

Looking a lot like Christmas

Reece Romans, 2, who is being held by his grandmother Tonya Gleason-Shepek, takes a candy cane from Santa Claus (aka Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr.) during the Tribal Council Christmas party held in the Tribal gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 2. More than 300 people attended the party, which included lunch, numerous drawings for presents and children singing Christmas carols.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

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Children sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" during the Tribal Council Christmas party held in the Tribal gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 2.



Tribal Librarian Marion Mercier reads "Duck & Goose, It's Time for Christmas!" during the Tribal Council Christmas party held in the Tribal gymnasium on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Seasonal tribute



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Volker Mell, Tribal GIS coordinator, gives Shannon Simi, Tribal Public Works/Facilities administrative assistant, a poinsettia plant as a trade for a box of chocolates during the Employee Christmas lunch held at the Tribal Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Employee names were drawn to take the plants and Mell won one. The plant didn't really need to be traded for the chocolate since every employee received a box as a gift. Standing next to Mell is Bob McElderry, Tribal grants developer. Almost 200 employees attended the lunch put on by the Human Resources Department and were thanked for their service to the Tribe by Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr., Kathleen Tom, Chris Mercier and Jon A. George.

Help needed identifying plots

The Facilities Department is asking for your help identifying veteran's plots.

If your family member's or friend's plot is a veteran and we do not have a veterans flag present on holidays, please inform us.

We will do our best to mark all plots of veterans.

Contact Adam Leno at 503-879-5525 or adam.leno@grandronde.org. ■

Youth Center seeks volunteers

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, which helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old high school gym, is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers. The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations.

It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Sunday and Monday.

Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897. The youth center and thrift store that funds it are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■

Education offers Chinuk Wawa classes

The Tribe's Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or fun.

For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■