



Coquille Indian Housing Authority
Sea-Ha Runner

A Fun & Informative Newsletter
 for the Residents of the Kilkich Community

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New CIHA hours
 beginning
 January 3, 2012

Monday - Friday
 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(T) 541-888-6501

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Holiday Gift Card Drawing Winners

The KRA Board of Directors voted at the November 14, 2011 KRA meeting to sponsor a Holiday Gift Card Drawing again this year. All Kilkich homes with outside holiday decorations displayed by the evening of Wednesday, December 14th were entered into the random drawing. On Thursday, December 15th, three entries were drawn. The three winners were each awarded a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card.

The gift card winners were:

- Fidel & Jessica Garcia
- Andrew & Melanie Simpson
- Duke & Danielle Summers

Congratulations!

THANK YOU to every resident who decorated their home this year. Creative decorations and beautiful lighting expressed holiday spirit throughout the Kilkich community.



FREE Christmas Tree Pickup

- Christmas trees will ONLY be picked up on these two days
- Remove all decorations & tree stand
- Set the tree out by the curb

January 9

January 17



January Calendar

New Years Day Observed - CIHA Closed	2
KRA Dinner Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - CIHA Closed	16
CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	26



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 payment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501. A CIHA staff member would be happy to stop by and pick up your payment for you.



LIHEAP now available. See page two for qualification criteria.



Income Guidelines

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LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP is a once-a-year payment that is paid directly to your energy provider (Pacific Power, for instance) helping to offset the cost of heating your home during the winter months. You must provide documented heating costs, a power bill, for example.

The Oregon LIHEAP provides low-income families assistance with their home energy expenses. To be eligible, households must be at or below 60 percent of state median income; both renters and homeowners are eligible. 2012 income guidelines for Oregon, effective October 1, 2011, are: →

If you have not signed up for LIHEAP and would like to make an appointment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.

Size of Family Unit	Annual Income 60% of Median	Monthly Income 60% of Median
1	\$22,493	\$1,874.43
2	\$29,414	\$2,451.17
3	\$36,335	\$3,027.92
4	\$43,256	\$3,604.67
5	\$50,177	\$4,181.41
6	\$57,098	\$4,758.16
7	\$58,396	\$4,866.30
8	\$59,693	\$ 4,974.44
9	\$60,991	\$5,082.58
10	\$62,289	\$5,190.72
11	\$63,586	\$5,298.86



Get Your Mobile Device Storm Ready



Excerpted from USAA.com
Article posted 08/27/11



Home and safety preparations for those in a severe storm's path should include making mobile devices like smartphones storm-ready. As soon as a severe storm becomes a threat, stocking food and water supplies are priority one," says Elizabeth Gulick, executive director of Catastrophe Operations at USAA. "But taking a couple minutes to update your mobile devices with key information can provide an invaluable lifeline and peace of mind in the storm's aftermath." Extreme weather can disrupt communication channels, making mobile devices essential tools to keep in touch with family, as well as with response and recovery efforts. USAA offers these tips to make your mobile device "storm-ready."

Create a texting phone tree. Create a network of contacts, so you can reach them quickly after any sort of extreme weather. Texting may be the only available form of communication.

Set up emergency text alerts. Access to television or radio could be limited. By setting up emergency text alerts with your city or insurer when available, you can increase the chance that you'll stay connected wherever you are.

Utilize mobile banking apps. Many banks have developed apps for smartphones that allow people to move money, pay bills and deposit checks from their phones. Having ready access to your funds can save a lot of headaches in the storm's aftermath.

Take advantage of insurance apps. Many insurance companies allow their customers to file claims using their smartphones to quickly start the recovery process.

Download emergency service apps. Emergency service apps will allow you to access important resources, such as the American Red Cross. [Emergency alerts are also available at: www.emergencyemail.org](http://www.emergencyemail.org)

Have a car phone charger and spare battery. If power is out for an extended period, your car will be a valuable source of energy.

A piece of the history between the U.S. and Tribes

An interesting editorial appeared on the online Native news resource Indianz.com regarding the 75 year anniversary of the Indian Reorganization Act (aka The Wheeler-Howard Act or I.R.A.).

For the record, knowing this Act was passed by Congress in 1934, I questioned why an editorial marking the 75th anniversary was being printed 77 years and 4 months after the Act was passed. Regardless, one of the editorial's main points is that acknowledgment of the anniversary and the impact the I.R.A. had on Tribes in the United States was met with "near silence" in 2008. The

silence was so deafening the author, Tim Giago, decided to re-publish it. You can find the December 5, 2011 editorial at the following link:
<http://64.38.12.138/News/2011/003958.asp>

Please excuse this briefest of descriptions. The I.R.A. is often described as the "Indian New Deal" in reference to the New Deal policies of the Roosevelt Administration during the Great Depression era of the 1930s. It was written with the intention of radically altering national Indian policy. Specifically, it would reverse many of the policies

enacted from the 1887 Indian General Allotment Act (aka The Dawes Act) which in theory was designed to help Native Americans achieve self-sufficiency via the division of Indian reservation lands and "allotting" them to individual Tribal members.

There are several books at the CIT Library covering subjects like the IRA and other laws that had major impacts on indigenous people in the United States.

Below is an excerpt from one of these books.

"Some Oregon tribes ignored IRA and did not vote on it. The Klamath and Confederated Tribes of Siletz rejected it. The Grand Ronde Indian Community adopted the IRA and organized a corporation under the law, as did the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Whether tribes accepted or rejected IRA, only a few found much change in Indian policy. The Great Depression and then World War II created economic circumstances that assumed there was never enough money to fund revolving loans or the land acquisition programs adequately. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw, however, while not voting on IRA, benefited from the changed atmosphere of the 1930s. In 1941 the Bureau of Indian Affairs accepted into trust a 6.1-acre reservation for these Indians, erected a fine tribal hall on the land at Coos Bay, and for the first time provided modest medical care—a once-a-month clinic—through the Indian Health Service". Stephen Dow Beckham; The First Oregonians: An Illustrated Collection of Essays on Traditional Lifeways, Federal-Indian Relations, and the State's Native People Today (1st edition).

Kilkich Residents Association

KRA meets the 2nd Monday of every month. A light dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. and the one hour meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. All Kilkich residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please stop in and share your thoughts and ideas at the next meeting, Monday, January 9th.

See You There!

S/Nipped - Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic

For information on services available and to schedule your low cost spay/neuter, please call 541-808-2377

- ✂ The clinic is located at 132 N. Wasson, Coos Bay (right behind Empire McKay's grocery store)
- ✂ Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
- ✂ Female cat spay - \$60; Female dog spay - \$85
- ✂ Male cat neuter - \$40; Male dog neuter - \$75
- ✂ Feral Cat Package - \$40
- ✂ Low-cost vaccinations are available for surgical patients





Rate Increase January 22, 2012

The rate increase includes new prices for First-Class Mail®, Standard Mail®, Periodicals, Package Services (Single-Piece Parcel Post, Bound Printed Matter, and Media Mail/Library Mail), First-Class Mail International, and Extra Services – a broad category including many products such as Money Orders and Return Receipt and services such as insurance and

Collect on Delivery (COD). The Postal Service announced these new prices and product features on October 18, 2011. Postal Service Mailing Services prices will increase by 2.1 percent, on average, across each class of mail. Because the price cap applies to each class of mail, rather than to each product within a class, some products within a mail class

have an increase that is higher or lower than 2.1 percent. Single-piece, one-ounce First-Class Mail letters will increase \$0.01, to \$0.45 (additional ounces remain at \$0.20). Purchase your Forever Stamps now to avoid the one cent increase in January. For additional pricing and information, visit www.usps.com.
- Excerpted from www.usps.com

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For tax information, advice, and answers, check out these websites:

www.irs.gov

www.bankrate.com/taxes.aspx

www.1040.com

Free local tax preparation sites and services will be announced after January 1st.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a United States Holiday marking the birth date of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., observed on the *third Monday of January each year*, around the time of King's birthday, January 15. The holiday falls on Monday, January 16th in 2012.

King was the chief spokesman for non-violent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. He was assassinated in 1968 by a prison escapee.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination.

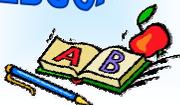
Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed in 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

Civil Rights Movement

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION



KRA is still collecting "Labels for Education" to help support Madison Elementary School. Please drop your labels off at the CIHA office. The labels help Madison Elementary earn FREE educational equipment. For a list of participating products, go to:

www.labels4education.com/Earn/participating-products.aspx



**Learn from yesterday,
live for today,
hope for tomorrow.**

~ Albert Einstein