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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the beginning of October, 1988, the Tribal Council began work on the Tribe's Master Plan.

A master plan is a document specifically designed to focus on Community development and housing.

In the winter of 1984, the Tribe started working on its reservation plan. One of the first steps taken was a Socio-Economic survey conducted to interview Tribal Members, to see what their needs were. One of the main items on the survey was housing. In reviewing the survey questionnaires, it was noticeable that many of the retired persons expressed interest in returning to the Grand Ronde area. It is speculated that the interest on the part of this group results from the fact that many of these people originally lived in the area and would like to return to enjoy the benefits of social and cultural reinforcement the community could offer. The major obstacle in facilitating this desire is the lack of decent housing in the Community. Therefore, a long-term planning strategy is needed to obtain land and develop community facilities and housing in the Grand Ronde area.

Under the Master Plan, naturally, the first step for the Tribe to take is to look at lands suitable for our needs. There have been a number of people in the area, Tribal member and non-Indian, land owners who have indicated interest in selling lands to the Tribe.

Once the purchase of land is completed, the Tribe will have many funding options for consideration. Some of the agencies that the Tribe could apply to are Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the BIA. These programs are available to Tribes. If the Tribe elects to utilize any of these agencies, the land will be subject to any requirements the agencies have. One option available to the Tribe is to have Tribal land placed in trust. To do this the land must be approved by a federal agency. Also, if the Tribe obtains funding from HUD, for housing the Tribe will be required to establish a Housing Authority.

There are many complex issues regarding Community facilities and housing development the Tribe faces. As we continue with the master plan, we will keep you posted of our progress. If you have comments or concerns regarding community development please contact us here at the Tribal office.

In closing, I would like to address an issue raised by a local merchant. Throughout the local community, rumors have been circulating about the Tribe having authority to have lands condemned, then purchasing the lands for a next to nothing value. The Tribe has no such authority to condemn any lands, regardless of who owns it, Indian or non-Indian. We hope this bit of information will dispose any mis-understanding in the local community.

See you at the Pow-Wow!

## ELDERS, YOUTH GET TOGETHER



Evelyn Umtuch takes the time to teach Tribal youth about what it means to represent their Tribe at the Pow-wow.

### TRIBAL YOUTH AND ELDERS GET TOGETHER

By Michael Childers

Dance classes and craft classes are held every Tuesday at the Tribal office in Grand Ronde.

These classes are held for anyone who would like to learn how to dance or would just like to come and watch and make new friends.

The craft class starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm, when the dance class starts. The dance class usually ends by 8:30 pm. The instructors Paul Whitehead and Evelyn Umtuch are teachers that take their time helping each individual that is interested.

Eleven year old Toby McClary really enjoys the classes, he says, "Right now I am in the process of finishing a drumstick that I'm making in craft class," and "Jessie Standing Bear is teaching me how to drum at the dance classes and it's really exciting. I would like to take this time to encourage anyone who may have an interest in learning crafts and dancing to come and participate in the activities because it's really fun!"

The main purpose of holding these classes every Tuesday is so that we know that we're giving everyone the opportunity to learn because so many people would like to know how to bead and dance but don't want to start learning right in the middle of a Pow-Wow and now they don't have to, says Joann McClary.

Remember, if you would like to attend the Pow-Wow this year as a good traditional or fancy dancer, you only have a few more weeks to learn and we will be practicing up to the very last minute so come and join us! We'd love to see you there!



NAPOLS attorney Michael Mason discusses Tribal Government and Economic development with Council members Merle Holmes and Kathryn Harrison.

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