

Book signing



Photo by Dean Rhodes

P.E. Gunny Brandon (Rosebud Sioux), who grew up in Grand Ronde and played on Grand Ronde's 1950 all-star basketball team, signed copies of his latest book in the Governance Building on Nov. 13. "Gunny" is the third in a series about Brandon's life and, like the other books, focuses on his mental breakdown long after his service in the Vietnam War. He completed his tour — it took him to Dong Ha, Hué City and Ke San — in 1968 and didn't start having flashbacks until 1989. At the time, he had owned Gunny's Gym in McMinnville for the better part of a decade. "Four years later," he said, "I didn't own a gym anymore and I wondered what had happened to me." Earlier editions brought Gunny to the point of breakdown. The latest edition brings the story up to the present. Rita LaChance, center, married to Tribal member Gary LaChance Jr., started the Willamette Valley Marine Corps Family Support Group and came in support of Brandon. Tribal member and Member Services specialist Reina Nelson, left, stopped by for a book and to say hello.

Tribe changes health plan to add adult foster care

The Tribe has recently made changes to the Tribal Member Health Plan, administered by UMR. Effective immediately, the health plan will assist eligible Tribal members and spouses in payment to the Grand Ronde Adult Foster Care Program.

Members needing assistance with their activities of daily living due to a recent illness or hospitalization may now qualify for the Tribe's health plan to pay the first 100 days of stay in the Adult Foster Care Program.

Services are only covered when performed at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Adult Foster Care facility, and will be payable at 90 percent of charges.

For further information, please contact UMR at 1-888-CTGR-BEN or CTGR Risk Management at 503-879-2332.

Bowling a turkey

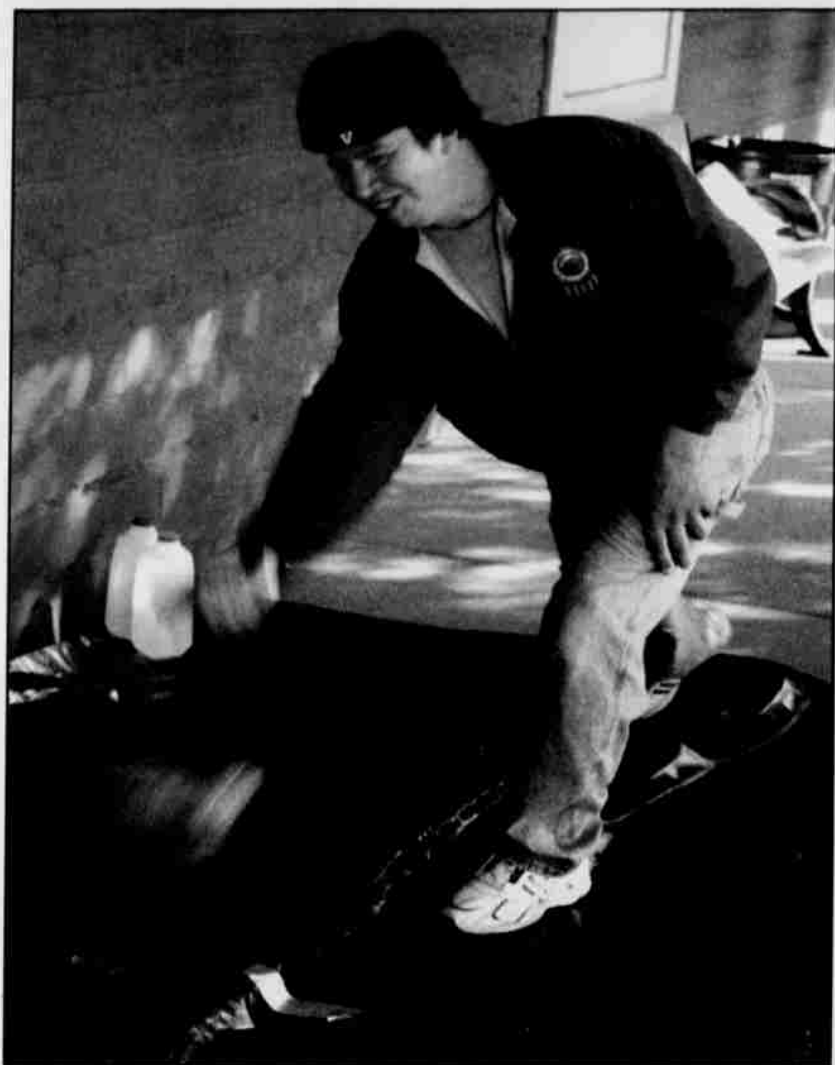


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Tribal member and employee Jimmy Brandon bowled a frozen turkey on Nov. 13 as part of the Human Resources Department's fourth annual Turkey Bowling competition. Winners in the women's division were Debby Larsen, first, and Trinity Minahan and Jill Hafliker tying for second. In the men's division, Josh Clift took first, Jim Holmes was second and Dean Rhodes came in third. Contestants had two throws of the frozen turkey to knock over water-filled plastic gallon milk containers.

Attention Tribal veterans

Applications are now being accepted for the Veterans' Special Event Board. If you are interested, contact Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309 or dakota.whitecloud@grandronde.org

Umpqua Indian Foods offers stockings for military personnel

For the third consecutive year, Umpqua Indian Foods in Canyonville is offering its customers a camouflage stocking stuffed with stationery, pen, assorted bulk candy and six flavors of beef jerky to send to U.S. military personnel no matter where they are serving.

Stockings cost \$19.95 each and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe, owner of Umpqua Indian Foods, will pay shipping costs for the stockings.

To order stockings, call 866-766-4372 or visit the Web site www.uifoods.com. When ordering, customers can name a specific service member or pick a name on their list of men and women from Oregon serving worldwide.

For orders going outside the United States, the last date to order is Dec. 10.

Inside the country, last day to order is Dec. 15.

Youth Canoe Club

Every Friday 4-5 p.m.
Youth Education Building

Contact Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 for more information.

Tribal Council Christmas Party

December 8th

11 A.M. - Photos with Santa, for ages 0-10, first photo no charge, all others \$5 each.

Noon - Lunch

12:45 P.M. - Children Singing

Door Prizes after Children's performance

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child in need for Christmas and/or canned food for the Food Bank (if you would like to).

Special Note: Children ages 0-10 are invited to sing Christmas Carols for Tribal Members.