

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Arts Center to host Family Art Class

The Ash Creek Arts Center will host the Second Saturday Family Art Class Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Sue Mason will teach the session that will see students make clay birds with feathers. The class will be held at the Independence Women's Club located directly behind the Arts Center at 311 Monmouth St., Independence.

Oregon author to speak at Library

Author Phillip Margolin will give a speech at Dallas Public Library Thursday at 6 p.m. at Dallas Public Library. Margolin, who lives in Portland, is best known for his crime thrillers, including "Woman with a Gun," "Worthy Brown's Daughter," and "Sleight of Hand." Margolin has written 21 novels, the latest being "Violent Crimes." He is a recipient of the Distinguished Northwest Writer Award. The Friends of the Dallas Library and the Polk County Cultural Coalition are sponsoring the event. For more information: 503-623-2633.

Sign up for bird walk by Monday

The Luckiamute Watershed Council invites the public to attend a bird walk on April 16. The three-hour event begins at 8 a.m. at the Luckiamute State Natural Area's South Unit trailhead parking lot. Cost is \$10 and includes a light lunch. All ages are welcome. Pre-registration is required and due by Monday. Joel Geier, local bird expert and Audubon ornithologist will lead the walk, which may present chances to hear and see birds like the white-breasted nuthatch, western bluebird and more. To register: www.luckiamutelwc.org/lсна-spring-bird-walk.html. For more information: 503-837-0237; email: info@luckimauteLWC.org.

Chinese American History at Museum

The Independence Heritage Museum will host a presentation about Chinese American History in Oregon on Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Independence Event Center, 555 S. Main St., Independence. Helen Ying will talk about the Pendleton Chinese community, including the under-

Markets open for season



Phyllis Dickey gathers tulips for a customer at the Original Independence Farmers Market on Saturday. The original market and the Independence Riverview Market are open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. now through November.

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ground city where people want to escape discrimination. Ying has spent three decades as an educator in Portland and served in a number of civic and community boards and committees related to education and Chinese communities. There is no cost to attend. For more information: orheritage@minetfiber.com.

Old Time Square Dance is Saturday

The Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, will host the Second Saturday Old Time Square Dance Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Children 12 and younger are free. A family rate of \$15 is available for families of four or more (immediate members only). All ages are welcome and all dances are taught. No experience necessary. Live music will be performed by Cash & Company. For more information: guthriepark@gmail.com.

Fairgrounds hosts Oldtime Fiddlers

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association will hold its state convention at the Polk County Fairgrounds Thursday through Saturday.

The public is invited to attend a Fiddle and Variety Show Friday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for students. Preschoolers are free. For more information: www.oregonoldtimefiddling.org or Lew Holt, 503-391-5377.

Monmouth Library grant vote open

Monmouth Public Library has entered into a grant program and needs votes to advance to the next level. The program would help put on more children's programs and a children's garden. Voting is available at www.seedsofchangegrant.com, go to find a garden: Monmouth, Oregon. The public can vote once per day through April 18.

RFL Spaghetti Feed set for Friday

Relay for Life will host a spaghetti feed and auction Friday at 5 p.m. at Christ's Church Methodist and Presbyterian United, 412 W. Clay St., Monmouth. Silent auction tables will open at 5 p.m. with the oral auction beginning at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$5 person (maximum \$20 for all members of immediate family) and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

There is no cost to attend the auctions. Al Sieverson will serve as the auctioneer. For information: Denvy Saxowsky, 541-223-4462.

Trinity Lutheran offers free seminar

Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas, will offer a free seminar on protecting your family through estate and life planning on Sunday. The seminar begins at 6:30 p.m. Attorney Lane Shetterly and physician Dr. Robert Davies will present information on will and estate planning, and advance directives for medical care. There is no cost to attend. For more information: 503-623-2233.

Center hosts Trash and Treasure Sale

The Monmouth Senior Center will host Trash and Treasure Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of items will be available. Polish dogs, hot dogs with chili, chips, drinks and a dessert will be sold for \$5. Tables are available for the sale for \$10. Donations are accepted (no clothes please). For more information: Angie Amos, 503-838-6462.



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, APRIL 6

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Mungo Signs, 362 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.
- **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, APRIL 7

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dallas High School, 1250 Holman Ave., Dallas. www.redcrossblood.org.
- **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, APRIL 8

- **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, APRIL 9

- **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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- **Buell Grange Breakfast** — 8 to 11 a.m., Buell Grange Hall, 5970 Mill Creek Road, just off Highway 22 northwest of Dallas. \$6 per person. 503-623-8462 or 503-843-4703.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 1 to 6 p.m., West Salem Foursquare Church, 3094 Gehlar Road NW, Salem. www.redcrossblood.org.
- **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 12

- **Overeaters Anonymous** — Noon to 1 p.m., Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Support group meets in the conference room immediately inside the front doors.
- **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.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

- 950 Main St. • 503-623-2633 www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
- Thursday, April 7, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, April 7, noon — Adult book discussion.
- Thursday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m. — Author visit. Phillip Margolin, award-winning crime author, will give a speech.
- Tuesday, April 12, 11:15 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, April 12, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon children's story time.

INDEPENDENCE

- 175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library
- 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. — Cuentos in Español.
- Thursday, April 7, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, April 7, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Friday, April 8, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. — Ancestry.com workshop.
- Monday, April 11-Thursday, April 16 — Food for Fines (check out library's website for list of accepted items).
- Tuesday, April 12, 4 p.m. — Spring Fun Club.
- Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

MONMOUTH

- 168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, April 6, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. — K-5 Builders Club.
- Thursday, April 7, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Storytime.
- Tuesday, April 12, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots Storytime.
- Tuesday, April 12, 3:30 to 4 p.m. — Beverly Cleary 100th birthday celebration (Book giveaway while supplies last and treat for DEAR readers).
- Wednesday, April 13, 3 p.m. — Popular Beverly Cleary movie. Rated G.

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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