

K'wen Weekly

May 21, 2021

We have a wellness center!

The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center has its temporary occupancy permit, and the move-in will start next week.

[Details](#)

Proud peek

With construction winding down, the Tribal Council recently toured the wellness center.

[Photos](#)



Hitting the road

The tribe's Community Services staff will move to the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center next week. In the meantime, please drop off any paperwork for the Community Services staff at the drop box by the (old) Community Health Center's front door.

No Kilkich meal pickup next week

Elders meal pickup will be unavailable the week of May 24, while the staff moves into the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

Meal pickup will resume June 1, with meals available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the parking lot of the old clinic building. Call Lori Austin at (541) 217-9897 to arrange pickup.

Note: Our federal grant limits this program to the tribe's five-county service area.



20 memorable years

Ed and Jane Metcalf have retired the Southwestern Oregon Youth Golf Program.



[Details](#)

Goodbye, Columbus

The Oregon Legislature has officially recognized Indigenous People's Day.

[News story](#)



Spear a bass, save a salmon

Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Department will allow spearfishing for smallmouth bass in the Coquille River system. The goal is to reduce an invasive species that preys on native lamprey and fall Chinook salmon - cherished traditional foods of the Coquille people.

[Details](#)

Planning for prosperity

The Coquille Tribe has received a \$180,000 federal grant to work on economic development planning.

[News story](#)

Council K'wen

Next week: The Tribal Council will hold workshops Tuesday through Thursday, May 25-27, and a meeting Thursday afternoon.

[Schedule](#)

Last month: Here are the minutes of the April 29 Tribal Council meeting.

[See minutes](#)



All about vaccinating your child



The CDC offers useful information about vaccines for children and teens.

[See it](#)

Let's all do our part

[Poster](#)

We'll hit you with our best shot

Our next vaccination clinic will be June. 11.

[Details](#)

Parade will honor our grads

You're invited to a vehicle parade on Thursday, May 27, honoring all Coquille Tribal graduates. (That includes Head Start, too.) Police and firefighters will lead the parade.

[Details and route](#)



Use south entry to visit clinic

Patients visiting the Community Health Center should pull into the southern entrance to the parking lot.

Thank you for the understanding as crews continue paving around the old clinic.

Here comes Restoration

In case you missed it last week, here's important information about our June 25-27 Restoration Celebration.

[Agenda](#)

[More information](#)





Salmon summons

We need some volunteers to cook and distribute salmon at Restoration.

[Details](#)

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 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

Opportunities

The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park

The Mill has a variety of job openings: bar and beverage managers, a reservations agent and more. Also summer opportunities for youth.

[See the list](#)
[Apply](#)

Tribal One and Bear Creek

MEDC has golf course jobs in Medford; medical office jobs at our new Eugene clinic; electrician jobs in Colorado; and human resources jobs in Virginia, Colorado and California.

[See the list](#)
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Elsewhere

The Quileute Tribe is hiring a Natural Resources Director.

[Details](#)

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Here's your K'wen newsletter

June's edition of the tribal newsletter is here! Check out our graduates and other tribal news.

[See it here.](#)

Election nominations coming up

The General Council nominations meeting for the 2021 Coquille Indian Tribe regular election will be held at 9 a.m. PDT Saturday, July 17.

Positions on Tribal Council up for election are chair, secretary/treasurer and representative No. 1.

An announcement confirming the time and date of the nominations meeting and the Tribal Council positions up for election will be mailed to eligible tribal member voters 30 days before the meeting.

The preliminary election day is Friday, Sept. 3, and the final election day is Friday, Oct. 15.

Volunteer on the Election Board

Tribal Council would like to encourage any interested tribal members 18 and older to apply to serve on the Election Board. The board has three members and two alternate members serving one-year terms. All positions on the board are currently open.

The board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Coquille Indian Tribal Ordinance Chapter 194, Part 1 - General Governmental Affairs, Elections. All board members must be willing to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Interested eligible members should submit a signed letter of interest no later than 5 p.m. July 15. Send to:

Coquille Indian Tribe - Attn: Kay Collins
3050 Tremont St.
North Bend, OR 97459
(541) 756-0904 or (800) 622-5869
eopinion@coquilletribe.org

Please direct any questions to Executive Management Coordinator Kay Collins.

Leadership event for youth

In collaboration with the Native Wellness Institute, the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center is offering a leadership gathering for tribal youth ages 12-18. It's June 11-12 at the Community Plankhouse.

[Details](#)

Watch for office closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

Also, with our health and human services staff moving into their new digs, the wellness center won't be open on some days.

[Closure details](#)

[Additional info](#)

Coos History Museum celebrates Juneteenth

The Coos History Museum is presenting their first annual Juneteenth Celebration and unveiling a historical marker for Alonzo Tucker. Read all about it.

[Press release](#)

Coquille Watershed Association reports

The Coquille Watershed Association is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote ecologic and economic resiliency in the Coquille watershed. Read the group's annual report [here](#).

[Details](#)

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A new face at the medical clinic

Join us in welcoming certified physician's assistant Daniel Carlson as a third primary-care provider for the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

Daniel's first day was Thursday, June 3. He is stationed at the wellness center along with Dr. Roger Willis and Family Nurse Practitioner Leann Willis-Welch, where he'll work to develop an urgent care component for our clinic.

Daniel graduated from Pacific University in Hillsboro, Ore. During his clinical rotations, he found primary care to be his favorite service. He did his elective rotation in Belize, working with underserved populations, as well as two domestic primary care rotations. He also had an urgent care rotation, which prepared him for express care. Before PA-C school, he worked as an EMT in Washington County, Ore.

Daniel is a hard-working, team-oriented professional, eager to begin his practice with us. He is dedicated to bringing his best every day to his patients and colleagues and is committed to investing in the success of the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Casino offers extra \$5/hour this summer

Need work? Come to the job fair at The Mill Casino-Hotel from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, and find out about The Mill's special summer incentive program. It offers an extra \$5 per hour to full-time employees.

[Read all about it](#)

CIHA offers help with rent

Behind on rent or utilities due to COVID-19? If financial hardship is causing housing-related difficulties, we may be able to help.

CIHA has received a grant to help Indian families. Funds are available to tribal members nationwide and can assist with:

- Past due rent and utilities
- Current and future rent and utilities
- Rental deposits and application fees
- Temporary or emergency shelter
- Relocation costs
- Other housing-related expenses

Download an application at www.coquilleiha.org, or contact CIHA at (541) 888-6501, toll free (800) 988-6501, or covid@coquilleiha.org to learn more.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ERA0594 awarded to the Coquille Indian Housing Authority by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Reminder for Restoration kits

Reminder regarding Restoration kits for Coos County residents:

You may pick up your Restoration kit (with canned salmon) at these dates, times and places:

Friday, June 11 – Tribal Administration office: 10-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 13 – Kilkich Community Plankhouse: 2-3:30 p.m.

Tue., June 15 – Kilkich Community Plankhouse: 5-6:30 p.m.

Coos County kits that have not been picked up after June 15 will be mailed.

If you live outside of Coos County, watch your mailbox. Kits will start being mailed (unless pickup arrangements have been previously made) the week of June 14, if not sooner!

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Tribal Council meetings and minutes

[Workshop agenda for June 8-10](#)

[TC meeting minutes May 13](#)

[TC meeting minutes May 21](#)

Have time to lend a hand, at the wheel?

The Coquille Indian Tribe's mobility program is looking for volunteer drivers. The program provides the vehicle, insurance and training.

[Read all about it](#)

We're listening: Fill out a Satisfaction Survey

You can help shape tribal services for tomorrow by providing feedback and rating your 2020 Community Health Center experience. Completing the 2020 HHS Satisfaction Survey takes just a couple of minutes:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/chcnw>

If you prefer to use a paper copy, please call Afton Libbett at (541) 888-9494, ext. 2212, or email annachavez@coquilletribe.org

Those who provide contact information online or on paper are entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. The winner will be notified in June. The survey will remain open until June 14.

It's our last roundup

The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center staff is all moved in. The last-ever edition of our weekly "Construction Update" reveals which long-awaited task put some final frosting on the construction cake.

[Read it here](#)

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Ag Department has committee vacancy

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has an opening on its Confined Animal Feeding Operations committee. If you or someone you know would like to know more, click on the link below.

[CAFO advisory committee info](#)

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New health and wellness CEO

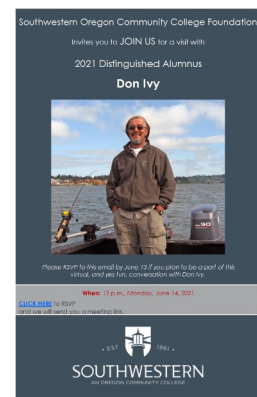
The tribe's new Health and Wellness Division will have a CEO starting July 1. Kathryn Halverson will lead our wellness centers in Coos Bay and Eugene. Read the announcement from Chairman Brenda Meade.

[Introduction](#)

Conversation with the chief

The SWOCC Foundation is holding a virtual conversation with Chief Don Ivy at noon Monday, June 14. Click below for more information or to sign up for the event.

[Details](#)



Blessing scheduled for Eugene clinic

On Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m. the tribe will gather for a blessing over the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center's Eugene clinic. Those that are in the area are invited to join us and those that can't will be able to participate via live stream.

The Mill wins again!

The Mill Casino Hotel received the Travelers Choice Award for the second year in a row.

[See press release](#)

Casino gift shop to carry Eighth Gen merch

The Mill Casino's Ko Kwel Gifts will carry merchandise from Coquille Tribal artist Shirod Younker. He collaborated with Eighth



Generation on several items, at right. Eighth Generation features many different native artists in its "inspired Natives" project. See the link below.

Slack Tide Crew Socks
\$14.95
Socks

Paddles Up Mug
\$18.00
Mugs

Oregon Pottlatch Notebook
\$24.00
Notebooks

Tribal members receive a 15% discount on all Eighth Generation items whenever they visit the gift shop. The new items are expected to arrive next week.

[Inspired Native project](#)

Fire season begins; be prepared

The Coos Fire Protective Association declared fire season on Friday, June 4. That means regulated use has begun. Click on the link below to see more details about what that means for us. (We currently are in the green zone.)

Fire season started several weeks earlier than normal due to Oregon's dry spring. The district received 1 inch of rain in April and just slightly more in May.

[More info](#)

[CFPA site](#)

Restoration kits are available for pick-up

This year tribal members are getting a kit full of goodies to celebrate Restoration.

For those who live in Coos County, if you missed today's pick-up, there are still two more days to pick up your kit.

- Sunday, June 13, at the Kilkich Community Plankhouse, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 at the Kilkich Community Plankhouse, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Any kits not picked up after June 15 will be mailed. For those who reside outside of Coos County, kits started being mailed out yesterday.

[Restoration agenda](#)

[Detailed Restoration agenda](#)

Council K'wen

This week: On Thursday the Tribal Council:

- Approved the enrollment of two new tribal members: McKinsley Amalie Peyton Cox and Lincoln Wayne Parrish.
- Named Geoffrey Roth as chairman of the tribe's Health and Wellness Executive Board.
- Authorized Chairman Brenda Meade to negotiate an



employment contract with Margaret Simpson, who will become the next chief executive officer of the Coquille Economic Development Corp., DBA The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park.

Last month: Catch up on minutes from the May 27 Tribal Council meeting.

[Minutes](#)

Magazine quotes tribal archaeologist

When Smithsonian Magazine wanted insights about the Indiana Jones movies, the writer called the Coquille Tribe's historic preservation officer. No, Kassandra Rippee isn't moonlighting as a film critic. But she offered a tribal perspective on the changing face of archaeology.

[Here's the article](#)

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Primary Care Physician for Eugene clinic. [Details](#)

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Emergency Management Coordinator for Jackson County. [Details](#)

Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator for Jackson County. [Details](#)