

Coquille Indian Housing Authority

Happy Valentine's Day

Sea~Ha Runner

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



Dumpsters Arriving on Tribal Lands on February 12th

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Community dumpsters will be arriving the second week of February for a 10-day period. The dumpsters are provided for the exclusive use of Kilkich residents.

Dumpsters arrive: February 12th
Dumpsters leave: February 22nd

Please do NOT put the following items in the dumpsters:

- Antifreeze
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Cell phones
- Concrete Blocks
- Electronics
- Glass
- Motor oil
- Paint and Solvents
- Tires
- Any other questionable items



If you are unsure if an item can be placed in the dumpster, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.

RECYCLE - Please recycle plastics, newspapers, magazines, tin cans, and other recyclable materials. A recycle bin is located next to the Tribal Police Department.



Oregon E-Cycle is a recycling program funded by electronics manufacturers and jointly implemented with the Oregon DEQ. Oregon E-Cycle locations accept computers, computer monitors and peripherals, TVs, and printers for recycling for FREE at most Oregon E-Cycle sites.

Oregon E-Cycle sites in the local area include:

- **West Coast Recycling**, 541-269-9212 (*WCR charges a small fee to recycle printers*)
- **Goodwill Industries**, 541-269-9150
- **Beaver Hill Disposal Site**, 541-396-7620
- Call for hours of operation

DELETE ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION OFF OF YOUR DEVICES BEFORE RECYCLING.

Detailed instructions are available at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) websites listed below:

- <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0200-disposing-your-mobile-device>
- <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0010-disposing-old-computers>

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FTC websites with consumer tips on how to safeguard your personal information.



- www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0272-how-keep-your-personal-information-secure#offline
- www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0272-how-keep-your-personal-information-secure#online
- www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0272-how-keep-your-personal-information-secure#social

Drum and Dance Practice



Inviting all Tribal members and Kilkich community members to drum and dance practice every Wednesday night at the CIT Plankhouse from

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Children age 13 and under**

MUST be accompanied by an adult. Contact

Lyman Meade, 541-297-5582, for information.

Leash and Pick Up After Your Pet

CIHA continues to receive numerous complaints about residents in the Kilkich community not picking up after their animals and dogs running at large. Not only is "proper management of an animal" spelled out in Tribal Code under Civil Violations, it is part of being a conscientious, responsible, and considerate pet owner and community member. **Animal waste is toxic and should be picked up and disposed of immediately for the safety of yourself and others. Leaving animal waste in your yard or in common areas is a civil violation. Dogs are required to be on leash at all times when outside of your yard.**

Coquille Indian Tribal Code, Chapter 650,
Civil Violations Ordinance, 650.660
Improper Management of an Animal

A person commits a violation when they:

- fail to promptly remove in a sanitary manner any waste deposited by the animal on public property or on the property of another; or
- allow animal excrement to accrue on the person's property to such a degree that a person of normal sensibilities would be bothered; or
- fail to prevent such animal from running at large on public property or on the property of others. When off the property of the owner or keeper, dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person.



AARP Tax Aide Program FREE Tax Help and E-Filing

available for anyone with low and moderate income. Come to any of the tax-aide locations listed below and bring:



- Photo ID(s)
- Social Security card(s)
- 2014 tax return
- 2015 tax information

Schedule for February 1 through April 15, 2016

Bandon
Bandon Senior Center
1100 11th Street SW
541-347-4131
Tuesday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Walk - In

Brookings
Chetco Activity Center
550 Chetco Lane
541-469-6822
Tues., Wed., Thurs.,
and Fri.
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Appointment Only

Florence
Siuslaw Public Library
1460 9th Street
541-997-3132
Monday and Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Walk - In

Lakeside
Lakeside Lions Club
890 Bowron Road
541-759-3111
Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Walk - In

North Bend
College Park Comm.
Church
2548 Newmark Street
541-297-3722
Mon., Tues., Fri.,
and Sat.
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Walk - In

Housing Payment Pickup

Housing payment pickup is available to elders and people with disabilities. Call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501 during normal office hours to schedule a payment pickup.

Income Taxes, Pacific Northwest Gardening, and Ethnobotany

For this month's Library Report I'd like to cover a couple of subjects that are always on top of my mind this time of year: taxes and gardening.

Native Americans and Taxes

Every year the Tribe's newsletter prints information on the upcoming tax season. The information includes articles on Native Americans paying taxes (yes, we do) and information on free-tax-filing services.

Cash Oregon

(<http://cashoregon.org>) is a non-profit dedicated to improving the financial help of low income working families and individuals. Their web site will connect you with free tax help sites located in Oregon and provide links to other tax help services including

Tax Prep Help

(<http://taxprephelp.org>),

Earned Income Tax Credit calculator at

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eitc2015/SetLanguage.do?lang=en>, and the

Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners

http://www.oregon.gov/OBTP/Pages/consumer_info.aspx

which includes advice for filers on taxpayer rights and selecting a tax preparer.

To find tax help sites outside of Oregon,

visit AARP's tax help site at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/.

The site includes an interactive map that locates free tax help sites anywhere else in the United States.

Northwest Gardening

Early February is a great time to start planning your garden before you put any seeds in the ground. The CIT Library carries multiple copies of several resources that focus on gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Maybe you want an extra reference before hitting your plot at the Killich Community Garden.

Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades is a well-regarded guide to helping you grow a bountiful vegetable crop without using pesticides or chemical fertilizers. The author is the founder of Territorial Seed Company. The vegetables listed here grow well in the Pacific Northwest but are not, necessarily, native to this area.

Propagation of Pacific Northwest Native Plants

provides techniques on growing over 140 native species including beargrass, slough sedge, kinnickinnick, and oceanspray.

Gardening in the Pacific Northwest

contains descriptions of nearly 1000 recommended plants for growing in western Oregon, hundreds of tips, and a 12-month gardening calendar (well, all three books tell you how to grow plants and vegetables year round).

Ethnobotany

The Library also has several ethnobotany books which describe plant species native to southwest Oregon and how native peoples used them. They are not gardening books, but if you are looking to grow plants to harvest for basketry materials, ***Ethnobotany of the Coquille Indians and A Summary Ethnobotany of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians*** are both outstanding resources.

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On Saturday, February 6, 2016, the Coastal Celtic Society will present the annual **Burns Night Celebration and Dinner** from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at The Mill Casino · Hotel. The program begins at 6:00 p.m. and features the traditional Burns Night program and food, bagpipers, harpists, Burns' timeless poetry, and guitar and Scottish folk music. **Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling The Mill Casino · Hotel at 541-756-8800, ext. 9.**

2016
BURNS NIGHT
CELEBRATION
AND DINNER



If you are interested in attending the dinner, but don't know what the Burns Night Celebration is all about, just do a search on the internet for "Burns Night Celebration". It is quite a popular Scottish event and you will find a lot of fun and interesting information. You may want to attend!!

GROUNDHOG DAY
FEB. 2



Groundhog Day marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. It is a derivative from the early Christian holiday of Candlemas Day and is commemorated when a famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, emerges from his burrow and looks for his shadow.

The tradition goes that this day is used to help determine how many weeks of winter might be left. If Phil sees his shadow when he emerges, winter weather is forecast to persist for six more weeks. If Phil does not see his shadow, spring is forecast to come early.



Groundhog Day was established in 1887 and is observed every year on February 2nd in the United States.

Top Three IRS Tax Scams of 2016

1. **Fraudulent Filing** - Someone else files an income tax return using your Social Security number to claim your income tax refund. The IRS suggests that you **file your income taxes early** before a scammer (who may have obtained your Social Security number via a data breach) tries filing under your name. 
2. **IRS Phishing Scam** - You receive an email that appears to be from the IRS requesting that you "click here for the latest on your refund" or something similar. **THIS IS A PHISHING SCAM** designed to get you to enter your Social Security number. Clicking the link invites malware into your PC. **Do not click the link; delete the email.**
3. **IRS Phone Scam** - A legitimately-sounding person, claiming to be with the IRS or the Treasury Department, calls and says you owe money and threatens you with arrest unless you pay money immediately. **Contact the IRS to report caller.**

Criminals continue to devise new ways to appear legitimate and minimize suspicion. They use common names and IRS badge numbers; they may be able to recite the last four digits of your Social Security card number; they spoof the IRS toll-free number to make it look like it is the IRS calling; and they may send a bogus email to you to support their bogus call. These are just a few of the many criminal and misleading tactics the thieves are using.

Be aware! Don't become a victim! **The IRS does NOT contact taxpayers by email. The IRS will not call and threaten you. Report scammers to the IRS.**

If you get an email that appears to be from the IRS, don't reply; don't open any attachments; don't click on any links as they may contain malicious code that may infect your computer. **Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov;** delete the original email.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and you believe it is a scam, record the employee's name, badge number, call back number, and caller ID, if available. **Contact the IRS at 1-800-366-4484** to determine if the caller is a legitimate IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you.

Check out www.irs.gov for additional safeguards.





Please join us in a fun evening of games, food and fun for the whole family!!

*February 11, 2016
5:30pm to 7:00pm*

Coquille Indian Tribe Community Center located at 591 Miluk Drive - Coos Bay.

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

Hope to see you there!!

4~H - Not Just Animals

The After School Prevention Program is starting a 4-H Club. There's a wide variety of projects that you can participate in. If interested please contact Laura Angulo at 541-888-9494 ext. 2233.

There will be an informational meeting during Family Game Night, February 11, 2016 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Community Center.

Dinner will be provided!

Leadership

Archery

Sewing

Photography

Art

Beading

Cooking Projects

