

LaCreole STEM night



TOP: Blake Ogilvie, 7, watches intently as a 3-D printer creates a design during LaCreole Middle School's Exhibition Night on May 17.

The event featured student projects, include DNA extraction, an earthquake exhibit, robotics and an experiment making clouds.

MIDDLE: Ninth-grader Sage Arnesen carefully lifts strawberry DNA from a solution to look at under a microscope.

BOTTOM: A 3-D printer traces the outline of a plastic design.

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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 25

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. www.redcrossblood.org.
- **Gentle Tai Chi Stand or Sit** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Aquatic Center, 1005 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free. Slow body movements for improved balance, agility, flexibility and meditation. 503-623-9715.
- **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., Falls City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.
- **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 26

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

- **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.
- **Gentle Tai Chi Stand or Sit** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Aquatic Center, 1005 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. Free. Slow body movements for improved balance, agility, flexibility and meditation. 503-623-9715.
- **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, MAY 28

- **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, MAY 29

- **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.

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TUESDAY, MAY 31

- **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 the front doors.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Windermere, 297 Pacific Highway (99W) W., 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.

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COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Registration open for 'triathlon' games

Registration is open for the city of Dallas' Triathlon Field Games on June 4. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a free barbecue. Games begin at 12:15 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is June 1. Cost is \$20 per team with two members per team. There is a 36 team limit.

The triathlon consists of bocce ball, corn hole and disc golf, and will be held at Dallas City Park.

Rules for each game will be explained prior to starting.

Forms are available online at www.ci.dallas.or.us/

101/AdultYouth-Sports.

For information: David Brautigam, david.brautigam@dallasor.gov.

Airlie Winery to host celebration

Airlie Winery, 15275 Dunn Forest Road, Monmouth, will hold a Memorial Day weekend celebration Friday through Monday from noon to 5 p.m.

It is also Airlie's 30th anniversary.

Cost is \$10 for all three days. A wine glass and five tastes are included. If you already own a glass, the cost is \$5.

Food and live entertainment will also be presented

throughout the weekend.

For more information: 503-838-6013.

United Way seeks volunteers for day

The United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley is seeking volunteers for its annual Day of Action on June 17 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Day of Action features volunteers coming together to complete service projects that impact vulnerable children and families.

This year, volunteers will provide needed assistance to local elementary schools and United Way's partner agencies. Project details and instructions for registering

are online at www.unitedwaymwv.org/2016-day-action-projects.

For more information: Sherry Lintner, 503-363-1651, ext. 106 or via email at slintner@unitedwaymwv.org.

Needle felting class offered today

Polk County 4-H/Extension Office will offer a Step Class on needle felting Wednesday (today) from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., suite 301, Dallas.

There is no cost to attend and the class is open to any child in fourth through 12th grade. Register by noon today at 503-623-8395.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
• Thursday, May 26, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
• Thursday, May 26, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
• Tuesday, May 31, 11:45 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
• Tuesday, May 31, 4 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.

www.ci.independence.or.us/library
• Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Thursday, May 26, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
• Friday, May 27, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
• Wednesday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
• Wednesday, June 1, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty

503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
• Wednesday, May 25, 10 a.m. — Games for kids.
• Thursday, May 26, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Story time.

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.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.