



# K'wen 'inish-ha

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## Chairman Report

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Dear Tribal Members,

January was a busy month and I'm pleased to report some of our recent accomplishments and works-in-progress. As your Council Chairperson, I'd also like to keep you informed of my activities and provide you with some insight into the state and federal issues that I work on throughout the year. If at any time you would like more information on a specific topic or have any questions or concerns please feel to call me at 1-800-622-5869 or (541)756-0904.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Mid-Winter Gathering this year, held at the Mill Casino and the Community Plankhouse January 21-23 and express my gratitude to Brenda Meade who worked so hard to orchestrate this event. I know this was no easy task. On behalf of all Tribal Council, I'd like to thank each and every person who had a hand in helping to make this such a special event. We appreciate everything you do!

On January 31st, I gave the welcome speech to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Winter Conference hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe and held at The Mill Casino•Hotel•RV Park. ATNI includes 57 Tribes in Northern California, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Over 375 people attended the 4-day event with participants from all over the northwest.

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The cranberry bogs located at the Tribe's Kilkich housing community in 2008. CEDCO is planning a major reduction of Coquille Cranberries in 2011. A workshop focusing on the plan for this reduction is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9.

## CEDCO scales back business operations at Coquille Cranberries

Following a careful evaluation of the business, CEDCO announced in early February that it would scale back business operations at Coquille Cranberries.

The Coquille Cranberries brand and the availability of cranberries for Tribal purposes will not be affected by the decision, while the future of the Kilkich bogs is subject to further discussions.

The announcement came after a management review of the company's final 2010 financial results that found losses exceeding \$200,000 for the year. Because of the nature of agricultural operations, the Coquille Cranberries normally is the last CEDCO business to close its financial books in late January.

According to CEDCO CEO Cal Mukumoto, the management team had serious concerns about the extent of 2010 losses, but wanted to delay any decisions until all of the results were in.

"We were aware that the business had significant losses in 2010, but we didn't expect the losses to approach a quarter of a million dollars," Mukumoto said. "When we add in the fact that Coquille Cranberries has not generated enough revenue to cover its costs throughout its 13 year history, the 2010 losses convinced us that this action was necessary.

"CEDCO was willing to absorb those losses over the years," Mukumoto added, "but as demand for our limited resources continues to grow, we must turn our focus toward business activities that will produce a higher and more consistent return on our investment."

Mukumoto noted that CEDCO had investigated the purchase of a processing facility to help reduce some of the risks that comes with cranberry production. Through the evaluation's due diligence process, unacceptable risks were discovered. The risk was more than CEDCO or the Tribe could afford.

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**Traditional and educational activities during Spring Break! Cultural Adventures, turn to page 9; Kids in the Woods, turn to page 12!**

## CIT Strategic Plan Update

- What does the Tribe need to be doing to best protect its Sovereignty?
- How should the Tribe ensure traditional and modern cultural activities are part of all services and programs?
- What is the job creation need of the Tribal Membership?
- Should more department and program facilities be moved onto the reservation?
- How can the Tribe get more Tribal Member participation in its Government?

These are just a few of the questions members of the Coquille Indian Tribe will have a chance to answer IF they participate in the Tribe's Strategic Plan Update process. The Coquille Indian Tribe is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to articulate the vision of Tribal members and help guide Coquille government decisions about how to best meet the goals set forward in the Tribe's Constitution. Tribal member and CIT staff participation are integral parts of this process to ensure the Plan reflects the needs of the Tribe's community.

Postcards have been mailed to Tribal members announcing the dates of community meetings where Tribal members will have an introduction to the Strategic Planning update process. **This is just the start.** These meetings are NOT the only opportunity for Tribal members to participate. Later this year, a services and priorities survey will be mailed to ALL Tribal members over the age of 13 for response and comment. This survey will also be available on the Tribe's Web Portal.

Feedback from Tribal members is needed to help develop a DRAFT document that ALL Tribal members will receive by mail (and placed on the Portal). Tribal members will have more chances to respond and comment when the DRAFT Plan is produced. This includes meetings planned at the Restoration Celebration and Family Camp. Again, Tribal members will be able to provide comment before a FINAL Strategic Plan is complete.

- Friday, March 4: 5 p.m. at Lava Lanes in Medford, OR
- Saturday, March 5: 1 p.m. at Stacey's Covered Bridge restaurant in Cottage Grove, OR. These two meetings are also health promotion events. More information on pg. 3.
- Sunday, March 6: 4 p.m. at the CIT Community Plankhouse.

## Volunteer opportunities for the 2011 Restoration Celebration

### Surf Perch Fishing – Saturday, May 7

We will meet at the Coquille Community Plankhouse on Saturday May 7 at 9 a.m. then proceed to the beach, afterwards we will come back to the Plankhouse to process our day's catch. You will need rubber boots, a surf rod, and a 5-gallon bucket and, of course, you will need a fishing license

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## Thank you to ATNI dancers

To: Brenda, Lyman, Sara, Lyman II & Makyra Meade  
Brenda, as a Coquille Tribal Member/Elder, I am soooo proud of you and your family and want to recognize you for bringing Native American Indian tradition, family, culture, history, dance, drumming and togetherness back to the Coquille Indian Tribe!!

The ceremonial, spiritual dance, drumming and singing that took place at the Coquille Plankhouse on the Reservation the week of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference ( January/February 2011) under your direction was a beautiful moving experience for everyone present! Everyone in the room was moved to their core. I marvel at all your dedication, passion and love for all those involved, that you and your wonderful husband have taken under your wings and have nurtured their desire to become one of the beautiful/spiritual Coquille Feather Dancers. You are a true gift from our Creator the way you have opened your heart and spirit and because of that we are all so Blessed. You do so without recognition, applause, or anything else, and have done so on your own without financial backing from the Tribe . . . but instead you just push on and offer more from your heart and soul each and every time.

It doesn't feel like enough to just say THANK YOU but words can't express the gratitude I, and everyone else, feel every time you bless us with the presence of the Feather Dancers, drumming and singing.

I applaud, salute and congratulate you all for what you have done and who you are.

God Bless you and your beautiful family and the Coquille Feather Dancers ,  
Denise Hunter

## Canoe Club appreciates support

Thank you to all, that purchased Coquille Canoe Club Christmas Wreaths, your support is GREATLY Appreciated!!

A BIG Thank you and a Hug goes to Lynn Sandberg for her kind donation to the Coquille Canoe Club Families! Thank you Lynn for your generosity and continued support of the Coquille Canoe Club Families, it is very meaningful to see your love for the Canoe Culture manifested through your generous donation.

All funds raised/donated directly benefit Canoe Club Participants attending the 2011 Journey. All Tribal Members/Families are encouraged to contact Dustin Beauvais at (541) 756-0904 Ext. 10226 for any questions or interest in the Coquille Canoe Club Families.

Paddle to Swinomish 2011: Loving, Caring, and Sharing Together

The Intertribal Canoe Journey revives the centuries-old traditions of transport and trade by the Coastal Tribes of the Northwest, many of whom traveled over open waters to meet and gather for festivities.

The canoe journeys have become a major catalyst for northwest Indian Tribes to re-learn, strengthen and reinforce their canoe traditions. The journeys

teach people about canoeing, living, working, and achieving in a community, the value of knowledge and the value of hard work. The journeys also create pride in, and respect for, Native cultures.

## Thank you for programs.

Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank Tribal Council, the Community Health Center and the Housing Authority for all the many wonderful things they do for us not only through the holidays but all year long. We are truly blessed to receive and enjoy all the activities, great health care, and a wonderful community to live in. Thanks also go out to all the staff who work tirelessly to see that we all have a good time no matter what they're involved with.

With much gratitude, The Lewis Simpson Family

## Letters to Editor Policy...

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**Native drumming at the  
CIT Community Plankhouse  
every Wednesday evening  
beginning at 6 p.m.**

## Community Calendar

- **Jackson County Health Promotion** activity. Friday, March 4. 5 p.m. Lava Lanes in Medford, OR. **Douglas and Lane County Health Promotion** activity. Saturday, March 5. 1 p.m. Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant in Cottage Grove, OR. More information on both events on pg. 3
- **Culture Committee meeting.** Tuesday, March 8. 2 p.m. CIT main office.
- **Elders Committee meeting.** Tuesday, March 8. 3 p.m. CIT Community Health Center.
- **Tribal Council meeting.** Thursday, March 10. 1 p.m. CIT main office. Workshops scheduled for Wednesday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting.** Monday, March 14. 5 p.m. CIT main office.
- **Elders Honor Days.** Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19. This weekend event will be based at the Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence, OR. More information on pg. 3.
- **Cultural Adventures.** Monday, March 21 to Wednesday, March 23. Activities based at the CIT Community Plankhouse. More information on pg. 9
- **Kids in the Woods.** Thursday, March 24. Event begins at 8 a.m. at the CIT Community Center. More information on page 12.
- **Snow Camp.** Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27. Hoodoo Ski Resort. More information on pg. 3
- **Tribal Council meeting.** Saturday, March 26. 9 a.m. CIT main office. Workshops scheduled for Friday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians and Coquille Indian Tribe are co-hosting the 15th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day to be held on March 18 & 19, 2011 at Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence, Oregon

Friday, March 18:

9:30 to 11:00 – Registration

11:00 to 2:00 – Luncheon Program in the events center hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe with lunch served at noon

2:30 to 4:30 – Bingo in the sprung building snacks and beverages available

5:00 to 9:00 – Dinner Program in the events center hosted by CTCLUSI with dinner served at 6:00

Saturday, March 19:

7:30 to 10:00 – Breakfast in the buffet

Registration forms included  
(Pre-registration is encouraged)

Please fax or email your registration forms by March 4th to: Iliana Kazmierczak, CTCLUSI Assistant Health Director, Elders Activities

Email: [ikazmierczak@ctclusi.org](mailto:ikazmierczak@ctclusi.org)  
Fax: 541-888-2847

There will not be a charge to Tribal Elders for any of the activities. All other guests, with the exception of van/bus drivers, care providers/ chaperons, will be charged for meals.

For additional information, please contact:

Iliana Kazmierczak, CTCLUSI Assistant Health Director, Elders Activities

541-888-7526 (office) or 541-217-4613

OR Brenda Meade, CIT Elders Coordinator  
800-344-8583 or 541-888-9494

## Siletz Annual Elders Honor Day

CIT Elders will have chance to attend

Where: Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
1777 NW 44th St. Lincoln City, Oregon 97367

When: Tuesday, April 5th, 2011

Time: 10:00 am– 3:00 p.m.

Contact Brenda Meade, Elders Coordinator  
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**ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, March 8 at 3 p.m. at the CIT Community Health Center. Please call Brenda at 541-888-9494, ext: 20205 for confirmation

## FAMILY CAMP 2011

Many Tribal members have special skills, experiences and/or knowledge that could enrich the lives of others in the Coquille Tribe. We'd like to offer interested Tribal members and their families an opportunity to share their special talents. Your talent could be athletic, a traditional art, historical knowledge, etc. If you are interested in sharing with others at Family Camp 2011, please contact Toni Scavera at 1-800-344-8583 or 541-888-9494 ext: 20211. Email: [toniscavera@coquilletribe.org](mailto:toniscavera@coquilletribe.org).

## SNOW CAMP (March 25-27): REGISTRATION IS DUE MARCH 11

The CIT Community health Center invites all eligible Tribal youth to Snow Camp 2011 at Hoodoo Mountain Resort near Sisters, Oregon.

To be eligible, you must be a Coquille Tribal member, step or adopted youth between age 8-18 and must be enrolled in school full-time while meeting CITCHC school attendance requirements.

Snow Camp Highlights include: Skiing, Inter-tubing, Snow Boarding, Snow Bike and Swimming (indoors)

If you or somebody in your household is interested, please RSVP with Luke, Tanya or Laura to receive a packet. The packets are due March 11.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!**

Phone: 541-888-9494; Fax: 541-888-2561; Email: Luke Clark ([luke-clark@coquilletribe.org](mailto:luke-clark@coquilletribe.org)); Tanya Clark ([tanyaclark@coquilletribe.org](mailto:tanyaclark@coquilletribe.org)); Laura Angulo ([lauraangulo@coquilletribe.org](mailto:lauraangulo@coquilletribe.org)).

Coquille Indian Tribe Community Health Center Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Activities in Lane & Douglas Counties and Jackson County

### Douglas & Lane County:

Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 1 p.m.  
Please join us at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant in Cottage Grove (401 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove; 541-767-0320)

We will be providing Educational Literature on Health Living.

Please RSVP if you would like to join us!

To RSVP, Please Contact Theresa Libbett at: 1-800-344-8583 or 541-888-9494, ext 20214; email: [theresalibbett@coquilletribe.org](mailto:theresalibbett@coquilletribe.org)

**Strategic Planning Update!** In addition to the Health Promotion, there will be presentations on the Tribe's Strategic Plan Update at both events.

### Jackson County:

Friday, March 4, 2011 at 5 p.m.  
Please come and join us for the Jackson County Activity to be held at Lava Lanes in Medford, Oregon (2980 Crater Lake Hwy., Medford, Oregon 541-245-2755.

RSVP for this event, too.

## WHAT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE NUMBERS MEAN

Your blood pressure numbers show how hard your blood is pushing against the sides of your blood vessels as it travels around your body. It is a set of two numbers. The top number (systolic pressure) measures the force of your heart beating.

The bottom number (diastolic pressure) measures the relaxation between beats. The higher the strain on your blood vessels the more likely it is that you will have health problems in the future because of the strain this pressure puts on your heart.

High blood pressure is also called hypertension. A high blood pressure diagnosis results when you have repeated readings of 140 over 90, or 130 over 80 if you have diabetes or kidney disease. Pre-hypertension is the term given to readings from 120 to 139 over 80 to 89.

High blood pressure is considered a “silent killer” because often there are no symptoms, but over time, high blood pressure can cause stroke, kidney disease, or heart disease. The longer you have untreated hypertension, the more irreversible damage you are likely to do to your blood vessels.

Although we cannot control risk factors such as age or family history, we can make lifestyle changes to be healthier. Exercise and a diet that is high in fruits, vegetables and calcium-rich dairy foods can help lower your blood pressure.

For some people, lifestyle changes aren't enough to lower blood pressure. Luckily, high blood pressure can be treated very successfully with long-term medication. Your health care provider should check your blood pressure at every visit and, if necessary, help you make decisions about what you can do to ensure you have a long and healthy life by keeping your blood pressure at a safe number.

Please call Deb Sensenbach, RN, Contract Health Case Manager, if you have any questions about your blood pressure at 541-888-9494 or 800-344-8583, ext. 20204.



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if you are over 14 years of age.

We will provide lunch, your bait, weights, and the hooks you will need. If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP by April 22. If you have not surf-fished before, now is the time to learn.

### Mussel Gathering – Sunday, May 8

This year we will be gathering mussels that we will have smoked for our event. For those of you who are able to climb steep, rocky terrain (please no young children), we will be meeting at the Coquille Community Plankhouse at 7 a.m. Please bring your rubber boots, a pointed shovel, and a 5-gallon bucket. You will need your shellfish license if you are over 14 years of age. The gathering area is not an easily accessible place, but for those of you who would like to help clean and prep the mussels after gathering, we will meet at the Plankhouse at 12 noon. We will be providing lunch for all volunteers so please RSVP by April 22 if you plan to join us.

### Camas Bulbs – Saturday, May 21

We will be meeting on Saturday May 21 at 7 a.m. at the Coquille Community Plankhouse. You will need

a pointed shovel or digging stick, gloves, and sun-screen. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by May 6th.

### Clam Digging – Saturday, June 4

We will meet Saturday, June 4 at the Coquille Community Plankhouse. You will need to have rubber boots, a pointed shovel, a 5-gallon bucket and your shellfish license if you are over 14 years of age. We will meet at the Plankhouse at 7 a.m. and proceed to clam digging. After our limits are filled, we will return to the Plankhouse to process our catch. We will be providing lunch so please RSVP by May 26 to confirm that you will be joining us. Please don't worry if you have never dug or processed clams before we will have experienced people that will be available to offer guidance.

**PLEASE NOTE ANYONE UNDER 18 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FAMILY MEMBER.**

Contact Brenda Meade, Elders Coordinator at 800-344-8583 or 541-888-9494 Ext: 20205  
E-mail: [brendameade@coquilletribe.org](mailto:brendameade@coquilletribe.org)

## Diabetes Prevention Program

Are you frustrated in your efforts to lose weight? Are you at risk for Diabetes? Want to know if you are at risk for developing DIABETES?

We've all joined programs, attempted “quick fix” diets, and bought the latest fad diet books. Sure, these methods work for a while, but if you haven't changed your habits and behaviors, you'll soon lose interest, quit the program, and gain back any weight you have lost.

The Diabetes Prevention Program is designed to help you overcome obstacles and make lifestyle changes that enable you to make healthy lifestyle choices through healthy eating and physical exercise. What's more this program is designed for you.

Want to know if you are at risk for developing DIABETES

Call Gail to schedule your Blood Sugar Test and put your name in a drawing for a \$25.00 Nutrition Card from Albertson's. Call Gail Accinelli: 541-888-9494, ext: 20216

## THURSDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Every Thursday evening at 5:15 p.m. until approximately 7 p.m., we host Basketball Night at the Coquille Indian Tribe Community Center. Come join in the fun while getting into shape as well. If you have any questions, you can call Luke Clark at 541-888-9494 Ext 20240

## COMMUNITY CENTER FITNESS ROOM

We have expanded the fitness room hours and will now be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. We have some great equipment to help you with getting a fit and healthy body. Some of the equipment we offer includes a bow flex, treadmills, elliptical machines, exercise bikes and free weights. Come on in and check it out. We are happy to assist you with any help you might need. If you have any questions, feel free to call 541-888-9494 and ask for Luke Clark or Cody Libbett.



## Would you like to serve on the Mith-ih-Kwuh Board of Directors?

Mith-ih-Kwuh Development Corporation (MEDC) is a company formed under Section 17 of the Federal Indian Reorganization Act. It is wholly owned by the Coquille Indian Tribe. The MEDC was created for the purpose of holding and engaging in business activities for Tribal benefit.

MEDC is governed by a seven member Board of Directors. If you are a Tribal member interested in serving on the MEDC Board of Directors, we encourage you to submit a letter of interest. Please note that, MEDC currently has no policy to reimburse Directors for travel and lodging costs related to Board duties. The Board of Directors may, however, adopt such a policy after they are appointed. You may submit a letter of interest as follows:

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North Bend, OR 97459  
Fax (541) 756-0847  
[kaycollins@coquilletribe.org](mailto:kaycollins@coquilletribe.org)

Letters can be mailed. Faxed or e-mailed. Please include a brief description of your background in business, management, government contracting or any other applicable field that would be of benefit to the Board.

All persons selected for the MEDC Board of Directors must pass all background investigations under applicable law and comply with all minimum standards of character established under applicable Law.

Please submit letters of interest no later than March 18, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the MEDC or the duties of its directors, please contact Kay Collins at the above address or email.

## Tribal member hunters: Land Owner Preference (LOP) program improves chances of receiving Oregon deer or elk tag

As part of the Land Owner Preference Tag Program, the Coquille Indian Tribe receives animal-harvest tags annually from the State of Oregon. The Tribe receives these tags as they are recognized as a sovereign government and land-owner residing in Oregon. The LOP program issues tags to the Tribe and the Tribe can issue tags directly to Tribal members who are interested in hunting on Tribal lands.

The Tribe does not issue hunting-tags directly to Tribal members due to stipulations in the Coquille Forest Act. The language in the Act directs the Tribe to enter into an agreement with the state of Oregon for management of fish and wildlife resources on Coquille Forest Lands. The Act also contains a provision for maintaining public access to all Coquille Forest Lands. Despite this, Coquille Tribal members still receive preference for receiving tags for hunting on Coquille Forest Lands.

Tribal members living in Oregon can submit an application to the Tribe's LRES department (contact information at the end of the article) and be included in a lottery draw for receiving an Oregon State tag for hunting on designated Tribal lands (Please note: hunting is currently prohibited on the Coquille Reservation). These tags are specifically reserved for designees of the Coquille Indian Tribe (i.e. Coquille Tribal members). Applying with the LOP program can increase a Tribal member's chances of receiving a deer or elk tag for hunting on the Tribe's 14 land parcels located in state management units (Tioga, Sixes, and Powers). Tribal member hunters still need to obtain an Oregon hunting license to participate in the LOP program and receive a tag specific to hunting on designated Coquille Tribal lands.

The LOP program was established by the Oregon Fish & Wildlife dept. to acknowledge the contribution of private landowners in supporting wildlife and provide a form of compensation to landowners for the resources used by wildlife on their lands. For the Coquille Indian Tribe, consideration is given to lands owned or held in trust by the Tribe. Coquille Tribal members are considered as landowner designees and are the direct beneficiaries of the program.

Who is eligible?

- Tribal members age 12 years and older with a valid Oregon State Hunting License (Tribal members under 18 must also have a valid hunter safety card)
- Tribal members who **DID NOT** draw a deer or elk tag through ODFW's draw hunt program

The deadline for applying to the LOP program is May 1, 2011.

## LOP Program Questions and Answers

*How old do I have to be to apply?*

Tribal members must be at least 12 years of age (if under 18 you must have a valid Oregon hunter safety card)

*What lands can I hunt on?*

LOP Tag Recipients must hunt on Tribal Lands located in the harvest unit listed on their tag, except for the Empire Reservation, where no hunting is allowed. (No LOP Tags will be issued in the Sixes Management Unit during the 2011 harvest season).

*Do I need a state licenses and Tag?*

Yes, you must have a valid 2011 Oregon harvest license to apply, once you have been notified that you will be receiving a tag, you must purchase that harvest tag from the State of Oregon (The State).

\* State application Fee is a one time fee, if you apply for the general draw and pay this fee, you do not have to pay it again for the LOP tag program.

*Can Tribal member spouses apply?*

No, you must be a Tribal Member to apply. At this time the State does not recognize Tribal member spouses as Tribal family.

*What regulations do I have to follow?*

For the date of the hunt, the number of animals, the types of animal harvested, tag fees, and any other restrictions, follow the State of Oregon's big game regulations.

*Is the public allowed to hunt at the same time?*

These are State issued tags, and the date of the hunts follows the

public general season, therefore the public is allowed to hunt at the same time. Some Tribal lands are closed to the general public (These include most fee and or trust land not including Coquille Forest Lands). All Coquille Forest Lands will be open to the public as stated in the Coquille Forest Act.

*What is the benefit of applying for these tags?*

These tags allow Tribal members to have preference for certain harvest units that may be harder to draw through the normal ODFW draw process.

*Is there an extended period of time outside of the season where I can harvest my animal?*

No, all animals must be harvested during the regular public season listed in the State big game regulations. If the Tribe pursues damage control tags, there may be an opportunity for post season harvest of antler-less deer and elk.

*How do I know which hunt to apply for?*

See the State's big game regulations and the brochure mailed to you. Tags can be requested for the Powers, Sixes and Tioga wildlife management units for: 100 series buck deer, 600 series antler less deer, and 200 series Elk.

For additional questions, please contact:

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[Jasonrobison@coquilletribe.org](mailto:Jasonrobison@coquilletribe.org)

## The Coquille Indian Tribe enjoyed their Mid-Winter Gathering celebration January 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 2011

The celebration began on Friday with our Tribal Elders gathering at the Mill Casino for a fabulous lunch. After the luncheon, Tribal members attended the Nasomah Health Board meeting. Later CEDCO hosted dinner before the open annual CEDCO meeting was held.

Saturday began with kids activities throughout the day that included a scavenger hunt, a pool party, games, movies and pizza party. In the Salmon Room, Chairman Ed Metcalf welcomed Tribal member families and invited guests. After a blessing from Chief Ken Tanner, we all enjoyed a spectacular lunch.

Immediately after lunch, presentations were heard on some of the Tribe's 2010 projects and activities. They began with Dustin Beauvais and Shirod Younker talking about the 2010 canoe journey and upcoming activities for our canoe families. Don Ivy then spoke on Cultural Resources Program's 2010 activities and events. There was also a presentation given by Education Director Linda Mecum on the exciting new Education/Library/Cultural Resources Building that is now in the beginning stages.

Immediately after the presentations were given, Tribal members and families gathered upstairs to visit information booths before coming together for the General Council meeting.

After the General Council meeting concluded, everyone enjoyed a dinner that included fresh crab. The food was amazing and it was a nice time to enjoy The Mill Casino's amenities. It also gave us all a chance to relax and reflect with our families on the year's accomplishments.

Sunday's event started off at the Coquille Community Plankhouse with a welcome from Chairman Ed Metcalf. A presentation was heard on the Coquille Tribe's Youth Corps program that included information about the new plankhouse that was built in the summer of 2010 by our Youth Corps participants. With the help of Don Ivy and Linda Mecum, Chief Ken Tanner proceeded to honor all of the Coquille Tribal Youth Corps participants with an eagle feather necklace. The feathers were made of hand blown glass by Tribal Member Bill Murphy and

the necklaces were constructed by Tribal Elder and Council member Toni Ann Brend. Thanks again to ALL of our Youth Corps participants!

We all enjoyed a great lunch at the plankhouse that included fresh mussels, clams, goose neck barnacles, and some amazing salmon cooked in the pit. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Mike Hargis, Bob Ward, Joe Ward, Lyman Meade, Lane Garland, Ray Chase Jr. and William Hargis for spending a rainy afternoon out on the beach gathering them fresh for us!

After lunch we gathered for cultural activities that included demonstrations and teaching of traditional beading with Toni Ann Brend, basket weaving techniques with Julie Goff and Denni Hockema, traditional woodworking techniques with Shirod Younker, projects weaving with Tule reeds with Doug Barrett and a jewelry making station with Sarah Meade.

It was great to see everyone try new things. It was an amazing event but it could not have happened without a lot of hard work before hand by a lot of very amazing people.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers that came out to help make this event amazing!!!

Ray Chase Jr., Don Ivy, Tom Younker, Cassie Ross, Jon Ivy, Soo Lee, Elliott Ivy, Lyman Meade, Sarah Meade, Lane Garland, Makyra Meade, Mike Hargis, William Hargis, Denise Hunter, Bob Ward, Tami Ward, Taylor Ward, Austin Ward, Joe Ward,

Special thanks to Rita McMann. The Coquille Indian Tribe Health Center Staff: Deb Sensenbach, Gail Accinelli, Soo Lee, Kelle Little, Connie Barton, Toni Scavera, and Theresa Libbett. Community Center Staff: Laura Angulo, Luke Clark, Cody Libbett, and Andrew Brainard. Coquille Indian Housing Authority Staff: Dale Herring. Coquille Indian Tribe Administration Staff: Chris Tanner, Jon Ivy, and Nicole Norris. CIT LRES: Jason Robinson and Clara Gardener. The CIT Education Department: Linda Mecum. The Coquille Indian Tribal Police, The Mill Casino and Hotel, Jim and Carol @ The Coach House Restaurant.



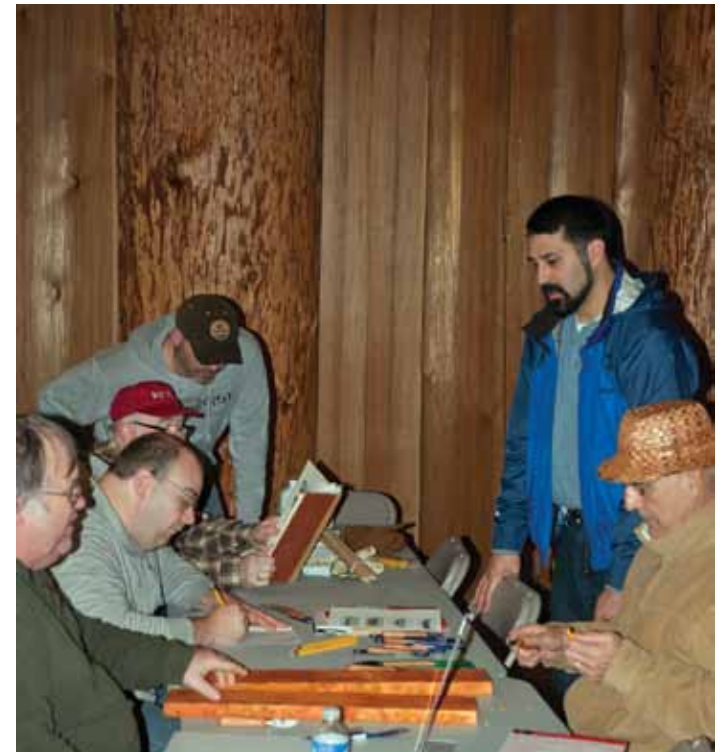
Above: Tribal member Austin Ward tries his hand at basket-weaving during the Mid-Winter Gathering weekend. Right: Several Tribal members focused on their woodworking projects with Shirod Younker providing instruction. Below: Ken Tanner speaks during Sunday's Mid-Winter Gathering about the Tribe's Youth Corps and their help with the construction of a traditional plankhouse last summer.



Right: Lyman Meade, Ray Chase, Jr., William Hargis, Mike Hargis, Bob Ward, Joe Ward and Lane Garland stand in front of the bountiful harvest of shellfish they gathered as part of the traditional foods lunch served at the Sunday portion of the Mid-Winter Gathering.



Above: Tribal member Julie Goff helps fellow Coquille Annika Strasman with her work.





During a recent Wednesday evening at the CIT Community Plankhouse, a special guest dance teacher taught Tribal members and non-tribal members alike powwow dancing steps. The Coquille Indian Tribe hosts Native drumming at the CIT Community Plankhouse every Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m.



Left: Lilyahna Perez was born January 31, 2011 at 12:24 a.m. The proud parents are Tribal member Becky Cantrell and father Ivan Perez.



Sunday's portion of the Mid-Winter Gathering had a very good turnout with Tribal members and family enjoying traditional foods and learning and/or practicing several traditional based crafts at the various station set up around the Plankhouse.



Above: Adriana Maria Camacho-Bravo was born to Tribal member Christina Balderas and father Nicholis James Camacho-Bravo. She was born on December 9 2010. Below: Keeli Deanne Simpson was born January 18, 2011 to parents Josh and Margaret Simpson. Proud Grandparents are Lewis and Trudy Simpson and Kelly & Kippy Robbins.



## Coquille Indian Tribe Education Department Programs & Services Update February, 2011

Following is a summary of current programs administered by the Education Department. These programs are available to enrolled tribal members and most have policy specific criteria which must be met. Please see the tribal portal/website for more information and applications or call Linda Mecum or Rhonda Ferguson: 541-756-0904 / toll free 1-800-622-5869.

### Youth Programs:

#### Pre-school tuition

**reimbursement:** Reimburses families \$100/month for payments made for pre- school tuition.

**Tutoring:** Reimburses families up to \$250/month for hiring a tutor for their children.

**Youth Merit Fund:** Assists with expenses related to attending an invitational event based on the youth's individual achievement. \$500 annual cap.

**Youth Program:** All tribal youth ages birth through 18 are eligible for \$750 annually to help pay for sports, music, art, clubs, academic fees and other enrichment activities.

**Teacher Assistance:** Certified & licensed teacher on staff to provide academic help and support to families and students; credit recovery and GED.

**School Supplies:** Reimburses families for costs of "back-to-school" supplies in September.

**Youth Corps:** A program that employs youth ages 14-18 to work on and around the Kilkich Tribal lands in a variety of jobs that benefit the community.

**Summer Academy:** An annual event for youth between the ages of 8-18; held on Tribal lands for several weeks during the summer.

9. **Cultural Adventures:** A Spring Break event that focuses on culture; held on Tribal lands.

### Higher Education:

#### Higher Education Program:

Based on a tier system of flat funding, each eligible Tribal member receives assistance with costs associated with attending an accredited college or university when pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

#### Chief Tony Tanner Scholarship:

An annual award established by the Tribal Council; individual award amounts are determined by the Education Committee.

**Computer Program:** A one-time award for eligible students enrolled and attending a college or university in pursuit of a degree.

**College Summer Intern Program:** Eligible college students are placed in a variety of positions within the Tribe for summer employment and training.

**Ni:yau Alumni Fund:** An opportunity for "giving back" to the Tribe; for tribal members at large and/or former students who have received Tribal benefits; currently accruing funds.

### Adult Programs:

#### Adult Education and Enrichment:

An annual fund (\$1,000) allotted to adult tribal members to improve job skills, obtain GED, adult literacy, or classes of general interest and enrichment activities.

2. **Adult Vocational Training:** Supports tribal members seeking to acquire job skills for career level full-time employment.

## Southwestern Oregon Community College OREGON ONLINE NA/CNA TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING TERM Schedule 2011 Registration February 15th – April 1st

Orientation: March 9th and 15th  
5:30 – 6:30 PM: Sumner Room 10

Theory Online: March 28th – April 23rd (on your own time)  
Skills Lab Time: 3 PM- 9:30 PM Tu-Wed-Th  
April 26, 27, 28, & May 3, 4, 5 Clinical Rotation: Time: 3-10:30 PM Tu-Wed-Th  
May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 25, 25, 26, & June 1, 2, 7  
For questions please call: Ellen Riley at 541-888-1501 or email [eriley@socc.edu](mailto:eriley@socc.edu)

## Starting College? Now is the time to be completing your FAFSA!

Please check the following websites to help with your planning. You are also welcome to visit the Education Center & Library to get help with your research; we have computers and a high speed Internet connection available.

- [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\):](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [U.S. Dept. of Education scholarship search:](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/scholarship)  
[www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/scholarship](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/scholarship)
- [Northwest Education Loan Association: Center for Student Success](http://www.nela.net)  
This is an excellent website that explains all about loans, availability of grants, scholarships, work-study programs, saving, tax advantages, etc. Download the booklet: Paying for College 2011: [www.nela.net](http://www.nela.net)
- [Oregon Opportunity Grant Oregon Student Assistance Commission](http://www.osac.state.or.us)  
800.452.8807  
[www.osac.state.or.us](http://www.osac.state.or.us)
- [SallieMae: Planning for college](http://www.collegeanswer.com)  
FAFSA, loans, scholarships, calculators  
[www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- [State of Oregon official website](http://www.getcollegefunds.org)  
[www.getcollegefunds.org](http://www.getcollegefunds.org)

For questions please contact the Education Department:  
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## Bonneville Power Administration Regional Tribal Scholarships: Ten scholarships available up to \$2,500 each.

To qualify, the applicant must:

- **Be a full-time student** at an accredited university, college, technical school or graduate school program during the 2011/2012 academic year
- Have a **minimum 2.5 GPA**
- Be an **enrolled member** of a federally recognized tribe located within the BPA service region
- **Major in a field related to careers at the Bonneville Power Administration.** Preference will be given to students engaged in courses of study leading to professional careers in electrical engineering, finance, business, accounting, statistics, economics and natural resources; or technical degrees leading to careers in the electrical crafts.

For more information, please contact BPA Tribal Affairs at (503) 230-7685. Application Deadline: Thursday, March 7, 2011

## Southwestern to offer flagger training in Coos Bay

Coos Bay, Or – Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) is hosting a Traffic Control Flagger training class March 12 in Coos Bay. The classes are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

The college is offering the training sessions in order to meet demand for certified flaggers created by road construction projects in the county. This course meets Oregon Department of Transportation requirements for traffic control flaggers, and students who complete this course will receive certification cards.

The course covers certification, as well as re-certification, and class space is limited. The \$85 class fee includes materials. Pre-registration and payment is required. For more information or to register, those interested can contact Community Education at 541-888-7328.



### **Third Annual Cultural Adventures! Spring Break: March 21, 22 & 23, 2011**

The Education Department invites all Tribal and Kilkich youth between the ages of 8 and 18, to please join us at the Plank House for three days of fun activities including:

**\*Maple bark skirts \*Language games  
\*Hike Tribal Lands \*Identify native plants  
\*Dig, cook and eat clams \*Stick Game**

**Monday, March 21: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 22: 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 23: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Snacks and lunch provided on all days.  
Please be sure to wear sturdy shoes...no sandals!  
Bring boots if you have them.

**\*\*\*\*\*Elders Welcome!\*\*\*\*\***

Cultural Adventures is one of three planned activities taking place in late March during Spring Break.

Cultural Adventures ends Wednesday, March 23. The next day, the Kids in the Woods forestry education takes place at the Mead Creek Timber Sale located in the Coquille Forest. In addition to tree-planting and learning how the Tribe manages its forest lands, participants will get a lesson on traditional uses of indigenous plants from the Tribe's archaeologist, Nicole Norris. You can learn more about this event on page 12 of this month's newsletter.

Snow Camp begins the next day. This weekend adventure is held at the Hoodoo ski resort. Skiing, inter-tubing and swimming (we will presume Hoodoo has an in-door pool) are part of the activities. Sounds like a lot of fun.

More information on pg. 3

## **The Coquille Indian Tribe Scholarship Has Been Renamed and Revised!**

The Education Committee at the annual retreat last October, made some sweeping changes to this scholarship. To recognize the legacy of Chief Tony Tanner, the scholarship has been named in his honor and is now the "Chief Tony Tanner Scholarship". Other changes and information as follows:

Who can apply?

- Tribal member college students currently enrolled in their **sophomore or junior** years.

What are the awards?

- Scholastic Achievement: \$5,000 awarded to the applicant with the best scholastic record.
- Community Service: \$5,000 awarded to the applicant who has demonstrated the best community service.

Selection Process:

- All complete and eligible applications are read by the Education Committee which then selects the awardees.

How to Apply?

- Watch for notice of deadline in the Tribal newsletter and website and also letters from the Education Department coming to you in the mail. Download applications from the Tribal website or request that one be mailed to you.

Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board, or other specifically approved expenses. Payments will be made directly to the college or university. These scholarship awards do not affect Higher Education Grants already awarded by the Coquille Indian Tribe; however, combined benefits from all sources may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as prescribed by the institution.

### **Who was Tony Tanner?**

Chief Howard Antone Tanner "Tony Tanner" was born July 1, 1910 on the South Slough near Charleston, Oregon. He is the son of Mary Wasson Tanner and Frank Richard Tanner.

He was very interested in the welfare of the Coquille Indian Tribal members and it was his wish that all Coquilles would attain a good education and lead prosperous, successful lives.

He had some difficult times in his life. When he was two, he lost his father in a drowning accident when a Charleston to Coos Bay Ferry capsized in the mouth of the Coos River near the Charleston Coast Guard Station. He, his mother and five siblings struggled to put food on the table.

He grew up very poor. He walked five miles barefoot to the South Slough Brown Hill School District 79 school located at the head of South Slough. He cried for three days at the age of ten when he was involuntarily taken from his family and forced to attend the Chemawa Indian School. Most of his siblings also attended the Chemawa Indian School. He was there until the eighth grade and then returned home to work in the logging industry to help support his family.

The Chemawa Indian School is the oldest continuously operating boarding school in the United States and dates back to the 1870's.

He encouraged his children, Coquille Tribal members Ken Tanner and Toni Ann Brend to go to College. Their Mother Joyce Allard (Metcalf) also was insistent that they attain a higher education. Ken Tanner has a Masters in Social Work from UCLA and Toni Ann Brend has a Bachelors of Science Degree in nursing from the University of Alaska.

He loved life and he loved the Tribe. Even at the time of his passing, he wanted to run for Chief of the Tribe. He died in June, 1992.

For forty years he was involved with the restoration of the Coquille Indian Tribe. He served as Chief of the Coquille Indian Tribe from 1989 to 1992. He believed, with dedicated conviction, that education was an opportunity, that education was the answer to success for his family, the Tribe and all its members.

## Coquille hosts ATNI 2011 Winter Conference

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) spend four-day conference reviewing 2010 accomplishments and discussing upcoming legislative issues of interest to Northwest Indian Tribes. Other topics covered included cooperative business promotions, preparing for the 2011 federal budget, working with the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress and biomass projects in Indian Country. This was the first ATNI conference hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Over 375 registered attendees representing Indian Tribes from the Pacific Northwest converged on The Mill Casino-Hotel to attend the ATNI's 2011 Winter Conference. While considered the smallest of ATNI's quarterly conferences, the winter meeting is the event where the ATNI prepares strategies for approaching issues of concern to the organization's 57 member Tribes.

The conference showcases the work of Northwest Tribes who discussed their successes, concerns and plans for the future. These talks included cooperative future business ventures, individual tribal stories of success, and concerns over upcoming legislation including a review of what Tribes might expect from the White House and the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2011.

Following through with Conference's theme of: Past, Present & Future: Exploring New Opportunities in Indian Policy, the conference began with opening remarks from ATNI president Brian Cladoosby who reviewed major legislative accomplishments of 2010. These accomplishments included the permanent authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (federal legal authority for the provision of health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives) and the settlement of the Cobell case (a class action lawsuit filed against the U.S. government for their management and accounting for thousands of individual Native American trust accounts). Cladoosby also spoke of challenges facing Tribes in 2011 and the importance of ATNI member Tribes working together.

"Let us take the ATNI powerhouse of 57 collective sovereign nations and commit to one another for the good of our Northwest communities. We care about every Tribe and challenge at ATNI, whether you are a large, land-based Tribe or a newly recognized Tribe with zero acres. Why? Because that is our way, because that is what our elders taught us."

Emphasizing comments regarding ATNI's equal concern for all member Tribes, two of the Conference's open session speakers followed Cladoosby's opening remarks with stories about recent accomplishments achieved by their respective Tribes. One, the Crow Tribe (Apsáalooke Nation) of Montana, recently settled water rights claims with the United States government via the passing of The Crow Water Rights Settlement Bill of 2010. With this Bill's passing, the Crow Tribe received federal funding enabling them to develop water-improvement projects on their reservation. Following this presentation was Maria Lopez, Chair of the Hoh River Tribe of Washington. Lopez spoke of the work involved with the 2009 passing of the Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act which placed land both purchased by the Tribe and transferred to them from government agencies into trust; thus expanding the Tribe's reservation land-base. Prior to this Act, 90% of the Hoh River Tribe's reservation was located in a

flood-plain and 100% of their land was in a tsunami zone (Yes, and people lived there). The Crow Tribe has 11,357 registered members and has a reservation estimated at 2.2 million acres. The Hoh River Tribe has approximately 120 members and, prior to the passing of this legislation, their reservation totaled less than one square mile.

Other speakers warned of the challenges ahead with a divided Congress and deficit driven budget cuts anticipated in 2011. With the new Congress split as a result of the 2010 elections, one of the challenges facing Tribes today is how to work with the new Congress and assure that Tribes receive funding adequate to support the vital needs of their members. Many new congressional members have discussed scaling back the 2011 budget to previous year levels (the year varies between 2006 and 2010). This idea is in addition to the 5-year spending freeze proposed by President Obama during his 2011 State of the Union Speech. During the ATNI presentation, it was pointed out that some new Congressional members have proposed only funding items listed in the United States Constitution. Upon this remark, the speaker noted that language regarding an obligation to support Tribes is written in the document.

In addition to the general session presentations, the conference held numerous break-out sessions run by ATNI committees. The break-out sessions focused on specific issues including health, gaming, recruiting Native American voters, economic development, culture and elders. These breakout sessions included a presentation facilitated by Vice-Chair Tom Younker on the development of biomass projects in Indian Country which included CEDCO CEO Cal Mokumoto as one of the speakers; a review of the Tribe's education programs to ATNI's Education Committee by CIT Education Coordinator Linda Mecum; and a panel discussion reviewing cooperative marketing development projects between Oregon Tribes which included Deana Scott, The Mill Casino's director of Marketing and Public Relations and former CIT Executive Director Dave Tovey.

Based in Portland, Oregon, the ATNI represents 57 Tribes from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska, northern California and western Montana. The organization was formed in 1953 by several Northwest Tribes as a response to United States policy of Termination in the late 1940s and early 1950s. During this time period, many Indian Tribes, including the Coquille Indian Tribe, had their status as a sovereign government "terminated" by the United States. These actions removed members of these Tribes from enrollment records. After being terminated, in the eyes of the federal government, the members of these Tribes were no longer considered Indians. During this time, the formation of ATNI was seen as a way to represent Tribes and their members against Termination and related policies that threatened to levy taxes against Indian lands and threatened the livelihood of Tribal members.

Today, ATNI provides a united front for its members on issues of mutual interest on a federal level, a forum for sharing information of interest to member Tribes, helps develop consensus on matters of mutual importance, and works with Tribes on projects related to economic development, sovereignty and self-determination.

**Can you dig it:** The Coos Bay area's own weekend music festival returns for its 23<sup>rd</sup> year and the Coquille Indian Tribe is at the heart and soul of it.

The **Southcoast Clambake Jazz Festival** takes place the weekend of March 11-13 in North Bend and Coos Bay. Based at The Mill Casino Hotel. The line-up includes eleven west coast based bands hailing from California to Canada who will be playing at The Mill Casino and other local venues including the Egyptian Theatre and the Red Lion Inn. The groovy weekend line-up includes local bands The Young Bucs, Soulpie and Evolution, a jazz band made up of south coast high school musicians.

This annual musical event is one of the favorite Oregon Coast festivals of the year. Attendees love that it celebrates the unique and distinct culture of American Music: Dixieland, Big Band, Jump & Jive, Rock & Roll, Zydeco, Blues and Doo-wop. The event features Live Music, Dance Lessons & Demonstrations, Vendors and '20s to '60s Dance Attire is encouraged.

In addition to all the great bands, music and dance lovers who purchase the weekend pass ticket will have numerous opportunities to enjoy local seafood dinners.

Ticket prices range from an all-event pass for \$70 to day-only passes ranging from \$20 to \$45 (all day Saturday is \$45). Students can purchase an all-event pass for only \$10.

For more information, contact festival organizers at 541-269-0112 and visit their web page at: [www.clambakejazz.org](http://www.clambakejazz.org). **Don't forget, Tribal member Alison Wasson is the event's official photographer!**

### CEDCO/The Mill Casino · Hotel job postings for February 18

One of the largest employers in Coos County, The Mill Casino · Hotel is committed to building a team of employees who provide Million\$ Service to our guests while working in a fun and friendly environment. We offer opportunities for training and advancement along with a competitive compensation and benefits package.

We encourage qualified Tribal Members and Spouses to take advantage of the personal growth and advancement possibilities that come with employment at The Mill Casino · Hotel and other CEDCO businesses. Ralph Richmond, our recruitment administrator, is available to answer questions and provide personal assistance to Tribal applicants at 756-8800 ext. 2292.

We currently are seeking applicants for the following positions (full-time unless noted otherwise).

<b>Cage</b>	<b>Marketing</b>
Cage Cashier (P/T)	Casino Host
<b>EVS</b>	<b>ORCA</b>
EVS Tech (P/T)	Operations Manager
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>Table Games</b>
General Relief (on-call)	Floor Supervisor
<b>IT</b>	Dual Rate Dealer
Security Administrator	Multi-game Dealer (2)

## March Birthdays

02 Brooke Claiborne  
 02 Santiago Jimenez-Johnsen  
 02 Addison Spencer  
 03 Jaiden Garcia  
 03 Robert Mecum  
 03 Trevor Price  
 04 Cheyenne Datan  
 04 Shelley Estes  
 04 Nicole Puckett  
 04 Alisha Simpson  
 05 Nichole Howe  
 06 Keira Brown  
 06 Annika Strasman  
 07 Charles Burnette  
 09 Lindsay Middleton  
 09 Annelise Summers  
 10 Jordan Lathan  
 11 Kale'a Calica-Yunker  
 11 Quinn Claypoole  
 11 Michael Mecum  
 12 Anthony Cirincione  
 12 Amber Paez  
 14 Jenifer Busselle  
 14 Daniel Garrett  
 14 Edward Mecum  
 15 Elliott Ivy  
 15 Barbara Middleton  
 15 Lauren Morris  
 15 Robert Ward  
 16 Branden Cuevas Bravo  
 18 Sheldon Chase  
 18 Theresa Libbett  
 18 Taylor Thompson  
 19 Kyrin Locken  
 21 Cailin Beauvais  
 21 Alexandra Henry  
 22 Donovan Dell  
 23 Carolyn Bass  
 23 Jeffery Burns  
 23 Shantell Pinkert  
 24 Edward Metcalf  
 24 Anthony Vitt  
 25 Andrew Van Blair  
 25 Sarah Wardlaw  
 26 Alana Gilkey  
 26 Jeremiah Price Jr.  
 26 Tyson Ward  
 26 Lillia Yunker  
 27 Lorenzo Acuna  
 27 Austin Arakawa  
 27 Leonel Brambila-Meza  
 27 Darrell Resendez Jr.  
 28 Elizabeth Scott  
 28 George Way  
 29 Kayla Short  
 29 Aaron Taylor  
 30 Evelyn Moore  
 30 Joseph Ward Sr.  
 30 Jo Ni Wasson  
 31 Cassidy Anderson  
 31 John Burnette  
 31 Jordan Clark  
 31 Koda Harpole  
 31 Michael Lenox

## Alison Wasson, Tribal member business owner, is recognized for her photography

Professional photographer and Coquille Tribal member Alison Wasson has some recent accomplishments that should be shared.

One of Alison's photos was recently selected by the American Automobile Association (AAA) to be on the front cover of their 2011 map of Coos and Curry County. Her photo of **Sunset Bay near Charleston** was chosen from over sixty photos submitted by both professional and amateur photographers. The photo is printed on pg. 12 of this month's newsletter although we suggest you buy a copy of the AAA map to see it at its best.

That's not all. Alison will be the official photographer of the annual Coos Bay/North Bend Clambake Jazz Festival. The multi-day event includes several musical performances at The Mill Casino and, one presumes, numerous opportunities to enjoy regionally harvested seafood delights. More information on the Jazz festival is available online at [www.clambakejazz.org](http://www.clambakejazz.org) and on page 10 of this month's newsletter.

Alison is the owner of her own business, Alison Wasson Photography. She has

worked with the Tribe for several years photographing major Coquille events. She also works with Tribal members and families on private events. In 2010, she officiated and photographed the weddings of two Tribal members.

Alison recently expanded her business to include the production of business cards. She has several clients, the largest being the Coquille Indian Tribe. For over a year, she has produced business cards for employees of The Mill Casino, Heritage Place and the Tribe's Administration departments.

Alison is also working on developing her graphic design skills. She is taking online graphic design classes through Kelby Training and hopes to use these new skills to expand her business to include creating posters and advertisements for local businesses. **By the way, she is receiving support from the Tribe's Adult Education Program for the graphic design classes she is taking.**

If you are interested in seeing more of Alison's photography, please visit the web site for her business, Alison Wasson Photography at: [www.alisonwassonphoto.com](http://www.alisonwassonphoto.com).

## 'Cranberries', continued

"We appreciate the contribution Coquille Cranberries made as a Tribal business as well as its connection with Tribal history," Mukumoto said.

"Many Tribal members have an attachment to this business; I was a part of Coquille Cranberries in the very beginning. This decision was not made lightly."

"But managing a business also means having an exit strategy and knowing when to say when," he added. "In the final analysis, this exit strategy makes sense for the current and long-term interests of CEDCO and the Coquille Tribe."

CEDCO will retain the Coquille Cranberries brand and will continue to make cranberries available for sale at Ko-Kwel Gifts and for public relations and Tribal purposes.

Arrangements for the sale of the Seven Devils farm were made previously. The future operation plan for the remaining farms is being prepared by a team comprised of both CEDCO and Tribal government representatives, including members of the Culture Committee.

The team will pay particular attention to the Kilkich bogs to determine the best use of the property and address all health and safety considerations. The Kilkich bogs will continue to be maintained while discussions continue.

## Trading at the River 2011: April 20-21 at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde, Oregon.

Trading at the River is the PREMIER Pacific northwest area conference and trade-show focusing on Native American entrepreneurs and Tribal Business Development.

2011 marks the 9th year of Trading at the River. This is one is very special. This year's event meets on the banks of the Yamhill River at Grand Ronde, Oregon where the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) was born two decades ago.

ONABEN has much to celebrate about their past and much to talk about for their future. Like the historic gatherings that occurred in many places among the traders of this region, Trading at the River is a place where connections are made--business-to-business, tribe-to-tribe, and from past to present. The 9th annual Trading at the River conference will include:

- An intensive **Business Development Conference** with community discussions, workshops, symposiums, and celebrations.
- A **Trading at the River marketplace** of ideas, products, and services - the famous traditional gathering of Indianpreneurs.

- A gathering of **emerging and established Native CDFI's** convened by the newly established Pacific Northwest Native Capital Development Peer Group which will explore ways of generating new forms of capital to support Native entrepreneurship and tribal-individual joint ventures.
- The kick off for **Innovations in Indianpreneurship® 2012** - a biennial business plan competition and business showcase.
- A **Founders recognition luncheon** that will highlight the last 20 years of tribal economic development.
- A **Business Alliance reception** gathering the region's Native businesses and chambers of commerce

The Coquille Indian Tribe is an active partner with the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) and their annual showcase of Native business owners and entrepreneurs. Several Tribal members have used ONABEN's programs to enhance their business skills to both start and/or further develop their respective small business. ONABEN's Board of Directors' current Chairperson is Tribal

member and Planner for the Tribe, Jack Lenox. Jack has been active in recruiting Tribal members to attend ONABEN classes and the Trading at the River Conference.

**The Coquille Indian Tribe will be holding a lottery drawing for Tribal member business owners and entrepreneurs who are interested in attending Trading at the River. Please contact Jack Lenox at the Tribe's main office for more information (1-800-622-5869; email: [jacklenox@coquilletribe.org](mailto:jacklenox@coquilletribe.org)). For more information on the Trading at the River Conference, visit ONABEN's web page at: [www.onaben.org](http://www.onaben.org).**

Calling All Venders!!!

Modeled after traditional gatherings, Trading at the River brings together old ways and new opportunities. This conference offers workshops on substantial business issues and enables Native American entrepreneurs to form new business relationships and partnerships. If you would like to participate in this exciting marketplace for Native businesses, please visit ONABEN's web page. A vender application form and guidelines can be downloaded, or you can apply online.

## 'Chair', continued

Tuesday evening I attended the a ATNI Culture Night and dinner sponsored by the Coquille Indian Tribe at the Community Center followed by dancing at the Community Plankhouse. On behalf of Tribal Council I want to be sure to thank all staff and volunteers who helped make our sponsorship of the ATNI 2011 Winter Conference a success.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> I attended a Port Orford City Hall meeting. Future planning and development was discussed for a proposed Marine Interpretive and Visitor Center at Battle Rock Wayside. We discussed project history, Ko-Kwel history, regional and state collaboration, community outreach, two open houses, the news media, stakeholders, signage and parking.

One of the highlights in January was the Gathering of Oregon's First Nations held at the State Fair and Expo Center and sponsored by the five western tribes of Oregon. There were informational displays, exhibits, vendors and cultural demonstrations. The Grand Entry was a magnificent site to see. All of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon were represented at the Pow-Wow and an estimated 3,000 people attended this event. It should be evident to everyone who attended this event that Oregon's Native Americans are active and flourishing in today's world.

February has been almost as busy and I'm looking forward to some warm, spring weather. Please take a look at my full Chairman's report from the Council Meeting Minutes for details on my activities this past month. As your Council Chairperson, I like to keep you informed of my activities and provide you with some insight into the state and federal issues that I work on throughout the year. I have received several calls lately and if at any time you would like more information on a specific topic or have any questions or concerns please feel to call me at (800) 622-5869 or (541) 756-0904.

In closing, I'd like to send my thoughts and prayers to those who are battling illness this winter. Please remember, your Tribal family is here to help you in any way we can so please reach out and ask for help when you need it. If you need assistance identifying available services or just a listening ear please feel free to contact me and I'll help you in any way I can.

May the Great Spirit watch over you.

Sincerely,  
Edward L. Metcalf, Tribal Chairman



Left: This photo of Sunset Bay was taken by Tribal member Alison Wasson. This photo was selected to be on the cover of the AAA 2011 map of Coos and Curry Counties and was selected out of over 60 entries.

## Kids In The Woods-A day of forestry education and tree-planting sponsored by the Tribe's Forestry Management Program.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

WHEN: March 24th, 2011

Tree planting and Resource presentations will be conducted on the Mead Creek Timber sale. As of February 19, there are two tentative dates for this event (March 3 or March 10, both Tuesdays). LRES staff will provide presentations, trees (for planting), equipment and instructions. If you are interested in attending, please contact CIT Forester Darren Cagley or Clara Gardner (dcagley@coquilletribe.org; cgardner@coquilletribe.org) at the CIT main office for more information.



### Mead Creek Tree Planting Schedule

8:00 Bus Pick-up at Community Center Parking Lot	Nicole Norris- Cultural Plants
8:30 Travel to Mead Creek	12:45-1:00 Group Picture
9:30-9:45 Tree Planting Demonstration	1:00 Robin Harkins—GPS Demonstration of Trees Planted
9:45-12:00 Tree Planting	1:30-3:00 Tree Planting
12:00-12:45 Lunch Break	3:00 Load Bus Return to Reservation
Gina Davis—Fire Safety, Darren Cagley—Thinning	

## Native Plant Sale at the South Slough Reserve!

The South Slough Interpretive Center is located at 61907 Seven Devils Road four miles south of Charleston. For more information please call (541)-888-5558

Saturday, March 12

The Coos Watershed Association and the Friends of South Slough Reserve are partnering to provide various species of native trees, shrubs and plants for your garden landscape from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide growing guidance and planting advice. (Cash and checks sales only please)

Stay and join us for Native Plantings in Your Backyard Workshop from 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. where you can learn the benefits, ethics and techniques of using native plants in landscaping. Take home a native plant for your yard. [Min.-5 participants/Max.-20] (\$5/participant) Reservations are required. Please call 541.888.5558 to reserve your place in this program.