

DJ Medina spinning records for love of the music

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I remember back in grade-school," Bob Medina said. "They started letting me bring my 45 records to play during lunch. I played different kinds of music while the kids were eating. That's how it all got started. I liked it."

Brownsville is a hop, skip and a jump from the Gulf of Mexico. It's even closer to the border of Mexico.

"There was a little radio station there called KRIO," Medina said. "One summer they had a volunteer program geared towards youth who might want to pursue a career in the radio business. I was on it! I enrolled in that program and just fell in love."

Then one day, Medina's mother said the family would travel to Oregon to visit his sister, who had just married.

"I bounced back and forth

between Oregon and Texas. I went to grade school in Terrebonne, went to middle school in Redmond, went to school in Culver. I was a field worker for many years."

Bob met and married Kim Medina when the two worked for Warm Springs Police Department. "She was the dispatcher, and I was an officer at the time. I just couldn't resist."

Together, Bob and Kim have raised their family on the reservation.

Over time, Bob found himself thinking more and more about radio. "Right around that time, I started hearing Sue Matters and DJ Duran on KWSI. I really liked the way they were doing things. It was new, upbeat. They inspired me, encouraged me."

Medina got his first real break in radio in 1987, with KWSI.

Today, many recognize him as the deejay who brought Latino programming to Central



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DJ Bob Medina at the KWSO radio station.

Oregon.

"I first started hosting the Latino show out of KRCO back in 1996. I was fortunate to have that for six and a half years.

Today, I host it on KWSO every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m., and we're going to be adding some different ideas to that show. It should be interest-

ing"

Medina became a familiar presence on the reservation working in various departments. "I worked for the newspaper for while, the police force, ECE. I was a Fire and Safety volunteer for a number of years. And I even worked for Victims of Crime when they first opened."

Besides his job as a dispatcher for Fire Management, today Medina continues spinning the beats, hiring out as a disk jockey for various businesses and events.

"I've played for Kah-Nee-Ta for quite some time now. Other clients have included the former Silverado and Meet Market in Madras. People are very receptive and open when they see me, and I'm always glad to see them right back. I know what music works with familiar faces, and that's how people click and have a good time."

DJ Medina has been an encouragement to youth on the reservation. His grandsons

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have expressed an interest in becoming deejays, and Bob is thrilled.

"If there's something you want, go for it. Especially if it has to do with music, don't hesitate. I'm even willing to help them, because I know that equipment is expensive. The door is always open with me, if they want to learn. Just remember that the reality with something that you love to do always begins with dreaming of it."

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Tribal officers

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If passed, the legislative assembly would "provide a process by which police officers employed by a tribal government may exercise all of the powers provided to state law enforcement officers under the laws of this state and may receive the same authority and protection provided to those officers under the criminal statutes of Oregon."

The bill would be of benefit for both tribal and state authorities by providing law enforcement services and protection to the many Oregon Citizens that visit or travel through tribal lands.

"The Tribes have in place a process that not only allows hot pursuit but also the service of state warrants by

Tribal Police Officers for outside jurisdictions. Jefferson County, for example, knows that they can count on us. We can't have a tribal member commit a crime in Jefferson County thinking that they could come back to the reservation to be safe."

Senate bill 412 would allow Tribal Police Officers to cite the non-Indian violators directly into state court.

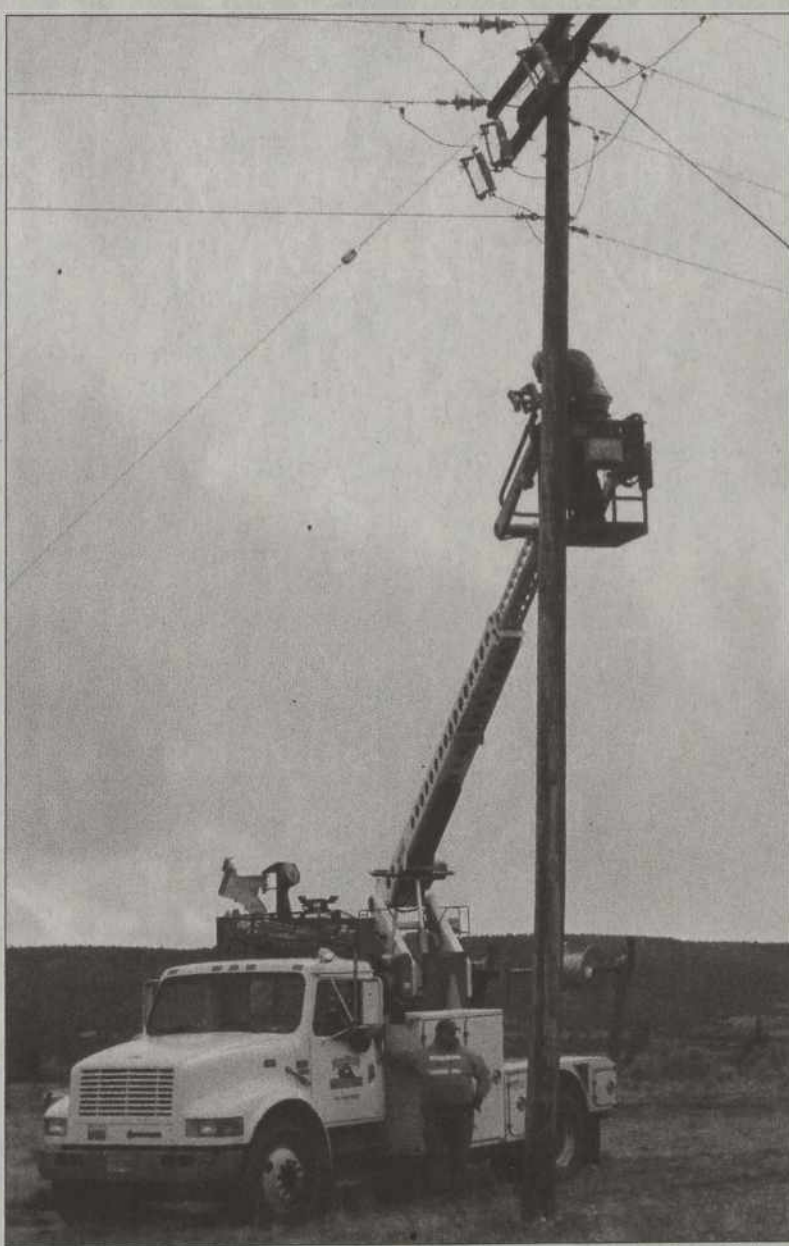
In January of 2005, a tribal officer who was not cross-deputized attempted to stop Thomas Everett Kurtz, a non-Indian, on the reservation, when his vehicle crossed the center line into oncoming traffic. Kurtz failed to stop until he was off tribal lands. The passenger of Kurtz' vehicle fled on foot, while Kurtz was detained at gunpoint. Kurtz was charged with the state crimes of resisting arrest by a

police officer and attempting to elude a police officer.

Kurtz asked the state court in Madras to dismiss the charges, arguing that tribal officers are not "police officers" under the definition provided by Oregon statutes for the resisting arrest and attempting to elude crimes. The court denied the motion and convicted.

Kurtz appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals, which overturned his conviction on the grounds that tribal officers were not included in the definition of "police officer" in the Oregon statutes. Senate Bill 412 would legislatively reverse the Kurtz decision by adding tribal officers to the definitions of "police officer" in the Oregon statutes.

Cable work



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Fiber optic cable is being installed around Warm Springs, expanding the tribal network. The new line will connect buildings from tribal administration and Eagle Tech, to the industrial park, bringing into the network the media center, the Natural Resources building, vehicle pool and other offices.

This will save the tribes money in the long-run, as Qwest will no longer provide the connection service, said Todd Stum of Eagle Tech. Cost of the project is about \$75,000. The tribes are paying 40 percent, and BIA is paying 60 percent.

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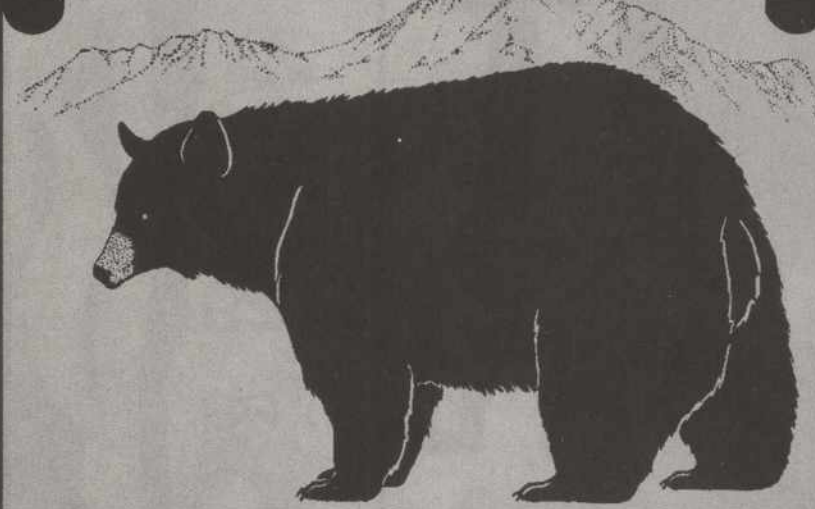


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