COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Monmouth Fitness to host open house

Monmouth Fitness Club will host an open house Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The club will offer refreshments, door prize drawings and introduce the public to group fitness programs taught by certified group fitness instructors and personal trainers.

Thirty-minute class demonstrations will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will run until 12:30 p.m. Formats include Zumba, spinning, kickboxing and lite fit.

Monmouth Fitness Club is located at 165 E. Main St. For more information: 503-838-2951; online at www.monmouthfit.com.

Willamette Art to host fundraiser

The Willamette Art Center is "All Fired Up for Art." Illuminations is the theme of the center's inaugural art auction benefit, to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Convention Center's Santiam Room, 200 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

Proceeds from the event boost the art center's community programs such as Family Clay Sunday, Empty Bowls, Pottery in the Schools Program, school field trips, scholarships and the Artisans Village at the Oregon State Fair.

Sponsors for the event include the Marion Polk Food

Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased online at www.willametteartcenter.co

For more information: Willamette Art Center, 503-

Artists reception at WOU gallery

Western Oregon University and the Cannon Gallery

Perfect Day for Face Paint



Bryce Hoxie, 8, of Dallas gets his face painted by Deb Darr at the Dallas Department Expo on Friday. City crews and departments were on hand with displays, demos and games — and free hot dogs

of Art present the artwork of three emerging artists from WOU's Bachelor of Fine Arts program.

Students Debi Miller (ceramics), Eric Loftin (painting, drawing), and Spencer Miller (printmaking) will exhibit a variety of work completed during the 2014-15 school year.

The exhibit, BFA Thesis Showcase: Beyond The Surface, will be on view at the Cannon Gallery of Art from Tuesday through June 13.

An opening reception for the artists, free and open to the public, will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday (today). The artists will be on hand to answer any questions and discuss their work.

This exhibit was made possible through the hard work and dedication of the

staff and faculty of the Western Oregon University Art Department.

The Cannon Gallery of Art is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends by appoint-

For more information: 503 - 838 - 8607, or boothp@wou.edu.

YMCA hosts dance recital on Saturday

The Monmouth-Independence YMCA Inspiration Dance Company will perform a dance recital at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at Central High School Auditorium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.

Tickets are \$8, or five for \$35, and may be purchased at the Y's front desk from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until the end of the day on Friday. Tickets may be purchased at the door, but no credit or debit cards will be accepted.

For more information: Latoya Lovely, llovely@theyonline.org.

Independence Grill now has live music

Independence Grill beginning will have free live music every Friday and Saturdays beginning Friday.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Patrick Anderson will play light acoustic guitar during the dinner hours. After 9, he moves in to the bar to perform rock, blues and jazz fu-

The Grill has extended hours, and is now open until midnight.

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 viå fax (503-623-2395) or email (<u>ionews@polkio.com</u>).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

• 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

• 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-

• 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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

• 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.

• 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. 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., Academy Building lawn, on the corner of Main and Academy streets, Dallas. 503-623-2564.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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

• 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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

• 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-

• Polk Community Free Clinic — 7 to 11 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Free medical and mental health care for uninsured and underinsured. Held on the first and fourth Saturday of the month. 503-990-8772.

Monmouth Senior Center All-You-Can-Eat Community Breakfast — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Cost: \$6, adults; \$3, children younger than 12. 503-838-5678.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

• Polk Flea Market — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: \$1; children 12 and younger, free. Early admission from 6 to 9 a.m. is \$5. 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.

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Attention: All Polk County Homeowners!

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950 Main St.

503-623-2633

- www.ci.dallas.or.us/library • Monday, June 1, 4 p.m. — Read to the dog, Percy. • Tuesday, June 2, 11:15 a.m. — Story time, boats and building
- Tuesday, June 2, 3:30 p.m. Story time, boats. • Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m. — Friends of the Library meet.

INDEPENDENCE 175 Monmouth St. 503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, June 3, 1 a.m. — Scrabble with Betty. • Wednesday, June 3, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time. • Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library • Tuesday, June 9 — Summer Reading sign-ups.

• Wednesday, June 10, 10:15 a.m. — Super stories and super hero mask craft.

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.











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