

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

SA offers financial literacy classes

The Salvation Army of Marion and Polk Counties will host financial literacy classes beginning Tuesday. Classes will run each Tuesday through April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dallas Academy Building, Suite 220.

Topics include budgeting, facing debt, saving money, identity theft and credit reports.

Oregon State Credit Union's Amanda Brenne-man-Brown will teach each session. There is no cost to attend.

To register: Nicole Bats, 503-623-9664, ext. 2481 or send an email to Nicole.bats@usw.salvationarmy.org.

Bookstore to host a meet and greet

Local author Carl Lee Scott will be at Calmee's Bookstore, 147 SW Court St., Dallas, on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Scott will have copies of his novel, "The Vow" available for \$15.

Parish Gap will perform at Tony's

Classic rock band Parish Gap will perform at Tony's, 127 SW Court St., Dallas, at 9 p.m. Saturday.

The band will feature a mix of classic rock hits and original music.

For more information: www.parishgap.com.

Dallas recycle event on Saturday

Republic Services will hold a Spring Clean-up event for Dallas Residents on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1030 W. Ellendale, Dallas.

Accepted items include yard debris, clean wood, scrap metal and assorted rubbish.

Household trash, paint, tires and chemicals are not permitted.

For more information: Rachel Snyder, 541-754-0444.

Boy Scouts begin can, bottle drive

Boy Scout Troop 288 will collect bottles and cans on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Rite Aid parking lot, 178 W. Ellendale, Dallas.

The bottles and cans drive is a fundraiser for equipment.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up of bottles and cans: Venessa, 971-506-2823; email to dvdk1402@gmail.com.

Annual Survivor Dinner is Saturday

Eola Hills Winery will host the Relay for Life's Survivor Dinner and Celebration on

Egg hunting



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Donna Compton, left, helps Lydia Nightengale, 1, hunt for eggs, while Jace McKibben, 4, races ahead. The Easter Egg Hunt at Jefferson Lodge was one of numerous local egg hunts over the weekend.

Saturday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served from 6:15 to 8 p.m. at Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 St. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

Entertainment will be provided by Oregon Spirit. Relay for Life of Polk County and Team Perrydale is sponsoring the event.

Every survivor and guest will be guests of honor.

To RSVP your name and one guest: Vicki Bailey, 503-623-5241. RSVPs are encouraged.

9th annual Dragon Run sign ups begin

Registration is open for the ninth annual Dragon Run on April 9 at 10 a.m.

The Dragon Run features distances for kids of all ages ranging from a quarter mile to 1½ miles long.

There is also a 5-kilometer run for adults, teens and younger kids (accompanied by an adult).

Starting locations differ based on distance, but each race will finish on the Dallas High School track.

Register by Saturday to guarantee a race T-shirt designed by one of the middle school art students.

Every runner will receive a medal.

After covering the costs of the event, the rest of the money raised will be donated to the Dallas Education Fund.

Cost is \$25 for the 5k run and \$20 for all other distances. A family/group rate (four or more runners) is available.

To register online: www.runsignup.com/DragonRun. Day-of-race registration will also be available at Whitworth Elementary School.

Pottery class will begin Tuesday

A weekly pottery class begins Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth.

Elinor Maroney will teach the seven-week class on Tuesdays through May 17.

Maroney will instruct participants on several methods of hand building, pinching, coiling and rolling slabs of clay to make bowls, cups, vases and other original forms.

No artistic talent or prior experience required.

Cost is \$68 and needs to be paid prior to the class. A scholarship for \$20 is available for qualified individuals. Sign up is in the senior center office. For more information: 503-838-5678.

WOU holds April 9 discussion on race

Western Oregon will hold a guided conversation on race in Oregon on April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Columbia Room at the Werner University Center on the WOU campus. The conversation will center around the question, "Why aren't there more Black people in Oregon."

Walidah Imarisha, author and adjunct professor at Portland State University,

will guide the discussion, which is open to the public.

Attendees are also invited to watch a Hip Hop concert that begins at 8:30 p.m. in the student center, featuring Warren Sipes. Sipes engages participants in music through deaf eyes. He uses sign language to perform his poetry and lyrics.

Both programs are free. For more information: www.forhumanequality.org.

'Pushing the Edge' new WOU art show

The Dan and Gail Cannon Gallery of Art on the campus of Western Oregon University presents Pushing the Edge, a new show that will run from Wednesday (today) through April 22.

The show will feature the works of Jessica Benjamin, Alfonso Gosalbez, Henry Jabbour, Ian Factor and Gregory Poulin.

A reception with the artists is scheduled for April 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

For more information: 503-838-8607.

Dallas Library book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Dallas Public Library will hold a book sale on Friday and Saturday at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.

The sale, which runs from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, will feature \$1 hardcovers and 50 cent paperbacks. A bag sale will also be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



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 30

• **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.

• **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.

• **Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Fall City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

• **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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rickreall Grange Hall. Multiple vendors, including baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. For more information: 503-508-9954.

• **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.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., Faith Evangelical Church, 2290 E. Ellendale, Dallas. www.redcross-blood.org.

• **Friends of the Dallas Public Library Book Sale** — 3 to 7 p.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas.

• **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 6:30 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

• **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.

• **Independence Riverview Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.

• **Boy Scout Troop 288 Bottles and Cans Drive** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rite Aid parking lot, 178 W. Ellendale, Dallas. Fundraiser for equipment. Venessa, 971-506-2823.

• **Friends of the Dallas Public Library Book Sale** — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas.

• **Relay for Life Survivor Dinner and Celebration** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Eola Hills Wine Cellar, 501 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Evening celebrating and honoring cancer survivors and their guests. RSVPs are encouraged. Vicki Bailey, 503-623-5241.

• **Parish Gap concert** — 9 p.m., Tony's, 127 SW Court St., Dallas. Classic rock band will perform a mix of covers and original music. www.parishgap.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

• **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, APRIL 4

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. www.redcrossblood.org.

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 5900 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, APRIL 5

• **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, APRIL 6

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

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.

503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Thursday, March 31, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.

• Thursday, March 31, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.

• Friday, April 1, 3 to 7 p.m. — Friends of the Dallas Public Library book sale (Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson).

• Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Friends of the Dallas Public Library book sale (Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson).

• Tuesday, April 5, 11:15 a.m. — Morning children's story time.

• Tuesday, April 5, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon children's story time.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

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

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

• Thursday, March 31, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.

• Thursday, March 31, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.

• Friday, April 1, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.

• Friday, April 1, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club.

• Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

• Wednesday, April 6, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

• Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. — Cuen-

tos in Español.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.

503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Tuesday, April 5, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots Storytime.

• Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Family Coloring Night (supplies provided).

• Wednesday, April 6, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. — K-5 Builders Club.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

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