

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

MI Chamber hosts March lunch forum

Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center for the March forum Wednesday (today) features an update from the Polk County Sheriff's Office presented by Sheriff Mark Garton.

The event is from noon to 1 p.m. at Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., in Monmouth.

For more information: www.micc-or.org

WOU symphony concert Wednesday

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

Admission is \$3. Students and seniors 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.

For more information: 503-838-8275.

WOU percussion ensemble performs

Western Oregon Percussion ensemble will present its winter concert "Landscapes" Thursday at WOU.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at WOU Rice Auditorium under the direction of Ike Nail. The program includes classic and modern works for percussion depicting through music landscapes like the ocean and Alaskan Wilderness.

The performance will be followed by Western Oregon Winds at 8 p.m., featuring music that is "narrative or evocative."

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

For more information: 503-838-8275.

Funk, Fusion & Freedom concert

Western Hemisphere Orchestra will perform a groovy program of American "funky music" at Rice Auditorium Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The repertoire primarily consists of original arrangements by interim director, Dan Gaynor, presenting works of composers including Professor Longhair, Chick Corea, Michael Jackson and Kenny Garrett.

Drawing up some fun



Oregon author and illustrator Mark Fearing draws a robot during a presentation at Dallas Public Library on Thursday. Fearing had children at the library help him "design" the robot at the end of his talk about art and being a published author.

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

For more information: 503-838-8275

Old-time dance on tap at Guthrie Park

Swing your partner Saturday at Guthrie Park's monthly "Old Time Square Dance." Dancers of all experience levels are welcome to join the fun from 7 to 10 p.m. at Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas.

Admission is \$5 per person, \$15 immediate family rate and children 12 and younger are free.

For more information: 503-623-0809.

'Open Heart' talk at St. Thomas

St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas, 1486 SW Levens St., will host "A Queer Dialogue: Speaking & Listening with an Open Heart" Sunday at 6 p.m.

Sacred music by lesbian and gay composers will be performed, featuring mezzo soprano Rebecca Fromherz. After the performance, Dana Schowalter will speak on "The Importance of Speaking Out." Following Schowalter, the church's LGBT guests and allies are invited to "Believe Out Loud Coming Out Party."

The event is free, but donations are encouraged and will be given to the gay-straight alliance at Dallas High School.

For more information: www.stthomasdallas.org or Fromherz at 503-559-5205.

New Horizons will host free concert

The New Horizons Willamette Valley Orchestra will host a free concert Monday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas.

Under the direction of conductor Allie Greenwell, the orchestra will perform to the theme: "Music Around the World."

New Horizons is for musicians of all levels with no auditions necessary. Rehearsals are held Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Central High School in Independence.

For more information: 503-838-4884.

Curves food drive kicks off Monday

Curves of Independence will begin its annual food drive Monday and it will run through March 25.

Donations will be accepted at the Curves location, 155 C St., Independence and all food given will benefit local families.

The food drive is a partnership between Curves and Marion Polk Food Share.

For more information: 503-838-7109.

Local students to stage play Tuesday

The Nursery Rhyme Brigade, a group of Dallas Community School students, will perform "Fairy Tales: Tairy Fales: Folklore Gone Awry" by local playwright Marian Scadden Tuesday at Dallas Public Library.

The play will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the library, 950 Main St.

During the performance, actors will act out well-known and not-so-well-known nursery rhymes, which includes songs and audience participation.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

WOU hosts speaker on death penalty

Dale Recinella, Florida's death row chaplain, will speak about the death penalty at Western Oregon University on March 16 at 5 p.m. Recinella is the author of "The Biblical Truth About The American Death Penalty" and will also speak in Portland, Eugene, Roseburg and Salem.

The event, which will be held at the Werner University Center, is free and open to the public.

For more information: 503-990-7060.



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 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.
- **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.
- **MI Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center Forum** — noon to 1 p.m., Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St., Monmouth. Polk County Sheriff's update. www.micc-or.org.
- **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.
- **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.
- **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.
- **Western Oregon University symphony winter concert** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium. \$3 and \$1 for students; WOU students and faculty free with ID.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- **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., White's Collision Service, 1111 Monmouth St. Independence. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564.
- **Western Oregon Percussion Ensemble. "Landscapes"** — 7 p.m. at Rice Auditorium at Western Oregon University. Admission is \$3. Students and seniors are \$1. WOU students and faculty are free with ID. 503-838-8275.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- **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.
- **Western Hemisphere Orchestra "Funk, Fusion & Freedom"** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium at Western Oregon University. Admission is \$3. Students and seniors are \$1. WOU students and faculty get in free with ID. 503-838-8275.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- **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 MS Society. 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 under free. 503-623-0809.
- **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.
- **"A Queer Dialogue: Speaking & Listening with an Open Heart" concert** — 6 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas, 1486 SW Levens St. Sacred music by lesbian and gay composers will be performed, featuring mezzo soprano Rebecca Fromherz. www.stthomasdallas.org or Fromherz at 503-559-5205.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

- **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 15

- **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.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read (read to the dog) with Bella.
- Thursday, March 10, 11:15 a.m. — Kids story time.
- Thursday, March 10, 2:30 — Lego Building.
- Tuesday, March 15, 11:15 a.m. — Kids morning story time.
- Tuesday, March 15, 3:30 p.m. — Kids afternoon story time.
- Wednesday, March 16, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board meeting.
- Wednesday, March 16, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club, "Jackaby" by William Ritter.

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

- Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, March 9, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
- Thursday, March 10, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Thursday, March 10, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club. "Dead Float," by Warren Easley.
- Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.

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

- Thursday, March 10, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school story time.
- Friday, March 11, 10 a.m. — Little Builders Club.
- Tuesday, March 15, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.
- Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. — Family Literacy Night (at Burgerville).

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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503-787-3521, ext. 319
www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

- See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

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