



Coquille Indian Housing Authority

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Sea~Ha Runner

A FUN AND INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF THE KILKICH COMMUNITY



Rent Check Pickup

- Rent check pickup is available for elders or persons with a disability
- To schedule a rent check pickup, call CIHA, 541-888-6501

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CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY



Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 2nd Turn Your Clocks Back - Enjoy an Extra Hour of Sleep

Fall is definitely in the air and it is almost time to "fall back".

Daylight Saving Time will end in the U.S. on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 a.m. when we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Daylight Saving Time will begin again on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 2:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) currently begins on the 2nd Sunday in March and ends on the 1st Sunday in

November every year.

DST began in the U.S. during WWI in an effort to conserve fuel. During WWII, states were required by the federal government to observe the time change.

Between the wars and after WWII, states and communities chose whether or not to observe DST. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act which standardized the length of DST. Since 2007, DST has been extended by four weeks due to the passage of the 2005

Energy Policy Act.

Arizona (except for the Navajo Indian Reservation), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands do not observe DST.

Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



DST data excerpted from:
www.geography.about.com/od/daylightsavings/a/fall.htm



Test Your Smoke Alarm Safety Saves Lives

As we move from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time on Sunday, November 2nd, it is always a good practice to test your smoke alarms as you are changing the time on your clocks.

Replace your old batteries, make sure the smoke alarm is working properly, and review your fire evacuation plans with your family. A working smoke detector may save your life!!

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

If you have not already completed a LIHEAP application, there is still time to submit one. Stop by the CIHA office and pick one up or stop by Oregon Coast Community Action and sign up at their office. Energy assistance funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you need help or need copies of your required documentation made, stop by the CIHA office.



LOST & FOUND

A couple of months ago at the Kilkich Community-Wide Garage Sale, a person purchased a zippered bag from one of the tables at the CIT Community Center. The person that purchased this bag has found a small silver bracelet inside one of the inside pockets and is hoping to reunite the owner with the bracelet.

To identify and claim the bracelet, call 541-260-4892.



Blood Drive Monday, December 15th



On Monday, December 15th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., a Blood Mobile van will be setup at the CIT Health Clinic in the parking lot to receive blood donations. The Blood Drive is open to all Tribal entity employees, all Tribal members and their families, and all Kilkich community members. Please make an appointment if possible.

- Blood donation takes 30-60 minutes (most of this time is screening and paperwork)
- Donors will be screened in a private area to ensure confidentiality
- Donors need to bring valid photo ID or gaming license
- Donors are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids and eat iron rich foods at least 48 hours prior to donating
- Have a good breakfast the day of your blood donation

- Juice and cookies provided after blood donation
- Walk-ins may be accepted in periods where there are empty slots; appointments are preferred
- For detailed blood donation information, call 1-800-448-3543 or online at www.helpsavealife.org

Please call asap to get your first choice of donation time! Contact Robin Sparks at 541-217-2249 or email at rsparks@themillcasino.com
Save a life - donate blood!



Saw Blade Buffet

Dine on savory roast turkey with all the trimmings, an array of delicious side dishes, and a delectable dessert assortment from The Mill Casino • Hotel's own bakery.

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
\$23 per person

Plank House Restaurant

Waterfront dining in a relaxed atmosphere serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Free WiFi!

For more information, please contact The Mill Casino • Hotel at 541-756-8800.

Oregon Law Center

The insert in this newsletter is a priority setting survey from the Oregon Law Center (OLC) in Coos Bay.

The OLC is a non-profit law firm that gives free legal advice and services to low income people with legal issues in Coos, Curry, and Western Douglas counties. OLC is unable to accept every client that walks in (or calls in); OLC does not give advice for every civil legal category. The Coos Bay OLC has a priority list developed from input from the local community that helps OLC decide how to use

their limited time and resources. This list helps OLC decide which types of cases will be offered advice only or full legal representation. OLC is currently reviewing their priority list and welcomes your input and suggestions. Would you please complete the survey insert in this newsletter and either fax the survey directly to OLC at 541-269-1372 or drop the survey at the CIHA office; CIHA will fax the surveys to OLC. **All surveys must be returned by Saturday, November 15, 2014.** If you have questions or concerns, please contact OLC at 541-269-1226. Thank you for your input!

Drum and Dance Practice

ALL Tribal members and Kilkich community members are invited to drum and dance practice every Wednesday night at the CIT Plankhouse from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children under the age of 13 MUST

be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Lyman Meade at 541-297-

Winter Solstice

Save the date - Dec. 21
Celebrated in Traditional
Style Dance
at the Tribal
Community Plankhouse

CIT Library: Resources on Two Federal Laws with October Anniversaries

The month of October marks the anniversary of two pieces of legislation which have affected Native American communities: *The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)* and *the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA)*.

IGRA was signed into law on October 17, 1988 (the anniversary is the same date as our Tribe's 2014 Election Day). Signed by President Ronald Reagan, the law was enacted to regulate the conduct of gaming on Indian Lands. These regulations include the gaming classification system (Class I, II, and III) used by tribes today, and the creation of the National Indian Gaming Commission as the regulatory authority.

October 2014 is also the 80th anniversary of the IRA. This Act, also known as the Indian New Deal, was an attempt to reverse the overwhelming negative effects of the nearly 50 year-old Dawes Allotment Act. The impact the allotments and other federal policies had on tribes since the mid-19th century was emphasized in the Merriam Report, a six-volume document published in 1928. The IRA, a response to that report, stopped the allotment system and its misguided effort to privatize tribal communal land holdings, while also creating provisions for tribes regarding self-governance, economic development, and the preservation of traditional language and religious beliefs.

My attempt to summarize each of these Acts with a paragraph does not do them, or their impacts on tribes, justice. Listed below are resources to help readers learn more. Some resources are available online while others are available at the CIT Library.

1. **Oregon Indians: Voices From Two Centuries**. This excellent book includes essays from over 40 contributors discussing a variety of issues, both good and bad, that tribes in Oregon have experienced since their first contact with pioneers and settlers in the early 19th century. One section of this book is dedicated to the IRA and other work performed by tribes in the first half of the 20th century towards treaty rights and the return of ancestral territory. This section includes transcripts of testimony from meetings held in Siletz, Warm Springs, and the BIA-run Chemawa boarding school. At these meetings, members of Oregon tribes debated the approval of the IRA within their community.

2. **Tester/Senate Committee on Indian Affairs looks at 25 years of IGRA (www.indian.senate.gov/news/video/chairman-opening-statement-oversight-hearing-indian-gaming-next-25-years)**: OK, that is a long web address. Maybe a better way to start is by simply typing in "Senate Committee on Indian Affairs" in your search engine. Regardless, this link will let you watch a recording of these proceedings. On occasion, members of the Coquille Tribal Council have testified at hearings held by this committee. This is a great resource on how tribes work with the federal government, and just maybe a source for an interesting high school civics paper, too.

3. **American Indian Tribal Governments & Uneven Ground**: These two books are available at the CIT Library. Both include information on federal laws and policy that affect tribes. Uneven Ground is a good place to start for those interested in studying these laws and the controversies connected with them. American Indian Tribal Governments provides similar information with some chapters being dedicated to a specific tribe. These chapters describe how the tribe's government operates and how federal laws and policies have impacted them, for better and for worse, directly.

4. **Hitting the Jackpot: The Inside Story of the Richest Indian Tribe in History**: Hitting the Jackpot is about the Mashantucket Pequot, owners of the Foxwoods Resort Casino and, as of 2003 when the book was published, the richest tribe in history. Sure to stir up controversy, the book covers the Mashantucket Pequot's road to federal recognition, their process for having aboriginal land restored to their control, and how the tribe worked with state and federal laws to attain the ability to construct and operate a casino. This book was written with the perspective that the Mashantucket Pequot exploited the processes of federal recognition and gaming to get what they have. Read and judge for yourself.

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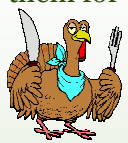
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Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner November 27th 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army invites you and your family to join them for a FREE traditional



Thanksgiving dinner at the Family Worship Center located at

1155 Flanagan Avenue in the Empire district on Thursday, November 27th, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 .m.

There is no charge for the Thanksgiving meal; there are no eligibility restrictions. The meal facility is wheelchair accessible. Meal deliveries may be available for the homebound.

If you have any questions, please call 541-888-5202.

Eugene Ballet Company Presents *"The Nutcracker"*

Saturday, November 22nd ~ Shows at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The 2014 Nutcracker will be held at the Hales Center for the Performing Arts on the SWOCC Campus. Tickets are available at Checkerberry's, Pacific School of Dance, at the door, and online at www.dusco.org.

Adults \$25; Children 12 and under \$15.

Don't miss this holiday classic ballet!



2014 Knights of Columbus Christmas Food Boxes

The local Knights of Columbus is a fraternal society for Catholic men comprised of members from Bandon, Coos Bay, Coquille, Myrtle Point, and North Bend. The Knights began delivering food boxes to the Southern Oregon Coast to families in need in 1982. The Knights will be providing **Christmas food boxes** for needy families again this holiday season.

The Knights do not set any eligibility restrictions on families signing up for food, so anyone who needs help with their holiday dinner is considered eligible regardless of age, religion, level of need or number of family members. **Families/individuals must provide proof of address.**

If you would like to receive a food box this December, you may sign up at the Newmark Center in Coos Bay, (across from Wal-Mart) room 113 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on one of these dates:

- Monday, November 17th
- Tuesday, November 18th
- Wednesday, November 19th

You will receive an informational voucher when you sign-up indicating the time and location where you will pick up your food box on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

If you have any questions, please call 541-982-9737



28th Annual Shore Acres Holiday Light Display

The 28th Annual Shore Acres Holiday Light Display opens on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th and will be open through New Year's Eve. The walk-through display will be open every night (including Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Eve) from 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the park is \$5 per carload; there is no additional charge for viewing the holiday light display. The walk-through holiday light display is all abilities accessible.

The Garden House located amidst the light display is a nice place to visit and enjoy delicious free cookies and a cup of hot cider, coffee, or punch. Be sure to enter to win the Ultimate Bed and Breakfast Raffle!

For more information, contact Shore Acres State Park, 541-888-3732 or 541-269-0215.



Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~ William Arthur Ward

2014 Legal Needs Survey

Oregon Law Center – Coos Bay Office

SURVEY DUE BY NOVEMBER 15.
Please fax survey to OLC at
541-269-1372 OR return survey
to the CIHA office. *Thank you!*

We are conducting a survey to determine where our limited resources should be allocated. Your input is important to determine the best way for us to help you.

Please mark 5 problems in the order of importance (with “one” being the most important and “five” being the least) listed below that our office should focus on.

- [] **Housing Discrimination** – Age, Children, Disability, Sex, Race
- [] **Public Benefits** – Welfare, Food Stamps, Jobs
- [] **Medical** – Oregon Health Plan, Medicare, Coordinated Care Organizations
- [] **Child Support**
- [] **Landlord/Tenant** – Evictions, Repairs, Security Deposits, Subsidized Housing
- [] **Employment Discrimination, Wage Theft**
- [] **Divorce/Custody/Visitation**
- [] **Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault**
- [] **Disability**
- [] **Consumer**-Creditors/Collections, Garnishments
- [] **Other** – Please explain: _____

Please mark 3 ways you would prefer us to provide services.

- [] File lawsuits that will improve the legal system
- [] Represent clients in individual lawsuits
- [] Give advice over the telephone
- [] Prepare self-help forms, instructions, pamphlets, and classes
- [] Challenge unfair/illegal practices of employers and landlords
- [] Give advice at in-office appointments
- [] Lobby to improve state laws and rules

In which county do you live? (circle one) COOS CURRY DOUGLAS

What changes, if any, would you suggest for improving legal aid?
