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2002 Election Results

Reyn Leno	435
Valorie Sheker-Robertson	404
June Sell-Sherer	397
Mark Mercier	347
Tim Holmes	301
Chris Mercier	271
Margaret Provost	162
Jack Giffen, Jr	155
Diana George	153
Butch LaBonte	153
Wesley West	137
Mary Mode	110
Patsy Pullin	91
Tom Leno	79
Loren Holmes	71
Joe Brisbois	69
Todd Shandy	47

New Tribal Council Members Sworn Into Office



June Sell-Sherer



Reyn Leno



Valorie Sheker-Robertson

Photos by Peta Tinda

Leadership — Tribal members June Sell-Sherer, Reyn Leno and Valorie Sheker-Robertson take the oath of office for Tribal Council in the council chambers on Thursday, September 12. The council members were sworn in by Chief Judge David Thompson.

All-Indian Rodeo Is a Success

■ Tribal Elder Marvin Kimsey and the Rodeo Committee put on another great show.

By Peta Tinda

The dust was flying for the second annual Spirit Mountain All-Indian Rodeo, held in Grand Ronde over the weekend.

Native cowboys and cowgirls came from all over to participate in one of only seven all-Indian rodeos in Oregon. There were over 100 contestants at this year's rodeo. There were 450 spectators each of the two days.

"We had pretty good turnout this year," said Tribal member Duke Kimsey, one of the cowboys's competing at the rodeo and a member of the rodeo committee.

"It's nice to be able to put on a good rodeo," said Rodeo Committee Chairman and Tribal Elder Marvin Kimsey. "It makes the Tribe look good to have a nice facility to do it in. I want to thank the Tribal council for their support. It makes me feel proud to be able to put on a nice rodeo."

This year the rodeo arena sported new lights for night contests. Also new for this year was the covered bleachers, which kept the spectator's cool during Saturday's

heat and dry during Sunday's light rain.

"We've been trying to build the rodeo grounds up," said Rodeo Committee Vice Chairman Dale Langley. "And people have said they really liked it."

Tribal Elders were seated in a covered area on the west side of the arena and provided them with a good view of the events. In the future the committee hopes to build a permanent Elder's seating area at the rodeo grounds, modeled after the one at the pow-wow grounds.

The wild horse stampede, absent at last year's rodeo, was featured back this year. Several riders are let loose on bucking horses all at once, with the rider that stays on longest winning. Tribal member Joe Brisbois won the event on both days, for the second year in a row. "The wild horse stampede is a real crowd pleaser," said Rodeo Committee member Michaelle Kimsey. "So we wanted to do it again."

Also returning to the rodeo this year was Cayuse Chief Jesse Jones, who gave the opening prayer on

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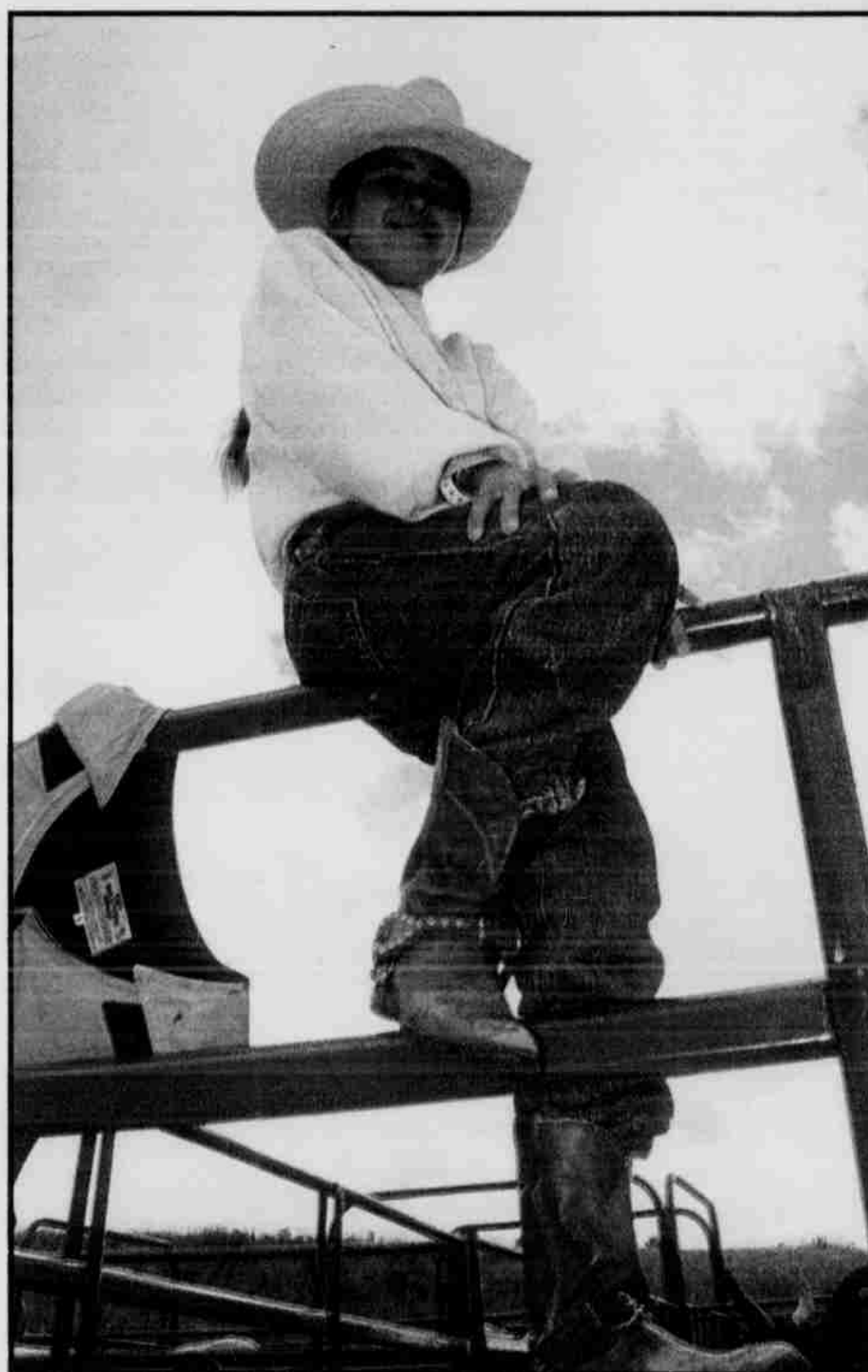


Photo by Peta Tinda

He's all Smiles — Dylan Joseph, age 10, was one of over 100 contestants at the second annual All-Indian Rodeo held in Grand Ronde on September 7 and 8. Joseph and his family traveled all the way from Schulz, Nevada, to attend this year's rodeo.



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