



**2012** – Two measures that would have amended the Oregon Constitution to allow private casinos in the state and another that would specifically approve one going into the former Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village qualified to appear on the November ballot, the Secretary of State's Office announced.

**2007** – Tribal Elders Gene LaBonte and Marcella Selwyn were honored as King and Queen of Elder Honor Day held in the Tribal gym.

**2002** – Tribal member Allison Empey was one of 16 valedictorians at McMinnville High School. She and fellow valedictorian Justin Tillery were chosen by their peers to speak for the group during graduation exercises.

**1997** – Members of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the President's Council on Sustainable Development met with Tribal Council during a dinner held at Spirit Mountain Casino. The council was appointed by President Bill Clinton.

**1992** – The Tribe was working with the Community Action Agency of Yamhill County to start a Head Start program in Grand Ronde beginning in September. Head Start is a free program for families and their children who have special educational needs.

**1987** – More than 200 people listened to testimony by supporters and opponents of a Grand Ronde Reservation at a field hearing chaired by Congressman Les AuCoin held at Grand Ronde Elementary School. AuCoin and Sen. Mark Hatfield submitted two proposed Reservation bills that called for the establishment of either a 15,665-acre or 5,116-acre Reservation for the restored Tribe.

*Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.*



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## Tribal gym open as a cooling center

Due to possible triple-digit temperatures in the Grand Ronde area during the week of Monday, July 31, through Friday, Aug. 4, the Tribal gym will be open as a cooling center.

There will be tables and chairs set up in the front lobby with water and snacks available.

Cooling center hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except for Tuesday, Aug. 1, when the center will remain open until 7:30 p.m. People who use the gym as a cooling center must abide by the rule of supervision by someone 18 years of age or older.

For more information, contact Recreation Specialist Harris Reibach at 503-879-1369 or harris.reibach@grandronde.org. ■

## NIGA summit



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**Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, second from right, posed with California Rep. Nancy Pelosi (sixth from right), Minority Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, on Wednesday, July 19, while attending the National Indian Gaming Association Summer Legislative Summit held in Washington, D.C. Between Pelosi and Harvey is former Sen. Ben Nighthorse of Colorado. Harvey also met with Washington Rep. Derek Kilmer while attending the summit.**

## MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

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## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

"We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat," Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. "You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box."

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

"Plan, Shop, Save, Cook!" classes are a partnership with the Oregon State Extension Services. These classes are open to everyone. Topics will include meal planning, budgeting and nutrition. The classes will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 8.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes and end-of-month inventory. In addition, volunteers are being sought for the Fresh Alliance program and Salem Harvest.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@mariopolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■