



Watchlist: 'Bad Press' trailer

(Editor's note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those myriad videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)

By Kamiah Koch

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Smoke Signals staff, two members of the Editorial Board and a Tribal Council member attended the Indigenous Journalists Association's annual conference in Winnipeg, Canada, in August.

One of the conference activities was a special screening of the documentary "Bad Press." To our surprise, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Smoke Signals received a shout-out in the film.

The film focuses on the Muscogee Nation's journey to a constitutional amendment establishing a free press for its Tribal news organization, Mvskoke Media, after the Tribe's Free Press Act was repealed abruptly under suspicious circumstances by the Muscogee National Council in 2018.

The documentary follows Angel Ellis, a Muscogee (Creek) Tribal member and Mvskoke Media journalist who advocates for a constitutional amendment securing freedom of the press for her Tribe.

During the documentary's trailer, text overlaying a map of America with the Tribal nations shaded in states, "Out of 574 federally recognized Tribes, only five have passed laws protecting freedom of the press."

In the trailer, Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton, a Cherokee Nation Tribal member and freelance reporter, talks about how censorship is not something you expect to hear about in America since the First Amendment of the Constitution protects freedom of speech and press. However, because Tribal nations have sovereignty, that free press protection from the First Amendment is not guaranteed on Tribal lands.

In the trailer, Krehbiel-Burton lists the Tribal nations with codified press protections: Navajo Nation, Cherokee Nation, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Osage Nation and (only recently) Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

During the screening, journalists from those named Tribal nations let out "whoops" and cheers, including Smoke Signals staff and the present Editorial Board members.

Filming for the documentary started soon after the Muscogee Nation had its Free Press Act repealed in 2018, and during that time Mvskoke Media employees were instructed to provide a copy of the paper to the Tribal government leaders before it was published. Those leaders would then edit or remove any stories that they felt put the Tribe in a bad light, especially stories reporting on the unethical behavior of Tribal leadership, most notably cases of sexual harassment.

The documentary follows the many attempts to reinstate a free press law, culminating in a constitutional amendment vote, requiring 66.6 percent of eligible voters' votes. The movie had scenes of suspense and humor throughout, highlighting the uniqueness of Tribal law in America today.

Ellis sums up the importance of a free press with her blunt humor in the first few seconds of the trailer.

"What we cover is most important to Muscogee Creek people, but here I am reporting on news topics that maybe don't show my Tribe in the best light," Ellis said. "But do you want a friend who will lie to you and leave you walking out the door with a booger hanging out of your nose or toilet paper on your shoe? Or do you want a friend who will stop you and say 'Hey, check your face!'"

"Bad Press" has several screenings scheduled in 2023 throughout the United States. To find a screening near you, visit <https://badpress.film/>.

To watch the trailer of "Bad Press," visit: <https://mubi.com/en/films/bad-press/trailer>. ■



Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1793	Tribal Court Volunteer – Court Appointed Special Advocate				Until Filled
1808	Milieu Safety Technician - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1857	Dentist	20	\$146,562.24/yr.	\$198,204.72/yr.	Until Filled
1913	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	10	\$59,808.39/yr.	\$77,148.67/yr.	Until Filled
1925	Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	Until Filled
1941	General Manager	24	\$199,254.51/yr.	\$335,365.92/yr.	Until Filled
1945	Driver/Wellness Assistant	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1946	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$72,368.15/yr.	\$93,059.45/yr.	Until Filled
1950	Shelter Advocate	10	\$28.75/hr.	\$37.09/hr.	09/17/23
1952	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Behavioral Health	22	\$170,430.95/yr.	\$239,739.54/yr.	Until Filled
1962	HR Health Care Generalist – Employment Service Center	13	\$79,604.97/yr.	\$102,239.01/yr.	Until Filled
1964	Project Manager	16	\$104,004.14/yr.	\$135,684.70/yr.	Until Filled
1968	Client Registration Specialist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	Until Filled
1969	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	10	\$59,808.39/yr.	\$77,148.67/yr.	Until Filled
1971	Licensed Practical Nurse – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	12	\$34.79/hr.	\$44.74/hr.	Until Filled
1972	Groundskeeper	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	09/10/23
1973	Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$64.06/hr.	\$86.69/hr.	09/10/23
1974	Tribal Security Officer - Grave	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	09/10/23
1975	Senior Auditor	14	\$87,565.47/yr.	\$112,323.88/yr.	09/17/23
1976	Staff Writer – Smoke Signals	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	09/18/23
1977	Enrichment Coordinator Aide - Part Time	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	09/18/23
1831	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

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INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

- Grand Ronde Tribal members. (Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
- Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
- External candidates.

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Cleaning Attendant	9/14/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Dish Machine Operator (*Part-Time)	9/14/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Lodge Front Desk Clerk/Night Auditor	9/14/2023	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Sports Bar Bussperson	9/14/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Assistant Banquet Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Bartender (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Food Runner (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
IT Business Intelligence Analyst	Until Filled	\$69,737.82/yr. DOE
IT Database Administrator	Until Filled	\$69,737.82/yr. DOE
IT Network Administrator I	Until Filled	\$58,008.29/yr. DOE
IT Security Engineer	Until Filled	\$76,484.51/yr. DOE
IT Systems Administrator	Until Filled	\$63,586.43/yr. DOE
Marketing Director	Until Filled	DOE
Mountain View Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips

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All Positions

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- SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.
- Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

✉ employmentteam@spiritmtn.com <https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>
Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.

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