

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Parade of Lights set for Saturday

The Santa Train and Parade of Lights will return on Saturday.

The Santa Train will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Independence Cinema parking lot.

The Parade of Lights starts at 5 p.m. and will go from Monmouth Street near Central High School to the Independence Civic Center.

After the parade, Sojourn International on Main Street will hold an open house and Christmas songs.

For more information: Nancy Lodge, 503-838-2314.

Heritage Museum celebrates 40

The Heritage Museum will celebrate its 40th anniversary Monday at 7 p.m. at Independence City Hall Event Center, 555 S. Main St., Independence.

Attendees will meet the new museum board of directors, hear about new developments and plans, artifacts and memorabilia from the museum archives.

The evening will also celebrate the launch of the Independence Heritage Museum 40th Anniversary Digital Tour in the iTunes store.

There will also be music, snacks and cake.

For more information: www.orheritage.org.

Garden Club holds annual greens sale

The Monmouth Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Sale Wednesday (today) through Friday at Central Baptist Church, 655 S. Pacific Ave.

The sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

Fresh, made on site door wreaths, table decorations and holiday cups will be available.

Proceeds from the sale go toward community beautification projects.

DHS bowl dinner, auction returns

Dallas High School's art department will host the 17th annual soup bowl dinner, auction and art show

Shining bright



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Christmas lights adorn houses throughout Polk County. If you have a light display you don't mind sharing, email your address to ionews@polkio.com and we'll compile a list.

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Buy the bowl and the soup is free. Handcrafted ceramic bowls made by the DHS art department cost \$10.

A variety of soups will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dallas High School forum in an all-you-can-eat format.

A silent auction will also take place.

Scouting for food on Saturday

Boy Scout troops across Oregon will go door-to-door collecting nonperishable food donations for hungry families. The Scouts will distribute door hanger signs and plastic bags in the neighborhoods where they will collect food.

Donations may be left in a bag or box by the front door, or given directly to Scouts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

More information: www.cpcbsa.org.

Friends Holiday Book Sale begins

The Friends of the Monmouth Library will hold its annual holiday book sale Thursday through Dec. 22. The sale will include new and gently used books. Look

for the special holiday book sale shelf near the front desk of the Monmouth Public Library during normal library hours.

Proceeds will benefit reading programs and special activities for the whole family.

MICC to celebrate its members

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center will host its first member celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Crush Wine Bar, 105 Main St. E., Monmouth.

Join other chamber members for an afternoon of food, drinks and fellowship as a thank you from the chamber. The refreshments and one beverage are complimentary.

Registration closes at noon on Thursday. To RSVP: www.micc-or.org.

Learn to connect, be remembered

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce will host a PEP talk workshop, Four simple ways to connect and be remembered, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Henry

Hill Education Resource Center, 750 S. Fifth St., Independence.

The workshop helps participants to promote themselves and create a larger customer base.

Cost \$20 per person, or \$15 reduced fee for chamber members, and includes lunch.

Register by noon on Tuesday at www.micc-or.org.

Holiday giving tree benefits seniors

A holiday giving tree to benefit the residents of Independence Health & Rehabilitation Center will be located at the Independence Public Library through Dec. 16.

Descriptions of items needed are printed on the decorations on the tree at the library. Visitors can select a decoration or two, purchase the item(s) and return the unwrapped gifts to the library front desk. The gifts will be wrapped and delivered to the center for holiday celebrations. You can make the holidays a little brighter for seniors.

More information is available by contacting the library at 503-838-1811, or Liane Moser at 503-838-2240.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS 950 Main St. 503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Nov. 30, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ.
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, Dec. 1, noon — Adult Book Discussion.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. — Ukelele Fans of Dallas.

INDEPENDENCE 175 Monmouth St. 503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Gingerbread houses).
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Ornament Shop).

MONMOUTH 168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, Dec. 1, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Story Time.
- Thursday, Dec. 1, 4:30 p.m. — Family Coloring Night.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m. — Builders Club.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY 111 N. Main St., Falls City 503-787-3521, ext. 319

www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

- See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar is a listing of upcoming events taking place in Polk County that are open to the public. To submit an event for calendar consideration, please send it at least two weeks before the actual event date to the Itemizer-Observer via email (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

- **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.
- **Willamette Valley Food Assistance Program Food Bank** — 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., 888 Monmouth Cutoff Road, Building E, Dallas. Weekly distribution for eligible community members. 503-831-5634.
- **Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Falls City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.
- **Brew and BS: The New Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on New Testament figures. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

- **Dallas Lions Club** — Noon, Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.
- **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** — Noon, First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. Visiting Rotarians, guests and prospective Rotarians are welcome to these luncheon meetings. Free. 503-838-4884.
- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.
- **Homework, Hoops and Hotdogs** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas. Free help with homework for students in middle and high school. 503-917-9822, Nona Springer.
- **Central High School Presents "White Christmas"** — 7:00 p.m., CHS Auditorium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. \$8 general; \$5 students. Centralperformingarts.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

- **Dallas Winterfest** — 5 to 8 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Meeting** — 9:45 to 11 a.m. Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. First meeting is free. 503-930-7936.
- **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.
- **49th annual Holiday Tree Lighting** — 6 p.m., Western Oregon University. Wine, Warmth, Music at Gentle House; holiday parade; local choirs; cookie bake-off, pictures with Santa. Free.
- **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 6:30 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.
- **Central High School Presents "White Christmas"** — 7:30 p.m., CHS Auditorium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. \$8 general; \$5 students. Centralperformingarts.org.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

- **Polk Community Free Clinic** — 7 to 11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Free medical and mental health care for uninsured and underinsured. Held on the first and fourth Saturday of the month. 503-990-8772.
- **Monmouth Senior Center All-You-Can-Eat Community Breakfast** — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Cost: \$6, adults; \$3, children younger than 12. 503-838-5678.
- **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.
- **Santa Train** — 1 to 3 p.m., Independence Cinema, 450 S. Second St. Pictures with Santa, gifts, cookies, cocoa, music. Free.
- **Parade of Lights** — 5 p.m., Monmouth Avenue to Main Street, Independence. Open house follows at Sojourn International on Main Street Independence with cider, cocoa and cookies, and pictures with Santa. Free.
- **Dallas High School Presents "The Aristocats Kids"** — 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Ave., \$4 Tickets are available at the door.
- **Central High School Presents "White Christmas"** — 7:30 p.m., CHS Auditorium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. \$8 general; \$5 students. Centralperformingarts.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

- **Polk Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: \$1; children 12 and younger, free. Early admission from 6 to 9 a.m. is \$5. 503-428-8224.
- **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

- **Relatives as Parents Support Group** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Patrick Parish (Annex), 1265 E St., Independence. Support and education for grandparents raising grandchildren or other relatives. Meets first Monday of the month. Free, drop-ins OK. Coffee and refreshments provided. 503-606-7620.
- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.
- **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome. \$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

- **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Open to children pre-kindergarten and younger with parent/adult. Tuesdays through Fridays. Free.
- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., St. Philip Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club** — 6 to 7 p.m. weigh-in, 7 to 8 p.m. meeting, First Christian Church basement, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Meetings offer programs and activities aimed at losing weight. Open to anyone. First meeting is free.

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