Don't forget other people have feelings, too. You are never too old to learn."

**DANCE PRACTICE**

**OPEN DRUM & DANCE**

Friday nights ••• 7 to 9 pm  
 Community Center  
 Everybody is welcome!

**ROYALTY DANCE & CRAFT**

Wednesday nights ••• 7 to 8 pm  
 April 21 through July 28  
 Governance Center

**Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Joey Holmes**



**From Mom and Dad.**  
 We are very proud of you,  
 and love you very much!

**Happy 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
CLEMETINE  
REED  
on April 29!**

**Congratulations to  
Rory and Lisa Lash**

Married on March 20, 1999  
 The couple were to be married in November of 1996, but decided to have a long engagement and wait until they moved to South Carolina so they could be with the bride's family.  
 Best wishes to the happy couple.



**I Am Proud to Be Your Parent**

*It seems like it was yesterday that I held you when you were all baby's.  
 But time has a way of slipping past us unnoticed.  
 I closed my eyes for a moment, and opened them to find you grown.  
 I miss those days when you spoke your first words,  
 took your first steps, and love and caring were all you needed.  
 Those were beautiful and precious times.  
 But now I am finding your grown-years are beautiful and precious, too.  
 You are not only my children, You are my friends.*

Love, Mom

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