



# Sea~Ha Runner

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## The Winner of the Renter Front Yard Makeover Contest is ...



At the April 26<sup>th</sup> CIHA Board meeting, a winner for the Renter Front Yard Makeover Contest was drawn at random from the eleven entries submitted.

**Kyle Simpson**  
**2664 Mexeye Loop**  
**Congratulations !!!**

The winner will participate in their new front yard design and installation focusing on low-maintenance, indigenous plants and materials, and low-water landscaping.



## 23rd Annual Tribal Restoration Celebration June 29, 30 and July 1

An event schedule will be published next month.

## May Calendar

Mother's Day	13
KRA Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	14
CIHA Closed	25
CIHA Closed Memorial Day	28
Tsunami Outreach Oregon Community Evacuation Drill At 2:00 p.m.	31

## Tsunami Outreach Oregon Community Evacuation Drill Thursday, May 31, 2012 2:00 p.m. sharp!



If you have not packed a 72-hour emergency kit, assemble one today!

- There will be NO siren sounded for this drill
- At 2:00 p.m. sharp, grab your emergency kit and head to high ground (perhaps set a reminder for yourself)
- NO ONE WILL KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR TO REMIND YOU OF THE DRILL
- The evacuation drill is voluntary, but strongly encouraged
- Participation in drills saves lives; pretend this is the real event and act accordingly

**In the event of a real tsunami, the only notification you will have is the ground shaking.**



# CIHA Annual Landscaping Contest

The Annual Landscaping Contest is only a couple of months away and, hopefully, the weather will soon be inviting those of you who enjoy gardening outside to begin working in your yards and flower beds if you haven't already begun.

The categories and rules remain the same this year. Homeowners and renters will be judged individually. Within the homeowner and renter categories, the front yard and back yard will be judged separately. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Homeowner Front Yard  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize

Renter Front Yard  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize

Homeowner Back Yard  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize

Renter Back Yard  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize

**Honorable Mention Certificates will also be awarded.**

There is no set gardening protocol for the landscaping contest. Individual style, taste, and creativity are what the judges will be looking for. Listed on the right are some categories to use as guidelines, however, these are just suggestions. You do not have to be a veteran gardener to place in this contest and all gardeners are encouraged to participate. So put on your gloves, get outside, and start creating.

- Annuals
- Arbors
- Cultivating Creativity
- Hanging Plants
- Native Flora
- Perennials
- Raised Beds
- Salmon-Colored Plants
- Trellises
- Vegetables

**If you DO NOT want your yard judged, please contact Tracey at the CIHA office, 541-888-6501, no later than Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Prizes

1st Prize = \$100 Gift Card

2nd Prize = \$75 Gift Card

3rd Prize = \$50 Gift Card

Honorable Mention awarded a Certificate



**Judging will take place the week of June 25 by judges from the local Master Gardeners Club.**

## SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM 2012 PUBLIC RELEASE

The Coquille Indian Tribe announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Program for eligible applicants at the Tribal Community Center. Breakfasts and lunches will be made available Monday through Thursday 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 June 20, 2012; meal times will be 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Oregon prohibit discrimination in all USDA programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call, toll free (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA, the State of Oregon, and the Coquille Indian Tribe are equal opportunity providers and employers.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help monitor meals, please contact Jane Metcalf, Sandi Belletto, Laura Angulo, or Sue Duvall at 541-888-9494.

NAME OF MEDIA OUTLET	DATE OF RELEASE	
Coquille Indian Housing Authority Sea-Ha Runner Newsletter	May and June 2012	
Coquille Indian Tribe K'wen 'inish-ha Newsletter	May and June 2012	
Coquille Indian Community Health Center	May and June 2012	



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# Native Americans and Taxes

April 15<sup>th</sup> has come and gone and at some point I always hear the question, “Do Tribal members pay taxes?” This month’s Sea~Ha Runner article includes excerpts from the Internet providing answers to this question.

A 2009 report produced by the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) provides the following information regarding the taxes produced by employees of tribal-owned casinos. You can view the entire report at:  
[http://www.indiangaming.org/info/NIGA\\_2009\\_Economic\\_Impact\\_Report.pdf](http://www.indiangaming.org/info/NIGA_2009_Economic_Impact_Report.pdf)

“Nationwide, 237 Indian tribes in 28 states use Indian gaming to create new jobs, fund essential government services, and rebuild communities. In 2009, tribal governments generated \$9.4 billion in federal taxes and revenue savings (including employer and employee social security taxes, income taxes, excise taxes, and savings on unemployment and welfare payments) and \$2.4 billion in state taxes, revenue sharing, and regulatory payments (including state income, sales and excise taxes, regulatory payments, and revenue sharing pursuant to Tribal-State compacts).

On Tribes & Taxes: “All Native Americans pay federal income, FICA, and social security taxes. Only the small percentage of Indians who live and work on their own federally-recognized reservations, not unlike soldiers and their families living on military installations, are exempt from paying state income tax and property taxes. However, they still pay other taxes, such as sales and all other special and excise taxes.”

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) also produces a “frequently asked questions” report which includes information on the taxation of American Indians: <http://www.narf.org/pubs/misc/faqs.html>  
“Do Indians pay taxes? All Indians are subject to federal income taxes. As sovereign entities, tribal governments have the power to levy taxes on reservation lands. Some tribes do and some don’t. As a result, Indians and non-Indians may or may not pay sales taxes on goods and services purchased on the reservation depending on the tribe. However, whenever a member of an Indian tribe conducts business off the reservation, that person, like everyone else, pays both state and local taxes. State income taxes are not paid on reservation or trust lands.”

Tim Giago, columnist and founder of the Native American Journalist Association, has an interesting, and amusing essay regarding the taxation of Indians titled Yes Virginia, Native Americans Do Pay Taxes. The essay is available online at: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tim-giago/yes-virginia-native-ameri\\_b\\_409810.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tim-giago/yes-virginia-native-ameri_b_409810.html)  
Giago’s columns and editorials can be found here and at: <http://www.indiancountrytoday.com>

A few other links of interest:

Native News Network essay, Yes, American Indians Pay Taxes:  
<http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com/yes-american-indians-pay-taxes.html>

Another interesting article from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal: Native Americans Pay Taxes, Contrary to Popular Belief: <http://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/stories/1997/04/21/editorial2.html>

The World Newspaper article concerning North Bend’s lawsuit against the Coquille Indian Tribe regarding contract for payments in lieu of taxes agreement between the City and the Tribe. North Bend, Tribe Settle Dispute:  
[http://theworldlink.com/news/local/north-bend-tribe-settle-dispute/article\\_566b5a1c-72a0-5a70-b92d-212c4c30116e.html](http://theworldlink.com/news/local/north-bend-tribe-settle-dispute/article_566b5a1c-72a0-5a70-b92d-212c4c30116e.html)

Federal, state, and local taxes claim roughly a third of revenue generated in the United States. Increases in economic activity expand the tax base and increase government revenue. Indian gaming generated just under 553,000 jobs nationwide in 2004. The wages associated with these jobs generate federal, state, and local payroll, income and other taxes, and help reduce welfare payments and unemployment benefits, freeing up more revenue for the federal, state and local governments. Wages paid to employees of tribal governments and economic development enterprises amounted to just over \$6 billion; approximately \$12 billion was generated indirectly by Indian gaming.

The \$18 billion in wages generates about \$2.7 billion in federal income taxes and just under \$2.8 billion in Social Security taxes. Thus, in 2004 Indian gaming increased federal tax revenues by \$5.5 billion. In addition, the federal government also saved an additional \$1.4 billion in reduced welfare payments and unemployment benefits. As a result, federal treasury revenues increased almost \$6.9 billion in 2004 due to the increased economic activity generated by Indian gaming.



## Kilkich Residents Association Board Position Opening



## Farmer's Market Opens

The 2012 Coos Bay Downtown Farmer's Market will open for business on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Market will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will offer fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, baked goods, honey, nuts, craft items, and much more. Once the season is in full swing, the Market will be open on  Sundays as well.



The Market will be set up on Central Avenue again this year.

For general information, call the Coos Bay Visitor Center at 541-269-0215 or log on to: [www.CoosBayDowntown.org](http://www.CoosBayDowntown.org)

If you are interested in being a vendor, please call 541-266-9706; vendor applications are also available on line.

*Greatness is measured by your gifts, not your possessions.*  
~ Author Unknown



The Kilkich Residents Association (KRA) has a seat open on their Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please attend the next scheduled KRA meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012; the one-hour meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion topics range from community concerns and projects to fundraisers and contests. All adult Kilkich community household members are eligible to be a KRA Board member.

If you have any questions, please contact Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910.



## Memorial Day Parade

**When:** Saturday, May 26  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Downtown Coos Bay  
Parade begins on 4th Street by Coos Bay Bi-Mart and travels North to Central Avenue

For more information, contact Gene Melton at 541-290-4222 or Bill Kehler at 541-888-6556.

## 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.



Long grass? Weeds? Spring has arrived and CIHA has the following equipment available for you to borrow to help keep your yard looking its best:

- Lawn mower
- Weed eater 
- Wheelbarrow
- Rake 
- Shovel
- Please call Kyle at 541-217-0555 to request yard equipment

## Coquille Indian Housing Authority

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## BBQ BLUES & BREWS ON THE BAY

Sponsored by GMG and Marshfield Bargain House  
Event contact is John Hunt, 541-999-5199 or [huntj1@mac.com](mailto:huntj1@mac.com)

## Barbeque Competition May 25 - 27

at The Mill Casino · Hotel  
3 days of festivities include:

- BBQ competition 
- Food Vendors
- Beer Garden 

And entertainment by:

- The Ty Curtis Band
- Brooks Robertson
- Coup d' Bop 

Log onto [www.themillcasino.com/entertainment/](http://www.themillcasino.com/entertainment/) for a complete list of daily events and times.

