

# Seasons Greetings

Coquille Indian Housing Authority



## Sea~Ha Runner

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

### Holiday Credits

2011



Christmas is only a few weeks away, and in the spirit of giving the CIHA Board of Commissioners has once again approved a Holiday Payment Credit for each household on Coquille Tribal Lands. The payment credits range from \$25 to \$150 and are based upon how well each household complied with their housing agreement during 2011.

Happy Holidays!

The compliance categories are:

- Payments (made on time and in full each month)
- Inspections (no home damage beyond normal wear and tear and no housekeeping issues)
- Update information (provided timely, voluntarily, or upon request)
- Neighbor complaints (no actionable complaints)

The holiday payment credit will appear on your December billing statement.

### Kilkich Residents Association Holiday Gift Card Drawing

The Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) will sponsor a **Holiday Gift Card Drawing** again this year. All Kilkich homes with OUTSIDE DECORATIONS displayed by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> will be entered in the gift card drawing. The décor may be lights, trees, wreaths, holiday scenes, etc. The drawing will take place Thursday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>; three gift card winners will be drawn. The \$50 gift cards will be awarded to the winners on Thursday afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact KRA Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910.



Join in the holiday spirit this season  
and be entered to win a \$50 gift card.

### LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will be available again this year. CIHA has NOT been notified of "when" the application process will begin; however, once a date has been set, residents will be notified.

The Oregon LIHEAP provides low-income families assistance with their home energy expenses.

To be eligible, households must be at or below 60 percent of state median income; both renters and homeowners are eligible.

### Rent Check Pickup

If you are an elder or a person with a disability and it is difficult for you to come to the CIHA office to make your payment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.

A CIHA staff member would be happy to stop by and pick up your payment for you.



## Kilkich Community Directory

For the past couple of months, the Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) has been discussing ways to build safety awareness, unity, and spirit throughout the Kilkich community.

One idea that keeps coming up is compiling a "Community Directory" of and for the residents living in the Kilkich community. The directory will include names, addresses, and telephone numbers and will be distributed to the residents listed in the directory. The purpose of the directory is to get to know who your neighbors are and provide contact information in the event of an emergency, suspicious activity, community meeting, social event, etc. To gather community information, KRA will have an outreach table set up at the Coos - Curry Holiday party at The Mill Casino - Hotel on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for Coquille Kilkich residents to register.

KRA will go door to door during their next scheduled KRA meeting on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity for non-Coquille Kilkich residents and Coquille residents that did not attend the holiday party to register.

Providing information for the Kilkich community directory is voluntary; you are not obligated to register. However, only registered residents will be provided a copy of the directory.

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

# Winter Solstice

Celebrated in Traditional Style Dance  
**Wednesday, December 21**

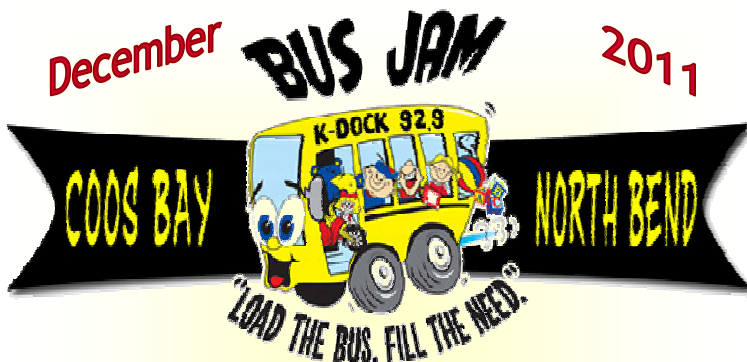
The celebration is a potluck; please bring a salad or a dessert.

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

All Kilkich Residents Invited

The Celebration begins at dusk at the Community Plankhouse on Tribal Lands

HELP BRING HOPE AND JOY TO FAMILIES  
IN NEED RIGHT HERE IN COOS COUNTY



December 3rd between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.  
at your Coos Bay and North Bend Bi-Mart Stores

Please donate to help families in need!  
Every donated item helps!!

Early donations of  
**NEW TOYS and NON-PERISHABLE FOOD**  
can be made at the following locations:

- Coquille Indian Housing Authority
- Books by the Bay - North Bend
- Farr's True Value - Coquille & Coos Bay
- K-DOCK Studios - North Bend
- Lakeside Fire Department - Lakeside
- Bi-Mart - Coos Bay & North Bend
- Sempert's Drug - Myrtle Point
- Truffles - Bandon

# Oregon Tribes - History, Culture, and Events

Thanksgiving is an American holiday that many, if not all, Native peoples celebrate. The extreme storms that have hit the coast the past week is an indication of why we gather INDOORS with our families and friends during the winter (and late fall) months. Many books at the CIT Library written about the Coquille and other Oregon coastal tribes talk about large events where food gathered throughout the summer is served not only to local residents, but also to the people from neighboring villages. The Face Rock story that is seen in many places in Bandon (including Lord Bennett's restaurant menu) is about a potlatch on the coast that sadly, turned to tragedy.

South Slough Adventures is one particular book I enjoy. It is a collection of essays about families in the South Slough area of Coos Bay and Charleston. The families are pioneer, native, and mixed (pioneers who married local indigenous people; I am a descendant from one of those families). The book has many references to ALL the residents of this area working together, playing together, celebrating good times together and, sadly, when needed, helping each other in times of tragedy, together.

“At least four schools were built for South Slough children. The Brown Hill School District 79 was built in 1906 on property at the head of the slough donated by John B. Anderson in the name of his uncle, Mr. Brown. This school served the children from Smith-Powers logging camp #4, as well as the children from the Anderson, McLaurin, Fredrickson, Wasson, Tanner, Metcalf, Rhodes, Lattin, Stiffler and Runn families. Bob Younker recalled hearing that an even earlier school built by George R. Wasson was located a little further out on Long Island Peninsula.” -Melody Caldera, South Slough Adventures.

On a slightly different note, The First Oregonians is a collection of essays about Oregon Tribes written by members from the tribes. These essays provide detailed history about the tribes from the perspective of the tribal members. In addition, there is a chapter covering history of all Oregon Indians. Covering many facets of Oregon Tribes, this chapter includes a list of events annually held by Oregon Tribes that are open to the public. As a Coquille member, I might consider attending one of the public events sponsored by a neighboring tribe. Below is a partial list of the annual events, including the approximate times of the events, as listed in the book.

- Burns Paiute Tribe: Reservation Day Powwow (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October)
- Coquille Indian Tribe: Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September)
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians: Land of Umpqua Discovery Days (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June)
- Confederate Tribes of Grand Ronde: Veterans Powwow (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July)
- The Klamath Tribes: Southern Oregon Memorial Day Powwow and Rodeo (Memorial Day weekend)
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation: Indian Summer Cruise-In and Performance Swap Meet (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October)
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz: Siletz Restoration Powwow (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November)
- Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs: Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow (Last weekend of June)
- Columbia River Treaty Tribes: Celilo Village Longhouse Salmon Feast (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in April)

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*The Coquille Indian Housing Authority  
Wishes Everyone a  
Safe and Joyous Holiday Season*

## December Calendar

CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	1
Coos & Curry Counties Holiday Gathering at The Mill Casino • Hotel at 1:00 p.m.	11
KRA Dinner Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	12
CIHA closes at 3:00 p.m.	15
CIHA closed for Christmas Vacation 	16-26
CIHA re-opens at 7:00 a.m.	27
CIHA closes at 12:00 p.m.	30

## Christmas Buffet

- Incredible Entrees
- Hand-Carved Meats
- Succulent Sides
- Delectable Desserts
- Warm, Comfortable Atmosphere
- Free Wi-Fi



at the  
**Saw Blade Buffet**  
located inside  
**The Mill Casino • Hotel**  
**December 25**



For hours and buffet cost, call 541-756-8800.

## Santa Arrives North Bend Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration



December 8

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration will be held again this year at the North Bend Community Center beginning at 5:45 on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m. to help Mayor Wetherall light the Christmas tree. Complimentary photos of your child on Santa's lap will be available. Two bicycles will be given away; children up to the age of 12 are eligible.

The Oregon Coast School of Music will be providing entertainment throughout the evening, and you will be able to enjoy beverages and treats from Sozo's Tea & Coffee House.

For more information, call the North Bend Visitor Information Center at 541-756-4613 or log on to [www.northbendcity.org](http://www.northbendcity.org)



## LABELS FOR EDUCATION



KRA is still collecting "Labels for Education" to help support Madison Elementary School. Please drop your labels off at the CIHA office. The labels help Madison Elementary earn FREE educational equipment.

For a list of participating products, go to:

[www.labels4education.com/Earn/participating-products.aspx](http://www.labels4education.com/Earn/participating-products.aspx)

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Drug & Alcohol Free New Year's Eve Party

December 31<sup>st</sup>; 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

At the CIT Community Center Gym

A safe, family-oriented PARTY!!

**FREE FOOD - BEVERAGES - GAMES**

For more information, contact Luke or Danielle at 541-888-9494.