

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## Faith Lutheran hosts free concert

Faith Lutheran Church in Monmouth, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, welcomes Harmonious for a free concert on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Harmonious is a quartet of sisters harmonizing music of all types. After the concert, stay for plates of cheese, nuts, dried fruits, sweet snacks and beverages.

For more information: 503-838-3459.

## Police Department takes part in blitz

The Independence Police Department will take part in the 2016 Seatbelt Blitz Feb. 8-21. During this period, special attention will be paid to proper seatbelt use, proper child restraints, texting and speeding.

Speeding and distracted driving continue to be a major cause of accidents and fatalities. You are 23 times more likely to be in an accident while texting and driving and four times more likely to be in an accident if you use your phone in a traditional manner, according to information provided by the Independence Police Department.

## Polk flag design contest now open

A contest to design a Polk County flag is now open. The contest is open to everyone. The winning design will be honored during a ceremony planned for this fall.

Submissions may be entered through May 13.

The top five finalists will be chosen by Polk County Commissioners on May 27. A three-day public voting period will take place during the Polk County Fair, held Aug. 11-13.

The winner will be unveiled on Sept. 7 during the commissioners meeting at the Polk County Courthouse.

One entry per person and entrants must reside in Polk County. A maximum of five colors may be used in the design. For information or to submit a design: Heather Chase, chase.heather@co.polk.or.us.

## New Garden Club seeks members

The new Dallas Garden Club seeks those who have a passion for gardening. An informational meeting will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Builders Room in the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., Dallas.

The new club will be part of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

For more information: Gaye Stewart, 503-510-4370.

## A little off the top



Professional dog and cat groomer Nina Davis of Jack's World helps give Sophie Kai a trim during the Community Connect on Jan. 27. The event provided a variety of services to those in need at no charge.

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## MP Food Share presents summit

The Marion-Polk Food Share will put on the Mid-Valley Food Summit Saturday at Willamette University's Putnam University Center, 900 State St., Salem.

Tickets cost \$15 for the event, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online registration closes Wednesday (today). Tickets may be available at the door.

The summit is designed to connect food growers, processors, buyers, gardeners and eaters.

For more information: Lexi Stichel, 503-581-3855; email to astichel@marion-polkfoodshare.org.

## Graphic designers offer services

Jen Bracy, associate professor of visual communication design, will host a casual informational session Tuesday at 6 p.m. on how graphic design students can create work to serve branding and marketing needs. The session will be held at Monmouth Public Library. Businesses, nonprofits or public agencies are welcome to attend to learn more about potential projects including logos, business cards, PowerPoint presentations and more.

For more information: Jen Bracy, 503-838-8534.

## KVCS offers radio technician class

Kings Valley Charter School will sponsor a free

amateur radio technician class aimed at helping attendees pass the FCC amateur radio technician class license exam.

The class will be offered Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoons during the last two weeks of February and four weeks in March at KVCS, 38840 Kings Valley Highway.

There will be six sessions. For more information or to RSVP: dsprague@kvschool.org. Indicate which of these alternative times you cannot attend.

## A cappella music at Grace Baptist

"KP and the Kings," an A cappella music group, will perform at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Grace Baptist Church, 1855 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas.

The group is a gospel quartet from Polk County. Members Kyle Padilla and brothers, Andrew, Peter and Matthew King, love to sing and enjoy presenting their traditional and contemporary music in rest homes and churches as a ministry of encouragement.

The event is free and without obligation.

## Monmouth Library hosts coloring night

Monmouth Public Library's Adult Coloring Club is on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Why should kids have all the fun? There's research to suggest coloring is a stress reliever. The library will provide the free coloring pages,

colored pencils and pens. All you need to do is show up at the library, 168 S. Ecols St., Monmouth.

For more information: 503-751-0182.

## Show your love and support IDA

The Independence Downtown Association is accepting orders for its annual Walk of Hearts in downtown Independence.

Express your sentiment on the bright red heart branded with a personal message. Each heart will be hung on the lampposts along Main Street. Messages are \$28 per side. Proceeds benefit IDA's efforts to beautify the business district.

For more information or to order: Nancy Lodge, 503-838-2314 or email pd1571@yahoo.com.

## Shrove Tuesday supper is Feb. 9

St. Thomas Episcopal Church's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The traditional supper marks the beginning of Lent, the season leading up to Easter.

The supper includes pancakes, eggs and ham and will be served with coffee, tea, milk and juice. The event is free; donations are accepted.

The church is located at 1486 SW Levens St., in Dallas. For information: Rich or Janice Wolcott, 503-831-5593.



## 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, FEB. 3

• **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Burgerville, 615 E. Main St., Monmouth. A meeting of business people, the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce director, and city officials. 503-751-0147.

• **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Drop-ins welcome. For ages infant through pre-K with parent. Free, but donations accepted. 503-623-3397.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Brew and BS: The Old Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on the Old Testament. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 4

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 5

• **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.

• **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, FEB. 6

• **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 younger than 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, FEB. 7

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

### MONDAY, FEB. 8

• **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, FEB. 9

• **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.

• **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** — 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-831-5593.

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## LIBRARY CALENDAR

**DALLAS**  
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633  
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Thursday, Feb. 4, 11:15 — Story time.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, noon — Book discussion group.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m. — Lego building.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 11:15 a.m. — Morning story time.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.

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

- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty (adults).

- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for kids (first grade and older).
- Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to noon — e-Reader workshop.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 4 p.m. — Winter Fun Club (Valentine's party)
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**MONMOUTH**  
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2:30 p.m. — Builders Club (K-5).
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool story time.
- Thursday, Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m. — Adult Coloring Club.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 3 p.m. — Family movie (Rated PG). Snack provided.

**WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
111 N. Main St., Falls City  
503-787-3521, ext. 319  
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