



CULTURAL HARVEST
COLLECTIVE
**FARMERS
MARKET**

City of Independence
presents

WALKING TOURS

MAY 20, JUNE 3 & JUNE 24
4:30 PM
Main & C Street
(In front of Brew Coffee and
Taphouse)

Ella Curran
Food Bank
Donation Day
is June 13



**Congratulations
Classes of 2026**



What's the connection between
the **1976** Winter
Olympics
and our local
**INDEPENDENCE
DAYS**
celebration?



Smith Fine Arts Series

PCL's Summer Solstice
Benefit Auction

MBAfter HOURS

JUNE 18TH, 2026
6PM

Dry Town Tap Station
by the Main St Park



Community Calendar, June 2026

Monday, June 1, First Superman Comic, 1938

WOU Mariachi los Lobos del Poniente, 7 PM, Smith Recital Hall, WOU (M)

Tuesday, June 2, Salem Witch Trials began in 1692

Monmouth Business Assn. meets, 8 AM, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W (M)

Monmouth City Council meets, 6:30 PM, 151 Main St W (M)

WOU Chamber Singers & Concert Choir, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Wednesday, June 3, Queen Elizabeth II crowned, 1953

New Exhibit: What's the connection between the 1976 Winter Olympics and Independence Days, Heritage Museum (I)

WOU Wednesday!

Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)

Kids Coding, 4 PM, Independence Library (I)

Walking Tour, 4:30 PM, Start at Brew Coffee & Tap House (I)

Friends/Library bookstore open, 5-7 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

WOU Jazz Orchestra, 7 PM, Smith Recital Hall, WOU (M)

Thursday, June 4, Shopping Carts were introduced in a Humpty Dumpty store, 1937

Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

WOU Wind Ensemble, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Friday, June 5, Hot Air Balloon Day

Commencement/Graduation, Central High School

WOU Voices, 7 PM, Smith Recital Hall, WOU (M)

Saturday, June 6, D-Day Invasion, 1944

Breakfast served, 8:30 AM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Farmers Markets Open in Indy, 9 AM-2 PM. Info at waltonsgarden@yahoo.com,

independenceriverviewmarket@gmail.com

Community Baby Shower, 10 AM-2 PM, Monmouth Public Library

Monmouth Has Pride, 10 AM-2 PM, Main Street Park (M)

Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)

Barn Party Fundraiser, 5 PM open house, 6 PM start, Acres of Hope Youth Ranch (I)

Taimane (Smith Fine Arts Series), 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Sunday, June 7, Daniel Boone Day

Polk County Flea Market, 6am (early bird), 9am (general

admission), Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall Cultural Harvest Collective, 10 AM-2 PM, Main Street Park (M)

WOU Wolf Pack Percussion Ensemble, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium

Monday, June 8, World Ocean Day

Tuesday, June 9, Neptune was discovered in 1812 by Johann Galle of Germany

Chair Yoga with Winnie, 11 AM, Independence Library (I)

Tuesday Night Adult Class, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Independence City Council meets, 6:30 PM, City Hall (I)

Wednesday, June 10, Ben Franklin flew a kite in a storm, discovered electricity

Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)

Friends/Library bookstore open, 5-7 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

Music Jam Night, 6 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Thursday, June 11, National Children's Day

Friends/Library bookstore open, 10 AM-12 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

Age Café, 10 AM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Pre-K Art Adventures, 10-11:30 AM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Finnegan the Dragon Early Literacy, 11:30 AM, Independence Library (I)

Tri-Tip Thursday at Brew Coffee & Tap House, 5:30-7:30 PM, at Brew (I)

Climate Café, 7-8:30 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Friday, June 12, Superman Day

Saturday, June 13, The tape recorder was patented in 1944 by Marvin Camras

Pick up day for the M-I Green Bag Project, benefitting Ella Curran Food Bank

Commencement/Graduation, Western Oregon University

Summer StoryWalk begins at Inspiration Garden (presented by Independence Library)

Farmers Markets Open in Indy, 9 AM-2 PM. Info at waltonsgarden@yahoo.com,

independenceriverviewmarket@gmail.com

Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)

Veteran of the Month, 1 PM, Heritage Museum & Riverview Park (I), if held

Wild Women Show at River Gallery, Reception 4-8 PM (I)

Sunday, June 14, Flag Day

Cultural Harvest Collective, 10 AM-2 PM, Main Street Park (M)

The Life of a Cherry Tree, Museum Speaker Series, 4:30 PM, Valkyrie Wine Tavern (I)

Monday, June 15, King John signed the Magna Carta, 1215

Sign up for Summer Reading, Independence Library, beginning today

Tuesday, June 16, The first roller coaster in the US opened in 1884

Last Day of School Celebration, 3-5 PM, Riverview Park (I)

Independence Summer Reading at Last Day of School Celebration

Mystery Book Club, 4 PM, Independence Library (I)

Monmouth City Council meets, 6:30 PM, 151 Main St W (M)

Wednesday, June 17, OJ Simpson's car chase happened in 1994

Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)

Pre-K Art Adventures, 10-11:30 AM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Summer StoryTime Session, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)

Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival, 1-3 PM, Monmouth Public Library

Friends/Library bookstore open, 5-7 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

Ukulele Jam Night, 6 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Adaptive Arts Guild, 6-7:30 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Thursday, June 18, International Picnic Day

Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

Kids Tie-Dye, 3 PM, Independence Library (I)

Side Hustle Summer Camp, 5:30-7 PM, Idea Hub, Indy Commons (I)

MBAfter Hours, 6 PM, Dry Town Tap Station (M)

Adult Art Class, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Friday, June 19, Juneteenth**Saturday, June 20, Alaska is purchased for \$7.2M, 1867**

Summer Solstice Benefit Auction for Partnerships in Community Living, Eola Hills Wine Cellars, Rickreall

Community Craft Days, 10 AM-4 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)

Farmers Markets Open in Indy, 9 AM-2 PM. Info at waltonsgarden@yahoo.com,

independenceriverviewmarket@gmail.com

Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)

Bridging the Willamette, 1 PM, Polk County Museum,

Rickreall

Sunday, June 21, Summer Solstice & Father's Day

Cultural Harvest Collective, 10 AM-2 PM, Main Street Park (M)

Let's Draw at the Gallery, 1 PM, River Gallery, 184 S Main St (I)

Monday, June 22, John Dillinger is named America's 1st "Public Enemy #1", 1934**Tuesday, June 23, International Olympic Day**

Last day to submit information to 2C1C for July edition

Summer Stories and Play, 10:30 AM, Mon. Library (M)

Independence City Council meets, 6:30 PM, City Hall (I)

Wednesday, June 24, A 450-ton meteorite crashed in Pennsylvania, 1938

Pre-K Art Adventures, 10-11:30 AM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Summer StoryTime Session, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)

Unit Souzou Taiko (Taiko Drums), 11 AM, Main Street Park Amphitheatre (M) Presented by the Libraries

Chair Yoga with Winnie, 11 AM, Independence Library (I)

Walking Tour, 4:30 PM, Start at Brew Coffee & Tap House (I)

Teen & Adult Tie-Dye, 3 PM, Independence Library (I)

Friends/Library bookstore open, 5-7 PM, 311 Monmouth St (I)

Thursday, June 25, Custer's Last Stand, 1876

Launch Mid-Valley, 9 AM, Indy Commons (I)

Finnegan the Dragon Early Literacy, 11:30 AM, Independence Library (I)

Tri-Tip Thursday at Brew Coffee & Tap House, 5:30-7:30 PM, at Brew (I)

Friday, June 26, Take Your Dog To Work Day

Rumors, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theater, West Salem

Family Movie: A Bug's Life, 2 PM, Monmouth Library (M)

First Movie of the Summer in the Park, "Wild Robot", 9 PM, Riverview Park (I)

Saturday, June 27, National Bingo Day

Saturday Adult Art Workshop, 16+, 10 AM-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)

Rumors, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theater, West Salem

Sunday, June 28, Raggedy Ann doll invented, 1917

Cultural Harvest Collective, 10 AM-2 PM, Main Street Park (M)

Rumors, 2 PM, Pentacle Theater, West Salem

Monday, June 29, Juicy Fruit gum was trademarked in 1915**Tuesday, June 30, Social Media Day**

Deadline is today for vendor applications for Monmouth July 4th Festival

Summer Stories and Play, 10:30 AM, Mon. Library (M)

United States
Candidates
for the XII Winter
Olympic Games
1976

76



Find out when our new exhibit opens
June 3 at the Heritage Museum.

What's the connection between

the **1976** Winter
Olympics

and our local
**INDEPENDENCE
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celebration?

May 3 through October 25, 2026

CULTURAL HARVEST
COLLECTIVE

**FARMERS
MARKET**

EVERY | **10 AM**
SUNDAY | **- 2 PM**

120 Main St. Monmouth, OR 97361



June 10 is remembered as the day that
Ben Franklin flew his kite in a lightning
storm and discovered electricity.

Source: Live Science



The First Rollercoaster opened in
this country in 1884



"Wild Women Show" Theme: "Transitions"

You don't want to miss the reception on Saturday, 6/13/2026 at River Gallery from 4:00pm - 8:00pm.

River Gallery

**184 S. Main Street
Independence, OR. 97351
503/838-6171**

Email: rivergallery97351@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.rivergalleryart.com>

Open: Thursdays - Sundays from 11:00am - 4:00pm



Save the Dates! River Gallery will have an Art + Craft Supply Sale during the month of July. The dates and times are:

Thursday, July 16, 2026 - 11:00am-6:00pm

Friday, July 17, 2026 - 11:00am-6:00pm

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - 11:00am-4:00pm

There will be buttons, beads, art tools, feathers, fabric, collage papers, found objects, alcohol inks, paints, stamping equipment and materials, glass cutters... and much more!!!



ANNUAL GIVING DAY & GIFT DRIVE CHALLENGE

DONATE ONLINE

Help us celebrate 125 birthdays!



Each recipient receives free, personalized gifts up to \$40, books, cards, & more!

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celebrating birthdays, celebrating you



JUNE 6TH

Two ways to participate!

GIFT DRIVE CHALLENGE

Which team will win?

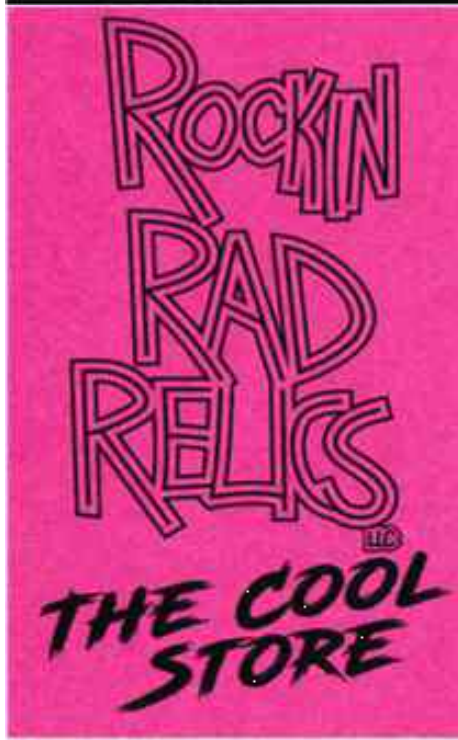
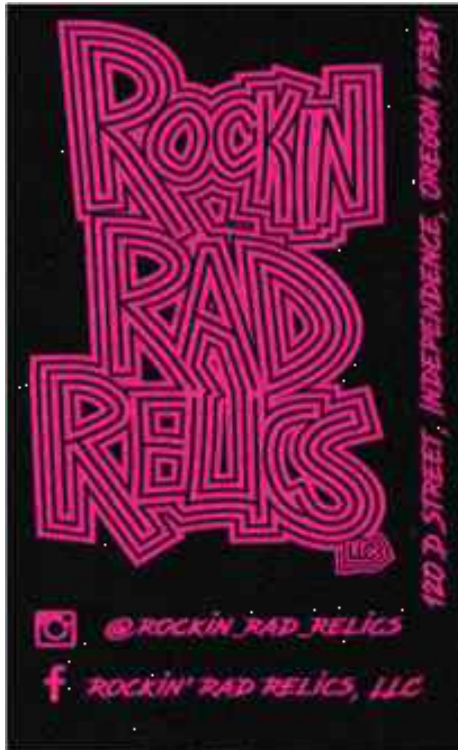
- Citizens Bank & WaFd
- Cosmos Tabletop Games
- Main Street Emporium

- Oregon State Credit Union
- Dallas Grocery Outlet
- Independence Grocery Outlet

- The Thoughts & Gifts Project
- B-Mart

BONUS become a **BIRTHDAY BELIEVER** with your monthly donation! Sign up on 6/6 & receive a special thank you gift.

Stop by any location from 10 AM - 1 PM



The City of Monmouth & the
Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission Present

Judy Phipps

A Memory in Time

April - June 2026

Artist Reception May 14th 5- 6:30 pm @ City Hall

What I choose to paint are things I know and love - the moist green forests and gorgeous ferns, mysterious paths, fresh veggies and colorful flowers from the garden.... all nature's miraculous wonders. All simple things, but they evoke home and the memories we've stored over a lifetime. I paint to preserve what I never want to forget, a memory in time.



Having been a pastellist for many years, Judy discovered sculpting while living in Colorado and found it to be thrilling. She kept at that for several years and was honored to sculpt seven monuments. Back home here in Oregon she mainly is an oil painter, painting primarily on steel and loving every minute.



Monmouth Independence Network
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503 837-0700,
www.minetfiber.com
405 Hogan Rd N, Monmouth

BISTRO BOCADO

Bistro Bocado is open! We are a new location at 283 Main Street in Monmouth. We will be serving small bites of food, including pastries, desserts, sandwiches empanadas and other delicious items. We have espresso drinks, blended drinks, teas and much more. We have just opened so our menu selections are in development, however there is still plenty to chose from. We are open from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm everyday.

Our signage is coming, so please find us! We are next door to the Tan Republic in the black brick building across from US Bank.

The space and food is themed from Argentinian cafeterias. This is the first stage of the Ross Theater Collective project. We look forward to continuing the rehabilitation of this amazing historic building. We have lots of fun things coming!



You can use your **Polk County Community E-Gift Card** at a **variety of retail, restaurant, service, and entertainment locations**, making it easy and convenient to use the same gift card at multiple locations.

The INDEPENDENCE FARMERS' MARKET




APRIL 4 THROUGH OCT 31



SATURDAYS 9 AM - 2 PM

VEGETABLES - FRUIT - MUSHROOMS - EGGS - FLOWERS - PLANT STARTS
HEAT - PREPARED FOOD - CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS - HONEY - MASSAGE

COLUMBIA BANK PARKING LOT
302 SOUTH MAIN STREET
INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351

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Independence RIVERVIEW MARKET

July 2012

Saturdays, 9 AM to 2 PM, May through September at the Top of Riverview Park



Partnerships in
Community
Living, Inc.

SUMMER SOLSTICE BENEFIT AUCTION

Join us on June 20 for a summer evening of generosity at Eola Hills Wine Cellars. Event features great food, wine, and auctions that directly support people supported by PCL



Do you remember these famous TV fathers?



MAY'S

TRI TIP

Thursdays

BREW
COFFEE & TAP HOUSE

TRI-TIP OR CHICKEN

JUNE 11th	JUNE 25th
<p>Menu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ TRI-TIP WITH RED WINE OR GREEK CHICKEN ★ DUCHESS POTATOES ★ LEMON GARLIC ASPARAGUS ★ DINNER ROLL 	<p>Menu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ WHISKEY TRI-TIP OR MARRY ME CHICKEN ★ WILD RICE PILAF ★ SLIMMER VEGETABLE MEDLEY ★ DINNER ROLL

ALL OF THIS FOR ONLY \$18

FOOD PROVIDED BY

THAT FOOD GUY

★ 5:30PM TO 7:30PM ★

Ask Me Anything!

MAYOR OFFICE HOURS

Every Wednesday morning, 8:30 - 10:30 AM |
Ash Creek Conference Room, Independence Civic Center

Mayor Kate Schwarzler

SUMMER 2026 KEY DATES & EVENTS

June

- **June 12-13:** Commencement Weekend Celebrations
- **June 22-25:** UnboundEd- a 4-day conference for Salem-Keizer public school educators.
- **June 24-28:** Focus on Book Arts- a 5-day conference with more than 200 attendees & expert-led workshops
- **June 28- July 3:** USARugby- 36 of the top women's rugby players within the ages of 16-18 assembling at WOU to focus on long-term player development.

July

- Applebox Children's Theater- "The Witch's Princess" on July 9th, 10th, & 11th at 6 PM in the amphitheater outside of Rice Auditorium
- **July 8:** PACK Connect Day- new student orientation day
- **July 10:** PACK Connect Day- new student orientation day
- **July 12- Aug 8:** ESY- For the Strength of Youth is a 5-day summer camp for 500 youth ages 14-18, bringing a new group to campus every week for a month
- **July 13- 17:** OASC (Oregon Association of Student Councils) Summer Leadership Camp is a training program for Oregon middle & high school students and advisors
- **July 25- Aug 3:** NZL & German Track & Field teams

August

- **Aug 11- 13:** South Albany Cheer Team
- **Aug 18-22:** Oregon City Cheer Team
- **Aug 21:** PACK Connect Day- new student orientation day
- **Aug 31- Sept 2:** CCSL: Community College Student Leadership Conference

September

- **Sept 21:** WOU Move-In Day
- **Sept 28:** 1st day of classes





Happy

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Let's Celebrate!



Hosted by: Independence Downtown Association

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ACTIVITIES + GAMES

SPIDERMAN & ELSA

FREE EVENT ALL ARE WELCOME

JUNE 16 • 3-5PM

Riverview Park Independence, Oregon

Thank you to our sponsors



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¡ÚLTIMO DÍA DE CLASES!

¡Vamos a celebrar!



Presentado por: Independence Downtown Association

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EVENTO GRATIS TODOS BIENVENIDOS

JUNIO 16 • 3-5PM

Riverview Park Independence, Oregon

Gracias a nuestros patrocinadores



CLIMATE CAFÉS



- MAY 14
- JUNE 11
- JULY 9
- AUG 13

The Monmouth-Independence Climate Group invites you to join our informal Climate Cafés, where we explore our feelings about the climate situation. We find that sharing in an open, supportive environment helps us understand and manage our sometimes overwhelming climate concerns. Anyone may attend. We hope to see you there—your voice matters.

7:00 - 8:30pm each evening
Monmouth Senior Community Center
180 Warren Street S.
503-838-5678



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Monmouth-Independence Climate Group

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TEAM





Mariachi los Lobos del Poniente performs on June 1st at Smith Recital Hall, Western Oregon University



WOU Jazz Orchestra performs June 3, 7 PM, SMith Recital Hall



WOU Chamber Singers & Concert Choir, performs June 2, 7 PM, at Rice Auditorium



WOU Wind Ensemble performs, June 4, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium

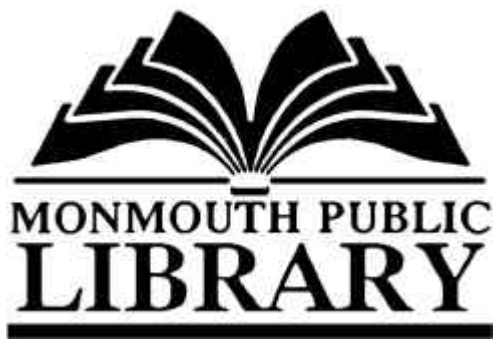


WOU Voices perform, June 5, 7 PM, Smith Recital Hall



WOU Wolf Pack Percussion Ensemble performs, June 7, PM at Rice Auditorium

A week of fine entertainment from Western Oregon University musicians!



Community Baby Shower. June 6 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Drop in to the Monmouth Public Library for a free community baby shower. All expecting parents and families with babies will get a baby gate, books, raffle entries, light refreshments, and more.

Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival. June 17 From 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
Bring your family and friends to enjoy games, snacks, face painting, and fun! For all ages.

Summer Stories & Play. Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, June 23 - August 18. Join Librarian Hilary at our stories & play series for books, songs, fun, and games. For ages 0 - 5.

Unit Souza Taiko. Main Street Park Amphitheater. June 24 at 11:00 am. Join us at the Main Street Park Amphitheater to experience the thunderous drumming, traditional costumes, and choreographed movement of Japanese taiko! Remember to bring a picnic blanket or chair to sit on the lawn. For all ages.

Family Movie: A Bug's Life. June 26 At 2:00 pm. An ant colony is terrorized by grasshoppers who demand an annual food tribute. An inventive but bumbling ant, Flik, leaves home to find insect warriors to help save his colony. Rated G.



June 2026 Independence Public Library



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Summer Reading 2026 sign up beginning June 15th! New session of Storytime begins June 17th 7 Wednesdays @ 10:30 am			3	4	Independence Public Library 175 Monmouth Street Independence, OR 97351 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library Open Monday–Thursday 11-6 pm	
		9 Chair Yoga with Winnie 11 am	10	11 Finnegan the Dragon Early Literacy 11:30 am		Summer StoryWalk begins at the Inspiration Garden
14 	15 Summer Reading Sign ups Begin!	Last Day of School & SR Kickoff Party Riverview Park <u>3-5 pm</u> Mystery Book Club 4 pm	17 Summer Storytime session Starts today @ 10:30 am	18 Kid's Tie-Dye 3 pm	19	20
21 		23 Chair Yoga with Winnie 11 am Teen & Adult Tie-Dye 3 pm	24 Unit Souza (Taiko) 3 pm	Finnegan the Dragon Early Literacy 11:30 am ----- Kid's Fun with Seeds @ The Inspiration Garden 3 pm	25	27
28 	29	30				

**Main Branch Office, Monmouth Independence YMCA
425 Gwinn St. E., Monmouth, OR 97361, 503.838.4042**

Dear YMCA Members, We are excited to share that YMCA programming at Henry Hill Gym is open.

This new community gym opportunity offers expanded access to adult and family recreation in the Monmouth Independence area, including basketball, pickleball, volleyball, family gym, and open gym. Henry Hill Gym programming will take place at:

Henry Hill Gymnasium
750 S. 5th St.
Independence, OR 97351

Henry Hill Gym programming will begin with the following soft opening schedule:

- Monday through Thursday, 6:15 PM Family Gym, 7:15 PM scheduled adult and open gym activities
- Friday, 6:15 PM Open Gym, 7:15 PM Adult Volleyball
- Saturday, 9:00 AM Pickleball, 10:00 AM Pickleball, 11:00 AM Family Gym. 12:00 PM Open Gym



Henry Hill Gym access is included with a current YMCA membership. For community members who only want access to Henry Hill Gym programming, a Henry Hill Only Membership will be available for \$25 per month. This option provides access to scheduled programming and open gym opportunities at Henry Hill Gym only.

It does not include access to YMCA wellness centers, aquatics, group exercise classes, or other YMCA branch amenities.

A Henry Hill 20 Pass Punch Card will also be available for \$50 for those who prefer a flexible drop-in option.

All registrations, membership updates, punch card purchases, and member relations support must be managed through the Monmouth Independence YMCA main branch office. YMCA staff at Henry Hill Gym will be on-site to welcome participants, check members in, and support safe, positive use of the gym during scheduled program times.


All participants are required to check in upon arrival at Henry Hill Gym. We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to welcoming you to Henry Hill Gym.



Congratulations Classes of 2026

June 5: Commencement at Central High School

June 13: Commencement at Western Oregon University, McArthur Field

 **City of Monmouth, Oregon - Government**

Monmouth Public Works is happy to announce the splash pad is on for the summer!



The splash pad is open all summer from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Come enjoy the fun!

**SPLASH PAD
OPEN!**



Roots

TOASTS

Golden Harvest \$9.00

Whipped ricotta - seasonal fruit - honey drizzle - sea salt

Garden Club \$9.00

Smashed avocado - tomato - microgreens - lemon - flaky salt (add hard-boiled egg +\$2.50)

Smoky Meadow \$10.00

Herb cream cheese - smoked turkey - pickled onion - greens - dijon

Riverbend \$12.00

Herb cream cheese - smoked salmon - cucumber - pickled onion - lemon

SALAD BOWLS

Orchard Salad \$15.00

Mixed greens - chicken - crisp apples - walnuts - dried cranberries - maple dijon vinaigrette

Garden Chop \$12.50

Mixed greens - cucumber - tomato - olives - feta - chickpeas - lemon herb vinaigrette

Green Goddess Salad \$13.50

Mixed greens - avocado - quinoa - radish - sunflower seeds - green goddess dressing

SMOOTHIES

16 oz \$8.00 - 20 oz \$10.00

Berry Blast

Coconut water - strawberries - blueberries - banana - pineapple - lime juice

Coco Mango

Coconut water - orange juice - mango - pineapple - banana - coconut flakes

The Lincoln

A2 milk - banana - peanut butter - cacao - vanilla protein powder - agave - sea salt

Ginger Greens

Orange juice - spinach - banana - apple - lemon - ginger - honey

Add-ins: protein \$1.50 - Collagen \$1.50 - Chia/Flax \$0.75

AÇAÍ BOWLS

16oz \$12.50

Roots Classic

Acai base - banana - blueberries - strawberries - house granola - honey

Sweet Kiwi

Acai base - banana - kiwi - strawberries - coconut flakes - honey

Cacao Crunch

Acai base - almond butter - blueberries - house granola - cacao nibs - coconut flakes - honey

Goji Power

Acai base - banana - blueberries - house granola - goji berries, chia

Tropical

Acai base - banana - pineapple - mango - coconut flakes - honey

Add-ons: Extra fruit \$1.00 - Nut butter \$.50 - Granola \$1.00 - Bee Pollen \$1.50

SANDWICHES

All sandwiches served on house-made sourdough

Chicken Salad Sandwich \$14.00

Chicken - celery - fresh herbs - grapes - apples - scallions - almonds - lemon - mayo

Garden Veggie Sandwich \$13.00

Avocado - cucumber - tomato - greens - pickled onion - feta - lemon

Turkey Cheddar Sandwich \$13.00

Turkey - cheddar - tomato - greens - mayo

SLOW-PRESSED JUICES

12oz - served over ice \$8.00

Glow

Spinach - cucumber - celery - apple - lemon

Spiced Carrot

Carrot - orange - pineapple - ginger - turmeric

Ruby Root

Beet - strawberry - apple - lemon

Sunshine

Kale - pineapple - apple - lemon

Orange

Oranges

*Eat Bright
Live Well*

We use organic ingredients whenever possible
House-made sourdough
No artificial dyes. No seed oils

Roots: 286 S Main St, Independence ¹⁴

HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS
SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY, June 14TH AT 4:00 PM
@ THE VALKYRIE WINE TAVERN

DENNIS SEBRING
The Life of a Cherry Tree

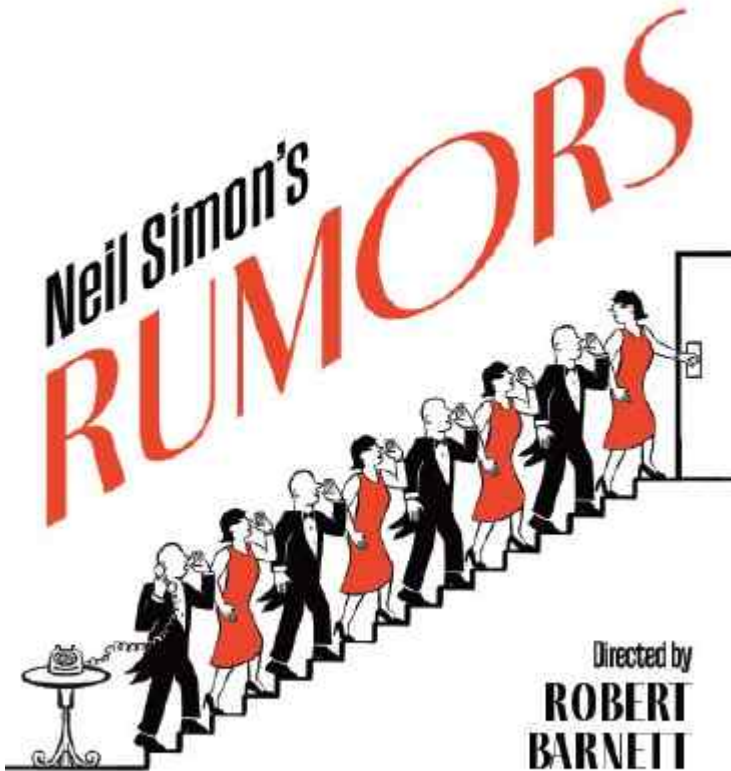
Ever wonder what it actually takes to grow cherries? This talk walks through the full cycle—from nursery stock and planting to orchard care, harvest, and getting fruit to the processor—told through the real-life experience of a working cherry farmer and orchardist, Dennis Sebring.

SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

Drinks are not included in your donation
All proceeds support the Heritage Museum Society



Pentacle Theatre



At the
Pentacle Theatre in June:

Friday, June 26, 7:30 PM
Saturday, June 27, 7:30 PM
Sunday, June 28, 2 PM

...and the show goes on in July



MONMOUTH HAS PRIDE
June 6, 10 AM to 2 PM,
Monmouth Main Steet Park

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DIVINE MUSE

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YOUR MUSE IS CALLING..



Scan code to book
your appointment!



HEATHER MUHS
LICENSED ESTHETICIAN

139 Monmouth Ave S, Monmouth,
OR 97361 (inside of Italic Ink)

@divinemuse_esthetics

<https://divinemuseesthetics.my.canva.site/>



THE ENDURING LOVE PROJECT

In 2026 we are celebrating the stories of couples who have been together for 10, 20, 30 + years with a portrait exhibition.

We are looking for:

- *Power couples
- *Partners and Best Friends
- *World Travelers
- *Inspirational stories

APPLY TODAY



HAUGENSGALLERI.COM 9140 HOFFMAN RD. INDEPENDENCE 503.838.5416

Here is an ad from 20 years ago about something new coming to our communities:

MINET!

Thank you, Cec Koontz, for sharing this.

SIDE HUSTLE SUMMER CAMP



BUILD SOMETHING REAL. **ONE BADGE AT A TIME.**

Got an idea you've been sitting on?
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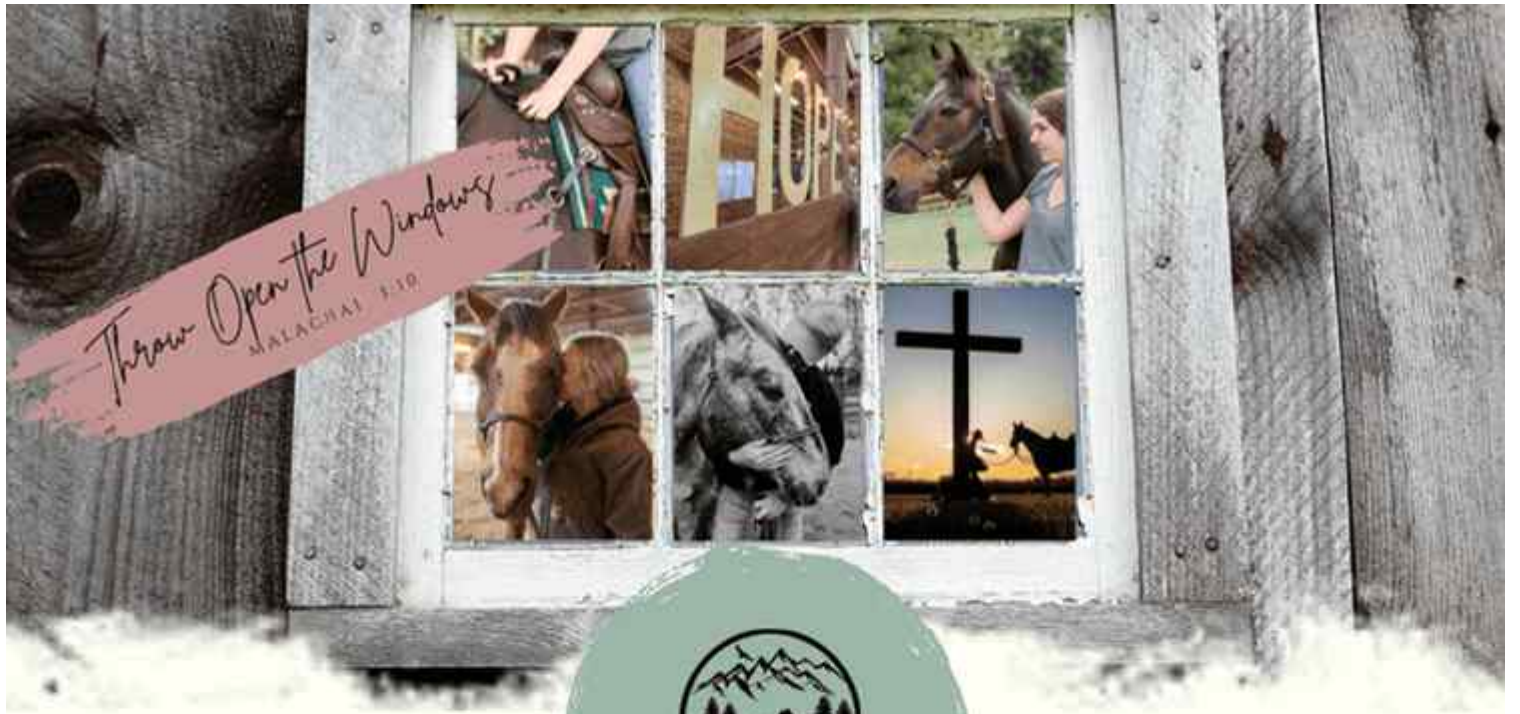
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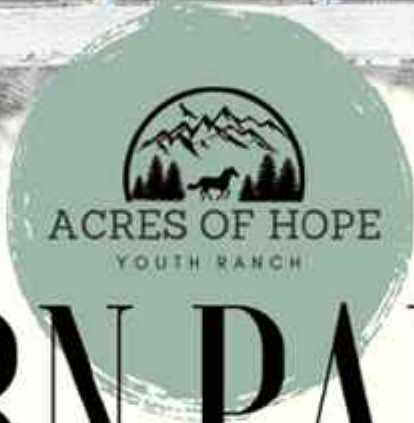


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COMING EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

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JUNE 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026

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**JUNE
26**

Movie in the Park: **Wild Robot**

**JULY
10**

Grand Royale - Beastie Boys Tribute

Opener: SunTrine (Classic Rock)

**JULY
17**

Animals - Maroon 5 Tribute

Opener: Infamous Soul (80's & 90's Pop Rock)

**JULY
24**

Taken By The Sky - Stevie Nicks Tribute

Opener: Rockaway Band (70's & 80's Yacht Rock)

**JULY
31**

Shoot to Thrill - AC/DC Tribute

Opener: The Archives (80's One Hit Wonders)

**AUG
07**

Band After Midnight - ABBA Tribute

Opener: Daring Greatly (Americana, Classic Rock & Soul)

**AUG
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1:15-2:00 - MONMOUTH TAIKO DRUMMERS

2:30-7:30 - INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE/TODDLER PLAYGROUND

2:15-3:15 - DJ MUSIC

3:30-5:30 - TAYLOR ANDERSON

6:00-8:00 - MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY CONCERT BAND

SATURDAY, JULY 4

9:00AM FESTIVAL OPENS

9:00-2:00 - CLASSIC CAR SHOW

11:15 - MINI MARATHON

11:45-NOON - CHILDREN'S PARADE

NOON-1:00 - GRAND PARADE

1:00 - 2:30 -TUESDAY STRING BAND

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AUG 5 Rose's Pawn Shop
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From Senator Patterson

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The weather is getting warmer and we are entering the summer season. Since the legislative session ended earlier this year, I have been getting out and about to meet with local leaders and community members.

Through these conversations, it's clear that healthcare and affordability issues are top-of-mind for people in our community. These issues are also top priorities for me, and I was proud to pass bills this year to reduce costs and improve access to care for Oregonians. This includes bills that remove out-of-pocket costs for cervical cancer screenings (SB 1527), protect high quality of care in hospice facilities (SB 1575), and expand affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities (SB 1576). I also fought to protect funding for critical services like healthcare and education, despite federal budget cuts.

Healthcare and affordability continue to be key priorities for me as I develop bill ideas for the 2027 Legislative Session. For example, I am working on ways to help patients when their doctor or hospital falls out of network with their insurance company. I am also looking at ways to reduce hospital waiting times and lower the costs of prescription drugs.

For those who want to learn more, there are some upcoming opportunities to keep track of this work. First, I am holding a legislative town hall on Thursday, June 4th, where I will share more about the issues I am working on. The event will be at Monmouth City Hall, beginning at 5:30pm. I hope you can join me.

Second, the Legislature will hold committee hearings at the Oregon State Capitol on June 15-17. These hearings will cover multiple policy areas and are all open to the public. Much of the focus will be on oversight and implementation of bills that recently passed. More information can be found online through the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

If you have comments or questions you want to share with me, please feel free to reach out. You can contact my office at Sen.DebPatterson@oregonlegislature.gov or (503) 986-1710. I look forward to hearing from you.



FROM REPRESENTATIVE PAUL EVANS



Few places on the planet are as remarkable as the Willamette Valley in the Springtime. After months of gray skies and cold rain, our communities come alive again with color, energy, and renewal. The fields turn green, flowers return, and the valleys and hills remind us why so many of us choose to make this place our home. Oregon is not perfect, but during this season it is difficult to imagine wanting to live anywhere else.

May is rapidly coming to a close. It has been an important month marked by local and state elections, the final weeks of another school year, and the approach of Memorial Day. This year's observance carries additional weight. It has now been nearly twenty-five years since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and the beginning of America's long war against terrorism. For an entire generation of veterans, service members, and military families, those events shaped the course of our lives.

This Memorial Day arrives while the United States is once again engaged in a dangerous and complicated conflict in the Middle East. Until the Iran War is resolved through formal or informal negotiations, instability in the Gulf region will continue to impact global markets, fuel prices, and international security. Americans are understandably uneasy. Most veterans understand better than most that wars are easier to begin than end. We should continue to support our service members while also demanding thoughtful leadership, strategic clarity, and a realistic pathway toward regional stability.

Closer to home, several important developments deserve attention.

First, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) officially decided to support Phase II of the Salem Center Street Bridge rehabilitation project. This was a critical step because portions of the federal funding tied to Phase I depended upon continued state participation and long-term planning commitments. ODOT has adjusted the projected construction timeline slightly, with preliminary work now anticipated to begin in early 2027. While construction will undoubtedly create temporary frustrations, protecting and modernizing key transportation infrastructure is essential for both economic growth and public safety.

Second, the Oregon Health Authority has extended its review of the proposed merger between Salem Health and Santiam Hospitals & Clinics. The initial thirty-day review generated enough concern to warrant a far more comprehensive analysis of both the short-term and long-term impacts. I remain cautious about the proposal, particularly regarding questions of regional access, affordability, and service concentration. That said, I appreciate the decision to slow the process down and allow for deeper public review before irreversible decisions are made.

Third, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs continues to receive public comment regarding the proposed new national veterans cemetery in Marion County. I strongly support establishing a cemetery within the Mid-Willamette Valley, but I also believe we must get the decision right. An "almost good" location may create long-term infrastructure, transportation, or environmental challenges that future generations inherit unnecessarily. Alternative locations still exist, and discussions continue.

Finally, although it feels like the 2026 Legislative Session just ended, it is already time to prepare for our next quarterly "Legislative Days" at the Capitol from June 15–17. Budget and policy committees will reconvene with updated economic and revenue forecasts in hand. I hope Oregon's revenue picture remains relatively stable, but rising fuel costs and broader economic uncertainty may soften projections somewhat.

In the meantime, I hope you find time to enjoy our communities and the beauty surrounding us. All indicators suggest we may be heading toward a very hot summer, so take advantage of the mild weather while we still have it. And if you have not visited the State Capitol recently, I encourage you to do so. The safety improvements and facility upgrades underway are helping preserve one of Oregon's great civic treasures for future generations.



As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please contact me at 503.986.1420 or Rep.paulevans@oregonlegislature.gov.

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