

# Coquille Indian Housing Authority Sea~Ha Runner



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

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## Dumpsters Arriving on Tribal Lands Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - Leaving Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>



Community dumpsters will be arriving on Tribal Lands on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Dumpsters are provided for the **EXCLUSIVE USE of Kilkich Residents ONLY!!** The dumpsters will leave on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Items NOT allowed in the dumpster include, but are not limited to:

- Antifreeze
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Cell phones
- Electronics
- Glass
- Motor oil
- Paint and Solvents
- Tires
- Any other questionable items

If you are unsure if an item can be placed in the dumpster, please call CIHA at 541-888-6501.

Please recycle all recyclable material such as plastics, newspapers, magazines, tin cans, etc. A recycle bin is located next to the Tribal Police Department on Mexeye Loop.

Oregon E-Cycle locations in the area that accept computers,



monitors, and TVs for recycling include:

- West Coast Recycling, 541-269-9212
- Goodwill, 541-269-9150
- This is a FREE service
- Call for hours of operation

Bay Area Enterprises (B.A.E.), 541-269-9306, located at 680 F Street in Eastside, behind the Coach House Restaurant,

accepts electronic items for recycling, such as cell phones, cameras, video recorders, answering machines, computer mice, computer keyboards, gaming consoles, iPods, iPads, and more. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. **Wednesday is the scheduled E-Waste day; there is a staff member on-site to accept your electronic recyclables.**

There is also an after-hours convenience bin for drop-offs at the side of the building.

**Delete all personal information off of your devices before recycling. Detailed instruction at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) site: [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0200-disposing-your-mobile-device](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0200-disposing-your-mobile-device)**

### February Calendar

Groundhog Day	2
Dumpsters Arrive	13
Valentine's Day	14
Presidents' Day - CIHA Closed	16
Dumpsters Leave	23
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	26

### Coquille Indian Tribe Kids In The Woods March 26, 2015



Mark your calendars for the upcoming CIT Elk Creek Tree Planting and Maintenance event. **Everyone is welcome!** Event begins with bus pick-up at the CIT Community Center at 8:00 a.m. The schedule will be listed in the March edition of the Sea~Ha Runner. Contact Clara Gardner for more information at 541-756-0904.



## The Coquille Indian Tribe Health Promotion Disease Prevention Workgroup Would Like Your Support



The Coquille Indian Tribe Health Promotion Disease Prevention Workgroup has been meeting for two years with the focus of creating a healthier Tribal Community that supports better health in the places that we live, work, and play.

The group is composed of community members and staff who come together to help promote the health of the community by guiding choices

in, and advocating for, changes in our environment that support easier access to physical activity, healthful foods, chronic disease management, and reduction in tobacco use.



This group has an opening for a Kilkich community member to take a part in shaping the community that they live in, to promote healthful options. It is a group that meets about four times a year.

Your voice is important. If you would like to help shape the health options in our community, please contact Kelle Little at: [kellelittle@coquilletribe.org](mailto:kellelittle@coquilletribe.org) or by calling the CIT Health Center at 541-888-9494.

### Do You Need To Borrow A Mower? Please Call A Day In Advance!

CIHA has lawn mowers, rakes, a shovel, and a wheelbarrow available for Kilkich community members to borrow.

Please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501, **A DAY IN ADVANCE** to borrow the yard equipment. **The equipment will be delivered, if available, the following morning. Yard equipment may only be checked out for 24 hours at a time.**



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.

### Safety Guidelines To Keep Your Home and Family Safe From Crime

The Kilkich community is a safe place to live. However, that does not imply or guarantee the crime does not or will not take place in our community. Listed below are ways that you can help keep the community, your family, and your home safe.

1. If you see ANYTHING suspicious, report it to the Tribal Police immediately; 541-888-0189 or dispatch at 541-269-8911. It is better to report something that turns out to be nothing, than to not report a suspicious person or activity.
2. We no longer live in a world where it is safe to leave doors unlocked. Keep the doors to your home (and garage) and car locked at all times. While this may be inconvenient, it may save you from being a victim of theft or other crime.
3. Do not let your children play outside unsupervised. We do not live in a gated community, and anyone at anytime is able to drive through the Kilkich community. Again, be safe.
4. When walking at night, always walk with another person and wear visible/reflective clothing. If possible, carry a cell phone with you in case of an emergency.
5. Do not open your door/home to anyone you do not know. Solicitors are able to come onto Tribal Lands. That does not mean that you have to open your door to them.
6. Do not advertise on social media if you will be away from your home on vacation. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house and let CIHA know that you will be gone.
7. **ALL** drug activity is illegal on Tribal Lands. Report any known activity to Tribal Police immediately. Keep your family safe!

## Tobacco, Fire, and Land Management – Indigenous Practices

### Tobacco: Indigenous Practices and Uses on the Southern Oregon Coast

This essay by Coos linguist Patty

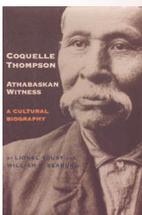
Whereat-Philips is included in volume III of the Tribe's Changing Landscapes series.

The article includes quotes from Coos and Coquille informants who worked with researchers and helped preserve a great deal of traditional knowledge including the use of tobacco.

The article includes indigenous language words for tobacco and related items (Tobacco = dahai (Miluk), thae+yu' (Upper Coquille), Daha (Hanis); Pipe = p'ata+ (Miluk), addza (this is a Chasta Costa Athabaskan word that is similar to Upper Coquille, lk'wae'nae'aen (Hanis).

Several pages of this essay focus on the use of tobacco in cultural practices.

### Coquille Thompson: Athabaskan Witness



This biography of Coquille Thompson, an Upper Coquille man born before contact with settlers who



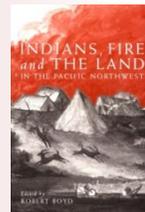
spent the majority of his life on the Siletz Reservation, is a very popular resource. His story tells a lot about how our ancestors lived.

Thompson describes how the Upper Coquille would plant tobacco seeds in areas opened up with control burns. The Upper Coquille would build fences around the crop to protect it; a practice also used by many other tribes.

### Indians, Fire, and the Land in the Pacific Northwest

The use of fire in a controlled way was used by many coastal tribes to promote the growth of food plants like blackberry and huckleberry, as well as for growing tobacco and other useful plants. The fact that our ancestors actively managed their land is not well known to everybody.

This book includes twelve essays on how native peoples in the Northwest used fire to alter their lands for the benefit of their communities. There are many references throughout the essays to how fire was used to create an optimal growing environment for tobacco. One essay focuses on the many



ways fire was used by native peoples in southwest Oregon, including for tobacco cultivation.

### Melville Jacobs Collection

Coquille Thompson, Frank Drew, and Annie Miner Peterson were three of the informants who provided the information used in the above references. The Melville Jacobs Collection is comprised of over 20 notebooks of cultural information collected from Coos and Coquille ancestors covering a wide range of subjects including traditional tobacco use.

The Tribe has copies of these notebooks and most of them are available typed out (the originals are hand-written notes) and have been digitized. There are also two published works based on Jacobs's research titled **Coos Myth Texts** and **Coos Narrative Texts**. Despite the title, both works provide information on the Coos and Coquille tribes. Reading traditional stories in English and seeing the Miluk and Hanis translations is just really, really cool.

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**G**roundhog Day marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. It is a derivative from the early Christian holiday of Candlemas Day. The holiday is commemorated when a famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, emerges from his burrow and looks for his shadow. The tradition goes that this day is used to help determine how many weeks of winter might be left. If Phil sees his shadow when he emerges, winter weather is forecast to persist for six more weeks. If Phil does not see his shadow, spring is forecast to come early. Groundhog Day was established in 1887 and is observed every year on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the United States.



**AARP Tax Aide Program**  
**FREE Tax Help and E-Filing**  
 available for anyone with low and moderate income.



Come to any of tax-aid locations listed below and bring:

- Photo ID(s)
- Social Security card(s)
- 2013 tax return
- 2014 tax information

**Schedule for February 2 through April 15, 2015**

<b>Bandon</b> Bandon Senior Center 1100 11 <sup>th</sup> Street SW 541-347-4131	Tuesday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Walk - In
<b>Brookings</b> Chetco Activity Center 550 Chetco Lane 541-469-6822	Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <b>Appointment Only</b>
<b>Florence</b> Siuslaw Public Library 1460 9 <sup>th</sup> Street 541-997-3132	Monday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Walk - In
<b>Lakeside</b> Lakeside Lions Club 890 Bowron Road 541-759-3111	Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walk - In
<b>North Bend</b> College Park Comm. Church 2548 Newmark Street 541-297-3722	Mon., Tues., Fri., and Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walk - In

**February 2015 events at The Mill Casino · Hotel** **Tickets on sale NOW!**

**Burns Night Celebration and Dinner**  
**Traditional Burns' Night Program**  
 Coastal Celtic Society  
 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
 Program starts at 6:00 p.m.  
**Tickets are \$35 - 800-953-4800, ext. 9.**



**Star of Hope Valentine's with the Stars**  
**Celebrity Auction Dinner and Dance**  
 February 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m.  
 Contact Lila Sweet for more information at 541-888-8893 or lsweet8661@gmail.com  
**Tickets are \$40 - 800-953-4800, ext. 9.**



**H**ousing Payment Pick Up  
 Housing payment pick up is available every month for elders or persons with a disability.

If you would like someone to stop by and pick up your housing payment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501 during normal office hours. A CIHA staff member will schedule a convenient day and time with you to stop by your home to pick up your payment.

**All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!**

~ Charles M. Schulz

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