

Monmouth police to host crafting

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MONMOUTH — Children and their guardians are invited to Craft with a Cop at the Monmouth Police Department from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 5.



The event is part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is April. “Monmouth Police Department staff is excited to announce an event ... to not only bring awareness to child abuse prevention, but also to spend positive, encouraging time with children in our community,” Sgt. Kim Dorn said. Children, their guardians and police personnel will create the most recognized symbol of child abuse prevention: Pinwheels for Prevention. “The pinwheel is an uplifting symbol of childhood,” Dorn said. “It is a reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children.” Participants are encouraged to wear blue, the color associated with Child Abuse Prevention Month. Other craft activities and snacks will be available at the afternoon event. “We are passionate about preventing child abuse and wanted to do more than place pinwheels on our lawn,” Dorn said. Donations from Walmart, Roth’s and BiMart helped make the event possible.



Fresh flowers are always on hand at the Original Independence Farmers Market, in the Umpqua Bank parking lot. EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer file

No joke: Markets open April 1

Two different events offer variety of greens, plants, crafters

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INDEPENDENCE — It’s no April Fool’s joke: The Independence farmers markets kick off their 2017 season on Saturday. While there isn’t much in the way of fruits or vegetables yet — the wet, cold winter has kept farming slow — there will be plenty to do at both the Original Independence Farmers Market at Umpqua Bank and at the Riverview Independence Farmers Market on Main Street at Riverview Park. It wouldn’t be opening day at the market without free cinnamon rolls and coffee from Ovenbird Bakery at the original market location. The treats go quickly, Martha Walton said, especially if the sun’s shining. “There will be crafts, some plants and flowers,” said Martha Walton. “Our

Farm to table

What: Original Independence Farmers Market and Independence Riverview Market.
When: Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through November.
Where: Umpqua Bank parking lot (Original Independence Farmers Market) and Riverview Park (Independence Riverview Market).
Of note: Free cinnamon rolls and coffee from Ovenbird Bakery will be at the Original Farmers Market, while supplies last. At Riverview Market, Amelia Marie Clothing will be selling leggings and other clothes.
For more information: Both markets have Facebook pages, where they post photos and pictures of what’s available. Or call Martha Walton (Original Independence Farmers Market) at 503-881-9950; Sue Barker (Riverview Market) at 503-837-0045.

bakery lady will be there with homemade bread.” At the Riverview market, Sue Barker said they’re doing things a little differently this year. “We have nonprofit guests on a pretty regular basis,” she said. Small businesses will be invited to the market this year to help them get exposure, Barker said.

Kicking off the new tradition, Amelia Marie Clothing will have vendor space. “It’s kind of bringing the community into the market as well as the market being for the community,” she said. “I’m kind of excited about it. I think it’s going to be fun.” Riverview Market also will host the summertime Art in the Park, sponsored

by the Independence Downtown Association in June, July and August. While Barker said the markets will have some greens — arugula and lettuces — other favorites are on a more typical schedule this year. “I talked with my strawberry guy yesterday and he said he is planning on the eighth of June,” she said. “Once the sun comes out, all this rain and everything is going to make it wonderful. It’s frustrating because things rot or get beat down from the rain.” Walton agreed. “End of May, usually,” she said. “April showers bring May flowers.” Both markets will have a variety of starter plants to get gardeners excited about sowing their crops, as well as crafters selling their wares. “Come and have fun,” Walton said. “We’re always looking for vendors.”

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Lindsey Horton,
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Dallas Retirement Village answers questions about The Lodge Clubhouse and the brand new Lodge Residences now available.

By Lindsey Horton

As the Sales and Marketing Director, I interact daily with current and future residents of Dallas Retirement Village. Lately I’ve noticed a significant increase in their excitement and positivity. Why, you ask? It’s the opening of our Lodge Clubhouse.

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