

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Second Saturday family art returns

Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 Monmouth St., Independence, will host the Second Saturday Family Art Program Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Participants will make Japanese Carp Windsocks with Anna Cottom.

The class is open to children and parents. Children should be old enough to use scissors, glue, tape, etc. No registration required.

For more information: 971-599-3301.

Falls City hosts garage sale

The city of Falls City will host a garage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 20 residents are expected to participate. Participants will have garage sale signs in front of their homes. A map of those taking part will be available at Frink's General Store or at the Welcome Booth in front of the Community Center on Main Street.

Young Eagles to hold rally Saturday

The EAA Young Eagles will hold a rally Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Independence State Airport, 4803 Airport Road, Independence.

The rally offers free flights for children ages 8 to 17.

All participants will receive ground school training, a free flight, a picture and a certificate.

Ground school lasts about 45 minutes. Flights last about 15 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis.

Young Eagles must have a registration form signed by a parent or guardian, available at the event.

For more information: www.eaa292.org.

WVP Health offers free weight class

WVP Health Authority will offer a free, 90-minute informational session on weight management Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The class will be held at the Flaming Medical Center, 1000 SE Uglow St., Dallas.

The session will cover safe weight loss, obstacles and meal planning ideas. Questions are encouraged throughout the session. Information for follow-up support will also be available.

To register or for more information: WVP Health Authority, 503-587-5129 or email to livinghealthy@mvipa.org. On-site registration will be available.

MI YMCA pool to open Saturday

The Monmouth-Independence YMCA pool, 490 I St., Independence, will open Saturday.

The pool will have open swim Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Swim lessons, aqua fitness classes and family swim times are also available. For a full schedule: www.theYonline.org.

Staying cool



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With temperatures reaching as high as 99 degrees over the weekend, some families went for a swim at Dallas City Park to help stay cool. The creek proved to be a popular destination all weekend long for those in search of a way to battle the heat in Polk County.

Art in the Park returns Tuesday

Art in the Park will return to Riverview Park in Independence Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Independence Downtown Association sponsors the event, which will be held the second Tuesday of the month in June, July and August.

For more information: www.independencedowntown.org.

Pet store to hold kitten camp

Nature's Pet Market, 4555 Liberty Road S., Salem, will host the Crazy Kitten Camp Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kittens will be available to visit and play with. They will be available for adoption at the store through the Willamette Humane Society. Vendors will be on-site with food samples and a live demonstration of do-it-yourself vaccines.

The store is also a drop off location for donations, including kitten milk replacement, litter, towels, canned cat food and more. The store offers 20 percent off all items purchased for donations.

For more information: Terri Ellen, 503-362-4555.

Sons of Norway to hold celebration

The Sons of Norway and Swedish Lodge will hold a Midsummer Celebration Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Salem Masonic Temple, 1625 Brush College Road NW, Salem.

Traditional activities, including May pole dances, will be offered. Food will be supplied by both Norwegians and Swedes.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required.

For more information or to RSVP: 503-910-3302.

Jr. Master Gardener camp hits Dallas

The Junior Master Gardener Day Camp, a two-day

program, will be offered in Dallas June 15-16 and in Monmouth June 29-30.

Both camps will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

OSU Extension 4-H, Oregon 4-H Foundation and Monmouth Parks and Recreation is sponsoring the event, which is open to all kids in grades kindergarten through fourth. A 4-H membership is not required to participate.

The camp will give youth outdoor learning experiences with natural science, forestry, gardening, herbs, flowers, vegetables, entomology, soils, ecology, crafts and more.

Cost is \$25 if registered by Friday, \$35 after Friday (\$60 family maximum). Scholarships may be available.

The Dallas camp will be held at Dallas City Park and the Monmouth camp will be held at Gentle Woods Park.

Registration and scholarship applications are available at the Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas, or online at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/pol/camp.

For more information: 503-623-8395.

Salem Community Chorus to perform

The Salem Community Chorus, which includes five members from Monmouth, will perform a free concert Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the Salem Library, 585 Liberty SE, Salem.

The group is directed by Anna Robinson and accompanied by Adam Robinson.

For more information: 503-838-3777.

Expert to speak at PCMG meeting

The Polk County Master Gardeners will hold a 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.

Andie Wright from the DeSantis Landscaping Company will discuss variations in landscaping design styles, common plant palettes of the Pacific

Northwest and general landscaping challenges.

For more information: 503-623-8395 or online at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/pol/mg.

Masons to honor staff, volunteers

The Lyon Masonic Lodge No. 29, 303 Main S., Independence, will host its annual Strawberry Shortcake Dessert Wednesday (today) at 6 p.m. The event recognizes outstanding classified staff and parent volunteers from each of the five district 13J schools.

People being honored are: Central — Justin Kramer (staff) and Dale Hedrick (volunteer).

Ash Creek — Nancy Albritton (staff) and Shannon Taylor (volunteer).

Talmdage — Kevin Wiens (staff) and Jennifer Wells (volunteer).

Monmouth — Courtney Landels (staff) and Kelly Cooper (volunteer).

Independence — Ka Her (staff) and Jeannie Scott (volunteer).

Each will be honored with a strawberry short cake, a framed certificate and a local gift certificate of \$25.

The lodge will also present two \$1,000 scholarships to Bret Meador and Hannah Nelson at Central High School's Senior Awards program.

For more information: 503-838-4051.

Library features NW Coast Art

The Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., will feature Northwest Coast Art by Blaine Billman throughout June.

The "First Nations" used totemic style to decorate everything from household items to canoes. Billman's artwork showcases the clean, symbolic and dynamic nature of the totemic art form.

Billman's work has been featured in a number of exhibits, including the National Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian.

For more information: 503-623-2633.



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, JUNE 8

- **Polk County Republican Women** will not meet Wednesday (today).
- **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.
- **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., West Valley Hospital (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.
- **Gentle Tai Chi** — 3 to 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens, Dallas. Slow body movements to improve balance, flexibility, agility and meditation. Wear comfortable clothes. Free. 503-623-3397.
- **Lyon Masonic Lodge Strawberry Shortcake evening** — 6 p.m., 303 Main Street S., Independence. Annual event honoring classified staff and parent volunteers from each of the five schools in Central School District 13J.
- **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., 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.
- **Polk County Master Gardner meeting** — 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Speaker will discuss landscaping design styles and challenges. 503-623-8395.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- **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., Country Financial, 141 SW Court St., Dallas. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-0581.
- **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, JUNE 10

- **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.
- **Gentle Tai Chi** — 3 to 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens, Dallas. Slow body movements to improve balance, flexibility, agility and meditation. Wear comfortable clothes. Free. 503-623-3397.
- **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, JUNE 11

- **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.
- **Falls City garage sale** — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Falls City. Participants will have garage sale signs in front of their homes. A map of those taking part will be available at Frink General's Store or the Welcome Booth in front of the Community Center on Main Street.
- **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, JUNE 12

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

MONDAY, JUNE 13

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.
- **Gentle Tai Chi** — 3 to 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens, Dallas. Slow body movements to improve balance, flexibility, agility and meditation. Wear comfortable clothes. Free. 503-623-3397.
- **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome. \$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Thursday, June 9, 11:15 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, June 9, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Tuesday, June 14, 11:45 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, June 14, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.
- Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. — Reptile Man.
- Wednesday, June 15, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
- Wednesday, June 15, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

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

- Wednesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.
- Tuesday, June 14, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, June 15, 3 p.m. — Reptile man (at Riverview Park).

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, June 9, 7 p.m. — Thursday book club.
- Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. — Food preservation and safety update.
- Wednesday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. — Burgerville Family Literacy night.

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.