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Art News from West Plains Council on the Arts

—Art Exhibit - O.I.L. exhibit features works by differently abled artists May 20-June 13 at “Gallery at the Center.”

—New features of Old Time Music Festival include 40-mile historic tour by bicycle and demonstration/discussion of Missouri Fox Trotting horse – the breed, the gait, the history – and its likely local origin.

## WEST PLAINS BREWFEST TO BREW UP FUNDS FOR FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

**WEST PLAINS, Mo.** – All are invited to sample some of the locally available craft beers and help a worthy cause at West Plains BrewFest, set for 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, in the Magnolia Room at the West Plains Civic Center.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the West Plains Council on the Arts’ Gatewood Family Scholarship, which will be awarded to an area graduating high school senior planning to major in music and/or art education. The event is sponsored by the West Plains Council on the Arts, Great Rivers Distributing, Grellner Sales & Services, and Piney River Brewing of Bucyrus.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample more than 40 craft beers, organizers said. Participating breweries include Mother’s Brewing and Springfield Brewing, both of Springfield; Rock Bridge Brewing of Columbia; and Piney River Brewing. Specially selected craft beers from Great Rivers Distributing and Grellner Sales also will be featured, organizers said.

“Piney River is very excited to participate in a beer festival to support a great cause in our own backyard,” said owner Joleen Senter Durham. “We are

going to have some ‘special’ beers to pour, as well as our flagship beers. We are really looking forward to this!”

In addition to sampling, attendees can enjoy locally prepared hors d’oeuvres, and the first 300 through the doors will receive a souvenir tasting glass.

Admission is \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Blocks of 11 tickets are available for \$200. All attendees must be over 21 and have a valid photo ID. Advanced tickets can be purchased in West Plains at Eastside Package, 1124 Grace Ave.; Howell County Outpost, 4972 U.S. Highway 160; and Party Pantry, 1460 Gibson Ave. They also may be purchased at Piney River Brewing, 15194 Walnut Grove, in Bucyrus.

More information about the West Plains BrewFest can be found at <http://terricomb.wix.com/west-plains-brewfest>, VisitMo.com, BeerAdvocate.com, or at the event’s Facebook page, West Plains BrewFest. E-mail inquiries may be sent to Terri Combs at [terricomb@gmail.com](mailto:terricomb@gmail.com) or by phone at 417-505-0812.

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## New Activities with emphasis on “Active” to be offered at 2013 Old Time Music Ozark Heritage Festival

### —*Interpretive Bike Ride to feature 40 miles of scenic history*

Did you know that there were once actual towns, almost small cities, at places like Burnham, Old Horton and Olden. What's left are not ghost towns, but almost. Join this bike ride during Festival week to get a glimpse into a fascinating history of our area.

Ride organizer Edward Boys said the current plan is to start at 7 AM at the West Plains Civic Center and journey up Washington Avenue to the site where a battery of artillery shelled the West Plains Court House during the Civil War. At this stop there will be a brief discussion of West Plains, Col Monks and the Civil War.

From there, he said, they will ride up several hills to Richards School- stop long enough to gather up any stragglers, and discuss those European settlers who first came to this part of the country, and the resulting influence of the Scotch-Irish that has endured to have a continuing influence on the current day political landscape. It figures strongly, for instance, he said, on why we do not have a unified school system.

From there, riders will journey up to Olden, a long-time center of historic fruit groves. They will also view and discuss native stone architecture of the area, and discuss African American migration to the Ozarks.

From there, Boys said, it's just a short hop to Pomona, where riders will stop to hear about a historic scheme where a fraud was

perpetrated on area residents who helped fund an Oil well that did not have any Oil. This scandal resulted in jail time for some of the participants and caused the collapse of the bank.

The ride turns around at Pomona, this is a chance to use the rest room, purchase water, sports drinks & snacks before the ride back. At the turn around the Timber Boom of the early 1900's and the town of Old Horton, located to the west, will be briefly discussed.

Next stop, Sadie Brown Cemetery, which should prompt another discussion of African American post-civil war immigration due to opportunities to work in the extensive orchards in Howell County.

At this stop the history of Siloam Springs (located a few miles west on Missouri 14), a Gold Rush, and John Woodruff's Pinebrook Inn will also be discussed.

The loop concludes back in West Plains with a tour past the location of the 1928 Dance Hall explosion and the location, just across the street, where Sheriff Kelley met his end at the hands of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Boys estimates the ride at about 25 miles more or less, generally easy with only a few big hills, maybe 1,000 feet of climb. Riders need to be comfortable riding with traffic on the shoulder of a 4 lane highway, and able to hold a 5 minute per mile pace on the hills. The ride will be limited in number, so sign up early.

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## **—Pioneer Saddle Club to tell story, demonstrate gait of Mo. Fox Trotter**

No one could be better suited to demonstrate the unique straight-legged, ever so comfortable gait of the distinctive “saddle horse” than the members of the Pioneer Saddle Club of West Plains. Some of those members were there at the start, in 1948, when breed characteristics were first being sorted out, and were instrumental in the founding of the Mo. Fox Trotters Association and in developing the registry of bloodlines.

“We want to tell that story, of how those horses came to be here and why they were and are important,” one member said. Fox trotters are a mix of several breeds and are believed to have arrived in the Ozarks in the early 1800’s with settlers coming from Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. Their unique and comfortable gait was very useful in the rocky hills, and they soon became a staple of farm life, whether as saddle horse or as farm work horse.

## Differently Abled Artists to be featured in “Gallery” exhibition

Ozarks Independent Living is offering a new opportunity for artists who are differently abled to display their works by issuing a call for entries for an art show they will sponsor May 20 - June 13 at "Gallery at the Center. An Artists' Reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

Artists from Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas and Wright Counties are eligible to exhibit. First, Second and Third Place awards will be chosen from the entire field of entries.

Categories include painting (oil, watercolor acrylic, etc.); photography; graphic design and illustration (coloring/activity books etc.); drawing (pencil, charcoal, crayon etc.); 3-dimensional (sculpture, jewelry, ceramics etc.), and fabric (sewing, quilting, knitting etc.). All pieces must be ready to display, either framed or mounted on a durable backing such as foam board. Framed pieces must be equipped with a wire hangar, Foam mounted pieces must also include a hanging device. All ages are encouraged to submit work. Entries will only be accepted from artists who have a disability.

Organizers said entrants will have the option of selling their artwork, and any piece offered for sale must have the price attached. Entry forms and brochures are available at OIL, 109 Aid Ave., West Plains. Artwork may be submitted at that location May 1-3 and can be picked up at the Center at 4 p.m. June 13 or afterward at the OIL office any time before June 21.

For more information, call 417-257-0038 or toll free at 888-440-7500.

Entries from areas outside Howell County can also be submitted at the following locations:  
 Douglas County - Ava Art Guild (417-683-1129)  
 Oregon County - Thayer Senior Center (417-264-7354)  
 Ozark County - Ozark County Senior Center (417-679-4746)  
 Shannon County - Winona Senior Center (573-325-4636)  
 Texas County - Houston Senior Center (417-967-4119)  
 Wright County - Mountain Grove Senior Center (417-926-5867)

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