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# Sea~Ha Runner

A Fun and Informative Newsletter for the Residents of the Kilchick Community



**Special Event for Kilchick Community Members,  
Coquille Tribal Family Members, and Staff**

**Monday, March 12, 2012 ~ 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Community Plankhouse**

**Updated Maps ~ New Information ~ Refreshments**

On March 11, 2011, Japan was devastated by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake which triggered a deadly tsunami. Thousands of people lost their lives and severe, extensive structural damage was widespread in Japan. Millions in north-eastern Japan were left without water and electricity for weeks.

The one-year anniversary of Japan's earthquake is a persuasive reminder of the vital need to be prepared for a similar catastrophic event here on the south coast, an event that could happen at any time.

Don Lewis and Rachel Lyles from the State of Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will be at the Community Plankhouse Monday, March 12, 2012 to present information on the looming potential for a

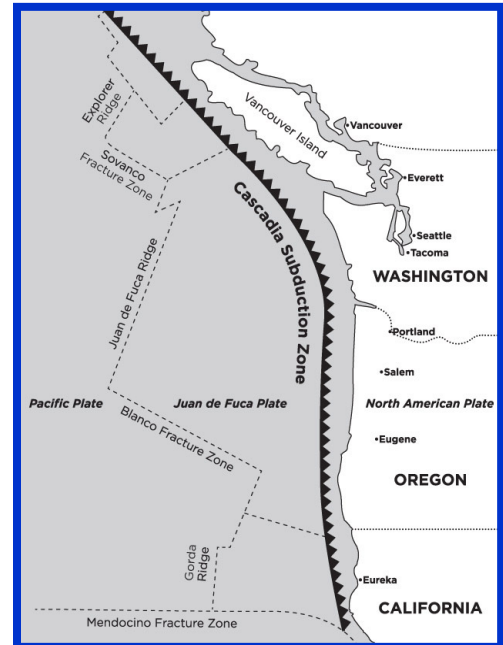
Cascadia event, similar to the 2011 Japan earthquake. Don and Rachel will discuss the Cascadia Subduction Zone, what to expect from an earthquake, the aftermath of an earthquake, and how to prepare for an earthquake.

Our local Tsunami Outreach Oregon (TOO) Coordinators, Mikel Chavez and Lindsey Bishop, will present information about upcoming local TOO events and activities.

Please plan on attending this important event. Education, preparation, and planning reduce the consequences of a disaster and may very well save your life.

For more information, please contact CIHA at 541-888-6501 or 1-800-988-6501.

**Learn . Prepare . Share**





**Coquille Indian Housing Authority  
2nd Annual  
Renter Front Yard  
Makeover Contest**



**No cost to enter**

**Winner(s) chosen by random drawing**

**Entry forms are available  
at the CIHA office**

**Prizes valued at up to \$2.00 per square foot**

**One entry per household**

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**See entry guidelines and winner obligations on entry form.**

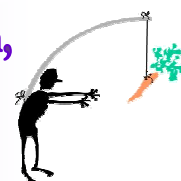
**Low  
Income  
Home  
Energy  
Assistance  
Program**



Low Income Home Energy Assistance appointments are still available. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the CIHA office at 541-888-6501.



**Failure is not falling down,  
but refusing to get up.  
~ Chinese Proverb**



**Check your smoke  
alarms when setting  
your clocks ahead  
one hour. Replace  
old batteries; press  
the test button to  
ensure smoke alarm  
is working properly.**

**Prevention**

**Saves  
Lives**



**Daylight Saving Time begins  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> this year.**

**Before you go to bed on  
Saturday night, March 10<sup>th</sup>,  
move your clocks one hour  
ahead. When you wake up  
Sunday morning, you will  
wake up to the correct time.**

**KRA Community Directory**

**There is still time to sign up ...**

Kilkich Resident Association members have gone door to door throughout the Kilkich community distributing Community Directory sign-up forms to residents. A few households have opted not to be listed in the directory. However, most households would like their information published; a few households have not responded either way.

There is still time to sign up if you have not done so; forms will be accepted throughout the month of March.

Only community members listed in the directory will receive a printed copy of the Kilkich Community Directory.

Please contact KRA Chair Rocky Doyle at 541-888-4910 for more information or to obtain a sign-up form.

# Dawes Allotment Act - 125 Years Ago

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"General Allotment Act or Dawes Act (1887): An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes."

February 9, 2012 marks the 125-year anniversary of the signing of the Dawes or Allotment Act of 1887.

Last month's Sea-Runner Library article talked about a recent editorial on the 75-year anniversary of the Indian Reorganization Act. As it turns out, February 2012 is the 125-year anniversary of another piece of legislation that had a dramatic effect on many Native communities in the United States: The Dawes or Allotment Act. Below is a little information on it, including links where readers can find more information.

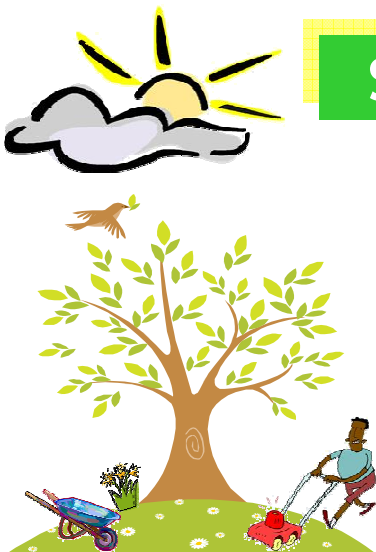
The **Dawes Act** (also called General Allotment Act, or Dawes Severalty Act of 1887) was approved by Congress in 1887. The Act authorized the President of the United States to survey lands owned or held in trust for Tribes and divide it into parcels to be given to individual Tribal members. Indian ownership of land was seen as a means to "assimilate" Indians into American society and it was amended twice in the next 20 years to further meet that goal. One of many consequences was the reduction of the Siletz Reservation. Indeed, Tribes lost over 90

million acres of land due to Allotments. Not only that, the Act cleared the way for the U.S. government to purchase "excess" lands and make them available for non-Indians. A detailed report on the Dawes Act can be found on enotes.com at: <http://www.enotes.com/indian-general-allotment-act-dawes-act-1887-reference/indian-general-allotment-act-dawes-act-1887>

November 2011 was declared Native American Heritage Month by President Obama via Executive Order. This Order states that Obama's administration "recognizes the painful chapters in our shared history." These chapters include the allotment period that began with the passing of this Act. You can read the Administration's proclamation online at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-native-american-heritage-month-2011>

Finally, Steve Newcomb, a columnist for Indian Country Today and founder of the Indigenous Law Institute, wrote a column discussing the Act and the long-term, negative consequences its policies had on Tribes. The editorial is available online at: [http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/ict\\_sbc/the-1887-dawes-act-the-u-s-theft-of-90-million-acres-of-indian-land](http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/ict_sbc/the-1887-dawes-act-the-u-s-theft-of-90-million-acres-of-indian-land)

This editorial specifically recognizes the 125-year anniversary of the passing of the Act.



## Spring Begins Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Daffodils are blooming and the grass has started growing. It will soon be time to take advantage of the sunny days to mow your grass. Please remember that CIHA has lawn care equipment available for you to borrow, such as weed eaters, lawn mowers, a wheel barrow, a square shovel and a round shovel, to help you with your lawn maintenance.

To make arrangements to borrow any of these items, please call Kyle Simpson, CIHA Maintenance Technician, during regular business hours at 541-217-0555.



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*Spring has returned.  
The Earth is like a child  
that knows poems.  
~ Rainer Maria Rilke*



## 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.

## UO Law Students offer FREE Tax Assistance Saturday, March 31st 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CIT Community Center

UO law students have volunteered to provide FREE tax preparation assistance to low-moderate income (\$50,000 gross or below) Native Americans on Saturday, March 31, 2012. The law students have taken the federal Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program training, and as certified volunteers, will assist qualifying Native American families and individuals in preparing and filing their income tax returns.

The assistance will be available on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the CIT Community Center. Please bring:

- Proof of Identification
- Social Security cards for all family members
- Birth dates for all family members
- Wage and earning statements
- Interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099)
- Copy of 2010 federal and state income tax returns
- Proof of bank account routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit (a blank check)
- Total paid for daycare and daycare provider's tax identifying number

**For more information, call Kay Collins  
at 541-756-0904, ext. 10248**

## March Calendar



- 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Tsunami Outreach Oregon (TOO) Meeting at the Community Plankhouse - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 22 CIHA Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m.



Festival will be held at The Mill Casino · Hotel (headquarters) and various locations. Eleven bands from surrounding states and Canada will perform. For more information, log on to: [www.ClamBakeJazz.org](http://www.ClamBakeJazz.org)

## AARP Tax Aide Program - FREE Tax Help & E-Filing

For those of ALL ages with low and moderate income  
Come to any Tax-Aide location and bring:

- Photo ID
- 2010 tax returns
- Social Security card
- 2011 tax information

**Schedule for February 1 through April 17, 2012**

<b>Bandon</b> Bandon Senior Center 1200 11 <sup>th</sup> Street SW	Tuesday & Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
<b>Coquille</b> Holy Name Catholic Church 12 N Dean Street	Tues. 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sat. 2/4 & 2/11 <u>ONLY</u> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
<b>Lakeside</b> Lakeside Lions Club 890 Bowron Road	Thursday 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<b>North Bend</b> College Park Comm. Church 2548 Newmark at Oak	Mon., Tues., Fri., & Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>Brookings</b> Chetco Activity Center 550 Chetco Lane	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Appt. Only 541-469-6822
<b>Florence</b> Siuslaw Public Library 1460 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	Monday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**For more information, call RSVP at 541-888-7332.**