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River City Briefs

April 29, 2022

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Sign up to Volunteer for Independence Days



Interested in volunteering for Independence Days this year?

To volunteer, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 14 years of age or older.*
- Must be able to lift heavy objects (up to 30 pounds) in certain roles involving set-up and take-down.
- Must pass a background check if handling money.
- Must wear a life jacket or vest if

volunteering on or next to the river.**

*13 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Roles will be noted if you must be 18 years of age or older.

**The City of Independence will provide life jackets if necessary.

Click the button below to find out how you can be part of these fun and community-filled events

[Sign Up Here](#)

Independence Celebrates 150th Arbor Day

HAPPY ARBOR DAY

Plant trees for a more sustainable future in our community.



April 29, 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation and the 150th Arbor Day celebration.

The City of Independence is proud to have been recognized as a Tree City, USA, by the Arbor Foundation for over ten years and will continue to seek this status. To qualify as a Tree City, USA, a community must:

- Maintain a tree board or department.
- Have a community tree ordinance.
- Spend at least \$2 per person on urban forestry.
- Celebrate Arbor Day annually.

We would like to thank our entire community for helping us maintain sustainable practices in our urban forestry program

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Independence Heritage Museum Opens April 30th



The Independence Heritage Museum will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, April 30, at 1 PM in its new location: 281 S. Second St. (across from the post office in Independence, Oregon).

Museum Manager Natascha Adams said the new facility offers an additional 1,000 square feet for exhibits, compared to its original location. The 46-year-old local history museum closed in 2020, partly due to COVID, but Adams said plans were

already underway to move the museum from its original home at the Baptist Church on S. Second and B streets. Unlike the church, which was built in 1888, the new museum is one level, making it accessible for all who wish to visit.

"Having the opportunity and privilege to set up a museum which celebrates Independence's history is a once-in-a-lifetime moment," said Adams. "We are so excited to open our doors and share the stories featured in our current exhibits."

We hope to see you there on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the grand

MINET Seeks New General Manager

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

GENERAL MANAGER

MINET Fiber, a Municipal ISP
\$120,000-\$140,000

MINET is a fiber-based ISP owned jointly by the cities of Monmouth and Independence, Oregon and is seeking a new General Manager. The new General Manager will inherit a mature and stable ISP that has achieved great success in serving the two cities. The business has grown to also manage the ISP in nearby Dallas, Oregon. MINET is still interested in growing and is exploring opportunities to expand our footprint through broadband grants. The successful candidate will help the business grow and continue to thrive.



IDEAL CANDIDATE

Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree required, with graduate degree a plus. Candidate must have operational experience with an ISP or closely-related telecom business. The candidate must have a minimum of 10 years of supervisory/managerial experience and will have supervised a staff of ten or more. We will consider job experience, and any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform the duties as described.

MINET is seeking a new General Manager who will provide leadership to the team and outstanding customer service to customers.

As the leader of the business, they will be responsible for preparing budgets and financial reports, managing growth and capital expansion projects, and developing staff. They will be an excellent communicator (both written and verbal) to the community and the MINET Board. They will know how to sell and how to manage a sales staff.

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

Local Photo Album Mystery Solved



A mystery surrounding a historical photo album has finally been solved and returned to its rightful owner after nearly a decade of lying dormant.

Dropped off at the original Independence Heritage Museum location in 2014 after the death of the photo album's owner, Mona

Barker (1925-2012), it soon faded into the background of the museum's basement, waiting to be rediscovered. Just recently, the album containing photos of precious family memories, adventurous global trips, and significant life milestones was reunited with Barker's granddaughter, Marci Newkirk, in Lacey, Washington.

Vickie McCubbin, Chair of the Heritage Museum Advisory Board, was the individual who rediscovered the album and made the trek up North to return it.

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NEW EPISODE

A conversation with Shawn Irvine about Independence Riverview Amphitheater Park

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Listen to the latest Placemaking in Polk County podcast hosted by Indy Commons Executive Director Kate Schwarzler featuring Economic Development Director Shawn Irvine.

In this episode, Shawn talks about how the community helped design Riverview Amphitheater Park and the amenities it brings to the City of Independence.

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