



K'wen Weekly

Sept. 25, 2020

Tribe extends business aid deadline

If you're a tribal member whose business has been affected by COVID-19, you have an extra month to apply for tribal aid. The new deadline for the Tribal Business Emergency Relief Grant (TBERG) program is Oct. 30.

Find details and the application form in the [MyTribe Highlights](#), listed along with other tribal coronavirus assistance programs.

Need help with child care?

Because of COVID-19, the tribe's child-care assistance program is temporarily expanded to serve children outside the tribe's southwest Oregon service area. This is one of several programs created to help tribal members cope with the economic impact of the pandemic.

Also:

- **Youth Technology Assistance** - This program can help you buy a laptop and other tech needs for your school-age child.
- **Winter Wear for Kids** - The tribe can reimburse up to \$120 per child.
- **Emergency Assistance** - Families feeling the economic impacts of COVID-19 can apply for up to \$1,200 in emergency assistance.

[See details in the MyTribe Highlights](#)

Help your child adjust to online learning

After you have made sure your child's workspace, schedule and physical fitness are taken care of, you may worry about mental and social/emotional health. How can you help them cope during this time?

[See helpful tips here](#)

Educational support at the Learning Center

The Learning Center is open and available for educational and child-care support Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., for tribal members, Kilkich residents, stepchildren and foster children within tribal families in grades K-12.

For more information, call (541) 888-7737 or email Becky Cantrell at

beckycantrell@coquilletribe.org, or visit [MyTribe](#) for registration information.

Quarantined with no sick leave?

If you live in Oregon, the state can help.

[See details here](#)

Meeting offers support for tribal parents

The CELS Department and the Culture and Education Committee is co-hosting monthly education support roundtable meetings. The next "Mit'smit's" meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

This is an informal, virtual support group for tribal families, parents, and staff to talk about current education affairs. We hope to bring in guest speakers at a later date!

[See the Zoom information here](#)



Tribe seeks two new employees

Here are links to job descriptions for two positions:

- [Executive Secretary](#) (closes Oct. 5)
- [Teacher Assistant](#) (closes Oct. 5)

These positions are open internally to all Tribal members and their family members, and all employees of the Coquille Indian Tribe's offices and operations, including CEDCO and its sub-entities and the Coquille Indian Housing Authority.

[See application details here](#)

Here's help for wildfire survivors

FEMA Disaster Assistance can help support your recovery from a major disaster. If you're ready to apply now for disaster assistance or would like more information on the types of assistance available, please visit disasterassistance.gov. By entering your address you can also find out if your area is declared for Individual Assistance.

Useful links:

- [Apply With FEMA](#)
- [Start Your Recovery](#)
- disasterassistance.gov

Wellness Center construction update

The latest update on Ko-Kwel Wellness Center construction is [here](#).

Keep everyone safe. Follow safety protocol

Employees, visitors and contractors are required to complete the COVID-19 health screening questionnaire and temperature upon entering Coquille Indian Tribe facilities. For questions about the process, contact Mike Frost, Human Resources Director, or Kelle Little, Health and Human Services Director, at mikefrost@coquilletribe.org, or kellelittle@coquilletribe.org.

Census: Down to the wire

You are an important member of our tribe, and we want you to be counted in the U.S. Census. Please fill out the Census if you haven't already done so. Wednesday, Sept. 30, is the final day.

Your participation helps ensure that the tribe receives federal funding we deserve.

[Details](#)

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Quicker medical appointments

If you're a patient at the Community Health Center, you may notice quicker appointments and more services available -- including access to behavioral health telemedicine.

[Details](#)

Second round of Tribal Council voting

Even though you voted for Tribal Council candidates last month, don't forget to vote again in October.

Under a recently revised tribal ordinance, the Coquille Tribe is holding its first two-part election. Preliminary voting in September narrowed the field of candidates to just two per race. October's balloting will make the final selections.



Three council seats are on the ballot:

- Jon Ivy and Scott LaFevre are competing for Vice Chair.
- Jen Procter Andrews and Laurabeth Barton are competing for the Representative No. 1 seat.
- In the race for Representative No. 2, Selena Kelly-Irvin is challenging incumbent Donald Garrett.

Ballots are due at noon on Friday, Oct. 16.



Wawa bingo

The Wawa Sisterhood will host a Halloween bingo party for women of the tribal community on Saturday, Oct. 17. It's for members, spouses, staff and Kilkich residents.

[Details](#)

[Questions? Email Jackie Chambers](#)

Museum celebrates Toni Ann Brend

The Coos County Historical Society will honor the late Toni Ann Brend on Oct. 17 at the Coos History Museum. Toni Ann was chosen for this year's Martha Butler Service Award for exceptional service to the museum.



Along with honoring Toni Ann, the museum has a great calendar of educational events for Oct. 17-24. Featured speakers include Coquille Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Kassandra Rippee and the Confederated Tribes' Jesse Beers.

[Award details](#)
[Museum calendar](#)

Auction offers 1990 GMC truck

Need a workhorse truck? The MyTribe Auction may have what you're looking for.

The MyTribe Auction is an recurring online event, designed to put surplus tribal property in the hands of tribal members who can use it. October's auction features a 1990 GMC C3500 Utility Bed Service Truck, with 109,494 miles on the odometer.

[To see this handsome rig, log in to MyTribe and click the "Auction" link.](#)

Tribal Council Tracker

[Workshop schedule and meeting agenda Oct. 6-8](#)
[Zoom log-in information](#)

[Sept. 10 Tribal Council minutes](#)
[Sept. 19 General Council minutes](#)



Hello, yellow!

The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center construction site is as colorful as a daffodil -- but only temporarily.

[Details](#)

Tribal job notices

- [Budget and Grant Compliance Specialist – Closes October 16, 2020](#)
- [Clinic Nurse – Closes October 16, 2020](#)
- [Behavioral Health Specialist – Open until filled](#)
- [Dental Director – Open until filled](#)

These positions are open internally to all tribal members and their family members, and all employees of the Coquille Indian Tribe's offices and operations, including CEDCO and its sub-entities and the Coquille Indian Housing Authority. It is also being posted externally. If an internal candidate applies and meets the required qualifications, they will be given preference.

[See our website for information on how to apply.](#)

Outside job notice

Renewable Northwest is looking for a research analyst to help study regulatory barriers to solar energy on tribal lands.

[Details here](#)

Roll up your sleeve

The tribe will offer flu vaccination clinics in mid-October for tribal members and employees. You can get your shot in Coos Bay, Roseburg, Gold Beach, Medford or Eugene. Dates and locations will be announced next week.



Got the pandemic blues?

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives, and it can be difficult for anyone. Oregon has launched a new mental and emotional health campaign, "Safe and Strong Oregon," that has many resources for support.

[See the new website](#)

Still time to apply for business grants

If you're a tribal member who owns a business, you have until Oct. 30 to apply for a Tribal Business Emergency Relief Grant (TBERG). This tribal program offers outright grants, not loans.

[See full details on MyTribe](#)

Fire danger at Kilkich

The Coquille Tribe joined with local fire departments in September to ban all burning on the Kilkich reservation. Although the fire danger has decreased since then, local fire authorities still have some restrictions in effect.

A return to high temperatures could result in renewed restrictions. In the meantime, the tribe strongly urges Kilkich residents and visitors to exercise extreme care.

Questions? Contact Darin Jarnaghan at (541) 756-0904 or darinjarnaghan@coquilletribe.org.

To keep tabs on fire risk levels and current rules in Coos County, visit the [Coos Forest Protective Association](#) online.

Please report fires via 911.

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Holiday closure

The Coquille Indian Tribe's offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. This includes the Community Health Center clinic and pharmacy, the Yaalaak Haws (Elders House), and all the administrative offices.

For medical emergencies, dial 9-1-1 or go to the nearest hospital.

The 24-Hour Nurse Line is available at:

- (844) 829-0166 for PRC patients
- (866) 883-4486 for Nasomah members

New round of business grants

Oregon has a new round of COVID-19 grants for Native-owned businesses. Even if you didn't qualify in previous rounds, you may qualify now.

[Details here](#)



Siren test Wednesday

The tribe's Information Technology staff plans to test the tsunami siren at Kilkich between 2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14. We don't expect the alarm to sound, but please ignore any alarms that may go off during this time frame.

Hunt Sek-wet-se

Game is plentiful on the tribe's Sek-wet-se Forest -- especially bears. If you'd like to hunt there, call Rob Laskey at (541) 260-1723, or at the Admin office: (541) 756-0904.

Counseling will be offered

The Community Health Center will begin offering counseling and behavioral health services on Oct. 28. Individual sessions with a mental health nurse practitioner will be available via video conferencing.

[Details](#)

[Video of the counselor](#)

Job Notice

Tribal Employment and Development Director

Please take a look at this new opportunity:

The primary purpose of the Tribal Employment and Development Director is to maintain and enhance the Tribal Development Department by planning, implementing and ensuring programs and practices comply with the Tribal and Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance (PEO). The Director ensures that all employment-related actions are in alignment with the Preference Ordinance and assists in the development of Tribal Members in their pursuit of career goals. This position is contracted by the Coquille Tribe, to ensure the PEO is implemented and sustained within all Tribal Government departments and all corporate entities. This position reports to the Coquille Indian Tribe's Tribal Council.

See the job description and apply here: <https://themillcasino.applicantpro.com/internaljobs/1547741.html>

We know this land

Indian tribes can teach the government some things about preventing disastrous wildfires. But will the government listen?

A recent story in Portland's *Willamette Week* newspaper looks at the issue -- and mentions the Coquille Tribe's expertise.



[Read it here](#)

Sorry, wrong contacts

October's printed K'wen newsletter contains incorrect contact information for two programs.

- For information about child-care support, email [Roni Jackson](#) or call her at (541) 888-9494 or (866) 200-0744, ext. 2219.
- For information about COVID-19 Emergency Fund Assistance, email [Yvonne Livingstone](#) or call her at (541) 888-9494 or (866) 200-0744, ext. 2213.



Halloween caution

Pumpkin patches are fun this time of year. But take some precautions to protect your family from COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

Museum goes online

The Coos History Museum's annual fundraiser will be virtual this year. It happens Oct. 17-25, with some of the events highlighting local tribes.

[Fundraiser details](#)
[Events calendar](#)

One more week to vote



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