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MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Brent Merrill

SNOW DAYZ

Late Edition — Spirit Mountain showcases the heavy snow that hit the West Valley area just after Christmas and played havoc with local residents and their daily lives. Power was knocked out to more than 30,000 residences and shut down the Tribal offices for most of last week. PGE personnel said Grand Ronde was one of the hardest hit areas in the state. PGE crews worked overtime to get power back on and the city of Dallas opened the civic center at city hall for a Red Cross shelter. Falling trees and downed power poles were to blame for much of the problems area residents faced including road closures between Salem and Grand Ronde. Locals were asked to check on Elderly residents to make sure they were safe.



Photo by Peta Tinda

Santa's Helpers — Kaitlin Mower, age 6, shops for presents for her family with Polk County Sheriff Bob Wolf at the Sixth Annual "Shop with the Sheriff" event held at the Dallas Wal-Mart on December 8. See more photos and story on page 3.

Nike Hosts Six Indian Basketball Teams

■ Tournament brings Native players from across the country to the world headquarters in Beaverton.

By Ron Karten

Last year was the first year for the tournament. Basketball players from Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota and Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California traveled to Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma to play ball and much more.

Riverside Superintendent Don Sims described it as "three to four days of cultural exchanges and program exchanges" that come along with the basketball play.

Flandreau Basketball Coach Paul Anderson called it "a great recruiting tool" because "these kids can go to any (Bureau of Indian Affairs-funded) school."

It was so successful in its first year that this year it grew by two more teams: Sequoyah Indian School, a Tribally-funded boarding school on the Cherokee Nation Reservation in

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Photo by Peta Tinda

He's Got Skills — Delano Kimble, from Riverside High School in California, dribbles the ball at the Bo Jackson sports and fitness center gym at the Nike World headquarters campus in Beaverton. Kimble, along with dozens of other Native youth from across the country, were given tours of the Nike campus, where the Indian basketball tournament kicked off.



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