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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Night Is Right For Rodeo

Traditional — The sun sets over a traditional Teepee as the Spirit Mountain NPRA Rodeo, held in Grand Ronde at the Spirit Mountain Arena, thrilled fans with bullriding, calf roping and steer wrestling. The Spirit Mountain rodeo is officially sanctioned by the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association and for the first time ever was held in the evening to take advantage of cooler temperatures and new arena lights. It's rodeo season in Grand Ronde and the rodeo board has been working hard to make the arena one of the nicest venues around, with covered bleachers, Elders seating, and plenty of action for rodeo fans. Upcoming events are the Northwest Youth Rodeo Association Rodeo, on July 26-27, the Oregon Junior Bullriding Association Rodeo on August 9-10 and another NPRA rodeo on August 2-3.

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A Long Way From Home — Tribal member Bobby Mercier traveled with a delegation of Tribal members to New York City in June for an annual ceremony at the Museum of Natural History that reunites members with "Tomanowos."

Tribal Members Reunited With Tomanowos In New York City

By Brent Merrill

New York, N.Y. — People from the sky live in our Native legends.

Sky people were an important part of the lives of the Clackamas Tribal people who, like many Tribes in the Northwest, were brought to Grand

Ronde to live. With them came their stories.

Tomanowos — or the Willamette Meteorite as those in the dominant culture refer it to - is one of the largest Tomanowos continued on page 4



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