

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Lions club to serve free breakfast

The Central Lions Club will serve a free breakfast to all seniors and their families on Friday, New Year's Day, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St.

Explore proactive aging in Dallas

A positive aging series starts at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6 at the Dallas Senior Center, at the back of the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St.

Explore proactive aging in this presentation and discussion series led by Sandy Larson and George Furniss, Presbyterian ministers who have led many senior group discussion and have extensive experience working with older adults. Drop-ins are welcome.

For more information: 503-623-8554.

Humane Society to offer pet specials

Start your pet's year off right by getting your male dog or cat fixed for \$20 in January as part of the Willamette Humane Society's "Happy Neuter Year" campaign.

Unplanned litters create millions of pets with no place to call home. Willamette Humane Society and PetSmart Charities will provide \$20 neuter surgeries for male dogs and cats at the humane society's spay and neuter clinic.

For more information or to schedule an appointment: whs4pets.org/clinic, or call 503-480-7729.

Master Gardener class begins Jan. 6

The Oregon State University Extension Service is now accepting applications for its Polk County Master Gardener program.

Applications are due Thursday. The classes will run on Wednesdays from Jan. 6 through March 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$100. For more information: 503-623-8395, email alisha.atha@oregonstate.edu, or online at extension.oregonstate.edu, look for the Master Gardening training link.

Charging to the basket



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Central junior Peter Mason attempts to drive to the basket against Roosevelt on Monday night. Mason scored nine points during the Panthers' boys basketball team's 66-51 loss. The setback lowered Central's record to 4-4 overall.

atha@oregonstate.edu, or online at extension.oregonstate.edu, look for the Master Gardening training link.

Flea market at Grange on Sunday

The Rickreall Grange Hall will host a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The market will include vendors and fresh-baked goods. The kitchen will serve breakfast and lunch, and the model railroad will have an open house.

For more information: 503-623-8298.

Learn to use your e-reader at library

The Independence Public Library will host a drop-in e-reader workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

If you got a new e-reader, library employees will help get you set up to work with the library's collection. Be sure to know your Adobe ID

or Amazon login and bring your library card. To get a library card, bring picture ID to sign up.

Dallas Public Library is keeping a list of those interested for an e-reader workshop and will hold one when the list gets long enough. Monmouth Public Library workers can also assist in getting started borrowing books electronically.

Arts center to display paintings

The Ash Creek Arts Center presents: Garden Party: an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Zola Sherwood.

The display will be viewable from Jan. 6 through 31 at the Pink House Café, 242 D St., Independence.

A reception will be on Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Sherwood's work, often inspired by flowers from her garden, emphasizes exuberant colors and forms.

Christmas tree recycling Sunday

The Dallas Mat Club will hold its annual Christmas tree recycling day on Sunday.

Trees can be brought to LaCreole Middle School, located at 701 SE LaCreole Drive, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Rogue Farms hosts New Year's sale

Rogue Farms Hopyard will kick off its monthly garage sale on New Year's Eve day, Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the farm, 3590 Wigrich Road NW, Independence.

The sale includes discounts on all things Rogue including cases and kegs of Rogue ales, glassware and merchandise.

The sale continues Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information: 503-838-9813 or kylew@rogue.com.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
• Thursday, Dec. 31, 2:30 p.m. — Lego building.
• Friday, Jan. 1 — Closed for New Year's Day.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
• Wednesday, Dec. 30, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Wednesday, Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
• Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve —

Open 1 to 5 p.m.
• Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day — Library closed.
• Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6 to 8 p.m. — e-Reader workshop, drop-in.
• Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty (adults).
• Wednesday, Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
• Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2 p.m. — Animat-

ed movie, PG.
• Thursday, Dec. 31, 10:15 a.m. — Family-friendly games.
• Thursday, Dec. 31 — Closes at 5 p.m.
• Friday, Jan. 1 — Closed for New Year's Day.
• Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2:30 p.m. — Builders club (K-5).

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.

EARLY DEADLINES

Our office will be **CLOSED** Friday, Jan. 1

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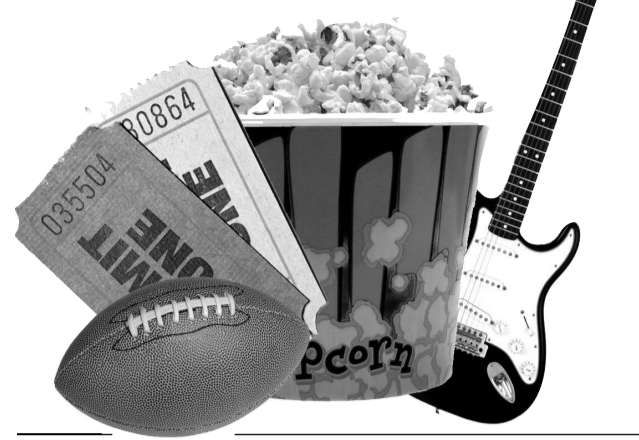
Social News Wedding, Engagements, Births, etc.Wed., Dec. 30, 4pm
Community Events Business, School, Comm. NewsThurs., Dec. 31, Noon
General NewsThurs., Dec. 31, Noon
Letters to the Editor/Obituaries..... Mon., Jan. 4, 10am

Advertising Department:

LegalsThurs., Dec. 31, Noon
Display Main news advertisements/inserts.....Thurs., Dec. 31, Noon
Classified Display Mon. Jan. 4, 11am
Classified Line Ads..... Mon., Jan. 4, noon

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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. 30

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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, DEC. 31

- **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.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Meeting** — 10 to 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. Weigh-in only. First meeting is free. 503-930-7936.

FRIDAY, JAN. 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY

- **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, JAN. 2

- **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 under 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, JAN. 3

- **Polk Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: \$1; children 12 and younger, free. Early admission from 6 to 9 a.m. is \$5. 503-428-8224.
- **From the Heart Community Sing** — 1:30 to 3 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free singing lessons; all ages are welcome. 503-559-5205.
- **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.

MONDAY, JAN. 4

- **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, JAN. 5

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

- **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. 503-838-1811.
- **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.
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