

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

MICC annual meeting on tap

Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting Wednesday (today) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library. On the agenda is board of directors elections, an overview of 2015 programs and a looking ahead to 2016.

A boxed lunch with a turkey or veggie wrap, pasta salad, cookie and bottled water will be served for \$11.

For more information: www.micc-or.org.

Rick's Place hosts photo showing

Dallas photographer Ron Mitagg will show his exhibit "Light and Shadow" at Rick's Place, 123 E. Main St., Monmouth.

The exhibit, which will be shown through the month of November, features reflected light and shadow with prints on canvas and metal. Admission is free and hours are 8 a.m. through 4 p.m.

For more information: 503-838-4912.

Death and dying topic of discussion

Dallas area residents are invited to talk about death and dying during the "Talking about Dying" program at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Trained professionals will lead the one-time, 90-minute community discussion that provides people with an opportunity to reflect on what stories and influences shape their thinking about death and dying and to hear different perspectives and ideas from fellow community members.

Participants will explore essential questions: What do we think about when we think of dying? As people we've known have moved closer to death, what seemed to work well for them and the people close to them? What seemed difficult? When we think about our own dying, what do we want most?

Talking about Dying is a statewide initiative by Oregon Humanities, created in partnership with Cambia Health Foundation.

For more information about this free community discussion: Mark Greenhalgh-Johnson at 503-623-2633 or mark.johnson@dallasor.gov.

Evans to discuss veterans

Rep. Paul Evans will host a series of speeches to commemorate Veteran's Day.

The presentations will highlight some of the challenges facing the 21st century veteran and ways the public can honor and assist



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Children braved the rain and wind to go trick-or-treating in downtown Monmouth and Independence on Friday during the "Halloween Spectacular," hosted by the libraries in both cities, Independence Downtown Association and Monmouth Business Association.

MVCA veterans event Wednesday

citizen-soldiers. Evans will speak at 6 p.m. at the Independence Elks Club on Nov. 11.

"We owe our veterans a huge debt of gratitude," Evans said, who is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Oregon Air National Guard.

For more information: 971-273-0112 or email paul@paulevans.org.

Windermere hosts coat, blanket drive

Windermere Real Estate, 297 N. Pacific Highway, Monmouth, is collecting new or gently used and laundered coats and blankets for families in need this winter.

The "Share the Warmth" drive began Tuesday and will continue through Dec. 18. The business also will accept donations of hats, gloves and scarves.

Monmouth Fitness, at 165 Main St., Monmouth, is also participating as a drop-off site for the "Share the Warmth" campaign.

Donated items will go to those in need, distributed by Helping Hands and Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Project.

For more information: www.windermere.com.

Lunch and a movie at senior center

Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" will be shown after lunch at the Monmouth Senior Center on Nov. 12.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m., and is by donation. Order a meal by noon on Monday by calling 503-838-2084.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Davos.

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m. — After-School Art Show presented by Mary Christensen.

• Thursday, Nov. 5, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.

• Thursday, Nov. 5, noon — Book discussion group, "The Geography of Bliss" by Eric Weiner.

• Thursday, Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.

• Tuesday, Nov. 10, 11:15 a.m. — Morning story time.

• Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m. — afternoon story time.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Espanol.

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty (adults).

• Thursday, Nov. 5, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.

• Thursday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. — Community English as a Second Language.

• Saturday, Nov. 7, 3 p.m. — Book bingo (adults).

• Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day — Closed.

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2:30 p.m. — Builders club (K-5)

• Thursday, Nov. 5, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool storytime (2.5 to 5 years).

• Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for tots (story time for babies and toddlers).

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

• See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

Visit our website,
www.polkio.com
for local news, sports
and community events.



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, NOV. 4

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Brew and BS** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free. Bring your own brew—beer, coffee, tea, cider, wine. Moderated discussions on topics of religion and science. 503-831-5593.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum** — Noon, Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., Monmouth. Boxed lunch from Main Street Pub & Eatery, \$11. Usually the second Wednesday, but changed because of Veteran's Day. 503-838-4268.

• **Veteran's Chapel and Complimentary Breakfast** — 8:15 to 10 a.m., Mid-Valley Christian Academy, 1483 N. 16th St., Monmouth. For veterans and their families. 503-838-2818.

• **American Red Cross blood drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Donors with all blood types needed. Redcrossblood.org.

• **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. For children ages infant to pre-K, and conversation time for parents. 503-623-3397.

• **Senior meals, Dallas** — 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, LaCreole Manor, 204 SW Walnut St., Dallas. Free, but \$3 donation suggested. Reservations required. 503-623-6232.

• **Senior meals, Monmouth** — 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Free, but \$3 donation suggested. Reservations required. 503-838-2084.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

• **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.

• **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.

• **American Red Cross blood drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Donors with all blood types needed. Redcrossblood.org.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

• **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.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

• **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.

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

• **Buell Grange Breakfast** — 8 to 11 a.m., Buell Grange Hall, 5970 Mill Creek Road, just off Highway 22 northwest of Dallas. \$6. 503-623-8462 or 503-843-4703.

MONDAY, NOV. 9

• **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 band 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, NOV. 10

• **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.

• **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.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club** — 6 to 7 p.m. weigh-in, 7 to 8 p.m. meeting, First Christian Church basement, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Meetings offer programs and activities aimed at losing weight. Open to anyone. First meeting is free.

• **Marine Corps 240th birthday celebration** — 6 p.m., cake will be served and all Marines past and present are invited, Murphy's Grill, 288 E. Ellendale Ave. Dallas. 503-623-5395.

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