

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Dallas Downtown to host meet greet

Dallas Downtown Association will host a meet and greet Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Latitude One, 904 Main St., Dallas.

The event will welcome Emma Guida to her position as the Program Manager for the association. Guida will be working on revitalizing downtown Dallas.

Western Oregon to hold open house

Western Oregon University will hold an open house for the Richard Woodcock Building of Education Friday at 4 p.m.

The building is on campus, at 345 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth.

For more information: www.wou.edu.

Pokemon Go hits MI downtown

Monmouth and Independence invites the public to spend Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. playing Pokemon Go and enjoying downtown.

There is no cost to attend. Participating businesses in downtown Monmouth and Independence will offer specials and have opportunities for the public to get to know what they offer. No check-in is required.

Public forum on Measure 97 set

A public forum on Measure 97 will be held Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S., Monmouth.

Measure 97 is a statewide ballot initiative to increase corporate taxes on businesses with annual incomes that exceed \$25 million.

The forum will address what the measure means to the public, how it impacts businesses and consumers and how the tax dollars will be used.

Representatives for and against the measure will provide opening remarks followed by a question and answer session.

There is no cost to attend. Registration is not required. For more information: 503-838-1932.

HART fall family fair on Sunday

Horses Adaptive Riding and Therapy (HART) will hold its Fall Family Fair fundraising/awareness event Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at HART, 6665 Rickreall Road, Independence.

Wine, art and music



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

Siena Picchi-Dobson, of Dallas, entertains while people taste wine at Latitude One in Dallas during last week's Tuesdays on the Square. The event, sponsored by the city of Dallas, paired wine tastings with displays and sales of art and crafts in downtown.

The program will feature equestrian performances, an appearance by Smokin' Doubledutch, the 2015 Breyer Horse Model and Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen Abigail Hope.

Arts and crafts, games, face painting, a silent auction and a special drawing for an Oregon Coast weekend getaway will be available. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Children ages 2 and younger are free. Family tickets are available for \$40.

A large portion of the proceeds will benefit the recovery of Pete, a HART therapy horse who was seriously injured in a July accident.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing events@horsesadaptiveriding.org.

Free freedom from smoking offered

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth, will host a Freedom from smoking class Tuesdays through Oct. 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. The series, developed by the American Lung Association, will cover strategies to combat smoking, including self-monitoring, relaxation techniques, medication overview, social support and more.

Class materials, including a book and CDs are also provided without charge.

The class is open to all ages.

For more information: WVP Health Authority, 503-587-5129.

Friends of Felines to hold fundraiser

The Salem Friends of Felines will hold its 11th annual fundraising auction on Oct. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem.

The fundraiser is open to adults ages 21 and older.

Tickets are available for \$40 and includes appetizers and beverages. A silent auction and live music by J.T. Meier will also be available.

The Salem Friends of Felines is a nonprofit/no-kill cat rescue group helping Marion and Polk counties.

All proceeds benefit the cats in the communities, and help cover medical care for injured and sick cats.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.sfof.org or at the group's thrift store at 980 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

Fundraiser for diabetes Friday

Rookies Sports Tap, 641 Clay St. E., Monmouth, will host A Night To Fight Diabetes fundraiser Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.

A silent auction and raffle will be held featuring prizes including Boise State vs. Oregon State football tickets, spa packages, movie tickets, pizza, beer and more.

Rookies is open to people under 21 until 9 p.m.

For more information: www.facebook.com/events/336284556711988/.

Dallas seniors put on music jam

Dallas area seniors present Swing Into Fall, a senior music jam session, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St. Singers, musicians, and music fans of all ages are welcome.

There is no cost to attend. Snacks are appreciated.

For more information: Michele Griffin-Campione, 503-507-5240.

Church to begin lecture series

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas, will begin a lecture series Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. Discussions will be based on the OPB program on one God and three religions.

There is no cost to attend, and the public is invited.

For more information: 503-623-8522.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Storytime.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Storytime.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's story time.

INDEPENDENCE

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

- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m. — Back to School Bingo.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

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

- Thursday, Sept. 22, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Explorers.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10:15 a.m. — Family Storytime.

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.



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. 21

- **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.

- **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

- **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.

- **Burn Barrel** — 7:30 p.m., Rickreall Event Hall, 105 Nesmith Road, Rickreall. Sept. 22-24. Sept. 24 also has a matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$10. 503-964-4826.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

- **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.

- **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. 24

- **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, SEPT. 25

- **HART Fall Family Fair** — 1 to 4 p.m., Horses Adaptive Riding and Therapy, 6665 Rickreall Road, Independence. Equestrian performances, arts and crafts, games, Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen and more. \$15 for adults. \$7.50 for children. events@horsesadaptiveriding.org.

- **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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 26

- **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. 27

- **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Open to children pre-kindergarten and younger with parent/adult. Tuesdays through Fridays. Free.

- **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.

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- **Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Fall City. All supplies, paint, canvas and instruction provided. No experience necessary. \$30, snack and cocktail included. 503-787-2700.

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