

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

WV Hospice to hold jewelry sale

Willamette Valley Hospice, 1015 3rd St. NW, West Salem, will hold a jewelry sale Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

New and used jewelry will be available. Most items are priced between \$2 and \$25.

The sale will raise money for Camp Might Oaks, a camp for grieving children and their families.

For information: Dawn Hemstreet, 503-588-3600.

Master Gardeners plant sale returns

The 26th annual Polk County Master Gardeners Plant Sale returns this weekend at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall.

The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The sale will feature more than 70 varieties of tomatoes, 39 different peppers, more than 800 perennial plants and more.

For more information: Polk County Master Gardeners, 503-623-8395.

Workshop for horse owners Saturday

The 2016 Horse Owner's Workshop is set for Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Barn at Mountain Springs Farm, 7611 Crowley Road, Rickreall.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Topics include saddle fitting, building a relationship with your horse and taking the mystery out of body condition scoring.

There is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is required: 503-831-1222.

Friends book sale is Friday, Saturday

The Friends of Monmouth Library spring book sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the meeting room of the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S.

The event begins with a member's only sale from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday. Nonmembers may join at the door. The sale will be open to the public from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Money raised during the event provides summer reading programs and materials, special programs for children and adults, the purchasing of DVDs and some newspaper subscriptions.

For more information: 503-838-1932.

Dallas Alliance to host talent show

The youth of Dallas Alliance Church, 775 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, will host a youth talent showcase and silent auction on Saturday at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Party while you paint



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Ginny Heard and Sarah Jobe focus on brush strokes at the Party While U Paint event at the Independence Elks Lodge on Saturday. The class, taught by Tamara Kime, helped participants create a forest scene. For more, see Explore Polk County on May 25.

A baked potato bar and salad dinner will be served. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Money raised during the event will go toward helping church youth attend LIFE 2016, where they will participate in an outreach program that will benefit Kansas City.

Silent auction items include artwork, yardwork and painting services.

The youth will provide entertainment in the form of skits and music. A live dessert auction will end the evening.

Reservations can be made at 503-623-2265.

Women's military group meets Tues

The Willamette Valley Women's Military League will hold its meeting at Walery's Pizza, 1555 Edgewater Street NW, West Salem on Tuesday.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. with social time. A no-host pizza buffet will be available at noon. Col. Morse and distinguished JROTC cadets from North Salem High School will speak.

For more information: Nelda Allegar, 503-831-02983.

RFL Mother's Day tea event Saturday

Relay for Life will host Mother's Day tea on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Corner Stone Church, 4395 Independence Highway, Independence.

Cost is \$5 per person.

A large number of teas and scones will be available to try.

Those who attend are invited to bring your wedding dress, no matter what shape it is in. Prizes will be awarded for oldest wedding dress, ladies who can still wear their dress and for bringing the most people.

For more information: Tami Bookey-Kuhlmann, 503-507-0120.

MI Chamber to host May forum

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce will hold its May forum on May 11 from noon to 1 p.m. The forum, held at the Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., will feature a 2016 state legislative session recap and House District 20 update.

State Rep. Paul Evans will speak.

A boxed lunch from Crush Wine Bar is available for \$11 and includes a wrap, chips, dessert and bottled water.

To register go to: www.micc.or.org.

Monmouth Garden Club to sell plants

The Monmouth Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale Saturday from 9 to 2 p.m. at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S. Landscape perennials, trees, shrubs, bulbs, annuals, vegetable plants, herbs and house plants will be available to raise funds for community beautification projects. Members will be in attendance to answer plant and gardening questions.

A free children's planting table will also be available.

For more information: 503-385-3385.

Candidates' forum set for Thursday

The Public Policy Committee of the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidate's forum Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The forum will take place at the Dallas Civic Center, 187 SE Court St. There is no cost to attend.

The following candidates have been invited: House District 23 — Mike Nearman and Beth Jones; Polk County Commissioner Position 1 — Jennifer Wheeler and Terence Taylor; Ballot Measure 27-119 — Pete Christensen (in favor) and Jim Williams (opposed).

Bob Brannigan will serve as moderator.

Dallas resident receives award

Dallas resident Gary Conner received the Shingo Prize in a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on April 26.

Shigeo Shingo helped turn around Japanese manufacturing after World War II and the Shingo Institute holds an international conference each year bearing his name.

The Shingo Prize is awarded to companies deemed exemplary. A limited number of authors are also recognized for contributions made to the "body of knowledge."

Conner received the research award for his text, "Lean Epiphanies" — a collection of inspirational stories from his 25 years traveling the United States as a business consultant. Conner currently works with the Oregon Manufacturers Extension Partnership.



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, MAY 4

• **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Minet, 405 N. Hogan Road, 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 Warren St., S, 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, MAY 5

• **Dementia Support Group** — 9:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St., S, Monmouth. A group for people coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. 503-838-5678.

• **Polk County Bounty Market** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Academy Building lawn, on the corner of Main and Academy streets, Dallas. 503-623-2564.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Candidates' forum** — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Dallas Civic Center, 187 SE Court St., Dallas. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

• **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.

• **Friends of Monmouth Library book sale** — 2 to 6 p.m., Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S., Monmouth. 503-838-1932.

• **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, MAY 7

• **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 Warren St., S, 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.

• **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.

• **Friends of Monmouth Library book sale** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S., Monmouth. 503-838-1932.

MONDAY, MAY 9

• **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, MAY 10

• **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, May 5, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
 - Thursday, May 5, noon. — Adult Book discussion.
 - Thursday, May 5, 2:30 p.m. — Lebo Building.
 - Thursday, May 10, 11:45 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
 - Tuesday, May 10, 4 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.
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- INDEPENDENCE**
175 Monmouth St.
503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
- Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time — Star Wars theme.

- Wednesday, May 4, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
- Wednesday, May 4, 6 p.m. — Star Wars celebration with Ben Kreger. Costumes encouraged.
- Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m. — "Star Wars: Rogue One" trailer followed by a showing of "Star Wars: A New Hope."
- Thursday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Thursday, May 5, 6 p.m. — Cinco de Mayo. Make paper flowers and other traditional crafts and enjoy some treats.
- Friday, May 6, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Saturday, May 7, 3 p.m. — Make earrings with Kay Bates. For children ages 8-12.
- Tuesday, May 10, 4 p.m. — Spring Fun Club — Family movie.
- Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

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- MONMOUTH**
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
- Wednesday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. — K-8 Builders Club.
 - Thursday, May 5, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Storytime.
 - Thursday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. — Adult Coloring Club.
 - Tuesday, May 10, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots Storytime.
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- 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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