

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## Legion offers free gun safety course

American Legion Post 20 will sponsor a free gun safety course on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The class will take place at American Outdoor, 468 NE Bovard, Dallas, and is open to the public. Gun ownership is not required to take part in the class.

There is no cost to attend. RSVP at 503-623-7056.

## TAB to celebrate Earth Day Saturday

The Monmouth Tree Advisory Board will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday with a planting on the planter strip along Hoffman Road near 16th Street. The planting begins at 9 a.m. More than 250 trees and shrubs will be planted in a 900-foot long planter strip.

Volunteers should meet at the intersection of 16th Street and Hoffman Road. Parking is available in the adjacent neighborhood and at Ash Creek Elementary School.

Volunteers should bring shovels and rakes.

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

## MI April mixer set for this Thursday

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce will host its April mixer at Washington Federal, 523 Main St. E., Monmouth Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided. To register or for more information: www.micc-or.org.

## Earth Day open house on Friday

Dallas City Park will host an Earth Day open house Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. The open house will take place at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 631 SW Park St., Dallas.

Guided tours and refreshments will be available. Information about gardening, native plants and riparian areas will be presented.

For more information: Stacey Garrison, rcl@polk-swcd.com.

## Louisville Bound



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Ryan Nguyen, left, Gavin Boyson and Kahl Murdock, demonstrate how their robot works during an assembly at LaCreole Middle School on April 13. Coach Jacob Gradek, right, will accompany the team to the robotics world championships in Louisville, Ky. this week.

## Master Gardeners hosts celebration

The Polk County Master Gardeners will hold an Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at Inspiration Garden in Mt. Fir Park, located in the 700 block of F Street in Independence.

The celebration will be held Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Planned activities include a tree planting demonstration and guided tours with Master Gardeners. There will also be a children's garden, butterfly garden, vegetable garden and more.

For more information: 503-623-8395.

## KVCS garden work party on Saturday

Kings Valley Charter School will host a garden work party Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Coffee and treats will be available at Kings Crossing Mart. There will be plenty of

work to help with during the party.

Among the projects in need of assistance are assembling a hoop house, cutting grass, taking boards off an old fence and garden cleanup. Garden tools such as lawn mowers, weed eaters, post diggers, measuring tapes, shovels, rakes and drills to share would be appreciated.

For more information: Lua Siegel, 503-654-0802.

## Nearman, Jones to hold debate Sunday

House District 23 Rep. Mike Nearman and challenger Beth Jones will take part in a debate Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

The event is free and open to the public.

Nearman was elected in 2014. Jones entered the race for the same position in 2014 as a member of the Independent Party of Oregon, but dropped out prior to the general election.

Both are seeking the 2016 Republican nomination.

Gator Gaynor, host of the radio show Gator's Radio Experience on 1430 KYKN, will serve as moderator with assistance from co-host Denise Nanke.

For more information: Gator Gaynor, 503-393-1430.

## Garden club holds monthly meeting

The Dallas Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Builders Room at Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., Dallas. Enter through the breezeway on the Miller Street side.

Patricia Loveland, president of the Willamette Valley Daylily Club, will present on the variety and beauty of daylilies.

Visitors are always welcome. Club membership is open to both men and women.

For more information: Gaye Stewart, 503-510-4370.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, April 20, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
- Wednesday, April 20, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.
- Thursday, April 21, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, April 21, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Friday, April 22, 5:30 p.m. — Teen/tween movie night. Movie is rated PG.
- Tuesday, April 26, 11:15 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. — After-

noon children's story time.

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

- Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 p.m. — Burgerville Literacy Night.
- Thursday, April 21, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, April 21, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Friday, April 22, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Saturday, April 23, 3 p.m. — Book Bingo.

- Tuesday, April 26, 4 p.m. — Spring Fun Club.
- Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

**MONMOUTH**  
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182  
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- 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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- See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.



## 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 20

- **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.

- **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

- **Bingo at the Farm** — 6:30 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. All ages welcome. Free; food and beverages available for purchase. 503-838-9813.

- **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 21

- **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.

- **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

- **Veterans Night at the Elks** — 6:30 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge Post 1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence. Different organizations present about services offered to veterans. Bunko upstairs for families.

- **Dallas Senior Writing Group** — 10 a.m. to noon, Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For all seniors who love to write. Free. 503-623-9616.

- **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Mixer** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Washington Federal, 523 Main St. E., Monmouth. www.micc-or.org.

- **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-420-4021.

- **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

- **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 22

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- **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.

- **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 24

- **Last Sunday at River Gallery** — 2 to 4 p.m., River Gallery, 184 S. Main St., Independence. Reception to honor corner and window focus artists. Free. 503-838-6171.

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

- **Dallas Garden Club** — 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., Dallas (Enter through the breezeway on the Miller Street side). Patricia Loveland will present on daylilies. Visitors are welcome. Gaye Stewart, 503-510-4370.

- **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 26

- **Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network Executive Committee Meeting** — 3 p.m., 2965 Ryan Dr. SE, Suite 150, Salem. 503-585-4935.

- **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.

- **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 front doors.

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