

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Emeritus Society to meet Monday

The next Emeritus Society meeting will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Gentle House, located at 855 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth. Karen Stutzman will discuss prairie restoration.

Improve memory through workshop

Dr. Rob Winningham, professor and chair of the Behavioral Sciences Division at Western Oregon University, will offer "Train your brain: How we can maintain or even improve our memory ability" from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday at the Werner University Center, Columbia Room.

Winningham will discuss the latest research on brain health. Participants may exercise their brains using targeted activities.

For more information: WOU Werner University Center, 503-838-8261.

Senior Center jam set for Thursday

Dallas Area Seniors is holding its "May Spectacular" music jam on Thursday starting at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson.

All area singers, musicians and entertainers are welcome to come and play. The performance lineup will include audience favorites Kermit Bail, Fred Hardin, Mary Dawson, Johnny Leigh, Dick Riley, Carlot Hall, Chris Cutler and host Michele Campione and the Notorious Leopard Chicks.

Audience participation is welcome. Admission is free, but bring snacks to share at intermission.

For more information: 503-507-5240.

Join in YMCA Indy pool clean-up

The Monmouth-Independence YMCA will host a volunteer clean-up day at the Independence Heated Pool, on I Street, Independence.

The clean-up is to get the pool ready to open on June 6, but before that happens, it needs cleaning, said Natascha Cronin, YMCA director.

The clean-up will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. All are welcome to participate.

For more information:

Hometown Welcome



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Top, Oregon Army National Guard soldiers from Polk County walk in a homecoming parade in downtown Dallas on Friday afternoon. People lined Main Street to greet the soldiers who returned home from deployment across the globe. Right, Spc. David Leslie returned home last week after a year-long deployment mostly in Kabul, Afghanistan.



Natascha Cronin, 503-838-4042 or via email ncronin@theYonline.org.

M-I YMCA to host free Saturday event

The Monmouth-Independence YMCA will host a free conference for parents, caregivers and early childhood professionals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Western Oregon University's Werner University Center.

Linda Craven will be the keynote speaker, discussing "Play is a Child's Work: Every Day Learning."

The morning session, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., will focus on parenting skills and early learning workshops in both English and Spanish. Child care will be provided free from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The afternoon session, from 1 to 3 p.m., will include family activities and opportunities to connect with resources.

For information: Heather Smith, 503-623-9664, ext. 2366, or via email at smith.heather@co.polk.or.us, or online at www.midval-

leyparenting.org.

Art exhibit opening at Tom Kunke Art

The Tom Kunke Art Studio, 357 Main St., Dallas, will feature a "Iconic Willamette Valley" exhibit opening Friday and running through June 27.

Several local artists will be part of the exhibit, which reflects the diversity of beauty experience in the Willamette Valley.

Works include paintings by Lori Beck, James Kirk, Doyle Leek, Marilyn Krug and Tom Kunke; pottery by John Beck; glass by Chris Martin; and metal by Tanglewood Studios.

The exhibit opens with a "Meet the Artists" event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Regular exhibit hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information: 971-409-7686 or www.TomKunkeArt.com.

Monmouth survey focuses on future

Monmouth Engaged invites Monmouth residents to take part in an online survey to set a road map for the future. The survey is sponsored by the city of Monmouth.

The public is invited to have a free slice of pizza at Yeasty Beasty on Wednesday (today) from 4 to 6 p.m. and to let the city know your thoughts.

The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/MonmouthEngaged.

Local artists host gathering today

The Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. will host an artist gathering Wednesday (today) at 6 p.m.

The gathering will take place at Gayle's Italian Market located at 189 Liberty Street NE in Salem.

The gathering will be followed by the 19th annual Summer Solstice Benefit Auction on June 20 at Eola Hills Winery in Rickreall.

For more information: www.pelpartnership.org/about/index.htm.

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 (tione@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- **Red Cross blood donation** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- **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 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.
- **Polk County Bounty Market** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Near the Academy Building, corner of Main and Academy Streets, Dallas. 503-623-2564.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- **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 (staffers and providers admitted free. Snacks available for purchase). 503-949-5552.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- **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.
- **American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Polk County** — 10 a.m., LaCreole Middle School, 701 SE LaCreole Dr., Dallas. 24-hour relay to help fight against cancer. www.relayforlife.org.
- **Monmouth-Independence YMCA** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Independence Heated Pool, I Street, Independence. Community, volunteer clean-up of pool to prepare for opening day, on June 6. 503-838-4042.
- **Yeast breads STEP Class** — 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Polk County 4-H/Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas. Learn about yeast and gluten and how it impacts raised bread products. Open to anyone ages 9 and older. Cost is \$10 for 4-H members; \$12 for nonmembers. 503-623-8395.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- **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 Bounty Market-Monmouth** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. 503-623-2564.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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- **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.
- **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.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 27, 4 p.m. — Read to the dog, Davos.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 a.m. — Storytime.
- Thursday, May 28, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and older).

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 27, 3:30 p.m. — Community Chinese Lessons (characters).
- Thursday, May 28, 10 a.m. — Little Builders Club (babies to preschoolers).
- Friday, May 29, 3:30 p.m. — International Coffee Hour.

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.

JOIN US TO...

GIVE CANCER THE BOOT

Together We Can End Cancer

Relay For Life Of Polk County

May 30-31 • 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.
at LaCreole Middle School Track • Dallas

Participate as a: day volunteer • form a team to walk through the night
• light a luminaria bag in remembrance of a loved one
• just stop by and experience the relay

If you or someone you know is interested in participating, being a sponsor or making a contribution, contact Tami Bookey-Kuhlmann, online: 2015relayforlifepc@gmail.com

100 Years Ago the American Cancer Society started the fight of a lifetime. Together We Can Finish The Fight!

INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8 Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 • Senior \$7.00 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

450 S. 2nd St., Independence
Showtimes 503-606-3000
www.IndependenceCinema8.com

Friday - Tuesday May 29 - June 2			
AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(12:40 3:45)	6:45	9:35
PITCH PERFECT 2 (Digital) (PG13)	(11:35 2:00 4:40)	7:20	9:55
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POLTERGEIST (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(12:45 5:15)	7:35	
POLTERGEIST (NEC Dolby 3D) (PG13)	(3:00)		9:45
SAN ANDREAS (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(11:30 4:50)	7:30	9:15*
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*Not showing Tuesday 6/2 **Starts Tuesday 6/2

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