

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Pow Wow returns to WOU Saturday

Western Oregon University will host the 23rd annual Pow Wow Saturday from noon to midnight at the Pacific Room in Werner University Center.

There is no cost to attend. All ages are welcome.

The first grand entry will take place at noon. Second grand entry is scheduled for 7 p.m. There will be a dinner break from 5 to 7 p.m. Free dinner will be provided.

For more information: 503-838-8403.

Board holds Arbor Day celebration

The Monmouth Tree Advisory Board will hold an Arbor Day Celebration at Main Street Park Saturday at 9 a.m. Monmouth will be recognized for 14 years as a Tree City USA. After the presentation, volunteers will plant 25 new trees in two locations: Jackson Street East and Monmouth Avenue South. Volunteers are needed to help with the tree planting.

For more information: Mark Fancey, 503-751-0147.

Gem and Mineral Show ready to rock

The Gem and Mineral Show hits the Polk County Fairgrounds Friday through Sunday.

Admission is \$2 for adults. Children 12 and younger are free.

The show runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

A kids treasure hunt will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. An oral auction is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m.

For more information: www.business.dallasoregon.org/events/details/gem-mineral-show-1748.

Montessori to host free book event

Monmouth Montessori School, 1140 Main St. E., Monmouth, will host a free book event Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone who attends will leave with a free book. There will be books for adults and children of all ages. First book is free. Additional books may be purchased with cans of food for a food drive or a donation to the school.

There will also be a kid's craft table, homemade crafts for sale and a spinning prize wheel.

For more information: 503-838-6478.

Free tutoring for middle schoolers

Free tutoring for middle school and high school students will be available every Thursday at "Hotdogs, Hoops and Homework" at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas.

Help for homework, chili dogs for eating and a basketball court to shoot some

Going for a run



GREG LOCKE/for the Itemizer-Observer

Runners take part in the Dragon Run on Saturday morning. Organizers said 437 people participated in the runs, which ranged in length from a quarter mile to 3.1 miles. The race had 32 sponsors. Money raised from the event will go to the Dallas Education Fund.

hoops after will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. There is no charge.

For more information: Nona Springer, 503-917-9822.

Master Gardeners to host meeting

Polk County Master Gardeners will hold its meeting Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Al Shay, landscape designer, teacher and overseer of the Oak Creek Center project at Oregon State University, will be the presenter. Shay focuses on expanding people's understanding of how plants impact lives every day.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes are available.

For more information: 503-623-8395.

Bluegrass Music Jam set for Friday

The monthly Bluegrass Music Jam will be held Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Community Building at Faith Evangelical Free Church, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas.

There is no charge to attend. All are welcome to listen or participate. Bluegrass instruments only.

For more information: Steve, 503-399-6114.

Youth wrestling to sell flower baskets

Dallas Mat Club and LaCreole Middle School wrestling will sell hanging flower baskets throughout April to be delivered in time for Mother's Day.

The fundraiser offers 10- or 12-inch hanging flower baskets with geraniums and

various annuals. Money raised from the fundraiser will support youth wrestling in Dallas.

For information: Misti, misti.lind@gmail.com.

Senior Center to host Victorian Tea

Monmouth Senior Center will host a Victorian Tea on April 20. Tickets are available now. Serving times are noon and 2:30 p.m.

The event highlights models form the senior center. Tea and finger foods will be served.

Proceeds from the event benefits the Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center, general fund.

Historical Society to host open house

The Polk County Historical Society will host an open house at the Historical Harrison and Emily Brunk farm home, 5705 Salem-Dallas Highway NW, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is part of the Blossom Drive, which chooses a variety of places to visit in the West Salem and Eola Hills area.

The Brunk House is the first stop on the drive. The 1861 two-story home is filled with original furnishings. Informative tours and cherry desserts will be available.

For more information: Polk County Museum, 503-623-6251.

Dallas artist Rupp featured at library

The work of acrylic painter and Dallas resident Jim Rupp will be showcased through April at the Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas.

He paints on a multitude of surfaces ranging from

canvas to wood. His subject matter is also varied. His paintings include farm scenes, natural landscapes, and birds. Many of his paintings are for sale, as well as prints and cards he has made from his paintings. A portion of proceeds from sales will be donated to the library. Ask library staff for assistance to buy a piece.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Vintage video game consoles on display

The Dallas Public Library collections case will display a selection of vintage video game consoles through April. David Wales provided the unique collection, which he started compiling about three years ago.

His collections includes 35 consoles, hundreds of game guides, games and accessories.

The items on display include a 1980 Mattel Intellivision, 1975 SuperPong, 1989 Gameboy with printer, and a 1979 Magnavox Odyssey2.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Satirical musical Friday at Pentacle

Pentacle Theatre will stage "Urinetown: The Musical" from Friday to May 7.

The show is a satirical look at power, capitalism, bureaucracy, populism and politics — and the musical as a theatrical form — when a 20-year drought causes a terrible water shortage, making private toilets unthinkable for the town's residents.

The unconventional show features music by Mark Hollmann, lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis, based on a book by Kotis.

For more information or to buy tickets, go to <http://pentacletheatre.org>.



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 13

• **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 Warren St. S, 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, APRIL 14

• **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., Business crawl, Meet at First American Title, then Michaela, Stylz. Afterward, the group will go to Harvest CrossFit. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564, Gage Martin. Or MacLarin Jones, 509-859-3779.

• **Hotdogs, Hoops and Homework** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas. Free tutoring for middle school and high school students. Food will be provided and a basketball court for shooting hoops after. 503-917-9822.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

• **Gem and Mineral Show** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W, Rickreall. Also open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted for free. www.business.dallasoregon.org/events/details/gem-mineral-show-1748.

• **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.

• **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.

• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.

• **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.

• **Bluegrass Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, community building, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Free. Bluegrass instruments only. 503-399-6114.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

• **The Original Independence Farmers Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St., Independence. 503-881-9950.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

• **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

• **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.

• **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. www.redcrossblood.org.

• **Polk County Battle Buddies** — 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, APRIL 19

• **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

- Thursday, April 14, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, April 14, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Saturday, April 16, 3:30 p.m. — Children's movie.
- Tuesday, April 19, 11:15 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, April 19, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon children's story time.
- Wednesday, April 20, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
- Wednesday, April 20, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Thursday, April 14, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, April 14, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club ("Crocodile on the Sandbank").
- Friday, April 15, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Tuesday, April 19, 4 p.m. — Spring Fun Club.
- Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. — Burgerville Literacy Night.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.

503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Wednesday, April 13, 3 p.m. — Popular Beverly Cleary movie. Rated G.
- Thursday, April 14, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Storytime.
- Friday, April 15, 10 a.m. — Little Builders Club.
- Tuesday, April 19, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots Storytime.
- Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. — Burgerville Family Literacy Night.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

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