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## 'Dreams come true'

*Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde mark 25 years of Restoration with powwow, banquet, music and unity*

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**I**f one comment can sum up the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 25th anniversary celebration of Restoration held Nov. 21-22 at Spirit Mountain Casino's Events Center, it was appropriately uttered by Tribal Elder Margaret Provost, the catalyst who started the effort in the early 1970s.

Provost was being honored along with fellow Tribal Elders and Restoration Committee members Marvin Kimsey, Dean Mercier and Russell Leno, when she said, "Dreams come true, I guess."

Twenty-five years ago on Nov. 22, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the Grand Ronde Restoration Act, which ended 29 years of Termination and set the Tribe on the road toward economic self-sufficiency.

At Restoration, Tribal membership numbered slightly more than 1,100. Now, Tribal membership exceeds 5,100 and many of them attended the

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Singer Rita Coolidge (Cherokee) performed during the Tribe's 25th Restoration Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Spirit Mountain Casino's Events Center.

Photo by Michelle Alamo

## Nora Kimsey turns 100 on Dec. 2

*Tribe's eldest member lived most her life in Grand Ronde*

By Ron Karten  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**O**n Tuesday, Dec. 2, Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey turns 100. On Sunday, Dec. 7, during the monthly General Council meeting, the Tribe will honor Nora for her years of contributions to the Tribe.

Nora was born on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1908, in Grand Ronde and

raised in the area.

She married Loren Kimsey in 1929, a year not unlike the present year economically. Their children are Margaret Provost, Marvin Kimsey and Myrna Brandon, all still living in Grand Ronde.

Her children have 17 children between them, and those children have children, and in all Nora now is grandmother or great-grand-

mother to 62 more. Many of her descendants remain active and influential with the Tribe and in Tribal activities.

Her parents were Cecille Leno Warren and John M. Warren. John Warren's father was Chief Bogus of the Umpqua Tribe, who was killed by vigilantes on the Trail of Tears, Margaret Provost said.

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Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey