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Stampede is on again

By Dean Rhodes
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After a two-year hiatus, the Spirit Mountain Stampede rodeo will literally be back in the saddle again.

Held continuously between 1996 and 2008, the rodeo was corralled in 2009 and 2010 as the Tribe tightened its collective belt because of the nationwide recession.

But it is back in 2011 with some new wrinkles.

Still a Northwest Professional Rodeo As-

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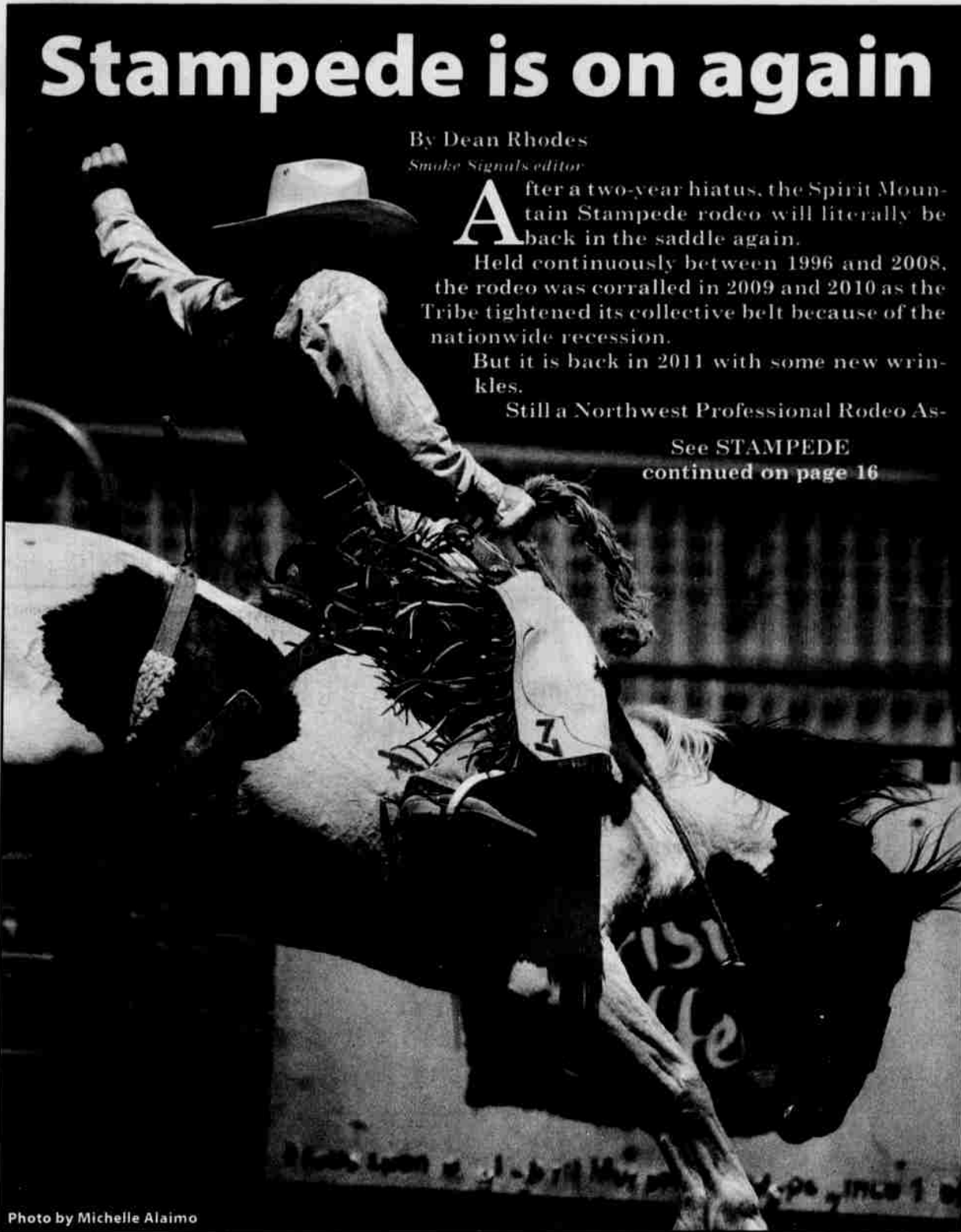


Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Veterans Powwow set for July 8-10

By Dean Rhodes
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The newly-christened 2011 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow — renamed in honor of U.S. Army veteran and Tribal Elder Marce Norwest, who walked on on May 22 — will be held Friday through Sunday, July 8-10, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road near Fort Yamhill State Park.

Grand entries will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Gourd dancing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Norwest's family will hold a traditional giveaway at 6 p.m. Friday.

Veterans Powwow master of ceremonies will be Nick Sixkiller and whip man will be Tony Whitehead. Tribal member Deitz Peters and his wife, Rose, will be the head man and woman.

The Mek Mek Haws restaurant in Grand Ronde Station will serve dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday and breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday at the Powwow Grounds to attendees.

Veterans, dancers and members of the public are invited to attend. There will be arts and crafts and food vendors. Free camping and parking will be available, but no drugs or alcohol are permitted, and pets are not allowed in the powwow arena.

The first 10 drums are guaranteed session pay.

For more information, contact Tribal Veterans Committee member Chris Tinney at 503-883-3610 or chris.tinney@grandronde.org. ■

17 vying for Tribal Council

By Ron Karten
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Seventeen Tribal members were nominated to run for three open seats on Tribal Council at a special General Council meeting held Sunday, June 26, in the Tribal Community Center.

Of the 17 candidates, eight are either currently serving on Tribal Council or have served on Tribal Council.

The nominees, in the order they were nominated, are:

- Jean Turman, Roll #837, nominated Westly "Buddy" West, Roll #842. West is retired from both military and Tribal Council service (2004-07) and lives in Salem.
- Lonnie Leno, Roll #935, nominated Reynold Leno, Roll #453. Leno is the current Tribal Council Vice Chair and serving his fifth

consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. He lives in Willamina.

- Leon Tom, Roll #818, nominated Kathleen Tom, Roll #817. Tom is current Tribal Council Secretary and serving her second consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. She lives in Keizer and Grand Ronde.
- Chris Mercier, Roll #1821, nominated William "Wink" Soder-

berg, Roll #777. Soderberg is currently a Tribal Council member and finishing his second consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. He lives in Grand Ronde.

- Jolanda Catabay, Roll #3424, nominated Denise Harvey, Roll #1874. Harvey is chair of the

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