

Smoke Signals wins two ONPA journalism awards

Tribal publication takes first in Target Audience, second in Graphics category

By Justin Phillips

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Smoke Signals received a first-place award for Target Audience and second-place award for Graphics in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's Associate Member Publications Contest.

Texas Press Association members judged the entries and winners were announced July 16-17 at the ONPA Summer Publishers Convention held at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

Smoke Signals topped the Target Audience category, which was judged "based on level of interest, relevance, creativity and commitment to target audience." *The Clackamas Review* finished second and *The Bee* in Portland took third.

"The publication is truly dedicated to its target audience," judge

Tammy Prout of the *Hill Country Community Journal* wrote. "The editorial is pertinent and the photos are amazing. It was not hard for me to choose this as the winner."

Tribal Graphic Design Specialist George Valdez took second place in the Graphics category for three illustrations he created in 2008 — the cover of the Jan. 15, 2008, *Smoke Signals*, and the Trail of Tears map and Road to Restoration two-page graphic, both of which appeared in the Nov. 15, 2008, *Smoke Signals*' 25th Restoration Celebration Commemorative Edition.

Graphics entries were judged on "impact, attractiveness and relevance."

"The timeline is done very well and attractive to the eye," wrote judge Ricky Chan of the *Alvarado Star*. "The cover and the map are well done and attractive."

Associate Member publications were judged in five categories — Target Audience, Graphics, Design, Photography and Writing.

"The Target Audience award is the one I wanted to do well in the most because it is a staff award," said Tribal Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.

"These awards show our collective and individual commitment to publishing a quality publication for the Grand Ronde Tribal membership, while also doing it in a manner that values professionalism and garners respect for the Tribe from outside experts.

"I thank all of my staff for their contributions and willingness to go the extra mile whenever called upon to get the job done. That

commitment is reflected in *Smoke Signals*, and these awards are a testament to their hard work."

ONPA's associate membership includes 29 publications, including *The Portland Tribune*, *Willamette Week*, *Capital Press* and *Spilyay Tymoo*. *Smoke Signals* was the only Tribal newspaper to receive an award in the Associate Member contest.

"Associate members are judged in five categories and to receive awards in two of those five categories is a strong showing on the part of the Tribe's Publication staff," Rhodes said. ■

Transportation to Grand Ronde

The Portland satellite office has a transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical or dental appointments or enrollment cards. A minimum of three people must sign up. Call Lisa at 503-235-4230.

We will leave the Portland office at 8 a.m.

Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date. ■

2009 Tribal Marketplace dates

- Aug. 7-9, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 14-16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Powwow
- Sept. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 2-4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6-8, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 4-6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet. For more information, call Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-4240.

Public Notice Open For Comment

Public Notice for Comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe's application for 2010 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Funding. The Grand Ronde Tribe obtained a LIHEAP grant last year from the Division of Energy Assistance within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant program assists income eligible Tribal members with energy assistance (utility bills, fire wood, etc.), crisis energy assistance, and weatherization (e.g. furnace repair, caulking, insulation).

The Tribe's LIHEAP service area includes Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook and Clackamas counties. If you are interested in obtaining services from the current program, please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization.

The Tribe is taking public comment on the 2010 LIHEAP application which is to be submitted by Sept. 1, 2009. A draft will be available for review at the Planning & Grants Development Department at the Tribal Governance Center on Aug. 14, 2009. It will also be available at the Housing Authority booth at the powwow. You may also call the Planning & Grants Development at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan.

Canoe Family events

- Aug. 1-2 Paddle to Tillamook
- Aug. 2 Paddle to Golden Gardens
- Aug. 3 Paddle to Squamish
- Aug. 2-9 Camp at Squamish

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