COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Caterpillar employee potluck

All former Caterpillar Dallas plant employees and spouses are invited to attend a potluck picnic Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dallas City Park. The picnic will take place at the Seibert-Fredrickson Memorial Shelter.

Attendees are invited to bring food to share and your own beverage, utensils, and folding or lawn chairs.

Coffee will be provided. For more information: Jerry Bennett, 503-623-2946 or jerglobe@msn.com.

Heritage Museum to host centennial wagon train event

The Heritage Museum Society presents "Trail Ruts: Oregon's Centennial Wagon Train" on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Independence Events Center, 555 South Main St., Independence.

Signed copies of the book "Trail Ruts" will be available for purchase by cash or check.

Author Dick Carter will present on his experience of following the Oregon Trail in 1959. His book tells the history of the original Oregon Trail where his great-grandmother died in 1852, with the story of a group of re-enactors he led to retrace their steps in 1959.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information: orheritage.com or email to orheritage@minetfiber.org.

National Day of Service project set for Saturday

Volunteers are needed for the 2016 National Day of Service project held at Madrona Park, 1521 Madrona St., Monmouth, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Help is requested to clear and plant areas along the nature trails in the east end of the park. Attendees are invited to bring shovels, hoes and rakes.

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

Jazz festival Sunday at vineyard

Heading to school



EMILY MENTZER/ Itemizer-Observer

Stuart Willoughby and Evangeline Dagg make their way to school on Tuesday morning, crossing the street at Church Street and Highway 99W. Willoughby was excited to start fifth grade at Monmouth Elementary School.

Featured artists are the Johnny Martin Trio and Djangophiles.

Freedom from smoking class offered

A seven-week series developed by the American Lung Association to assist people in becoming smoke free will be offered at the Monmouth Senior Center. The weekly class will be held Tuesdays from Sept. 13-Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The workshop will include a variety of strategies including self-monitoring, relaxation techniques and medication overview.

There is no cost to attend. Class materials, including a course book and CD, are also provided without charge. To register or for more in-

formation: 503-587-5129.

Polk County Master Gardeners to meet Sept. 14

The Polk County Master Gardeners will meet Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. There is no cost to attend, and meetings are open to the public. dening creativity for the fall
and winter seasons.Grou
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Ash Creek Arts Center family art class Saturday

The Second Saturday Family Art Class will be held Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Independence Women's Club, 340 S. Third St., Independence. The class, presented by the Ash Creek Arts Center, will feature paper animal masks with Mary Harden.

Class is intended for children and parents. Children should be old enough to manage scissors, glue, tape and other supplies. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information: www.ashcreekarts.org.

Young Eagles rally on Saturday

The EAA Young Eagles will hold a rally Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Independence Airport, EAA Hangar, 4803 Airport Road, Independence. Ground school is approximately 45 minutes long and the flight lasts about 15 minutes.

Young Eagles must have a registration form signed by a parent or guardian to participate in the flight.

For more information: www.youngeagles.com/parents/faq.asp.

MI Chamber forum set for Sept. 14

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce will host the Chamber forum Sept. 14 at noon at the Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.

Boxed lunches from Main Street Pub and Eatery are available for purchase for \$12. Lunch orders must be received by noon on Tuesday.

To register: www.miccor.org.

Dallas Church to host guitar clinic

Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St., Dallas, will host a free guitar clinic Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own guitar. The clinic is open to



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 (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

• Monmouth Business Association — 7:30 a.m., Monmouth Public Library, 175 Monmouth St. 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.

• 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.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

• 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.

• 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., Oregon State Credit Union, 210 Orchard Drive, Dallas. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564, Gage Martin. Or MacLarin Jones, 509-859-3779.

• 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, SEPT. 9

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Meeting — 9:45 to 11 a.m.

The Jazz Festival 2016 will be held Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Kathken Vineyard, 5739 Orchard Heights Road, West Salem.

Karen Maki, owner of the 13th Street Nursery in Salem will discuss container gar-

The rally is open to children ages 8-17. All Young Eagles receive ground school training, a free flight and a picture, as well as a certificate.

people ages 10 and older. There is no cost to attend, but donations are accepted.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

INDEPENDENCE

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

• Thursday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. — Children's story time.

• Thursday, Sept. 8, noon — Adult Book Discussion.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Morning children's story time.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.

Check out a book at your local library. 175 Monmouth St. 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library • Wednesday, Aug. Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time. • Thursday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. — Community ESL. • Thursday, Sept. 8, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.

• Thursday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.

• Tuesday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.

• Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

MONMOUTH 168 S. Ecols St. 503-751-0182 www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library • Tuesday, Sept. 13, 10:15 a.m. — Family

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.







Thursdays through September 29th 182 Academy Street, Dallas (Corner of Main & Academy Streets) General Vendors 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

• Live music with Fiddler Truman Price 11 am - 1 pm

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NEXT WEEK (Sept 15):

 Bring a BUCKET! Republic Services will be giving away FREE local compost to improve your garden / container plantings!
CARTS—Upcoming proposal for April 2017. Let your voice be heard! For more info: http://cherriots.org/regional

503-623-2564



http://www.exploredallasoregon.org/bounty-market.html

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, SEPT. 10

• **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.

• **Guthrie Park Country Dance** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Admission: \$5 per person; \$15 immediate family rate; children 12 and under free. 503-623-0809.

• 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.

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 8 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.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

• 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.

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 3 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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

• **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, SEPT. 13

• **Tuesdays in the Square** — 4 to 7 p.m., Court Street, Dallas. Free. Enjoy art and wine, and help Dallas Rotary Club celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation with cake at 6 p.m.

• 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.

• James2 Community Kitchen Meal — 4:45 to 6:30 p.m., Falls City Methodist Church, 242 North Main St., Falls City. Free. 503-787-3371.