

Smoke Signals seeking recovery stories

Have you struggled with alcohol or drug dependency? Have you been able to find help through abstinence-based programs, medication-assisted treatment, behavior modification therapy, or a combination of things?

If so, *Smoke Signals* would like to hear your story. Reporter Danielle Harrison is writing a series on addiction and recovery, focusing on how the global COVID-19 pandemic has affected services. She would like to talk to Tribal members who are in various stages of the recovery process.

What has worked for you and why? What services do you wish were more readily available? What are misconceptions people have about those who struggle with drug and alcohol misuse?

Your story is important and we would like to hear from you, no matter where you are in your recovery journey.

Please contact Danielle Harrison for more information at danielle.harrison@grandronde.org or call 503-879-4663. We also have a private Recovery Stories subgroup on the *Smoke Signals* Facebook page if you would like to join and share your story there. ■

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tax Preparation Request for Proposal

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being conducted by the Member Services Department for the purpose of obtaining a licensed contractor who has 5+ years of experience preparing tax returns.

Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

- Provide tax preparation services to Tribal Elders and foster youth living on and off Tribal lands.
- Assist Tribal members in completing tax-related paperwork.
- Serve as a resource to Tribal members who have questions regarding payment and filing of state and federal tax returns.

Preference will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and/or Indian-owned businesses registered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO office.

Please contact Veronica Montano for information. All proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

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Return of the jam



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Elder Candy Robertson, left, along with caregivers Anna Huston and Brianna Leno prepare strawberries while making strawberry freezer jam in Adult Foster Care's Elk Lodge on Wednesday, June 9. Elder Larry Cole provided eight flats of strawberries and 96 jars for the project. It was the first hands-on activity for Elders since the pandemic started in March 2020.



Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole adds blended strawberries to a glass jar while helping Elders make freezer jam in Adult Foster Care's Elk Lodge on Wednesday, June 9. Cole's father, Larry, provided eight flats of strawberries and 96 jars for the project. The Coles have always made jam for Father's Day and this was a way to continue the tradition.

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Blue Water Navy Informational Meeting

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June 15, 2021 at 2.p.m.

Go to: zoom.us/join

Enter meeting ID: 966 1654 4977

Featuring our guest speaker, Frankie Williams.

Frankie is a United States Navy Veteran and the Tribal Veterans Service Officer from Warm Springs. Frankie has an extensive background as a Director / Drug and Alcohol Counselor and is involved in all of his tribal cultural activities.

We are looking forward to presenting information about Blue Water Navy and hope you will join us.