

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

BodyVox to perform at Rice



WOU SMITH FINE ARTS/Itemizer-Observer

BodyVox, currently in its 17th season, has toured extensively throughout the U.S. as well as Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, and India. Based in Portland, and founded by Emmy Award-winning choreographers Jamey Hampton and Ashley Roland, BodyVox has developed eight award winning films, 20 evening length shows and three operas, featuring nearly 200 original dances. We have three different productions available year-round and include outreach in all of our touring.

Relief printmaking at Ash Creek class

The Ash Creek Arts Center will present relief printmaking at its Second Saturday Art Class from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Independence Women's Club building, 340 Third St., Independence. Children and their parents are welcome to come to this free class. Draw on a printing block, ink it, press it to a paper surface and see your design appear in reverse. Registration is not required. For more information: www.ashcreekarts.org.

Free tech courses at United Methodist

Free technology courses will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8 at Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. The courses will be held each Friday. The courses are open to anyone with a device. Contact Leanna and Dean Deters to participate. Call or text: 503-831-3303 or 971-208-8142, or email lldeters@msn.com.

Pedee club member to speak at potluck

Pam Burkhalter, from Pedee Women's Club, will speak at the Monmouth Senior Center monthly potluck at noon on Friday at the center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. The Pedee Women's Club sends six to eight packages to deployed military members every month, makes and donates youth quilts for children in need, makes lap quilts for veterans at the hospitals in Oregon, and more. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, as well as table service. For more information: 503-838-5678.

Pentacle presents 'Mary Poppins'

The Pentacle Theatre and The Compton Family Foundation present Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins." The show will be a limited engagement at Central High School as a fundraiser. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for those 17 and younger.

PCLA hosts Jan. 16 annual meeting

The Polk County Livestock Association will host its annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall, in the Arts and Crafts Building. A catered dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Katie Fast, of Oregonians for Food and Shelter, will be the guest speaker. Cost for the dinner is \$15. RSVP by Saturday. PCLA is the association that organizes and sponsors through the market committee the Livestock Market Auction during the Polk County Fair, and events prior to the fair, including weigh-ins, educational seminars and workshops, and the livestock breed award at the county fair for each specie. PCLA yearly membership is \$20. For more information: Pat.Letsch,lucky1rnh@aol.com.

Painting party at Arena Sports Bar

Party While You Paint will host an event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Arena Sports Bar & Grill, 174 S. Main St., Independence. Local artists will guide

participants through a step-by-step featured painting. All supplies for the painting are included, as well as the first beverage. Cost is \$37.

Old-time squares at Guthrie Park

Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, will host its monthly Second Saturday Old-Time Square Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four or more. Children 12 and younger are free. No experience is necessary to participate in old-time squares, big circles, longway sets or waltzes, as all dances are taught. The caller will be Truman Price. Live music will be by Cash & Company. For more information: Sally, 503-623-0809.

State of the Cities slated for Jan. 13

The annual State of the Cities address will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Western Oregon University's Werner Center in the Columbia Room. Addresses will feature Mayor John Oberst, of Monmouth, and Mayor John McArdle, of Independence. Both mayors will share remarks on successes from 2015 and what is coming up in 2016. Parking in lots H or F will not require a permit for this event. Register at www.micc.or.org for this free event.

Dallas Library shows 'Minions'

Ready to see the misadventures of Kevin, Stuart, and Bob as they search for the perfect evil overlord.

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., will show the family-friendly animated movie about the little yellow and pill-shaped creatures, "Minions" on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The movie is rated PG and is free. For more information: 503-623-2633

Indy library to host ancestry workshop

The Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., will host a workshop about www.ancestry.com on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. People will learn how to use the genealogy resource for free at the library. There is no cost to attend, and it is open to people of all ages. For more information: 503-838-1811.

Yoga studio hosts community event

Dallas Yoga & Balance Studio will hold its third donation-based community yoga practice session on Saturday at 11 a.m. Instructors Dawn Spires and Amy Sledge will teach a combined yoga and guided meditation practice at the studio, allowing participants to give back to our local community. All donations will go to Sable House and can include any of the following: personal products — Q-tips and deodorant; cleaning supplies — dish washer detergent, laundry soap, laundry stain remover, fabric softener and 409 or Simple Green; baby items — diapers, baby wipes, bottles and pacifiers; and paper products — toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, and Kleenex. You can also donate cash. For more information: 503-999-8016.



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 (ioneews@polkio.com).

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. 503-551-7687 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.
- **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, JAN. 7

- **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.
- **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, JAN. 8

- **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.
- **Pentacle Theatre presents "Mary Poppins"** — 7:30 p.m., Central High School auditorium, 1500 Monmouth St., Independence. \$20 for adults and \$15 for those 17 and younger.
- **Community technology course** — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free. Leanna at 971-208-8142 or Dean at lldeters@msn.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

- **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 under free. 503-623-0809.
- **Donation Yoga** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Yoga and Balance Studio, 115 SE Court St., Dallas. Bring a few personal, laundry, cleaning or baby products or cash to donate to Sable House. 503-999-8016.
- **Pentacle Theatre presents "Mary Poppins"** — Matinee at 2 p.m., evening show at 7:30 p.m., Central High School auditorium, 1500 Monmouth St., Independence. \$20 for adults and \$15 for those 17 and younger.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10

- **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.
- **Pentacle Theatre presents "Mary Poppins"** — 2 p.m., Central High School auditorium, 1500 Monmouth St., Independence. \$20 for adults and \$15 for those 17 and younger.

MONDAY, JAN. 11

- **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. 12

- **Caregivers Support Group** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room, entrance through Emergency Department on Clay Street), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.
- **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
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- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Bella.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, noon — Adult book discussion.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Saturday, Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m. — Kids and family movie, "Minions."
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11:15 a.m. — Morning story time.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Davos.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- 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 Espanol.
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for kids (first grade and older).
- Thursday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Saturday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m. — ancestry.com workshop.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 4 p.m. — Winter Fun Club (family movie, "Hotel Transylvania 2").

- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Espanol.

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2:30 p.m. — Builders club (K-5).

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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