



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



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February Calendar

- ◆ 2nd-5th: CIHA Office open until 6:00PM
- ◆ 2nd: Happy Groundhog Day!
- ◆ 9th: KRA Board Meeting - Dinner at 5:30PM, Meeting at 6:00PM
- ◆ 14th: Happy Valentine's Day!
- ◆ 16th: Happy Presidents' Day!
- ◆ 26th: CIHA Board of Commissioners Meeting at 3:30PM
- ◆ 27th: CIHA Office open until 6:00PM

How to Find Free Tax Filing Websites

The one inevitable thing we all have to do is to file our taxes. Both federal and state taxes are required every year. The fastest way to get a refund is to file the return electronically. The IRS has a list of free sites that will provide the software to fill in your tax forms and will file them electronically free.

Instructions

Go to the IRS site online, listed in resources, and follow the links for a list of sites that offer free software and filing for low-income taxpayers. Carefully read the requirements to qualify for free filing fees and free use of the software. Some have restrictions on income and other factors.

Or, call the IRS. The IRS has a list of companies and sites that will provide free tax software and electronic filing for qualifying taxpayers. There are several to choose from and while the IRS endorses none of them, they all have the approval of the IRS as far as accepting electronic filing of tax returns.

Try a few of the companies listed on the IRS site to find an interface with which you are comfortable. It is also advisable to try a few of the software packages once you have all your tax figures together to find the one that gives you the highest refund or lowest taxes due. None of the packages are identical. Some of the packages operate on an interview process while others simply allow you to fill in forms with your numbers. Most have a check for returns that the IRS will flag for audit.



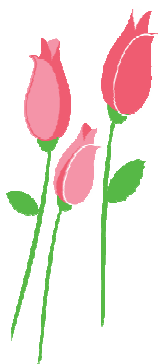
RENT CHECK PICK-UP

If you are an elder, a person with a disability or it is difficult for you to get to the Housing Office to drop off your rent payment, please call our office at 888-6501 to schedule a rent pick-up. We will be happy to stop by and pick up your payment for you!



The History of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?



One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

According to another legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl —

who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.



In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the seventeenth century. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap".

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

-Excerpted from The History Channel <http://www.history.com/content/valentine/history-of-valentine-s-day>



Digital TV: How it Will Effect You

What Is Digital Television?

Digital Television (DTV) is an advanced broadcasting technology that will transform your television viewing experience. DTV enables broadcasters to offer television with better picture and sound quality. It can also offer multiple programming choices, called multicasting, and interactive capabilities. Converting to DTV also will free up parts of the scarce and valuable broadcast spectrum. Those portions of the spectrum can then be used for other important services, such as public and safety services (police and fire departments, emergency rescue), and advanced wireless services.



The Transition to Digital TV

TV stations serving all markets in the United States are airing digital television programming today, although most will continue to provide analog programming through February 17, 2009. At that point, full-power TV stations will cease broadcasting on their current analog channels, and the spectrum they use for analog broadcasting will be reclaimed and put to other uses. The Commission's digital tuner rule specifies that as of March 1, 2007, all new TVs must include digital tuners. This rule prohibits the manufacture, import, or interstate shipment of any device containing an analog tuner, unless it also contains a digital tuner. Despite this prohibition on manufacture and shipment, retailers may continue to sell analog-only devices from existing inventory. As a result, at the point of sale, many consumers may not be aware they will not receive over-the-air television signals after February 17, 2009.

Analog TVs Will Need Additional Equipment to Receive Over-the-air Television When the DTV Transition Ends

Consumers who rely on antennas (including outside antennas and "rabbit ears") to receive over-the-air broadcast signals on TV sets having only analog tuners will need to obtain separate digital-to-analog set-top converter boxes to watch over-the-air TV. These boxes receive digital signals and convert them into analog format for display on analog TVs. Analog sets connected to such converter boxes will display digital broadcasts, but not necessarily in the full, original digital quality.

Converter Box Coupon Program

Between Jan. 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of up to two, digital-to-analog converter boxes. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has responsibility for administering the coupon program. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing). More information can be found at www.DTV2009.gov.

Cable and Satellite TV

Cable subscribers may need new DTV equipment to view DTV programming in digital format. You should ask your cable provider what you will need and when.

Satellite subscribers may need new DTV equipment to receive and view high definition

Alison Wasson Photography

PRESS RELEASE — A new year brought a new name to a three-year-old business as a local photographer re-launched her services as Alison Wasson Photography, specializing in wedding photography and high school senior portraits.

Originally operating as a partnership under the name Photo Injunuity, Alison has transformed the business into a solo enterprise that will better reflect her vision and photographic sensibilities.

"This is an exciting time for me and for my business," she said. "Putting your own name on your business is like personally signing everything you do. Whether it is how I work with my clients or the finished product that I present to them, if it has my name on it, then I want to be sure it is of the highest quality possible."



Examples of that quality are not hard to find. Alison's work is prominently placed at The Mill Casino • Hotel, her largest corporate client. Alison's nature photography welcomes guests at The Mill Hotel's new tower where her photographs are a prominent feature in the décor of every guest room. Her photography also appears in many of The Mill's publications.

In addition, Alison offers personally created items such as greeting cards and photos for sale at The Mill's Ko-Kwel Gifts. As a member of the Coquille Indian Tribe, Alison is among the two-dozen Tribal artists whose work is featured in the gift shop.

Although Alison regularly provides commercial photographic services to several regional business clients, her passion lies in capturing those important moments of everyday life. She frequently is called on to photographically chronicle weddings and family or group gatherings as well as high school senior photos and professional or business portraits. Along with business clients, Alison has volunteered her services and products to the Women's Safety & Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center and the Festival of Trees among other local non-profit organizations.

Most of Alison's clients come by way of personal referral, but that also is about to change with the launch of her new Web site, alisonwassonphoto.com. The site includes a wide sampling of her work along with a complete list of services.

Alison Wasson Photography can be reached at P.O. Box 3521, Coos Bay, Oregon, or by calling 541-290-1590.



Fun Facts About a Few of our Presidents



- There have been seven left-handed presidents, including three of the last four (Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Ronald Reagan).
- The first president to smoke a cigar in office was James Madison. In fact, Madison regularly smoked cigars until his death in 1836 at the age of 85. Madison was also the shortest president at five-feet four-inches tall.
- The letter "S" comprises the full middle name of the 33rd president, Harry S. Truman. It represents two of his grandfathers, whose names both had "S" in them.
- 32nd president of the United States Franklin D. Roosevelt was related, either by blood or by marriage, to 11 former presidents.
- Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States, had chronic stomach pain and required 10 to 11 hours of sleep and an afternoon nap every day.



Roosevelt



Grant

- William Taft, 27th president of the United States, weighed more than 300 pounds and had a special oversized bathtub installed in the White House.
- The teddy bear derived from 26th U.S. president Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt's refusal to shoot a bear with her cub while on a hunting trip in Mississippi.
- Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th president of the United States, underwent a secret operation aboard a yacht to remove his cancerous upper jaw in 1893.
- Both ambidextrous and multilingual, 20th president of the United States James Garfield could write Greek with one hand while writing Latin with the other.
- Ulysses S. Grant, 18th president of the United States, died of throat cancer. During his life, Grant had smoked about 20 cigars per day.
- 17th U.S. president Andrew Johnson never attended school. His future wife, Eliza McCordle, taught him to write at the age of 17. (Bonus fact about Andrew Johnson: He only wore suits that he custom-tailored himself.)
- Often depicted wearing a tall black stovepipe hat, 16th president of the United States Abraham Lincoln carried letters, bills, and notes in his hat.
- 15th U.S. president James Buchanan is the only unmarried man ever to be elected president. Buchanan was engaged to be married once; however, his fiancée died suddenly after breaking off the engagement, and he remained a bachelor all his life.
- John Tyler, 10th U.S. president, fathered 15 children (more than any other president)--8 by his first wife, and 7 by his second wife. Tyler was past his seventieth birthday when his 15th child was born.
- 9th U.S. president William Henry Harrison was inaugurated on a bitterly cold day and gave the longest inauguration speech ever. The new president promptly caught a cold that soon developed into pneumonia. Harrison died exactly one month into his presidential term, the shortest in U.S. history.



Lincoln

Have a safe and happy Presidents' Day!!

Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)

There is still time for you to take advantage of LIEAP. Coquille Indian Housing Authority staff have been trained by Oregon Coast Community Action to conduct intakes for LIEAP for Tribal member households in Coos and Curry Counties. This program provides a payment directly to the heating vendor to offset the high cost of home heating during the winter months for low-income households.

To be eligible, a household's income must be at or below 60 percent of Oregon's median income and have documented energy costs. If you are unsure if you meet these eligibility requirements,

please call us to set up an appointment.

There is still time for you to apply and still assistance available. So, if you have not taken advantage of this opportunity yet, please call us as soon as possible at 888-6501 or 1-800-988-6501.



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Groundhog Day Weather

If he sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of 6 more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole.

If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of Spring and stays above ground.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop

Attention all kindergarten and 1st grade girls.

I would like to personally invite you join our Daisy Girl Scout troop on Monday nights from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. We will be meeting at the Madison School Cafeteria which is located at 400 Madison Street in Coos Bay. This

is a great opportunity to teach your girls confidence and be part of an amazing group of young girls. We have a lot of fun and would love to invite you to join us. Transportation is available. Please contact Marilyn Terry at (541) 888-4564 or (541) 404-1539.

