



A Fun and Informative Newsletter for the Residents of the Kilkich Community



2014 Kilkich Resident Holiday Credits Awarded

The CIHA Board of Commissioners has once again approved a holiday credit to be awarded to each household on Coquille Tribal Lands. The holiday credit will be shown on your December 2014 billing statement. The credit amount ranges from \$25 to \$150. Holiday credits are awarded based on how well each household complied with their housing agreement during the fiscal year.

Compliance categories remain the same as in previous years, and are:

- ◆ Payments (made on time and in full each month without fail)
- ◆ Inspections (no home damage beyond normal wear and tear; no house-keeping issues)
- ◆ Update Information (provided timely, voluntarily, and/or upon request)
- ◆ Neighbor Complaints (no actionable complaints on file)

If you did not receive the maximum \$150 credit, you have an opportunity to earn the highest credit during the next 11 months. Beginning this month, pay your rent on time, do not damage your unit, submit required paperwork by the date it is due, and avoid neighborhood complaints by being a good neighbor.



December Calendar



Pearl Harbor Day	7
KRA Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	8
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	18
CIHA Closes at 3:00 p.m.	19
Winter Solstice Celebration	21
CIHA Closed for the Christmas Holiday	24-26
CIHA Closed for the New Year's Holiday	31

KRA Holiday Gift Card Drawing - 3 Winners, \$50 Each

The Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) is sponsoring a Holiday Gift Card Drawing again this year. The drawing guidelines are the same as in previous years.

• **All Kilkich homes with OUTSIDE DECORATIONS displayed by Wednesday, December 17th will be entered in**

the gift card drawing. Three \$50 gift cards will be awarded.

• The outside décor may be Christmas lights, trees, wreaths, animated characters, holiday scenes, etc. ONLY outside decorations will be judged.

• The gift card drawing will be held on Friday,

December 19th.

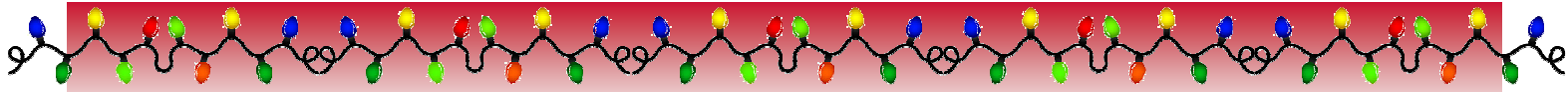
• The winners of the drawing will be awarded their gift cards and the results will be published in the January edition of the Sea~Ha Runner newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact KRA Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910.



Housing Payment Pick Up

If you are an elder or a person with a disability and you would like CIHA to pick up your housing payment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501. A CIHA staff member will stop by and pick up your housing payment.



Winter Solstice Celebration

Please join us at the CIT Community Plankhouse on Sunday, December 21st to celebrate Winter Solstice. Winter Solstice will be celebrated in Traditional Style Dance. All Kilkich residents are invited.



The celebration is a potluck, so please bring a salad or dessert to share.

The celebration begins at dusk.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Meade at 541-297-8803.

Tribal Community Center - New Gymnasium Hours

Beginning in December, the Tribal Community Center gymnasium will operate under new hours. Anyone interested in using the gymnasium to workout



should contact Luke at 541-888-7724 or Lyman at 541-888-7723 for gym hours and additional information.



Community Night and Parent Night Are Combined

In the spirit of the holidays, the December Parent Meeting will be combined with the Community Night at the Tribal Community Center.



The evening will focus on spending time together as a family.

The event will be held on Tuesday, December 16th beginning at 5:30 p.m.



The evening will begin with dinner, followed by activities that include decorating cookies, making cards, and listening to stories.



Childcare will NOT be provided as this will be a family night.



If you have any questions, please contact Tanya at 541-888-9494, ext. 20200.



Alcohol and Drug Free New Year's Eve Party

The 14th Annual Tribal New Year's Eve Party will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday,



December 31st at the Tribal Community Center



The FREE event is open to Coquille Tribal members, Kilkich residents, Tribal staff, and invited guests only.

There will be a variety of activities for both children and adults, including bingo (age 13 and older for bingo); food and beverages will be available until 8:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL times.

If you have any questions, please contact Luke at 541-888-7724 or Lyman at 541-888-7723.

Puppies, Kittens, and Policy



Christmas is usually a popular time to add a new puppy or kitten to a household.

Please remember that

PETS are NOT allowed on Tribal Lands in rental units.

If you have a prescription for a companion animal, **the animal must be spayed or neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations - no exceptions.**

You are required to submit current vaccination records and proof of spay or neuter to the CIHA office. **Companion animals must be approved by CIHA BEFORE being added to your household.** S/Nipped offers low-cost spay and neuter services.

Contact S/Nipped at 541-808-2377.



Library Preparing for Move, and Other Items of Interest



Books Transferred From the Main Office With the new building for CELS getting closer to completion, the Library is preparing for the move by consolidating the Tribe's book collections. The book resources kept at the Tribe's main office, including resources used by the Tribe's Cultural Resources Program, and some materials donated to the Tribe, are being moved to the Education Center and Library, and are in the process of being added to the book collection. Many of these books focus on a subject specific to Native Americans (a specific tribe, federal laws affecting tribes, indigenous languages, etc.). Some of the new additions, much like the CIT Library's holdings, cover "non-Indian" specific subjects. Many of these are still of interest to members of the Coquille Indian Tribe community. As these new materials are added to the Library's collection, they will be made available to all CIT Library patrons. Please stop by the library and take a look at the book collection.

November is Native American Heritage Month As part of the month-long event, several online exhibitions have been created, highlighting elements of America's indigenous heritage.

Nation to Nation - Treaties between the United States and American Indian Nations www.nmai.si.edu/static/nationtonation/ This site from the National Museum of the American Indian focuses on 8 treaties signed between tribes and the U.S.; the first signed in 1790 and the last in 1868. Each treaty includes a history of the tribes and the U.S. government representatives involved with the negotiations and a description of the meeting where the signing took place.

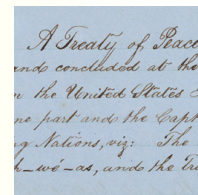
Experiencing War - Willing to Serve, Native Americans

www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-nativeamericans.html The Library of Congress's Veterans History Project celebrates all American citizens who have served their country during times of war. This section tells the stories of Native American veterans who served in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and those who are serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan. All of these veterans volunteered for service. With a feeling of extreme pride, the veterans talk about their decision to defend their country despite, at times, dealing with adversity due to their heritage.

A Little About Politics You may, or may not, want to read some of the editorials coming from Indian Country following the 2014 mid-term elections, but if you do, I found a couple of articles interesting.

Plenty reasons to sing about the Native vote www.indianz.com/News/2014/015586.asp

Commentator Mark Trahant writes about the influence of Native American voters in the 2014 election and reminds folks to look at the long-term effect of the Native vote.



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Charleston Annual Miniature Village and Christmas Train Display



The Charleston Annual Miniature Village and Christmas Train Display will open on Monday, December 1st at the Old Charleston School House located at 64065 Seven Devils Road in Charleston, Oregon. The display is open nightly from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There are more than 200 miniatures representing the small towns of Coos County.

If the building is dark, don't leave. The lights are kept off to better illuminate the train displays.



Come out, bring the family, and enjoy the popular **FREE** display!

For more information, call 541-888-3268 or 1-800-824-8486.



2014 Festival of Trees at The Mill Casino ~ Hotel



Celebrate the holiday season by visiting the Bay Area Rotary Club's annual **FREE** Festival of Trees event. Businesses and individuals throughout the community create this annual holiday charity extravaganza to benefit local services such as Toys for Tots and the Women's Safety and Resource Center. Enjoy the beautiful tree and wreath displays Tuesday, November 25th through Thursday, December 4th, all day, anytime, in The Mill Casino · Hotel lobby.

Bid on your favorite tree or wreath at the live auction gala to be held on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Salmon Room.

Your contribution to the Festival of Trees/Bay Area Rotary Club is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Bay Area Rotary Club will deliver your decorated tree to your door or to a local, needy family within a 30-mile radius.

For more information, please contact Heidi Proett at 541-269-7929 or heidi.proett@opbc.com



Shore Acres Holiday Lights

Open nightly, Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Admission is \$5 per car load.



Tai Chi Arthritis Class at the Tribal Community Center



Studies indicate that exercise benefits people with arthritis by reducing joint pain and stiffness, and increasing flexibility, muscle strength, cardiac fitness, endurance, and balance.

The exercises included in the Tai Chi Arthritis Class help to prevent the onset of arthritis, promote weight and stress reduction, increase overall sense of well-being, and teach relaxation techniques. This class is especially helpful to seniors and people with mobility issues.

The class will be held at the Tribal Community Center from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. every Tuesday for 6 weeks beginning December 2, 2014; **the class is FREE.**

For more information, contact Dani Bliss at 541-888-9494, ext. 20216 or danellebliss@coquilletribe.org



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Merry
Christmas!