

Mural Project begins Jan. 2

The Grand Ronde Mural Project is scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 2, and take about a month to complete.

The mural will be painted on panels at the former middle school gym in Grand Ronde and then be moved to a permanent site near the entrance to Tribal Housing. During the first week, an artist team and student apprentices will set up the work space and draw the 70-foot mural design. On the second weekend of Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, Grand Ronde community members will be encouraged to attend a Saturday open house where anyone can help paint the mural (no previous art experience is necessary).

The gym will be open to community members throughout the month of January. People are welcome to stop by and visit, or take advantage of an open art studio where people can create their own drawings and paintings under the guidance of professional mural artists.

For more information, contact Cristina Lara in the Tribe's Youth Prevention Program at 503-879-2040. ■

Tribal member honored for her Poker Face

Tribal member Shayla Rogers, 28, was honored as Poker Face of the Month by Woman Poker Player magazine in December.

Rogers, who lives in Portland, started playing poker in August 2010. "She instantly fell in love with the game. She is a regular at The Players Club, which is her favorite place to play live local hold 'em," the magazine wrote. "Although Shayla plays weekly cash game with her friends and neighbors, she prefers playing tournaments."

Rogers says she dreams of being a professional poker player and has been working toward achieving that goal by studying the game and watching other players.

Rogers is a former ballet dancer with a very competitive personality. "When she has her mind set on something, she will not quit until she accomplishes what she intends to," the magazine wrote. "She is very determined to be the best at everything she does." ■

Tribal Elder Christmas party



Tribal Elder Louise Coulson sits on Santa Claus' lap in order to collect the prize she won at the Elders' Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 16. Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr. played Santa and about 140 Elders attended the party that took place at the Elders' Activity Center.



Sisters and Tribal Elders Martina Gilbert, left, and Ida Paterson share a song book as they sing Christmas carols at the Elders' Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 16.



Tribal Elder Marion Mercier gives a paper stocking that she decorated for her aunt, Tribal Elder Val Grout, during the Elders' Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 16. In the background are Tribal Elders Betty Bly, wearing the hat, Dorothy Leno, in the red jacket, and Cherie Butler.

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