



# K'wen Weekly

March 26, 2021

## General Council Saturday

The General Council will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday via zoom. General Council consists of all Coquille Tribal members age 18 and older.

A draft agenda is below. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please email [brendameade@coquilletribe.org](mailto:brendameade@coquilletribe.org) or [kaycollins@coquilletribe.org](mailto:kaycollins@coquilletribe.org).

[Agenda](#)  
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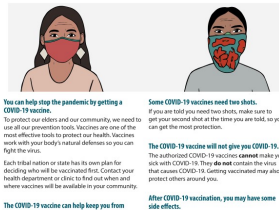


## How to make your own clacker sticks

Clacker sticks are a fun and traditional musical instrument. Find out how to make them in the CELS Department's latest video.

[See it here](#)

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES



## You can help stop COVID-19

By getting vaccinated, you help protect our Elders and our community. (Not to mention, you protect yourself!)

[Vaccine info here](#)

getting your 19.



COVID-19 can cause serious illness or death. All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective. Even if you've already had COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated if you've already had COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be free for you. The United States government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people in the United States. No one should be charged for the vaccine.

You may have tiredness, headache, dizziness, and mild fever for 1-2 days. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19. After getting the shot, you will be asked to wait for 15-30 minutes to see that you are okay.

You should still get vaccinated if you've already had COVID-19.

Even if you have already had COVID-19, it is possible — although rare — that you could get COVID-19 again. Experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after having COVID-19. Vaccination is the best protection.

If you have recovered from COVID-19, ask your health provider when you should be vaccinated.

<https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/2019-nCoVCommunityHealth>

# Not convinced? Tell us why

Are you reluctant to get vaccinated? [Please take this survey](#) to tell us your concerns.

## Vaccinations at The Mill Sunday

The tribe will offer the Pfizer vaccine on Sunday (March 28) in North Bend. If you're a Coquille Tribal family member age 16 or older, you're eligible.

The opportunity to schedule an appointment ends at 4 p.m. PDT Saturday. (Some walk-ins may be accepted on Sunday, depending on vaccine supply.)

[Self-schedule your appointment here.](#)

## That clammy feeling

It's time to apply for Coquille Tribal clam harvesting permits. Find more information on MyTribe, or contact Natalie Wilson, [nataliewilson@coquilletribe.org](mailto:nataliewilson@coquilletribe.org).



## Council action next week

The Tribal Council will hold workshops Tuesday through Thursday, March 30-April 1, and a formal meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday. The schedule is below. Zoom information will be available on MyTribe.

[Schedule](#)

## Take the survey, win \$100

The Coquille Tribe's Community Health Center (soon to be the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center!) is launching its 2020 Satisfaction Survey.

This survey helps our team serve you better. And you could win \$100 for participating!





You can take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/chcnw>. For a paper copy, please call Afton Libbett at (541) 888-9494, ext. 2212, or email [annachavez@coquilletribe.org](mailto:annachavez@coquilletribe.org).

And while we're on the subject, thank you to everyone who completed the 2019 survey. Congratulations to **Alison Felton**, who won the 2019 drawing for an Amazon gift card. Happy shopping, Alison!

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## Nasomah open enrollment

The open enrollment period for the Nasomah Health Group will take place in April

[Details](#)

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## Sign up in April for Head Start

Our Head Start program will begin recruiting in mid-April for the 2021-2022 school year.

Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2021, to be eligible for this coming school year. If your children are 3 or 4 years old, they could be eligible to attend.

Enrollment applications will be mailed out no later than April 19 to Coquille Tribal heads of household with age-eligible children in Coos County. Applications also will be available on MyTribe starting Wednesday, March 31.

If you do not receive an application by April 26, or if you would like to pick up an application, or if you would like to receive one by email, please contact Kristina Simpson at [kristinasimpson@coquilletribe.org](mailto:kristinasimpson@coquilletribe.org).

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## Your comments count!

Proposed changes to the Coquille Tribal Election Ordinance are available below. The comment period ends April 13. If you have suggestions, please send them in soon.

[Proposed amendment](#)





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## Express your thoughts on fitness

Tribal Council would like to hear your thoughts on a newly proposed fitness facility at Kilkich. Join a Zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, to give your input.

[Join via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 825 0874 9656  
Passcode: 860091

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## Ask the candidates

A task force of six tribal members is organizing a pre-election candidates forum for the benefit of tribal members. For more information and an opportunity to submit your questions to Tribal Council candidates, see below.

[More information](#)

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## Call for tribal artists

We would like to feature your artwork at the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

[Details](#)

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## Getting vaccinated helps us all

By getting vaccinated, you help protect our Elders and our community. One-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccines are available.

[Elders support vaccinations](#)

[One-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines](#)

[J & J vaccine overview](#)

[Eight things to know about J & J vaccine](#)

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## Coquille Tribe lauded for generosity

The editor of Coos Bay's newspaper has praised the generous spirit of the Coquille Indian Tribe and our efforts to support vaccinations for the community.

[Read the article](#)

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## Satisfied with your health service? Let us know

The Coquille Indian Tribe's Community Health Center is asking for feedback on the service delivery and programs offered during 2020.

As the tribe's health team works on transitioning into the long-awaited Ko-Kwel Wellness Center, the staff looks forward to reading about your experiences at the Community Health Center. Please share your thoughts in the 2020 Health and Human Services Patient Satisfaction Survey below.

If you provide contact information, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card. Survey answers and comments will not be associated with individual names.

The survey will be available through June 14. If you prefer a paper copy by mail, please call Executive Secretary Afton Libbett at (541) 888-9494, ext. 2212.

[Health and Human Services survey](#)

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## Let us promote your business

Do you own a business? The Coquille Tribe's communications team is seeking updated information about businesses owned by tribal members and spouses, so that we can share it with fellow members on MyTribe.

If you own a business, please email us information including:

- Name of your business
- Location and contact information
- Services and products you offer
- One or more photos
- Anything else you'd like to add

Please send your information to [kwen@coquilletribe.org](mailto:kwen@coquilletribe.org). With any luck, you may land some new customers!

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## The Mill and Bear Creek are hiring

Many positions are open at The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park and at Bear Creek Golf in Medford. Contact Quila Doyle with questions at [qdoyle@themillcasino.com](mailto:qdoyle@themillcasino.com) or (541) 756-8800 ext. 2290.

[Job listings](#)

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## Council action: Stay informed

[March 27 General Council meeting minutes](#)

[March 11 Tribal Council meeting minutes](#)

### New health board

This week the Tribal Council appointed five people to serve on the new Health and Wellness Board. The members are:

- Brenda Meade
- Geoff Roth
- Ben Olmedo
- Dave Panana
- Dylan Dressler

### Also an advisory panel

Tribal Council appointed an ad hoc Health Advisory Committee. The members are:

- Corrine Burnum
- Denise Hunter
- Cara Coimbra
- Linda Mecum
- Kelle Little (chairperson)

### Welcome a new member

The Tribal Council voted to enroll Montgomery James Betts as a new member of the Coquille Indian Tribe.

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## Head Start needs curriculum developer

The Coquille Indian Tribe's Head Start program is looking for an educational coach and curriculum developer to contract with the tribe part-time.

[Details](#)

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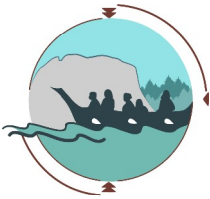
[Proposed amendment](#)





# K'wen Weekly

April 9, 2021



## Meet our new wellness board

Our newly appointed Health and Wellness Executive Board is an impressive team of experts in the tribal health-care field.

[Details](#)

## Parrot power

Construction is proceeding on our hotel project in Medford.

[Details](#)



## The Mill's new boss

The tribe has publicly announced Margaret Simpson's promotion to lead The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park.

[See the press release](#)

## Hunters: Want an LOP tag?

Hunters, take note: Landowner Preference tag applications are due at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 15. You can mail or email your application to: [helenalinnell@coquilletribe.org](mailto:helenalinnell@coquilletribe.org) or

Helena Linnell  
Biological Planning and Operations Manager  
Coquille Indian Tribe  
3050 Tremont St.



## Tribal PhD to lead discussion

Interested in some cultural brain food? Join a presentation with the tribe's first female PhD, Professor Ashley Cordes, as she leads a presentation called: Connection, Creativity and Circuits: Mixed Media Art in Indigenous Communication.

[More information](#)

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## Ocean advisory council seeks member

The Ocean Policy Advisory Council in partnership with the Office of the Governor, is seeking qualified applicants to serve on the council.

[See details](#)

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## Energy Trust hiring for community outreach

The Energy Trust of Oregon is hiring for two new positions to support engagement in programs and services with a focus on communities of color.

[Details](#)

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## Call for tribal artists

We would like to feature your artwork at the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

[Details](#)

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## New job opportunities with the tribe

- [IT Technical Support Specialist II](#) - closes April 23
  - [HR Administrator](#) - closes April 23
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## Tribal Council workshops next week

[April 13-15 workshop schedule](#)



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April 16, 2021

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## We mourn together

Several Coquille Tribal Elders have passed away this month. Chairman Brenda Meade extends condolences to their families.

[Chairman's message](#)

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## We celebrate grads

We're making plans for this year's honoring of graduates, and we need information about each grad ASAP.

[Details](#)



## No pharmacy Monday

The Coquille Tribal Pharmacy will be closed on Monday, April 19.

The staff will return Tuesday. Please continue to call in prescription refills to (541) 435-7039.

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## Frozen meals for Elders

If you're an Elder living in the five-county service area, you'll want to read this update.

[Details](#)

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## Future fitness center

What would you like to see in a new fitness center at Kilkich? The Tribal Council wants to hear your ideas.

The council is looking at building a free-standing fitness center/gym on the grounds of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. Please send your comments to [faunalarkin@coquilletribe.org](mailto:faunalarkin@coquilletribe.org), or reach out to any Tribal Council member.

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## CAN you help? Yes, you CAN!

If you have recyclable cans around the house, you can put them to good use, helping two young tribal members with their 4-H projects. The can drive is Friday, April 23.

[Details](#)



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### Sign up now for 2021-22

The Coquille Indian Tribe Head Start Program has begun recruitment for the 2021–2022 school year.

[Details](#)

### Come Saturday for family fun

A self-guided scavenger hunt will be held Saturday, April 17, from 11:30 am to 3:30 p.m. for all Head Start students and families.

Each participating family will receive a hand-made red cedar salmon, a Pottery Company, a Shark Bites gift card, and other prizes. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at each station.

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### Help wanted: Curriculum pro

The Head Start program needs a contractor to serve as program educational coach and curriculum developer.

[Details](#)

[Details and map](#)

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## Has COVID hit your checkbook?

Behind on rent or utilities due to COVID-19? If financial hardship is causing housing-related

difficulties, the Coquille Indian Housing Authority may be able to help.

### [Details](#)

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## We're nearing the finish

The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center project is winding down to final details. See what's happening in this week's Construction Update.

[See it here](#)

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## Business opportunity: tribute video

The tribe needs a contractor to assemble music, photos and captions into a tribute video, to be shown at Restoration Celebration in June.

Contact Event Coordinator Nichole Howe at [nicholehowe@coquilletribe.org](mailto:nicholehowe@coquilletribe.org) or (541) 294-8965. Please provide a quote and sample work if available.

This opportunity closes April 30.

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## Housing board has vacancy

The Coquille Indian Housing Authority (CIHA) is accepting applications for membership on its Board of Commissioners. The seven-member board, appointed by the Tribal Council, oversees the Housing Authority in compliance with Tribal and federal law. Commissioners serve staggered, three-year terms and receive a modest monthly stipend. Application materials are available by clicking [here](#).

Applications received by 1 p.m., Wed., April 28, will be considered for appointment in May. Completed applications may be submitted by mail to Coquille Indian Housing Authority, Attn. Anne Cook, 2678 Mexeye Loop Coos Bay, OR 97420; by fax to (541) 888-8266; or by email to [annecook@coquilleiha.org](mailto:annecook@coquilleiha.org).



## Tribal Council minutes

[April 1, 2021](#)

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## Johnson & Johnson vaccine 'pause'



The Coquille Indian Tribe has suspended use of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. This action is taken in response to a federal recommendation involving six reported U.S. cases of a "rare and severe" type of blood clot.

No one vaccinated by the Coquille Tribe has been affected. We will continue to use the Moderna vaccine, which is not affected by the pause.

[More information](#)

## Guard that card

Sharing a photo of your vaccination card could be inviting identity theft. The Oregon Department of Justice has issued a warning.

[Details](#)



## Are you registered to vote?

Oregon will hold elections on May 18 for local school boards, hospital boards and much more. If you're not registered to vote, you have until April 27.

## Let us promote your business

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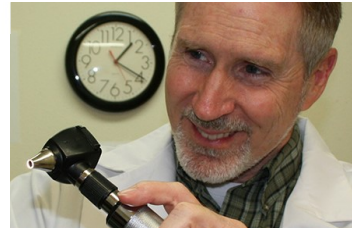
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## Dr. Willis announces retirement

Dr. Roger Willis, medical director of our Community Health Center, plans to retire this fall after 15 years of service to the Coquille Tribe.

Dr. Willis has treated hundreds of tribal family members and employees. We congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his service. Watch The K'wen for details about a retirement party.



Health & Human Services Administrator Kelle Little said recruitment for a new physician will begin immediately.

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## Help your tribe TODAY

Chairman Brenda Meade has a special request to tribal members in Oregon. Please take a few minutes to support important legislation that will improve dental care access for American Indians throughout the state. You can make a difference TODAY!

[Details](#)

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## Restoration advocate Furse dies at 84

Former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, who successfully lobbied for restoration of tribes including the Coquille, died on April 18. She was 84.

[.Read more](#)

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## Honoring Joe Tripp

The late Joe Tripp will be honored at a memorial on Saturday, May 1.

To attend, meet at 3 p.m. at the gate of the tribal cemetery at Kilkich. After the memorial, a barbecue will be held at the home of his sister, Sheri Meza.

For more information, call Sheri at (541) 888-2018 (home) or (541) 297-3719 (cell), or email [sherimeza@icloud.com](mailto:sherimeza@icloud.com).



## A new phase for vaccinations

The Coquille Tribe's traveling vaccination clinics for COVID-19 have done a great job of reaching tribal members in Oregon. Now we're transitioning to a new phase, with smaller vaccine events at Kilkich.

[Details](#)

## Welcome back!

The Community Health Center at Kilkich is once again welcoming patients for in-person appointments.

[Details](#)



## Tree of life

Cedar planks milled from tribal trees adorn reception desks at the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

[Construction Update](#)

## Is a badge in your future?

Want to help keep your community safe? The Coquille Tribal Police Department is recruiting volunteer reserve officers.



[Details](#)



## Council K'wen

The Tribal Council plans to hold workshops next week, Tuesday morning through noon Thursday, with a formal



meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday.

[Schedule](#)

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## Opportunities

### **The Mill**

The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park has several job openings.

[Details](#)

[Apply here](#)

### **Tribal One/Bear Creek**

Other Coquille Tribal businesses have openings in Coos Bay and Medford, Ore. There's even one in Maryland.

[Details](#)

[Apply here](#)

### **Summer jobs for youth**

Tribal youth don't have to wait for summer jobs. The Mill has already posted seasonal positions. (Starting early lets you get fully trained and comfortable in your role before the summer season hits.) Contact Kara Perez or [apply online](#).

### **For more information**

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### **Coquille Tribe**

Facilities maintenance technician (internal only) - closes May 10.

[Details](#)

[To apply](#)





# K'wen Weekly

April 30, 2021

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## Little Libraries lend literacy

In an effort to promote our children's literacy and emphasize community, three [Little Free Libraries](#) have been installed around the Kilkich property.

These libraries are stocked by the CELS department with children's books. In less than 24 hours since their placement, these libraries have already received multiple visits!

Feel free to borrow books. Keep them as long as you need them. Drop off any books that you'd like to share with others.

If you love these Little Free Libraries, and want to share a picture of you grabbing a book, we would love to see them! Pictures, questions or comments can be directed to our Cultural Education Coordinator at (541) 252-0251 or [jenniferviksnehill@coquilletribe.org](mailto:jenniferviksnehill@coquilletribe.org)

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## Tribal Council weighs in on fitness facility

A 5,500-square-foot fitness facility, to be built on the grounds of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center, is awaiting Tribal Council approval.

As currently planned, the building would include:

- A group fitness classroom
- An area for individual cardio and weight equipment
- A stretching area
- Physical therapy exam space
- A play/exercise area for children
- Shower and sauna amenities
- ADA accessibility

In addition to the indoor facilities, a 4,500-square-foot covered outdoor court would accommodate sports such as badminton, basketball, handball, tennis, volleyball and pickleball.

The fitness center was eliminated from the original plans for the wellness center's main building because of cost. Additional funding has since become available though, and the project is not expected to need any investment of tribe's own money. The target date for completion is around the end of 2022.



## Vaccine news

If you are fully vaccinated, the CDC has a list of things you can resume doing safely. Outdoor visits and activities are safer than indoor activities, and fully vaccinated people can participate in some indoor events safely, without much risk. Find out if you are considered fully vaccinated and take a look at the Activity Safety list.

[Activity Safety List](#)

## Corona Virus variants

The NPAIHB recently shared information on coronavirus variants and vaccine protection.

[View the Q&A sheet](#)



The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced a notice of proposed rulemaking to the regulations for the 2021 recreational coho salmon fisheries for coastal rivers.

[See the details](#)

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## Almost finished!

Just a few days remain before an inspector comes by to declare the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center "substantially complete."

[Construction Update](#)



## Council K'wen

Stay up to date on the latest news from the Tribal Council. Read the meeting minutes from the April 15 meeting.

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[Details](#)  
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# K'wen Weekly

May 7, 2021



## College honors Chief Ivy

Southwestern Oregon Community College has honored Chief Donald Ivy as its 2021 Distinguished Alumnus.

[SWOCC announcement](#)

## Celebrate the graduates

Join the tribe for a parade at Kilkich at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, as we celebrate Coquille Tribal and Head Start graduates. See the flier below for more information.

[More information](#)



## Sign up for Head Start

The Coquille Indian Tribe's Head Start Program has begun recruitment for the 2021-2022 school year.

[See more info](#)

## Construction detour

The new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center will begin serving patients in just a few weeks. Meanwhile, keep an eye out for a construction detour in the health center parking lot.

[Details](#)

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## Vaccinations at the Plankhouse

Friday, May 14, 9-11 a.m.

The Coquille Indian Tribe will offer the Moderna vaccine to a limited number of people who need their first dose. The time frame will allow for 50 people on a first-come, first-served basis at the Plankhouse at Kilkich. Please note this is for tribal households, tribal clinic patients and tribal employees. No distribution to the general public is planned at this time.

If you are able to complete and print the consent form below, please bring it with you to the Plankhouse. Copies also will be available onsite.

[Consent form](#)

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## Restoration craft class correction

Details have changed regarding the Restoration Celebration craft class that was announced in the May K'wen newsletter. Tribal members can learn a popular style of intertribal beading by making a lanyard-style keychain.

While not traditional to Coquille culture, contemporary crafts such as these connect us to the larger community of American Indians across the nation. For more information, or to sign up and receive supplies, please contact Jennifer Trospen at [jennifertrospen@coquilletribe.org](mailto:jennifertrospen@coquilletribe.org) no later than Friday, June 4.

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## Council K'wen

The Tribal Council has workshops coming up for the week of May 11-13.

[Workshop schedule](#)

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[Details](#)

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# K'wen Weekly

May 14, 2021

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## Restoration agenda set

In a little over a month, June 25-27, the Coquille people will celebrate the day we were federally recognized once again -- what we call Restoration. This year's celebration is scaled back due to COVID concerns, but there will be opportunities to join in via Zoom and a couple in-person events. See the details below.

[Agenda](#)

[More information](#)

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## Slideshow tribute

The past year and a half has been a difficult time to come together and honor those tribal members we have lost. We haven't forgotten. During the upcoming Restoration Celebration, we will present a tribute slideshow of photos of tribal members who have walked on since January 2020.

If you would like to participate, please send up to 12 photos to Enrollment & Services Liaison Julia Willis: [juliawillis@coquilletribe.org](mailto:juliawillis@coquilletribe.org) or (541) 315-8298.

If you need help with scanning, let us know! We have a very good scanner at our library. Items to include are:

- Full name

- Date/Place of birth
  - Date/Place of passing
  - Up to 12 photos
  - Hobbies and interests
  - Accomplishments
  - Tribal acknowledgments
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## Sign up kids for summer programs

The Coquille Indian Tribe's youth summer programs will start June 21 and be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, plus Friday for working parents.

[See more info](#)

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## Construction update

The list of unfinished tasks at the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center is dwindling by the day. See the latest progress.

[Details](#)

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## Meeting for Transportation and Elders groups

There there will be a joint meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee and Elders Committee.

**Date:** June 4

**Time:** noon-1 p.m.

**Location:** Coquille Health Center conference room and Zoom (contact Lauren Morris for Zoom link)

**Topics:** vehicle purchase, Elders transportation needs and volunteer driver program

**Contact:** [Laurenmorris@coquilletribe.org](mailto:Laurenmorris@coquilletribe.org) or (541) 888-9494, ext. 2251.

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## Elders meals update

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, online shopping for meals for Elders in Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Lane counties was implemented on a short-term basis to prevent our staff from traveling and Elders from having to go into the stores.

Elders Coordinator Lori Austin is back to traveling and shopping in person. So the online shopping will be discontinued. If you need assistance with meals when our staff is in your area to shop, please reach out to Lori at (541) 888-9494, ext. 2214.

The next in-person shopping for Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Lane Counties will be in July. Hopefully we can enjoy a meal together as well.

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## Join this year's camas dig

This year the annual Camas Dig will look a little different than years past, but the event is still happening at Euphoria Ridge. Check out the details below, and watch a video from three years ago. (Chief Don Ivy offers some history into this special event and the property on which it's held.)

[Camas Dig 2018 video](#)

[Camas Dig 2021 details](#)

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### Tribal staff surveys lamprey

Staff from the Natural Resources Department and the Culture, Education and Library Services Department floated down the South Fork of the Coquille River in April.

This year they didn't harvest any fish, but it is still important to survey the number of lamprey and lamprey redds (nests). Having these numbers from multiple years gives our staff an idea of how lamprey are doing in our rivers.

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## Please spay and neuter your pets

A litter of kittens recently was dropped off in the Laundry Mill's parking lot. A community member who heard about it penned a heartfelt letter to Chief Don Ivy, asking him to remind people to spay and neuter pets.

Free vouchers for the surgery are offered through The Friends of the Coos County Animal Shelter. Read the letter below.

[Letter to Chief Ivy](#)

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## Internet help

Charter Communications announced it will participate in a program that will offer households up to \$50/month toward qualifying internet plans. See the details below.

[Details](#)