

# Eagle Tech honors longtime employees

By Leslie Mitts  
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Eagle Tech Systems recently honored two employees set to retire after several decades working for the tribes.

Lloyd Phillips, current president of Eagle Tech Systems, began working with the tribes in 1971.

Originally, he said, IBM recruited him to work with the local mill in order to help with their first mainframe computer.

However, Phillips said, "I kind of got installed alone with the computer."

"It turned out to be such an interesting job, and challenging, so I just never left," Phillips explained.

But even after he leaves his position with Eagle Tech Systems, Phillips won't be retiring completely.

He will remain CEO of Urbangardencenter.com with



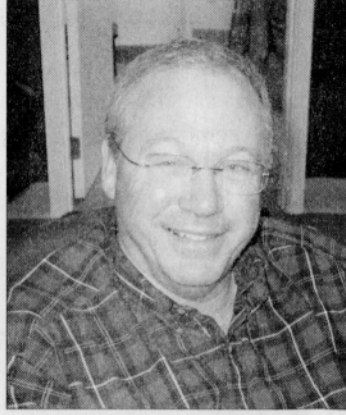
Lavonne Rotz

D&P Industries, Inc. after he retires.

The Redmond-based company works to encourage the use of environmentally friendly products and promote recycling efforts while supporting organic living endeavors.

They manufacture and sell products for organic gardening.

Lavonne Rotz is retiring from her position as a data analyst after beginning to work with the tribes in 1980.



Lloyd Phillips

During her time with the tribes, Rotz said, she designed a software program for the Vital Statistics department that they are still using today.

The job in Warm Springs definitely wasn't her first—"I actually had a 20-year career in computers before I even came here," she said.

She first began working with statistics for Motorola (during a time period when they used large slide rules, she said) and

moved on to IBM.

The computer she worked with at IBM was a very different kind than what you see today, she said.

"The computer had vacuum tubes," Rotz explained. "It was huge. Basically it was quite a project just to get it booted up."

In fact, Rotz was Motorola's first female programmer, and made \$1.51 per hour (making minimum wage) and worked 80 hours per week.

From there she moved on to work with Hewlett Packard, General Electric, and Boeing, and for a time doing freelance work as well.

In 1980, however, Rotz traveled to Kah-Nee-Ta to see a solar eclipse.

"I just fell in love with the land. I just loved it here," Rotz said. Shortly after she began working with the tribes.

"I came here and I'm still sitting in the chair that I was sitting in in 1980," Rotz said.

# Casino

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As the Department of the Interior announced its decisions regarding the various tribal casino applications, the department indicated that from now on there will be greater consideration given to the distance of the proposed casino site from the reservation, as the department considers whether eventually to approve new off-reservation casinos.

Of the 22 casino proposals that were rejected last week, 14 were on land that is at least 100 miles from the reservation where tribal members live, with some as far away as 1,000 miles, said Shane Wolfe, a spokesman

for the Interior Department.

Len Bergstein, a Portland lobbyist who is working with the Warm Springs tribes on casino issues, commented that the actual distance between the reservation border and Cascade Locks is less than 40 miles.

Tribal members commute much farther than that for jobs and school, he said. "We've never been concerned about that as something that would disqualify us," he said.

Once the DEIS hearings are completed, the proposal heads to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne for approval.

(The Associated Press helped to this article.)

# Youth conference

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Ideally the conference will feature a basketball tournament, arts and crafts, an endurance horse race, a film festival, a parade, a fashion show and much more.

In addition, each conference features a meal in the longhouse as well as a traditional powwow. Aurelia Stacona has traveled to the conferences for several years in order to take local youth, and spoke to Tribal Council last week. "My vision for the Warm Springs is to really fo-

cus on our youth," she said.

In addition to having the youth plan the conference, she said, the head powwow dancers will be youth.

The conference will be held May 27-30 with the powwow being held on May 30 and May 31. When the first conference was hosted in Warm Springs 33 years ago, tribes traveled from Portland and Lapwai, Idaho. The next year Lapwai hosted the gathering, until it grew into a large annual event that is hosted throughout the northwest.

# Some interesting facts about our equine friends

By Fara Ann Brummer  
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Did you know that a horse's hooves grow about one centimeter a month? That a horse's kneecaps are not done fusing and becoming completely formed until they are about 3 and a half years old? That's why young racehorses can be injured.

A horse's heart weighs about ten pounds. Horses have two blind spots — directly in front of them and directly behind them. Horses see from the sides of their head like other herd animals.

When approaching them, the best way to do this is from the side so they can see you.

Horses have between 36 and

42 teeth, with females usually having 36 and males having 40 to 42.

"Canine teeth," which are fighting teeth, are present on some horses, usually males.

"Wolf teeth" can be present in males or females, and sometimes have to be pulled because they cause pain.

Most breeds of horses have 18 ribs, six lumbar bones, and 18 tail vertebrae.

Arabians are in a class by themselves, having 17 ribs, five lumbar bones, and 16 tail vertebrae.

Horses make eight basic sounds: snort, squeal, greeting nicker, courtship nicker, maternal nicker, neigh, roar, blow.

It is almost impossible for a horse to vomit — if they do, their

stomachs usually rupture soon after.

Horses cannot burp. Colic, which is a serious condition that can cause death, is often caused by trapped gas in a horse. Horses can only release gas from their rear end.

A horse focuses its eye by

changing the angle of its head, not by changing the shape of the lens of the eye, as humans do.

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**Bottle drive to help team travel**

There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs.

Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament in Phoenix.

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