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For many Americans, Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family, share a meal, and express gratitude. However, for many Indigenous people, the holiday carries a very different meaning – one tied to loss, survival, and resilience.

The traditional Thanksgiving story often tells of a peaceful feast between the Wampanoag people and English settlers in 1621. While that meal did occur, it represented only a brief moment of cooperation. In the years that followed, colonization brought disease, war, and the displacement of Indigenous people from their lands. What is often celebrated as the “first Thanksgiving” was, for Indigenous nations, the beginning of centuries of struggle.

Today, Native communities use the Thanksgiving season to honor their ancestors, correct historical inaccuracies, and celebrate their continued existence. The National Day of Mourning, observed by many Indigenous people each year in Plymouth, Massachusetts, serves as a reminder of the ongoing fight for sovereignty, cultural preservation, and truth.

Thanksgiving can still be a time for gratitude – not for a mythic past, but for the strength, traditions, and voices that have endured. Recognizing the Native perspective brings deeper meaning to the holiday and invites all people to reflect on shared history with honesty and respect.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 8TH - Britain's Finest The Beatles Experience.** The Egyptian Theatre presents Britain's Finest The Beatles Experience on Saturday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m. Britain's Finest is a time machine to that first moment The Beatles music touched your soul. See the young and vibrant band CBS LA describes as, "As close to the real deal as you may ever find in this lifetime." Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.ie or call 541-756-4613 for more information.
- **NOVEMBER 12TH - Coos County Community Concert Association Presents Saxsational Rob Verdi.** The Coos County Community Concert Association presents Rob Verdi, saxophone virtuoso who has been touring and performing for decades. Mr. Verdi is celebrating his 40th year of entertaining guests in Disneyland's New Orleans Square. Local school and community bands and musicians are invited to join Rob onstage during his live concert. Rob's repertoire includes, but is not limited to, "Fly Me to the Moon," "Stompin' at the Savoy," and many more. The show starts at 7 pm at the Egyptian Theatre. For more information call 541-808-8295.
- **NOVEMBER 14TH - 15th - Coos Bay Downtown Holiday Open House** The Coos Bay Downtown Association invites you to kick off the season at the Holiday Open House. Stroll through downtown and get into the holiday spirit with dazzling décor, creative gift ideas, festive fun, and door prizes around every corner. Participating shops and artisans will be offering handmade treasures, special deals, and cheerful refreshments to make your shopping experience extra merry. Mark your calendar for two days of holiday joy in the heart of Coos Bay. Call 541-404-7271 for more information.
- **NOVEMBER 15TH - Egyptian Theatre 100th Year Celebration.** Come celebrate 100 years of the Egyptian Theatre. It's a full afternoon of celebrations in downtown Coos Bay. Members will enjoy a special dinner from 2 to 3 p.m. Doors open to the General Public at 3:30 p.m. for live music by the South Coast Trio. This fun and historic afternoon will also include a silent film with Live Wurlitzer Organ accompaniment and a silent auction. Dress in your best 1920's attire! Admission for the general public is \$5. For more information call 541-808-8295.
- **NOVEMBER 15TH - North Bend Winter Ice Rink.** Glide, twirl, and laugh your way across the only ice rink on the Oregon Coast. This 3,250 sq. ft. synthetic ice rink is set inside a sparkling 5,000 sq. ft. holiday tent. Rentals are just \$5/hour, or skate free with your own pair. Capacity is limited to 70 skaters, and parking is available nearby. Kids under 14 need a guardian, and waivers are required. Need a little help? There are four adorable polar bears to assist young or less experienced skaters. Go to www.northbendoregon.gov/55035/ice-skating-rink for more information or call 541-756-4613.
- **NOVEMBER 21st - 30th - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at the Liberty Theatre.** Mark your calendars so you don't miss The Best Christmas Pageant Ever performed at the Liberty Theatre. This heartwarming holiday comedy was written by Barbara Robinson and is based on her best-selling book of the same title. For more information, go to www.thelibertytheatre.org or call 541-337-4696.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 22nd - Superhero Saturdays at the Egyptian Theatre: Captain America - The 1st Avenger.** Get ready to suit up for Superhero Saturdays at the Egyptian Theatre in Coos Bay! Once a month the Theatre will feature an Avengers movie and costume contest! Showtime is at 2 pm for Captain America - the 1st Avenger. Bring your best Avenger look and show off your super style. Epic movies, awesome costumes, and big-screen action. Assemble your crew and don't miss it! Call 541-808-8295 for more information.
- **NOVEMBER 27nd - December 31st - Annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park.** Holiday Lights are set to sparkle again this season at Shore Acres State Park. Stroll through the holiday lights display every night from 4:30 - 9 p.m., Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Make this a holiday tradition for the whole family. Admission is always free. For more information call 541-888-3778.
- **November 28th - November 29th - Elf Playing at the Egyptian Theatre.** Come enjoy the fun as the you engage in a sock ball throw during the snow ball scene in Elf. Admission is however many pairs of brand new socks you want to throw. The socks will be cleaned and donated to charity following the showings. For more information call 541-808-8295.
- **November 29th - Meet Santa, Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting in Coos Bay.** Join Santa at the Coos Bay Visitor Center to share your wish list and get a holiday photo on Saturday November 29th from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Then join Santa at Coos Bay City Hall at 5 p.m. for the Walking Lighted Parade to the Visitor Center for the Coos Bay Tree Lighting. The Tree Lighting event begins with cookies and cider in the Visitor Center at 4:30 p.m. for those who do not wish to be part of the parade. Santa will light the tree at 5:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center parking lot located at 50 Central Ave at Highway 101. For more information call 541-269-0215.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Oregon Coast Community Action volunteers play a special and important role in their operations. From helping staff fundraisers to providing a helping hand in the classroom, volunteers help them achieve their mission.

They welcome volunteers of all ages, from high school students through retirees. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at ORCCA, contact the Head Office at (541) 435-7080.

The Salvation Army always welcomes volunteers and are currently looking for:

- After School Program Driver
- Snack Room Volunteer
- After School Program Volunteer
- HOPE Market Volunteer
- Kettle Bell Ringer

For more information on these and future volunteer opportunities with the Salvation Army, call (541) 888-5202.



Coos
Art Museum

ROOTS AND VISIONS CELEBRATING TRIBAL ART

Roots and Visions: Celebrating Tribal Art showcases artwork from the Coquille Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

This exhibition honors their living traditions and creative futures and features a pop-up store with handcrafted goods by tribal artisans.
For more information, go to: <https://coosartmuseum.org> or call 541.267.3901

THE CIHA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON NOVEMBER 11TH FOR VETERANS DAY AND
NOVEMBER 26TH - 28TH FOR THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

The Salvation Army is offering a
free Thanksgiving dinner on
November 27th
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at
1155 Flanagan Avenue
in Coos Bay

For more information call
(541) 888-5202

Shop Small Saturday in Coos Bay and North Bend Saturday, November 29th

The Coos Bay Downtown Association and North Bend Main Street invite you to explore small shops and discover unique gifts on Shop Small Saturday on Saturday, November 29, 2025. In Coos Bay, stroll the Nog & Cider Walk from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at participating businesses (maps available at Jennie's Shoes), meet Santa at the Visitor Center from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. and gather for the festive tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Make it a holiday tradition and kick off the holiday season by supporting local businesses.

