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len, named Announcer of the Year 15 times by NPRA. He previously has announced for the Stampede.

"It's simple," Allen said, introducing the bareback riding event, first up on Sunday. "One hand, one man, one horse."

He encouraged the audience to try the Long Bell Diner at Grand Ronde Station. "Cheeseburgers as big as your head and you don't have to go in debt to get one," he said.

Tribal Elders and members attending included Khani Schultz, Denise Harvey, Herman Hudson Jr., Joel Selwyn, Marion Mercier, Louise Coulsen, Violet Folden and Gladys Hobbs, among many others.

Schultz took photographs again and, as is her practice, she gave them to Lyon after the show. Selwyn also photographed the event, intending to put his best ones up on his Facebook page.

Although no Tribal members participated in the adult competitions, Amaryssa Mooney won the Kids Ring Toss, where children competed to get a big ring over the head of a running calf.

Long before cowboy rodeos, Indians had competitions with horses.

"Horses were synonymous with Indians going back to early times," said Lyon. "In the beginning for Indian Tribes, a lot of their wealth depended on how many horses they had. They used these horses for war, transportation, everything. They had games of endurance and others where they would ride with lances and spears, not at each other, but at dummies. Mostly, the games were warlike."

The \$2,000 Stampede Series all-around awards went to B.J. Campbell (male) and Jade Crossley (female), and the winner of the Merle Holmes Memorial Trophy went to stock provider Howell Rodeo Co. because no riders qualified in the bull riding event.

"The bulls won," Jim Holmes said. ■

Justin Chappell competes in the saddle bronc competition during the 2014

Spirit Mountain Stampede held at Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on

Sunday, July 20.

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B.J. Campbell attempts to rope a calf as he competes in the tie-down roping event during the 2014 Spirit Mountain Stampede held at Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on Sunday, July 20. Campbell won the Stampede Series all-around award.