

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Poultry swap Sat at fairgrounds

The 2016 Oregon Winter Poultry, Homesteading Faire and Seed Swap is Saturday at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Sponsored by Oregon Poultry Swap Inc., the event is in the main and small animal buildings from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W. (99W), Rickreall.

There will be 100 vendor spaces filled with many breeds and ages of chickens, waterfowl, turkeys, quail, hatching eggs, rabbits and more.

Also available will be poultry supplies, home-made jams, pickles, vanilla, honey, sauces; jewelry; goat milk soap and lotion; wool/fiber products; arts and craft items and plants.

This event is free and open and to the public.

For more information: www.oregonpoultryswap.com

Community benefit yoga class on tap

Dallas Yoga & Balance Studio, 115 SE Court St., Dallas, is holding its monthly donation yoga session on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.

All you need to do is bring a few personal care items, cleaning supplies, baby items or paper products, or throw a couple of bucks in the kitty. All donations will go to Family Building Blocks this month.

For more information: 503-999-8016 or www.dallasoregonyoga.com.

Gentle House to host grape pruning

The Friends of Gentle House will sponsor a backyard grape pruning event on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will prune the Concord grapes lining the backyard of the Gentle House, 855 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth.

Master Gardeners will demonstrate pruning techniques. The public is invited to bring their clippers and gloves to receive training. Refreshments will be served.

The event is the first of the Gentle House Garden Days, with one on Feb. 25 to follow.

For a complete schedule or for more information: gentlehouse@wou.edu.

Ash Creek to host feature heads

The Ash Creek Arts Center's Second Saturday Family Art Class will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the center, 311 S. Monmouth St., Independence.

Children and their parents will learn to make colorful cardboard heads with Paula Booth.

The class is free. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information: ashcreekarts.org.

Redgate to host Valentine's events

Redgate Vineyard will present "I only look loud," by Martin Martino Gerschwitz, who played with Iron Butterfly from 2005 to 2015, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Road, Inde-

Final Round



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Adam McCombs, second from right, and Grace Valdez, right, from Lakewood, Wash. driver their team's robots in the championship round of Saturday's Dallas Robotics Tournament at Dallas High School. McCombs and Valdez were on the winning alliance in the final round of the event, which drew more than 30 teams from Oregon and Washington.

pendence. Gerschwitz will share stories from on and off the stage. There is a \$10 cover charge.

On Sunday, the winery will host a Valentine's Day concert by local duo Pisces Moon, with Brian and Kate Humiston, formerly of Full Circle Creamery. The concert will be from 1 to 4 p.m., with a \$5 cover charge.

For more information: redgatevineyard.com.

Central choirs will host special event

Central High School's Jazz, Concert and Symphonic choir will perform a selection of songs Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Dessert and sparkling cider will be served. A raffle for gift baskets will also take place.

Tables can be reserved for \$90 (eight seats with priority service) or individual seats can be purchased for \$10 (adults) and \$7 (students). General admission tickets will be available at the door.

The cabaret will have a love theme. Tickets are available online at www.chsperformingarts.org or through any choir student.

Master Gardeners to hold meeting

Master Gardeners will hold its chapter meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Lynda Boyer, Restoration Biologist and native plant manager of Heritage Seedlings, will present on the Oregon Flora Project.

The meeting is open to the public.

Square dancing returns to Guthrie

The Guthrie Park Community Center, 4230 Kings Valley Highway, will host its second Saturday Old Time Square Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and younger are free. A family

rate of \$15 for families of four or more people is also available.

No experience is necessary and all dances are taught. Live music will be performed by Cash & Company.

For more information: guthriepark@gmail.com.

American Sign class begins today

Sue Ritchie and Shanna Thomas will teach a six-week beginner American Sign Language class every Wednesday starting today through March 16 at Monmouth Senior Center.

The class, which runs from 9 to 10 a.m., will teach basic ASL signs, the alphabet, and basic sentence structure. There is no cost to attend.

Senior Center to host potluck Friday

The Monmouth Senior Center will host a meatloaf potluck Friday at noon. Attendees are invited to bring a salad, side dish or dessert and table service.

Michael VanDyke and James Lyman will be present during the potluck. VanDyke and Lyman are rock hounders who will share some of their finds, how they got started and even take people on local digs if there are interested individuals.

Center hosts class on Constitution

Gary Huxford, retired professor from Western Oregon University, will teach a course titled "The Constitution: The Use and Abuse of History" at Monmouth Senior Center. The class, which began on Tuesday, will run for six weeks Tuesdays at 9 a.m. There is space for about 30 people to attend each class. There is no cost.

The course will cover subjects such as colonial backgrounds of the Constitution, the convention, what does the Constitution say and what is left out

and/or implied and more.

For more information: Susan Teal, steal@ci.monmouth.or.us.

Brunk House looks for more gardeners

Marsha Braciosa is looking for people to help in the gardens at Brunk House, 5705 Salem Dallas Highway NW, Salem. If inclement weather, volunteers will meet in the house to plan this year's garden and schedule events. Work days to prune roses will be held Tuesday and Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information: 503-363-6003.

Fiddlers perform in Salem on Saturday

District 8 of the Oregon Old-time Fiddlers' Association will perform Saturday in the rotunda of the Oregon State Capitol as part of the state's birthday celebration. There will be two performances from 10 to 11 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. at 900 Court St. NE, Salem.

Performances will include American traditional music, swing and bluegrass. Oregon's 15th birthday celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events will include covered wagons displays, costumed historic interpreters, the original state constitution and more.

For more information: Richard Dery, 503-585-9595.

Dallas Alliance has Chocolate Sunday

Dallas Alliance Church, 775 E. Ellendale Ave., will host Chocolate Sunday, its annual event for the church's women's missionary work Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be chocolate desserts of all kinds and music.

Admittance by donation. The project raises money for displaced people in five areas of the world.

For more information: Esther Ediger, 503-623-9055.



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. 10

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

• **Independence Downtown Association** — 8 a.m., Independence Grill, 154 S. Main St., Independence. A meeting of business people regarding the vitality of Independence and its downtown area. 503-580-8525.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Young Professionals Networking** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Washington Street Steakhouse and Pub, 141 SW Washington St., Dallas. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564.

• **Luckiamute Watershed Council Monthly Meeting** — 7 to 9 p.m., Volunteer Hall, 144 S. Warren St., Monmouth. The LWC meets the second Thursday of the month. The LWC will consider proposed amendments to its articles of incorporation and bylaws for the purposes of being eligible for tax-exempt status under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For more information: www.luckiamuteLWC.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 12

• **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.

• **The 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 family admitted free). Snacks available for purchase. 541-223-3261.

• **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. 13

• **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.

• **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 younger free. 503-623-0809.

• **Second Saturday Family Art Class** — 2 to 4 p.m., Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 S. Monmouth St., Independence. Free for children and their families. Colorful Cardboard Heads with Paula Booth. ashcreekarts.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

• **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, FEB. 15

• **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m., The Majestic, 962 SE Main St., Dallas. Cost: \$12. 503-623-2564.

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

• **Polk County Battle Buddies support group** — 6 to 8 p.m., West Valley Hospital conference room, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Support group for Polk County veterans. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Free. 503-480-6254.

• **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. 16

• **Family Building Blocks Dallas play group** — 10 a.m., Academy Building, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. Suite 216. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-877-8473.

• **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.

• **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club** — 7 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School library, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.

503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Bella.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 11:15 a.m. — Story-time.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. — Author visit, Bonnie Olin, "The Owyhee River Journals."

• Monday, Feb. 15 — President's Day, library closed.

• Tuesday, Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m. — Morning story time.

• Tuesday, Feb. 16, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read with the dog) with Davos.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club for kids (first grade and older).

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club (Red Mesa by Aimee Thurlo).

• Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4 p.m. — Winter Fun Club (DIY Imagination celebration).

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.

503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Feb. 10, 3 p.m. — Family movie (Rated PG). Snack provided.

• Thursday, Feb. 11, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school story time.

• Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Family Literacy Night at Burgerville. Free kids cone, discounted children's meals, literacy resources for families.

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• **WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

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