

Cabaret Auction Fundraiser



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Something Rotten!

The Hit Broadway Musical Comedy



Presented by Western Oregon Theatre

A Year With Frog and Toad



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FIGHT HUNGER GAMES



When Is Daylight Savings 2026?

At 2:00 AM, Clocks Will Move Forward One Hour to 3:00 AM.



Sunday, March 8, 2026
Spring Forward!

2 Cities 1 Community

MARCH 2026

Monmouth Recreation Program



Applications Due April 1st



Community Calendar March 2026

Addresses for events are generally in Monmouth (M) or Independence (I)

Sunday, March 1, JFK established The Peace Corps in 1961

Polk County Flea Market, 6am (early bird), 9am (general admission), Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall
Brunch served, 11 AM – 2 PM, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St, (I)
A Year with Frog and Toad, 2 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)
Beth Willis, 2-5 PM, Elysium Botanicals (I)

Monday, March 2, King Kong premiers in 1833

Monday BOGO 50% Burgers, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St, (I)

Tuesday, March 3, Congress authorized \$30K to study the military using camels

Happy Hour all day, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Monmouth Business Assn. meets, 8 AM, Monmouth City Hall, 151 Main St W (M)
Veteran's Chat, 10-11 AM, Heron Pointe Sr. Living (M)
Taco Tuesday at Rookies Sports Tap (M)
Age Café, 10 AM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)
Family Story Time, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Library (M)
Visit/Create Epoxy Resin Casting, 4-7 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
Monmouth City Council meets, 6:30 PM, 151 Main St W (M)

Wednesday, March 4, "Happy Birthday To You" created in 1924

Postcard making w/Christy Wood, Spectrum Artworx (M)
Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)
Storytime, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)
A Year with Frog and Toad, 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Thursday, March 5, The stapler is patented in England, 1868

Serving Prime Rib, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Independence Downtown Association meets, 8 AM, K Insurance Group, Central Plaza (I)
Age Café, 10 AM, Monmouth Senior Comm. Center (M)
Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, Old Library (I)
Bounces & Rhymes, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Public Library (M)
Independence Downtown Association's Quarterly Meeting Family Feud, 7 PM, Rookies Sports Tap (M)
Climate Café, 7-8:30 PM, Monmouth Senior Center (M)
A Year with Frog and Toad, 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Friday, March 6, Remember the Alamo, 1836

Storytime, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)
Serving Tri Tip, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
WOU Softball vs Simon Fraser University, 12 PM, at WOU (M)
WOU Softball vs Simon Fraser University, 2 PM, at WOU (M)
Joe Stoddard, 6-9 PM, Elysium Botanicals (I)
A Year with Frog and Toad, 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)
Cabaret Auction Fundraiser, 7 PM, Central High School Auditorium (I)

Saturday, March 7, Alexander Graham Bell patented the Telephone, 1876

Breakfast served, 8:30 AM, Monmouth Senior Center (M)
Fight Hunger Games, 9 AM – 9 PM, Western OR University (M)
Brunch served, 11 AM – 2 PM, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
WOU Softball vs Simon Fraser University, 12 PM, at WOU (M)
Bingo at the Elks, 1 PM, Independence Elks Club

WOU Baseball vs Central Washington Univ., 12 PM, WOU (M)
Veteran of the Month, 1 PM, Heritage Museum & Riverview Park (I), if held

Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)
WOU Softball vs Simon Fraser University, 2 PM, at WOU (M)
WOU Baseball vs Central Washington Univ., 3 PM, at WOU (M)
Character Creation Drawing, 4-6 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
The Brothers Reed, 6-9 PM, Elysium Botanicals (I)
Cabaret Auction Fundraiser, 7 PM, Central High School Auditorium (I)

A Year with Frog and Toad, 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Sunday, March 8, The New York Stock Exchange was founded in 1817

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Brunch served, 11 AM – 2 PM, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
WOU Baseball vs Central Washington University, 12 PM, at WOU (M)

Veteran of the Month, 1 PM, Heritage Museum (I), if held
Jon Franke, 1-4 PM, Elysium Botanicals (I)
WOU Baseball vs Central Washington Univ., 3 PM, at WOU (M)

Monday, March 9, In 1562, Kissing was made illegal in Naples, Italy, penalty for being caught: death

Monday BOGO 50% Burgers, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Beginner PanPastel, 5-7:30 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
WOU Mariachi los Lobos del Poniente, 7 PM, Smith Recital Hall WOU (M)

Tuesday, March 10, American paper money was introduced, 1862

Happy Hour all day, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Taco Tuesday at Rookies Sports Tap, Monmouth
Family Story Time, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Library (M)
Age Café, 10 AM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)
Independence City Council meets, 6:30 PM, 555 S Main St (I)
Tuesday Night Adult Class, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ash Creek Arts Ctr (I)
WOU Choir Concert, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Wednesday, March 11, The Blizzard of 1888 began – the most famous storm in American history

WOU Wednesday!
Time Travel through Play exhibit opens at Heritage Museum (I)
Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)

Open Mic Night, 6-8 PM, Brew Coffee & Tap House (I)
Music Jam Night, 6 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Ctr (M)
Adult 18+ Dungeons & Dragons, 6-9 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
WOU Jazz Concert, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)
Climate Café, 7-8:30 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Ctr (M)

Thursday, March 12, Sam the Sham & the Pharaohs debuted "Wooly Bully", 1965

Serving Prime Rib, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Age Café, 10 AM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)
Bounces & Rhymes, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Public Library (M)
Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, Old Library (I)
Heritage Museum presents An Evening with Jim Humphreys, 6 PM, Valkyrie Wine Tavern (I)
Family Feud, 7 PM, Rookies Sports Tap, Monmouth
WOU Western Winds Ensemble, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Community Calendar March 2026

Friday, March 13, the Hoover Dam is completed, 1936

Serving Tri Tip, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Beginner PanPastel, 1-3:30, Spectrum Artworx (M)
The Kickstar Band, 6-9 PM, Elysium Botanicals (I)
WOU Western Oregon Voices, 7 PM, Smith Hall, WOU (M)

Saturday, March 14, A "Navigable Balloon" was patented in 1899 by Zeppelin

"Nature Printing" for Youth, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Ctr (I)
Community Craft Day, 10 AM-4 PM, Mon. Sr. Comm. Ctr. (M)
Brunch served, 11 AM – 2 PM, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)
The Rody Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass, 7:30 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Sunday, March 15, Julius Caesar stabbed by Brutus, way back in 44 BCE

Shamrock Run Fest, Lions Club Event
Brunch served, 11 AM – 2 PM, Golden Hop Saloon, 133 C St (I)
Let's Draw at the Gallery, 1 PM, River Gallery, 184 S Main St (I)
WOU Wolfpack Percussion Ensemble, 7 PM, Rice Auditorium (M)

Monday, March 16, GM rolled out their 100 millionth automobile in 1968

Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day

Family Story Time, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Library (M)
CHS Softball vs Tualatin, 5 PM, at CHS (I)
Monmouth City Council meets, 6:30 PM, City Hall (M)

Wednesday, March 18, National Recycling Day

Office hours, Indep. Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 8:30-10:30 AM, 555 Main St (I)
Visit/Create Polymer Clay, 3-6 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
Ukulele Jan Night, 6 PM, Monmouth Senior Center (M)

Thursday, March 19, Daylight Savings Time approved in 1918

Taco Tuesday at Rookies Sports Tap, Monmouth
Launch Mid-Valley Coffee Club, 9 AM, Indy Commons (I)
Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, Old Library (I)
Storytime, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)
Bounces & Rhymes, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Public Library (M)
Soup & Pie Sale, 11 AM-1:30 PM, Monmouth Sr. Comm. Ctr (M)
Visit/Create Epoxy Resin Casting, 4-7 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

Friday, March 20, Vernal Equinox

CHS Softball vs Beaverton, 5 PM, at CHS (I)
Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Saturday, March 21, Alcatraz prison closed, 1963

Community Craft Days, 10 AM-4 PM, Monmouth Senior Community Center (M)
Bingo at the Elks Lodge, 1 PM, 289 S Main St (I)
Character Creation Drawing, 4-6 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)
Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Sunday, March 22, Talk like William Shakespeare Day

DOA Pro Wrestling, Independence Elks Lodge
Something Rotten!, 2 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Monday, March 23, Patrick Henry declared "Give me liberty, or give me death!" in 1775

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades K-2, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades 3-5, 1-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts

Center (I)

Beginner PanPastel, 5-7:30 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

Tuesday, March 24, Elvis Presley joined the army in 1958

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades K-2, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Family Story Time, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Library (M)

Introduction to Gel Plating, 1-4 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades 3-5, 1-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Independence City Council meets, 6:30 PM, 555 S Main St (I)

Pub Talk with Mayor Kate Schwarzler, 6-7 PM, Parallel 45 (I)

Wednesday, March 25, The first color tv was manufactured by RCA, 1954

Last day to submit information to 2C1C for April edition

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

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades K-2, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Storytime, 10:30 AM, Independence Library (I)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades 3-5, 1-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Visit/Create Polymer Clay, 3-6 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

Adult Drawing Class, Ages 16+, 6:30-8:30 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Thursday, March 26, Live Long & Prosper Day

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

Friends/Library bookstore open, 10AM- 2 PM, Old Library (I)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades K-2, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

Bounces & Rhymes, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Public Library (M)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades 3-5, 1-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts Ctr(I)

Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Friday, March 27, Fingerprints first used as evidence in a murder trial, 1909

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades K-2, 10 AM-12 PM, Ash Creek Arts Center (I)

WOU Softball vs Eastern Oregon University, 12 PM, at WOU (M)

Beginner PanPastel, 1-3:30, Spectrum Artworx (M)

WOU Softball vs Eastern Oregon University, 2 PM, at WOU (M)

Spring Break Art Camp, Grades 3-5, 1-3 PM, Ash Creek Arts Ctr(I)

Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Saturday, March 28, Hitchcock's "The Birds" premiered in 1963

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

WOU Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 1 PM, at WOU (M)

WOU Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 4 PM, at WOU (M)

Something Rotten!, 7:30 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

Sunday, March 29, Coca Cola is invented, 1886

WOU Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 1 PM, at WOU (M)

Youth 13+ Dungeons & Dragons, 2-5 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

Something Rotten!, 2 PM, Pentacle Theatre, West Salem

WOU Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 4 PM, at WOU (M)

Monday, March 30, USA paid Russia for Alaska, \$7.2M, 1867

Tuesday, March 31, National Crayon Day

Family Story Time, 10:30 AM, Monmouth Library (M)

Visit/Create Epoxy Resin Casting, 4-7 PM, Spectrum Artworx (M)

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FIGHT HUNGER GAMES



COMING MARCH 7, 2026

It's New: the WOU Fight Hunger Games, a 12-hour "gaming day" has been organized for March 7, from 9 am to 9 pm.

The WOU Fight Hunger Games event is **open to the community** and is **free** with a food donation of **any size**. The goal is to collect over 2,000 lbs – one TON of food! Participants can drop off any amount of non-perishable, non-expired food and then come into the Werner University Center to play video, board, card and tabletop games **ALL. DAY. LONG.** Or, they can stay for a few hours, or leave and come back. To be clear, you don't have to be good at games, just enjoy playing them.

There will be Smash Bros and Mario Kart, Rock Band, Just Dance, Bingo and Loteria, and rooms for Dungeons & Dragons and Magic the Gathering card games. There will be a Children's area with games, puzzles and coloring for kids. Overall, there will be 50+ game consoles, 200+ board games, and over 1,000 total games to choose from. You are also welcome to bring your

own.

There are big plans evolving around this event, including cosplay appearances. Participants are encouraged to come in any family-friendly cosplay and we will have a Cosplay Runway to show them off (no judging, no pressure).

For community members that want to donate food but aren't interested in the event, they will be able to drop off food at our donation station on Church Street. Monetary and digital donations will also be accepted through a WOU Foundation account and those funds will go straight to the WOU Food Pantry.

You are encouraged to spread the word, and to hopefully come play some games with us. Thank you for taking time to read this and I hope you can get as excited about it as we are!

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March **6-7**

Central High Auditorium **7PM**



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CLIMATE CAFÉS



JAN 8

FEB 12

MAR 12

APR 9

The Monmouth-Independence Climate Group will host an open exploration of personal emotions around climate anxiety in a supportive, "Café-Style" setting. Please join us to listen and share the often complex feelings and concerns about this pressing issue. People of all ages are invited to attend.

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



Monmouth-Independence
Climate Group

ARTISTS & WRITERS:

what does a positive, sustainable future look like?

JANUARY 20 7PM

Kickoff Gathering

Join other artists and writers and spark ideas for your submission
 Spectrum Artworx in Monmouth

MARCH 1 - 31

Art & Writing Submissions

Find submission rules and in-person drop-off information at:
<http://bit.ly/imagine-our-future>

APRIL 14 - 29 9AM-4PM Weekdays

Showcase

See the community's visions of the future
 Monmouth Senior Community Center

APRIL 22 6-8PM

Reception

IMAGINE OUR FUTURE

a local showcase with prizes for all ages
<http://bit.ly/imagine-our-future>



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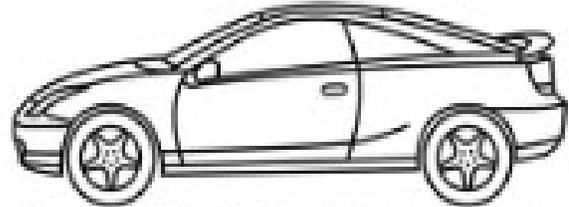
Two Cities, One Legacy

Did you know...

Monmouth-Independence Community Foundation holds and grows funds for over 20 local non-profits and agencies?

MICF now manages over \$4 million in community funds.

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City of Monmouth, Oregon - Government

It's that time again for the Monmouth Recreation Program Grants! Be sure to check out the link in the comments to...

Monmouth Recreation Program



**Applications
Due April 1st**

**The Monmouth Parks & Recreation Board is looking for
people to offer recreational activities in the park.**

Money is available to assist you in helping others recreate!

Would you be willing to teach others how to: paint, sketch, take photos, cook, or garden? How about Yoga, Tai Chi, CrossFit or self defense?

Recreation even includes gaming, birdwatching, the possibilities are endless.

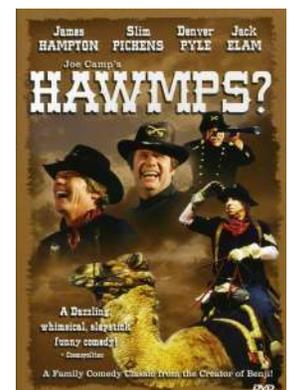
Find applications at <http://tinyurl.com/MonmouthParksAndRec>

Direct questions & completed applications to mpw@ci.monmouth.or.us.

Did You Know...

The US Military tried using camels in the late 1800s. Success was questionable, and the program only lasted through two calendar years. The camels were “re-wilded” in desert areas.

Later this endeavor was memorialized in a 1976 movie, “Hawmps?”.



ABOUT 2C1C, Two Cities, One Community:

- 2C1C has a standing policy of giving free advertising to local businesses! These ads are generally sized from to 1/3 to 1/4 page. Smaller print will be accommodated or edited for space and clarity.
- Deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month.
- This online magazine is ready to publish by the 1st of each month.
- If you have questions, please let us know by texting 2C1C at 503 580-8525, or email marilyn97351@gmail.com

If you have an **event** or **advertisement** to be featured in a future edition of 2C1C, please send your information to the one of the contacts shown above. As noted, information and/or ad copy is needed by or before the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

2C1C, Two Cities, One Community, has been a regular monthly publication since May, 2012. Editor: Marilyn Morton

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March 2026 Calendar Class and Events

3rd, 17th, 31st	Visit and Create Epoxy Resin Casting 4pm-7pm \$15 plus cost of materials used	\$15 + materials
4th	Postcard Making with Christy Wood from Runaway Arts	\$20
7th, 21st	Character Creation Drawing with Misha Pierce 4pm-6pm	\$35
11th	Adult 18+ Dungeons and Dragons 6pm-9pm	Suggested \$10
18th, 25th	Visit and Create Polymer clay 3pm-6pm	\$30
9th, 23rd	Beginner PanPastel 5pm-7:30pm	\$30
24th	Introduction to Gel Plating with Christy Wood 1pm-4pm	\$55
13th, 27th	Beginner PanPastel 1pm-3:30pm	\$30
29th	Youth 13th plus Dungeons and Dragons 2pm-5pm	Suggested \$5
Wednesday	WOU Wednesday 10% off retail Purchase	
Saturdays	12 week beginner Leaded Stained Class 10am-1pm 2pm-5pm Sessions meets every other week March 14th and 28th Pay 200 Deposit plus \$100 every meeting or \$750 when registering	\$750

Retail: 140 Main Street West, Phone #: (503)-837-0931
Classroom: 150 Main Street East, Website: Spectrumartworx.com
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Monmouth and Independence both have YouTube channels allowing you to watch entire city council meetings. Each city includes council decision highlights on their news feeds. Here, to the right, is the example from Independence illustrating this practice.



Get a City Council Meeting recap on the City of Independence Facebook page. Informative and concise!

BECOME a Board Member!

Join Ash Creeks Arts Center today!

If you're passionate about the arts and looking to make a difference in our community, sign up today!



ADOPT-AN-ARTIFACT

Celebrating 50 Years of Preserving History

The Adopt an Artifact program is a simple and meaningful way to care for the objects that tell Independence's story. By supporting a specific artifact, you help fund its conservation and care, strengthen the Museum's ability to serve the community, and deepen the connection between the past and present. Launched as part of the Museum's 50th anniversary, this program is both a celebration of how far we've come and an invitation to help carry our history forward for the next 50 years.



How It Works



- Choose an artifact to “adopt” from a curated list selected by museum staff -OR-
- Choose an adoption level meaningful to you and museum staff will select the artifact for you
- Receive a certificate of adoption, recognition in the museum newsletter, and a report on the condition of the artifact at the end of 2026.

Adoptions are symbolic and do not transfer ownership of the artifact. Your contribution is tax-deductible

Adoption Levels



- \$25 - Caretaker (Provide Archival Materials)
- \$50 - Preserver (Cleaning & Digital Cataloging)
- \$100 - Conservator (Custom Housing or Mount)
- \$250 - Steward (Specialized Preservation)

Adoption funds are directed to the Heritage Museum Society and support the ongoing care, preservation, and interpretation of the museum's collections



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Pub Talks

Everyone is Welcome

with Mayor Kate Schwarzler

Event #2
 Understanding City Expenses:
 Where the Money Goes

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026
 PARALLEL 45 BREWING
 6:00-7:00 PM

EVENT ADDRESS: 240 MONMOUTH ST. INDEPENDENCE, OR 97351

*Un resumen del evento estará disponible más adelante en inglés y español.



Understanding City Expenses: Where the Money Goes
 In advance of this year’s budget process, join Mayor Kate for a public conversation about how the city of Independence allocates its resources.

- This session will:
- Explain major spending categories
 - Clarify fixed vs. discretionary costs
 - Break down what’s mandated by law
 - Explore thoughtful ideas for efficiency and cost savings

This is a constructive conversation focused on innovation and stewardship — not personnel decisions or criticism of individuals.

All are welcome.

Event Details:

Thursday, March 26
 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 Parallel 45 Brewing

“The Birds”, a Hitchcock film, debuted on March 28, 1963. It is still called one of the scariest films ever.

The animal actors – birds – consisted of seagulls, crows and ravens, sparrows, and a pair of lovebirds. While filming it was noted that the seagulls were the most aggressive.



Mechanical birds were also used at the cost of over \$200,000. Pre-CGI.



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The IDA Board meets monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, 8 AM, at K Insurance Group, Independence. All welcome!
info@downtownindependence.com

FARMERS MARKETS

2 markets in Independence:
waltonsgarden@yahoo.com,
independenceriverviewmarket@gmail.com

TOUCH A TRUCK

For information contact
ci.independence.or.us

MID-MAY: FLOWER BASKETS

Walk of Hearts income purchases beautiful downtown baskets. An IDA activity

JUNE: THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Happening on the last Friday of school. From 3-5 PM kids celebrate with free handouts. An IDA activity

GRADUATION

At Central High School & Western Oregon University

INDEPENDENCE DAYS:

July 4th fun at Riverview Park/amphitheater

THE HOP & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

A Fresh Hop Festival, wine tasting in the businesses, and music on the sidewalks. An IDA activity

THE GHOST WALK

1st Saturday of October, begin with Apparition Avenue, then the Ghost Walk
Sponsored by Heritage Museum,
orheritage@ci.independence.or.us

OCTOBER 31: TRICK OR TREAT DOWNTOWN

Trick-or-Treat at the businesses.
Independence, 3-5 PM, Monmouth, 4-6 PM.
An IDA activity in collaboration with MBA

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

Right after Thanksgiving

WREATHS AND DÉCOR DOWNTOWN

Lighted wreaths for all the light poles downtown. An IDA/City of Independence event

THE SANTA TRAIN

1st Saturday in December.
central.lions.sm@gmail.com,
santatrainsatations@gmail.com



COMING TO THE INDEPENDENCE ELKS CLUB on
SUNDAY, MARCH 22



(from the Smithsonian collection)

On March 11 the Great Blizzard started in 1888.
The “Most Famous American Storm in history” lasted to March 14. It dumped from 10 – 58” of snow on parts of the eastern seaboard and parts of Canada. Snowdrifts over 50 feet tall were sculpted by the wind. People were stuck at home for several days. Railroads and telegraph service was disabled.

WINNERS REVEALED at CHAMBER'S 61st ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET



Educator of the Year: **Julie Whitney**, Independence Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher
Education Support Staff of the Year, **Nicole Carlson**, Independence Elementary School Librarian
Junior Citizen: **Alexis Ramirez**, Central High School Senior
Business of the Year: **The Sipper Coffee Co**, Monmouth
New Business of the Year: **Michelle Ashley's Custom Cakes** (at Brew)
Non-Profit of the Year: **Panther Kids Wrestling**
Distinguished Service Award: **Juventino "Tino" Banuelos**, Chief, Independence Police Department
Community Member of the Year: **Troy Crafton**
2025 Community Star Award, Individual: **Elena Pena**
2025 Community Star Award, Organization: **The Gate Youth Association**
2025 Legacy Award: **Marr Brothers**
2025 Lifetime Achievement Award: **Karen Frascone**, K Insurance Group



New e-Resource - Comics Plus at Monmouth Public Library!

Have you heard about **Comics Plus**? Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of age-appropriate digital graphic novels, manga, and picture books — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! No holds. No wait lists. No limits. Log in with your library card today! Use a children's card to access the Children's Collection, a teen card to access the Teen Collection, and an adult card to access the Adult/Full Collection.

Sign in with your library card and start reading - on your phone, tablet, or PC. Your library card determines the access you will have. You will need your PIN (password) to access.

Comics Plus - Full Collection, Teen Collection, and Child Collection



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ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER (ACAC), is a 501(c)(3) organization, funded since 2010 by donations and grants. At 311 Monmouth St, Independence. **Your donations are always welcome.**



Tuesday Night Adult Class:
Watercolor Painting with
Michele Haney
March 10, 2026,
6:30-8:30 PM
All materials provided by
ACAC



“Nature Printing” Youth
Class with Ash Earls
March 14, 2026,
10 AM—12 PM
Recommended for
elementary aged artists. All
supplies provided by ACAC.



Spring Break Art Camp
Grades K-2nd
10 AM-12 PM
March 23-March 27
With Toben Roark
All supplies provided by
ACAC.



Spring Break Art Camp
Grades 3rd-5th
1 PM—3 PM
March 23-March 27
With Sonia Allen.
All supplies provided by
ACAC.



Adult Drawing Class
(ages 16 and up)
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
March 25, 2026,
With Jessica Rehfield
All supplies provided by ACAC

On some calendars March 10th is lauded as “National Find a Pay Phone Booth Day”. This made us curious, so we searched to see if any of these anachronisms still exist...

Our search revealed that there are 6 working pay-phone booths in Portland. A more obscure report says there’s a working *dime-operated* phone somewhere on Highway 101.

But they are indeed a disappearing breed.





WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY HOME GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

March 6: Softball vs Simon Fraser University (BC), 12 PM

March 6: Softball vs Simon Fraser University (BC), 2 PM

March 7: Softball vs Simon Fraser University (BC), 12 PM

March 7: Baseball vs Central Washington University, 12 PM

March 7: Softball vs Simon Fraser University (BC), 2 PM

March 7: Baseball vs Central Washington University, 3 PM

March 8: Baseball vs Central Washington University, 12 PM

March 8: Baseball vs Central Washington University, 3 PM

March 27: Softball vs Eastern Oregon University, 12 PM

March 27: Softball vs Eastern Oregon University, 2 PM

March 28: Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 1 PM

March 28: Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 4 PM

March 29: Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 1 PM

March 29: Baseball vs Saint Martin's University, 4 PM

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HOME GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

March 17: Softball vs Tualatin, 5 PM

March 20: Softball vs Beaverton, 5 PM

Ask Me Anything!

MAYOR OFFICE HOURS

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



Mayor Kate Schwarzler

Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center Pancake Breakfast

First Saturday of every month, 8:30 AM, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S Warren St, Monmouth. Join us the first Saturday of every month: for \$10 all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, juice, and coffee.

We'll save a seat for you!

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS MARCH 7TH



Thank you, MINET, for free wi-fi on the trolley!





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MARCH FEATURED SPEAKER

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 6:00 PM
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AN EVENING WITH JIM HUMPHREYS



Join longtime fisheries expert Jim Humphreys for an engaging look at salmon and the Willamette River through the lenses of history, present-day challenges, and future possibilities. Drawing on more than four decades in fisheries, seafood, and sustainability, Jim will share stories, science, and insights about one of Oregon's most iconic fish and its vital river system. This talk is perfect for anyone who cares about salmon, rivers, and wildlife in our region.

SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

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

JOIN US MONTHLY THROUGH APRIL FOR MORE ENGAGING
SPEAKERS AT THE VALKYRIE WINE TAVERN
301 S MAIN ST, INDEPENDENCE

-No minors or outside drinks permitted-



Western Oregon
UNIVERSITY



Hello Friends,

Welcome to this edition of **Monmouth Works**, your regional update focused on what's happening in and around our local business community.

While I'm no longer serving as President of the Monmouth Business Association, I'll continue publishing *Monmouth Works* as a way to share timely information, highlight local opportunities, and keep our business community connected. Occasionally, you may see an extra issue if there's something time-sensitive that's important to pass along.

As always, this newsletter is about supporting local businesses, strengthening connections, and making sure you know what's coming up—from events and resources to partnerships and community conversations.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for everything you do to make Monmouth work.

Our business community keeps getting stronger! This month, we're proud to welcome **Azucena's Cleaning, Dry Town Tap Station, and Curves Monmouth** as new Monmouth Business Association members.

While these businesses have already been serving our community, they've recently chosen to join the MBA because they see the value in connection, collaboration, and strengthening Monmouth's local economy together. We're grateful they've stepped in and said "yes" to being part of this supportive, engaged network.

Please join us in welcoming them—and be sure to say hello, and support these fantastic local businesses.

Warmly, **Roxanne Beltz for Monmouth Business Association**

Monmouth/Independence OR — The Western Oregon University History Club collaborated with the Independence Heritage Museum to assist in photographing the city's textile collection. This effort supports a crucial update to the museum's database, which has faced delays due to staffing challenges.

Amid severe budget constraints in the City of Independence, the participation of WOU students offers invaluable support while providing them with hands-on, applied learning opportunities to enhance the skills they have acquired in the classroom.

Amy Christensen, director of the Independence Heritage Museum, emphasized the significance of this collaboration: "Having students in the museum to photograph our textile collection is meaningful in several ways. For one, textile work is slow, careful preservation, and it's work we have struggled to make time for at the level we would like. Students will be directly handling historic garments, quilts, flags, and other smaller cloth items to help us take images for our database. These images will make the items more accessible to the community, as they'll be at a quality we can use for online exhibition and improved record keeping."

Christensen added, "I love that they'll be solving problems alongside us. We don't have a professional photography setup, so figuring out how to properly light and capture large pieces is part of the project. Preservation work in a small museum like ours is thoughtful, personal, and often creative."

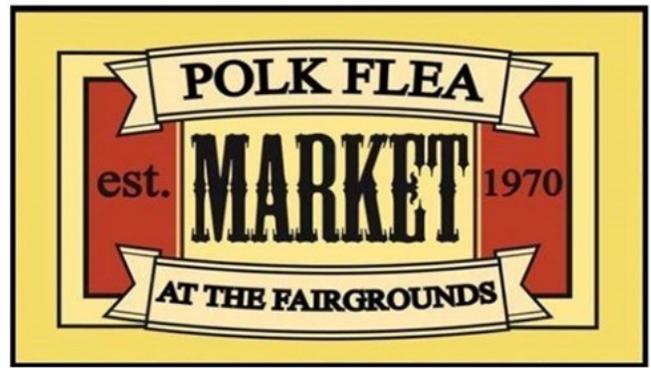
This partnership not only aids the museum in meeting its preservation goals but also enriches the educational experience of Western students, preparing them for future careers in history, museum studies, and beyond.



Drawing with Carol Chapel is every third Sunday of the month from 1:00pm-2:00pm at River Gallery.

Supplies and materials will be provided. Bring your smile and join in on the fun!

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Watch the calendar for news of **Tri Tip Thursday at Brew Coffee & Tap House**. A full barbecue dining experience is just \$18 per person. We hear they will be doing this two Thursdays a month. So fire up your tastebuds!

Brew is at 211 S Main St, Independence. All ages welcome!



Aging: Everybody's Doing It!

Age Café meets at 10 AM on the Second Thursday of each month

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DALLAS EVENT SCHEDULE

HEARTS ON MAIN February
 CHICK DAY & HOP AROUND DOWNTOWN 1st Saturday in April
 ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE 3rd Saturday in May
 DALLAS NIGHTS / SOUNDS OF SUMMER / MARKET*
 ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT June
 DALLAS DAYS Last Friday & Saturday in July
 DALLAS DAYS PARADE Last Saturday in July
 SUNDAY IN THE PARK & CAR SHOW Last Sunday in July
 ROTARY BREAKFAST IN THE PARK Last Sunday in July
 GOOD MORNING, POLK COUNTY 3rd Wednesday in August
 BIGFOOT, BBQ & BREWS Last Saturday in September
 DOWNTOWN SCARECROW CONTEST October
 DALLAS GLOW RUN 2nd Saturday in October
 TRICK N TREAT ON MAIN STREET Last Friday in October
 PINK FRIDAY Friday before Thanksgiving
 SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
 Saturday after Thanksgiving
 CHRISTMAS TOWN PARADE/TREE LIGHTING
 1st Saturday in December

RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

BINGO (2nd Tuesday at 6 pm - Two Wolves Taproom)

WAKE UP WEDNESDAYS*

POLK COUNTY AFTER HOURS*

BEAUTIFICATION DAYS*

*SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO WWW.EXPLOREDALLAS.ORG/EVENTS
 FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION REGARDING DATES,
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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. This makes the Polk County Community Card an ideal gift for any occasion: from employee rewards to holiday surprises, the Community Card works for everyone. New businesses continue to join the **merchant** network so be sure to check back to find out about the latest small businesses you



March 26 is "Live Long & Prosper Day". It is also the birthday of Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed Spock on Star Trek.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins in 2026 on March 8.

The “spring forward” changing of clocks was approved in March of 1918 and has been at some level of use since that time.

Did you know that a type of daylight savings time was first proposed by Benjamin Franklin in 1784? He called it “An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light”. But it was apparently delivered and received as a sort of joke, and nothing came of it.



New Restaurant coming soon to Monmouth: Lucky Crow Lunch & Fresh Food Market & Supper Club!



**Here's a sampling of
The Kravings Café's menu:**

Kids Menu, Breakfast & Lunch, from Micky Mouse Pancakes to Chicken Strips & Chips

Drinks, from Soft Drinks, Hot & Cold Drinks, Juices, and Milkshakes

Breakfast, from Build your own Omelets, Burritos and Skilletts, to Breakfast Plates & Pancakes

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Feb 26th, 27th, 28th

Mar 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th at 7:30 pm

Mar 1 at 2:00 pm

ASL Interpreted performances: Mar 1st & 6th

\$14 General Admission | \$10 Seniors

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Music by Robert Reale

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Based on the books by Arnold

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Directed by Stephanie Mulligan

Musical Direction by Claire

Hudkins

March 4, 5, 6, 7 at 7:30 pm

March 1 at 2:00 pm

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Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00pm

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Focus Artist: Becki Hesedahl: "Spirit of the Forest"



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Creative Arts

Monday, March 9, 7 PM:

WOU's Mariachi los Lobos del Poniente
Smith Recital Hall, WOU

Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM:

Choir Concert
Rice Auditorium

Wednesday, March 11, 7 PM:

Jazz Concert
Rice Auditorium

Thursday, March 12, 7 PM:

Western Oregon Wind Ensemble
Rice Auditorium

Friday, March 13, 7 PM:

Western Oregon Voices
Smith Recital Hall, WOU

Sunday, March 15, 7 PM:

WOU's Wolfpack Percussion Ensemble
Rice Auditorium



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MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

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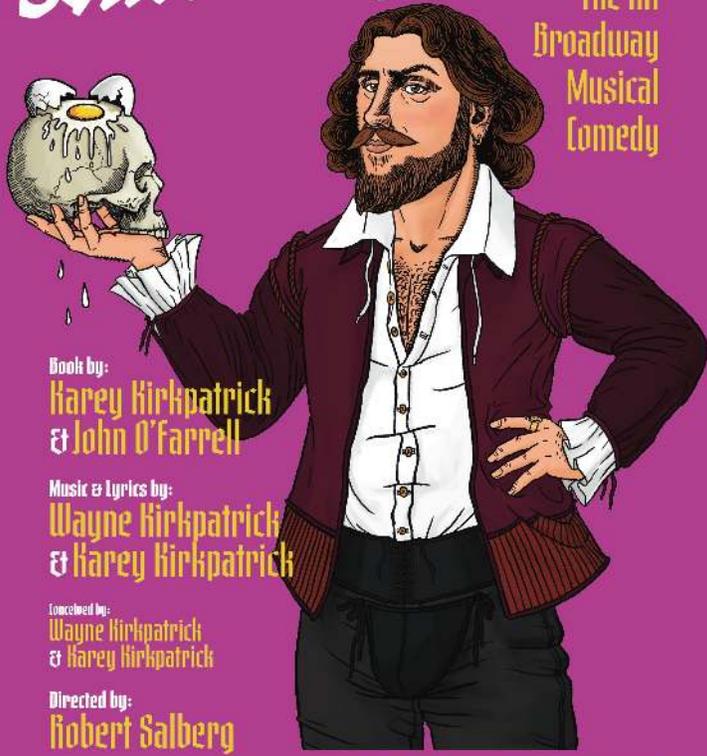
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 Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | 7:30 PM
 Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 7:30 PM
 Friday, March 27, 2026 | 7:30 PM
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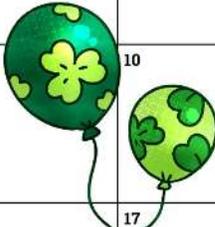




March

Independence Public Library



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3	4 Storytime 10:30 am ----- Kid's Coding 4 pm	5	6	7 
8	9 	10 	11 Storytime 10:30 am ----- Kid's Coding 4 pm	12 Family Coloring Club 4 pm	13	14 
15	16	17 Mystery Book Club 4 pm	18 Storytime 10:30 am ----- Kid's Coding 4 pm	19 	20 	21
22 Spring break → 	23 	24 Indy Works 3 pm	25 Storytime 10:30 am ----- Kid's Coding 4 pm	26 Kid's Paint w/Jen 3 pm	27	28 
			31 Teen & Adult Eggs-citing Spring Flowers! 4 pm	<p>Independence Public Library 175 Monmouth Street Independence, OR 97351 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library Open Monday–Thursday 11-6 pm</p>		

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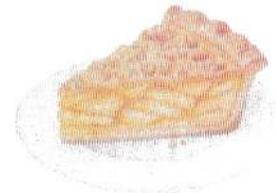
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Soup & Pie



March 19, 2026

11 AM - 1:30 PM



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- Friday, March 6, 6-9 PM, Joe Stoddard
- Saturday, March 7, 6-9 PM, The Brothers Reed
- Sunday, March 8, 1-4 PM, Jon Franke
- Friday, March 13, 6-9 PM, The Kickstar Band

NOTABLE MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Albert Einstein
Alexander Graham Bell
Lady Gaga
Justin Bieber
Shaquille O'Neal
Dr. Seuss

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After the ceremony, attendees return to the museum for refreshments and to share stories.

To honor a veteran contact Billy Whisenant
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Bill Caldwell

A Beautiful Sky

Jan - March 2026

Artist Reception March 26th 5- 6:30 pm



Call for Art 2026

in the Monmouth City Hall Rotating Gallery

Theme "Anything Goes"

Landscape, Still Life, Abstract, Portrait, Photos, etc



Applications and guidelines can be found on line under the Arts & Culture Commission link under City Government @ <https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us> or by scanning the QR codes below

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WEDNESDAY: WOU WEDNESDAYS	SAT & SUN:  BRUNCH 11AM-2PM

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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Each month a few national and local news snippets will be shared, along with local advertising from 100 years ago this month.

Happening Locally

Bids are sought for placement of ferry service at Independence. The project will require improvement of 7.3 miles of highway. The ferry would be an “ordinary scow type” for operations in Independence. It would be operated by Marion and Polk counties.

A retrospective in the local newspaper, “Altruistic Idea Back of Monmouth”, focused on the Illinois group of religionists that founded Monmouth.

The town primarily as a place to educate young; Saloons forever barred in Charter; University Opened in 1861.

The founding of Monmouth, Oregon, exemplifies in an outstanding type a fundamental altruism. Eighty or more years ago in Monmouth, Ill., a small group of men and women, ambitious, though not young, became imbued with an idea to go into the far western frontier and establish an institution of learning “where men and women, alike, may become schooled in the science of living...”

Cattlemen Plan Jersey Display. The annual Jersey jubilee will be held at Independence. Two Jersey calf clubs have been organized among school children.

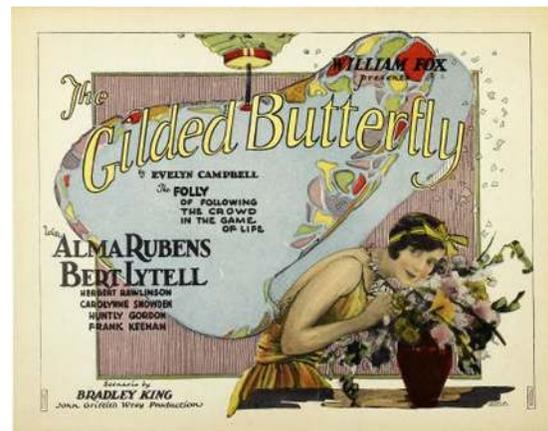
The Oregon Statesman was a long-time publication providing news and information to local residents. On March 28 the Oregon Statesman published its 80th commemorative edition.

Happening in the Country/World

In March the first First Trans-Atlantic Phone Call made between New York City and London, England. Within but a few days calls from requests were coming in from all over the world to be “hooked up”. But an equal number of complaints about the ease of first communication were also voiced.

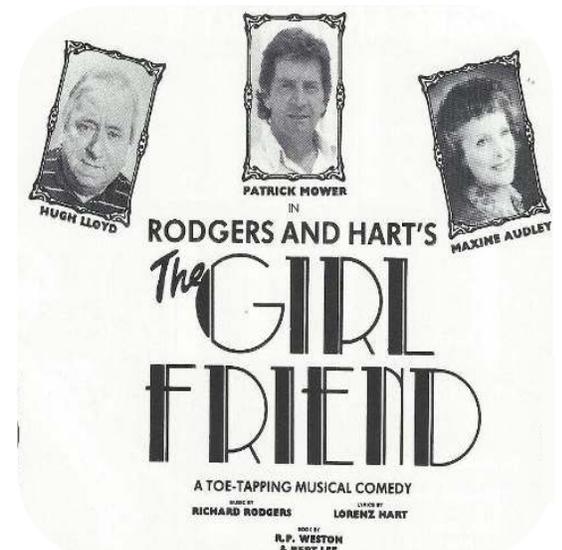
Robert Goddard launched the first liquid-fueled rocket on March 16.

The Arts



“**The Gilded Butterfly**” was a popular film that opened in March, 1926.

“The Girl Friend, with a Rogers & Hart score, was popular in the theatre.



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FROM SENATOR DEB PATTERSON:

Dear friends and neighbors,

The 2026 Legislative Session began on February 2 and will end by March 8. During this time, I have been focused on making meaningful progress for Oregonians on health care, housing, hunger, and human rights. This includes bills that I introduced to eliminate out-of-pocket costs for cervical cancer screening, build more wheelchair-accessible homes, protect hospice patients from fraud, and shine a light on the high cost of prescription drugs.

This session, I also held a public hearing about protecting health care access for patients during fights between hospitals and insurance companies. Just over one year ago, more than 30,000 people in Marion and Polk Counties had their health care disrupted when a contract dispute left the region's only major hospital system out-of-network. Patients were forced to travel farther, face long wait times, or navigate overwhelming uncertainty about where they could receive health care. This issue continues to impact people in our community, and I am grateful to everyone who testified and shared their stories.

People from all across Oregon have been showing up at the State Capitol this month to highlight the issues they care about. I have had the pleasure of meeting with folks advocating for all sorts of issues, including cancer prevention, higher education, affordable housing, protecting the environment, and more.

Because this legislative session lasts only five weeks, things have been incredibly fast-paced. Things have been changing minute by minute, which makes it hard to predict which bills will pass before the deadline. Even so, it is an honor to serve as your State Senator in the Oregon Legislature.

If you have questions about any of the bills we passed this year, please feel free to reach out. You can contact my office at (503) 986-1710 or Sen.DebPatterson@oregonlegislature.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

Deb Patterson



From Representative Paul Evans

With the third week of the 2026 Legislative Session underway, a pivotal transition point in the work is before us.

Under our legislative deadlines, measures introduced in the House must move through committee in a timely manner. If they fail to advance, they are effectively finished for the remainder of session. While that reality can feel abrupt, this natural “sorting” process helps clarify priorities and focus our time and energy where it matters most.

I am pleased to report that two significant measures have successfully advanced to the Joint Committee on Ways & Means: **HB 4121**, our emergency management omnibus, and **HB 4132**, our veterans’ omnibus. Both represent months — in some cases years — of collaboration and refinement.

HB 4121 strengthens Oregon’s statewide emergency management structure, including continued development of coordinated preparedness, response training, and intergovernmental continuity planning. As disasters grow more complex and frequent, ensuring that our systems function seamlessly across agencies and jurisdictions is not optional — it is essential. Advancing this bill to Ways & Means signals that we are serious about making strategic, long-term investments in resilience rather than reacting to crises after the fact.

HB 4132 reflects our ongoing commitment to veterans and their families. The measure consolidates and improves access to services, strengthens coordination among providers, and refines tools designed to help veterans unlock the federal benefits they have earned. Oregon continues to lag many other states in direct veterans’ investments. This omnibus represents thoughtful progress — not duplication of federal programs, but smarter state-level alignment to ensure those programs are actually accessible and effective.

At the same time, we are working through updated revenue forecasts and the difficult decisions they require. The economic picture has softened. Federal priorities have shifted. Costs remain high. That means our budget work must be disciplined and clear-eyed. We are aligning agency budgets with current projections, identifying necessary reductions, considering targeted revenue adjustments, and advancing the so-called

“mechanics” bills that keep state operations running smoothly. These measures rarely make headlines, but without them, the system simply does not function.

Parallel to the budget process, negotiations continue across several major policy arenas. Health care delivery reforms are under active discussion, particularly around cost containment and rural access. Transportation reform conversations are focused on long-term structural funding stability and accountability. Higher education proposals are examining both affordability and workforce alignment. Each of these areas requires careful drafting, stakeholder engagement, and often technical fixes to existing statutes in order to function properly.

We are also marking the beginning of a new phase. As core budget frameworks solidify and priority bills advance, more difficult and controversial discussions will increasingly move to the forefront in both chambers. Differences in philosophy and approach will become more visible. Debate will sharpen. Amendments will be offered. That is part of the legislative process.

For now, much of our focus remains on securing the language and fiscal clarity necessary to move essential measures forward. The groundwork we lay this week — in Ways & Means, in caucus, and in negotiation rooms — will shape the outcomes that follow.

Respectfully,

Paul Evans,
Your State
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