

# IJA award winners



Smoke Signals photo

Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison, left, and Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch attend the Indigenous Media Awards Banquet during the Indigenous Journalist Association's Indigenous Media Conference held in Oklahoma City, Okla., Thursday to Saturday, July 25-27. During the Saturday banquet, Smoke Signals was awarded third place for General Excellence, Harrison received a third place for Best Coverage of Indigenous Communities for Print/Online and Koch received second place for Best Feature Story for Radio/Podcast. Next year's conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

# Powwow is a clean and sober event

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Opie Day (Anishinaabe) will be the head drum judge, Doug Schofield (Wintun) will serve as the head dance judge.

Dancers will compete for nearly \$58,000 in prize money, in addition to the specials.

The powwow will kick off with an 11 a.m. Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant on Friday, Aug. 16. At 5 p.m., there will be a celebration of the outgoing royalty, followed by a crowning ceremony for the incoming court. Grand entry will take place at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, grand entry will take place at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, there will be an auction at 11 a.m. and grand entry at 1 p.m.

Specials this year will be a men's and women's fancy shawl special, with an overall championship prize of \$1,400 for the winner of a dance-off between the winners of the men's and women's categories; a luck of the draw for one men's and one women's category, with a \$500 prize for each; a best-dressed drum group, with a top prize of \$800, a teen girls traditional honoring outgoing Junior Miss Queen Marie Quenelle, and a second song traditional. New this year will be a men's chicken category, for ages 18 to 54, with a top prize of \$1,000.

The powwow is a clean and sober event, and attendees are asked to show respect by not displaying gang affiliation, or bringing alcohol, drugs or weapons. Since the event is often crowded, attendees are advised to arrive early enough to allow time for parking and finding seating.

Recreation Coordinator Leo Ayala is organizing a basketball tournament to take place during powwow.

The tournament will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17, outside at the Fort Yamhill State Heritage area,

## If you go

### Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

**When:** Aug. 16-18. Royalty pageant begins at 11 a.m. Aug. 16. Grand entry is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. An auction will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

**Where:** uyxat Powow Grounds, 9600 Highway 22.  
**Cost:** The powwow is free to attend. Parking is \$1 a day, with three-day passes available.

**More information:** 503-879-2037.

near the powwow grounds.

Divisions will include a men's open, women's open, boys 17 and younger, girls 17 and younger, boys 14 and younger, girls 14 and younger, co-ed, and 11 and younger. The roster may include up to four players, and all teams must have a coach who is at least 18. Prizes will be offered for a three-point shooting contest, for first-through third-place.

The tournament is free and is open to all. The deadline to register is midnight on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

For more information, email Recreation@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1369.

"Participants and guests can enjoy the day watching or playing basketball, go on a hike or enjoy the powwow at the powwow grounds," Ayala said. "Overall, it is a great tournament, and a great energetic environment where we will be playing music and enjoying some great basketball. I also think it is a great opportunity for folks who have never been to a powwow to emerge in the culture and enjoy the singing and dancing, along with all the good food and check out some vendors." ■

**Scheduled Appointments Only**  
Monday  
Tuesday

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Thursday

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Call (503) 879-1424 or  
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