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A Christmas Carol



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Senior Miss Grand Ronde Promise Rimer leads as children sing “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town” during the Tribal Council Christmas Party held in the Tribal gym on Sunday, Dec. 6. *More photos on page 10.*

A single story is not always the whole story

Tribal Education staff provides training to Willamina staff

By Brent Merrill
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WILLAMINA—A single story is not the only story. Tribal Education Department Curriculum Specialist Mercedes Reeves, Family Services Coordinator Audra Sherwood and Family Services Coordinator Assistant Elaine Lane met with teachers and administrators from the Willamina School District at Willamina High School on

Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the school cafeteria to provide a “single story” training.

The training was aimed at reminding educators that every child has more than a single story.

“This training will bring attention to the single stories that many of our youth bring along with them in each grade

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Meeting seeks input on Tribal swimming pool

By Brent Merrill
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Tribal member Rex Haller has an idea about how to create a healthier Tribal community.

For more than a year, Haller has been advocating for a swimming pool in Grand Ronde to do two things: provide a healthy exercise venue for Tribal Elders and another healthy option for Tribal youth activities.

Haller has taken advantage of many opportunities to speak before the leadership at Tribal Council

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Tribal Planning Department Manager Rick George talks about other pools in the area that were visited while working on a feasibility study for a community pool in Grand Ronde during the Grand Ronde Community Meeting.

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