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for the Residents of the Kilkich Community

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program



LIHEAP



LIHEAP is a federal program established in 1981 funded annually by Congress through the Department of Health and Human Services.

LIHEAP offers financial assistance to qualifying low-income households to help pay heating or cooling bills. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for LIHEAP. **The LIHEAP payment is made directly to the energy provider.**

The amount of financial assistance a household receives from LIHEAP is based on household size and income, documented energy costs, and other factors. Under federal law, to be eligible for assistance, the total household income must be at or below 60 percent of Oregon's median income and have documented energy costs.

Allowable Family Income (2014-2015) for a family of:

1	\$21,707
2	\$28,386
3	\$35,065
4	\$41,744
5	\$48,423
6	\$55,102

LIHEAP applications will be handled differently this year than in previous years.

Instead of making an appointment to do your LIHEAP intake paperwork in the CIHA office, CIHA will mail LIHEAP applications directly to households that were eligible for assistance last year. The forms will be mailed by October 10th. When you receive your application, fill it out completely. Be sure to include ALL requested documentation when submitting your LIHEAP application.

The application will NOT BE PROCESSED if

you do not submit ALL of the required documentation with your application. Do not submit original ID (make copies).

Return the application to CIHA or to **Oregon Coast Community Action, PO Box 899, 1855 Thomas Avenue, Coos Bay, 97420.**

If you do not receive a LIHEAP application, or believe you may be eligible for assistance this year, please call CIHA at 541-888-6501 or stop by the CIHA office and pick up an application.

If you need assistance completing the LIHEAP application, have questions, or need copies made, please give CIHA a call.

All forms submitted to CIHA will be sent to Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) where they will be processed. ORCCA can be reached at 541-435-7080.



October Calendar

"Meet the Candidates" Forum at the CIT Community Center 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	6
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	30
Halloween	31



Rent Check Pickup

- Available for elders and persons with disabilities
- Call the CIHA office to schedule a pickup at 541-888-6501

Candidate Forum at the Tribal Community Center Dinner and Prizes!

Come and meet the candidates for Coos County Commissioner, John Sweet and Don Gurney, and Oregon House of Representative 9th District, Caddy McKeown and Casey Runyan on Monday, October 6, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You will be able to meet the candidates, ask questions, and listen and learn about the issues of importance to the residents of Coos County.



Dinner will be available - pizza, salad, beverages, and dessert.



Everyone is welcome! Forum is open to the public.

If you have any questions, contact Kay Collins at 541-756-0904, ext.10248.

Used Hotpoint Stoves Available AS IS - NO Warranty/Guarantee Previously Used in CIHA Rental Units

CIHA has approximately 20 USED stoves that are available to Coquille Tribal members, Kilkich residents, and Tribal employees until 10/31/14.

- The Hotpoint stoves will be sold for \$25 on a first-come, first-served basis. *Cord not included.*
- Stoves are 30 inches wide x 25 inches deep.
- Some stoves need serious cleaning.
- Stoves are 15 - 20 years old.
- The stoves are being sold AS IS - NO WARRANTY or GUARANTEE.
- Stoves were previously in rental units.
- The buyer is responsible for picking up and transporting the stove at the time of payment. The stoves will be plugged in and tested prior to the buyer taking the stove to ensure it works.
- Contact CIHA at 541-888-6501 to reserve a stove.




Mini Wellness Fair at The Mill Casino · Hotel on October 22nd and October 23rd

The annual Wellness Fair will not be held this year. However, there will be *two half-day sessions* held at The Mill Casino · Hotel in the Spruce and Cedar rooms. The first session is Wednesday, October 22nd from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and the second session is Thursday, October 23rd from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.



Flu shots, non-fasting glucose testing, height and weight measurements, blood pressure readings, and chair massage will be available for Tribal members, Tribal employees, and Kilkich residents.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Stuntzner at 541-751-0940, ext. 2. 

Used, Queen-Size, Pillow Top Mattresses Available - Donated from The Mill Casino · Hotel

The Mill Casino · Hotel has donated ten more queen-size pillow top mattresses to CIHA.

These mattresses are gently-used and do not come with a set of box springs. The mattresses are available to Kilkich community residents, Tribal members, and CIHA program participants. The mattresses will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis. If you live on Tribal Lands, CIHA will deliver the mattress, but will not remove your current mattress; if you live off of Tribal Lands, you must pick up the mattress. If you are interested, please call CIHA at 541-888-6501.



CIHA's Fee Schedule Changes on October 1, 2014

The CIHA Board recently approved new CIHA maintenance rates. These rates will become effective October 1, 2014. All rates are charged per hour with a one hour minimum.

General Repair Labor Rate	\$44.00
Garbage Clean-Up	\$44.00
Lawn Maintenance	\$44.00
Lock Changes	\$44.00
Service Call for No Key	\$44.00



Elections: "Your Vote Counts" and Traditional Indigenous Languages

Elections and Voting - Please Cast Your Vote

The percentage of Native American voters is often lower than the overall average; this article attempts to encourage the Kilkich community members to register, participate, and vote in this year's upcoming elections.

Native Vote Counts More in '14 According to the Math



<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/09/08/native-vote-counts-more-14-according-math-156780>

This editorial by Mark Trahan points out that in an off-year (non-presidential election year) the voter turnout rate is lower than in a presidential election year. This lower number of voters means that a voting group, such as a Native American community, in a state where the polls indicate a close race, the Native American votes could mean the difference in the outcome of the race.

Tribal Elections 2014

<http://www.nativeamericacalling.com>

This article from the nationally syndicated radio talk show, *Native America Calling*, discusses the multiple elections being held by Tribes this fall, (the Coquille Indian Tribe is one of them), and the percentage of the members of the respective tribes who vote in these elections. Questions asked in this piece include: Do you only vote in tribal elections? Have you talked to a candidate? Do you choose not to vote? Why?

A Campaign Primer: Native American Voters Count

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/26166-a-campaign-primer-native-american-voters-count>

This is another article discussing the importance of votes from Native American communities. Did you know that in Montana, some believe Senate Democrat Jon Tester may owe his election, and re-election, to tribal communities in his state? And in Alaska, Senate Republican Lisa Murkowski was elected as a write-in candidate due, in part, to the high percentage of Native voters who chose to write in her name on their ballot.

Traditional Miluk and Other Indigenous Languages

The Tribe and several dedicated linguists, including Troy Anderson and Larry Morgan, recently completed a project where Miluk language recordings have been digitized and made into a web page, Miluk.org which includes all of the words and phrases being spoken by Laura Hodgkiss Metcalf, with help from Daisy Wasson Coddling, and recorded in the early 1950's by Morris Swadesh, a visiting linguist helping save indigenous languages on the Oregon coast.

If you want to hear, learn, and speak some Miluk ... go to this page <http://www.miluk.org>

An online resource on indigenous Oregon coast languages, Shichils's Blog, <http://shichils.wordpress.com/>, contains blog entries on the languages used by the Coquille, Coos, and other Oregon coast tribes. While there is a focus on the Hanis Coos language, the blog includes entries on Miluk and Chinook Jargon and often branches away from language to discuss traditional technologies (the latest entry discusses the use of natural paint on canoes and other objects - clothing and baskets), traditional stories, and their historic connection to southwest Oregon (one entry talks about a traditional story involving Humbug Mountain and an octopus).

The blog's home page provides links to several online resources on southwest Oregon indigenous languages and history.

This blog is managed by Patty Whereat-Philips, a linguist and Coos Tribal member, who has spent decades researching, preserving, and teaching the Hanis and Miluk languages.

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The CIT Library's hours of operation are:
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Library is closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for lunch.
Library/Education Dept. is located at 2611 Mexeye Loop.
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Coos Bay Farmer's Market Winding Down for the Season

The Coos Bay Farmer's Market will be open every Wednesday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. through the end of October. Vendors still have fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers, plants, nuts, honey, jams and jellies, craft items, and much more. Call 541-266-9706 for more information.



Monday Night Basketball

Beginning October 13th, every Monday evening through November 3rd, the Tribal Community Center will host basketball from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tribal members, Tribal employees, and Kilkich residents age 14 and older are invited.

If you have any questions, contact Luke Clark at 541-888-9494, ext. 20240.



Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch

10362 Highway 241
Coos Bay
541-269-3900

mahaffyranch@gmail.com
<http://mahaffyranch.com/>



Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch opens Friday, September 26th and will be open through Saturday, November 1st. Mahaffy Ranch offers many family friendly, fun, fall activities in a beautiful, rustic, harvest setting. Activities include:

- Pick your perfect pumpkin from the large pumpkin patch or from already picked pumpkins
- Tractor-pulled hay rides
- Face painting
- Picture boards
- Farm animals
- Harvest store
- Barbeque
- Picnic areas
- Corn maze
- Corn cannon
- Restrooms



- Wheelchair accessibility, including hay rides
- School field trips, special events, and birthday parties are welcomed - by appointment only
- NO pets allowed
- NO smoking allowed
- Visa and Mastercard accepted

Directions:

Highway 101 south through Coos Bay; east on Highway 241 approximately 13 miles; follow the pumpkin signs to Alleghany. The Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch gate is across the road from the Alleghany Post Office and Community Center. Check out the website for a list of events, event and pumpkin pricing, and current business hours.



Coos Bay Safeway Store has part-time job openings!

Apply Today!

- Deli Clerk
- Meat Clerk
- Office Clerk
- Checker



- Apply online at Safeway.com
- FULLY complete the application process.
- After completion, call Tracey or Dale at the CIHA office, 541-888-6501.
- A Safeway representative will be contacted to let them know your application has been submitted.
- You may be called for an interview.
- The application **MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED** before you will be considered for an interview.