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# Sea-Ha Runner

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A fun and informative Newsletter for the Residents of the Kilkich Community

## Coquille Indian Housing Authority 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Renter Front Yard Makeover Drawing

If you rent a home in the Kilkich community, you are eligible to enter the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Renter Front Yard Makeover Drawing.

- ◆ There is no cost to enter
- ◆ One entry per household
- ◆ Winner will be chosen by random drawing at the March 27<sup>th</sup> CIHA Board meeting
- ◆ Prize is valued at up to \$2 per square foot
- ◆ To be eligible, renter agrees to perform the required maintenance after landscape installation in accordance with Section 6(K) of their Rental Lease Agreement



Winner will participate in the design and installation of their new front yard with a focus on easy maintenance, low-water landscaping, and the incorporation of indigenous plants and materials.

The winner will NOT:

- ◆ Be eligible to participate in the next two CIHA Landscaping Contests held each year in June
- ◆ Be eligible to enter the Renter Front Yard Makeover Drawing again for the duration of their tenancy at their current address

The winner will be notified by telephone or mail and will also be announced in the April edition of the Sea-Ha Runner newsletter.

Please contact CIHA at 541-888-6501 if you have any questions. Entry forms are available at the CIHA office and are due March 27<sup>th</sup> by 1:00 p.m.

**Previous Renter Front Yard Makeover Drawing Winners:**  
2013 Drawing - 709 Jistajaya Court  
2012 Drawing - 2664 Mexeye Loop  
2011 Drawing - 711 Jistajaya Court

Coquille Indian  
Housing Authority



### February Calendar

Groundhog Day	2
KRA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	10
Valentine's Day	14
Presidents' Day - CIHA Closed	17
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	27

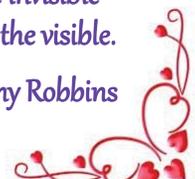
### GROUNDHOG DAY



**According to folklore:**  
If the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges from his burrow, winter will continue for six more weeks. If the groundhog does NOT see his shadow, spring will come early. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, PA. It began as a Pennsylvania German custom in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and has its origins in ancient European weather lore.

Setting goals  
is the first step  
in turning  
the invisible  
into the visible.

~ Tony Robbins



## Family Game Night

Plan to attend the Family Game Night on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the CIT Community Center.

Family Game Night begins at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until 7:30 p.m. There will be games, food, and lots of fun!! All Kilkich community members are invited and encouraged to participate in this evening event.

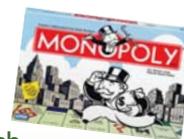
In addition, Coquille Tribal members can participate in the Tribe's

Community Health Assessment Forum which will also be held that evening at the CIT Community Center.

If you have any questions about either of these events, please contact Becky Cantrell at 541-888-9494, ext. 20235.



**February 7, 2014**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Hope to see you there!**





Natasha and Caleb Burns welcomed Aspen Irene into the world on December 27, 2013 at 9:22 a.m. Aspen Irene weighed 6 lbs., 7.9 oz. and was 20 ¼ inches long.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## FREE Tax Help & E-Filing AARP Tax Aide Program

for anyone with low and moderate income  
Come to any Tax-Aide location and bring:

- Photo ID
- Social Security card
- 2012 tax returns
- 2013 tax information

**Schedule for February 1 through April 15, 2014**

<b>Brookings</b> Chetco Activity Center 550 Chetco Lane	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <b>Appt. Only 541-469-6822</b>
<b>Coquille</b> Holy Name Catholic Church 12 N Dean Street	Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sat. 2/1 and 2/8 Walk - In
<b>Florence</b> Siuslaw Public Library 1460 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	Monday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Walk - In
<b>Lakeside</b> Lakeside Lions Club 890 Bowron Road	Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walk - In
<b>North Bend</b> College Park Community Church 2548 Newmark Avenue	Mon., Tues., Fri., and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walk - In

**Inviting ALL Tribal members and Kilkich community members to drum and dance practice every Wednesday night at the CIT**



**Plankhouse from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Children age 13 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Lyman Meade at 541-297-5582.**

**RENT CHECK PICKUP** - Rent check/housing payment pickup is available for seniors and people with disabilities. If you would like a CIHA maintenance person to stop by and pick up your housing payment, please call 541-888-6501 to schedule.

**FREE Queen-Size, Pillow Top Mattresses Available - Reserve Yours Today!**

CIHA currently has eight, gently-used, queen-size pillow top mattresses available. These mattresses were donated by The Mill Casino · Hotel and **DO NOT** come with a set of box springs or bedding.

The mattresses are **FREE**. They are available to Kilkich residents, CIHA program participants, and Tribal members.



**If you have not previously received a Mill Casino · Hotel donated mattress this year,** and you are in need of a queen-size mattress, call CIHA at 541-888-6501; one mattress per eligible household please. The mattresses will be given away on a first come, first served basis.

CIHA will deliver mattresses to households in the Kilkich

community; **CIHA will NOT move or remove existing mattress/other furniture.** If you reside off of Tribal Lands, you will need to make arrangements to pick up and transport the mattress.

Contact CIHA if you have any questions, 541-888-6501.

**Call TODAY and reserve your mattress!**

## News from Indian Country: Three from 2013

This month's article will describe three 2013 news stories that impacted Native American communities.

As I've done with previous articles, each story will include a summary and web links for readers to learn more, if they so desire. I had thought of calling this article *The Best of 2013*, but it is more appropriate to title it *Three from 2013*.

These are stories that have been discussed for more than a year which address subjects (adoption of Native children, budget cuts to Indian programs, and honoring Native military veterans) that will continue to be discussed for a long time.

**1. Baby Veronica:** <http://sct.narf.org/caseindexes/adoptivecouplevbabygirl.html>; <http://www.indianz.com/News/2013/010802.asp>

In 2009, a couple from South Carolina sought to adopt a child whose father, Dusten Brown, was an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation and whose non-tribal mother had custody of the child per an agreement with Brown. Brown contested the adoption on the grounds that he was not properly notified in accordance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. He received custody of his daughter after winning cases in trial court and the South Carolina Supreme Court.

The case received extensive coverage in the national media, and spurred calls for Congress to review and make amendments to the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act. Reflecting the intention of ICWA, the case also created discussion over why Native children, when parents are unable to care for them, should remain with other family members or other members of their Tribe. The case also spawned

debate over the custodial rights of a parent who previously gave up those rights.

In October 2012, the adoptive couple petitioned the Supreme Court of the United States to review the case. In January 2013, the court granted a review of the case and heard it in April. In June, the Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision, holding that a non-custodial father did not have rights under the ICWA, and sent the case back to the South Carolina courts for further hearings on the issue. In July 2013, the South Carolina trial court finalized the adoption of the child to the adoptive couple, but this was prohibited in August by the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The stay was lifted in September 2013, and the child was turned over to her adoptive parents the same month.

**2. Federal Sequester and Its Effect on Indian Country:** <http://www.npr.org/2013/03/26/175361656/indian-nations-squeezed-by-sequester>; <http://www.indian.senate.gov/news/press-release/sequestration-cuts-deeply-indian-country>

You may or may not have noticed the effect federal budget sequestration had on federal Indian programs, but many people were writing and talking about it including many journalists who work for Native American owned publications. Sequestration refers to the across the board spending cuts that took place early last year. The FY 2013 sequestration began when Congress' Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction failed to develop a framework call for in the Budget Control Act of 2011 to reduce the nation's deficit by \$1.2 trillion.

While many federal programs were

impacted by the budget cuts, the cuts on federal Indian programs appear to have had a more direct impact on tribal communities with over \$500 million in program cuts. This included \$220 million cut to the Indian Health Service, \$33 million to the Native American Housing Block Grant, and \$12 million to Indian Head Start programs. There are some indications that the 2014 budget will include funding that will make up some of the cuts made in these programs. More so, the fight for federal budget dollars is ongoing.

**3. Memorial for Native American Veterans of Military Service in Washington D.C.:** <http://www.indianz.com/News/2013/012107.asp>

On December 27, 2013 President Obama signed H.R. 2219, the Native American Veterans' Memorial Act of 2013. This Bill authorizes the construction of a new National Native American Veterans' Memorial on the property of the National Museum of the American Indian located at the National Mall in Washington D.C., along with several other museums and national monuments. There is a memorial for Native veterans now, but it is located inside the museum.

The signing of this Bill was a milestone in an ongoing effort to have a public site dedicated to Native American veterans. Native American veterans have been honored many times in many ways; I don't think anyone has questioned their service, but with all the memorials located at the National Mall, there is not one that recognizes the contributions of Native veterans (42,000 Native Americans served in Vietnam).

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# New \$9.84 Scam as Reported by the BBB



The Better Business Bureau is warning consumers ... be aware of a new credit card scam circulating where a recent charge of \$9.84 appears on your credit card statement from an unfamiliar website. Scammers are charging stolen credit card numbers a small amount of money in hopes cardholders will not notice the small charge and credit card companies won't go after the minor charge.



Check your credit card statements carefully. If you notice ANY unauthorized charges, promptly report the charges to your bank and request a new credit card. At this point, your credit card has been compromised and it is likely the scammers will charge again.



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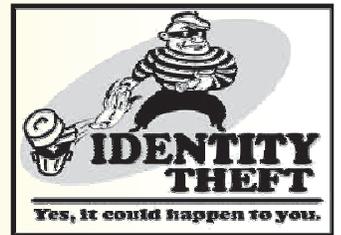
Information excerpted from the Council of Better Business Bureau's website

Learn more about the credit card charges (and the investigation to track down their source) at: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/01/deconstructing-the-9-84-credit-card-hustle/>

To find out more about scams, log on to: <http://www.bbb.org/council/bbb-scam-stopper/>

## Don't Be A Victim - Warning Signs of ID Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, Social Security number, date of birth, or other identifying information, without permission, to commit fraud. Protect yourself, protect your money, and be aware of the warning signs of ID theft. If you spot a problem early, it is easier to remedy.



### RED FLAG WARNINGS

1. You receive a bill for a purchase you did not make.
2. There are unauthorized charges on your monthly credit card statement.
3. You receive collection calls for goods or services you did not purchase.
4. You receive new credit cards or statements for accounts that you didn't open.
5. You don't receive your regular monthly bank or credit card statement in the mail (or email) as usual. *Someone may have changed your mailing address with your financial institution so fraudulent activity is not immediately detectible.*
6. You receive an email acknowledging your change of address request WHICH YOU DID NOT MAKE.
7. You receive denials of credit for no apparent reason, e.g. a credit card or loan you did not apply for.

If you suspect you are a victim of ID Theft, call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)

Follow up on ANYTHING that looks or feels out of the ordinary. ID thieves are skilled and cunning at their trade and expect complacency from their victims. **Do not be a victim.**

You may request your FREE credit reports annually from EQUIFAX, Experian, and TransUnion. **Be vigilant about checking your credit reports annually, or better yet, quarterly.** If you check one credit report per quarter, you have a better chance at identifying any fraudulent activity than if you check all three credit reports once annually.

**To receive your FREE credit report(s), log on to: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)**

Go over your credit report thoroughly and **investigate any inaccurate activity or information, such as accounts or addresses.** Each credit report provides contact information and instructions on what to do if you think you may be a victim of identity theft.

**Be Safe - Be Aware. Check your credit report today.**

