

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2018. There are 33 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Nov. 28, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring in Tehran during World War II.

ON THIS DATE

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1861, the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union.

In 1905, Sinn Fein (shin feyn) was founded in Dublin.

In 1907, future movie producer Louis B. Mayer opened his first movie theater, in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

In 1909, Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op. 30 had its world premiere in New York, with Rachmaninoff at the piano.

In 1942, fire engulfed the Cocomat Grove nightclub in Boston, killing 492 people in the deadliest nightclub blaze ever. (The cause of the rapidly-spreading fire, which began in the basement, is in dispute; one theory is that a busboy accidentally ignited an artificial palm tree while using a lighted match to fix a light bulb.)

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$4.2 million
6-11-17-23-31-41

Mega Millions: \$190 million
12-24-37-42-57-18 x4

Powerball: \$171 million
11-33-51-56-58-PB 18-x2

Win for Life: Nov. 26
1-4-30-73

Pick 4:

Nov. 27

• 1 p.m.: 5-4-1-5

• 4 p.m.: 0-9-4-5

• 7 p.m.: 4-6-0-0

• 10 p.m.: 2-9-5-5

Pick 4: Nov. 26

• 1 p.m.: 8-9-7-4

• 4 p.m.: 7-8-1-7

• 7 p.m.: 5-4-6-1

• 10 p.m.: 1-1-6-9

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness is a sort of atmosphere you can live in sometimes when you're lucky. Joy is a light that fills you with hope and faith and love."

— Adela Rogers St. Johns,
American journalist
(1894-1988)

Money for Columbia River fishing village restored

By Molly Harbarger
The Oregonian/OregonLive

THE DALLES — After more than a year of obstacles, the federal government will resume a project to fulfill an 80-year-old promise. The Trump administration halted work in October 2017 on a plan to build a village for tribal members who fished the Columbia River for millennia, but last week, money reappeared in the budget.

"We're so delighted by the White House's decision to restore and direct funds to the Columbia River tribal housing initiative," said Charles Hudson, intergovernmental affairs director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "We did a lot of scratching and clawing to keep this project active after a year of lapsed funding."

Leaders from the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes have lobbied along with Congressional officials from Oregon and Washington to find a way to circumvent the barriers the Trump administration put in the way.

A year ago, tribal members who live along the Columbia River were cautiously optimistic that the federal government was making good on one of its promises. Starting with the Bonneville Dam in the 1930s, the federal government flooded villages where tribal members lived. Many of those villages were centers of economic, social and religious importance.

The federal government said it would replace the flooded homes, but never did.

Now, many people live six months to year-round at fishing sites built by the government that are decrepit, unsafe and unsanitary. The Oregonian/OregonLive documented the conditions and how the federal government's unmet obligation to the tribes forced them into these conditions even while a town of predominantly white people was relocated.

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley and Rep. Earl Blumenauer, both Democrats, spearheaded the effort to prod the government to replace the housing. They devised a plan with the Army Corps to pay for the work in two funding cycles. The first went forward in 2016.

But a second infusion of cash was blocked by Mick Mulvaney, head of the federal Office of Management and Budget, last year. He claimed that he wasn't required to approve the money and he didn't like the way it would be moved around the Corps' budget.

Tribal representatives and Washington and Oregon lawmakers pleaded with Mulvaney and his staff to reconsider.

But eventually, they found a way around the office. In a bill that dictates Army Corps priorities, they added language compelling the federal government to plan and build the villages.

Merkley and Washington Sen.

Patty Murray, a Democrat, sit on the Senate Appropriations Committee and added more than \$1.8 million to a separate funding bill without any dictates of how it must be used. A bipartisan and bi-state group of lawmakers wrote a letter to R.D. James, assistant secretary of the Army, and Mulvaney to suggest the \$1.8 million be used to finish the village planning.

The Army Corps, which had signaled willingness to start the work since 2016, added The Dalles Dam village plan to its project list of 2019 with the \$1.8 million.

"Now that the latest investment is in place, we will continue holding federal agency officials accountable to ensure that the plan is not only completed, but also carried out so tribal members get the facilities and river access they were promised more than 65 years ago," Murray said.

Merkley said Monday that he wants The Dalles village to move forward first, but it is not the last of his efforts. He and other lawmakers want to start the same momentum for villages at the Bonneville and John Day dams.

"It was an unnecessary delay and I'm really pleased to see we've been able to get the legislation in place to push it forward," Merkley said.

The money is needed to figure out where a village could be located near The Dalles Dam and how it would look. The Army Corps and a committee of tribal members had identified

three Washington sites in 2016, but now need to figure out if they will still work. The site could end up on the Oregon side of the river.

The locations would need to be assessed for feasibility and environmental concerns. Tribal members are supposed to be involved at every step of the process, such as deciding whether the housing will be individual homes with covered garages, like at Celilo Village, or multi-family units.

Celilo Village, where 15 permanent homes take the place of one of the oldest continually inhabited tribal centers in the world, took decades to build, but is considered a sign of success that could be replicated in this new effort.

Modern-day Celilo Village has 15 houses with good insulation and garages big enough for fishing gear. But, it took 50 years and several iterations to get housing there right.

After the decisions are made, the plans would be subject to public input. The Army Corps would also perform preliminary engineering, according to Corps spokeswoman Sarah Bennett.

All that work was expected to be done in 2016 — or shortly after. But now, the delay could add years to the project planning.

The Corps will have to ask for more money to actually build the village once all the planning is completed. There is no estimate of the cost yet.

Stanfield students harvest the power of pennies

By Jayati Ramakrishnan
East Oregonian

The students of Stanfield Elementary School have been working to make sure no one in their town goes hungry.

Over the past month, students have raised more than \$1,000 through a penny harvest, and will donate the money to the Stanfield Food Basket during an assembly on Thursday.

The entire school participated and raised \$1,000.

The idea came from one second-grade student.

While doing a reading assignment in class, Phoenix Davis came across a story about a school in New York that found a way to raise money.

"There was this thing called 'why pennies are powerful,'" said Davis, 8. He asked his teacher, Kim Harwood, if Stanfield Elementary could do the same thing. The rest of the staff agreed, and the effort turned into a competition between the classes to see which could raise the most money.

Harwood said the teachers made the decision to donate the money to the Stanfield

Food Basket.

"The individual teachers talked about the reasons we're doing a penny drive, and helping others. Especially this time of year, people are in need," she said.

Though the students were excited by the competition aspect — with the highest-earning class getting a pizza party — Harwood said they also talked about the impact the donations would have locally.

"They were listing people that needed food," she said. "The fact that it was somewhere close, it hit close to home."

Some of Harwood's second-graders said they asked their parents to help out, while others donated money of their own.

"My parents have a jar filled with money, and I asked them for some of that," said Avah Viesca.

Sophie McPetridge said she found \$2 in her backpack, which she donated to the penny drive.

"I grabbed some of my money, but made sure I didn't get rid of all of my money," Davis said.

Though he said he hoped his class would win, he was

more happy to be doing something nice for others.

Davis' mom, Kalie, said her son always takes the initiative to raise his own money.

"Phoenix does extra chores to earn money for when we go on vacation or when he really wants a new toy or game," she said.

But he saved that money once he came up with the idea for a penny drive.

"The first week of the penny harvest he came home and dumped all of his allowance money into a bag so he could donate it," she said. "He has a heart for helping people."

Toni Eddy, the board chair of the Stanfield Food Basket, said she and other food bank members were moved by the students' efforts.

"It had everyone in tears," she said.

Eddy said the food bank serves between 120 and 150 families per month. It is open the last two Mondays of each month from noon to 4 p.m. During November and December, it is open every Monday.

She said families can take whatever they need, but they give out food based on

the size of the family. They stock fresh, frozen, dried and canned food, and try to provide enough food for families to make five or six meals between each visit to the food bank, to supplement food they can buy with their own income or from other programs.

She said Safeway donates fresh produce through their "Fresh Alliance" program, and several individuals and groups will contribute as well.

"Most of our donations come in the form of food," she said. "We have a couple of sources that contribute on a regular basis."

They also apply for grants, and get donations from CAPECO and the Oregon Food Bank. Donations from schools and community members also help.

"We use the monetary donations to fill in the gaps," she said. "So if we're getting a lot of grain products, we may need to buy more canned food," Eddy said.

They also use it for special occasions. This year, they gave away whole roasted chickens for Thanksgiving.

The Stanfield Food Basket is located at 405 N. Sherman St., and is open to anyone who lives in Umatilla County.

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