

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Veterans advocate to meet for coffee

Coffee and Conversation, sponsored by the American Disabled Veterans, will be at 10:15 a.m. on Monday at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St.

Take an hour out of the day to have coffee and doughnuts, and get out of the house to visit with friends and meet new ones.

During this time, there is an advocate for veterans to offer help to those who need it and aren't sure how to get it.

For more information: 503-838-5678.

Holiday music jam at Dallas center

All musicians and holiday music lovers of all ages are welcome to join the Dallas Area Seniors in the spirit of the season for a holiday music jam at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the center, 955 SE Jefferson St.

Bring snacks to share at intermission. Festive attire is welcome. There will be a prize for the most festive sweater.

The event is free.

For more information, or to make a request: Jam host Michele Campione, 503-623-5055, or find Dallas Area Seniors on Facebook.

Featured artist shows photography

Scenic photographer Marilynn Teal is Dallas Public Library's featured artist for December. Her exhibit includes photographs taken in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Alaska, and British Columbia. Teal's work includes still-life, portraits, animals, architecture and weddings.

She enjoys photographing old buildings, scenery, and bringing unique perspectives to photographing natural settings. She loves working with contrasting colors and textures, and especially enjoys gray on black tones and textures, which show up so clearly in black and white photography.

Her work will be on dis-

Hitting all the right notes



The Dallas High School choir sings Christmas carols on Dec. 8. The choir visited local businesses to spread some holiday cheer to the community.

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play through December at the library, 950 Main St., Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Old-time fiddlers to perform Saturday

The Old-Time Fiddlers will perform at the Dallas Civic Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

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

Dallas library to host teen party

The Dallas Public Library will host a Christmas party for teens at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the library, 950 Main St.

A Christmas comedy classic movie, rated PG, will be shown. Other events include

a scavenger hunt, gingerbread decorating, hot cocoa and pizza. The event is geared toward those in grades seven through 12.

For more information or for the name of the movie: 503-623-2633.

TLC holds free Christmas concert

A free concert will be held Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas. It will feature scripture readings; an adult choir; bell, children and youth choirs; along with Christmas carol singing.

The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-2233.

M-I chamber mixer at Petals & Vines

Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center's

December mixer will be Thursday at Petals & Vines, 410 Main St. E., Monmouth.

Join the occasion for wine, light refreshments and a festive holiday atmosphere. The mixer is from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information or to register at www.micc-or.org

Clothes giveaway at NLNC Saturday

New Life Nazarene Church will host its annual Christmas Clothes Giveaway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Jinett's Closet, 341 NE Kings Valley Highway, Dallas, on the corner of Kings Valley Highway and Polk Station Road.

Clothes are available to all who need them. Donations of new and gently used toys and clothing of all sizes are accepted.

For more information: Jinett, 971-208-4249.

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@polkia.com).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Fall City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

- **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.
- **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-420-4021.
- **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.
- **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Petals & Vines, 410 E. Main St., Monmouth. Chamber mixer. www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.
- **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.
- **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.
- **Holiday Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Bring snacks to share. Festive attire welcome. Prize for most festive sweater. Free. 503-623-5055.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

- **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.
- **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.
- **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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

- **Old-Time Fiddlers** — 1 p.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Music and refreshments. Free. 503-623-8554.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

- **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, DEC. 21

- **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, DEC. 22

- **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.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

- DALLAS**
950 Main St.
503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club.
 - Thursday, Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
 - Thursday, Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. — Lego building.
 - Friday, Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. — Teen Christmas party.
 - Saturday, Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m. — Family/children's movie, rated G. Crafts and snacks.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 22, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 22, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.

- INDEPENDENCE**
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
 - Thursday, Dec. 17, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club (first grade and older).
 - Thursday, Dec. 17, 4:30 p.m. — Community ESL.
 - Friday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (gingerbread houses and sweet treats).
 - Monday, Dec. 21, 1-8 p.m. — Star Wars Marathon, Episodes IV, V and VI.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1-8 p.m. — Star Wars Marathon, Episodes I, II and III.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. —

- MONMOUTH**
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
- Thursday, Dec. 17, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school storytime (2.5 to 5 years).
 - Friday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. — Little builders (babies-preschool).
 - Tuesday, Dec. 22, 10:15 a.m. — Mrs. Claus story time and craft.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2 p.m. — Animated movie, PG.
- 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.

You're Invited!!
Nettie Shuler's 90th Birthday Celebration
OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION
Sunday, Dec. 20th
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Greenway Mobile Home Community Center
450 SE LaCreole Dr.
Come by and say "Hi!"

Nettie has been a Dallas resident for over 50 years. Retired from Blue Garden after 25 years.

It's not like her.
Mom has always been so patient, but now when I ask her questions she gets angry.

We can help.

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Aging and Disability Resource Connection
of OREGON

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HelpForAlz.org

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

RECYCLE

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5	2	8	1	9	7	4	6	3
1	9	6	5	4	3	8	7	2
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6	8	3	9	1	5	7	2	4
9	6	5	3	8	1	2	4	7
8	3	7	4	2	6	5	9	1
2	4	1	7	5	9	3	8	6

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