

Love Local Scratch-its Return to Independence

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Love Local Scratch-its Return to Independence



Our Love Local scratch-it program has returned to Independence!

From February 1-28, 2023, shop at any of the 18 participating businesses and receive a Love Local scratch-it with every purchase of \$5 or more while supplies last. Scratch-its can be used towards your next purchase, and every scratch-it is a winner! Scratch-it values vary between \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$25.

To learn more and view the complete list of participating businesses, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Express Your Love Through the Walk of Hearts



Express your love in 22 characters on a bright red heart hung on lamp posts throughout downtown Independence, Oregon. Your creative expression will help support the Independence Downtown Association's efforts to maintain a welcoming and vibrant downtown.

The cost of a message is \$30 per side. The deadline to submit orders is Friday, January 28th. Hearts will be hung by Valentine's Day and will be displayed for one month.

If you have participated in the Walk of Hearts in the past and want to use the same message, you can select the "Existing Heart" option to renew your heart (only available for messages from last year). If you are not sure what your heart said, please email downtownindependence@gmail.com to receive your heart information.

To order your heart, click the button below.

[Order Hearts Here](#)

MI Trolley Website Goes Live



The MI Trolley website has gone live!

This new service will bring free and reliable public transit to Monmouth and Independence.

To learn more about the MI Trolley transit system and discover the routes, click the button below.

[Visit Website Here](#)

Celebrate Independence's Hop History Through Beer

Hops have a history in Independence, Oregon that goes back to the beginning of time. Okay, maybe not the beginning of time but pretty dang close!

Hops and hop valleys became commonplace in Independence during the late 1890s with the city even being named the Hop

Capitol of the World until the early 1940s. With an estimated 4600 acres of land specifically dedicated to hops, it's no wonder the emphasis on local beers evolved so naturally in Oregon.

While the "Hop Capital of the World" title has faded, Independence's passion for hops has not, and there are several delicious options for you to try during your next visit.



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Independence Heritage Museum Exhibits Black Athlete History



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Black Athletes Disrupting White Supremacy in Oregon

From February 1 - 28, 2023 exhibits featuring the history of Black athletes in Oregon will be displayed at the Independence Heritage Museum.

On loan from the Oregon Historical Society, these exhibits were displayed on the campuses of the University of Oregon and Oregon State University in Feb. 2014 to accompany public programs about national and state history related to African American football players. The exhibit panels were created by Dr. Darrell Millner of Portland State University in collaboration with OHS staff.

Heritage Museum curator, Amy Christensen, has created additional panels to accompany this exhibit. They highlight some of the earliest black athletes that attended Western Oregon University. In addition to the panels highlighting WOU, there will be some athletic items/artifacts on display from the Western Oregon University archives.

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**Polk County Community Connect Event Happening Next
Tuesday**



This year's Polk County Community Connect Event will be happening on Monday, January 23, 2023, from 10 AM - 6 PM at Dallas Evangelical Bible Church. This free on-site service gathering that will include haircuts, pet care, family fun activities, health screenings, social services, employment and education assistance, and more.

If you wish to provide a service, volunteer or donate goods, email Amber Kramer at kramer.amber@co.polk.or.us.

For more information, click the button below.

[Learn More Here](#)

Submit Your Design for the Independence Days Commemorative Poster Contest



INDY DAYS
COMMEMORATIVE
POSTER CONTEST

**2023 theme:
"The Willamette River"**

Contest is open to all
Indy/Monmouth residents and I/M
business owners/employees - 14
years and older. See website for all
the details.

First prize: \$500
Winning submission will be
reproduced and sold at Indy Days.

Contest deadline: January 27, 2023

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Independence Days is a very successful local celebration, but once it's over for the year, it's over.

We thought...why not create a way to commemorate Independence Days with an art poster contest? This would give artists in our community an additional venue for their art and residents and visitors a great way to remember the event and their visit.

The winning artist will receive \$500!

All proceeds, after operating costs, will be donated to local nonprofits that support cultural and historical education.

To learn more and submit your work, click the button below.

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