

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Lent discussion series kicks off

A series of discussions to celebrate Lent are scheduled for the next six Wednesdays beginning today at 2:30 p.m. in the Activities Room at Dallas Retirement Village, 377 NW Jasper St.

Discussion dates and subjects for the theme, "spiritual greats," are: Feb. 18, Saint Augustine; Feb. 25, Saint Francis of Assisi; March 4, Julian of Norwich; March 11, John Wesley; March 18, Dietrich Bonhoeffer; and March 25, Mother Teresa. The discussions will be led by the Rev. Dr. George Furniss of First Presbyterian Church.

For more information: Pastor Sandy Larson, Dallas Presbyterian Church, 503-623-3397; sanlars@gmail.com.

Youth classes set at Extension office

Polk County-Oregon State University Extension Service is offering two classes for youths in grades 4-12 this week as part of its STEP program.

On Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., "Horticulture — Fun With Dried Flowers" will be offered. Cost is \$3 for 4-H members, \$5 for nonmembers.

On Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., professional photographer Miriam Haugen will lead a class on "Photography — Improving Composition and Selecting Your Top Photos."

Classes are held at the Polk County Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas. Registration is required.

To register or for complete class details: 503-623-8395.

Driver safety class slated for Saturday

A one-day AARP Defensive Driving Safety Class will be offered Saturday at the Monmouth Senior Center.

The class meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 180 S. Warren St. It will cover defensive driving, driving techniques and discuss new laws recently passed.

Preregistration is required. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for nonmembers.

To register or for more information: 503-838-5678.

Poultry swap meet due at fairgrounds

Poultry lovers and others will come together for the Oregon Winter Poultry Swap,

A Great Week To Be A Dragon



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer

Dallas High students Danielle Remington, Baylee Anderson, Kyle Snyder and Alex Hof-ferber (from left) celebrate a basket during the first half of the Dragons' 43-19 Mid-Willamette Conference boys basketball victory at Central on Feb. 10. It was a great week to be a Dragon, as Dallas defeated its rivals in boys basketball and, the following night, girls basketball. The wins avenged two victories by the Panther boys and girls squads earlier this season. For more details on the games, see Pages 13A and 14A.

scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

The event is an opportunity to buy, sell and trade. It will take place in Building C and in the Arts and Crafts Building at the fairgrounds. All vendor space is sold out.

Expect to find poultry, waterfowl, rabbits, animal supplies, plants, crafts, food items and more. Educational presentations are scheduled, as well as raffles and a silent auction.

Admission is free. For more information: www.oregonpoultryswap.com.

Relay For Life sets vendor fair benefit

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Polk County wants to "Give Cancer the Boot" and is hosting a community vendor fair fundraiser Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Majestic in Dallas.

A variety of vendors will be selling products to shoppers, with the vendors contributing funds to support this year's relay. There will be an opportunity to learn more about Relay For Life and how to be part of the effort to find

a cure for cancer. There also will be sign-ups for prize drawings throughout the fair.

In addition to vendors, there will also be Relay teams raising funds during the fair.

For more information: Tami Bookey-Kuhlman via email to 2015relayforlifepc@gmail.com.

Author will discuss Oregon during war

The Polk County Museum will host John Baker as he examines Oregon during World War II as both a war-front and a home front.

Baker will talk about how Oregon was attacked during World War II, and how those who lived in the state produced materials necessary for the war.

The presentation is from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the museum, 560 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

For more information: 503-623-6251; www.polk-countyhistoricalsociety.org.

Free baby shower slated on Saturday

Fostering Hope Initiative, a Salem-based organization supporting vulnerable chil-

dren and families, is hosting a free baby shower for new moms in Polk County.

The shower is Saturday at 2 p.m. at a location in Dallas that will be disclosed when moms RSVP by Friday.

Free gifts — including baby clothes, toys and diapers — are available when you call ahead to register.

To RSVP or for more information: Sandra, 503-551-0619.

Gallery set to host reading on Sunday

Wild Women, Recite! will hold its 14th annual reading of poetry Sunday at River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence.

The event, hosted by Airie Press and River Gallery, begins at 7 p.m.

It will feature Karen McPherson, professor of French at the University of Oregon, and Melissa Madenski, a teacher and Oregon Literary Arts Fellowship recipient. Both are published authors. An open-mic session will follow.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

For more information: Stephanie Lenox, 503-269-1131.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit your items to the Community Calendar, email the Itemizer-Observer newsroom at 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, FEB. 18

• **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members. 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 individuals. 503-831-5634.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

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

• **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** — Noon, First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. Weekly program and luncheon; visitors welcome. 503-838-4884.

• **"Mom and Me" Breastfeeding Support Group** — 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Free. 503-623-7323.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Mixer** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Host: American Cancer Society and Relay For Life. Free. 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.

• **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club** — 7 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School library, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

• **Pianist Paul Roberts** — 7:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, Smith Music Hall, Room 121, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Admission: General, \$8; students and seniors, \$5; WOU students, free. 503-838-8275.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

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

• **Polk Home and Garden Show** — 1 to 5 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Free admission. 503-428-8224.

• **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.

• **The Lost Trio** — 7:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, Smith Music Hall, Room 121, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. West Coast jazz ensemble performs. Admission: General, \$8; students and seniors, \$5; WOU students, free. 503-838-8275.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

• **Polk Home and Garden Show** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Free admission. 503-428-8224.

• **Rickreall Grange Home and Craft Show** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange, 280 Main St., Rickreall. Breakfast and lunch available. 503-623-8687.

• **Oregon Winter Poultry Swap** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Free admission. 541-990-7501.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Polk County Fire District No. 1, 1800 Monmouth St., Independence. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.

• **Wicks-Parks Duo** — 3:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, Smith Music Hall, Room 121, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Performance of modern chamber music featuring the cello and piano. Admission: General, \$8; students and seniors, \$5; WOU students, free. 503-838-8275.

• **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.

• **Jay Leno in Concert** — 8 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center, 27100 Salmon River Highway (Highway 18), Grand Ronde. Comedian performs. Tickets: \$40-\$70. 21-and-over show. 1-800-760-7977.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

• **Rickreall Grange Home and Craft Show** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange, 280 Main St., Rickreall. Breakfast and lunch available. 503-623-8687.

• **Polk Home and Garden Show** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Free admission. 503-428-8224.

• **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.

• **Jay Leno in Concert** — 5 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center, 27100 Salmon River Highway (Highway 18), Grand Ronde. Comedian performs. Tickets: \$40-\$70. 21-and-over show. 1-800-760-7977.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

• **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., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Donation appointments recommended. 1-800-733-2767.

• **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Central High School (music room), 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. 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, FEB. 24

• **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, FEB. 25

• **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members. 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 individuals. 503-831-5634.

• **Yoga in the Hopyard** — 6 p.m., Rogue Farms Micro Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Free; bring your own yoga mat. 503-838-9813.

• **Trio Elf** — 7:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, Smith Music Hall, Room 121, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Classic jazz piano trio with modern sounds and improvisation style performs. Admission: General, \$8; students and seniors, \$5; WOU students, free. 503-838-8275.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.
503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Feb. 18, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board

• Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m. — Read to the Dog

• Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club ("All the Truth That's In Me," by Julie Berry)

• Thursday, Feb. 19, 11:15 a.m. — Storytime

• Friday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m. — Young Adult Movie Night (grades 7-12)

• Saturday, Feb. 21, Noon — LEGO robotics presentation

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime

• Thursday, Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and above)

• Wednesday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Thursday, Feb. 19, 10:15 a.m. — Little Builders Club (babies to preschoolers)

• Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10:15 a.m. — Family Storytime

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