

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Pink House sales to benefit Relay

An American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Polk County event on May 13 at The Pink House in Independence, across the street from the Independence Cinema, will benefit "The Believers" Relay team.

Proceeds from purchase of breakfast, lunch or dinner will go toward Relay for Life.

For more information: Believers team captain Susan Borris, 503-623-3641.

Artists reception celebrates Neal

Ash Creek Arts Center will host an artist reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday (today) at its gallery at MaMere's Bed and Breakfast, 212 Knox St., Monmouth.

The reception is part of the exhibit, "Prospective," by Alicia Neal, a Monmouth artist studying at Western Oregon University. Neal will be present to discuss her work.

The art display conveys the beauty Neal sees connected through the human experience through the use of ceramic sculpture and print making.

The exhibit runs through May 15 and may be viewed by appointment by emailing ashcreekarts@gmail.com.

Garage sale benefits center

Many items at the Monmouth Senior Center's annual Trash or Treasure sale were leftover.

Bruce and June Gordon will host a garage sale with what was left from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at their home, 813 Knox St. N., Monmouth.

All proceeds will go to the Monmouth Senior Center.

Waffles to send students to Kenya

A special waffle fundraiser will be at the Monmouth Senior Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The center is working with Western Oregon University to send students to Kenya for a service project. Waffles and homemade jams will be available. The cost is \$5.

Stamp Out Hunger food drive returns

The Marion-Polk County Food Share is partnering with letter carriers for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive on Saturday.

To participate, collect nonperishable food items and leave them in a bag near the mailbox on Saturday. A letter carrier or volunteer will retrieve the donation and ensure it gets to the food share or local food pantry.

In 2014, more than 94,000 pounds of food was collected in Marion and Polk coun-

May the Fourth Be With You



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Ben and Benny work on making a paper Yoda at the Independence Public Library on Monday morning as part of the library's May the Fourth Be With You celebration. Ben started the festivities off by reading Star Wars books to children during story time.

ties. Donations not picked up can be taken to any post office by May 13.

Rusty or unlabeled cans, glass containers, perishable items, homemade items, noncommercial packaged items, alcoholic beverages, mixes or soda, and open or used items are not accepted.

For more information: www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive.

Registration for pesticide drop off

Registration is open through Friday for unwanted pesticides drop off on May 22.

The free agricultural pesticide collection event runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment. Empty, triple rinsed pesticide containers will also be accepted.

Registration forms are available at the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District office or online at www.polkswcd.org.

For more information: Graham Gadzia, 253-639-4240 ext. 2813.

RFL fundraisers set for May 15

American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Polk County teams are busy raising funds for this year's 24-hour relay on May 30 to 31. The community is encouraged to be part of these upcoming relay team sponsored activities.

First Community Credit Union is having a "Fun Bowl Fundraiser" on May 15 from 9 to 11:30 p.m. at Starlite Lanes in Dallas. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games of bowling (one "wacky" and two regular), shoe rental, two slices of pizza, one drink and one frozen treat. Extra food/drinks can be ordered in advance. Starlite Lanes kitchen will also be open throughout the event. There

will be a silent auction, prizes and a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card.

To register for the Fun Bowl event contact Christy, David, Jesse or Stacie at 503-831-3331, dial 1 and then 1100.

Team Hope will host a Dance for the Cure on May 15 at The Majestic, 979 Main St., Dallas. The event begins with dance time for minors from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$5. Dancing for those 21 years and older will be from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$10 a person or \$18 for two. There will be a no-host bar open during this dance.

For information: Mavel at 503-510-6275 or email ladynoopy@mom@yahoo.com.

ACS Polk County Relay for Life will be held at LaCreole Middle School in Dallas from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Free plant for mom on Mother's Day

Dancing Oaks Nursery is hosting garden tours at 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Mother's Day.

Take mom and grandma out for a beautiful spring drive to the nursery, 17900 Priem Road, Monmouth.

In honor of the day, every mother will receive a free plant. Tea and morsels will be available in the pavilion.

For more information: 503-838-6058 or www.dancingoaks.com.

Annual Mother's Day plant sale

The Polk County Master Gardeners 25th annual plant sale will be Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

The plant sale is bigger this year, with more space for plants, vendors and for

the Country Store.

Find the perfect Mother's Day gift in a hanging basket or pick up starts for the garden.

For more information: find the group on Facebook.

Family art classes to focus on theater

Ash Creek Art Center's Second Saturday Family Art Classes will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the center, 311 S. Monmouth St., Independence.

All kids and their grown-ups are invited to attend and learn the art of theater improv. Classes are free.

For more information: www.ashcreekarts.org.

Concert at Rogue celebrates moms

Rogue Farms Hopyard will host its annual Mother's Day concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Featured will be Mitch Lies & the Alibis. Sit among the hop vines at Rogue for a beer, cider or soda while listening to the music. Challenge mom to a game of corn hole, or take a stroll and enjoy the views of the Willamette River.

The farm opens at 11 a.m.

For more information: 503-838-9813.

Dallas Ministerial prayer gathering

The Dallas Ministerial Association will host a National Day of Prayer event Thursday starting at noon at the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main St., Dallas.

The gathering will be about 20 to 30 minutes, and prayers will be said for the country and community, as well as individuals requesting prayers.

For more information: Darren Anderson, 503-623-2569.



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 fax (503-623-2395) or email (ioneu@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 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.
- Scrabble with Betty** — 1 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence. Scrabble games first Wednesday of every month. Free; refreshments and prizes available. 503-551-7687 or 503-838-1811.
- 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.
- 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 on the first Wednesday of every month. 503-689-7222.
- Ash Creek Arts Center Artist Reception** — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., MaMere's Bed and Breakfast, 212 Knox St., Monmouth. Reception is part of the exhibit "Prospective" by Alicia Neal. ashcreekarts@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- Dallas-Polk County Bounty Market** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Academy Building lawn, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-623-2564.
- Dallas Lions Club** — 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.
- 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.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 2 to 7 p.m., Monmouth-Independence YMCA, 301 S. Main St., Independence. Donors of all blood types needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. 1-800-733-2767.
- 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.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.
- 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.
- 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 (stuffers and providers admitted free). Snacks available for purchase. 503-949-5552.
- Polk County Master Gardeners plant sale** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Plants, gardening items, demonstrations. Free.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- The Original Independence Farmers Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St., Independence. 503-881-9950.
- Independence Riverview Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.
- 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 younger free. 503-623-0809.
- Waffles to send students to Kenya fundraiser** — 9 to 11:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Dallas. Fundraiser will help raise money to send Western Oregon University students on service project. Admission \$5. 503-838-5678.
- Ash Creek Arts Center** — 2 to 4 p.m., Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 S. Monmouth St., Independence. Second Saturday Family Arts Class: theater improv. Free. www.ashcreekarts.org.
- Polk County Master Gardeners plant sale** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Plants, gardening items, demonstrations. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Rogue Farms Hopyard Mother's Day concert** — 2 p.m., Rogue Farms, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Mitch Lies & the Alibis. Free. 503-838-9813.
- Dancing Oaks Nursery Mother's Day garden tour** — 1 and 3 p.m., Dancing Oaks Nursery, 17900 Priem Road, Monmouth. Free plants for all mothers. Food and tea available. 503-838-6058.

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 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, MAY 12

- Monmouth-Polk County Bounty Market** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Park, 120 E. Main St., Monmouth. 503-623-2564.
- 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.
- 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.
- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce** — Noon to 1:30 p.m., Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., Monmouth. PEP talks series, "Making Volunteer Programs Come to Life," by Ashley Erb. \$15 for chamber members; \$20 for non-members. www.micc-or.org or 503-838-4268.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Thursday, May 7, noon — Book discussion, "And the Mountains Echoed."
- Saturday, May 9, noon — Lego your Saturday.
- Saturday, May 9, noon — Hobby Day, card making with Jeena Huntzinger.
- Monday, May 11, 4 p.m. — Read to the Dog, Percy.
- Tuesday, May 12, 11:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Storytime.
- Wednesday, May 13, 4 p.m. — Read to the Dog, Bella.

503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. — Storytime
- Wednesday, May 6, 1 p.m. — Scrabble With Betty
- Thursday, May 7, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and older)
- Friday, May 8, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (cupcakes)
- Tuesday, May 12, 4 p.m. — Spring Fun Club (Officer Indy Day)
- Wednesday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. — Storytime

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MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 6, 2 p.m. — Builders Club
- Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m. — Little Builders Club (babies to preschoolers)
- Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m. — "Successful Food Gardening in Containers and Small Spaces"
- Saturday, May 9, 1 p.m. — Mother's Tea
- Tuesday, May 12, 10:15 a.m. — Storytime
- Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m. — Community Chinese Lessons

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

- Contact library for upcoming special events and programs

Music from the Redgate Winery & Fieldhouse
Fri. May 8, 6-9 PM
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Mitch Lies and the Alibis
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