



2012 – For the second consecutive election, Oregonians overwhelmingly rejected the idea of allowing a private casino to be built in the Portland suburb of Wood Village. Voters rejected the idea by a 71 percent to 29 percent margin. Oregonians also defeated a constitutional amendment to allow private casinos in the state.

2007 – Grand Ronde Tribal member Rebecca Knight was selected as a 2007-08 Hatfield Fellow. Knight, 22, was the ninth fellow and fifth Grand Ronde Tribal member selected for the program. She was set to begin a fellowship in Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's office the following month.



2007 File photo

2002 – Roy Hawthorne, a World War II Navajo code talker, was the featured speaker at the Veterans' Memorial fundraiser event in Grand Ronde. He waived his customary speaking fee to help the Tribe defray costs. Hawthorne was a part of a group of Navajo men who developed the only military code the Japanese were unable to break during the war. The fundraising event also included other speakers, dancers and the Eagle Beak Singers.

1997 – Tribal member Tammy Garrison, owner of T & L Cookie Co., gained regional notoriety after winning the Wal-Mart Championship Bake-off for Oregon and was set to compete in the national championship. She began her business earlier that year.

1992 – The Tribe was gearing up for the ninth annual Restoration celebration on Nov. 22. "I was really young at the time," said Karen Harrison, Tribal receptionist. "But I remember the excitement and uncertainty during the plane ride to Washington, D.C. We weren't sure the bill would pass."

1987 – The Tribal Health Program was planning an "AIDS Workshop" to alleviate concerns from Tribal members about the virus and how it was transmitted. Some of the questions the workshop planned to address were if only drug users contracted AIDS, if it could be spread by shaking hands or kissing, and if children needed to worry about contracting it at school.

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Portland proclamation



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, right, shakes hands with Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler after Wheeler signed a proclamation declaring the month of November as Native American Heritage Month during the Portland City Council meeting held at Portland City Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 8. After Wheeler read the proclamation aloud, George thanked the council for the government-to-government relationship and for recognizing Native peoples. Wheeler then gave George a copy of the proclamation.

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmək 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:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 (holiday box distribution).

The Food Bank will be closed the week of Nov. 20-24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and re-open on Friday, Dec. 1.

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.

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.

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@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

'Yay on Wells Fargo'

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galvanized Indian Country as the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and volunteer water protectors protested the installation of an oil pipeline near the Sioux Reservation. Wells Fargo provided investment funding for Energy Transfer Partners, the owner of the project.

Tribal Elder Tracie Meyer was one of the most vocal proponents of ending the Tribe's relationship with Wells Fargo, raising the issue at many Tribal Council and General Council meetings. She said she was happy to hear the news during the General Council meeting.

"Yay on Wells Fargo," Meyer said.

Bank officials told Leno that the problems Wells Fargo experienced were on the retail side with personal accounts and that there was

not an overlap and that individuals responsible for those problems were not involved with commercial account oversight.

However, Leno said that although the Tribe's commercial accounts were not affected, he was aware that individual Tribal members could have been affected by the fraudulent practices. He said those issues and the concerns about the bank's involvement in the pipeline project were enough to prompt the Tribe to ask important questions.

A bigger financial issue, however, still is being decided as Spirit Mountain Casino is currently reassessing its banking relationships on its regular four- to five-year schedule.

Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon said Wells Fargo has been the casino's banking partner since the day the casino opened in 1995. ■

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