

Santa Pause



Marion Mercier, Tribal Librarian and Tribal Elder, reads "The Night Before Christmas" to a group of children during the Tribal Council Christmas Party in the Tribal gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 4.



Tribal member Naomi Haller, 2, reaches for a candy cane from Santa Claus, aka Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., as her mother Jodie Marler hands her to him so she can sit on his lap and tell him what she wants for Christmas during the Tribal Council Christmas Party in the Tribal gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elders, from left, Margaret Provost, Linda Brandon and Cherie Butler hand out bags of candy to Tribal children.



Tribal Elder Jolanda Catabay hands out Christmas carol books with the songs that the Tribal children sang.

First Salmon Celebration set for Friday, Dec. 16

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon will celebrate its inaugural First Salmon Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

The event is being planned by the Tribal Culture Committee, Cultural Resources Department and Natural Resources with assistance from the Public Affairs staff.

Tribal members are encouraged to attend.

The celebration will start at 10 a.m. at the Tribal Fish Weir on Agency Creek near the Tribal campus on Grand Ronde Road and be followed by a cedar planked salmon meal at the Tribal gym.

Representatives of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will be special guests.

The Tribe will celebrate the return of salmon to Agency Creek. In 2010, the Tribe's Natural Resources personnel captured a record 995 Coho salmon returning to the Tribal Reservation, approximately 4.5 percent of all returning Coho in the Willamette Basin.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Department at 503-879-1418. ■

Zumba held Monday, Wednesday in gym

Zumba, an easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance fitness party, is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Tribal gymnasium. The first class is free and \$6 thereafter for drop-ins, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card. For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at 503-879-1369 or alton.butler@grandronde.org. ■

Committee Summit set for Jan. 23

The 2012 Committee Summit will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Jan. 23, in the Elders' Activity Center.

Committee members who plan to attend need to RSVP to Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Brent Merrill at brent.merrill@grandronde.org by Thursday, Jan. 12.

The breakfast will include bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, muffins, fruit, coffee and juice. ■

Adult Foster Program

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