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Abstract

Along with the cover of this issue, we have included the brochure from which it was derived. The brochure was created as part of an identity project that WOU students worked on for local communities during fall 2014.

About the brochure:

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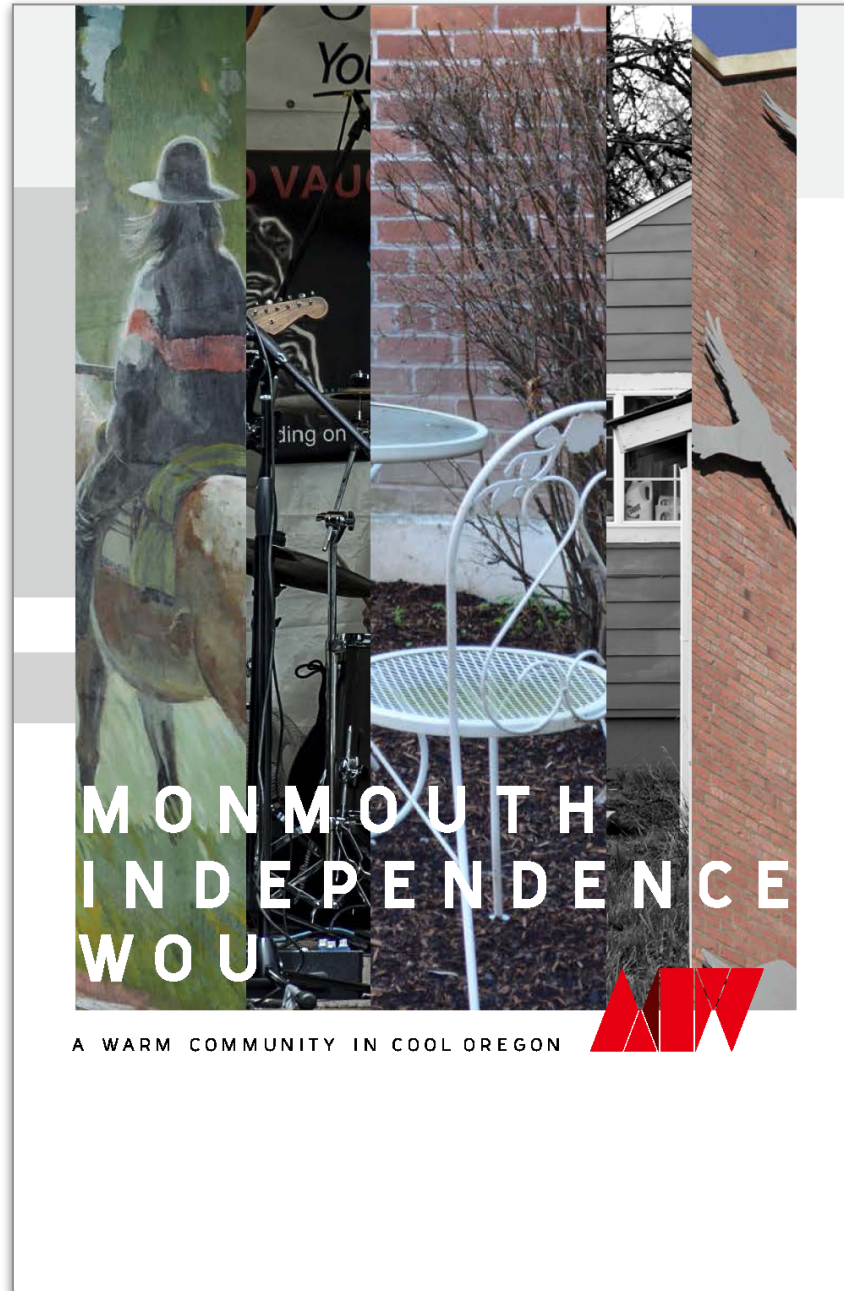
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Monmouth



MONMOUTH

HISTORY

Monmouth, Oregon was settled by a group of immigrants from Monmouth, Illinois. No structures from those early days remain; the oldest private structure still existing in Monmouth today is the Craven House, located on east Main Street. The Western Oregon University campus is where you can find the second oldest existing structure, known as Campbell Hall, dating back to 1871.

Monmouth was settled by pioneers who made a point of allocating 640 acres to build both a city and a "college under the auspices of the Christian Church" and proceeds from the sale of these lands were used to found Monmouth University. For decades (until 2002), Monmouth was a dry town that banned the sale of alcoholic beverages in supermarkets, restaurants and bars.

FACTS

Monmouth is in Polk County, and is part of the Salem Metropolitan Statistical Area, about 15 miles west of Salem on OR 99W. According to the 2010 US Census, the city occupies a total area of 2.24 square miles. The population was 9,534, the racial makeup was 82.8% White, 13.4% Hispanic or Latino, 1.1% African American, 1.5% Native American, 3.3% Asian, 0.6% Pacific Islander, 10.7% from other races or from two or more races. The median age in the city was 23.7 years.

HERITAGE AGRICULTURE

Explore history and farm fresh, harvest goods.

Historical Sites

Fort Yamhill State Park
9390 Hwy 22
Grande Ronde, OR 97347
(503) 879-5814

Built in 1856 to regulate the eastern border of the Grande Ronde Reservation and to ease tensions between settlers and natives, Fort Yamhill is one of the best preserved forts in the Pacific Northwest.

Ritner Creek Covered Bridge
Hwy 223 @ Kerber Road
Monmouth, OR 97361
(503) 623-8172

Named for pioneer Sebastian Ritner who arrived in Oregon in 1845, the bridge was constructed in 1926. One of the last covered bridges to serve on an Oregon highway, it was moved in 1976 to its current location.

Independence Historic District

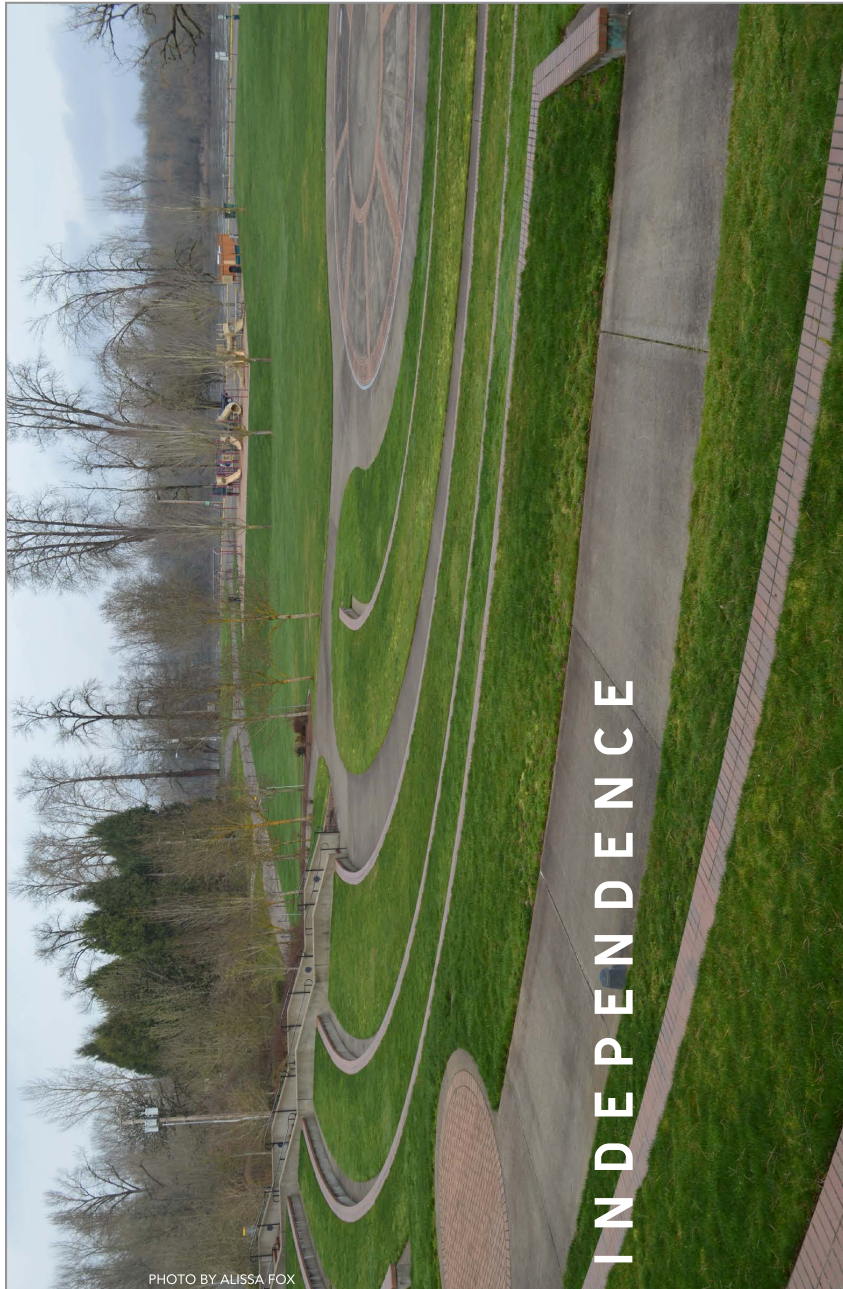
Listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1989, the historic district encompasses the entire downtown sector. The roughly 30-block district preserves approximately 250 homes and businesses of a prosperous riverside town of the 1880s. Between the 1890's-1940's Independence was dubbed the hop capital of the world.

You can obtain a map of the historic district from our Independence Heritage Museum.

Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Saturday 1:00 - 5:00 pm



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Independence



Independence is a city in Polk County, Oregon, United States, on the west bank of the Willamette River along Oregon Route 51. Independence was founded in 1845 by pioneers who migrated from Independence, Missouri.

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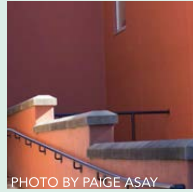


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WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY



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Monmouth is the home of Western Oregon University (WOU). WOU is a public liberal arts college with a student enrollment of approximately 6,200 students. It was originally established in 1856 by Oregon pioneers as Monmouth University. Subsequent names include Oregon Normal School, Oregon College of Education, and Western Oregon State College.



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WOU was an inaugural winner of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award in 2012. This award recognizes universities and colleges that have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and action towards fostering a campus community that celebrates all the many facets of diversity. In 2014 WOU was recognized as one of the top 100 colleges or universities in America and the only one in the Pacific Northwest in adding economic value and benefit to its graduates.



LEISURE TIME
Rest, relax, and enjoy

Monmouth and Independence are located in the heart of the Willamette Valley in the historic hop capitol of the world. We are a less than 30 minute drive from both Salem and Corvallis, and a mere hour from Eugene, Portland, and the Oregon coast. Visit a festival, listen to music in a park, enjoy local wineries and breweries, or spend the day shopping in our historic downtowns.

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Shopping & Dining

Our community has a rich abundance of shopping opportunity. Whether looking for flowers, gifts, clothes, or jewelry to local produce, bakeries, books, or hardware, we have what you need. Want to see a movie or enjoy a nice meal out, look no further. Monmouth and Independence offer a wide variety of dining options, including Thai, Mexican, American, Italian, Chinese, and many more. We also offer great places to grab a brew, sip on local wine, enjoy local baked goods, or delight in delicious ice cream.

Visit www.micc-or.org and view the Chamber Directory to see a listing of local businesses and the goods and services they provide.

Wineries

The surrounding countryside plays host to a number of local wineries. To locate all of the local wineries, visit www.google.com, click the "Maps" link and enter "Wineries Independence, Oregon."

Leisure

Time





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Farmers Markets

Featuring fresh produce, cheeses, herbs, breads, cut flowers, local artisan products, and more.

Polk County Bounty Market:

Monmouth

May — September

Tuesdays 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

120 Main Street E

Monmouth, OR 97361

Independence Farmers Market

April — October

Saturdays 9:00 am — 2:00 pm

302 S Main Street

Independence, OR 97351



Independence Riverview Market

April — October

Saturdays 9:00 am — 2:00 pm

50 C Street

Independence, OR 97351

Farms & Nurseries

Lavender Lake Farms

3395 S Pacific Hwy

Independence, OR 97351

(503) 838-2620

Lavender Lake farms grow both True (English) lavender and French Grosso lavender which flower at different times providing flowers for viewing and picking throughout the summer. Visit the gift shop for specialty products.

Dancing Oaks Nursery

17900 Priem Road

Monmouth, OR 97361

(503) 838-6058

Dancing Oaks Nursery features an extensive garden filled with unusual trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials from around the world, as well as water features, sculptures, and garden ornaments.



Festivals

Monmouth 4th of July

Yearly celebration including music, vendors, and fun for the entire family!

Western Days

Independence Oregon celebrates its namesake with a 4-day celebration. Spend one 4th of July with us, and you will find it hard to celebrate anywhere else! Two nights of fireworks are displayed over the Willamette River, as event-goers watch from Riverview Park.

Hop and Heritage Festival

The "original" Hop Festival, also known as the Hop Fiesta, began in the early 1930's. The festival grew out of the end-of-harvest celebrations in the migrant camps at the hop fields. Today the festival is a great success featuring vendors, music, activities, and cultural displays from 1856 to 1956. The festival takes place the last full weekend in September.

Halloween Spectacular Event

Downtown businesses in Monmouth and Independence host a Halloween Spectacular event in which many Main Street businesses in both communities hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. The cities' public libraries host games and chalk art activities for children.

Independence Holiday Parade of Lights - Bring out the whole family to enjoy a "home-grown" parade filled with zany floats and decorative lighting. The parade

traditionally starts at 5pm from the parking lot at the First Baptist Church.

Hometown Holiday Festival

The two-day celebration features the lighting of the giant Sequoia on the campus of Western Oregon University, the "sip-and-shop" event in downtown Monmouth, and concerts at Rice Auditorium. All events are free and open to the public.



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Golf Courses

Cross Creek Golf Course
13935 Hwy 22
Dallas, OR 97338
(503) 623-6666

Oak Knoll Golf Course
6335 Hwy 22
Independence, OR 97351
(503) 378-0344

Skate Park

Monmouth City Skate Park
410 Hogan Road
Monmouth, OR 97361

Casino

Spirit Mountain Casino
27100 Salmon River Hwy
Grande Ronde, OR 97347
(503) 879-2350

Casino & gaming, entertainment, restaurants, lodge, and kids area.

Disc Golf

Riverview Park
50 C Street
Independence, OR 97351

Western Oregon University
345 Monmouth Avenue N
Monmouth, OR 97361

Fishing Holes

Buell Park
Mill Creek Road
Sheridan, OR 97378

Buena Vista Park
Park Street
Buena Vista, OR 97351

Nesmith Park
Adjacent to the Polk County Fairgrounds
(520 Pacific Avenue S)
Rickreall, OR

Social Security Hole
Halls Ferry Road
Independence, OR 97351

For park hours and park seasons, call (503) 623-8172 or visit www.co.polk.or.us/ms/polk-county-parks.

Parks & Playgrounds

Main Street Park
120 Main Street E
Monmouth, OR 97361

Riverview Park
50 C Street
Independence, OR 97351

Sarah Helmick State Recreation Site
11545 Helmick Road
Monmouth, OR 97361

Horseback Riding

Happy Trails Horse Barn
2525 James Howe Road
Dallas, OR 97338
(503) 999-4802

Circle T Ranch
5679 Wallace Road NW
Salem, OR 97304
(503) 949-7679

Zippo's LadyHawk Ranch
16195 Ellendale Road
Dallas, OR 97338
(503) 623-7087



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FAMILY FUN

Celebrate time together



O U T D O O R A D V E N T U R E S



Discover your path



Movies

Independence Cinema 8

Featuring 3-D screenings of new releases you won't want to miss.

Visit their Website for show times and prices:
www.independencinema8.com





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Hiking Trails

Baskett Slough Wildlife Refuge

10995 Hwy 22
Dallas, OR 97338
1.5 — 5 miles; light to moderate

EE Wilson Wildlife Area

29555 Camp Adair Road
Monmouth, OR 97361
16 mile loop; all skill levels

Willamette River Trail

50 C Street
Independence, OR 97351
5k loop; all skill levels

Some trails may be closed during winter months.

Bike Trails

Adair/Independence/Monmouth

Independence, OR
34.4 miles; Moderate

Berry Creek Loop

Monmouth, OR
5.7 miles; Moderate

Black Rock Mountain Bike Area

Falls City, OR
Different trails of varying difficulty

Buena Vista Ferry

Independence, OR
57.0 miles; Challenging

Monmouth — Amity Loop

Monmouth, OR
64.0 miles; Challenging

Monmouth to Buena Vista

Monmouth, OR
27.5 miles; Moderate

Mt. Brown Bonzai Loop

Falls City, OR
4.6 miles; Varying levels of difficulty

For more info on these trails or others, go to <http://rideoregonride.com/rides>.



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Rafting & Kayaking

Buell County Park to Yamhill River

7 miles; Class I & II

Upper Bridge to Mill Creek County Park

5.6 miles; Class III & IV
Grande Ronde to Sheridan

15.3 miles; Class II & III

Buena Vista to Independence
11 miles; Class I & II

Independence to Salem
12 miles; Class I & II

For more info on these or others, go to www.alltrails.com or www.riverfacts.com.

Outdoor Adventure

ARTS AND CULTURE

BE INSPIRED



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Visual Arts

Cannon Gallery of Art

Campbell Hall, WOU ·
8am-5pm Mon.-Fri.
(503) 838-8607 ·
boothp@wou.edu

WOU Campus Gallery

Spaces:
Hamersly Library, 2nd
and 3rd Floor galleries
Werner University
Center Gallery (near
bookstore)
President's Hallway,
Administration Building

River Gallery

184 S. Main St.,
Independence
(503) 838-6171 · www.
rivergalleryart.com

Rick's Place Coffeehouse

123 East Main ·
Momouth 97351
503 838 4912 ·
ricksplacecoffee@
yahoo.com

Ash Creek Arts Center Gallery @ MaMere's MaMere's Bed & Breakfast

212 Knox St. N ·
Monmouth 97361
503 838 1514 ·
mamesbandb.com
www.ashcreekarts.org
www.facebook.com/
AshCreekArtsCenter

Java Crew

139 S Monmouth ·
Monmouth 97361

Crush Wine Bar & Tasting Room

105 Main St. E ·
Monmouth, OR 97361
503 949 0160 · www.
crushonmain.com

Performing Arts

Central High School Theater, Music productions

1530 Monmouth
Street, Independence
(503) 838-0480

Smith Fine Arts Series

Rice Auditorium, WOU
503-838-8333 ·
fineart@wou.edu
www.wou.

edu/president/
advancement/smith/

WOU Theater/Dance Performances

Rice Auditorium, WOU
503 838-8461 · eliaass@
wou.edu
www.wou.edu/las/
creativearts/

WOU Music Recitals/ Concerts

Smith Hall, WOU
(503) 838-8275 ·
lcaligu@wou.edu

Annual Events

The Summer Solstice Art Benefit

An annually occurring
PCL fundraiser
Contact PCL at 503-
838-2403, or visit
auction.pclpartnership.
org

Independence River's Edge Summer Series

The Rivers Edge
Summer Series
includes concerts,
movies in the park,
and a car show.

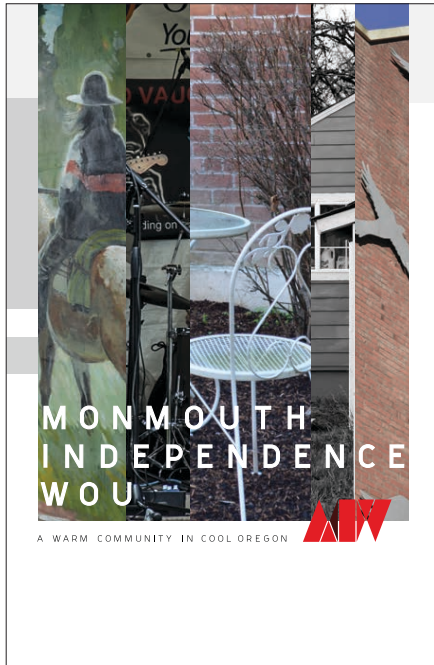
*For more info contact
the Monmouth
Arts and Culture
Commission (732) 212-
1890*

For more info:
Monmouth - Independence Chamber of Commerce
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355 Pacific Avenue N, Suite A
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