

HALLOWEEN



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Left, Tribal Elder Juanita Schlappie was in costume for the Elder Halloween Ball held at the Tribal Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 27. Some other Halloween activities around the Tribal campus included a fall carnival held in the Tribal gymnasium. Above, college intern Cristina Lara helps Dillon Larson and Mary Johnson pick out a prize while, lower left, Raven Harmon fishes for a prize while Rilee Mercier (right) and Lihui Whitebear watch from behind a shield of blankets. Below, a community bingo tournament was held at the Elder Foster Care Housing on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Tribal Elder Val Grout assesses her bingo card during the tournament.



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Harp varies teaching styles during math class

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classes garnered enough interest to meet the college's enrollment criteria.

"It's great to have Tribal members taking college credit classes here at CTGR," said Trinity Minahan, Education Division academic adviser.

"It will be record attendance for a college credit class through Cheme-keta if the participants in the class complete. It's a record for a math class here at Grand Ronde and one of our largest college credit classes ever."

Although many would think spending 210 minutes every Tuesday night learning math would not

be exciting, Harp says he breaks up his teaching styles between lectures, homework reviews and activities. He said the once-a-week schedule also has attracted more students than offering the course over two weekday nights for a shorter time.

Virtually all of the students either live or work in Grand Ronde and the average student's age is 30.

"A few are just out of high school," Harp says. "Most are returning students, working toward an associate degree."

Two students are taking it as their last class before earning enough credits for a degree.

"They've kind of dodged that math bullet until the very last

class," Harp jokes about the possible mathophobes.

Harp said he likes teaching returning students because they are more mature and sophisticated.

"They're self-disciplining as well," Harp said.

If one student becomes a distraction, usually the rest of the students bring that unruly person in line, leaving the instructor free to concentrate on teaching.

So far, everyone is passing. "There's a really good internal support structure in the classroom," Harp says. "Mostly, everyone knows everyone else." That familiarity also has helped Harp remember every name since he knew most of the

students before the class started.

The class started Sept. 25 and runs through Dec. 4, at which time students will either have to have completed a term paper on their favorite mathematician or teach an application they learned.

"That way it's not entirely calculation and problem-solving based," Harp said. "It's one of the few times when students haven't complained about having to write a paper. They'd rather do that than solve the problems."

Harp said that the Education Division is hoping the success of the Math 105 class will become a springboard to finding other courses that will attract full enrollment in Grand Ronde. ■