

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

New teen book club to meet at library

Dallas Public Library is starting a new "book talk club for teens" program, which will debut Wednesday (today) at 3:45 p.m. in the teen section of the library, 950 Main St.

The club is for youths in grades 7-12. It will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:45 p.m. at the library.

The first meeting will include selecting book choices for upcoming months.

For more information: Dallas Public Library, 503-623-2633.

Reception for art exhibit set at WOU

Western Oregon University's Hamersly Library will host a reception for its winter 2015 exhibits Wednesday (today) from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

This term's exhibits are "BOYCOTT! The Art of Economic Activism," which is on display through Feb. 15 at the Second Floor Gallery, and "Reverberations of the Great War," which is on display through March 20 at the Third Floor Gallery.

"BOYCOTT! The Art of Economic Activism" is a traveling poster exhibition highlighting diverse historical boycott movements from the 1950s to the present. "Reverberations of the Great War" features a collection of poems, family histories, artifacts and student soldier letters from the World War I era.

For more information: 503-838-8419; email to paparj@wou.edu.

Basketball game pits fire vs. police

Firefighters from Polk County Fire District No. 1 will take on police officers from Monmouth and Independence in a basketball game at Western Oregon University, hosted by the Kappa Sigma fraternity, Thursday at 8 p.m. in the New PE Building.

Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets also will be available for a 50/50 raffle. Admission to the event is free. All proceeds benefit the three departments: Monmouth and Independence police departments and Polk County Fire.

For more information: email kcollar10@mail.wou.edu.

Free knitting clinic slated for Saturday

Local fiber artist Laurie Carlson will host a free knit clinic at the Fairview Farm Yarn Shop on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Donyu Catino, a master knitter with Dallas, will help knitters with any projects they need assistance on or advice about. Participants are asked to bring the knitting project with them to the event.

Fairview Farm Yarn Shop is located at 2340 SW Fairview Ave. (Highway 223) in Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-4744; email to fairviewfarmyarn@yahoo.com.

Historical society's annual meeting set

The Polk County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Polk County Museum, 560 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

PCHS members will cast ballots for a new board of directors. There are several



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Turtle Island Quartet's current lineup features (from left) Mateusz Smoczyński, Benjamin von Gutzeit, Mark Summer and David Balakrishnan.

SFAS brings Grammy-winning string quartet to Monmouth

Itemizer-Observer staff report

MONMOUTH — Taking the best elements of jazz and transforming them to a modern classical strings sound is what Turtle Island Quartet does best.

The group, touring in part in support of its 2014 release, "Confetti Man," stops in Monmouth Friday night for a performance at Western Oregon University's Rice Auditorium as part of the 2014-15 Smith Fine Arts Series.

According to its website, Turtle Island Quartet "employs their signature groove-based rhythmic techniques to create brand-new arrangements of cool jazz standards that prove that the line between classical music and jazz is much thinner than one might think."

In addition to jazz classics by Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck, John Carisi and others, the quartet will perform a brand-new work by co-founder and violinist David Balakrishnan called "Rebirth of the Holy Fool," which takes cool jazz as a starting point but borrows extensively from bluegrass, classical, jazz and Indian music.

Its name derived from creation mythology found in Native American folklore, the Turtle Island Quartet, since

If You Go ...

What: Turtle Island Quartet, 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: 503-838-8333; email to fineart@wou.edu; www.wou.edu/sfa; www.turtleislandquartet.com.

its inception in 1985, has been a force in the creation of bold, new trends in chamber music for strings.

Winner of the 2006 and 2008 Grammy Award for Best Classical Crossover Album, the group fuses the classical quartet aesthetic with contemporary American musical styles.

The current quartet lineup features founding members Balakrishnan on violin and Mark Summer on cello, joined by Mateusz Smoczyński on violin and Benjamin von Gutzeit on viola.

Have an Event?

Contributions are welcome to the Community Notebook and Community Calendar listings. Deadline for submissions is Friday at noon for the following Wednesday newspaper. Submit your information via fax (503-623-2395), email (ioneus@polkio.com) or in person at the Itemizer-Observer office at 147 SE Court St., Dallas.

las on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the center, 695 Orchard Heights Road.

The event, part of Orchard Heights Assisted Living's Winter Wonderland, will include bingo (\$3 per card; four cards for \$10), a silent auction for gift baskets and items donated by local businesses, and a pie social featuring Willamette Valley Pie Co. pies for \$1 per slice. All proceeds benefit James2 Community Kitchen.

For more information: Dawn Hull, 503-566-9052; email to dhull@prestige-care.com.

Bible study event will begin Monday

Two Polk County churches are part of a seven-week communitywide Bible study program that begins Monday offered by Mid-Valley Women of Christ.

The winter study features a seven-week video series by teacher and author Priscilla Shirer entitled "Discerning the Voice of God."

The program is offered locally at Praise Assembly, 189 S. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth, on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (contact Lila Pearson, 503-302-5353 or email lila.pearson@oregonag.org for more information) and Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (contact Ar-

lene Hernandez via email to tomnarlene@gmail.com or call the church, 503-838-1145, for more information).

Women may register through the Mid-Valley Women of Christ website: www.midvalley-womenofchrist.com.

Teen aviation event taking registration

Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 292 will host Teen Aviation Weekend Feb. 7-8.

Registration for the event is due no later than Jan. 30.

During the two-day event, teens will have the opportunity to learn about sport aviation and the larger aerospace field.

Youths will learn about the history of aviation and space flight, be shown the technology of satellite navigation, look into simulators and learn about unmanned aerial vehicles (drones).

Teenagers will have hands-on experience building and flying a model airplane, participate in pre-flight checks and, if weather permits, go for a flight with a pilot.

The weekend workshop is free, and takes place at the EAA Chapter 292 hanger, 4803 Airport Road, Independence.

For more information: Michael Ryer, 503-364-3619; www.EAA292.org.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit your items to the Community Calendar, email the Itemizer-Observer newsroom at ioneus@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. 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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

• **Dallas Lions Club** — 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.

• **"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.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Veal Bikes Plus, 155 Main St. W., Monmouth. 503-838-4268.

• **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-420-4021.

• **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.

• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.

• **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.

• **Turtle Island Quartet — Smith Fine Arts Series** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium, Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Modern crossover chamber music group performs. Tickets: Adults, \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door; students, \$11. 503-838-8333.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

• **Eric John Kaiser CD Release Show** — 6 p.m., Crush Wine Bar and Tasting Room, 105 Main St. E., Monmouth. Celebrate the release of Kaiser's fourth studio album, "Idaho." Free. 503-838-0399.

• **Guthrie Park Gospel Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

• **From the Heart Community Sing** — 1:30 to 3 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free singing lessons; all ages are welcome. 503-559-5205.

• **The Spinners in Concert** — 5 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center, 27100 Salmon River Highway (Highway 18), Grand Ronde. Classic American rhythm and blues group performs. Tickets: \$15 and up. 21-and-over show. 503-879-2350.

MONDAY, JAN. 19

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

• **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.

• **Polk County Coin Club** — 7 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. 503-362-9123.

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• **Bingo at the Farm** — 6:30 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrig Road, Independence. All ages welcome. Free; food and beverages available for purchase. 503-838-9813.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.
503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Jan. 14, 3:45 p.m. — Book Talk Club for Teens (grades 7-12)
- Wednesday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m. — Read to the Dog
- Thursday, Jan. 15, 11:15 a.m. — Storytime
- Tuesday, Jan. 20, 11:15 a.m. — Storytime
- Tuesday, Jan. 20, 3:30 p.m. — Storytime

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime
- Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. — e-Reader Workshop
- Thursday, Jan. 15, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and above)
- Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m. — Musical Storytime with Mrs. Goman (preschoolers and older)

• Thursday, Jan. 15, 10:15 a.m. — Little Builders Club (babies to preschoolers)

• Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10:15 a.m. — Family Storytime

• Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m. — Animated Family Movie (Rated PG)

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www.wagner.plinkit.org

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