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

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Kilkich Residents Winterize The Community Garden



Kilkich Residents took advantage of the bright sunshine and cool, dry Veteran's Day weather to spend the day cleaning up the Kilkich Community Garden. Janet and Phyllis were there to volunteer their time and help. In order to



CIHA December Calendar

CIHA Open Until
6:00 p.m. 1-4

Coos & Curry
Counties Holiday
Gathering at the
Mill • Casino Hotel
at 1:00 p.m. 13

CIHA Board Meeting
at 4:00 p.m. 15

CIHA Closed at
3:00 p.m. 18

CIHA Closed for
Christmas Vacation
21-25

CIHA Closed at
12:00 p.m. 31



prepare the Garden for the Winter months ahead, the residents spent the day with their hands in the dirt, weeding, digging, mulching, and cleaning out the flower and vegetable beds. Pre-

paring the beds for winter helps condition and prepare the soil for spring planting. Spring will be here before we know it! If you are interested in a garden spot, please call Dennie Hunter or Bryan Duggan at 756-0904.

**Thanks
To
All
The
Volunteers**



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Community Garden a success this year. We look forward to planting again in the Spring for another bountiful year in 2010!!



Kilkich Residents Association Holiday Gift Card Raffle



At the November 9th Kilkich Residents Association meeting, the KRA Board members decided to sponsor a **Gift Card Raffle** for Kilkich Residents who participate in decorating their home this December. **OUTSIDE DECORATIONS ONLY** will qualify for entry in the raffle. The décor may be lights, trees, wreaths, holiday scenes, etc. All homes with holiday decorations displayed by Thursday, December 17th will be entered into the drawing for a \$50 gift card. On Friday morning, December 18th, three gift card winners will be drawn. The \$50 gift cards will be awarded to the winners Friday afternoon, December 18th.

Join in the Holiday Spirit this Season & be entered to Win a \$50 Gift Card

Good luck to all the Holiday Decorating Participants!!

December Craft Classes

Jenny's Christmas Card Workshops

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
12/3	Tribal Admin Office	12:00 p.m.
12/4	Tribal Health Clinic	12:00 p.m.

Tiffany's Christmas Knitting Classes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
12/10	Tribal Admin Office	12:00 p.m.
12/11	Tribal Health Clinic	12:00 p.m.

Rent Check Pickup

If you are an Elder or a person with a disability and it is difficult for you to come to the Housing Office to make your housing payment, please call our office at 888-6501. A staff member would be happy to stop by and pick up your payment for you.



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
~ Helen Keller



Merry Christmas

Happy Holidays from the CIHA Board of Commissioners

2009 Holiday Credits



The Holidays are fast approaching, and in the spirit of giving the CIHA Board of Commissioners has approved a 2009 Holiday Season Payment Credit for each household on Coquille Tribal Lands. The payment credits range from \$25.00 to \$150.00 and are based upon how well each household has complied with their housing agreement during 2009. Gift amounts are determined by a point value system. Each household can receive up to 10 points per category. The categories are as follows:

Payments (in full & on time)

- Payments made in full and on time each month 10
- Payments late 1 - 2 times; 1 successful Payback Agreement 8
- Payments late 3 - 4 times; 2 successful Payback Agreements 6
- Payments late 5 + times; 3 + successful Payback Agreements 4
- Unsuccessful Payback Agreement 2

Inspections (no damage beyond normal wear & tear; no housekeeping issues)

- No housekeeping issues or damages; full compliance 10
- Minimal housekeeping issues or damages brought into compliance 8
- Repeated housekeeping issues or damages 6
- Out of compliance 4



Updated Information (provided timely, voluntarily, or upon request)

- Provides updated information in a timely manner when asked 10
- Provides updated information only upon repeated request 6
- Fails to provide updated information 2

Neighbor Complaints (no actionable complaints)

- Zero actionable complaints 10
- 1 - 2 actionable complaints 8
- 3 - 4 actionable complaints 6
- 5 + actionable complaints 4

<u>Gifts Given Based on Point</u>	
\$150	36—40 Points
\$125	32—35 Points
\$100	28—31 Points
\$ 75	24—27 Points
\$ 50	19—23 Points
\$ 25	18 or less



Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)



The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is not an entitlement program. LIEAP is an assistance program designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

LIEAP is a once-a-year payment paid directly to your energy provider (Pacific Power and Light, for example) towards your heating and energy costs for your home. This payment helps offset the high cost of home heating during the winter months.

The assistance is based upon your family's annual income and family composition. To be eligible, a household's income must be at or below 60% of Oregon's median income and have documented energy costs (power bills, for example). Both homeowners and renters are eligible.

- CIHA will be offering energy assistance intake appointments to CIHA program participants. To make an appointment, please call 888-6501.
- Coos County residents may also sign up at Oregon Coast Community Action. Call 888-7056 for more information.
- Curry County residents may call 541-469-3155 for more information.
- For a list of agencies outside of Coos or Curry Counties, log on to:


http://www.oregon.gov/OHCS/SOS_Low_Income_Energy_Assistance_Oregon.shtml

Income Guidelines for Oregon (Program Year 2009)

Size of Family Unit	Annual Income 60% of Median	Monthly Income 60% of Median
1	\$21,093	\$1,757.75
2	\$27,583	\$2,298.58
3	\$34,073	\$2,839.42
4	\$40,563	\$3,380.25
5	\$47,053	\$3,921.08
6	\$53,543	\$4,461.92
7	\$54,760	\$4,563.32
8	\$55,977	\$4,664.73
9	\$57,194	\$4,766.14
10	\$58,411	\$4,867.55
11	\$59,629	\$4,968.95
12	\$60,844	\$5,070.36
each additional member over twelve	\$1,217	\$101.42

Employment Opportunitites

SAFeway is currently hiring. To fill out an employment application:

- Log on to their website at safeway.com
- Click on **Careers**
- Click on **Store Positions**
- Click on the link on the bottom of the page 
- Entry level positions start between \$8.50 and \$8.60 an hour
- All employees that work 20 hours a week consistently are benefit eligible between 3 and 7 months of employment. Benefits include medical, dental, life, and retirement plans. Some plans also include vision.
- You may follow up on your employment application by contacting:
Laura.Vinson@safeway.com

The **State of Oregon Employment Department** also has a website listing available jobs. To view job listings:

- Log on to their website at: employment.oregon.gov/
- Click **Browse Available Jobs**
- Click a tab next to **Search Jobs By:** to search for a job
- Click on the job you are interested in to see the job listing, job summary, job classification, job compensation, job requirements, and other information.
- You can also set up an iMatch Skills account where you set up your iMatch Skills profile to match your skills and experience to jobs from Oregon businesses. The link is listed on their webpage under **iMatchSkills**. This helps employers find YOU!



Oregon Coast Community Action is now recruiting 3 AmeriCorps members through the LINKS program at the Northwest Service Academy for part-time positions in Reedsport, Coos Bay, Brookings and more. These positions include an education award for tuition or paying student loans, and a valuable work experience serving the South Coast community. Positions also include an exciting opportunity to receive free tuition to attend school at no cost!

For more information, call Madeline at 888-7070.



You may download an application from Oregon Coast Community Action's website:
www.orcca.us/jobs.html

Application Requirements:
(items to return with your application)

- Application
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Copy of any Degree
- Copy of any Certificates related to position
- References – 3 personal and 3 professional



Return completed applications to:

Oregon Coast Community Action
Human Resources
2110 Newmark Avenue
Coos Bay, OR. 97420
Phone - 541-888-7014
Fax - 541-888-7015

Oregon Coast Community Action lists current job openings on their website at:

www.orcca.us/jobs.html

**Coquille Indian
Housing Authority**

2678 Mexeye Loop
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541-888-6501
800-988-6501
Fax: 541-888-8266
daleherring@uci.net
traceyroome@uci.net



Wishing Everyone a
Joyous and Safe
Holiday Season!

**Salvation Army Christmas Food
Boxes and Toy Distribution Signups**

Salvation Army will be accepting applications for Food Boxes and Toy Distribution Tuesday, December 1st through Friday, December 4th from noon until 2:00 p.m. each day. All events will be held at the Worship and Service Center located at 1155 Flanagan Avenue in Empire. For more information, please call 888-5202.

Please remember to keep your vehicles and homes locked when you are not in them. The Kilkich Community is a safe place to live, but theft happens. Please take appropriate measures to protect yourself and your property.

Please contact the Tribal Police at 269-8911 if you see suspicious activity.

**9th Annual Drug & Alcohol
Free New Year's Eve Party**

Date: December 31, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Place: Coquille Indian Tribe
Community Center Gym
located on the Coquille
Tribal Reservation
591 Miluk Drive

Contact: Dan or Luke at 888-9494

Free Food, Drink, Games and Fun!!

If you would like to donate any items for the party, please contact Dan or Luke at 888-9494.



Kyrin Locken

Congratulations!

Kyrin Locken, 9 year old son of Larry and Marilyn Locken, took home a 1st place blue ribbon from a Competition NBA Skills Tournament a few weeks ago. Kyrin competed with 15 other 9 and 10 year olds for the blue ribbon on Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day, at the Boys and Girls Club in Coos Bay. Kyrin may be headed to Portland for another NBA State Tournament; the competition date has yet to be announced. The kids were judged on their various basketball skills and techniques, which included dribbling, passing, layups, free throws, and defensive and offensive moves.

Excellent job, Kyrin!

