

Smith: 'Life is about finding something you love'

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Kidd has watched Smith's ability to assist students evolve over the years.

"When he was younger, he would just give them the answer," Kidd said. "Now he thinks about helping them learn."

To Smith, learning ulti-

mately means taking the knowledge gained in school and seeing how it relates to life after graduation.

He gives Falls City schools a lot of credit in helping him see that.

He said his senior project class required students to do "job shadows" with people

in a number of fields. Smith shadowed at Oregon Department of Fish Wildlife's Cedar Creek fish hatchery, a couple of teachers, and an EMT.

He said classes offered at the school and in Faces, such as a forensics class he took, offer opportunities to

see how ideas apply to life.

"It's not really about being a forensic scientist," he said. "It's about evaluating forensic evidence while you are on jury duty to determine if someone is really guilty or not."

Smith believes that is the most valuable "lesson" he's

learned.

"A lot of the teaching that goes on in Falls City is (geared) toward how we are going to apply that to a job," he said.

Smith encourages students to take advantage of those chances.

"I would advise younger

students to explore high school in different ways," he said. "I think you should try to take classes that you like to do or try things outside of school that interest you, because life isn't about school and working. It's about finding something that you love to do and then doing that."

ACADEMIC HONORS

Monmouth student inducted to Psi Chi

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — Madeleine Witwer-Dukes, of Monmouth, was inducted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology.

St. Olaf College recently honored her for her induction into a national honor society.

She is the daughter of Gary Dukes and Kathryn Witwer.

Dallas student awarded scholarship

DALLAS — The Associated Oregon Loggers Scholarship Committee awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Lindsay Golly, of Dallas. Golly will attend Oregon State University, and his studies will be in the field of forestry or a forest resource production curriculum.

Central board to consider November facilities bond

By Emily Mentzer

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INDEPENDENCE — Central School District will ask voters to approve a facilities bond in November.

The decision came after hearing reports from a bond exploration committee, which spent about six months looking into the needs of the district's schools.

Because of steps taken to refinance current bonds, the new bond would not increase property tax rates, Finance Director Cec Koontz said.

"It's the right time; it's the right scope, and we can keep it cost-neutral to taxpayers," Koontz said.

An added incentive to go for the bond in November is the availability of a \$4 million grant from the state, Koontz said. The state offered those grants to encourage communities to invest in their schools.

If passed, the bond would pay for air conditioning at Independence Elementary School, as well as add a 12-room wing which would replace dilapidated portable classrooms. A new gymnasium would be built, and the old gym would be used as the cafeteria and make way for a parking lot, something IES does not have, Koontz said.

At Monmouth Elementary School, the bond would pay to convert the current gymnasium/cafeteria into strictly a cafeteria. The kitchen would be increased, and a new gym would be built.

"In both cases, those gyms would be competition-style gyms, so they could be more available to the community," Superintendent Buzz Brazeau said.

Right now, the gyms at IES and MES have rubberized flooring, and are unsuitable for competitions for the community or teams from Central Youth Sports, Koontz said.

"No one wants a sixth-grader or an eighth-grader playing on a rubber floor with short baskets," she said.

At Talmadge Middle School, the two-story gym would be remodeled.

"The upstairs gym is really wasted space right now," Brazeau said.

The upper level was once used for competition and physical education classes, but it's not accessible to those with disabilities, among other issues, Koontz said.

If the bond is passed, it will pay for expanding the gym, adding gender-neutral locker rooms, and create two teaching facilities, Brazeau said.

With recent recommendations from the Oregon Department of Education and President Barack Obama, it makes sense to build any new locker rooms in a gender-neutral fashion, Brazeau said.

"It's the right thing to do," Koontz added. "Pretty much, the architects wouldn't recommend doing it without these days. They'd already drawn those in."

A four-room pod will also be added to Talmadge, Brazeau said.

"All the things that are there are part of the 2012 long-range plan that was created for the district at the end of the high school bond completion," he said.

With the additional \$4 million grant, it's roughly the cost of one of the new gyms, Koontz said.

"We've needed this for years," she said. "Now is the best opportunity to step in and get it done without raising taxes and taking advantage of these matching funds, making our money go a longer way and giving the rest of the buildings a chance to be a source of pride like the high school is."

The board will not take final action on the ballot title and definition until August. The district will apply for the state grant dollars in July, but Brazeau said the district has already qualified for the full \$4 million.



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June 4 - 5 • 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.


at Riverview Park, Independence

<p>Saturday, June 4</p> <p>9:00a - Survivor check in Starts 9:30a - Team Rally 9:45a - Leadership Rally 10:00a - Opening Ceremonies (Colors, Anthem, Speaker) 10:30a - Survivor Lap 11:00a - Patriotic Lap - Auction #1 Opens Noon - Power of Purple Lap - Infamous Soul (Band) 1:00p - Storm the Track (Storm Troopers) Lap 2:00p - Breast Cancer awareness in Survivor (Kandy) 2:30p - Mr. Relay 2:45p - Zumba 3:00p - Auction #1 Closes - Crazy Hat/Hair Lap 3:30p - First \$\$ Count 4:00p - Ed Desmarteau (Musician) - Auction #2 Opens 4:30p - Mr. Relay ends 5:00p - Ceremony of Everything! - Team recognition & quilt - Grand Club Member - Sponsors - Mr. Relay winner announced - CAN Speaker 6:00p - CAN Lap</p>	<p>7:00p - Yo Yo Yoda Lap - Line Dancing 8:00p - Auction #2 Closes 8:30p - Last \$\$ Count for the evening 9:00p - Wookie Walk Lap - Luminaria Bag placement begins 10:00p - Luminaria Ceremony 11:00p - Light Sabor/Glow Stick Lap Midnight - Movie w/ pizza (& Hot Chocolate)</p> <p>Sunday, June 5</p> <p>1:00a - Twin/Buddy Lap 2:00a - Luau/Hawaiian Lap 3:00a - Red Neck/Camo Lap 4:00a - Mardi Gras Lap 5:00a - Pajama Lap 5:30a - Sunrise Service in Survivor Tent (Kay & Denvy) 6:00a - Java Fueled Lap 6:30a - LAST MONEY DROP!! 7:00a - Scavenger Hunt 8:00a - Breakfast from ELKS 9:00a - Closing Ceremonies - Money totals - Pink Can - Spirit Awards 10:00a - TEAR DOWN - SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!</p>
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JUNE 2016

MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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410 E. Main St.
Monmouth

June 3 — Smith Fine Arts Series: Sean Jones with The Western Hemisphere Orchestra. 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University, Corner of Knox and Powell Streets, Monmouth. For more information or to order tickets, call Sandy at 503-838-8333. \$25 in advance, \$28 at door, \$11 students. <http://smithfinearts.org>

June 4 — Monmouth Community Breakfast. 8:30 - 10:30. Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S Warren. Monmouth

June 4 & 5 — Relay For Life of Polk County! June 4, 2016 - June 5, 2016. Riverview Park, 50 C Street, Independence. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. With the support of thousands of volunteers like you, the American Cancer Society is helping save more than 500 lives a day. Please join us and take action against a disease that has taken too much!

June 10 — LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR CHS!

June 10 — Central High School Graduation. CHS Panther Stadium. 7 pm to 9 pm. CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

June 11 & 12 — Summer Rickreall Gun Show. ♦Buy ♦ Sell ♦ Trade ♦ Guns ♦ Knives ♦ Ammunition Lots of Collector Items. Saturday, June 11th 9am - 5pm. Sunday, June 12th 9am - 3pm Adults ≈ \$6.00, Kids Under 12 ≈ FREE, Parking ≈ FREE, Food Available Onsite. Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Hwy., Rickreall

June 16 — Chamber After-hours Mixer - Rogue Farms and Arena Sports Bar & Grill Join us June 16 for a fun afternoon of hops, beer, and networking!
We'll start the afternoon at 3:30 PM at Rogue Farms for an abbreviated tour followed by samples at Chatoe Rogue courtesy of Rogue Farms. Next, we'll head to downtown Independence to Arena Sports Bar & Grill for light refreshments courtesy of Arena and additional Rogue beers on tap available for purchase. Along the way, network with others and build your customer base!
Whether you take the tour, relax at Arena, or both, we look forward to seeing you for our special June mixer! Rogue Farms - 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Arena Sports Bar & Grill - 174 Main Street Independence.

June 21 — Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Hosts - PEP Talks: Promoting with a Purpose In Person 12 to 1:30 pm and include lunch for participants. Cost per workshop is \$15 for MI Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Promoting with a Purpose In Person. Location: Henry Hill Education Support Center 750 S 5th Street, Independence. Overview: • Know how to work a room • Pitch your business efficiently • Engage others effectively Presented by: Jeremy McKern, Tunnel Radio of America. Register by noon Monday, June 20. *Cancelations must be received by noon 6/20/16 or fee incurred.

June 25 — 20th PCL Summer Solstice Benefit Auction. Location: Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S Pacific Hwy, Rickreall. Join PCL for their 20th Summer Solstice Benefit Auction. Tickets \$30.00 each. You must purchase tickets in advance. For more information, contact Shawn McCammon 503-838-2403 ext. 324. <http://auction.pclpartnership.org/>