

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## Cannon Art Gallery hosting exhibition

The Dan and Gail Cannon Gallery of Art at Western Oregon University will host an exhibit, "Fragments and Paper," beginning Wednesday (today) through Feb. 6. An artists reception will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:30 to 6 p.m. An artists talk will be held Jan. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. The exhibit features collaborative art projects by Bob Schlegel and Robert Tomlinson. Most of the pieces on display are three-dimensional. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information: 503-838-8607; email to boothp@wou.edu.

## Reception planned for new art exhibit

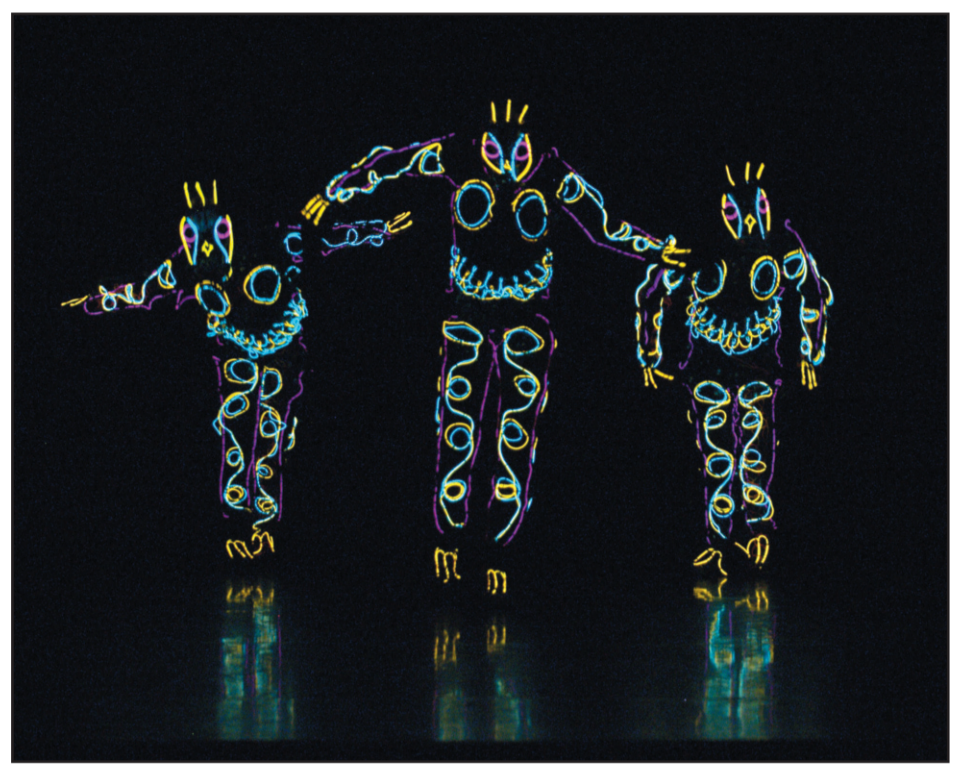
Ash Creek Arts Center will host a free opening reception for its newest exhibit, "The Inhabited World," Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. The reception and display are at the Ash Creek Arts Center Gallery at MaMere's Bed & Breakfast, 212 Knox St. N., Monmouth. "The Inhabited World" features ceramics by Falls City artist Dana Bergman, quilts by Linda Schreiner of La Grande, and beaded baskets from Indonesia courtesy of Rocksalt Imports of Independence. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 2. For more information: 503-838-1811; email to ashcreekarts@gmail.com.

## Meditation group meets Thursdays

Valley Zen Circle resumes weekly meditation and discussion every Thursday during the new year. The group meets for meditation in the Soto Zen style at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of Christ's Church, 412 Clay St. W., Monmouth. The first study focus is the Heart Sutra, one of the oldest and most widely known teachings in Buddhism. For more information: Jill Washburn, 503-623-8600; online at <http://valleyzen.weebly.com/>.

## Next country dance slated on Saturday

Guthrie Park Community Center will host its next monthly country dance Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. All ages are welcome for an evening of dancing to the music of Cash & Company. Caller is Truman Price. Dances include old-time squares, big circles, longway



DARRYL THOMAS, RAINBOW DANCE THEATRE/for the Itemizer-Observer  
Rainbow Dance Theatre's iLumiDance production, coming to Monmouth Friday, uses a unique mix of dance and illumination to create a visual treat for the senses.

## Unique dance performance coming to WOU stage Friday

**Itemizer-Observer staff report**  
MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University's Smith Fine Arts Series resumes Friday night with a performance by Monmouth's very own Rainbow Dance Theatre. iLumiDance, the new show featuring Rainbow Dance Theatre's ensemble of virtuoso dancers, is comprised of works that feature the interplay of dance and illumination. According to the Rainbow Dance Theatre website, "Utilizing electro-luminescent (EL) wire, fiber optic fabric, black light and other special effects, Rainbow Dance Theatre's artistic directors Valerie Bergman and

Darryl Thomas (a professor at WOU) create a world of wonder in their newest production. Delighting audiences young and adult with its magic and humor, iLumiDance is a tour-de-force of virtuosic dancing and cutting-edge technology." Founded in Honolulu in 1991, Rainbow Dance Theatre has been based in Monmouth since 2000. The 2014-15 school year marks Rainbow Dance Theatre's 14th season as an affiliate of Western Oregon University. RDT performs locally and regionally, and has toured both nationally and internationally, including performances in China and Japan.

### If You Go ...

**What:** "iLumiDance," Rainbow Dance Theatre, part of the 2014-15 Western Oregon University Smith Fine Arts Series.  
**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth.  
**Tickets:** Adults, \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door; students, \$11.  
**For more information:** Call 503-838-8333; send an email to [fiheart@wou.edu](mailto:fiheart@wou.edu); [www.wou.edu/sfa](http://www.wou.edu/sfa).

### Have an Event?

Contributions are welcome to the weekly Community Notebook and Community Calendar listings. Deadline is Friday at noon. Submit your information via email to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

Sally Clark, 503-623-0809; [guthriepark@gmail.com](mailto:guthriepark@gmail.com); [www.guthriepark.org](http://www.guthriepark.org).

### Sunday breakfast planned at Grange

Buell Grange will host its monthly Second Sunday Community Breakfast on Jan. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per person, and the menu is scheduled to include your choice of pancakes, sausage and eggs; hash browns, sausage and eggs; or French toast and sausage. Meals include juice and coffee or tea. The event is a fundraiser. Proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Buell Grange Hall, located at 5970 Mill Creek Road, just off Highway 22 northwest of Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-8462 or 503-843-4703.

### Watershed council fundraiser on tap

Monmouth Burgerville will host a fundraiser for the Luckiamute Watershed Council on Jan. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. During that three-hour period, 10 percent of all sales will go toward supporting the work of the Luckiamute Watershed Council. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a raffle for prizes. Burgerville is located at 615 Main St. For more information: Luckiamute Watershed Council, 503-837-0237; Burgerville, 503-838-6096.

# LIBRARY CALENDAR

**DALLAS**  
950 Main St.  
503-623-2633  
[www.ci.dallas.or.us/library](http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/library)  
• Contact library for upcoming special events and programs

**INDEPENDENCE**  
175 Monmouth St.  
503-838-1811  
[www.ci.independence.or.us/library](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/library)  
• Wednesday, Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime  
• Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty  
• Thursday, Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m. — Chess

Club for Kids (grades 1 and above)  
• Saturday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. — e-Reader Workshop  
• Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime  
• Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. — e-Reader Workshop

**MONMOUTH**  
168 S. Ecols St.  
503-751-0182  
[www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library)  
• Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m. — Builders Club  
• Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:15 a.m. — Little Builders Club (for babies to preschool-

ers)  
• Thursday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. — Once Upon a Thursday Book Club ("The Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline)  
• Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:15 a.m. — Family Storytime  
• Wednesday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m. — Musical Storytime with Mrs. Goman (preschoolers and older)

**WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
111 N. Main St., Falls City  
503-787-3521, ext. 319  
[www.wagner.plinkit.org](http://www.wagner.plinkit.org)  
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To submit your items to the Community Calendar, email the Itemizer-Observer newsroom at [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com), send via fax to 503-623-2395, or deliver them in person to 147 SE Court St., Dallas. All events should be submitted two weeks in advance of the date of the event.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7**  
• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Dallas Family Medicine, 641 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.  
• **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.  
• **Scrabble with Betty** — 1 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence. Scrabble games first Wednesday of every month. Free; refreshments available. Prizes for top score and seasonal words. 503-551-7687 or 503-838-1811.  
• **Yarning for Others** — 3 to 5 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Knitters and crocheters gather to make clothing and accessories for those in need. 503-689-7222.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 8**  
• **"Mom and Me" Breastfeeding Support Group** — 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room, entrance through Emergency Department on Clay Street), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Free. 503-623-7323.  
• **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.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 9**  
• **Latino Community Roundtable Discussion** — 9:30 to 11 a.m., Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St., Independence. 503-838-1212.  
• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.  
• **Arc of Polk County Dance and Karaoke Night** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Academy Building, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. For adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Admission: \$3 (staffers and providers admitted free). Snacks available for purchase. 503-949-5552.  
• **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.  
• **"Dr. Dolittle"** — 7:30 p.m., Central High School, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Annual fundraiser production for the Pentacle Theatre of West Salem. Admission: \$20 adults, \$15 ages 15 and younger. 503-485-4300.  
• **Rainbow Dance Theatre — Smith Fine Arts Series** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. iLumiDance: "The Owl and the Serpent." Tickets: Adults, \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door; students, \$11. 503-838-8333.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 10**  
• **"Dr. Dolittle"** — 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Central High School, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Annual fundraiser production for the Pentacle Theatre of West Salem. Admission: \$20 adults, \$15 ages 15 and younger. 503-485-4300.  
• **Guthrie Park Country Dance** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Admission: \$5 per person; \$15 immediate family rate; children 12 and under free. 503-623-0809.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 11**  
• **Buell Grange Second Sunday Breakfast** — 8 to 11 a.m., Buell Grange Hall, 5970 Mill Creek Road, Sheridan. Cost: \$6. 503-623-8462 or 502-843-4703.  
• **From the Heart Community Sing** — 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Singers 12 and under meet from 1 to 2 p.m.; singers 13 and older meet from 2 to 3 p.m. Free; all are welcome. 503-559-5205.  
• **"Dr. Dolittle"** — 2 p.m., Central High School, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Annual fundraiser production for the Pentacle Theatre of West Salem. Admission: \$20 adults, \$15 ages 15 and younger. 503-485-4300.

**MONDAY, JAN. 12**  
• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.  
• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., Calvary Chapel, 1475 Monmouth St., Independence. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 13**  
• **Caregivers Support Group** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room, entrance through Emergency Department on Clay Street), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.  
• **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.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14**  
• **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.  
• **Polk County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Oak Knoll Golf Course, 6335 Highway 22, Independence. No-host lunch available. 503-623-5759.  
• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum** — Noon to 1 p.m., Independence Grill, 154 S. Main St., Independence. Mike Barnett, chairman of Friends of Polk County CASA, will share information about the local Court Appointed Special Advocates group. Lunch available for purchase. 503-838-4268.  
• **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.  
• **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., West Valley Hospital (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.  
• **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Open to the public; musicians of all types welcome. 503-838-5678.  
• **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-623-2591.

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