

Strategic Plan, continued

was mailed to them, about 30 percent of all voting members. Opinions expressed by tribal members who participated in the survey or community meetings varied, but some key patterns did emerge.

Strategic Planning Process: Tribal members want to be involved and supported the efforts begun in Phase II. Tribal members want the decision-making process to be made more clear.

Future development in Grand Ronde: About 80 percent of participants wanted further development of services and facilities. All types of development were favored, but services that generate revenue or jobs, or provide highly desired services (especially health care) were strongly favored. Less support exists for decentralization of services and facilities away from Grand Ronde. Tribal members acknowledged that certain key facilities must be in Grand Ronde. About two-thirds of participants favored moving ahead cautiously with development.

Distribution of resources, services, and benefits: About 70 percent of participants said benefits should not be based on place of residence. That is, a tribal member should not have to live in the Grand Ronde area to receive benefits of membership.

Mix of services provided by Tribe: Opinions about this issue depended in part on what development is desired in Grand Ronde. Less than 10 percent of participants have used tribal services; most of those rate them as good. Human and educational services received the most support.

Now, Tribal Council and managers are using the information to develop preliminary strategies and actions for the future. About three months remain in the process. This month, the first draft of the Strategic Plan will be completed and should be available for tribal members to review and comment on by late October. There will also be the Strategic Future's Conference II in October, where the original group from 1993 will reconvene for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on the Strategic Plan and all the work that led up to it. By the end of autumn, Tribal Council should have reviewed and adopted the final draft of the plan and be ready to implement it in 1995.

Tribal members who have questions or wish to comment on the strategic planning process may contact Chris Leno or Jim Willis at 1-800-422-0232 or 879-2211. Also, there will be monthly articles in the newsletter regarding the process, and opportunities for public participation.

HIP, continued

assistance up to \$5,000. This money must be used for homes only, no land parcels.

For home improvement projects, Lonnie and the client determine what is to be done, and then a contractor is hired to do the work.

In a case of down payment assistance, the money is paid directly to the title or mortgage company.

"It is important to note," said Lonnie, "that none of these grants have to be paid back to the Tribe. The only requirement is that the recipients live in the home for at least five years."

Lonnie emphasizes the fact that HIP was designed to assist tribal members who have very few financial options open to them. When seeking down-payment assistance, the Tribe requires two denials from different banks.

"Although we have 150 active applications on file, I urge tribal members to get one started. You could be a candidate for assistance," Lonnie said.

Keep updated on
new housing
developments in
future newsletters.

Elders of the Month

Laura Riggs

Laura Countryman Hudson Riggs was born August 24, 1907. She is the daughter of Mary LaBonte and Alvin Countryman. She married Stanford J. Hudson and had three children: Alvin, Laurretta, and Stanford, Jr.

After her husband passed away, Laura married Boyd Riggs in 1935. They had four daughters: Iva Fuller, Darlene Reeves, Bonita May, and Gloria Fugate. Of her children, Bonita May, Stanford, and Alvin have passed away.

Laura attended Cloverleaf



Laura Riggs

school in Grand Ronde, and has grown up here. She has resided in Roseburg for 36 years. She has 20 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She has held a variety of jobs in her life, including being a mail carrier, cook, and working in the fields.

Laura has nine brothers and sisters, three of whom died when they were younger: Alvin, Edward, and Pearl.

The others are: Samuel Clark Countryman, Herman Theodore Countryman, John Patrick Countryman, Ethel Violet Petite, Ester Rose Conrad, and Ivy Margrete Smith.

Roy Langley

Roy Langley was born November 11, 1907, the son of Alice Quenelle and Jack Langley. He married Delia LaRose in Ft. Duchesme, Utah in 1934. They had three children: Leonard, Jack, and Beryle. Roy has 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

Roy moved to Tillamook in 1950 from Grand Ronde and has lived there ever since, but lived in Utah for many years and worked as a surveyor.



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