

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Reception for art exhibit is Thursday

Ash Creek Arts Center is hosting a new exhibit, "Embedded in Place, the Making of the 'My Day' Books," which opened this week.

An opening reception for the exhibit is scheduled Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ash Creek Arts Center Gallery at MaMere's Bed & Breakfast, 212 Knox St. N., in Monmouth.

The exhibit is open through April 4 and can be viewed by appointment at MaMere's.

The exhibit celebrates the first 10 years of the "My Day" series of handmade art and poetry books by artist Nate Orton and poets Chris Ashby and James Yeary. Thirty-three of the books have been produced to date.

For more information: Send an email to ashcreekarts@gmail.com.

Spring gun show set this weekend

The Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center is the site for the 2015 Rickreall Spring Gun Show, scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

This is an opportunity to buy, sell and trade. Guns, knives, ammunition and collector items will be on display and available for sale.

Show hours are Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6, with children under 12 admitted free. Food is available for purchase and parking is free.

For more information: 503-623-3048.

4-H photography class scheduled

Polk County-Oregon State University Extension Service is offering a workshop on "Getting to Know the 4-H Photography Class" for youths in grades 4-12.

On Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., attendees will learn about the new and old photography classes from the 4-H photography superintendent. Participants should bring a "stick/jump drive" with a least five of their photos.

The class will be 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.

Worm composting workshop slated

Gearing up for the gardening season? Monmouth Public Library is hosting a free presentation on worm composting Saturday at 11 a.m. at the library, 168 S. Ecols St.

The talk will center on the benefits of composting with worms and how to set up a

Music to Her Ears



Jo Hockenull, left, plays in a Cajun band that performed at the first Polk County Folklife Festival Saturday at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center. She couldn't resist buying a new triangle to play from blacksmith Gary Lewis while at the festival, which brought in about 650 people and hundreds more performers and artists for the one-day event. Organizers already are planning for a two-day event next year.

worm bin to make compost for your garden.

Attendees will learn why worms can benefit your garden efforts, what is needed to help the worms thrive, and how to use the compost they produce.

For more information: Monmouth Public Library, 503-838-1932.

Family art program scheduled by ACAC

The Ash Creek Arts Center will host Wax Resist Drawings inspired by Ukrainian Eggs at the Second Saturday Family Art Program on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The art program is free and open to youth of all ages and parents.

The family art projects will be at the arts center's Independence building, 311 S. Monmouth St., where the old library building is.

For more information: www.ashcreekarts.org.

Old-fashioned square dance set Saturday

Guthrie Park Community Center will host its next old-time square 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 sets and waltzes. No experience is necessary; all dances are taught.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free. A family rate of \$15 for four or more people from the same immediate family is available.

The center is located at 4320 Kings Valley Highway, south of Dallas.

For more information:

Sally, 503-623-0809; email to guthriepark@gmail.com; www.guthriepark.org.

'Chili Challenge' postponed to fall

The inaugural Fire Chief Chili Challenge, which was scheduled for Saturday at Eola Hills Wine Cellars, has been postponed.

The event, which was to be a fundraiser to help purchase Rapid Intervention Team rescue bags for the Dallas and Rickreall fire stations, is tentatively planned to be rescheduled in the fall.

For more information: 503-623-2405.

Authors will speak on Pacific Highway

The Independence Heritage Museum will host a virtual tour down Oregon's Main Street: Highway 99, with authors Jo-Brew and Pat Edwards.

The event will take place in the meeting room at the Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St., Monday at 7 p.m.

Jo-Brew and Edwards are the authors of "The Folk History," which covers how the route for the Pacific Highway was determined, and "The Stories," which takes readers along the route through Oregon today.

Both books will be available for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Heritage Museum Society.

For more information: www.orheritage.org.

Donations sought for 'country store'

The Polk County Master Gardener Plant Sale Country Store is seeking tax-de-

ductible items that can be repaired, refurbished or repurposed for its fundraiser in May.

Items sought include: metal or wood objects; bottles, vases, dishes, garden pottery, tea cups, pitchers or bowls; bird houses, bird feeders, garden pottery or tools; furniture; and collectible antiques.

Master Gardeners can pick up donated items. Call Cindy Bethell at 503-956-3377 to arrange for a pickup time.

For additional information on the plant sale or Polk County Master Gardeners: 503-623-8395; online at <http://extension.oregon-state.edu/polk/mg>.

Pentacle will host benefit for Central

The Pentacle Theatre will host a special performance of its production of "Young Frankenstein" Tuesday at 7 p.m. to benefit Central High School's Performing Arts Boosters.

The play takes place at the Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW, in West Salem.

Tickets are \$30 and include dessert.

Central High drama and choir teacher/director Jeff Witt plays the role of Igor in the musical.

The show is a musical adaptation of the 1970s comedy film by Mel Brooks based on the original Mary Shelley story about Fredrick Frankenstein, grandson of infamous monster creator Victor Frankenstein. He inherits his grandfather's estate in Transylvania and attempts to create a creature to rival that of his grandfather's.

For more information or to buy tickets: www.chsperformingarts.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, MARCH 11

• **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; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum** — Noon, Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Tour of Eola Hills Wine Cellars; bring a lunch. Free. 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. 503-831-3971.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

• **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, 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.

• **Ash Creek Arts Center Exhibit Reception** — 5 to 7 p.m., MaMere's Bed & Breakfast, 212 Knox St. N., Monmouth. Free; open to the public. ashcreekarts@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet** — 5:30 p.m., Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. 503-838-4268.

• **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.

• **The Brothers Kidd** — 7 to 10 p.m., Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas. Local acoustic rock/country/folk/blues duo performs. 503-751-1666.

• **Western Hemisphere Orchestra: Music of Radiohead** — 7:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, Rice Auditorium, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Featuring the music of English rock band Radiohead. Admission: general, \$3; students and seniors, \$1; WOU students, free. 503-838-8275.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

• **Rickreall 2015 Spring Gun Show** — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: adults, \$6; children under 12, free. 503-623-3048.

• **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.

• **The Alkins** — 7 p.m., Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas. Seattle duo performs. 503-751-1666.

• **Sara Evans in Concert** — 8 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center, 27100 Salmon River Highway (Highway 18), Grand Ronde. Country musician performs. Tickets: \$30-\$50. 21-and-over show. 1-800-760-7977.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

• **Rickreall 2015 Spring Gun Show** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: adults, \$6; children under 12, free. 503-623-3048.

• **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

• **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Annual membership meeting. Lunch is free with RSVP by Friday (March 13) at 3 p.m. 503-623-2564.

• **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., 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, MARCH 17

• **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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• **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

• **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.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633

• www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
• Thursday, March 12, 11:15 a.m. — Storytime
• Thursday, March 12, noon — Book Discussion Group
• Saturday, March 14, noon — LEGO Your Saturday
• Tuesday, March 17, 11:15 a.m. — Storytime
• Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 p.m. — Storytime
• Wednesday, March 18, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club ("An Abundance of Katherines")

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811

• www.ci.independence.or.us/library
• Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime
• Thursday, March 12, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and above)
• Tuesday, March 17, 4 p.m. — Family Movie
• Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. — Family Storytime

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

• www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, March 11, 3 p.m. — Spanish/English Storytime and Craft
• Thursday, March 12, 10 a.m. — Little Builders Club (babies to preschoolers)
• Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m. — Once Upon a Thursday Book Club
• Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. — Worm composting workshop
• Tuesday, March 17, 10:15 a.m. — Family Storytime

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www.wagner.plinkit.org

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