

Independence Heritage Museum Opens April 30

River City Briefs

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Independence Heritage Museum - History of the Move Museum Opens April 30



Ever wondered how the Independence Heritage Museum went from its original First Baptist Church location to the now over 5,000 square foot building it is today?

Representatives from the Heritage Museum Society, city staff, and the community came together for a pivotal strategic planning session on how to improve the museum's safety and accessibility, with a change in location at the forefront of discussion. Later, the 281 S 2nd Street building became available. The rest is, as they say, history.

The Independence Heritage Museum celebrates its grand re-opening at its new location on Saturday, April 30, 2022, beginning at 1 PM.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Independence Police Department Adds Drone Program

The Independence Police Department is in the process of adding a drone program to better serve the community. The drone was funded in part by a grant received through CIS and is expected to arrive in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, Sgt. Gilbert, Detective Unverferth,



and Officer Solberg will be working on completing their training in order to acquire their Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot Licenses.

The drone will be equipped with an IR camera which will greatly increase our ability to locate missing persons or outstanding suspects. Additionally, the aerial view and IR camera capabilities will provide information to officers who may be on the scene of an active incident. The ability to assess a scene using a drone

rather than an officer increases access to critical information while mitigating unnecessary risks to officers.

We will keep the community updated as this program “takes off” and will hopefully be able to provide some video of the drone in action in the next few months.

Help Name the Independence-Monmouth Trolley

INDEPENDENCE-MONMOUTH TROLLEY SURVEY

The cities of Independence and Monmouth have partnered to launch a trolley pilot project by the end of this year. However, before the tires hit the road, a very important question remains: What should the trolley's name be?

To submit your vote or suggestion, visit our Latest News webpage.



The cities of Independence and Monmouth have an exciting announcement. We plan to launch a trolley pilot project by the end of this year! After years of work by dedicated members of our community, the dream of running a trolley between the communities is finally close to being realized!

In 2021, the cities conducted a [Feasibility Study](#) for local transit planning. After reviewing transit service case studies, vehicle cost research, and community survey results, a trolley service was selected as the most desirable vehicle for Monmouth and Independence. The trolley service will provide a fun, unique transit service for the community. Trolleys are often found in vibrant downtowns and can play an important role in promoting community identity and economic development. The trolley should provide frequent service connecting Monmouth and Independence.

Before we launch the trolley though, we have a very important question to ask - what should we name the service?

To submit your vote or suggestion, click the button below.

[Take Survey](#)

Indy Idea Hub Hosts Fall Fest



April 21st | 5:30 PM
Elk's Lodge
 289 S Main St
 Independence, OR

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf."
 Jack Kornfield

www.IndyIdeaHub.org

"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf." - Jon Kabat-Zinn

Failure is inevitable when innovating. Those who fail dared to do something great and from that failure, they have lessons to more intelligently try again.

The night features a panel and guest speakers to share their experiences with failure. Light food will be provided and drinks will be available.

Join Indy Idea Hub in celebration of daring greatly and learning from failures!

[Register Here](#)

Drop the Hammer with Bike Indy Oregon



DROP THE HAMMER WEEKEND v.6
 SPRING 2022 EDITION



April 16 & 17, 2022 START ANYTIME BETWEEN 9 AM - 12 PM
 Riverview Park- 50 C St, Independence, OR 97351

COMPLETE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT:
bikereg.com/drop-the-hammer-spring22 

 PICK A ROUTE

DROP THE HAMMER ON A STRAVA SEGMENT 

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Want to ride around the Independence, Oregon and build community at the same time?

Bike Indy Oregon is hosting their Drop the Hammer weekend on **April 16 and 17, 2022, starting at 9 AM.**

Routes + featured road and gravel segments are now listed on the registration page (bikereg.com/drop-the-hammer-spring22). Special note for this weekend, both Saturday and Sunday there will be a social ride option at 9:30 a.m. Find someone who will be doing the same route as you and make a friend!

As a reminder, after the weekend of riding, we will gather at Brew Coffee & Tap House on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. to share stories from the weekend and award the top hammer droppers for each Strava segment. We will be hanging at the covered patio in the back. There is also a fire pit! Happy hour pricing will be offered with your Bike Indy Pass. If you find yourself free, maybe use your Bike Indy Pass at a spot you haven't been to yet- or one you want to come back to. You will get a Bike Indy Pass at the check-in table if you don't have one already.

If you want to extend your stay, check out [The Independence Hotel](#). They will roll out the red carpet for you and your wheels. Use code HAMMER for 10% off your online reservation.

Complete details and registration for this weekend can be found by clicking the button below.

[Register Here](#)

Local Non-Profit Distributes Over \$1 Million Dollars Worth of Funds



A recently dissolved non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing housing services to families in need has been donating its funds to various programs within the Independence-Monmouth community. The

organization known as Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) has helped countless individuals and families find housing during its 30-year plus lifespan.

While looking toward the future, Pat Jaffer, a pivotal member of the Independence-Monmouth community and NHN support role specialist, took the time to reflect on the motivation behind this organization's inception at a recent local Rotary Club meeting.

"In those days, people were sleeping under our bridges," said Jaffer. "Sound familiar, doesn't it?"

In 1988, representatives from the Central School District partnered with over 40 concerned residents to address their community's housing crisis. This is how Neighbors Helping Neighbors got started.

[Read More Here](#)

Art Gallery Exhibit Features Renowned Local Artist

Opening May 12 and continuing through June of 2022, River Gallery is presenting an exhibit and sale of



artwork by the late Paul Gentry.

Paul was a nationally recognized wood engraver and woodblock printer, whose prints have been collected by the Portland Art Museum, The Nelson-Atkins, Library of Congress, Smithsonian, Whitney, and Guggenheim. Less well known was his passion for pinhole and stereo photography. The exhibit will have examples of each, in addition to his drawings, woodcuts, and paintings.

Also, on three Sundays in May the public is invited to Gallery Talks starting at 1:30 in the afternoon.

* May 15 will be an introduction to Gentry's life presented by poet and personal friend, Professor Henry Hughes. Paul and Henry collaborated on several book projects, with Paul's woodcuts complementing Henry's writing.

* May 22 Photographer and River Gallery artist, Rich Bergeman, will explain and show examples of pinhole and stereo photography. Rich is a well-known photographer skilled in historical, traditional, and experimental photography.

* May 29 Carol Chapel, gallery partner, and accomplished printmaker, will talk about methods of printmaking that Paul used including, wood engravings and woodcuts.

Questions from the audience will be invited at all three talks.

[Learn More Here](#)

Ash Creek Arts Center Fam Jam



Fun games and activities, local businesses and service providers, important health screenings, and local school districts will be on site for Kindergarten Registration.

Stop by the Ash Creek Arts Center table for a drawing & button making craft.

When: Saturday April 23, 2022 10AM-2PM
Where: Polk County Fairgrounds
RSVP not required, but we would love to know if you can make it!

[Register Here](#)

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