

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Painting, poetry at family art class

Ash Creek Arts Center will host 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 paint and write poetry. Children should be old enough to manage scissors, glue, tape and other art supplies. All family art classes are free.

Registration is not required.

Guthrie Park hosts Christmas Sounds

Guthrie Park Community Center will host its 28th Annual Sounds of Christmas Program Friday at 7:30 p.m. at its building, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas.

The event is free. Donations are welcome.

The program will feature music from Cooper Hollow and Cash & Company, raffles, a visit from Santa Claus and a Christmas Sing-a-long after the show.

Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

For more information: www.guthriepark.org.

Holiday dance at local civic center

The Dallas Area Seniors will host a holiday dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.

Cecil Maginn will host the musicians. Cost is \$5, which goes toward the senior center.

For more information: Dallas Senior Center, 503-623-8554.

Potluck to feature Christmas choirs

Ash Creek Christian Academy in Independence will entertain people at the monthly potluck at the Monmouth Senior Center at noon on Friday at the center, 180 S. Warren St.

Ham and turkey breast are on the menu. Participants are asked to bring something to share.

For information: 503-838-5678.

Old-time squares at Guthrie Park

Guthrie Park Community Center will host its second-

Sheriff's shopping spree



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Polk County Deputy Marty Watson helps Katelynn Ross pick out slippers at Wal-Mart in Dallas on Saturday. Polk County Sheriff's Office employees helped children from Falls City pick out gifts for their families during the annual Christmas shopping spree, a partnership between Wal-Mart, Polk County and the sheriff's office.

Saturday old-time square dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, three miles south of Dallas.

The dance is open to all. Live music will be by Cash & Company.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. Children 12 and younger are free.

For more information: Sally, 503-623-0809.

Christmas pizza party for children

Child Evangelism Fellowship will host a free pizza party for children aged 5 to 12 with games, songs and the true story of Christmas Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Abby's Pizza in Dallas, and at Mendi's Pizza in Independence. Children will get free pizza.

For more information: Jennifer, 971-209-8800.

FSD recital is at Talmadge Tuesday

The Polk County France School of Dance's annual food drive and dance recital will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Talmadge Middle School, 51 16th St., Independence. Students ages 4 through

teens will perform tap, ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz and hip-hop routines.

Admission to the performance is three cans of food or a \$3 donation. All food proceeds benefit Joan Schmitt's Children fund. Money donations benefit Dallas Food Bank.

For more information: 503-390-3481, or online at www.FSODance.com.

Dallas Fire & EMS to hold open house

Dallas Fire and EMS has a remodeled entry way and is holding an open house and ribbon cutting Friday to show it off.

At 10 a.m., coffee and refreshments will be served. The rededication ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the fire station, 915 SE Sheldon St., Dallas. Dallas chaplain Dave Pederson will give the invocation.

For more information: 503-831-3530.

Shakespearean actors at CHS

As part of the Central High School partnership with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, two actors will present at 7 p.m. on Wednesday (today)

at the high school auditorium.

The event is free, but donations will be accepted at the door for the CHS travel fund, which helps students go see performances in Ashland.

For more information: www.osfashland.org.

Religions discussed at Dec. 20 forum

St. Thomas Episcopal Church will sponsor the "Religions of Abraham" Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 1486 SW Levens St.

Dr. Allen Fromherz, Director of Middle East Studies and Professor of History at Georgia State University will talk about the three major faiths that were present in medieval Spain and Portugal: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Rebecca Fromherz, the church Music Director, arranged the talk. Rebecca and Dr. Fromherz are siblings and were born and raised in Dallas.

Dr. Fromherz was recently selected as a Senior Humanities Fellow at NYU Abu Dhabi for the spring of 2016, when he will complete work on his latest book, "The Global Gulf, A History."



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, DEC. 9

• **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.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum** — Noon, Toys for Tots, 535 G St., Independence. Volunteer one hour to help Toys for Tots. Light refreshments provided. 503-838-4268.

• **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.

• **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Wednesday Painting workshop** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St., Falls City. \$30 includes instruction, cocktail or soda and snack. No experience necessary. 503-787-2700.

• **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. 435-503-4304.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

• **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, DEC. 11

• **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 Club Meeting** — 9:45 to 11 a.m. Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. First meeting is free. 503-930-7936.

• **Monmouth Independence YMCA Christmas Auction** — 6 p.m., Green Villa Barn, 3215 Independence Highway, Independence. \$25 for dinner, music, auction. Theyonline.org.

• **Holiday Movie Series** — 6 p.m., Independence Civic Center, 555 S. Main St., Independence. "Arthur Christmas," shown in both Spanish and in English. Popcorn and mini candy canes served. Donation of two nonperishable food items requested. www.ci.independence.or.us.

• **Dallas Area Seniors Holiday Dance** — 7 to 10 p.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Cecil Maginn will host the musicians. \$5. 503-623-8554.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

• **Guthrie Park Old-Time Square 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.

• **Donation Yoga** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Yoga and Balance Studio, 115 SE Court St., Dallas. Bring a few cans of food or cash to donate to the food bank. 503-999-8016.

• **Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt** — 6 p.m., The Grove Community Church, 116 S. Main St., Independence. Pick up clues and search Monmouth and Independence for Christmas light displays. Free. 503-967-5738.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

• **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, DEC. 14

• **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.

• **Mid-Valley Christian Academy Christmas program** — 6:30 p.m. Central Baptist Church, 655 S. Pacific Ave., Monmouth. This year's program is a children's musical titled "The Christmas Clinic." Free. 503-838-2818.

• **American Red Cross blood drive** — 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
Thursday, Dec. 10, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
Thursday, Dec. 10, noon — Book discussion group.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m. — Lego building.
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m. — Story time.
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

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INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club (first grade and older).
Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m. — Community ESL.
Thursday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. — Wreath Making Workshop.
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. — Gingerbread houses (with graham crackers).
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

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MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
Thursday, Dec. 10, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool storytime (2.5 to 5 years).
Friday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. — Little builders (babies-preschool).
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.
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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.

Trinity Lutheran Church *presents*
"Christmas Unplugged - Reclaiming the Holy Spirit" *with John Dean*
Sunday, Dec. 13th • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Cookie reception following.

Emmy nominated, as seen on PBS, John's physical comedy interspersed with fine musicianship make for a fun filled evening for all ages.



Suggested admission: Seniors and children \$10. General \$12. If unable to pay no one will be turned away.
320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas
dallaslcl.org ~ 503-623-2233

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1005 SE LaCreole Dr, Dallas ~ 503-623-9715
www.dallasor.gov/dac