



December 2016

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Dec. 25
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From everyone with the Monmouth Business Association.

Dec. 1 - 3 Monmouth Garden Club Greens Sale. Annual Holiday Greens Sale of the Monmouth Garden Club. Fresh, made on site wreaths, table arrangements and decorated holiday mugs will be available. New items are put out hourly each day of the sale. Proceeds help with community beautification projects. Central Baptist Church, 655 S. Pacific Avenue (Hwy 99W) Monmouth. Thursday, Dec. 1, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Friday, Dec. 2, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dec 2 & 3 Light Up the Night: 49th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting. It's that time of year again when the weather is colder, the air is brisker and the commercials start to advertise gifts. It's the holiday season which means it's time to light the Giant Sequoia Tree on the Western Oregon University (WOU) campus! This is the 49th year the tree will be lit and this year's theme is "Light up the Night." Come to campus to watch the parade, hear the laughter and songs of children, build community and watch the tree light up in splendor. The WOU Alumni Association Board of Directors will hand out complimentary hot cocoa and hot cider under the Alumni tents. Be sure to come say hello and grab a cup to warm your hands! Activities for the whole family will take place after the tree lighting and will include pictures with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts and more! There will be two days of fun and interactive activities as follows:
Friday, December 2nd: 6 p.m. **Holiday Parade**, 7 p.m. inside the Werner University Center. Local school choir concert, pictures with Santa, holiday cookie bake-off, tree decorating contest, arts and crafts, and Toys for Tots donations.
7:30 p.m. in the Rice Auditorium, **Chamber Singers and Concert Choir.** Ticket prices: \$3 general, \$1 student and senior citizens, WOU students free with ID
Saturday, December 3: 7 p.m. inside the Werner University Center, **Holiday Bingo** \$1 for general admission, free for students living on campus
7:30 p.m. in the Rice Auditorium, **Western Hemisphere Orchestra**
Tickets: \$3 general, \$1 students and senior citizens, WOU students free with ID

Dec. 1-3 & Dec 7-10 Irvin Berlin's "White Christmas" Song & Dance Performance by CHS students. Irving Berlin's White Christmas tells the story of a song-and-dance team putting on a show in a magical Vermont Inn and falling for a stunning sister act in the process. Enjoy a fun event as the Central High School performers dance and sing to some of the greatest songs ever written!
Come to a special Dinner & Show on December 3rd at 5:30 pm. For more information and to order tickets for the performance. Showtime at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Adults: \$8.00, Students (High School & under): \$5.00.

Dec. 3 2016 Parade of Lights in Independence. Fun begins at 1 pm. After enjoying Santa arriving from the North on the Santa Express from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, find a comfortable place to watch the Parade starting at 5:00pm. The parade starts at the Baptist Church parking lot across from Central High School, heads down Monmouth Street, then through beautiful, brightly decorated downtown Independence. An Open House reception follows immediately after the parade in downtown Independence at Sojourn Beauty, 240 Main Street, with plenty of hot cider, hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. We'll also sing a few Christmas melodies to round out the celebration.

Dec. 4 1st Annual Member Celebration. Join us for an afternoon of food, drinks, and fellowship as we say thank you to our members for your support of the MI Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center and of our community. 2 PM to 4 PM. Crush Wine Bar, 105 Main Street E. Monmouth. Enjoy refreshments and one complimentary beverage provided by the MI Chamber Board of Directors.

Dec. 7 Fall PEP Talks: Connections that Count. The PEP Talks Series, **Promote Enterprising Performance**, is designed to provide information, tips, best practices, and resources on various topics to help strengthen businesses and organizations in our community. The 2016 Fall Series "Connections that Count...Business, Community, and You" includes three different workshops, one per month October through December. MI Chamber members and non-members are invited to attend any or all of the series led by local leaders in their respective fields of expertise. Each workshop will be held from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM and include lunch for participants. Cost per workshop is \$20 or a reduced fee of \$15 for MI Chamber members. • Unforgettable You: 4 Simple Ways to Connect and Be Remembered

Dec. 10 & 11 2016 Rickreall Winter Gun Show. Saturday hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday hours 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Adults \$6.00 Kids 12 and under FREE. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy. Rickreall.
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Dec. 15 5:30 - 7 pm. Chamber After-hours Mixer. Join us in December for holiday cheer, wine, and light refreshments in a festive atmosphere as decorated like only Petals & Vines can do! 410 Main Street E. Monmouth. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our monthly after-hours mixers. Mixers provide networking opportunities to build business and community relations while promoting your business or organization. Get to know members, learn about the host site, enter to win giveaways, enjoy refreshments, and more!

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