

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Pentacle Theatre Diary of Anne Frank

The Pentacle Theatre, 324 52nd Ave. NW, Salem, will present The Diary of Anne Frank. The play begins Friday and runs through March 26.

An exhibit featuring Anne Frank photographs, historical artifacts and a documentary will be presented in the lobby. Shows run at 7:30 p.m. except for Sundays, which have 2 p.m. performances.

Tickets cost \$20 for weekday performances and \$21 for weekend shows.

For tickets or more information: www.pentacletheatre.org.

Movie fundraiser set for Monday

Friends of the Independence Public Library will hold its 10th anniversary movie fundraiser Monday at Independence Cinema 8.

"The Intern" will be played at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the Independence library.

Free popcorn and door prizes will be available.

MVCA to host banquet & auction

Mid-Valley Christian Academy will host its eighth annual banquet and auction Saturday at 5 p.m.

The auction will be held at Central Baptist Church, 655 S. Pacific Highway, Monmouth. Money raised will support MVCA. Polk County Commissioner Mike Ainsworth will serve as auctioneer.

Dinner tickets cost \$20 each. Entrees include a choice of prime rib or chicken marsala.

Child care services are also available for kids ages 3-10. Cost is \$5 for the first child, \$10 max per family.

A pizza dinner is included. RSVP required: 503-838-2818.

Tickets may be purchased at MVCA, 1483 N. 16th St., Monmouth or via credit card over the phone at 503-838-2818.

Ash Creek offers two art camps

Ash Creek Arts Center will offer two art camps this year, free for those attending grades four through seven.

Previous camps have filled up quickly. The ACAC board of directors hopes to serve twice as many children by offering two camps.

The first camp will be March 21 through 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. daily at St. Hilda's Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Monmouth. Children will work together to make a large-scale model of a South America cloud forest and

Passed Out Pollinators



Darrell Ward checks on hibernating mason bees at the Inspiration Garden at Mt. Fir Park.

populate it with drawings and ceramics featuring brightly colored beetles, butterflies, hummingbirds and other exotic creatures of the cloud forest.

The second camp will be held July 18 through 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Children wishing to attend both camps may sign up for one and request to be added to the waiting list of the second.

To register: www.ashcreekarts.org. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited.

Monmouth Library to host concert

Monmouth Public Library will host Magic Mama Hip Hop and World Beats concert Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Magic Mama plays a variety of instruments, from an acoustic guitar to canning jars filled with water. She records and layers vocals and multiple instruments through a loop machine. Audience members will receive handmade, recycled instruments.

OSU Master food preservers wanted

Polk, Marion, and Yamhill county offices of Oregon State University Extension Service are recruiting volunteers to become Master Food Preservers.

Trainees require 48 hours of hands-on food safety and preservation instruction. Training classes will be held on Friday April 15 through June 3 at the Salem Health

Community Health Education Center Gehlar Wellness Kitchen. Applications are due March 11. The classes cost \$100.

Following the classes, volunteers are asked to provide 40 hours of service helping other safely preserve food.

For more information: go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/masterfood-preserver-program>; call 503-373-3763; or email tonya.johnson@oregonstate.edu.

Author, illustrator visits Dallas library

The Dallas Public Library is hosting Oregon author and illustrator Mark Fearing Thursday at 4 p.m. Fearing has written and illustrated several books and graphic novels for kids and young teens, including "The Great Thanksgiving Escape," "Earthing!", and "How Martha Saved Her Parents from Green Beans."

Fearing's presentation "Drawing Stories" will focus on narrative, examining visual art through powerful images and how stories are told through pictures and words.

The event will appeal to kids age 10 and older who are interested in art, drawing and creating stories.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

UO jazz band part of free DHS concert

JazzArts Oregon Combo, from the University of Oregon, will join the Dallas High

School Jazz Band for a free concert Monday.

The show begins at 7 p.m. at Bollman Auditorium at Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Ave.

UO's JazzArts Combo is a donor-funded scholarship ensemble, which debuted last fall. The group is performing in Dallas as part of a Northwest tour.

More info about the Jazz Arts Oregon Combo go to music.uoregon.edu.

WOU symphony winter concert

Western Oregon University's symphony winter concert, "It don't mean a thing if you can't make it sing," will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 9 at Rice Auditorium on campus.

Admission is \$3. Students are \$1. WOU students and faculty get in free with ID.

The symphony, directed by Ike Nail, will present a program of music that is mostly from singing, about singing or just sounds singable.

The program lasts about an hour.

Rickreall Grange to host market

The Rickreall Grange Flea Market will be Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the grange, 280 Main St. (Highway 99W), Rickreall.

The kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch. Proceeds will go toward the building fund. Fresh cinnamon rolls will be available daily.



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, MARCH 2

• **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Haugen's Galleri, 275 Main St. E., 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.

• **Lenten series** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free. Worship service at 5:30; soup supper at 6; video lecture series on Old Testament followed by discussion from 7 to 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

• **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, MARCH 4

• **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, MARCH 5

• **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, MARCH 6

• **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, MARCH 7

• **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, MARCH 8

• **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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

• **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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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.

503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Thursday, March 3, 11:15 a.m. — Dr. Seuss story time.

• Thursday, March 3, noon — Adult book discussion group.

• Thursday, March 3, 2:30 p.m. — Lego building.

• Thursday, March 3, 4 p.m. — Author, illustrator Mark Fearing.

• Tuesday, March 8, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.

• Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon story time.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, March 2, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

• Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m. — Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party. Annual family event offering activities, crafts, photo booth, birthday cake.

• Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Espanol.

• Thursday, March 3, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.

• Thursday, March 3, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.

• Monday, March 7, 7 p.m. — Friends of the Library movie fundraiser, "The Intern," PG, at Independence Cinema. \$15.

• Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, March 9, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Espanol.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.

503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, March 2, 2:30 p.m. — Builders Club (K-5th).

• Thursday, March 3, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school story time.

• Friday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. — Magic Mama Hip Hop and World Beats concert.

• Tuesday, March 8, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.

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.

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