



Sea~Ha Runner

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

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



At the April 26th 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 22nd.

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	



Native Americans and Taxes

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April 15th 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

"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
Giago's columns and editorials can be found here and at: <http://www.indiancountrytoday.com>

A few other links of interest:

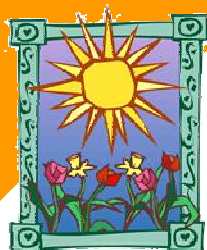
Native News Network essay, Yes, American Indians Pay Taxes:
<http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com/yes-american-indians-pay-taxes.html>

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

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 2nd. 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

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

2678 Mexeye Loop
Coos Bay, OR 97420
Phone: 541-888-6501
Phone: 800-988-6501
Fax: 541-888-8266
daleherring@coquilleiha.org
traceyroome@coquilleiha.org

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

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/
for a complete list of daily events and times.



Tsunami Outreach Oregon

Calendar of Events

Thursday April 26, 2012

6:30 pm at Coos Bay Fire Department: Family Disaster Plan

Come and find out about local hazards like Earthquakes and Tsunami! Its time to put together your Family Disaster Plan now! We can help map out your Evacuation Plan and where you will meet after a disaster!



Wednesday May 9, 2012

6:00 pm at North Bend Public Library: What is CERT?

Did you know we are in an Earthquake and Tsunami Zone? Also, find out more about the Community Emergency Response Team a citizen preparedness and assistance group!

Thursday May 17, 2012

6:30 pm at Coos Bay Fire Department: Building Your 72 Hour Kit

Living in an Earthquake and Tsunami Zone means you have to evacuate quickly! We can show you how to put together a 72 Hour Kit that will help you survive a disaster!

Wednesday May 23, 2012

CHARLESTON TSUNAMI RALLY, 6:30 pm at Oceanside Rv Park Party Yurt

Charleston is in a Tsunami Hazard Zone. Come and find out about possible Evacuation Routes, What you can expect after an Earthquake and Tsunami plus great information to help your survive a disaster. CERT, Red Cross and Coos County Emergency Management will be on hand to answer questions!

Thursday May 24, 2012

6:30 pm at Coos Bay Fire Department: What is CERT?

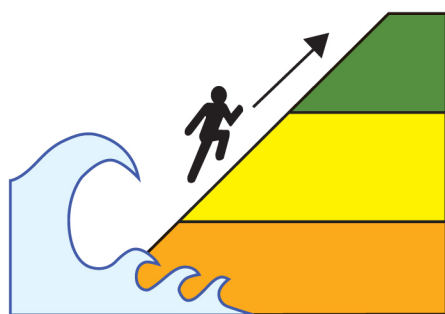
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Coos Bay Region

TSUNAMI EVACUATION DRILL

THURSDAY, May 31, 2pm sharp

ASSEMBLY
AREA **A** ÁREA
REUNIÓN



OUTSIDE HAZARD AREA: Evacuate to this area for all tsunami warnings or if you feel an earthquake.

ZONA DE PELIGRO EXTERIOR: Evacue a esta área para todas las advertencias del maremoto o si usted siente un temblor.

LOCAL CASCADIA EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI: Evacuation zone for a local tsunami from an earthquake at the Oregon coast.

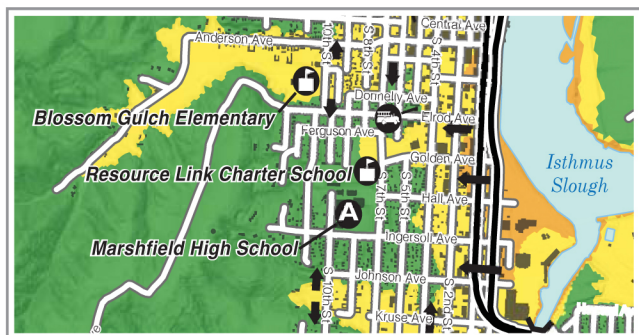
MAREMOTO LOCAL (terremoto de Cascadia): Zona de evacuación para un tsunami local de un temblor cerca de la costa de Oregon.

DISTANT TSUNAMI: Evacuation zone for a distant tsunami from an earthquake far away from the Oregon coast.

MAREMOTO DISTANTE: Zona de evacuación para un tsunami distante de un temblor lejos de la costa de Oregon.

- ☒ Ask your friends and neighbors to join you
- ☒ Take along your emergency "grab & go" kit
- ☒ Follow tsunami evacuation routes on new maps
- ☒ Time how long it takes to walk to Assembly Areas

IT WILL HAPPEN HERE !



THIS DRILL CAN HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Call your local **Tsunami Outreach Oregon** Community Coordinators for information how you and your group can get involved:

Lindsey Bishop (503) 221-2508 Mikel Chavez (503) 936-7767

www.oregontsunami.org