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What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

In 1914, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians.

On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919.

In 1990, Congress passed and President George H. W. Bush signed into law a joint resolution designating the month of November as the first National American Indian Heritage Month (also known as Native American Indian Month). "American Indians were the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States of America," noted Resolution 577. "Native American Indians have made an essential and unique contribution to our Nation" and "to the world." Every year, by statute and/or presidential proclamation, the month of November is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month.



# PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

## MEET COQUILLE TRIBAL SECURITY OFFICER BRIAN SPANI

Brian is a Coquille tribal spouse who lives at Kilkich with his wife Vanessa and 6 year old son George.

In 2006, Brian became an EMT and started working for Glendale Ambulance Service. After spending six years in security with Seven Feathers Casino, Brian decided he needed a change, and moved to San Antonio, Texas. It didn't take long before he felt the need to return to the cooler weather on the Oregon Coast.

Brian started working for the tribe in security. He likes the small community so he can get to know people.

He said "When we get to know each other, the residents are more likely to come to security to ask for assistance or report something going on. They are my eyes when I'm in a different location." When not at work, Brian enjoys woodworking. He likes to be creative and has made knives, wedding cake sets, and canes amongst other things and especially likes to use re-claimed materials for his work.



## ALARMING HOME FIRE STATISTICS

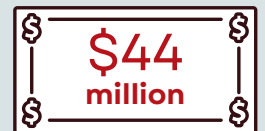
In 2021, fire departments in the United States responded to an estimated 170,000 home cooking fires. These fires caused an estimated 165 deaths, 3,325 injuries and over \$44 million in property loss.



Deaths



Injuries



In property loss

Cooking was, by far, the leading cause of all residential building fires and injuries



The leading specific factor contributing to ignition in cooking fires in residential buildings was unattended equipment.



You may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late to get out.



You can take these easy steps to increase your chances of surviving a fire.

### 1 Make an escape plan.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Escape-planning>

### 2 Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home.

### 3 Practice an escape drill, then check your escape time.

And never leave your home unattended when using the self-cleaning feature on your oven.

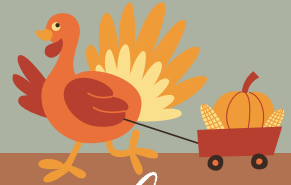
# LIVING WITH WILDLIFE AT KILKICH

## COYOTES



Most of the time, coyotes are considered to be more of a nuisance than actually a threat. Prevention is always the best medicine when it comes to avoiding, minimizing, or correcting problems with coyotes. By far the greatest number of conflicts between humans and coyotes are those in which the animal has become habituated to a residential area by the behavior of human beings. Fortunately, most of these situations are easily prevented or corrected by removing food sources and access to shelter.

- Do not leave small children unattended outdoors if coyotes have been frequenting the area
- Feed pets indoors and do not leave pet food or water bowls outside
- Supervise pets when they are outside; if possible, keep them leashed
- Do not leave cats or small dogs out after dark
- Secure garbage and garbage cans in an area inaccessible to wild animals (use bleach as necessary to remove odors that could attract coyotes)
- Never leave food or water out for feral animals or wildlife
- Remove birdfeeders. Coyotes are attracted to them and the birds and rodents that use the feeders
- Secure compost piles
- Clean barbecues regularly



There have been a lot of coyote sightings around the neighborhood recently. Following these guidelines from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can help us all live safely together.

## RACCOONS

Raccoons that are fed by people often lose their fear of humans and may become aggressive.



**Do not attempt to feed or touch a raccoon.** Raccoons can host various zoonotic diseases and parasites that can be harmful to people or pets (e.g., rabies, distemper, roundworm). Raccoons, especially those with young, can be aggressive towards dogs. Check your backyard before letting pets outside to make sure that no raccoons are around.

## November CALENDAR

10	<b>Veterans Day CIHA OFFICE CLOSED</b>
13	<b>Kilkich Residents Association Meeting at the CIHA Office and via Zoom. Begins at 5:30 p.m.</b>
23	<b>Happy THANKSGIVING</b>
20 - 24	<b>CIHA OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>

# KILKICH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Start untangling those holiday lights. The 'Outside Holiday Decor' drawing is next month!



Next KRA meeting is Monday, November 13th. **ALL** Kilkich residents are welcome.

## SHORE ACRES HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

The Holiday Light show at Shore Acres State Park features thousands of lights and displays in the formal garden. The event runs 4:30-9 p.m., Nov. 23-Dec. 31. Last year, timed entry was required for the first time and the response from visitors was positive. They're continuing the system in 2023.



- Visitors can reserve their date, time, and parking spot. Reservation is for vehicle parking only. Visitors in the car do not need tickets.
- Parking reservation time slots are available for 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Timed entry and parking must be reserved before arrival.
- No onsite parking permit purchase is available during event hours.

Note: Free parking for Green Friday, Nov. 24, at all state parks that charge a parking fee applies during the daytime at Shore Acres, but not during event hours. Timed entry and parking reservation required 4:30-9 p.m. Text or call 800-452-5687.



## Downtown Coos Bay Tree Lighting. Santa & Elf Movie at the Egyptian.

Visit the Coos Bay Visitor Center on November 24th for cookies and cider and caroling while you await Santa's arrival.

Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m. with Santa and a City Representative, then follow Santa over to the Egyptian Theatre where you can share your wish list with him. 7 p.m. showing of the movie "Elf". Bring clean, new socks rolled into a ball for the sock-snowball fight during the movie. Donated socks will go to local homeless shelters.

