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Tribe celebrates 25th Restoration

Two-day event slated Nov. 21-22 at Spirit Mountain Casino includes powwow, banquet, concert

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will fete 25 years of Restoration on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22, with a powwow and celebration banquet followed by a concert featuring internationally known singer Rita Coolidge (Cherokee).

The powwow, scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, and a reception and celebration banquet scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Saturday both will be held at the new Spirit Mountain Casino Events Center, which opened in May.

Tribal members planning to attend the Saturday events have been asked to RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 19, to 800-422-0232 so a count of attendees can be determined.

Saturday's events start with the 2 p.m. reception, which will be followed from 4 to 6 p.m. with the celebration banquet. Entertainment will start after the banquet with Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach performing with a band that includes Grammy Award-winning producer George Noriega.

Reibach was named flutist of the year earlier this year by both the Indian Summer Music Awards and the Native American Music Awards for his release "Unity."

After Reibach's performance, a video narrated by Tribal Elder Bob Tom commemorating the Tribe's 25th Restoration anniversary will be shown. Then Coolidge, whose pop hits include "We're All Alone" and the James Bond theme "All Time High," will perform.

Those who attend the Saturday celebration will receive a gift bag adorned with the Tribe's 25th Restoration logo. The gift bag will include chocolate coins, necklaces, watches, the 25th Restoration poster designed by Tribal member Jon George, Tribal logo sun catchers, postcards, a copy of the 25th Restoration video, Tribal logo static decals and a copy of the 25th Restoration commemorative issue included in this issue of *Smoke Signals*.

Tribal Elder Bob Tom will be master of ceremonies for the Friday powwow and Tribal Elder Mike Larsen will be master of ceremonies for the banquet.

After being terminated in 1954,



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Internationally known singer Rita Coolidge (Cherokee) will perform during the Tribe's 25th Restoration Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Spirit Mountain Casino's Events Center.

the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was officially restored to a federally recognized Tribe on Nov. 22, 1983, when President Ronald Reagan signed the Restoration Bill

into law.

For more history and background on the Tribe's effort to be restored, see today's 20-page commemorative edition. ■

DMV accepting Tribal IDs

New rules allow Grand Ronde members to use cards regarding licensing issues

By Dean Rhodes

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Dealing with the state Department of Motor Vehicles got a little less complicated for most Oregon Tribal members on Sept. 15.

The state now accepts Tribal identification cards as proof of legal presence in the United States for members of eight Oregon Tribes when trying to obtain, renew or replace a driver's license or obtain a state-issued identification card.

For Grand Ronde Tribal members, this means they can stop in at a state DMV office and use their Tribal ID card instead of having to present a birth certificate or passport, said Renee Davis, DMV Program Services Driver Policy



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Member Services Manager and Tribal member Debby Larsen displays samples of Tribal identification cards that members can now use at the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles as proof of legal presence in the United States when trying to obtain, renew or replace a driver's license or obtain a state-issued identification card. There are three different cards for Tribal members, Elders and minors.

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Landscape project plants job skills in Tribal members

By Ron Karten

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Working with the 477 job training section at Social Services, Tribal member and Workforce Development Coordinator Denise Harvey has turned a construction sub-specialty — landscaping — into a teaching tool that also is providing work experience for six Tribal members.

Tribal members Tyrone Rock, 36; Nacoma Martin, 24; Mike Little Jr., 25; Dustin Billings, 28; Chris Johnson, 37; and Chris Christian, 20, are each making more than minimum wage to learn landscaping on the job.

At the same time, they are helping finish the Elders' Activity Center, which was dedicated on Nov. 1. Also at the same time, the effort will save the Tribe approximately half of what it would otherwise cost for the same work, said Harvey,

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