



# K'wen 'inish-ha

Have you heard the news?  
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While this is a historical photo, this photo by Jon Ivy captures a recent historical event. Every year, two wind-powered tall ships travel the Pacific northwest making stops at various ports along the way. The Coquille Canoe Club members joined the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribe pullers in welcoming the Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington to the Coos Bay area on April 1, 2011 with a gift exchange. Captain Rob of the Hawaiian Chieftain thanked all of the Tribes for welcoming the Tall Ships and stated that he hoped the welcoming and exchange would become a yearly tradition between the two groups. Both ships are fully operational replicas of 18th century merchant "tall" ships that travel together up and down the west coast providing education opportunities to schools and community groups.

The Coquille Canoe Club members would like to say thank you to Edward Metcalf and Sheldon Chase for attending the gift exchange, battling the wind and rain, and showing support for the Canoe Club. Thank you both.

## College Summer Internships for Coquille Tribal members--Deadline is May 27.

The internship program provides full-time summer employment with opportunities to work with several CIT departments including the Education, Health, and Finance departments. If you are a Coquille Tribal member currently enrolled in college, please consider coming to work as an Intern for the Tribe this summer. Funding is available for several positions. Job announcements and applications have been emailed to Tribal members listed in the Tribe's Directory and are also available on the Tribe's web page ([www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org)) where they can be printed and faxed in. **An application for the Internship and two open positions with the Health Dept. are included in this month's newsletter as inserts.**

If you are from out of the area and have no local family with whom you can stay, don't let the lack of housing prevent you from applying for one of the summer positions. The Wallace St. house that is owned by the Tribe will be available again this summer. This house is single story, fairly large and well maintained with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The facility would be shared with other students such as yourself at no cost.

We look forward to receiving your application. For more information, please call or e-mail Education Program Director Linda Mecum. Ph: 541-751-2004; FAX: 541-756-0847; or email: [lindamecum@coquilletribe.org](mailto:lindamecum@coquilletribe.org).

## CIT Strategic Plan Update Survey—You have until May 4

Feedback from Tribal members is essential. Please fill out and complete the CIT Strategic Plan Survey and submit/return it by May 4, 2011. You may access the survey by using the link printed below or visiting the Tribe's web page ([www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org)). Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LQWNVGP>

Completion of the survey is one way Tribal members can contribute to the Strategic Plan update. This DRAFT document will be mailed to Tribal members and placed on the Tribe's Portal for review. Meetings scheduled for the Restoration Celebration and Family Camp will allow for Tribal member feedback PRIOR to the publication of a final Strategic Plan.

## Potential Changes to Tribe's Election Ordinance

Notice on pg. 5. Proposed amendments become law after Council approval.

For several year's, this newsletter has published notices regarding the Tribe's Ordinances. These include notices for new Ordinances and amendments to existing ones.

This notice describes the proposed amendments to Chapter 194, the Tribe's Election Ordinance and is printed on page 5 of this month's newsletter. A summary of the proposed changes:

- Election Board will notify General Council of Nominations meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- The Nominations Meeting will be held at least ten weeks prior to the election (currently the meeting is held at least five weeks prior).
- The Voter's pamphlet, packets and ballots will be mailed together at least 45 days before Election Day (ballots and other election materials are currently mailed separately).
- Election results will be posted on the Tribe's Web Portal.

Tribal members can provide comment to Tribal Council regarding the proposed changes to the Elections Ordinance by June 3. Contact information is provided in the **original notice printed on page 5**. This Ordinance, with the changes, was reviewed and approved by the Tribe's Election Board and approved at the March 26 Tribal Council meeting.

**Coquille Fishing Derby. Saturday, May 7. Tarheel Reservoir. More information on page 12**

## Chairman Report

Dear Tribal Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather this past week and are planning to spend some quality time with family and friends over the Easter weekend. As your Council Chairperson, I'd like to keep you informed of my Tribal Council activities, and accomplishments. Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns please feel to call me at (800) 622-5869 or (541)756-0904.

As usual, this has been a busy spring with plenty of workshops and meetings for Tribal Council. This past month I traveled to Lincoln City to attend the Elders Honors Day sponsored by the Siletz Tribe. The event was held at the Chinook Winds Casino and over 20 of our Elders made the trip for some fun and fellowship. I also went to a BIA – EAP table top exercise on dam safety and tsunami warnings. I also attended a Community Night Dinner sponsored by the Head Start Program and watched a great video presentation by Jessie Meza on the Lamprey Project. The Tribe's Water and Environmental Specialist Bryan Duggan talked about the Community Garden and water quality issues on the reservation.

- Turn to 'Chair report', pg. 12

## Coquille ID Cards now accepted at your local Oregon DMV office

Tribal members, especially those who need to do business at their local Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles Office, will be excited to know that their Coquille Tribal member ID card can now be used as acceptable proof of legal residence when applying for an Oregon Driver's Permit, Oregon Driver's License, or an Oregon State identification card.

If needed, A Tribal member can simply present their card at the DMV office when identification is requested. Any Tribal member who presents their card and is denied use of it (i.e. the I.D. card is not accepted and/or the Tribal member is otherwise denied a service for lack of proper identification) can contact Tribal Member Services Coordinator Jon Ivy or CIT Attorney Melissa Cribbins for assistance.

The Oregon DMV requires that anyone applying for a driver's license, learning permit, or I.D. card provide proof of their current full legal name, legal presence in the U.S., date of birth and Social Security Number. Until recently, the identification cards used to identify members of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon were not accepted as proof. That is no longer. Again, any Coquille Tribal member whose identification card is not accepted at an Oregon DMV office should contact either Jon Ivy or Melissa Cribbins at the CIT main office (541-756-0904; 1-800-622-5869).

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## Attention Graduates! CIT Logo Blanket Recognition

If you have completed a program this year and will be receiving a GED, Vocational Certificate, High School Diploma or Degree from an educational institution, please contact us. We would like to honor you with a CIT Logo Blanket at the Restoration Celebration on June 25, 2011.

If you're not able to attend the Celebration we will ship you your blanket if you let us know.

Please mail, fax or email a copy of your certificate, diploma or degree to:

Coquille Indian Tribe  
Education Department  
2611 Mexeye Loop  
Coos Bay, OR 97420

For Questions please contact Linda Mecum or Rhonda Ferguson. Tel: 541-756-0904; FAX: 541-888-2418 Toll Free: 1-800-622-5869

### Education Committee position open

- Do you have a passion for education?
- Are you thoughtful when considering issues and listen well?
- Would you like to have a better understanding of the Tribal education programs?
- Are you interested in the needs of the Tribe and Tribal members?
- Would you like to have a voice in the direction of the Education Department and Tribal education programs?
- Can you commit to attending three meetings a year?

If you can answer "Yes!" to these questions then the Committee needs you!

Please contact the CIT Education Department, Linda Mecum, 541-751-2004 or email: lindamecum@coquilletribe.org

### Letters to Editor Policy...

"K'wen 'inish-ha" is the publication of the Coquille Indian Tribe. We have established an editorial policy to encourage input from readers about families, news, stories, or Tribal issues. Letters must be printed or typed and cannot exceed 1000 words. K'wen 'inish-ha reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or part of a letter that may contain libelous statements, personal attacks, or has profane language. The Coquille Tribal Newsletter and Tribal Government accept no responsibility for statements made in the Letters to the Editor. The opinions expressed are solely those of individuals writing in. Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Published letters do not necessarily reflect opinions of the K'wen 'inish-ha employees or Tribal Council.

All letters must include your name, address and signature.

Send your letter to:

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

### Community Calendar

- **Tribal Council meeting.** Thursday, May 5. 1 p.m. CIT main office. Workshops scheduled for Wednesday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Ko-kwel Fishing Derby.** Saturday, May 7. 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Derby held at Tarheel Reservoir behind the CIT Community Center.
- **Restoration Celebration Gathering: Surf Perch Fishing.** Saturday, May 7. 9 a.m. CIT Community Plankhouse. **(More information on all 4 gathering dates on page 4).**
- **Restoration Celebration Gathering: Mussel Gathering.** Sunday, May 8. 7 a.m. CIT Community Plankhouse.
- **Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting.** Monday, May 9. 5 p.m. CIT main office.
- **Women's Retreat.** Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15. Bandon, Oregon. Please contact the Community Health Center for more information.
- **Peacegiving in our Community** presentation: Thursday, May 19. 5:30 p.m. CIT Community Center. More information on page 12.
- **Restoration Celebration Gathering: Camas Bulbs.** Saturday, May 21. 7 a.m. CIT Community Plankhouse.
- **Tribal Council meeting.** Saturday, May 21. 9 a.m. CIT main office. Workshops scheduled for Friday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Health Advisory Board meeting.** Thursday, May 26. 1 p.m. CIT Community Health Center conference room.
- **Memorial Day.** Monday, May 30. CIT offices closed in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

## How to Get Your Concerns on the Tribal Council Agenda

As a Tribal member you may request that an item be added to the Tribal Council agenda. The best way to do that is to contact the Tribal Chairperson. The Tribal Council Policies and Procedures Ordinance (CITC Chapter 141) says "Members wishing to bring topics before the Tribal Council may contact the Chairman and request time during such meeting. Such requests will be considered and honored if appropriate to the meeting and time permits." (CITC 141.140(1)(b)). The Tribal Council Chairperson is responsible to set the agenda in advance of Tribal Council meetings. (CITC 141.120(1)(d)).

The Tribal Council now closes the agenda 72 hours before a Tribal Council meeting. This means that you should contact the Tribal Council Chairperson no less than three days before a Tribal Council meeting if you have a specific agenda item. If you wish only to comment about something, the Tribal Council provides two opportunities to do that at most meetings: the "Public Comment" at the beginning of the meeting, and the "Questions and Comments" at the end.

Comments are encouraged!

If you ever desire to schedule an agenda item with the Tribal Council here are some things to keep in mind:

- Is this something that should be considered by the Tribal Council?
  - If you have an unresolved complaint regarding a Tribal program or department, you should normally contact the Tribal Executive Director at (541) 756-0904 or georgesmith@coquilletribe.org.
  - If you have a complaint regarding another Tribal entity, such as CEDCO, you are welcome to raise these concerns with the Tribal Council, but please be aware that the Tribal Council's normal practice is to refer these matters to the entity in question.
- Do you plan to address matters that are confidential to you or your dependent? If so, then please be sure to mention your need to discuss confidential matters when you request your agenda item. That way, the Tribal Council can discuss the matter in a closed setting.
- Be aware that the Tribal Council does not normally respond to complaints. After you present your agenda item, the Tribal Council might take appropriate actions or request a Tribal official to provide an appropriate response. The Tribal Council will, however, provide you with a response to your concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. The Tribal Council welcomes and encourages your participation in Tribal Council meetings.

## Coquille Indian Tribe Women's Retreat in Bandon, Oregon. May 13-15 2011

Weekend of events:

### Friday, May 13

4 p.m. Arrive at The Bandon Inn. Relaxing evening on your own

### Saturday, May 14

8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Group Activity  
2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bandon Historic Bus Tour  
6:00 p.m. Group Dinner at Bandon Bill's Fine Dining

### Sunday, May 15

11 a.m. Check out and return home

**The next Health Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the CIT Community Health Center Conference Room beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

**Tribal Government Day at the Oregon State Capital in Salem, Oregon. Friday, May 13 beginning at 8 a.m.**

Tribal Government Day is an annual event coordinated by the Oregon Commission on Indian Services. It is an opportunity for State employees and elected representatives to meet and learn from Tribal government officials. The event is open to the public and Coquille Tribal members are welcome to attend, learn about the tribal and government relations, and represent the Coquille Indian Tribe.

More information is available online at: [http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/tid/savethedate\\_2011.pdf](http://www.leg.state.or.us/cis/tid/savethedate_2011.pdf)

## Siletz Elders Honor Day

With a theme of "Shirts and Shawls" the Siletz Elders Honor Day was held April 5, 2011 at the Chinook Winds Casino & Resort. There were 28 Elders, spouses and caregivers that attended. The Elders were transported by staff in the bus and vans, and arrived for a fun filled day of receiving gift bags, door prizes, playing bingo (our own Tribal Elder, Ray Chase was a bingo winner, "Your hat looked nice Ray"), a health presentation, a wonderful buffet lunch, and even smoked elk meat. We were all honored with a performance of the Lord's Prayer by the Siletz Royalty Court of Miss Siletz, Jr. Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz. The event ended with musical entertainment and more door prizes. After that the Elders checked into their rooms.

The next morning, after a great breakfast supplied by Liberty Inn, it was on the road to Three Rivers for lunch. There was all kinds of weather on the way to Florence including rain, hail and snow, lightening, thunder and wind gusts. The group arrived safely at the Community Center around 3 p.m., and I'm sure all continued on to their homes for a well deserved rest.

Thank you to all the Elders for their patience and friendship. As staff, it is an honor to attend these events with them, and it is always a new adventure and a lot of fun and laughs. It is a pleasure to accompany them on their Elder trips.

CIT Community Health Center Staff Toni Scavera & Theresa Libbett



### 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.



### Circuit Training Classes

Come on out to the CIT Community Center for a fun evening of Circuit Training. By moving to music and lifting light weights you can blast calories away!

Classes are held every Tuesday evening at 5:15 p.m. and will continue until June 7.

If you have any questions on either of these Community Center programs, please contact Luke Clark at 541-888-9494 Ext. 20240.

## Peacegiving available at Coquille Tribal Court.

The first peacegiving case was filed in the Coquille Indian Tribal Court in 2004. Starting with that case, a wide variety of Coquille Indian Tribal Court cases and other disputes in the Coquille Tribal community have been resolved with a high level of participant satisfaction. This is because peacegiving:

- Emphasizes mutual respect, generosity, and creativity
- Uses restorative justice principles and traditional tribal dispute resolution and community integration values and practices
- Provides a safe and peaceable means for the resolution of cases and disputes
- Ensures for all participants due process and equal protection under Tribal law
- Helps address the underlying causes of cases and disputes
- Focuses on restoration, safety and skills-development, and not on punishment
- Mentors and guides individuals, particularly youngsters

Cases or requests for peacegiving may be filed by individuals at the Tribal Court clerk's office or referred to the Coquille Indian Tribal Attorney for review and possible filing.

For additional information and filing forms please contact Susan Thornton, Peacegiving Court Advocate, Coquille Indian Tribal Court, 541/756-0904 or [susanthornton@coquilletribe.org](mailto:susanthornton@coquilletribe.org).

## **GATHERING FOR RESTORATION**

### **CELEBRATION: 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. and then proceed to the beach. Afterwards we will return to the Plankhouse and process our day's catch. Please bring rubber boots, a surf fishing rod and a 5-gallon bucket. If you are over 14 years of age you will need an Oregon fishing license.

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 never surf-fished before, now is the time to learn.

#### **Mussel Gathering – Sunday, May 8**

We will be meet at 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 8 at the Coquille Community Plankhouse. This year we will be gathering mussels and smoking them for the Restoration Celebration. The gathering area is not an easy to access place and you will have to climb steep, rocky terrain in order to help gather mussels (please no young children). Please bring your rubber boots, a pointed shovel and a 5-gallon bucket. If you are over 14 years of age, you will need a shellfish license. The gathering area is not an easily accessible place. We will return to the Plankhouse around 12 noon. If you prefer to help clean and prepare the mussels after gathering, you can meet the group there. 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 meet on Saturday, May 21 at 7 a.m. at the Coquille Community Plankhouse. You will need a pointed shovel or digging stick, gloves, and sunscreen. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by May 6.

#### **Clam Digging – Saturday, June 4**

We will meet on Saturday, June 4 at 7 a.m. at the Coquille Community Plankhouse. Please bring rubber boots, a pointed shovel and a 5-gallon bucket. If you are over 14 years of age, you will need a shellfish license. We will meet at the Plankhouse at 7 a.m. and proceed to the clam digging location. 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 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)

## ALCOHOL ABUSE: Help is here

Alcohol is the preferred drug of choice for many living in American Indian communities. As a consequence, the abuse of this drug causes major health concerns. Alcohol abuse plays a significant role in the higher rates of cancer, diabetes, heart disease and accidents causing injury or death experienced by American Indians and Native Alaskans. Other dangers of alcohol abuse include possible obesity, malnutrition, pancreatitis, epilepsy, dementia, and irreversible damage to the liver and brain.

Alcoholism is a term with multiple and sometimes conflicting definitions. In common usage, alcoholism refers to any condition that results in the continued consumption of alcoholic beverages despite the health problems and negative social consequences it causes. Although the mechanisms leading to alcoholism are uncertain, some risk factors for developing alcoholism have been identified such as social environment, peer pressure, emotional health, genetic predisposition, and the culture in which you live.

The social problems arising from alcoholism can also be devastating. For example, alcohol has been implicated in loss of employment leading to financial troubles, criminal and legal consequences within the court system, conflicts and loss of respect from family and friends, domestic

violence and marital issues, and lifelong negative impacts on the children of alcoholics.

People who are not alcoholic sometimes do not understand why an alcoholic can't just "use a little willpower" to stop drinking. However, alcoholism has little to do with willpower. Alcoholics are in the grip of a powerful "craving" or uncontrollable need for alcohol that overrides their ability to stop drinking. This need can be as strong as the need for food or water.

Although some people are able to recover from alcoholism without help, the majority of alcoholics need assistance. With treatment and support, many individuals are able to stop drinking and rebuild their lives.

If you are concerned about your drinking, there are a variety of anonymous treatment options for you to explore including your Coquille Indian Tribe's Social Services Department. Just call 541-888-9494 and ask to speak to Yvonne Livingstone, LMFT, (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist) at extension 20213.

Deborah Sensenbach, RN  
Contract Health Case Manager

## School Clothes Program

**The Coquille Health Department's Social Services program is accepting clean and gently-used clothing and shoes from size 5T to adult for school children.**

**The clothing must be school appropriate;**

- NO word slang or symbols;
- NO open-toed shoes or tank tops;
- All straps on shirts must be at least 1" in width.
- **This program is for children age 3 – 18 who are enrolled in preschool, school, or registered in a state-approved education program.**

**Clothing distribution will be based on the NEED of families who are enrolled in a program such as OHP, MHAP, TANF, or other need-based programs.**

**CLOTHING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO Coquille FAMILIES ONE DAY IN AUGUST.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Livingstone.**

### Fridays are DONATION DAYS.

Donations will be accepted during normal office hours 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Coquille Community Health Center.

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Social Services Director  
Coquille Indian Tribe Health Center  
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Email: [yvonnelivingstone@coquilletribe.org](mailto:yvonnelivingstone@coquilletribe.org)

## Notice of Amendments to Bylaws: Culture Committee

**Closing Date for Comments:** All comments must be received by June 3, 2011.

The Coquille Tribal Council has approved the following amendments to the Bylaws for the Culture Committee.

**Title of Bylaws:** Coquille Indian Tribe **Culture Committee Bylaws**

**Summary of Major Changes:**

The Bylaws are amended to designate the Culture Committee to serve as the Advisory Review Board for the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

**Availability of Bylaws.** The revised Bylaws are available for viewing at the Tribal Administrative Offices at 3050 Tremont Street, North Bend, Oregon during the normal business hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Copies of the revised Bylaws can be obtained by contacting the CIT main office or visiting the Tribe's Legal Department web page at [www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org):

**Comments:** Interested Tribal members may submit comments in writing on the proposed bylaws:

Tribal Attorney  
Coquille Indian Tribe  
3050 Tremont Street  
North Bend, Oregon 97459  
Email: [epinion@coquilletribe.org](mailto:epinion@coquilletribe.org)

## Notice of Proposed Amendments to Tribal Ordinance: Election Ordinance Chapter 194

**Closing Date for Comments:** All comments must be received by June 3, 2011.

The Coquille Tribal Council has approved amendments to the following ordinance and is hereby providing notice of its availability and comment period. The amendments cannot become law until this comment period ends and Tribal Council considers all comments received.

**Title:** Coquille Indian Tribe **Election Ordinance.**

**Background:** The Election Board has reviewed the Election Ordinance and proposed changes to the Tribal Council to provide for the more fair and efficient operation of Tribal elections. The Tribal Council approved those proposed amendments at their regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting held on March 26, 2011 in North Bend, Oregon.

**Summary of Major Amended Provisions:**

1. The Election Board will notify all General Council members of the Nominations Meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
2. The Nominations Meeting will be held at least ten weeks prior to the election, instead of five weeks prior.
3. Voter's pamphlets, voter's packets, and ballots will be mailed together at least 45 days before Election Day.
4. Election results will be posted on the portal.

**Availability of Ordinance.** The proposed ordinance is available for viewing on the Coquille Indian Tribe's website ([www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org)) or at the Tribal Administrative Offices at 3050 Tremont Street, North Bend, Oregon during the normal business hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed ordinance can be obtained by calling the Tribal Attorney at the Tribal Office at 1-800-622-5869 or 541-756-0904 during normal business hours or by writing to the address below.

**Comments:** Interested Tribal members may submit comments in writing on the proposed Ordinance:

Tribal Attorney  
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North Bend, Oregon 97459  
Email: [epinion@coquilletribe.org](mailto:epinion@coquilletribe.org)

## 2011 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM at the CIT Community Center

The Coquille Indian Tribe announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Program for eligible applicants at the Community Center. Breakfasts and lunches will be made available Monday through Thursday free to all children residing on the Coquille Indian Tribe reservation who are 18 years of age and under. Meals will be served at the Tribal Community Center beginning on June 20, 2011.

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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help monitor meals, please contact Jane Metcalf, Sandi Belletto, Laura Angulo, or Sue Duvall at the CIT Community Center (ph: 541-888-9494).

## Coquille Forest Timber Sale: Rasler Creek No. 1 Logging Unit

By Ed Vaughn: LRES Department of Forestry

On March 15, 2011 a successful bid opening took place at the CIT Administration office by the Tribe's Forestry staff for the "Rasler Creek No. 1 Logging Unit". This sale is in parcel #12 of the Coquille Forest in Sections 24 & 25, T30S, R11W and contains approximately 3,000,000 board feet of timber.

This sale has been in the planning stages for the past two years and all biological and environmental surveys have been completed. An Environmental Analysis has been completed for this sale and has been approved by the Fish & Wildlife Department. A "Finding of No Significant Impact" or FONSI has been issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Siletz Agency.

The appraised price for Douglas fir was set at \$266.34. There were three competitive bidders for this sale. The highest bidder being Herbert Lumber Company of Riddle, Oregon with a final high bid of \$394.00 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir timber. During the two year cutting contract period, this sale will produce approximately \$1,500,000.00 of revenue to the Tribe. Logs produced from this sale will go to local mills in Coos and Douglas County and will provide jobs and revenue to the local economy. Ten percent of this revenue goes into a special account for future forest management in an account maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Siletz Agency.

Any questions on this or other timber sales may be directed to Tim Vredenburg or Ed Vaughn in the LRES Department at the CIT main office (1-800-622-5869; 541-756-0904).

## SNOW CAMP 2011 an Awesome Adventure!

Everyone had a blast at Snow Camp this year! Tribal Youth enjoyed a trip to Splash Swim Center, dinner at Roaring Rapids Pizza, and a whole day of fun in the snow at Hoodoo Resort. Youth were able to choose between skiing, snowboarding, snow biking, or tubing. We had 36 youth attend Snow Camp this year! We would like to send out a special thanks to all of our chaperones: Chelle Simpson, Tony Angulo, Joe Ward, Brenda and Lyman Meade, Dustin and Dasha Beauvais, and Jeff and Lisa Wasson. We truly appreciate your commitment to the youth; there is no way we could do it without you! I would also like to thank our staff: Cody Libbett, Theresa Libbett, Lisa Lemmons, Jennifer Trosper, and Luke Clark - what an amazing event!

Let's do it again next year!  
 Laura D. Angulo  
 Prevention Coordinator



Above: Happy Snow-Campers have fun playing King of the Mountain at Hoodoo Ski Resort.

Below: Kiana Holly-Sandbert and Desiree' Clark.



### SOUTHERN OREGON TRIBAL DIABETES PREVENTION CONSORTIUM

The Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and Klamath Tribes have banded together and formed a Diabetes Prevention Team whose sole purpose is to help you make the modest lifestyle changes needed, giving you the power to prevent diabetes.

**ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT  
 YOUR BLOOD SUGAR?**

**ARE YOU AT RISK FOR  
 DEVELOPING DIABETES?**

We are offering a **FREE** blood sugar test which measures the body's ability to use a type of sugar, called glucose, that is the body's main source of energy.

You must be 18 years or older and a Native American.

If you are interested in this test please call for more information:

**Gail Accinelli, B.S. Health Educator  
 541-888-9494, 20216**

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## Healthy Weight Management

Take off pounds and keep them off with customized, weekly classes from your own

**Personal Lifestyle Coach!**

**Are you frustrated in your efforts to lose weight?**

**Are you at risk for 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? Schedule and come in for your Blood Sugar Test and receive a free T-Shirt and water bottle. Please Call Gail Accinelli: 541-888-9494, ext. 20216; 800-344-8583



Kids in the Woods 2011: One of several activities sponsored by the Tribe during Spring Break, Kids in the Woods brought a group of enthusiastic Tribal members, staff and families to the Coquille Forest for a day of activities related to learning about the Tribe's forest lands, how the Tribe manages them, and how ancestors of today's Tribal members managed these resources in the past.

Attendees learned about plants growing in the Coquille Forest that were used traditionally for food, clothing, shelter, and transportation (to name a few). They learned about G.I.S. technology by participating in a geocaching exercise where they searched for hidden items using Global Positioning System (GPS) units to find them. Of course, all attendees helped plant young trees in the Mead Creek timber unit.

The Coquille Indian Tribe's L.R.E.S. department has supported Kids in the Woods for several years. The day is held during Spring Break and is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Tribe and the Coquille Forest.



That is Austin Ward is setting up a home for a young tree underneath a very large and completely stable root-wad.



GIS Coordinator Robin Harkins shows young Tribal members how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) works by coordinating a treasure hunt where participants used G.P.S. units to search and find selected items. This was not only an interesting and fun activity, this was an opportunity to introduce Tribal youth to a valuable work skill.



Not to be outdone, Lyman Meade, Jr. a high school senior and veteran of the Coquille Youth Corps grabbed two bags of trees and found a hill to climb while helping replenish the natural resources in the Coquille Forest.



Eliot Ivy takes a peek over the bundle of young cedars he is about to plant in the Mead Creek timber unit located in the Coquille Forest.



Preston Shea watches Eva Short as she prepares to plant a tree in the Coquille Forest. Tree-planters worked in groups, taking turns planting trees during that part of the day.



CIT Forester Gina Davis help some of the kids plant trees in the woods.

## Tribal member Margo Metcalf prepares for summer basketball

Tribal member and high school student Margo Metcalf recently completed her Junior season of varsity basketball for Redmond High School. Margo was named to the 2011 Intermountain Conference Hybrid League honorable mention team after a season where Redmond tied for second place in the conference and made the 6A State basketball playoffs. The team expects to return to the playoffs in 2012 and vie for the outright conference title.

Margo averaged 8 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists per game which led to her being named to the all-conference team. She is considered an integral part of the team and a strong defender who was often assigned to guard the opposing team's best players. Her highlights for the 2010-11 season include making a game winning lay-in off an in-bounds play designed for her against Crook County High School and being part of a key trap on defense that caused a turnover with 10 seconds left to play against Summit High School; Margo deflected the ball, causing the turnover that was picked up by a teammate who made the game winning shot. Now that is a turnover and assist!

Margo has a goal to earn a basketball scholarship and play at the collegiate level. She will be playing with the Oregon Elite Basketball Club this spring and summer. The games she will play include summer NCAA viewing tournaments in Oregon City, Phoenix, Nashville, Chicago and San Diego. These tournaments give the players more exposure to colleges with women's basketball programs.

Margo is able to participate in the upcoming tournaments because of her own hard work. The cost of travel around the country is supported by the Coquille Indian Tribe Education Department's **Youth Merit Program**.

The **Youth Merit Program** assists Tribal member youth who have excelled in an artistic, athletic or scholastic program and as a direct result of their personal success or achievement, have the opportunity to participate in an event competing or performing individually or with other youth. Please contact the CIT Education department for more information



## Summer Youth Art Camp seeks Tribal member teenage artists (age 15-19)

The Journeys in Creativity Program introduces teens to the richness of Native American art and tradition through hands-on art workshops, museum field trips, and live performances. Shirod Younker manages the program and provided the following information on the 2011 camp

This year's camp theme is "Art of the Canoe: Looking and making art from the Native People of the Pacific Northwest". Detailed information on-line to the "Journeys In Creativity: Explorations in Native American Art" camp program and application can be found via this link: <http://ocac.edu/#/community-programs/youth-programs/a-susana-santos-journeys-in-creativity-program-an-exploration-in-native-american-art/>

This art program is a pre-college camp for Native American (Native Hawaiians and other indigenous) teens age 15-19. **The camp is free to all students involved** (with the exception of travel to the start of camp and travel back home). It takes place **August 8 - 21** on the Oregon College of Art and Craft campus in Portland, Oregon. Students live on campus (with a chaperone) for up to two weeks. Teens that are ages 18-19 have the option of staying for two weeks and teens age 15-17 are able to stay for one week.

The application process is competitive and qualifying youth are selected by a review panel of Native American artists and OCAC college administrators. All interested Tribal members who apply should be sure to follow the instructions so that they do not accidentally leave anything out when mailing back their application. Completed applications must be received by **June 1**.

If you should have any questions you can email at [syounker@ocac.edu](mailto:syounker@ocac.edu) or call at **971-255-4148**.

## Summer Reading Loss

The information below is excerpted from an online article [Summer Reading Loss](#) written by Maryann Mraz and Timothy V. Rasinski. This information is included to encourage Tribal member parents to look into local Summer Reading programs available where you live and to encourage your children to read more at home during the summer.

### How does summer loss affect students' reading achievement?

Summer reading loss refers to the decline in children's reading development that can occur during summer vacation times when children are away from the classroom and not participating in formal literacy programs (Allington & McGill-Franzen, 2003). Far from being an intuitive perception in the minds of educators, the reality of summer reading loss is well documented – and it is more persistent among students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds who are already at risk for academic failure. Researchers have uncovered evidence to suggest that the impact of summer reading loss on students in general, and on at-risk students in particular, is significant.

A review of 13 empirical studies representing approximately 40,000 students found that, on average, the reading proficiency levels of students from lower income families declined over the summer months, while the reading proficiency levels of students from middle-income families improved modestly. In a single academic year, this decline resulted in an estimated three-month achievement gap between more advantaged and less advantaged students. Between grades 1 and 6, the potential cumulative impact of this achievement gap could compound to 1.5 years' worth of reading development lost in the summer months alone (Cooper, Nye, Charlton, Lindsay, & Greathouse, 1996).

### What can be done to curb summer reading loss?

The value placed on literacy in the home, time spent reading with children, and the availability and use of reading materials have been identified as important elements in

children's reading success (Snow, Burns, & Griffin, 1998). Supporting reading development over the summer months can be done in ways that tap into children's own interests and imaginations. It is not enough, however, to simply tell parents that it is important to read to children. Parents, particularly lower socioeconomic-status parents, need to be offered concrete, specific programs and suggestions on how to participate in family literacy, and they need to be supported in their attempts to do so (Edwards, 2004).

At the family level, the International Reading Association (1998) suggested that parents look for reading materials that relate to interests that a child enjoys, such as baseball, swimming, animals, or nature. Families may need to be assured that useful reading materials come in many forms. In addition to books, children's magazines may link to a child's interest or hobby.

While reasonable limits should be set for television viewing, television programs and age-appropriate movies that are based on books can serve as a catalyst for reading. Moreover, when watching television, parents should be advised to engage the captioning feature (and reduce the volume) so that students have access to and are encouraged to read the words on the television screen. Every word that is read counts.

Daily routines provide reading opportunities. Cooking, using the phone book, reading the television listing in a local newspaper, looking for information on the World Wide Web, reading directions for using a new gadget, or reading a brochure or article about a place to which the family may travel during the summer can all provide authentic reading experiences.

The full text of the article is can be read at: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/15218>

Education Committee Position Open. More information on pg. 2

## CEDCO/The Mill Casino-Hotel job postings for April 15

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).

### Accounting

Revenue Auditor II

### EVS

EVS Tech (P/T)

### Food & Beverage

Beverage Server (P/T)

Busser (on-call)

Timbers Line Cook (P/T)

Food & Beverage Director

### IT

Security Administrator

PC Technician I

### Ko-Kwel Gifts

Customer Service Rep. (2 P/T)

### RV Park

Desk Agent (P/T)

### Table Games

Floor Supervisor

Dual Rate Dealer/Supervisor

Multi-game Dealer (2)

### Heritage Place

Registered Nurse

Caregivers (F/T, P/T, on-call)

### ORCA

Operations Manager

## Are you ready? Disaster preparation document focusing on southern Oregon coast available on CIT web page.

Following the tsunami warnings and subsequent waves that hit the southern Oregon coast (and it could have been much worse), there was an immediate increase in the availability of information on how to best prepare for when a natural disaster hits your community. There are many places to find this kind of information, especially on the Internet. A simple Google search such as (Oregon + earthquakes + preparedness) will more than likely provide you with the information you are seeking.

One place to find a detailed disaster preparedness guide written specifically for the southern Oregon Coast is the Coquille Indian Tribe's web page. This document is located on the Tribe's Planning, Community and Real Estate Services (PCRES) page which also provides information on several other of the Tribe's programs.

**R U Ready** is a comprehensive workbook that individuals, families, businesses can use to find advice and suggestions on how to best prepare for a natural disaster. Written in 2007, the guide asks you questions such as What type of disasters might we face in our community? How will my family reunite following a major disaster? Can your household and/or business evacuate safely in five minutes? How do we best prepare our homes, family, business and community? The workbook provides information on related topics such as the importance of assuring drinking water is purified, learning how to shut off the utilities in your home and advice on conducting a home hazards inspection (example: heavy items placed on high shelves are not good when there is an earthquake). R U Ready can help you take the steps to find the answers to these and similar questions. The names of local and regional resources for you and your family are listed at the end of the guide.

The Disaster Prepared guide is not the only piece of useful information you will find on the PCRES department web page. The page includes information, policies and applications to the Tribe's Firewood Programs (yes, there is more than one), the Emergency Housing and Repair Program and the CITGO/CIT Heating Assistance Program (**Please note update on the CITGO program at the end of this article**). Tribal members wishing to use the CIT Community Plankhouse can also use the PCRES web page to print an application.

The page also has a link to the Tribe's 2005 Strategic Plan which is currently in the process of being updated.

The Tribe's home page is at [www.coquilletribe.org](http://www.coquilletribe.org). You can go specifically to the PCRES page by using the following link: <http://www.coquilletribe.org/coquille-indian-tribe-planning-community-real-estate.htm>

## CITGO/CIT Heating Assistance Program Update

The program has depleted grant funds and will no longer be accepting application for this season.

The 2011 CITGO program utilized grant funding this season to service 60 tribal households in the state of Oregon, five more than originally planned. Utilizing some of the funds set aside for tribal facilities, the program was able to provide service to these five additional tribal homes. The total amount of the funding was based on the level of need from the previous year's use. This year the need was greater than expected and the funding was depleted much earlier than anticipated.

For any further questions, please contact Julie Goff at the CIT Administration office.

## Top Ten Fuel Saving Tips

Reprinted from [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com). Please visit their web page for more advice on how to make your vehicle more fuel efficient.

1. Avoid High Speeds: As your speed increases, your aerodynamic drag increases in an exponential fashion. Driving 62 mph (100 km/h) vs 75 mph (120 km/h) will reduce fuel consumption by about 15%.
2. Do Not Accelerate or brake hard: By anticipating the traffic and applying slow steady acceleration and braking, fuel economy may increase by as much as 20%.
3. Keep Tires Properly Inflated: Keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI, increases fuel consumption by 1%.
4. Use A/C Sparingly: When the air conditioner is on it puts extra load on the engine forcing more fuel to be used (by about 20%). The defrost position on most vehicles also uses the air conditioner.
5. Keep Windows Closed: Windows open, especially at highway speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to 10%.
6. Service Vehicle Regularly: Proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.
7. Use Cruise Control: Maintaining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.
8. Avoid Heavy Loads: Remove the sand bags from your trunk in the spring and pack lightly for long trips.
9. Avoid Long Idles: If you anticipate being stopped for more than 1 minute, shut off the car. Restarting the car uses less fuel than letting it idle for this time.
10. Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle: When buying a new vehicle examine the vehicle's rated fuel efficiency. Usually choosing a small vehicle with a manual transmission will provide you with great fuel economy.

## Comedy and Hypnosis meet at The Mill Casino

You will have fun...you will have fun...you will have fun....if you go see Ron Stubbs' Outrageous Comedy and Hypnosis Show Thursday, May 5.

Buckle up and get ready for a fast-paced, laugh-a-minute, mind-bending ride as The Mill Casino • Hotel welcomes hypnotist Ron Stubbs at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 in the Salmon Room.

Tickets for Stubbs' outrageous comedy hypnosis show are on sale now at Ko-Kwel Gifts for \$10, or just \$5 with a Millionaire\$ Club card. This concert is for those 21 or older.

Considered one of the most progressive (not to mention entertaining) stage hypnotists, Ron Stubbs continually captivates and amazes his audiences with his mystic stage presence and masterful use of hypnosis. Using only the sound of his voice, and willing volunteers from the audience, Stubbs explores the infinite possibilities that the mind can create, while providing an entertaining show where no one leaves embarrassed. From instantly hypnotizing volunteers, to the Psychedelic Rock 'n' Roll Air Guitar Band, to his famous Freeform Dance Contest, Stubbs will keep you laughing all evening long.

The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park is located on the waterfront in North Bend, Oregon, making it an ideal base location for exploring the North Bend/Coos Bay area including Oregon Dunes, Shore Acres State Park and activities such as fishing, crabbing, clamming, whale watching, boating, golfing and strolling along the boardwalk. The full-service property features over 200 hotel rooms, over 700 slots, along with blackjack, craps and roulette in addition to five on-site restaurants; meeting, wedding and banquet facilities, and a 102-space waterfront RV Park.

## Grammy winner Travis Tritt coming to The Mill Casino

Waterfront Concert Schedule for Thursday, August 11

This August The Mill Casino • Hotel will welcome two-time Grammy-award winning, multi-platinum country recording artist Travis Tritt, live in concert on Thursday, August 11, on the casino's waterfront dock.

Tickets for the 8:30 p.m. "rain or shine" concert are now on sale at Ko-Kwel Gifts for \$45 or \$40 with a Millionaire\$ Club card. This concert is for those age 21 or older.

A native of Marietta, Georgia, Travis Tritt burst onto the music scene in 1989 with his debut hit single "Country Club." As one of the leading new country singers of the 90s, Tritt easily held his own against the likes of Garth Brooks, Clint Black, and Alan Jackson. He was the only one not to wear a hat, and the only one to dip into bluesy Southern rock, developing a gutsy, outlaw image that distinguished him from the rest of the pack.

Recognized as a country-rockin' innovator who respects the country-music tradition, Tritt is a multi-platinum musical powerhouse. Tritt has charted more than forty times, including five times at number one, with such hits as "Help Me Hold On," "Anymore," "Can I Trust You With My Heart," "Foolish Pride," and "Best of Intentions". A member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1992, Tritt has received four Country Music Association awards and won two Grammys.

**\*While this may seem like an early notice for a concert in August, it is likely this show will be sold out long before the date of the concert.**

## Heritage Place opens its doors for the Bandon Chamber of Commerce event

Heritage Place welcomed over 100 visitors attending a "Chamber After Hours" social held by the Bandon Chamber of Commerce. Tribal members invited to tour recently renovated facilities.

According to Heritage Place Executive Director Susan Lubke, the event provided a perfect opportunity to present the many changes that have occurred recently at the community.

"This was a great way to introduce the new members of our management team to Bandon's business leaders," Lubke said. "It also gave us a chance to show them the results of our recent renovation projects."

Guests came to enjoy food prepared by several Bandon-area restaurants, entertainment by local performers and art exhibits provided by Whistling Gallery. Staff members stayed busy escorting guests on numerous tours of the assisted living facility.

Lubke said she has already seen one positive result from the event. Heritage Place donated one month's free rent for a local Rotary Club fundraiser. The donation received a winning bid of \$500 placed by a woman who had attended the Chamber event.

"The woman told me that after seeing our assisted living community, she felt this was the best place for her mother to live," Lubke said.

"I would encourage members of the Coquille Tribe to visit our community and see all of the improvements," she added. "Just call us and let us know when you would like to visit. We'll make all of the arrangements."

Tribal members can arrange a tour of Heritage Place by calling 541-347-7502.

## RV Park facilities earn top national honors

Facilities at The Mill Casino RV Park earned a "5W" rating in the 2011 edition of Woodall's North American Campground Directory.

In presenting the award, Woodall's noted, "Your time and investment in the development of your park and excellent maintenance puts your park in a select group. We understand that this rating is not easy to attain and applaud your efforts."

The RV Park is one of only 614 listed in the 2011 directory to achieve this highest rating. This group represents less than 8% of the privately owned parks included in the listing. This is the second time the RV Park has received this honor.

"This level of recognition again showcases the commitment to serving our guests that is regularly demonstrated by RV Park Manager Hal Van Ortwick and his team," said The Mill's General Manager Larry Close. "The hard work and attention to detail that earned Woodall's highest rating is also what keeps our guests coming back year after year."

Providing RV and camping information for over 70 years, Woodall's currently offers 12 different campground directories, an RV buyer's guide and two regional camping newspapers along with a website and online forum.



Participants sign in for the Bandon Chamber After Hours event in the newly renovated lobby at Heritage Place.

It is never good to hear that a Coquille Tribal member or member of a Coquille Family has passed on. Sadly, last month the Tribe lost three Tribal members--Evelyn Moore, George DeOs and Bruce DeOs. This month's newsletter includes obituary information for all three Tribal members.

## George DeOs and Bruce DeOs

A celebration of life was held for Tribal members George and Bruce DeOs on Saturday, April 16, at the Coquille Community Plankhouse.

George DeOs

Nov. 12, 1926 - April 6, 2011

George was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Bandon and spent his life there. He died April 6, 2011, in Bandon.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, returning to Bandon to begin his lifelong career of heavy equipment operation including yarder operator and cat skinner. He primarily worked for Ingram Bros. logging. George was a member of the Coquille Indian Tribe.

George was a avid outdoorsman and loved to fish, hunt and camp. He also had the gift of talking and would spend countless hours telling stories of his life and the many adventures in it. George was an inventor of his own helpful creations and loved to share his inventions. He taught classes to the youth in the Coquille Indian Tribe of the lost art of rope splicing.

George is survived by son and family, Brian Duane DeOs, his wife, Sherrie Rhyne-DeOs of Coos Bay and grandson, Zebulin DeOs and his wife, Tiffany; daughter, Suzanne Marie DeOs-Vaughn of Medford, her children, Nicholas, Travis, and Tricia Vaughn Powell and her husband, Jon; daughter-in-law, Teresa Peters-Elliott DeOs; grandson, Zachary DeOs and his mother, Theresa Lynn Dornath-DeOs Thaxton; and six great-grandchildren, Shasta, Dakota, Benjamin, Hadassah, Eziekiel, and Dasan.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Viola Daun Simmons-DeOs; parents, Lawrence and Martha Johnson-DeOs; and his sister, Ruth Johnson-Short.

**Obituary information courtesy of The World Newspaper.**

His death was closely followed by the death of his eldest son, Bruce Wayne DeOs on April 10.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

### Bruce DeOs

Bruce was born Dec. 29, 1952, in Bandon to George and Viola Daun DeOs. He passed away peacefully at home April 10, 2011 from small cell lung cancer.

Bruce served as a deputy sheriff for Coos County Corrections from 1979 to 2003 before retiring. He then operated his Red Bear Tractor Service until he was diagnosed with cancer.

He also was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping with family and friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Terri DeOs; son, Zachary and his children, Shasta and Dakota; stepdaughter, Sarah and husband, Tom Lakey and their children, Brody Montgomery, Nikki, Kylie and Baylee Lakey; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Sherrie DeOs; sister, Suzanne Vaughn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Viola Daun DeOs; and grandparents, Panza and Cal Simmons and Laurence and Martha DeOs.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial contributions to the South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

## Evelyn Moore

A memorial service was held for Evelyn Moore, 93, of North Bend on Sunday, April 17, at the Coquille Tribal Plankhouse. Cremation rites were held at Ocean View Crematory in Coos Bay.

Evelyn, even at 93, never lost her interest in and enthusiasm for life. She was always ready to go for an adventure or out to eat, or a mani and pedi at the beauty shop. She loved to visit with family and friends. People felt very comfortable and at ease with Evelyn making her a favorite person in the community.

Evelyn was born March 30, 1917, in Marshfield, to Fred and Effie Virginia (Metcalf) Sandberg. Her stepmother was Elsie (Sandberg) Engstrand.

Evelyn was the oldest living Coquille Indian Tribe member. She has many close and loving cousins, nieces and nephews. The tribal family provided many special social events that reunited her large extended family.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Jean Ann Moore and husband, Sean of Sausalito, Calif., Judy Moore Rocha of North Bend, and Joyce Moore Blake and husband, Jack of Sonoma, Calif.; brother, Richard Sandberg and wife, Lois of North Bend; niece, Lynn Sandberg; grandchildren, Susan Saludes, Andrea Saludes, Trinidad Saludes, Quentin Saludes, Barbara Middleton and husband, Kirk, Brian Rocha and wife, Amy, Jeff Severson and wife, Kim, Chris Severson, Tim Severson, and Lauren Mooris and husband, John; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Orié Moore; daughter, Jerryl Moore Severson; great-grandson, Andrew Saludes-Smith; and brothers, Fred and Everett Sandberg.

A very special thank you to Deanne Chase, Melanie McLarrin, Carole Matson and the entire North Bend Hospice team.

Contributions may be sent to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Arrangements are under the direction of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440, [www.coosbayfh.com](http://www.coosbayfh.com).

Obituary information courtesy of The World Newspaper.

## May Birthdays

01	Kasen Ward	10	Christopher Leon	21	Shawn Scott
02	Samuel Oelheim	11	Trinity Gentry	21	Penny Wardlaw
02	Todd Ross	12	Marcus Paschal	21	Brenda Wasson
02	Jessica Simmons	12	Sandra Smith	22	Gentle Wind Beaudry
02	Bridgett Wheeler	13	McKayla Beaudry	23	Misty Ogier
03	Eric Coimbra	13	John Wasson	23	Nathaniel Torres
03	Danny Gilkey	14	K'Lynn Rounds	24	Sarah Acuna
04	Sabrina Johnson	14	Jason Younker	25	Kyrin Mason
04	Athena Tull	15	Kyle Hill	26	Donna Dockter
05	Jesse Matson	15	Adrienne Ricks	26	Kyle Stoddard
06	Kaylin Gilkey	15	Casandra Ross	27	Taylor Beaudry
06	Kara Towner	16	Cade Boston	27	Phoebe Oelheim
07	Paul Doyle	17	Carre Brown	27	Lisa Sandberg
07	Megan Metcalf	17	Alec Christian Johnson	27	Alicia Stafford
07	Ryan Myers	17	Kadence Scott	28	Joni Donelan
07	Cody Reeder	18	Christopher Delgado	28	Margaret Jones
07	Lilly Stoddard	18	Kelsey Severson	28	Macy Metcalf
08	Daniel Cox	18	Margaret Simpson	29	Susan Coimbra
08	Fidel Garcia	19	Matthew Kelly	29	Taylor Ward
08	Ka'ehukai Tanner	19	Linda Mecum	30	Chance Atkinson
08	Michaela Zuelzke	19	Lori Peltier	30	Jorge Paez
09	Jamie Bass	20	Vanessa Beaver	31	Tanya Clark
09	LaVonn Riddle	20	Melitta Bishop		
09	Dana Wolfe	20	Suzanne Vaughn		
10	Kristy Bass	20	Robin Whitley		
10	Tripp Heather	21	Tricia Powell		

## Chair report continued

Community Dinners are a great way for everyone to get together and learn more about Tribal programs- thank you to the Community Center staff for hosting! The Tribal Council just received information on our Head Start Federal Audit Review. We have once again received a perfect review! Congratulations to the Head Start staff, Parent Committee, Policy Council, Community Partners, the Head Start Director, and Health Clinic staff.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally invite all Tribal Members and families to our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coquille Restoration Day Celebration and Salmon Bake on June 24-26. This year most of the events will be held at the Community Plankhouse. I would also like to invite everyone to the General Council Meeting which is on Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. right after lunch at the Community Plankhouse. I'd like to encourage everyone to come down. It is a great time to get together and celebrate what is important to us, our culture, our families and most of all our love for each other. If you have any questions about our Restoration Day Celebration please contact Activities and Events Coordinator Brenda Meade at (541) 888-9494. I hope to see you there!

In closing, I would like to send condolences to the families of our Elders, George DeOs, Bruce DeOs, and Evelyn Moore, who all passed away this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this time. Evelyn, George and Bruce will be greatly missed.

May the Great Spirit watch over you.

Sincerely,  
Edward L. Metcalf Council Chairman

## Fourth Annual Ko-Kwel Fishing Derby

Come & join us at Tarheel Reservoir for LOTS of fun, fish, food & prizes!!

Saturday, May 7

Derby begins at  
8 a.m. at Tarheel  
Reservoir

The trophies shown here are some of the awards that will be given to participants in the 2011 Ko-kwel Fishing Derby. The extremely popular fishing contest held at Tarheel Reservoir on the Tribe's Reservation takes place Saturday, May 7. The fishing begins at 8 a.m. and continues until noon when a barbecue lunch will be served (actually at 12:15) while trophies and raffle prizes are given to participants.



No CIT Fishing Permit Required: The Tribe does issue fishing licenses for Tribal member anglers to fish on Coquille lands. However, for the Derby specifically, no permits will be necessary. You can show up and go fishing, take a hike on one or more of the many trails surrounding the reservoir, or you can just visit with family and friends. Of course, you can do all of these if you wish.

### Schedule:

- Fishing from 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- Bar-B-Q Lunch begins at 12:15 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Clara Gardner at the CIT main office @ 541-756-0904



While clamming is often a muddy and wet experience, it can be awarding and fun too. These young clambers learned that during the Tribe's Spring Break Cultural Adventures when the group ventured out to South Slough to learn how to gather clams and other shellfish. They were led by Vice Chair Tom Younker and three other adults including Tribal members and staff Rhonda Ferguson, Chris Tanner and Amber Resendez who worked during Spring Break as an intern and helped out immensely during the Spring Break activities.

Cultural Adventures provided three days of activities focusing on teaching traditional Coquille activities while providing opportunities for youth to be outside, and focused, during their Spring Break. In addition to clamming, participants learned how to make maple-bark skirts, identified native plants, and took a group hike from the Plankhouse to the Tribe's cemetery.

Following the three days of adventures, many youth in this picture were up bright and early the next day to join others on the Kids in the Woods forestry education day. Kids in the Woods includes a field trip to the Coquille Forest, lessons on the traditional use of plants that grow in the Tribe's forest land, and a chance to practice re-forestation by helping plant young trees in a recently harvested timber unit.

Snow Camp, the last of the three Coquille Tribe sponsored Spring Break events began Friday with excited participants lining up outside the CIT Community Center on their way to a weekend of snow-based fun at Hoodoo Mountain Resort.

**Peacegiving In Our Community**  
The Peacegiving Court and the Coquille Indian Housing Authority Invite you to A community discussion, demonstration and video presentation of the Peacegiving Court

**Spaghetti Feed and Door Prizes Included**

Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Coquille Indian Tribe Community Center

For questions, please call 541-756-0904 ext. 10205

