

Spirit Mountain Stampede 2001

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Sunday when it rained. "The dirt didn't even stick on the hooves of the animals," said Hussey. "They were able to continue the rodeo within minutes of rain stopping. We are going to shoot for more rodeos." "We had a good crowd and good stock," said Michaelle Kimsey, Treasurer of the Rodeo Board. "It was just a success and shows what we can do. We have been talking about hav-

ing an All-Indian Rodeo and maybe a bulls only (rodeo)." Rodeo Board members are Marvin Kimsey — Chairman, Dale Langley — Vice Chairman, Billie LaBonte — Secretary, Michaelle Kimsey — Treasurer, Shonn Leno, Gene LaBonte, Norris Merrill, Buddy White, Hussey and Tribal Council Liaison Butch LaBonte. "I thought it (rodeo) was great," said Tribal member Shonn Leno. "We had more people than we did last year."

"I compliment the guys that worked on the rodeo grounds," said Tribal member and rodeo fan Tom Bean. "The grounds looked great." The winners are as follows: Sam Storts for Bareback Riding, John Gonzales for Saddle Bronc Riding, Justin Adams for Bull Riding, Casey Arnold for Calf Roping, Scott Goodwin for Steer Wrestling, Holly Hanson for Barrel Racing, Chance Peila for Breakaway, and Sam Willis and Jayne Kivebler won the Team Roping award.

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"Hey, Can I Try That?" — A young cowboy watches the action and waits his turn.



Kickin' — Saturday's (June 23) warm weather brought out record crowds to this year's Spirit Mountain Stampede. Rain on Sunday lessened the crowds, but not the spirit of the competitors and the livestock. The horses and bulls kept kicking and the participants kept getting back on. Rodeo Board members are already planning future events now that they have a permanent home for the rodeo on the Tribal campus.



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U.S. Attorney Kristine Olson Honored

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short retirement, I'm working on this authorized biography of Kathryn and trying to get at least the draft done before she steps down in September," said Olson. Olson will also work with a former colleague — Congressman Earl Blumenauer — as a senior policy advisor. Olson said her focus will be in Indian Country. "I will be working with Congressman Blumenauer and my title will be Senior Policy Advisor and my portfolio primarily will be focused on Indian Country," said Olson. "We will be working on) issues such as water rights. He (Blumenauer) is working on a national initiative to build the transportation infrastructure in Indian Country nationally. He wants to do a demonstration project (with the) Navajo." Olson said she has been interested in Indian Country for a long time. Now, she gets a chance to work more closely with Tribes, an opportunity she relishes. "That (interest in Indian Country) goes back a long way," said Olson. "I had a long standing interest in Indian Country when I first came out to Oregon about 30 years ago. I then

worked as an assistant U.S. Attorney and handled all the cultural resources cases in Oregon. So I did work at that time at Hells Canyon, Werner Valley and I worked for several of the Tribal traditional leaders on cultural resources. I think in Oregon that's what prompted my entry. But before that it (my interest in Indian Country) came from my family. My grandmother, my father's mother, taught at the Sioux Schools in South Dakota and some of the Crow schools in Montana." Stay tuned for the upcoming biography of Kathryn Harrison titled "Humbled Dignity." "Kathryn and I agreed not to personally profit from this book in any way," said Olson of her future project. "We would like the proceeds to go to the Tribal Cultural Center. We hope the Tribal Cultural Center will get beyond the planning stage at Grand Ronde." Harrison respects Olson and her commitment to the cause of bettering the lives of Indian people. "She was a good friend to the Tribe, not only with us, but throughout the nation," said Harrison. Olson still holds a seat on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Directors. The Spirit Mountain Community Fund is the charitable arm of the Tribe.

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Thanks for the Memories — Although she has announced her retirement, United States Attorney Kristine Olson will continue working on behalf of Native Americans in several capacities — she will be authoring a biography of Grand Ronde Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison and also working with Congressman Earl Blumenauer to build transportation infrastructure in Indian Country.