

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Festive ornaments art class feature

Ash Creek Arts Center will host the Second Saturday Family Art Class from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at its building, 311 S. Monmouth St., Independence.

The class will teach children and their families how to make festive holiday tree ornaments. Children should be old enough to manage scissors, glue, tape and other art supplies. All family art classes are free.

Registration is not required.

WOU's CAI lecture series returns

Western Oregon University's Center for Academic Innovation's Community Lecture Series returns on Tuesday. Rob Winningham, Ph.D., will present on brain health and aging at 5:30 p.m.

The monthly presentations are free and open to the public.

For more information: Dan Clark, 503-838-8361 or email to clarkdan@wou.edu.

Grief workshops offered for families

Willamette Valley Hospice will offer special workshops to help grieving children and adults.

Participants will gain practical ideas and coping strategies to assist them in their grief during the holiday season.

The first workshop will be Tuesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at West Valley Hospital for adults only.

For adults with children ages five and older, an expanded workshop with age-appropriate activities will be offered on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Willamette Valley Hospice office, at 1015 Third St. NW in Salem.

Anyone that has faced loss is welcome, but registration is requested by calling 503-588-3600.

Meet and greet with WOU students

Monmouth Senior Center will host a meet and greet with students from Western Oregon University's social ties and aging class at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Students will talk with seniors about where they get their social support, friendship and other topics.

For more information: Sue Teal, 503-838-5678.

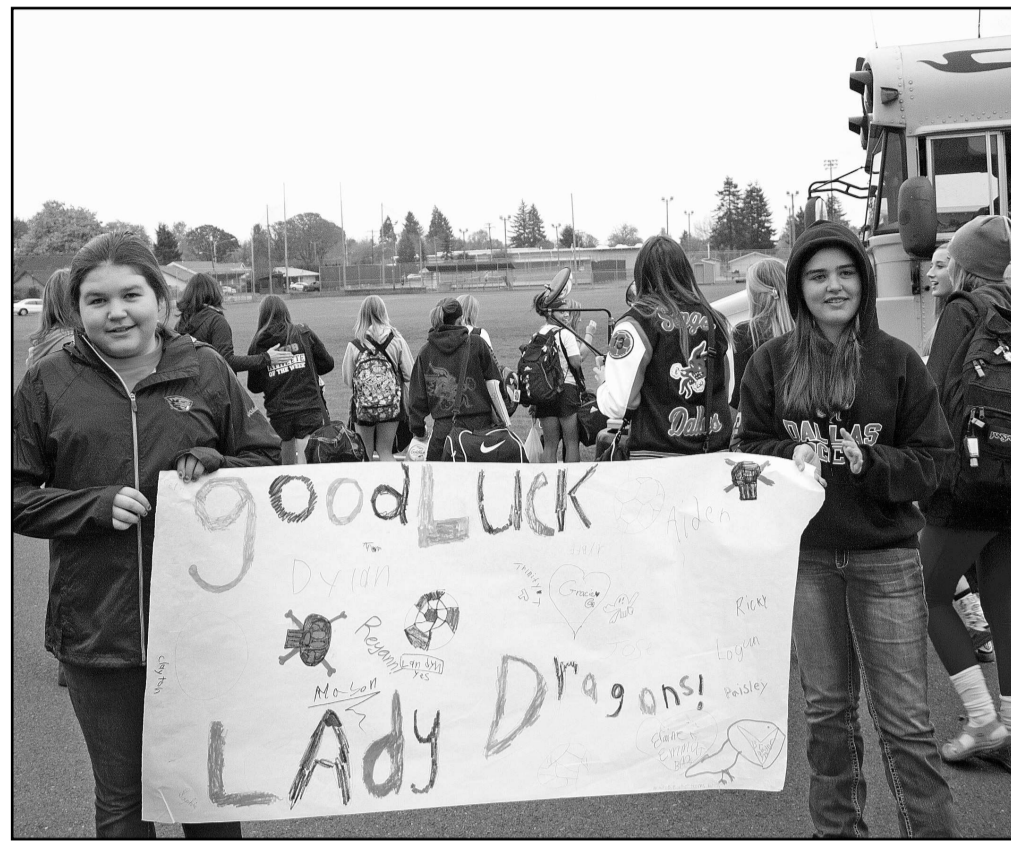
Rep. Paul Evans to discuss veterans

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 citizen-soldiers.

Evans will speak at 6 p.m. at the Independence Elks

Play like a girl



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Supporters of the Dallas High School girls soccer team, which made the playoffs for the first time in school history, gathered at the school Wednesday for a sendoff before the team's match with Wilsonville. For more details on the game, see page 12A.

Lodge on Wednesday (today).

"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.

Senior center hosts veterans breakfast

The Monmouth Senior Center will host a free breakfast for veterans and their families on Wednesday (today) from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth.

The event is also sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans and the AmVets 1776 Ladies Auxiliary. The community is welcome to attend.

A 100-year-old German doll will be raffled off, with proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project.

For more information: 503-838-5678.

Swing your partner at Guthrie Park

Guthrie Park Community Center will host its monthly second Saturday Old Time Square Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway (Highway 223), at the corner of Cooper Hollow Road.

No experience is necessary as all dances will be taught, including old time squares, big circles, long-way sets and waltzes. Live music will be by Cash & Company. The caller will be Truman Price.

All ages are welcome. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. Children younger than 12 are free.

For more information: Sally, 503-623-0809, or email guthriepark@gmail.com.

Annual art, quilt show starts Friday

The 24th annual Coastal Hills Art Tour and Quilt Show will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at various locations in Willamina.

This year, more than 20 artists and crafters from the West Valley will have items for sale. The Coastal Hills Quilters will put on their 16th annual quilt show. Admission is free.

Maps showing the locations will be available at the fire station and the VFW on the north side of town.

For more information: willaminaoregon.gov.

Ducks or Beavers afghan at library

The Friends of the Independence Public Library will host a raffle of a University of Oregon Ducks afghan, beanie and a stuffed critter, or an Oregon State University Beavers set.

Raffle tickets are \$1. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Independence Public Library. The drawing will be on Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.

For more information: 503-838-1811.

Salt Creek group to meet Tuesday

The Salt Creek Neighborhood Association will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Salt Creek Baptist Church, 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas.

All area residents are welcome to the general meeting. The Polk County Sheriff's Office will present information on the neighborhood watch program. The Oregon Department of Forestry will speak about wildfire prevention.

For more information: 503-623-9789.

Library holds Soup Night, author talk

Dallas Public Library is hosting Soup Night Thursday at 6 p.m., with guest author Maggie Stuckey.

Everyone is invited to sample soups and learn about how "Soup Nights" have become a new way to bring neighbors and communities together.

An Oregon author, Stuckey will share stories of Soup Night groups all across the country with tips on starting your own Soup Night. She will also talk about how she developed the concept for her book "Soup Night: Recipes for Creating Community Around a Pot of Soup," her two other books, and how she found the perfect publishers.

Pentacle opens 'Trip to Bountiful'

Pentacle Theatre in West Salem is running "The Trip to Bountiful" starting Friday and running through Dec. 5.

Written by Horton Foote and directed by Jo Dodge, the play centers around Mrs. Watts, an aging widow living with her son and daughter-in-law in three-room flat in Houston. Fearing her presence may be an imposition, she dreams of returning to her home town, Bountiful.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to <http://pentacletheatre.org/>.

Free veteran's Day breakfast Saturday

The American Legion will host its annual Veteran's Day breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

Free admission to veterans. Donations accepted. Everyone welcome.

For more information: 503-480-6254.



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. 11

- **Veteran's breakfast** — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. For veterans, their families and the community. Free breakfast. 503-838-5678.
- **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.
- **Polk County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Oak Knoll Golf Course, 6335 Highway 22, Independence. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.
- **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., West Valley Hospital (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.
- **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Open to the public; musicians of all types welcome. 503-838-5678.
- **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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

- **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.
- **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.
- **Young Professionals Networking** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Independence Grill, 154 S. Main St., Independence. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

- **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, NOV. 14

- **Guthrie Park Country Dance** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Admission: \$5 per person; \$15 immediate family rate; children 12 and younger free. 503-623-0809.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

- **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.
- **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., 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. 17

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Salt Creek Neighborhood Association** — 7 p.m., Salt Creek Baptist Church, 15075 Salt Creek Road. General meeting with presentation from the Polk County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Department of Forestry. All area residents are welcome. 503-623-9789.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

- **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.
- **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.
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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633

- www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. — Soup & Books Night with author Maggie Stuckey.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m. — Morning story time.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board meeting.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Bella & Delilah.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4:45 p.m. — Teen

Book Club featuring "The 5th Wave"

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811

- www.ci.independence.or.us/library
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day — Closed.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m. — Community English as a Second Language.
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. — Turkey book bingo.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Espanol.

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

- www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school storytime (2.5 to 5 years).
- Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. — Little builders (babies-preschool)
- Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for tots (story time for babies and toddlers).

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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503-787-3521, ext. 319

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