

New administrator at ECE

Candice Percia started work this week as the administrator of Warm Springs Head Start and Early Head Start.

Percia brings the experience and background that the tribes want for these programs, said Chief Operations Officer Urbana Ross. "Candice has advanced degrees and experience, and she's young, so she'll relate to our parents," Ross said.

Percia has a Bachelors degree in Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Nevada at Reno. She has a Masters degree in Counseling from the University of Phoenix. She was a director of a pre-school in Nevada for five years.

Her hope, Percia said, is to give students the best possible education experience at Warm Springs Head Start and Early Head Start.

Percia is originally from Redmond. People may recognize her as part of the Hawaiian Dancers, who have performed around the region. She and her family, partly of Hawaiian descent, formed the traditional dance group.

Candice and her husband have two children, boys, ages 8, and 14 months.



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Legal Aid moves to Action Team office

Legal Aid Services of Oregon has changed locations in Warm Springs.

Legal Aid, which provides free assistance to low-income residents in many civil cases, is

now located at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs.

A service representative is there during drop-in hours: 1 to

4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

Growers: litigation began 11 years ago

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In order to become a claimant, a person must have farmed or ranched (or tried to). They must be an enrolled member, or they must provide a statement that shows their connection to a tribe. And they need to have complained about the discrimi-

nation. "That could be written or verbal, and the complaint could have been made to either the USDA or tribal government."

Dillon, who is an enrolled Cherokee, said the discrimination was widespread around the country. "It has taken 11 years

for the government to settle," she said.

If you believe you may meet the qualifications of a claimant, you may file by phone by calling 1-888-233-5506. Or email: questions@indianfarmclass.com.

Visit the *Keepseagle* case website at indianfarmclass.com.

Library: artists invited to showcase work

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"We're looking at topics such as diabetes and depression, self-help titles," he said.

"I'm working with Community Counseling, asking them which titles their clients might enjoy. I've spoken with doctors at IHS for recommendations

based on some of the elements that they have seen in our community."

Tribal member artists who are interested in showcasing their work at the library are invited to stop in to visit with Graham.

"We're also interested in find-

ing an artist who would be able to paint a mural," he said.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children must have parental supervision. For more information, call 541-553-1078.

— by Duran Bobb

Teleco: Many have helped with project

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Having this group in DC was instrumental in getting future funding which is now being used to build out the telco. They continue to champion the telco.

Tribal administration

Two women who handle, among other things, the telecom needs of the tribes are Lynn and Danica.

They negotiate contracts, work with providers, make sure that the phones work, and essentially make sure that the tribal telecommunications needs are met on a day to basis.

Lynn Davis also serves as the acting Secretary-Treasurer, when the tribal S-T is out of town. As such, she has worked with tribal telecom projects to get projects approved and grants signed when Jody Calica is unavailable.

Both Lynn and Danica have been dedicated participants on the Telecom Steering Group.

Department Contributors

This group includes Fire Chief Dan Martinez; Lt. Oswald "Bear" Tias of the Warm Springs Police Department; Sue Matters, KWSO manager; Don Courtney, Public Utilities manager; Paul Young, BIA agency supervisor; and Michele Miller of IHS.

They have been the "regulars" at the Telecom Steering Group, and leaders in helping to identify and move tribal telecommunications forward as we build out the telco as well as public safety radio and improved cell service.

With each agency having particular issues and needs, the people representing these tribal agencies have come together as a team to meet the needs of the tribe as well as the individual agencies.

With this group, the public safety radio has been upgraded, including the new Miller Flats tower.

Eagle Tech

At Eagle Tech, Todd Stum and Alex Bland lead the tribal IT enterprise, responsible for ensuring that the tribes' computers, networks and applications are fully functional.

They have been instrumental in building out the Motorola Canopy wireless network. They are a busy group, and have done a lot to make the tribes telecommunications work well.

Warm Springs Telecommunications Company

Jose Matanane, operations manager, is the number one guy at WSTC.

As the new operations manager, he is the first full time staff person and is responsible for ensuring that all the technology plans are implemented and the new central office is built to spec and on time.

As number one, he will shortly have some companion staff when we fill the customer service manager, controller, and IT manager positions.

Once these key managers are hired, additional staff will follow.

Previous to his move to Warm Springs, Jose served for 14 years as the general manager for the Ft. Mojave Telecom in Arizona and Nevada, a tribal telecom company.

Teleco consultants

The firm is Converge Communications, with myself Marsha Spellman, and Adam Haas.

Converge, a women certified small business, is a telecommunications consultant company that has been the tribal telecom consultants of record for the last five years.

Adam has been working with the tribes for more than 10 years now. Lloyd Phillips contracted with Adam to do the original needs assessment when Adam was principal for WH Pacific, an engineering company out of Portland and Bend.

After the needs assessment, Adam was rehired to work on a strategic plan and also wrote the Community Connect grant that brought the first broadband network to the administration buildings and the Teepee Deli.

After leaving WH Pacific and forming Converge, Adam and Marsha have been working on a range of telecom projects for Warm Springs, including the creation of the Warm Springs Telecom Company.

Adam and I both have many years in the telecom industry.

Adam built and operated cable companies in Portland and in England.

He is now the interim general manager for WSTC.

I have spent many years doing telecommunications regulatory work with the Oregon Cable TV Association and other firms, and continue to do so on behalf of the Warm Springs Telecom Company.

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