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HOUSING PAYMENT PICK UP AVAILABLE
Housing payment pick up is available
for elders and people with a
disability. Call CIHA to schedule a
payment pick up at (541) 888-6501.

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THE KILKICH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO AN END-OF-SUMMER



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT NOON

***** INFORMATION *****

PLEASE JOIN THE KILKICH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS GRILLED BY THE MILL CASINO AT THE KILKICH PLAYGROUND.
NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING BUT YOUR FAMILY.

PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

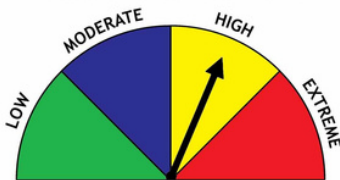
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Wildfires, Earthquakes, Tsunamis.... Are you prepared? As we've seen in recent events, you need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. The Coquille Indian Tribe is holding a Safety Fair at the end of September. More information will be forthcoming. Find preparedness resources at:

www.redcross.org and www.ready.gov

FIRE SEASON CONTINUES

AS OF 8/24/2023



Fire
Danger
Is
High

- Debris burning is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestland; except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on improved roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways: one shovel, one axe or Pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are allowed only at designated, hosted, and managed campgrounds.
- Powersaw use is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M., each powersaw must have a shovel and 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. A firewatch of one hour is required after the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M., the area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charge water hose or 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M. when the area is cleared of flammable materials.



The Coquille Indian Tribe is looking for **ham radio operators** and **volunteers** for a **support action team**.

Training will be provided for both. If you are interested,

contact the Tribe's Emergency Management Director, Lon Matheny at: lonmatheny@coquilletribe.org



CIHA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEOPLE EXCEEDING THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT AND DRIVING RECKLESSLY THROUGH THE KILKICH COMMUNITY. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE SPEEDING OR DRIVING RECKLESSLY, NOTE THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER, A DESCRIPTION OF THE VEHICLE, AND DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT. CONTACT THE TRIBAL POLICE AT 541-888-0189.

IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL THE TRIBAL POLICE DISPATCH NUMBER, 541-269-8911.

DRIVE SAFELY AND SLOWLY THROUGH THE COMMUNITY.



Emergency Management Director, Lon Matheny would like to extend an invitation for membership and employees to attend The City of Coos Bay's Community Preparedness "Get Ready" lecture/event at the downtown Firehouse, 450 Elrod Street, on Saturday, Sept 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MEET COQUILLE TRIBAL POLICE CHIEF MERRITT

At the young age of nine, Jerry Merritt was watching the TV show Adam-12 and knew right then that he wanted to be a police officer. So in 1989, Jerry became a Police cadet for the North Bend police department. Now, 34 years later, Jerry is Chief of Police for the Coquille Indian Tribe and celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary to his high school sweetheart, Anita.



Chief Merritt with his family

After seven years as a cadet, Jerry became a police officer for North Bend and served in many different capacities including a School Resource Officer, a Motor Officer, and being part of the Homicide Investigation Team.

Jerry's wife Anita became a midwife and continues to work at Bay Area Hospital. They have two daughters, Sarah who is a 2nd-year nursing student and Amanda who works in the employment industry. They are thrilled to be able to spoil a grandchild.



K9 Stormy

In 2014, Jerry accepted a position as a Police Officer with the Coquille Indian Tribe. Six years later he was promoted to Police Chief. Working for a small police department, Jerry had one thing in mind – Community Service. The most important thing to him is getting to know the residents at Kilkich, being involved in the community, and keeping residents safe.

The Tribe's K9, Stormy, was passed on to him from Officer Scoville after marijuana became legal so that Scoville could train another dog, Ben, to become a 'three odor' dog. As a 'four odor' dog, Stormy was still able to work at jails, airports, and anywhere else marijuana was illegal. Stormy retired in 2020. She enjoyed a year of retirement with the Merritt family before sadly passing away in 2021.

Jerry has had his own challenges. Five years ago he overcame esophageal cancer only to be diagnosed with brain cancer a year later. Jerry continues to fight the cancer but you'd never know it with his always happy, friendly personality, and dedication to his work. We are very fortunate to have Jerry as our police chief and appreciate everything he does for us.

KILKICH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Next KRA meeting
is
Monday September, 11th
ALL residents are
welcome.

LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS IN NEXT
MONTH'S NEWSLETTER ON OUR
HAUNTED WOODS EVENT AT THE
END OF OCTOBER

In addition to September's
Kilkich BBQ, look out for more
events brought to you by the
Kilkich Residents Association.

September CALENDAR

1	CIHA Office Closed
4	CIHA Office Closed for Labor Day
5	Dumpsters Leave
9-10	Salmon Celebration at The Mill Casino
9	'Get Ready' event (See Public Safety page)
11	Kilkich Residents Association Meeting at the CIHA Office and via Zoom. Begins at 5:30 p.m.
17	KRA Community BBQ
16-17	Bay Area Fun Festival
29	Annual Bicycle Rodeo

**DON'T FORGET - DUMPSTERS WILL BE LEAVING ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**

ARE YOU PREPARED?



You could be. Disaster can strike without warning, and may force you to go for days without basic necessities. Knowing the steps to take before, during, and after a disaster can greatly reduce the danger and distress your family may face.

PREPARATION CAN:

SAVE LIVES

**LIMIT OR PREVENT CERTAIN
DISASTERS**

REDUCE FEARS

MAKE IT EASIER TO RECOVER



IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PREPAREDNESS JOIN THE KIL-KICH READINESS PROJECT!

The Kil-Kich Readiness Project, launching this Fall, will be a progressive learning experience concentrating on providing beginner level individuals with the tools and knowledge they may need to be self-sufficient *and* able to assist others in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

The KKRK will provide hands on and virtual learning experiences including:

- ✓ The beginner's basics of a "go bag" and suggestions for additions (in person and virtual)
- ✓ Developing plans for what to do in an emergency or disaster (in person and virtual)
- ✓ How to identify dry wood in the forest to build a fire (in person)
- ✓ Basic knots: using basic knots and cordage to construct temporary tarp shelters (in person)
- ✓ Creating a family and friends communication plan (in person and virtual)
- ✓ Starting a fire: using a ferro rod, identifying and using firelays and batoning (in person)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE
#BeKilkichReady**

**KEEP AN EYE ON THE KWEN FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR EMAIL
LON MATHENY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR,
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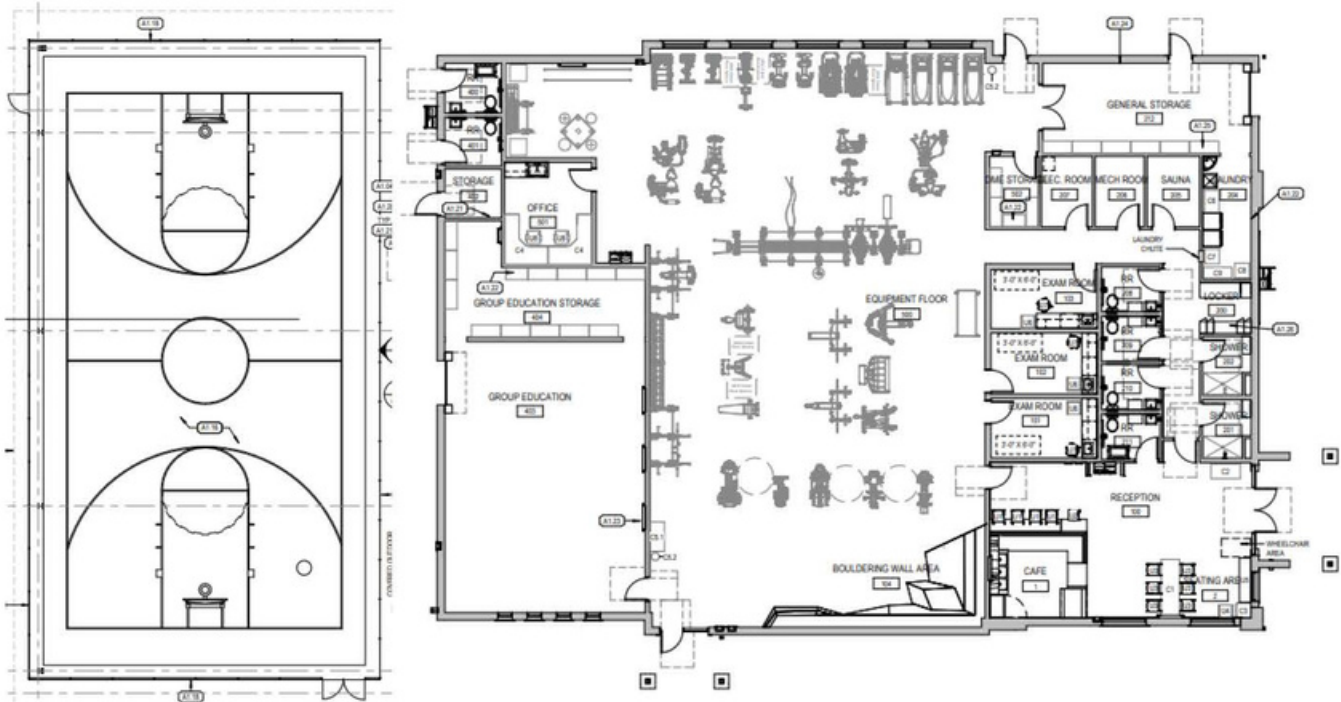
Ko-Kwel
Wellness Center

Shishda Haws



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The Ko-Kwel Wellness Center - Shishda Haws will be an approximately 13,531 sq. ft. rehabilitation and fitness center constructed on the Kilkich Indian Reservation.



The 8,912 sq. ft. space will house physical therapy, massage, and chiropractic services; a large fitness classroom; and a generous equipment area for cardio, exercise, rehabilitation and weight equipment with space for stretching. There will also be a small grab-and-go deli, bouldering wall, and covered multi-use sport court for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and four square.

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A soft-surface pedestrian path, natural play areas, and a fenced playground that caters to pre-school and early school-age children will surround the facility inviting all ages to enjoy the space.

Project construction will start September 6th, 2023, with an estimated move-in of August 2024!

Learn more



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THIS YEAR'S SALMON CELEBRATION IS THE 18TH ANNUAL EVENT TO SHOWCASE NATIVE CULTURE

The traditional salmon bake meal will be served

Saturday, September 9 | 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 10 | 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Presale tickets are \$40 for adults and \$35 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be available in Ko-Kwel Gifts beginning August 22 and include a commemorative Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration t-shirt (while supplies last). Guests may also purchase their meal at the meal tent during the event. The price for a meal without a t-shirt is \$32 for adults and \$25 for children.

This fun-filled weekend is full of family events and entertainment.

- **Tribal canoe races**
- **Outdoor tribal vendors and crafts (demonstrations and hands-on participation)**
- **Traditional salmon bake meal**
- **Live entertainment with authentic Native American dancing, drumming and flute playing**



THE BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL THE LAST BIG PARTY OF THE SUMMER SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of this popular festival. Highlights include live entertainment, the famous Cruz the Coos featuring nearly 500 vintage automobiles, the Prefontaine Memorial Run, K-DOCK RockFest, the BAFF parade, and much more!

A rolling and challenging course, the Prefontaine 10K road race honors one of America's greatest distance runners, Steve Prefontaine. Event includes the 10K run and a 2M walk. Hilly, out and back.

Go to prefontaine.run.net/race-details to register.

