INTERESTED IN PLANTING A GARDEN? There are a few Kilkich Community Garden spots available again this year. **If you are interested, please contact the CIHA office no later than May 1, 2012.** The planting areas will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no charge to use the community garden, and the water is on an automatic timer. However, all planting and maintenance are the gardener’s responsibility. The garden spot **MUST** be kept weed-free and harvested as needed. If you have any questions, please contact the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE … there is still time to enter the 2012 Annual Renter Front Yard Makeover Contest! An entry form is included in this newsletter; forms are also available at the CIHA office. There is no cost to enter; the winner will be chosen by random drawing. The qualifications are:

- All single-family **rental units** are eligible to enter the contest.
- One entry per household.
- There is no cost to enter, however, you will be responsible for the cost to care and maintain the new front yard.
- Prize is valued at up to $2.00 per square foot.

- Entry forms must be received by the CIHA office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012.
- A random drawing will be held at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2012.
- The winner will be notified by telephone or mail and announced in the May 2012 issue of the Sea~Ha Runner newsletter.
- The winner will participate in the design and installation of their new front yard with a focus on low maintenance, incorporating indigenous plants and materials, and low-water landscaping.

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

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 housing payment, please call the Housing office at 541-888-6501. A staff member would be happy to stop by and pick up your payment for you.
KRA Meeting
The Kilkich Residents Association meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. All Kilkich residents are invited to attend the monthly meetings. Discussion topics range from community concerns, safety, and improvements to fundraising and projects. Please attend the next meeting and find out what is happening in your community. If you have any questions, please contact KRA Board Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910.

Protect Yourself When Banking Online
Checking balances, paying bills, and transferring funds electronically are convenient, but precautions are necessary to help ensure others cannot access your accounts.
- Avoid public computers. Passwords and other log-on information can be saved automatically on them.
- Don’t use WiFi hotspots. Someone may intercept your data sent over the wireless service.
- Install security software. Whether you use free security software or purchased security software, make sure it is kept updated. NEVER open file attachments from an unknown source.
- Check your accounts. Check your accounts for unauthorized activity at least once a week.
- Store passwords safely.
- Watch for phishing. Don’t assume e-mail messages that look like they are from your bank are legit. Log on to your bank’s website to access your account; don’t use e-mail hyperlinks.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department
Invite Native American youth ages 8 - 18 to the 1st Traditional Bow Camp since 1855 June 28th, 29th, and 30th

“The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department would love to have you at the first of many Bow camps. Please come and spend time with the elders and learn the ways that are still important to us as a nation.”
Youth from all Native American tribes are welcome to attend this fun, cultural, and educational event. “Please come in a good way and have lots of fun learning how to make a bow like our ancestors.”
- For Native American youth ages 8 - 18
- Meals and materials provided
- Meals at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
- Camping available (must camp with a parent or guardian)
- Last day to register is May 31, 2012
- Must have permission slip signed by parent or guardian
- Location: Grand Ronde Powwow grounds - Fort Yamhill State Park

For more information/register for Bow Camp, please contact:
Brian Krehbiel 503-879-4639 OR Hermila Chavez 503-879-2268
brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org hermilachavez@grandronde.org
Please leave a message with your name and number.

Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.
~ Robert Louis Stevenson
We recently ordered and received a large number of books for the CIT Library, including one regarding the importance of teaching indigenous languages. The book itself is not a dictionary or other type of instruction on a language, but it does connect to the Library’s collection of native language materials. It is a small, but detailed collection of materials covering the Miluk and Hanis languages that were spoken by ancestors of today’s Coquille and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Chinook Jargon, and a few other indigenous languages, as well as resources on Spanish, German, and French.

Today, both Tribes are continuing to provide language classes; some of the material related to this work is available at the CIT Library. In fact, the Coquille Tribe recently received grant funding for the creation of an electronic-speaking version of the Miluk Dictionary. This dictionary was written by Coquille member Troy Anderson. The Library also has information on Miluk and Hanis produced by linguist and Coos member Patty Whereat-Phillips.

However, I would like to focus on the trade language spoken by members of many Pacific Northwest tribes, Chinook Jargon or Chinuk-Wawa. The Library has several copies of books with information and dictionaries of this trade language.

In summary, Chinook Jargon was (is) a trade language used by many different tribes for communicating with people whose first language was different from their own. Jargon is made up of words from several indigenous languages and is often referred to as a “trade” language. You can imagine how the ability to speak Jargon with fluency was a skill of great worth, especially when travelling long distances for both business and attending major events. The books available at the Library provide much more detailed information.

Four of the Library’s books on Chinook Jargon are:
1. Dictionary of the Chinook Jargon, or, Trade Language of Oregon by George Gibbs;
2. Chinook Jargon and Native Cultural Persistence in the Grand Ronde Indian Community, 1856-1907 by Henry Zenk;
3. Making WaWa: The Genesis of Chinook Jargon by George Lang; and

For the record, “WaWa” is a Chinook Jargon word for speaking or talking.

I do not know if there are any Grande Ronde members living in the Kilkich Community, but the tribe has been giving Chinook Jargon classes to their members for several years. Their public web page provides contact information for these classes: <http://www.grandronde.org/_templates/calendar-event-detail.aspx?id=187&terms=chinuk%20wawa%20classes>

Here are a few other links on Chinook Jargon available on the Internet.

Chinook Jargon class at Grand Ronde office in Portland: <http://learnchinookjargon.wordpress.com/>
fun fact: lemon juice can aid in reducing the swelling caused by insect bites.

fuel-saving tips

if you are feeling the crunch at the pump, here are a few tips from the u.s. department of energy to help you squeeze a few extra miles out of that gallon of high-priced gas.

1. drive sensibly; avoid fast starts and stops.
2. observe the speed limit.
3. remove excess items in your vehicle to reduce weight.
4. avoid excessive idling.
5. use cruise control.
6. use overdrive gears to reduce your engine speed; this saves gas and engine wear.
7. keep your engine properly tuned.
8. keep your tires properly inflated.
9. use the recommended grade of motor oil for your vehicle.
10. plan and combine your trips.

for more in-depth information and related statistics, log on to:
http://www.fueleconomy.gov
http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt064.shtm

proceeds from the 2012 pacific cove humane society’s bite of the bay fundraising event will go towards building a new, privately-owned, pet adoption and welfare center for the south coast communities.

the bite of the bay features generous samples of gourmet cuisine prepared by the area’s talented chefs from benetti’s italian restaurant, black market gourmet, ciccarelli’s, la costa peruvian/mexican restaurant, porta, the mill casino · hotel, miller’s at the cove, northwest smokehouse, and rodeo steakhouse and grill.

anindor vineyards and wild rose vineyard will serve wine tastings and ninkasi brewing company will serve tastes of their best micro-brews.

silent and live auctions with dancing to timberwolf will round-out the fun-filled evening.

enjoy the 2012 bite of the bay and support pacific cove humane society!

for tickets or additional information, please call 541-404-6704

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child abuse awareness month

saturday, april 14

john topits park

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

fun for the whole family! carnival games and prizes for kids, kids fishing with the oregon department of fish and wildlife, jump 4 fun, face painting, petting zoo by the 4-h club, and more.

for more information, call michelle at 541-266-8806.

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april 20 - 22

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ahh shucks! oyster feed

saturday, april 28

oregon institute of marine biology cafeteria

63466 boat basin, charleston

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

for more information, call david ford at 541-888-6871.

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