River City Briefs

Heritage Museum Speaker

The Untold Story: Chinese American History in Oregon

The Independence Heritage Museum is delighted to host Helen Ying on Monday, April 11 at 7 pm in the Independence Event Center (555 S. Main St. Independence; use the riverside entrance.)

Ying’s talk on April 11 will take audiences down the historical lane of the Pendleton Chinese community, including the history of the underground city, where people retreated to escape discrimination. Rediscovered after being unnoticed for many years, the story includes legal and illegal businesses that operated for over 100 years.

For more information on this event visit the Heritage Museum website at www.orheritage.org. This event is part of the Oregon Historical Society's 2016 Chinese Oregon Speaker Series, www.ohs.org.

26th Annual Plant Sale

The Polk County Master Gardeners will hold their annual Plant Sale Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7. The sale, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days will be held at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

Last year’s over 3,000 customers said we needed more plants. So, the master gardeners are growing more that 4,000 tomatoes of 69 different varieties, 3,000 peppers of 24 varieties and hundreds of squash, cucumbers and other vegetables.

The sale will offer a huge display of annual and perennial flowers, herbs, and house plants. And the shrubs, trees and small fruits offering will increase by at least a third.

The ever popular Country Store will again be stocked with the beautiful, different and useful items you need to spruce up your garden and home. And the Odd and Unusual plant area will be held at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

The Polk County Master Gardeners will hold their 26th Annual Plant Sale from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days will be held at the Fairgrounds in Rickreall. For more information, contact Polk County Extension at 503-838-1212 or go to the city website: www.ci.independence.or.us.

Independence Photo Contest

Is there a historic house or commercial building in Independence that matters to you? If so, grab your camera and snap a picture of it. The Independence Historic Preservation Commission is seeking submissions for a Historic Photo Contest.

The Commission welcomes entries from amateur and professional photographers in two categories: best historic house and best historic commercial building. Contestants may submit one photo per category.

Submission deadline is April 22nd. Email your entries to johnson.karin@ci.independence.or.us, mail them to Karin Johnson, City Recorder, PO Box 7, Independence, OR 97351 or deliver them in person to the Independence Civic Center.

For more information, call Karin Johnson at 503.838.1212 or go to the city website: www.ci.independence.or.us/historic.

Kindergarten Registration Fair

Central School District’s Kindergarten Registration Fair will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at the Henry Hill Educational Services Center (750 S. 5th St., Independence) from 10:00 am—1:00 pm.

Students and families will be able to register for Kindergarten, eat lunch, meet the Kindergarten teachers and receive a t-shirt from their new school! Representatives from other community organizations will be available to answer questions and provide information about what they offer.

All children turning 5 years old by September 1, 2016 are encouraged to sign up. Parents should bring in the child’s birth certificate and immunization record, if possible.

23rd Annual Native American Pow-Wow

A reminder that the 23rd Annual Native American Pow-Wow will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016. The event will be held in the Pacific Room, Werner University Center. Be sure to check out last month’s River City Briefs for details on the event.

If you have any questions, please contact the MSU office at (503)838-8403 or msu@wou.edu.

River’s Edge Summer Series

The line-up for the 2016 Friday Music series has been posted on the River’s Edge website—be sure to check it out! Most performances start at 7:30 pm, but be sure to note a special start time of 8:30 pm for a few of the artists.

http://independenceamphitheatre.com
For Everyone: FOOD FOR FINES: April 11th – 16th.
Check our website at www.ci.independence.or.us/library or stop by the library for a list of acceptable items.

For Youth: Family Story Time: Wednesdays at 10:30am.
An hour of stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts and more. This program is open to children of all ages, but is designed to meet the developmental needs of children ages 3-5.

Cuentos en Español (Ciclo Nuevo) – Viernes (Fridays) a las 3:30pm. Un programa de cuentos, canciones, manualidades y más. La semana del 8 de Abril habrá una fiesta de helado.

Chess Club: Thursdays at 4:30pm.
Children in first grade and up are invited to join Nancy Albritton for a chance to use and improve their chess skills. No experience is required and children at all levels are welcome.

Burgerville Literacy Night. Wednesday, April 20th from 5:30 – 7. (At Burgerville) Join staff from both the Independence and Monmouth libraries plus WOU Early Childhood, WOU Ed. Club, Polk County Mid-Valley Parenting for an evening of fun literacy activities. Free Kid Cones & $2.00 off kids meal coupon will be available during the event.

Spring Fun Club: Tuesdays at 4pm starting April 12th
April 12th: Celebrate Beverly Cleary’s 100th Birthday
April 19th: Pebble Yard Art
April 26th: Wii Games

ASH CREEK ARTS CENTER
The Second Saturday Family Art Class will be held on April 9 from 2 to 4 pm.
This month students will make Clay Birds with Feathers. The session will be taught by Sue Mason, and will held at the Independence Women’s Club, directly behind the Arts Center at 311 Monmouth St. Independence.

GRASS: When mowing your lawns, please do not blow the grass clippings onto sidewalks or into the street. Sidewalks become slippery; the street sweeper can become clogged with the wet debris. Thank you!

SEWER LINES: When calling a firm to help unclog your sewer line that takes waste from your house to the city sewer main, we suggest that you use a company that uses a camera to find the cause of the problem. Sometimes, it is not a simple clog, but can be roots or other problems that might not be otherwise noticed.

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Public Meeting Schedule

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Want to Recycle?
Brandt’s Sanitary Service offers 2 ways to recycle:
1. at their 24-hour recycling center, located at 158 Pacific Avenue South; or
2. curbside recycling. For more information, call Brandt’s at: 503-838-0464.

想成为粉丝?
你可能想知道有什么在城里正在发生，并及时公布城市的活动。看看我们的。

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