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## Stampede set for July 20-21 at Rodeo Grounds

Dedication will honor longtime board member Dale Langley

By Dean Rhodes  
 Smoke Signals editor

Northwest Professional Rodeo Association competitors will return to Grand Ronde on Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, to compete in the annual Spirit Mountain Stampede at the Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on the Tribal campus.

Competition is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. both days as cowboys and cowgirls will compete in bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle and bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, breakaway roping, team roping and barrel racing.

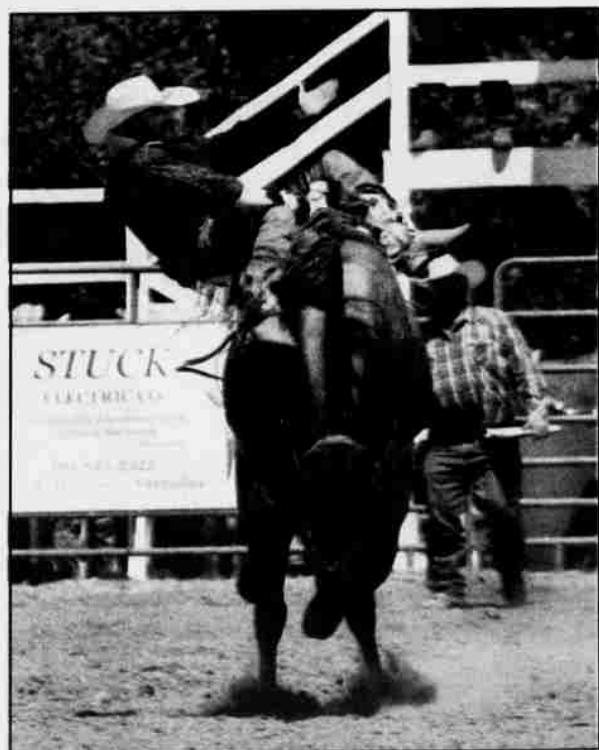
Winners of the rough stock bronc and bull riding events will win \$1,800 in addition to a portion of the entry fees while winners of the timed events will receive \$1,300 and a portion of the entry fees.

"Slack events" – for contestants who did not qualify for the Saturday and Sunday competitions – will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, July 19. Admission on Friday is free.

There also will be open events for children along with donkey races for adults.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted the NPRA-sanctioned event from 1996

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Seth Shelton competes in the bareback riding event during the Spirit Mountain Stampede at Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on the Tribal campus in July 2012.



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council members Chris Mercier, second from left, and Jon A. George, right, gift World War II Navajo code talker Bill Toledo with a Pendleton blanket during the 1 p.m. Grand Entry of the 2013 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, July 13. Tribal Council also gifted fellow code talker Peter McDonald Sr., left, with a blanket.

## Powwow salutes World War II veterans

Navajo code talkers among those honored

By Ron Karten  
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It was a big year for World War II veterans at the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held Friday, July 12, through Sunday, July 14, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds.

Top of the list were World War II veterans from the Grand Ronde Tribe: Elders Biff Langley, 87, Navy, 1943-45; Gene Hudson, 92, Army, 1941-45; and Herman Hudson

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## Summit seed sown

Organizers think event to help veterans may sprout annually

By Dean Rhodes  
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Organizers of the first-ever Veterans Summit held Tuesday, July 9, through Friday, July 12, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds think the initial event may be like planting a seed that will blossom annually.

The four-day summit, put on by the Gresham-based Native Wellness Institute and hosted by the Confeder-

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Cameron Smith, second from left, director of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, receives a Pendleton blanket from Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., left, and June Sherer, second from right, and Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno after his keynote speech during the "Veterans Summit: Gathering of Warriors" at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Wednesday, July 10.