



K'wen Weekly

Feb. 26, 2021



Next stop: Margaritaville

Footings and stem walls were poured Wednesday for the Coquille Tribe's future hotel in Medford, Ore. The property will be a "Compass by Margaritaville" franchise, a boutique version of the tropical-themed hospitality brand. It's scheduled to open in early 2022.



CIT heritage goes to school

New curriculum about the Coquille Tribe's history and culture is available online for teachers, tribal members and anyone else. The project was overseen by the tribe's culture and education staff, using funding from Oregon's "Tribal History / Shared History" legislation.

[See the curriculum](#)

Helpful perspectives on COVID vaccines

- See how the various COVID-19 vaccines stack up, according to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board: [Details](#)
- Native physicians answer vaccination questions: [Watch video](#)
- [Understanding mRNA vaccines](#)

[Schedule your vaccination on the CIT website](#)

In the spirit of potlatch ...

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund is offering grants to help organizations deal with COVID-19. Fund Administrator Jackie Chambers announced an application schedule this week.

[See the announcement](#)

Yo, hunters! You gotta see this

We have the 2021 timeline for the ODFW Landowner Preference Program.

[See it here](#)



Tribal members step up

Several tribal members were appointed to committees this week:

- Brady Scott was appointed to chair the Natural Resources Committee.
- Jen Procter was appointed as a tribal member student on the Culture and Education Committee.
- Marsha Frost and Naomi Bojorquez were appointed as tribal members at large on the Culture and Education Committee.

On the MyTribe Calendar

Tuesday, March 2: Elders frozen meal pickup; Natural Resources Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 3: Vaccination clinic in Portland; Health Advisory Committee meeting

Thursday, March 4: Elders frozen meal pickup

Friday, March 5: Vaccination clinic at The Mill; Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

For details, visit [MyTribe](#). You'll find the calendar under the "MyTribe Resources" tab.



Learn to use tule

Learn about tule and how to make a simple five-strand headband, in our newest *Fundamentals in Regalia* video.

[See the video](#)

If you are interested in learning more, please contact jenniferviksnehill@coquilletribe.org.

A canoe in a clinic?

Find out about a century-old canoe that will be displayed at the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. Also, see the latest aerial video of the site. That and more in this week's Construction Update.

[See it here](#)

Want some old stuff?

The MyTribe Auction is back with some remarkable treasures:

- A vintage weed whacker
- A well-seasoned arc welder
- A mature Kenmore stove
- A C3500 utility truck
- And more!

Online bidding starts March 1. See the "Auctions" tab on [MyTribe](#).



Here's help with schoolwork

The 2020-2021 school year is uniquely challenging, and the Coquille Tribe wants to help. The tribe is pleased to offer tutoring services for our tribal families, regardless of location.

[See details in the MyTribe Highlights](#)

Free business training

If you're a business owner or aspiring entrepreneur in southwest Oregon, the CCD Business Development Corp. is offering free access to business training. To learn more, email leah@ccdbusiness.ccsend.com. Ask about the Microenterprise Assistant Grant Program.

Opportunities

- [Pharmacist](#) (Internal and external applicants. Closes March 5)
- [Landscape specialist](#) (Internal applicants only. Closes March 5)
- [Design and Construction Manager](#) (Internal applicants only. Closes March 5)
- [Dental Office Manager](#) (Internal and external applicants. Closes March 15)
- [Custodial Technician](#) (Internal and external applicants. Closes March 15)

[Visit our website to apply for the positions above.](#)

Summer jobs at Kilkich

- [Summer Youth Program/Head Start Support Staff](#) (Closes May 14)

CEDCO and MEDC jobs

Bhe Mill needs several food-service employees and a human resources manager. Bear Creek Golf in Medford needs a part-time maintenance worker. See these jobs and more on The Mill's website:

[Open positions](#)

Illustrator for children's book

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BIA internships

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is recruiting for its Pathways internship program. Students will "perform assignments involving basic principles of management and program analysis," and

"receive opportunities to raise their awareness of traditional ecological knowledge education and land-management practices in use today by Tribes."

Applications close March 5.

[Details](#)



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General Council meeting March 27

The spring General Council meeting starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 27. If you have suggestions for agenda items, please send them to brendameade@coquilletribe.org or kaycollins@coquilletribe.org.

For valor in vaccinating ...

K'wen Weekly sends a shout-out to the Community Health Center team for outstanding work on COVID-19 vaccinations.

The team has vaccinated approximately 80 percent of Coquille Tribal Elders and spouses (55 years+) in the tribe's five-county service area, and 50 percent throughout Oregon.

Those numbers are WAY better than state and national averages.

If you're 18 or older and live within traveling distance of a Coquille Tribal vaccination site, please [sign up online](#) for the next available vaccination opportunity. [ink](#)



Tribal Council action

The Coquille Tribal Council will hold workshops Tuesday through Thursday, March 9-11, followed by a formal meeting Thursday afternoon.

A workshop schedule is available below. Log-in information for the workshops is available by calling the tribal office at (541) 756-0904 or (800) 622-5869. Or email daniellesummers@coquilletribe.org.

[Workshop schedule](#)

Proposed changes to the Coquille Tribal Election Ordinance are available below. The comment period ends April 13.

[Proposed amendment](#)

PRC staff will be out

The Purchased & Referred Care (PRC) staff will be in computer training all next week: March 8-12.

Phones will be set for voicemail from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Please leave us a message with your name and a return phone number, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

PRC's direct line is (541) 888-4405. Thank you for your understanding!

More about mRNA vaccines

Do you want to know more about COVID-19 vaccines? Here is a good overview of how mRNA vaccines work, including the Moderna CV-19 vaccine that our tribe uses.

[See the video](#)

The pharmacy is all moved in

Pharmacy staff members moved to their new home in the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center this week. See details below.

[Construction Update](#)

DHAT program improves patient care

Recent findings highlight the benefits of dental health aide therapists (DHATs) to tribal communities.

[See the details](#)

Quake preparedness tool

When disaster strikes, being prepared can make a big difference. A preparedness tool called ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning System will be activated in Oregon on March 11.

You don't have to sign up. Most cell phones will automatically receive alerts in the event of a quake.

[Fact sheet](#)
[Learn more online](#)

Free business training UPDATE

We have a corrected mail address for business help. If you're a business owner or aspiring entrepreneur in southwest Oregon, the CCD Business Development Corp. is offering free access to business training.

[Online application and details](#)

OHA seeks tribal board member

The Oregon Health Authority is seeking a tribal member to fill a position on the Psilocybin Advisory Board. For more information and instructions on the application, see below.

[More info](#)

[Application and instructions](#)

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The Mill's website has a variety of job openings:

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[Details](#)

Financial analyst position

Native American Technology Corporation is hiring a Financial Analyst to be based out of North Bend, Ore. They are willing to consider recent college graduates for this position. For more information. Click on the link below.

[Details](#)



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March 12, 2021

Special announcement from Chairman Meade

Dai s'la! Greetings!

After a vigorous recruitment process, and after careful consideration of several candidates, I am happy to announce that the Tribal Council has chosen Mark Johnston as the Health and Wellness CEO.

We all know Mark for his work as the Coquille Indian Tribe's executive director. But Mark has spent the past 25 years working in tribal health care and administration for various Oregon tribes.

Mark has played an integral role in developing the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. We look forward to seeing how he will continue to move us toward further successes.

Mark will retain the executive director position until it is filled.

More information will be shared soon on recruitment for the executive director position. For now, help me congratulate Mark on his new role with the tribe!

Shuenhalni,
Brenda Meade
Chairman

New crosswalks

Traffic pattern improvements are in the works at Kilkich, with a goal of improving pedestrian safety around the new Wellness Center.

[Details](#)

Tribal artists wanted

Tribal artists are needed for Restoration giveaway items. If you are able to supply crafted items in quantities of 500 (or more), please submit a photo and description of your work, along with a bid.

Contact Travel and Events Coordinator Nichole Howe at (541) 294-8965 or email nicholehowe@coquilletribe.org. The deadline for submissions is April 9.

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Tribal Council minutes

Stay up-to-date on the latest news from Tribal Council.

[Feb. 25 meeting minutes](#)

Save the date for Restoration in June

This year's Restoration event will be held Friday, June 25 through Sunday, June 27. We are still working out the details, but look for an agenda in April.

Monday, June 28, all tribal offices will be closed in observance of the Restoration holiday.

Hunting applications mailed

Landowner hunting applications were put in the mail earlier this week, and an updated application is available on MyTribe. If you have questions, please contact Biological Planning and Operations Manager Helena Linnell: helenalinnell@coquilletribe.org or (541) 756-0904.

Our cultural values encourage healing

Indigenous culture is healing. It teaches us to care for our community especially during hard times and sometimes that healing comes in the form of vaccines.

[See a video](#)

[Vaccines are helping](#)

Progress continues on wellness center

Contractors continue to make good progress on the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center.

Construction Update

A new vaccine option

The Coquille Indian Tribe has secured a large number of doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. One benefit of the Pfizer vaccine is that it be used on youth 16 and 17 years old. The more people we vaccinate, the sooner we can all return to seeing friends, sports, schools, movies and more.

Advance appointments for the Pfizer vaccine are offered for from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 and March 28. These Sunday appointments available to everyone age 16 and older who meets the Coquille Tribe's COVID-19 eligibility.

Schedule an appointment

Publicize 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. With any luck, you may land some new customers!

Opportunities

- [Dental Hygienist](#) (Internal applicants. Closes March 22.)
- [Dental Office Manager](#) (Internal and external applicants. Closes March 15.)
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South Slough science internship

The South Slough has opportunities for a science student this summer.

[Details](#)

Hatfield Fellowship opportunity

For native students interested in public service, a paid internship in Oregon's congressional office in Washington D.C. is available. Watch a video about the program and get more information below:

[Video](#)

[More info](#)



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More federal aid for tribes

The federal government's newly adopted \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill includes more than \$31 billion specifically for tribal communities. That number includes \$20 billion for tribal governments and more than \$6 billion for Native health systems.

How much of the \$31 billion will come to the Coquille Indian Tribe is unknown. Once the amount is determined, the Tribal Council can start deliberating on how best to deploy the funds for the benefit of tribal members.

The K'wen will keep you posted.



We get a round!

Coquille Tribal heritage is reflected in the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center's front door. See this week's Construction Update for more.

[Read it here](#)

General Council March 27

A draft of the Coquille Indian Tribe's General Council meeting scheduled for March 27 is available. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, please send Brenda Meade an email at brendameade@coquilletribe.org or kaycollins@coquilletribe.org.

[Details](#)

Your comments count!



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CIHA seeks board applications



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 CIHA in compliance with tribal and federal law. Commissioners serve staggered three-year terms and receive a modest monthly stipend.

[Application materials are available here.](#)

Applications received by 1 p.m., Wednesday, 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

Or fax to (541) 888-8266; or email to annecook@coquilleiha.org.



Want to work with dentalium?

Dentalium is a foundational piece in Coquille regalia. Learn more about the importance of this shell to Coquille culture, and how to prepare it for use in your regalia, in the Cultural Education department's latest video.

[See the video](#)

Board member opportunity

Mith-ih-kwuh Economic Development Corp. (Tribal One) is looking for board members. If you are currently employed or in a contract by a tribal entity you are ineligible.

[Details](#)