

Happy Halloween

Coquille Indian Housing Authority



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



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ORCCA is mailing LIHEAP applications out in October. LIHEAP funding is expected in November.



LIHEAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program



LIHEAP is a federal program established in 1981 and 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 is eligible to receive from LIHEAP is based on household size, income, documented energy costs, and other factors in the current program year. 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. The table to the right lists the median annual income for program year 2016.

If you received assistance from LIHEAP last year, an application will be mailed to you. If you did not receive assistance from LIHEAP last year, or if your address has changed, you will need to pick up an application at Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) at 1855

Thomas Ave, Coos Bay, 541-435-7080, or at the CIHA office, 541-888-6501.

You will need to provide the following documentation when submitting your LIHEAP application to ORCCA.

- Names and Social Security numbers of all household members.
- Proof of gross household income for the last 3 months. (Household income includes, but is not limited to, wages, unemployment, pension, Social Security, TANF, disability payments, etc.)
- The most recent copy of your power bill or documentation of payment for other heat sources (e.g. oil, wood, pellet).

Your LIHEAP application needs to be mailed or hand delivered directly to ORCCA at the address listed on the LIHEAP application.

Funding is limited; applications are processed and assistance awarded on a first come, first served basis.

If you have questions regarding your LIHEAP application, need assistance in completing your LIHEAP application, or need copies made, please stop by or call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501 and speak with Dale or Tracey.

LIHEAP Income Limits	
# in HH	Annual Income
1	\$21,933
2	\$28,681
3	\$35,429
4	\$42,177
5	\$48,926
6	\$55,674
7	\$56,939
8	\$58,205
9	\$59,470
10	\$60,735
11	\$62,001

October Calendar	
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	29
Halloween	31



Fall Harvest Festival



On Friday, October 30th, the Tribal Community Center will be hosting a Family Fun Night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be games, prizes, refreshments, teeth varnishing, and health education.



Costumes are encouraged for all ages, but please make sure your costume is appropriate

for this family event.

If you have any questions, please call 541-888-9494 and speak with Laura at ext. 2233 or Tanya at ext. 2200.



CIHA continues to receive complaints regarding dogs running loose in the Kilkich Community. The rules have not changed - **ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH WHEN OUTSIDE OF THEIR YARD.** To file a complaint about a dog running loose, contact Tribal Police at 541-888-0189 or Animal Control at 541-751-2480.

Kilkich Residents Association

If you have a comment or suggestion for the KRA Board, you may email the Board at kilkichresidents@gmail.com

Drum Practice on Wednesdays

Inviting ALL Tribal members and Kilkich community members to drum and dance practice every Wednesday night at the CIT Plankhouse from 6:00 p.m. - 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.



Lawn Equipment Available

CIHA has mowers, rakes, a shovel, and a wheelbarrow available for Kilkich community members to borrow. Please call CIHA at 541-888-6501 A DAY IN ADVANCE to borrow the yard equipment. The equipment will be delivered, if available, the following morning. Equipment may be checked out for 24 hours at a time.



Are You Registered to Vote?

Regular elections in Oregon are held on one of four days each year, emergencies excepted.

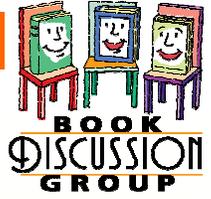
- the 2nd Tuesday in March,
- the 3rd Tuesday in May,
- the 3rd Tuesday in September, and
- the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November.



Oregon elections are conducted by mail. Voters who are registered as of the 21st day before an election are mailed an election ballot. **To be able to vote on the upcoming November 3, 2015 ballot measures, you must be registered to vote by October 13, 2015.**

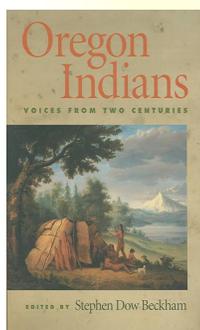
To register to vote, a person must be a resident of Oregon, a citizen of the United States of America, and be at least 17 years of age. You must be 18 years old to vote. Registration forms are available online at: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL500.pdf> and at county elections offices.

Anyone Interested in a Book Discussion Group at the CIT Library?



Over the summer, several members of the Coquille Indian Tribe community have talked to me about the possibility of setting up a book of the month club, a reading club, or similar organized group where interested members of the Tribe's community meet periodically to discuss a selected book or article.

A discussion group like this could meet at the CELS building, where the Tribe's Library is located, or at someone's home. The Tribe's Library would be able to provide at least some of the resources, if not all. The Library contains multiple copies of several books related to the Coquille Indian Tribe and has others, such as the Stephen Dow Beckham's edited *Oregon Indians*, which contains multiple essays and/or articles on other Oregon tribes and issues of importance, such as the effects of termination that affected multiple tribes and



native peoples. In other cases, the Library could arrange to purchase or otherwise acquire multiple copies

of a selected work and loan them to participants. This can be done using a Basic Library

Services Grant the Library receives every year from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Of course, such a discussion group would not necessarily have to focus on the Coquille, or other Oregon tribes, at all. The discussion group could read about other tribes, cultures or events from different parts of the world, or even choose to focus on other non-fiction or fiction; maybe Native American authors or selected fiction featuring a Native American character. Or maybe the group would want something completely different to read.

For Coquille Tribal members who do not live in the local area, it is also possible to set up an email list where a digitized version of an article or book could be emailed to them on a regular basis, as physically mailing items may not be feasible. The Library does mail out books on request to Tribal members who do not live in the local area, but it may not be feasible to routinely mail out items to all book club participants. Perhaps at this stage, it is too early to make that determination.

In order to establish a format for such a book discussion group, some basic information is needed.

1. Would you like to read about the Coquille Indian Tribe or other Oregon tribes? Would you prefer local (Oregon) subjects or reading selected books covering a wider range?
2. Do you prefer fiction or non-fiction?
3. Would you like to discuss on-line and receive selected items via email, or would you prefer to meet in a face-to-face group? (This question is directed towards members of the Tribe who do not live near the CIT Library.)
4. If you would like to meet in person, how often would you like to meet? Monthly, bi-weekly, etc.?
5. What is the best time for you? Morning, afternoon, or evening?

Please respond to the above questions and contact me via phone, email, or mail.

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Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1st. We will turn our clocks back one hour on November 1st.

Rent Check Pickup

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



Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch

10362 Highway 241

Coos Bay

541-269-3900

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<http://mahaffyranch.com/>



Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch opens Friday, September 25th and will be open through Saturday, October 31st.

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
- Corn Maze
- Farm animals
- Gift Shop
- Barbeque
- Tractor-pulled hay rides



- Picnic areas
- Pumpkin Chunkin'
- Restrooms
- School field trips may be scheduled
- Wheelchair accessibility



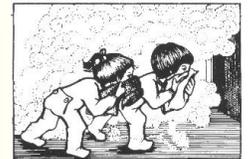
Directions: Highway 101 south through Coos Bay; east on Highway 241 approximately 13 miles; follow the pumpkin signs to Alleghany. The Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch gate is across the road from the Alleghany Post Office and Community Center. Check out the website for a list of events and current business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

October is National Fire Prevention Month



October is designated as National Fire Prevention Month with roots dating back to The Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Most fire departments designate the 2nd week of October as Fire Prevention Week. Below are some awareness tips to help make and keep your family and home safe from fire.

1. Test your smoke alarms monthly.
2. Don't overload circuits/extension cords.
3. Unplug appliances and other electrical devices when not in use.
4. Make sure portable heat sources have at least 3 feet of open area around them.
5. Know and practice your fire escape route with every family member, include pets.
6. Clean your dryer lint trap EVERY time you dry a load of clothes. Check your dryer vent often to ensure proper venting. Clean the vent every few months to eliminate lint buildup.
7. Use caution during the holidays; check holiday lights for broken or frayed wires before hanging.
8. Do not leave holiday lights on when you are not at home or when you go to bed.
9. Use extreme caution with candles; supervise closely when burning candles around children and pets.
10. Conduct regular inspections of your electronic equipment and wiring.
11. Do not use indoor-rated extension cords outside. Don't plug multiple extension cords together.
12. Keep a fire extinguisher in both your kitchen and garage area (at a minimum) and make sure family members know how to operate the fire extinguishers.



Teaching fire-safety basics at home can save lives



For more tips and useful information, please visit:

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week/about-fire-prevention-week>