

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Left Coast to host open house Friday

Left Coast Cellars will host an open house on Friday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Wood-fired pizzas and charcuterie will be available.

The Holiday Open House begins with Noir Friday, featuring 10 percent off selected wines, plus additional deals from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10, which includes a logo glass, and \$1 from each admission will be donated to the Marion-Polk County Food Share.

For more information: 503-831-4916.

Christmas Pageant tickets available

Tickets are available for the 75th presentation of the Rickreall Christmas Pageant, set to take the stage Dec. 3-5 at 8 p.m. each evening at the Rickreall Event Hall, 300 Main St. (Highway 99W), Rickreall. The annual tradition tells the story of the nativity.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. To order tickets and find directions or more information, visit www.RickreallChristmasPageant.com.

Library 'Friends' to host book sale

The Friends of the Monmouth Public Library will host a special sale of nearly new and gently read books from Tuesday through Dec. 22 in the library.

Books will be available to buy during regular library hours, and will be located on the Friends book sale shelves.

Payment may be made at the circulation desk.

The selection includes Christmas books, some children's books, and a selection

Cheering them on



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Perrydale fans cheer on the Pirates' football team during the 1A semifinals game against Dufur on Saturday. Perrydale lost a thriller to the Rangers 42-38. Dufur scored with 22 seconds left in the fourth quarter to earn the win. Perrydale finished with a 10-1 record.

of recently published books for adults.

Proceeds will help the Friends support library programs all year long.

For more information: Margaret, 503-838-3995.

4-H offering crafts from the kitchen

Polk County 4-H STEP (Short Term Educational Programming) classes for youth is offering a "crafts from the kitchen" class on Dec. 5. Registration is due Dec. 3.

The class will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Polk's Extension office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., suite 301, Dallas, and will teach participants to make jam, ice cream toppings and other gift ideas.

The class is for students in grades four through 12

grades and you don't have to be a 4-H member participant. Admission is \$10 for 4-H members and \$12 for non-members.

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

Parade of Lights seeking entries

Entries are being accepted for the Independence Downtown Association's Parade of Lights scheduled for Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. This year's theme is "A Hometown Holiday" Parade applications are available at the Independence Public Library, online at www.independencedowntown.org, or on Facebook at IDA Parade of Lights. Award categories include "Best Commercial Entry," "IDA President's Choice," "Best

Use of Lights and Best Group/Organization Entry."

For more information: Robin at 503-838-1811 or email to robin@ccrsls.org.

Holiday treats at senior center

A Western Oregon University student will offer a Christmas craft and treat class at Monmouth Senior Center at 3 p.m. on Dec. 2.

The class offers a time for people to gather and make fudge, toffee, eat snack mix, and share favorite Christmas stories or ornaments.

Cost is \$2. Participants will be able to take home their goodies.

The center is at 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth.

For more information: 503-838-5678.



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 (ioneus@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

• **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.

• **Yoga in the Hopyard** — 6 p.m., Rogue Farms Micro Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Free; bring your own yoga mat. 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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26, THANKSGIVING DAY

• **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.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

• **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.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club Meeting** — 9:45 to 11 a.m. Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. First meeting is free. 541-327-1730.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Faith Evangelical Free Church, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave. All blood types needed. www.RedCrossBlood.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

• **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.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

• **Last Sunday at River Gallery** — 2 to 4 p.m., River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence. Reception to honor corner and window focus artists. Free. 503-838-6171.

• **Jubilee Service** — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Calvary Chapel, 628 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Come enjoy old-time hymns and bluegrass. Hand clapping and loud singing is encouraged. 503-831-1074.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

• **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.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — Noon to 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. All blood types needed. www.RedCrossBlood.org.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

• **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.

• **Perrydale Senior Tea** — 12:30 p.m., Perrydale old gym, 7445 Perrydale Road, Amity. Free lunch, tea and coffee. Donations accepted. 503-623-2040.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

• **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.

• **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.

Community Events Calendar brought to you by these Monmouth Business Association participants.

DECEMBER 2015
MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>Don't Forget</p> <p>Nov. 27 & 28 — Polk County Craft Fair. 9 am to 5 pm. Two Buildings full! 150 craft spaces filled with a variety of handmade crafts, wreaths, ornaments, ceramics, gift baskets, cowboy art and all kinds of baking. Food Available on site Admission is by donation to help 4H & FFA projects at the fairgrounds. Polk County Fairgrounds & Events Center. 520 S. Pacific Hwy (Hwy 99) Rickreall</p> <p>Nov. 28 — Small Business Saturday! Show your love at a small business near you.</p> <p>Dec. 1 — Monmouth Independence Chamber Pep Talks. (See below for details)</p> <p>Dec. 6 — Polk County Flea Market. 9 am to 3 pm. Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall. Polk County's oldest and largest market with 183 tables selling antiques, collectibles, tools, etc. Admission \$1. For more info contact Deb Thomas 503-428-8224.</p> <p>Dec. 2, 3 & 4 — Monmouth Garden Club Greens Sale. Fresh, made on site, door wreaths, table arrangements & greens filled coffee mugs for home or work place holiday decorations and gifts. Sale proceeds used for community beautification projects. Central Baptist Church 655 S. Pacific Avenue (Hwy 99W) Monmouth Wednesday & Thursday hours- 10 am to 6:30 pm & Friday hours- 9am to Noon.</p> <p>Dec. 4 — 48th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting. 6:00 - 9:00 pm. WOU Campus. Holiday Parade starting at 6pm, with indoor programs starting at 7pm. There will be a Tree Decorating Contest, Pictures with Santa's, Choir Performances of Elementary School Students, and a Cookie Bake-off. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by Student Leadership & Activities and Werner University Center. For more info (503) 838-8064 Event Website: http://www.wou.edu/sla/holiday-tree-lighting/</p> <p>Dec. 9 — Monmouth Independence Chamber lunch forum. Join the us for our 4th annual forum and help us give back to our community! This year we are partnering with Toys for Tots to help ensure families in Monmouth and Independence have a happy holiday season. Forum participants will help package items being delivered to local families. Attendees are encouraged to bring a toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Volunteering one hour will help make a huge impact on our community! Light refreshments will be provided. Time: 12 - 1 pm Location: Toys for Tots, 535 G Street, Independence (behind Henry Hill Community Center in the same building as OCDC; intersection of G and 6th Streets; parking available in front of the office or along G Street) Call the chamber to register 503-838-4268.</p> <p>Dec. 17 — Monmouth-Independence Chamber After Hours Mixer. Join us in December for holiday cheer, wine, and light refreshments in a festive atmosphere as decorated like only Petals & Vines can do! Chamber members and friends are invited to join us DECEMBER HOST- Petals & Vines, 410 Main St. Monmouth. Call to register 503-838-4268</p> <p>Dec. 25 — Happy Holidays from the M.B.A.</p> <p>Dec. 31 — Happy New Years Eve! Please celebrate responsibly!</p>	<p>PCL Partnerships in Community Living 503-838-2403 480 E. Main St. Monmouth</p> <p>DownTown Trends 142 Highway 99 West 503- 838-1445 Monmouth</p> <p>Monmouth Senior Center 180 S. Warren St. Monmouth</p> <p>355 N Pacific Ave., Ste A Monmouth 503-838-4268</p> <p>MINET 405 Hogan Rd Monmouth 503-837-0700 www.minetfiber.com Your Local Service Provider</p> <p>Itemizer-Observer Serving Polk Co. Since 1875 503-623-2373 503-838-3467</p>	<p>Windermere REAL ESTATE www.windermere.com 503-838-1141 297 N Pacific Monmouth</p> <p>Oregon State Credit Union 800-732-0173 464 S Pacific Hwy Monmouth osufederal.com</p> <p>Saving Carpets Daily Carpet Hero 503-838-0869 Monmouth</p> <p>LOOKING FOR RENTALS? 297 1/2 N. Pacific Hwy 503-838-1278 Western View Properties Property Management, LLC</p> <p>M MONMOUTH FITNESS CLUB 503-838-2951 165 E. Main St. Monmouth</p> <p>PETALS & VINES 503-838-1773 410 E. Main St. Monmouth</p>
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Simple Marketing Strategies to Grow Your Business or Organization

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• Learn campaigns that drive action • Determine how to get started with marketing

Tuesday, Dec. 1. ALL workshops will be held 1:00 PM — 2:00 PM at Henry Hill Community Center located at 750 S 5th Street, Independence. Cost per workshop: \$10 for MI Chamber members \$15 for non-members. Fee includes light refreshments. Registration deadline is noon Monday, Nov. 30th. For more information and to register, contact the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center: www.micc-or.org or 503-838-4268