

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Picnic, auction to benefit SFA series

The Historic Gentle House will host the 15th annual mid-summer luau picnic and auction, "The Fabulous '40s," at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The event is a benefit for Western Oregon University's Smith Fine Arts Series. Cost is \$35 per person or \$240 for a table of eight. Donations and sponsorships are available.

Live music will be provided by Swingers Unlimited. The evening will include a raffle, silent and live auction.

The Historic Gentle House is located on WOU's campus at 855 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth.

RSVP by July 22 by calling 503-838-8333; email fin-eart@wou.edu; online at wou.edu/sfa.

IDA Art in the Park will be on Tuesday

Independence Downtown Association will present Art in the Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence.

Ash Creek Arts Center will direct the creations of one-of-a-kind projects. Admission is free.

For more information, find Independence Downtown Association on Facebook.

Rep. Evans holds Measure 91 talk

Rep. Paul Evans will host an open forum Wednesday (today) on Measure 91, which made recreation marijuana use legal, and its implementation. The forum will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at Monmouth Volunteer Hall located at 144 S. Warren St. in Monmouth.

For more information: 503-986-1420.

Outdoor cooking class is Saturday

STEP up to 4-H will offer an outdoor cooking class on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The class is open to all students in grades four through 12.

The class will teach participants how to harness the sun's power to make pizza box solar ovens to cook an appetizer, flip some pancakes/fritters on tin can stoves made from coffee cans, and work together as

A Little Bit Country



Emily Mentzer/Itemizer-Observer
Joe Shinkle & 99West brought their country sound to Main Street park in Monmouth on July 8. People packed the lawn for the performance, enjoying the shade on the hot summer evening. Music in the Park is each Wednesday through August at 6:30 p.m.

a group to construct an applebox oven to cook dessert.

Cost is \$8 for 4-H members and \$10 for non-members. Preregistration is required by Friday.

For more information: Polk County Extension Office, 503-623-8395.

Flower arranging for youth is July 23

STEP up to 4-H will be teaching the basics of flower arranging and principals of design, color and balance during a workshop July 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Maggie Triplett, of Petals & Vines in Monmouth, will teach the class, open to children in grades four through 12. Preregistration is required by July 22.

The workshop will be held at the Polk County Extension Office, 289 East Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas. Admission is \$5 for 4-H members and \$6 for non-members.

For more information or to register: 503-623-8395.

Polk job fair to offer opportunity

The Polk County Job Fair will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday (today) at Central High School, 1530

Monmouth St., Independence.

More than a dozen local employers will be present with jobs available. Help will be on hand to write or re-write resumes, fill out online applications or practice interviewing skills.

For more information: inciteworks.org.

Horse owners workshop Aug. 1

Registration is open for Old Mill Feed & Garden's 2015 Horse Owner's Workshop, to be held Aug. 1.

The workshop will feature presentations on caring for aging performance horses, proper nutrition for "equine athletes," trail showing and pleasure riding and a demonstration by an equine chiropractor. Also on the schedule is a "myth busters" question-and-answer session.

Admission is free, but preregistration is required. For more information: 503-831-1222.

Eola Hills hosts Friday Star Party

Eola Hills Wine Cellars will host a "Star Party" on Friday from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Members of the Salem-based astronomy club

Nightsky 45 will be in attendance with telescopes and knowledge of features visible in the night sky.

The event is open to anyone ages 8 and older.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. with a "Star Flight" of wines offered in the Legacy Hills tasting room for \$10. Stargazers are also invited to bring supplies to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. Optimal viewing time is suggested from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Telescopes will be provided.

For more information: 503-623-2405.

Reception honors BG restoration

The Dallas Downtown Association and new Blue Garden owner Bob Collins is inviting people to celebrate the "renaissance" of the downtown Dallas icon Thursday.

The reception will be held at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas at 7 p.m.

Restoration on the building began in June, with the removal and refurbishing of the building's sign.

For more information, dallasdowntownassociation@outlook.com or www.dallasdowntownassociation.com.

REUNION ROUNDUP

• **Dallas High Class of 1956** — Dallas High School Class of 1956 will hold its annual reunion on Aug. 1 at Murphy's Grill, on Ellendale Avenue in Dallas. It will be a no-host lunch or dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. RSVP: Robert Mehl, 503-623-4425 or Delores Friesen, 503-910-7491.

• **Dallas High Class of 1985** — Dallas High School's Class of 1985 will host its 30-year class reunion with a casual gathering

at 7 p.m. on July 24 at North Dallas Bar and Grill. Everyone is welcome. A social hour at Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar will be at 6 p.m. on July 25. The deadline to register for dinner has past. For more information: Kellie (Osborne) Ackerman, 971-239-8618, or use PayPal at DallasDragons1985@gmail.com.

• **Independence High Class of 1950** — Independence High School's Class of 1950 will celebrate its 65th class reunion on

Aug. 21 with a luncheon at Farrol's Restaurant in Rickreall. Farrol Webb had been a classmate. There are 34 survivors out of 51 in the class, the largest ever to be graduated from HIS. For more information or to register: 503-838-1353.

Submit your reunion announcement information to ionews@polkio.com, or Itemizer-Observer office, 147 SE Court St., Dallas.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
• Wednesday, July 15, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting, followed by Book Club at 4:30 p.m.
• Friday, July 17, 11:30 a.m. — Candy (Dallas City Park).
• Friday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. — Movie Night, Big Hero 6, with pizza and root beer floats.
• Wednesday, July 22, 11:30 a.m. — Vikki Green, puppeteer (Dallas City Park).

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
• Wednesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Wednesday, July 15, 3 p.m. — Magician Jay Frasier.
• Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
• Thursday, July 16, 3 p.m. — Animal Heroes, Search and Rescue of Polk County.
• Friday, July 17, 3 p.m. — Hero/Villain science (for teens).
• Tuesday, July 21, 4:40 p.m. — Chess Club for Kids (grades 1 and older)
• Tuesday, July 21, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
• Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Wednesday, July 22, 3 p.m. — Minion Madness.
• Wednesday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
• Wednesday, July 15, 10:15 a.m. — Super story time.
• Thursday, July 16, 2 p.m. — Lego "unmask" building challenge (grades six through 12).
• Tuesday, July 21, 2 p.m. — Storyteller Chetter Galloway.
• Wednesday, July 22, 10:15 a.m. — Super story time.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
111 N. Main St., Falls City
503-787-3521, ext. 319
www.wagner.plinkit.org
• Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. — Vicki Green: Ventriloquism and Magic.

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 (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- **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.
- **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.
- **Music in the Park** — 6:30 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. Hillstomp, blues. Free. www.ci.monmouth.or.us.
- **Polk County Job Fair** — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Central High School, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. More than 100 jobs will be available. Employers will be on site to take resumes and interviews. Free.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- **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.
- **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.
- **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Business After Hours. www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.
- **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.
- **Movies in the Park** — 9:30 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. "When the Game Stands Tall," rated PG. Free. www.independencemphitheater.com.
- **Dementia Support Group** — 9:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. A group for people coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. 503-838-5678.
- **Sounds of Summer** — 6:30 p.m., Rotary Performing Arts Stage, corner of Main and Academy streets, Dallas. Oregon Valley Boys, western swing. Free. Business.dallasoregon.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- **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.
- **River's Edge Summer Music Series** — 7:30 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. Beth Willis, acoustic rock. \$5 suggested donation. www.independencemphitheater.com.
- **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.
- **American Red Cross blood drive** — 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 Fir Villa Road, Dallas. To donate: redcross-blood.org, or 1-800-733-2767.
- **Music at Redgate** — 6 to 9 p.m., Redgate Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Independence. Ted Vaughn Blues Band. 503-428-7115.
- **Fundraiser & barbecue** for Correction Peace Officer Foundation in honor of Randy Whittaker — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jail parking lot Dallas.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- **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.
- **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.
- **Rogue Farms Summer Concert Series** — 3 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Take in the views, sip on an ale, cider or soda. Free. All ages welcome. 503-838-9813.

MONDAY, JULY 20

- **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m., The Majestic, 962 SE Main St., Dallas. Cost: \$12. 503-623-2564.
- **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, on the S-curves between Monmouth and 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, JULY 21

- **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 Wingdingers RC Flying Club** — 7 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School library, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.
- **Polk County Coin Club** — 7 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. 503-362-9123.
- **Polk County Bounty Market-Monmouth** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Park, 120 E. Main St., Monmouth. 503-623-2564.
- **Family Building Blocks Dallas play group** — 10 a.m., Academy Building, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas, Suite 216. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-877-8473.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- **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.
- **Music in the Park** — 6:30 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. Carried Away Trio, jazz and blues. Free. www.ci.monmouth.or.us.

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