

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## Mel Brown Jazz returns Sunday

The annual Mel Brown Jazz Concert returns Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Main Street Park Amphitheater in Monmouth.

The Henry Ryals Septet will open the show, which kicks off the annual summer jazz workshop at Western Oregon University.

There is no cost to attend. For more information: [www.wou.edu](http://www.wou.edu).

## Dallas resident in Miss Teen USA

Makaela Bruer, 17, of Dallas, will compete in the Miss Teen USA pageant Friday and Saturday in Las Vegas. Bruer attends the Oregon Connections Academy.

Bruer was named Miss Oregon Teen USA 2016 last fall. She plans to attend Cornell University after high school to study agriculture management.

For more information: [www.facebook.com/MissOregonTeenUSA/](http://www.facebook.com/MissOregonTeenUSA/).

## Friends of Library sale rescheduled

Those wanting to find a good read during Summerfest will have to wait until October.

The Friends of Dallas Library will not hold its long-standing Summerfest book sale during 2016. This year the club had decided to hold two sales, one in the spring and a second in the fall.

The next sale will be Oct. 7 and 8.

For more information: Dallas Public Library, 503-623-2633.

## Hawaiian uke topic of Friday event

Ever wanted to learn to play ukulele? Dallas Public Library is hosting a theme-appropriate event at the Dallas Civic Center on Friday of Summerfest weekend.

At 6 p.m., Ukulele Fans of Oregon (yes, UFO) will offer a presentation introducing the curious to playing the instrument, followed by a showing of the 2010 film "Mighty Uke."

The event also will be a

## Preparing for fair



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Jeff Tompkins, 10, right, takes a lesson in building goat pens from Steve Anderson on Saturday during "Polk County Fairground Beautification Day." The event is part of the Polk County Ford Institute Leadership class. A number of volunteers also helped out.

gauge of interest in starting a club for ukulele players in Dallas, said Library Director Mark Greenhalgh-Johnson.

Clay Lindsey of Koral Jam, a Hawaiian band that will be playing Sounds of Summer on Thursday, said the instrument is quickly increasing in popularity.

"There's clubs all over now," he said. "It's easy to pick up and play and take with you."

For more information, Dallas Public Library, 503-623-2633.

## Senior Center hosts 'Chill Out'

Summerfest getting too hot?

Stop by the Dallas Area Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., behind the Dallas Public Library, on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to cool off and enjoy lunch.

Hot dogs, chili dogs, sandwich, salads and strawberry shortcake will be for sale.

A craft sale also will take place both days.

## Passport shows off Dallas businesses

Returning for a second year is the downtown passport, which gives people incentive to visit as merchants while enjoying Summerfest festivities.

The passport is available to people 18 and older, and features about a dozen businesses and the city of Dallas. The idea is to visit each one, check out what they have to offer, get a stamp on your passport and turn it back in for a drawing for prizes. All you need to do is pick up your passport at the Dallas Chamber info booth, fill it out, and then return for a chance at a prize.

For more information: 503-623-2564.

## Take a plant hike at arboretum

Summerfest Sunday is a leisurely day in Dallas City Park — and a great day for a

walk among plants native to Oregon in the Delbert Hunter Arboretum.

The arboretum will host an "open house" — more like an open stroll — Sunday as part of Summerfest's Day in the Park activities.

Check out the interpretative kiosk installed in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Ceded Lands Project. The three-sided kiosk displays Dallas history, native plants of the region used by members of the Kalapuya tribes and bands, and maps of traditional Native American tribal homelands.

In addition, arboretum volunteers recently installed a new entrance gate near the "upper meadow" section, part of a continuous improvement project in that area of the arboretum.

And don't forget about the more established parts of the 7.5-acre parcel, including a pond, rhododendron and azalea gardens, and an impressive collection of native trees and plants.

For more information: 503-623-7359.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Polk County Fair 4-H Dog Show moved

RICKREALL — Animal exhibits have increased for the Polk County Fair this year, so Polk County 4-H had to change the schedule the dog show, moving it to Saturday.

The fair officially begins on Aug. 11.

The higher number of animals being exhibited at the fair put space at a premium, and the change was necessary for youth and their animals to show in the safest and most efficient manner, according to 4-H leaders.

Judging will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday with 4-Hers and their dogs participating in showmanship, obedience and rally classes.

The 4-H Dog Show will take place in Building C at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

For more information, call the OSU Extension Office at 503-623-8395.

### KMUZ installs emergency generator

TURNER — Radio station KMUZ, which serves the Mid-Valley area, including Polk County has received a grant to install an emergency backup generator at its transmitter in Turner.

This new generator will keep KMUZ's primary transmitter, operating at 88.5 MHz, on the air when power goes down in rural Marion County.

A Marion County Community Project Fund Grant, plus a grant from the Autzen Foundation, as well as listener and community support helped make the project possible.

KMUZ operates a second frequency, 100.7 MHz, which broadcasts from a communications site closer to Salem. This translator/repeater is provided emergency power by the firm that owns and operates the site.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR

**DALLAS**  
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633  
[www.ci.dallas.or.us/library](http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/library)

- Thursday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, July 28, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. — Morning children's story time.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.

**INDEPENDENCE**  
175 Monmouth St.  
503-838-1811  
[www.ci.independence.or.us/library](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/library)

- Wednesday, July 27, 3 p.m. — Border Colliers International (at Riverview Park).

- Thursday, July 28, 3 p.m. — Giant Games and End Party.
- Friday, July 29, 6:30 p.m. — Wii Tournament and pizza party.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

**MONMOUTH**  
168 S. Ecols St.  
503-751-0182  
[www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library)

- Wednesday, July 27, 2 p.m. — Wacky

Wednesdays (9-12 year olds; Build it).

- Thursday, July 28, 10:15 a.m. — Game day.
- Friday, July 29, 10:15 a.m. — Friday Tot Time (Stories and play).
- Friday, July 29, 2 p.m. — Friday Movies (Big Green, PG).
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (9-12 year olds; Tween's choice).

**WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
111 N. Main St., Falls City  
503-787-3521, ext. 319  
[www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline](http://www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline)

- 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 email ([ioneus@polkio.com](mailto:ioneus@polkio.com)).

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- **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.

- **Western Oregon Summer Heatwave concert series** — Noon, WOU, 345 Monmouth Ave. N, Monmouth. Charlie Horse. Free. 503-838-8514.

- **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.

- **Music in the Park** — 6:30 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. Charlie Horse, rock. Free. [www.ci.monmouth.or.us](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us).

### THURSDAY, JULY 28

- **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.

- **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.

- **Sounds of Summer** — 6 p.m., Courthouse Lawn, Dallas. Koral Jam, Hawaiian. Free. [business.dallasoregon.org](http://business.dallasoregon.org).

- **Movies in the Park** — 10 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. "Avengers: Age of Ultron," rated PG-13. Free. [www.independenceamphitheater.com](http://www.independenceamphitheater.com).

- **Summerfest Hawaiian Luau** — Downtown Dallas, Polk County Courthouse lawn. For full schedule and stories of events, see Section C inside, or [www.exploredallasoregon.org](http://www.exploredallasoregon.org).

### FRIDAY, JULY 29

- **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.

- **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.

- **River's Edge Summer Music Series** — 7:30 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. Longstride, reggae. \$5 suggested donation. [www.independenceamphitheater.com](http://www.independenceamphitheater.com).

- **Friday Night Music** — 6 to 9 p.m., Emerson Vineyards, 11665 Airlie Road, Monmouth. Jasper Lepak \$7.50 plus a can of food. 503-838-0944.

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

- **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.

### MONDAY, AUG. 1

- **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., 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.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 2

- **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 quiet room/chapel immediately inside the emergency entrance on Clay Street. Dee Ann White, 971-718-6444.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Central Health and Wellness Center, 1601 Monmouth St., Independence. 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.

- **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.

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