



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Torey Wakeland trains Youth Crew Leader Max Reich on how a hiking trail should be dug before the crew starts digging on the Reservation on Thursday, July 21. Wakeland has been working near or for the Tribe for about three and a half years and has been the Youth Crew supervisor at the Tribe's Natural Resources Department for about two years.

## Tribal member traveling to Montana to study wildlife biology

By Peter Nelson

Summer Youth employee

Tribal member Torey Wakeland, 25, will soon be heading to the University of Montana in mid-August to study wildlife biology with a terrestrial focus.

Wakeland, who grew up mostly in Salem, has had interest in wildlife for some time.

"I have always had a passion for the outdoors," Wakeland said. "I'm not the type of person that likes to sit behind a desk. I just like being outside."

Wakeland has been working near or for the Tribe for about three and a half years and has been the Youth Crew manager at Natural Resources for about two years.

"It's very fulfilling, being able to watch them grow and adapt," he said about the Youth Crew workers. "It's just great to have them out here and be able to give them the opportunity to have a job."

Last year, the Tribe's Natural Resources Department hired 36 Youth Crew workers, Wakeland said.

"When you're supervising that many people, there are situations every single day where they need

help with something," he said. "We just try and keep 'em as safe as possible."

"Torey has a very positive attitude and is a great leader," said Tribal Biologist Rebecca McCoun. "He leads by example. We are very lucky to have him as a crew supervisor."

Wakeland's original idea for getting to his new school was to ride his bicycle more than 600 miles to Missoula, Mont., with Fish and Wildlife Coordinator Kelly Dirksen.

"Kelly and I were going to ride the bikes over to Missoula, but there just wasn't enough time between when the youth crew term was up and when school started," Wakeland said.

Wakeland said he is excited to be attending the University of Montana and looks forward to giving back to the Tribe shortly after college is complete.

"It would be nice to go through some grad school and then maybe come back and work for the Tribe again," he said. "I don't plan on taking any time off in between school and work. I like hard work, long days and good pay." ■

## EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2011

### Changes to Social Services Emergency Assistance and Medical Gas Voucher Program

For all income criteria programs, wage verification for past 60 days (wage stubs) will need to be submitted. If client has not worked for a period of time, client will need to submit a printout from their State Employment Office or printout from Oregon Self Sufficiency Office as verification of income. Rental/deposit or utility assistance may be utilized only one time in a 24-month rolling calendar period and is not to exceed the maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household within any 24-month rolling calendar period.

#### Medical Gas Vouchers

Social Services will not provide gas vouchers for medical appointments, counseling or drug & alcohol treatment. The only exception to this is for scheduled treatment plans, (i.e.: radiation, chemotherapy, surgery, etc.) and has caused hardship on the family, medical gas vouchers can be distributed to meet the need of the circumstances. A copy of all scheduled treatment plans must be received before client is eligible to receive this service. Assistance will end on the date of the last treatment appointment.

For a complete copy of policy or questions, please contact Tammy C. Garrison at 503-879-2077. ■

## Smoke Signals wins 7 journalism awards

Tribal publication honored in two different contests

*Smoke Signals*, the Tribe's twice monthly publication, won seven awards in mid-July at two journalism conferences put on by the Native American Journalists Association and Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

At the Native American Journalists Association annual convention held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., *Smoke Signals* received first place in Associate News Story for Ron Karten's "Fish Returning to Agency Creek" and also took first in Best Layout for a bi-monthly publication — Tribal member Justin Phillips is the Tribe's page designer — and first place in Photography for Michelle Alaimo's feature photo "Graduation Gift."

*Smoke Signals* received a second place award in General Excellence.

At the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association convention held in Glendon Beach, *Smoke Signals* was the only Tribal publication to be honored by the state's mainstream journalism professionals.

Tribal Graphic Design Specialist George Valdez received a first place award in Graphics for his Tomanowas timeline that appeared in the July 1, 2010, edition marking the Tribe's 10-year anniversary of visiting the Willamette Meteorite in New York City.

"Nice and clean," judges said. "Interesting, tells the whole story. Similar in high quality to a glossy pamphlet one would find in a museum. Nice use of assembled clip art and images to illustrate each entry in the timeline."

*Smoke Signals* also received third place awards for Target Audience and Design.

"The Tomanowas special section was well done with lots of art including a nice infographic that told the story for those unfamiliar with it," judges said about Design. "Overall a clean, spacious design with decent use of photography."

"There are only 15 awards given out in the Associate Member contest," said Tribal Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes. "We were competing against larger papers, like *The Portland Tribune* and *Capital Press*, an agriculture newspaper out of Salem. To win 20 percent of the awards and be one of only four Associate Members to win an award is very impressive.

"I think these awards are a testament to the dedication, talent and professionalism of the *Smoke Signals* staff. They continue to go the extra mile to ensure the Tribal membership receives a newspaper that can stand with the best newspapers — Tribal and nonTribal — in the country and in Oregon." ■



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Tribal photographer Michelle Alaimo's feature photo of Tribal member Trevor Norwest receiving his Head Start/Preschool graduation gift on Aug. 19, 2010, received a first-place award in Photography at the 2011 Native American Journalists Association convention held in mid-July in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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