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Annual Kilkich Earthquake - Tsunami Evacuation Drill on Tuesday, May 19th

After Japan's 2011 8.9 magnitude earthquake, which triggered a catastrophic tsunami, Oregon, among many other regions, became very proactive in preparing communities for a similar disaster. Geologists continue to remind people that it is not a matter of "if" but "when" a major earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone will happen; it is already long overdue. **Preparation** for this event **is key** to survival both during and after the event.

Since Japan's earthquake, the Kilkich community has been practicing an annual earthquake-tsunami evacuation drill. While you may know that you need to move to high ground immediately following an earthquake, are you prepared? Do you have your emergency bag packed? Can you carry it to the safety of higher ground in the crucial minutes following an earthquake?

The Tribal Health and Human

Services Department will be organizing and conducting the Annual Kilkich Earthquake-Tsunami Drill this year.

On Tuesday, May 19th between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., the Tribe's PA system will be used to announce the beginning of the earthquake - tsunami drill.

Approximately one minute later, another announcement will be made notifying the community that the earthquake is over. At this time, everyone should immediately evacuate to higher ground. For this drill, all participants should gather at the Community Plankhouse.

No one will knock on your door to remind you of this drill.

Residents arriving at the Community Plankhouse will receive:

- ◆ A participation gift
- ◆ Emergency preparedness information
- ◆ Lunch and drill debriefing

This drill is voluntary, but strongly encouraged. If you have not packed a 72-hour emergency kit, please do so today!

In the event of a real earthquake - tsunami, the only notification you will have is the ground shaking. Take part in this annual drill to practice your important evacuation plan.

If you are unable to participate in the drill but would like information about preparing for an emergency, please contact Fauna Larkin at 541-888-9494, ext. 20210 or email Fauna at: faunalarkin@coquilletribe.org.

The websites listed below contain life-saving, emergency preparedness information. CIHA also has brochures and handouts available.

GET A KIT - MAKE A PLAN!

- www.emergencycdc.gov
- www.fema.gov
- www.oregon.gov
- www.ready.gov
- www.redcross.org



Renter Front Yard Makeover Drawing - Enter Today!

Entry forms are still being accepted for the 5th Annual Renter Front Yard Makeover.

If you rent a home in the Kilchich community and are NOT living in a unit that has had a front yard makeover in the past, you are eligible to enter.

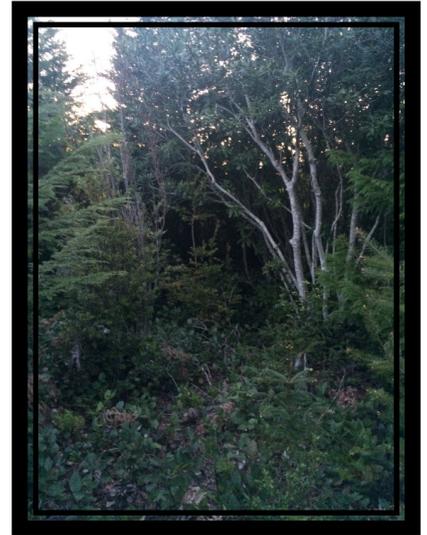
There is no cost to enter the drawing, but you must agree to maintain the new landscape.

The winner will participate in the design of their new front yard.

Entry forms are due no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th. The winner will be drawn at the CIHA Board of Commissioners meeting on the same afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.

Additional entry forms are available at the CIHA office.



Desiree Clark submitted the above photo that she took on Tribal Lands for "Earth Day". Thank you, Desiree.

CIHA's Annual Landscaping Contest Coming in June

CIHA will hold its annual landscaping contest again this year. The criteria will be the same as it has been in past years.

Both homeowners and renters will be judged individually. Within the homeowner and renter categories, the front yard and back yard will be judged separately.

Yard judging is scheduled to take place the third week of June this year. The local Master Gardeners will once again be the judges for the landscaping contest.

The judges will stop at each home (***unless you have notified CIHA that you do not want your yard judged***), take notes, perhaps some digital photos, and then collaboratively compare, tally, and decide the landscaping winners.

There is no fee or sign-up sheet to enter the contest; your yard will automatically be judged unless you **contact the CIHA office, 541-888-6501, by Monday, June 8th to let CIHA know that**

you do NOT want to participate in the landscaping contest.

You do not have to be a skilled gardener to be a winner in this contest; everyone is encouraged to participate.

When judging the yards, the Master Gardeners look for a variety of elements, such as:

- * Native Plants
- * Sustainable Gardening
- * Edibles
- * Plant Health
- * Color
- * Bird Friendly
- * Unique Design, Creativity
- * Maintenance
- * Hanging Plants
- * Works in Progress



First prize = \$100 gift card

Second prize = \$75 gift card

Third prize = \$50 gift card

Honorable Mention = \$25 gift card

If you have any questions, please contact CIHA at 541-888-6501.

26th Annual Tribal Restoration Celebration June 26, 27, and 28

June 28, 2015 will mark the 26th anniversary of the Coquille Tribe's Restoration!

An event schedule will be published in the June edition of the Sea-Ha Runner. It was on June 28, 1989, that the Coquille Indian Tribe regained status as a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

After 34 years of "termination" and federal policy that denied the Tribe's status as Indian people, Public Law 101-42 restored the Tribe's eligibility to participate in federal Indian programs and to receive federal funding for Tribal education, health, and law enforcement programs.

The Culture, Education, and Library Services (CELS) Department Is Open At Its New Location and Invites You to Stop In and Say Hello



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Things were still a bit messy when the March 28th open house for the Culture, Education, and Library Services Department (CELS) took place, and the library section still looks a little like a work in progress. However, things are coming together and the new building is wonderful. If you have not yet stopped by to see the new facility and say hi, please do.

As for the work in progress, the patron computer is being set up, there are still a few boxes of books lying around, and a piece of our revolving DVD/VHS display is missing. However, that doesn't mean you can't stop by and enjoy the CELS building and utilize the services available to Coquille Indian Tribe members and Kilkich community members. CELS is open and available to help you.

For those of you who currently access the Tribe's numerous education support programs, the CELS office is fully operational and Funding Coordinator Rhonda Ferguson is working hard processing all of the applications she receives.

Danielle Summers is running a series of culture-based classes. One of those classes is the doll regalia class.

Doll Regalia Class:

This class is actually a series of regalia classes where students learn



and practice making various types of regalia using dolls as models. This is a method used by many groups as a teaching tool. The next class is scheduled for

Friday, May 8th at the Canoe Shed near the Community Plankhouse. If you are interested in joining the Doll Regalia class, call Danielle Summers at 541-756-0904, ext. 10233 or send her an email at: daniellesummers@coquilletribe.org

In addition to the regalia classes, there are several other activities planned, including traditional food gathering trips.

Traditional Food Gathering:

The traditional food gathering trips are a way for the Tribe's community to help collect the food the Tribe will share with its guests at the Traditional Foods Lunch held on the final day of the Tribe's Annual Restoration Celebration in June. Traditional food gathering trips currently planned are:

- Clam digging - the date for this event has not yet been set; clam digging depends upon the tides; date to be announced.
- Camas gathering - currently scheduled for Friday, May 29th.



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For information on either of these events, please contact Danielle Summers using the previously listed contact information.

Homework Club:

The CELS building hosts a homework club twice a week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays students can meet from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the CELS building and get help with their homework, read a book, or otherwise work on their academics.

Library:

Yes, the library is open (though the setup is not yet complete) and you can come by and check out a book! Several comfortable chairs are provided where you can sit and relax at your leisure. Students using the Homework Club have been by a couple times seeking reading material. Willy Wonka is currently out on loan, by the way.



Check Out a Library Book

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FREE rent check pickup for seniors and people with disabilities. Call CIHA at 541-888-6501 to schedule.



Mother's Day	10
Killich Cascadia Earthquake - Tsunami Evacuation Drill beginning at 11:30 a.m.	19
CIHA Closed	22
CIHA Closed for Memorial Day Holiday	25

2015 Summer Food Service Program - Free



The Coquille Indian Tribe announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Program at the Tribal Community Center. Breakfasts and lunches will be made available Monday through Friday, FREE to all children residing on the reservation, 18 years of age and under. Meals will be served at the Tribal Community Center beginning on Friday, June 12, 2015. Meal times will be 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. for lunch.



If you have any questions, please contact Becky Cantrell, Sandi Belletto, or Laura Angulo at 541-888-9494.

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Sample barbecue, visit various food vendors, enjoy craft beers, listen to live music, and meet and greet with cooks and pitmasters during this 3-day event held at The Mill Casino · Hotel. There will be a hot dog eating contest and so much more. For more information, call 541-756-8800 or 800-953-4800 or log on to: www.themillcasino.com. Come out and enjoy some barbecue! Don't miss this event!



Tall ships are on the horizon. Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain

will be in Coos Bay again this year from Thursday, April 30th through Tuesday, May 12th.

The dates are tentative as tide conditions have the potential to affect arrival date and times.

The ships will offer public tours, public sailing excursions, and educational programs for K-12 students.

For an event schedule, pricing, and ticket purchase, call 1-800-200-5239 or log on to:

www.historicalseaport.org

This annual event draws hundreds of people to downtown Coos Bay and is a true celebration of Coos Bay's and North Bend's maritime history.

Ko-Kwel Fishing Derby at Tarheel Reservoir Saturday, May 2nd ~ 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The 8th annual CIT-sponsored Ko-Kwel Fishing Derby will be held at Tarheel Reservoir on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to noon; FREE barbeque starts at 12:15 p.m. Tarheel Reservoir is routinely stocked with rainbow trout, so the chance of catching a fish is pretty good. A weigh-in station will be in operation all morning to make sure all participants' fish are recorded. Please follow the guidelines provided by the staff and volunteers who are managing the event. There will be raffle prizes, trophies for age groups (biggest fish, smallest fish, etc.), and information booths offering educational materials and demonstrations on fish identification, fish cleaning,



knot tying, lure tying, casting, fly casting, and water safety.

The information booths will be staffed by the Tribe's Natural Resources Department and volunteers knowledgeable in fields related to natural resource management and recreational fishing.

A raffle will be held during lunch for participants who have visited ALL of the information booths. ALL booths must be visited to be eligible for the raffle.

For more information, contact Clara Gardner at the CIT main office, 541-756-0904, or email Clara at claragardner@coquilletribe.org

Please join the fun at Tarheel Reservoir on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to noon.