

# 'Old timers' welcomes all on Sunday

Picnic reunion brings people, history, stories together at Dallas City Park

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DALLAS — In years past, the Old Timers Reunion in Dallas brought hundreds of people to Dallas City Park each August.

The Dallas Area Visitors Center, which organizes the tradition going in its 53rd year, would like to see it regain those numbers.

In recent years, the attendance has been closer to 50 people.

"It used to be a huge thing, 200 to 300 people," said Bonnie Dreier with the Dallas Area Visitors Center, who took over organizing the annual event when former coordinators stepped down in 2012. "I don't know if we can bring it back, but we are going to try."

Sunday, the "old timers" will gather once again, and the hope is a few more people will show up who have stories to share about their experiences in Dallas.

Dreier said anyone is invited, but especially those who graduated in 1990 and earlier.

She's planning to add events to the reunion this year and in years to come — such as a disc golf tournament — that would appeal to guests of all ages.

Following a tradition established years ago, there will be tables with notebooks of old photos, guest books, cards, letters and



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**Shirley Kinion, left, and Arlie Holt, center, talk at a recent Old Timers Reunion in Dallas City Park. The gathering will take place again on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

newspaper clippings dating back to the 1930s for guests to look through.

Dreier said she's learned much about Dallas in the years since she became involved.

"It's pretty cool to come out and see the history," Dreier said. "People spend hours at the tables during the reunion."

Once again Dallas Retirement Village will provide lunch — spaghetti with all the fixings — from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Old-time gathering

**What:** Old Timers Reunion.  
**When:** Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Dallas City Park.  
**For more information:** Bonnie Dreier, 503-623-2564.

Local band Cash & Company will provide entertainment during the meal. Anyone who plays an instrument is welcome to join in a jam session. The reunion begins at 10 a.m. in Dallas City Park and

concludes at 2 p.m. While the event is technically for "old timers," anyone with a connection to Dallas is welcome to attend. "We want to invite the whole community," Dreier said.

# Munchies: Cafe dream more than just popcorn, soda

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Steven's training has included learning skills such as inventory, stocking and making business decisions. Five years ago, the plan was to open a full-scale movie-themed restaurant in Walnut Plaza. The dream looks a bit different now, but Steven and his biggest support system — his family — couldn't be more proud.

Cheryl and Anthony, his sister, Natalie Eriksen, and his grandparents, Jan and Steven Ahrendt, are all helping Steven with the movie café.

Despite Steven's diagnosis — and the discouraging assessment of a special education teacher who said he wouldn't be able to do more than fold pizza boxes as a vocation — Cheryl and Anthony never put limits on what he could strive for.

Last weekend, they saw just what their son is capable of achieving.

"We are seeing another side of Steven," Cheryl said. In addition to meeting a long-held goal, Steven is one of the first people with a developmental disability in Oregon to launch a small business with start-up help from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Service along with self-employment support from the Office of Developmental Disability Services. He's also received assistance from Monmouth-based Partnerships in Community Living.

Steven, as the business' aptly named director, is learning to keep track of receipts and manage the business' bank account. He makes final decisions on the menu, which will feature a "director's special" and a movie genre theme of his choice each month.

He seems to enjoy his new role. In the midst of a customer rush during the opening weekend celebration Friday, at one point Cheryl could see her son begin to relax and enjoy the experience. He was smiling again.

"It's going well," she said. "Steven's worked really hard."

**Movie Munchies**

**What:** Classic Movie Café & Concessions.  
**Where:** The patio at Walnut Plaza, 124 SW Walnut Ave., Dallas.  
**When:** Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**For more information:** [www.classicmoviecafe.com](http://www.classicmoviecafe.com).

## POLICE REPORT

Information for the police report comes from law enforcement agencies. Not all calls for service are included. The status of incidents reported may change after further investigation. Individuals arrested or suspected of crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty. See more online.

DALLAS

### Arrests/Citation

• Jett R. Bales, 25, of Dallas on Southeast Greening Drive on Thursday on a charge of third-degree theft.

• Paul E. Bunyard, 61, of Dallas on the Polk County Courthouse lawn on Saturday on a charge of prohibited exposure.

• Kenneth L. Parker, 36, of Dallas on the 100 block of

Southwest Court Street on Sunday on charges of second-degree criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

### INDEPENDENCE

#### Arrests/Citations

• Ryan Alan Hartman, 26, a transient out of Salem, in the 1400 block of Monmouth Street on July 19 for unlawful possession of heroin.  
• Vidal Meximilliano Pena,

42, of Independence at the corner of Hoffman and Stryker roads on Thursday for misdemeanor driving under the influence of intoxicants, hit and run and reckless driving.

### MONMOUTH

#### Arrests/Citations

• Ivan Carmona, 28, of Monmouth in the 700 block of Clay Street on July 17 for first-degree criminal mischief.

## Shine & Sparkle to expand service

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — Shine & Sparkle Cleaning Service announced it is expanding service throughout Polk County. The locally owned and operated business is located at 134 SW Wyatt St., Dallas.

Shine & Sparkle cleans both business and residence buildings, including new construction, inside window and blind cleaning, appliance cleaning, regularly scheduled home cleans and move outs. For more information contact Hannah Jacobson: 503-580-6632.

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# August 2015

## Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

**August** Every Wednesday through August Music In The Park – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Main St. park. Monmouth. Free and open to the public.

**August** Every Thursday through August Riverview Amphitheater hosts **FREE MOVIES**. July movies begin at 9:30 and August movies begin at 8:30. Bring chairs & blankets! Check out <http://www.independencetheatre.com/> for list of movies.

**August** Every Friday through August Riverview Amphitheater hosts **FREE CONCERTS**. Bring your chairs and blankets! Check out <http://www.independencetheatre.com/> for a full line up.

**Aug 2** **Rogue Farms Summer Concert Series**. Every Sunday through August at 3pm. Take in the views of Rogue farms, sip on a Rogue ale, cider or soda, and enjoy the music. All concerts are free and all ages are welcome! 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence

**Aug 6-8** **Polk County Fair** - Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center 520 S. Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall Theme: "Blue Jeans & Country Dreams" Cost - Adults 16+ \$8.00, Juniors 11-15 \$5.00, Seniors 62+ \$5.00 10 and under Free - Special Discounts - Seniors 62+ Thursday Free Until 4pm, Military Free Any Day (Photo ID Required) Hours - Thursday, August 6 10 AM - 10 PM, Friday, August 7 10 AM - 10 PM, Saturday, August 8 10 AM - 11 PM.

**Aug 7-9** **Central High Reunion**. Reunion for all Central High classes from the 1970's and 1980's. See Central High website or Facebook page Central High School Multi-Class Reunion. It says 1975-1985, but this was left from last time. We have expanded to 20 classes this time.

**Aug 8** **Great Willamette River Raft Race** Launches at Riverview Park in Independence. A tradition the whole family can enjoy. Business teams are welcome, too. Starting in Independence you will travel approximately 11.5 miles down the Willamette river to Wallace Marine Park in West Salem. Kayaks & Canoes travel the distance in about two hours, others may take up to four hours. Proceeds benefit the Networking Exchange Club of Salem / Keizer. Registration the day of the race is \$15 per person. \$5.00 Invasive Species Permit may also be required. Check in at 8:00 AM. Home builds, rafts, inner tubes launch at 9:00 AM. Canoes & kayaks launch at 9:30 AM. Check the website for details: [www.willametteriverrace.com](http://www.willametteriverrace.com). Gale Francis at [galefrancis@gmail.com](mailto:galefrancis@gmail.com) or 503-580-0425, John Strauch at [john@nwcvtv.com](mailto:john@nwcvtv.com)

**Aug 14** **PCL Golf Tournament**. Oak Knoll Golf Course. 8:30 am Shotgun start. \$100 per player. For more info contact Gwen Whelton 503-932-9590 or visit <http://pclpartnership.org/about/index.htm>. Oak Knoll Golf Club, 6335 Highway 22 Independence.

**Aug 15** **Central Lions Club 4th Annual Cruise In Riverview Park & Amphitheater** Independence, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. All profit from this show goes to assist our local community with health and vision screenings, glasses, hearing aids, and food. Free to spectators! Car registration is \$20 preshow and \$25 day of the show. Doni @ 503-881-9567 or Debbie @ 503-508-2130. [http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/Central\\_OR/](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/Central_OR/)

**Aug 15** **Celebrate World Honey Bee Day** with Left Coast Cellars! Honey extraction demos, beekeeping education, the debut of our 2014 Queen Bee Bubbly sparkling wine and more. 12 pm to 3 pm. no admission fee (wine tasting fees may apply without bottle purchase) Left Coast Cellars 4225 N Pacific Hwy 99W, Rickreall, OR

**Every Tuesday** May - October Polk County Bounty Market 10 AM - 3 PM Main St. Park

**Every Tuesday** 10:15 AM, **Toddler Story Time** for ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs. Monmouth Public Library, 168 S. Ecols St.

**Every Tuesday 7:30 PM - Al-Anon Family Groups**, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays** - 9:15 to 11 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MoPS) meets at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., Monmouth.

**Every Wednesday** 10:15 AM, **Preschool Story Time** for ages 3-6 years. **Monmouth Library**, 168 S. Ecols St.

**Every Wednesday Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank**, 10am to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.

**Every Wednesday 6:30 PM - Al-Anon Family Groups**, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church at 320 Fir Villa Rd. in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.

**Every 2nd Wednesday Monmouth-Independence Chamber lunch forum**. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Location changes. Please call Jean Love or visit our Calendar of Events at [micc-or.org](http://micc-or.org) for more information. 503-838-4268

**Every 3rd Wednesday** each month. **BINGO at the Farm**, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Come play BINGO in the Chatoe out at Rogue Farms. Join us every third Wednesday of the month through 2014! So bring your family and friends and get ready to win! Boards, daubers, and prizes provided! Rogue Farms Chatoe Tasting Room, 3590 Wigrich Road Independence, OR

**Every Thursday 7 p.m.** 314 Cottonwood Way, Monmouth. **Polk and Marion County Women** meet to discuss and research alternative/safer approaches to conventional treatments of hormonal imbalance.

**Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC) open meeting. Monmouth Volunteer Hall.** Info: 503-838-8804

**Every 3rd Thursday After Hour Mixers** with Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our FREE monthly after-hours mixers. Mixers are held the third Thursday of each month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at member locations. Registration is requested to help the host site properly prepare. Attendees are encouraged to bring a small giveaway (less than \$10) to promote your business or organization. For location and or more information, contact Jean Love 503-838-4268 or visit our Calendar of Events at [micc-or.org](http://micc-or.org) for more information.

**Every Friday TOPS-Weight Loss Group** meets at the Monmouth Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information please feel free to contact Marilyn at 503-930-7936.

**Every Saturday Riverview Market** Now through October 9 AM - 2 Pm Riverview Park 50 C. St., Independence

**Every Saturday The Original Independence Farmers Market** 9 am to 2 pm Umpqua Bank parking lot in historic downtown Independence.

**Every 1st Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Monmouth Senior Center** host breakfast. All you can eat, Adults \$6 Donation, Children 12 & under \$3 Donation. **For more info: 503 838-5678**

**First Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m. -Crafter's Cottage** at the **Monmouth Senior Center**, 180 S. Warren St. Handmade items, watercolors, needlepoint, towels, bead jewelry, dolls, blankets, sweaters, jellies, etc....**New items always arriving!**