

Summer youth work program requires good academics

By Selena Boise

The kids are out of school and the summer youth work program is getting ready to place the teenagers into different departments for youth work experience.

The changes that occurred in this program will affect many youth this year, as they will be required to show proof of good academic standing. There are good points to consider about this, and then there are bad.

The good part is that the youth will learn that education is important when seeking employment. If you look at the job requirements these days, a good education is always on there. Most jobs require a high school diploma or GED. There are many jobs that require college education.

The summer youth work experience is now stepping up to a more "real world" work experience. The education requirement will be there when they get older, and they should become aware of that now.

Students are given more incentive to work harder and not tend to goof off in school. They can improve their attendance and study habits to assure they are ready for a job, because attendance and work performance are important at any job.

While all this real world experience is important, there are also the good things that occur when a student can hold a job and work for the summer.

The summer youth program can build self-esteem in a youth worker. Having positive self-worth could help these students become better students in school or in their homes.

Take a look at their schedules during the school year. Many students go to school and go home to their daily schedules of chores, video games or TV.

There is no incentive for them to improve their self-worth, self-esteem, or become independent for themselves. I believe a job could do this for a young person.

So, when your students go back to school they should think about their grades and attendance, because an education and good work habits make a good employee in the workforce.

Knowing this requirement soon is a good start in developing these work habits.

Boot camp

I have been away since January 22 here at "boot camp" as many call it. It's been long and hard but surely worth it. I mainly came here for high school credits which come in abundance but it mostly depends on how hard you work. I came with 11 credits and will graduate on June 15 with my diploma.

I just got accepted to a private technical college in Phoenix, Ariz. It's unbelievable what I have learned. It brings a great sense of pride and excitement, especially with graduation coming around the corner. To this I want to congratulate all of my friends for their achievement of completing high school at Madras. It's good to know my peers are making accomplishments. It's been inspirational. There is much to be said about this school, and if any one has any questions, you should write to: Cadet Berry PLT2, 23861 Dodds Rd., Bend, OR 97701.

I really recommend this place to anyone who has fallen behind in school. It will help. And to everyone else, I would like to say I'm coming home. **Cadet Berry, AKA Bruce Teawola Berry.**

Committees

I am writing to suggest thoughts to Tribal Council and tribal members. I will have been employed in the ASC-TC office for three years this fall.

I have witnessed a lot, commented and suggested, all in all, there's always room for improvement.

Suggestions when choosing committee members:

One person from each district, with qualifications and, if gearing towards choosing the unemployed, make sure they're qualified.

One person needs to be college educated and/or intelligent enough to know that times are in constant change and treaty rights are a priority.

Members should be healthy enough to travel, and committee funds shouldn't have to foot bill for another person to drive them.

Members should, at least, have a GED, know how to keep notes for their committee summary, write memos/letters and open enough to learn new skills to better our reservation.

Be fair about travel. Select one or two to attend conferences, and don't attend conferences that do not affect any of our tribal business or pertain to

our laws and policies.

Committee members driving to meetings should have valid driver license with insurance and made accountable to bring these in.

They need to be timely to their meetings and paid for time they are there.

They shouldn't be paid just because they attend a local meeting; really, do they actively participate?

When misusing the committee monies, be held accountable. Quit putting in paperwork at the last minute, which is more costly to the tribe; and making up excuses as to why they need to come back to Warm Springs. Stay where they were paid to travel to.

Background checks on committee members need to include the criminal/noncriminal police checks from our own reservation; in all fairness, some people only have outside records, whereas others have nothing but reservation crimes and some of them are sexual and criminal.

Quarterly reports should be put in Spilyay Tymoo and communication through our local radio station on projects would be nice.

When traveling, come back when meeting ends, don't stay that extra day.

And last, to you tribal members that want change, submit your resume and letter of interest for committee positions, be ProActive not ReActive.

Right On, Peace. **Emma Smith.**

Resort sign

Hello my relatives. My name is James Wolfe, son of Peter Brown and Lucy Wolfe. I am writing this letter because at first I was angry, then I became sad, and then finally disappointed.

I live in Kelso, Wash. My occupation as a truck driver takes me all over the states of Oregon and Washington. I was driving through the city of Portland when I observed a sign for Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

When I first saw the sign I thought I was mistaken. It was a couple of weeks before I was able to get back to the area where I observed the sign. I stopped and took a good look at the sign, and I was angry.

The sign reads, "Indigenous wildlife." With that dialogue you would think that the picture would depict some form of wildlife, a bear or deer or maybe an eagle soaring through the air. But no, the picture was that of

a blackjack table. I was angry at first; however, my anger turned to sadness as I realized that we, the Native people, were being stereotyped again, through the eyes of the Western world.

It was not too long ago that, if you were to ask a non-Native what he or she first thought when you mentioned "Indian," the most common answer was a drunk. Why? Because from the start the media has depicted the Native as a wild savage or a drunk.

Now in the past decade the Native people have made their mark in the money world with all the casinos.

So now when you mention a Native Indian, people think of casinos.

With all that our people have to offer, and all the beautiful land around us, why would a sign like this be allowed? Is it because upper management doesn't know?

Is it because the agency that is responsible for designing these signs has forgotten that Kah-Nee-Ta was deigned with tradition in mind?

I would like to apologize if this letter offends anyone, however this letter is my personal feelings and opinion. **James Wolfe.**

Loving memory

Happy Fathers Day, Grandpa - In loving memory.

My grandfather was a very strong man. He did more than enough for our people, he did all he could. I remember riding some places with him, and he would tell stories pointing out in different directions on the reservation, and he'd sing. He'd do that all the way from where we'd start. And now that I think about it, I'm happy, because on the family he left his mark.

He opened so many doors and helped out the people. It's really amazing to have the things we do. I can still hear his laugh. I have a lot of memories I keep them all in my heart, because they're so dear to me. Everywhere I look I see my grandfather's name, Delbert Frank Sr., his name on a plaque engraved. Even the bigshots in D.C. knew my gramps. Every once in a while they came around here and shared their laughs and memories of him with us.

That just proves though that my gramps has touched their hearts and lives too. He left a big indent on our rez community but yet was a part of them. So I'll hold this all with a big

smile, and someday share this all with my child, but not a day goes by that he isn't missed. My gramps, the family called him Walalik, which means rabbit but that was just the family totem. His rabbit clan, that's what everyone told him. So until that

day we get to meet up with him again, Gramps save a place for our family in heaven. Love, **Amy, Michael, Kendall, Trav, Bobbi, Freddy, and Un-Ah-Who-Ee.**

Apologies

I, Carl Jake Williams III, would like to say that I am truly sorry to the community, Darleen Trimble and Daniel Miguel for breaking and entering their vehicle, and I know that I shouldn't have done that to you two people or anyone on this reservation or anywhere else. I was not thinking because I was under the influence of alcohol and had a problem with it at the time. Sitting here in jail will help me think about what I have done and I would like to pay you back when I get out. **Carl J. Williams.**

To the community of the Confederated Tribes. I am writing this letter in regards to my inappropriate actions taken a month or so ago. I apologize for my unsuitable manner of using drugs at the Columbia River. **Walter Wolfe.**

I, Woodrow R. Picard Sr. of Warm Springs, would like to apologize to the community of Warm Springs for driving under the influence of intoxicants or DUII on September 12, 2003, and especially to my son Woody Jr. **Woodrow R. Picard Sr.**

I would like to take this time to send my deepest apologies out to the Warm Springs community for my behavior and actions which occurred in February 2004, at the Agency Longhouse. I do realize I was in the wrong and am paying the consequences so I hope you the community can find it in yourselves to believe that I sincerely apologize and am working on improving myself not just for me, but for the reservation also. Thank you for the time. **Aaron T. Scott.**

I would like to apologize to the people of Warm Springs for violating the tribal fishing code on the Columbia River by tying two knots together that went over the maximum length limit. As a traditional tribal fisherman of the Columbia River I know how important tribal fishing rights are to my people and family. Sincerely, **Albert Kalama Sr.**

To the community of Warm Springs, I would like to apologize for driving under the influence of intoxicants. I will think about the safety of the community before drinking and driving. I'd also like to say thanks to the judge for taking the time to listen to me in court. I do realize the consequence for the crime I committed on April 1, 2004. **Isabel Popoca.**

I would like to apologize to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort for my unacceptable behavior while I was in the lodge gift shop. **Stella Langley.**

On October 31, 2003, the mill let us off early. It was the last day of hunting season, and I was all excited about getting a deer. I shot my deer. I used the meat and gave some to Larry Dick, but I forgot I didn't have my reservation tag and I am sorry for my mistake. I had a tag for September but not for August. Sincerely **Thomas Williams.**

To the Confederated Tribes I, Justine Boise, was driving under the influence of alcohol on February 7 at 2:03 a.m. I want to apologize to all the people of Warm Springs. I ask and hope that you forgive. **Justine Boise.**

To the community of Warm Springs, I would like to take this time to write a letter of apology. I, **Jason R.**, am sorry for being in possession of drug paraphernalia on the rez. Thank for your time.

Happy birthday wishes...

Happy birthday to the following Geminis in our family:

A belated birthday wish to brother Willie on May 22. "Go for broke, bro."

Happy birthday to Mom Evelyn on June 4. "Hit the jackpot, Mom."

Happy birthday to Tommy Thompson on June 6. "We love you, man."

Happy birthday to Melinda Polk on June 17. "You're our sunshine."

Love you all, from Kurtis and Jessie Polk.

Happy first birthday to our baby girl Celia Fern Frank. Love always, Luis, Erminio, Brittany, Enrique.

Happy first birthday to Celia Fern Frank. Love always, Priscilla.



Robert Wilfred Windy Boy, Happy second birthday on June 7, 2004. With all our love, Mommy and Daddy.

"Happy 18th Jessie! - Love Zach, Cassandra, Wah'ske'siw & Iron-child"

Happy birthday, Mahala and Dlynray.

I watch the smoke lift, rising through the air, knowing in my heart that it carries my prayers. I watch it disappear then think for awhile, of hearing your laughs even seeing your smiles.

One of my regrets, not being there for you, and I pray to the spirits way up above, to answer our prayers and send you my love. You know that I love you in dad's special way.

My prayers were answered on both your birthdays.

Happy birthday, 3 years and 4 years. Love and miss you both. Love, Dad Arden Charles Post, Ace.

Happy 19th birthday "Bob." We love you. Us from Elk Loop, us from up north, Unc from downtown campus, Squig and Scoob and Kitty.

Birthday wishes to my oldest daughter, Selena T. Bobb. I hope you will have a very happy birthday on June 9. We pray that this coming year will bring you all the happiness you deserve and all that you dream of. Love, Mom and family.

Happy birthday to my lil brother, Delbert Frank Jr., on June 15. Have a good one, sonny. Myrna and family.

On Fathers Day

In loving memory of my dearly beloved father / Dad...



Deibert Frank Sr. Happy Fathers Day and all the memories you left behind for me and all the rest of your big family. We still miss you very much, Dad, every day. Not a day goes by that we don't recall a story, song or a funny moment and your face, laugh and a story come to mind with a smile. Your photographs cover our walls at each of our homes. All your grandchildren and great-grandchildren are told the stories you once told us. Your loving memory is kept alive.

Your steps cover every inch of this reservation like no other leader has. You explored every corner of this land that you loved. You had a story for each place, stories handed down to you. You're very much alive in

our hearts. Your songs fill our hearts to give us strength and peace. You're everywhere to us.

The Creator decided it was your time to go home. Leaving us to mourn and grieve but now our grief has lightened some. Your work was complete here - so, just as it was when you were here - you took the first flight out. With a wave and a song on your lips you went home to be with God. Tell everyone there we miss them and love them, also that you did well.

Sweet, sweet memories we have of you Dad. You were our Dad and Grandpa, and we love you and miss you. Delbert Frank Sr., you are missed today and every day. Happy Fathers Day. Love, Myrna Frank and family.

Happy Fathers Day to the whole Frank clan - all the men of our family with kids. Myrna.

Happy Fathers Day, Tommy Thompson. From Kurtis and Melinda Polk.

Happy Fathers Day to my dad Pedro. Love you always, Priscilla.

Happy Mothers Day to my mom Carol, my aunts Priscilla (Bunny), Marlene, Lillian, Myrna, Annette, and to my sister Tarvia, my cousins Gracie, Lety, Rosie (first one), Marcie (pretty soon), Joanna. I know it is just a little late but hey, it's the thought that counts. Love, Priscilla.

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