

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Murder, Mayhem and Munchies

Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., will host Murder, Mayhem and Munchies Saturday at 3 p.m.

A bibliography of culinary mysteries is available online at www.ci.independence.or.us/library. Participants are invited to select and make a favorite recipe from a culinary mystery to share with the group during the program. Cooking is not necessary to participate in the discussion and enjoy the food.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Mystery Book Club normally meets the second Thursday of the month. "Jade Dragon Mountain" by Elsa Hart will be November's book.

For more information: 503-838-1811.

Dallas chamber to host election events

The Public Policy Committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend a trio of election events at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas.

The first is Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Invited candidates include Mark Garton, Todd Whitlow, Mike Nearman, Jim Thompson, Kurt Schrader, Colm Willis, Brian Boquist and Ross Swartzendruber.

There is no charge to attend.

A luncheon will be held on Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to discuss Measures 97 and 98. Cost is \$12 and RSVPs are required by Friday.

A third election event will be held on Oct. 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Invited candidates are LaVonne Wilson, Kelly Gabliks, Ken Woods Jr., Paul Trahan, Marsha Heeter, Jennie Rummell and Terry Crawford.

For more information: www.dallasoregon.org.

Networking and celebration event

The Rural Tourism Studio program will host a networking event Wednesday (today) at Left Coast Cellars, 4225 N. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend.

The event will have information on what the program has accomplished over its first year and a half, and what its plans are for the future. An Americorps RARE participant will also be in attendance to meet and greet.

Light refreshments and drinks will be served.

For more information:

Rope Busters to begin practice

Rope Busters will begin jump rope practices Tuesday at Whitworth Elementary School in Dallas. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$30, which includes a free jump rope.

On-site registration is available.

For more information: Jim Dent, 503-623-8074.

Corn Feed



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Perrydale FFA hosted the Perrydale Corn Feed on Friday evening. The annual event raises money to help cover student fees and fund projects and events.

Luckiamute Watershed Council monthly meeting

The Luckiamute Watershed Council will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at Volunteer Hall, 144 Warren St. S., Monmouth.

The council will cover regular monthly business and see a presentation from Sue Reams from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service about a new cost-share program offered to small forestry operations in the Luckiamute Watershed.

The public is invited. For more information: www.LuckimauteLWC.org.

Library showcases Messer's artwork

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., will showcase neo-expressionist paintings by K.D. Messer through the end of October. Messer is a longtime photographer and artist.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

William Sullivan at Dallas Library

Oregon author William Sullivan will present a slideshow and talk featuring hikes on the Oregon Coast at Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Sullivan's slide show features dozens of new trails he discovered while researching the fourth edition of his book, "100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range."

Sullivan is the author of the "Oregon Trails," feature columns for Eugene's Register-Guard and the Statesman Journal. He has hiked nearly every public trail in Oregon.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, 503-623-2633 or facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

WOU homecoming celebrations begin

Western Oregon will begin its homecoming celebrations on Monday. Activities run all week, culminating with home soccer, football and volleyball matches on Oct. 22.

For a full schedule or for more information: www.wou.edu.

Pine needle baskets class

Openings are available for a pine needle baskets class with Vivian Byers Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the River Gallery, 184 South Main St., Independence.

Cost is \$40 and includes materials. Class size will be capped at 10. Attendees should bring a large-eye sewing needle. All other supplies will be provided.

The River Gallery is focusing on the artistry of basket-making through Nov. 5.

For more information: 503-838-6171.

Information on Measure 27

Central School District will offer several opportunities to learn about proposed changes in Bond Measure 27.

Community walk throughs are scheduled for Talmadge Middle School Wednesday (today) at 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Elementary School (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.) and Independence Elementary School (Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. and Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m.).

Tours will be led by Superintendent Buzz Brazeau and the school principal.

School board members have also scheduled com-

munity question-and-answer sessions to discuss the bond measure.

School board members will be available at The Brew on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and at Rick's Place on Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and Oct. 27 at 7:30 a.m.

For more information: Cec Koontz, ckoontz@central.k12.or.us or Buzz Brazeau, 503-838-0033.

Women's group to hold potluck

Dallas Nazarene Church, 341 NE Kings Valley Highway, is starting a women's group focused on making friends and sharing experiences.

The next meeting is Saturday at 1 p.m. and will feature a potluck of snacks and desserts.

For more information: Shirley Wimer, 503-428-0384.

Reservations open for EAA event

EAA Chapter 292 will hold a free event for children ages 13 through high school seniors on Oct. 22 and 23 at Independence State Airport, 4803 Airport Road.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is geared toward those interested in learning more about sport aviation.

Topics will include aerodynamics and forces of flight demonstrated in a wind tunnel, navigation using charts and electronic systems, how to build an airplane, and a 20-minute plane ride to demonstrate things learned in the classes.

Reservations are due by Oct. 19. Participants are capped at 20.

Snacks and beverages will be provided, but participants will need to bring a sack lunch.

For more information: Michael Ryer, 503-364-3619, email to starkandryer@outlook.com.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. — Meet the author (William Sullivan).
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Storytime.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Storytime.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board meeting.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. — Paws to Read.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4:45 p.m. — Teen

Book Club.

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

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m. — Community ESL.
- Friday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. — Coloring and Craft Club (Grades 6 and up).
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 3 p.m. — Mystery Book Club presents Murder, Mayhem and Munchies.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4:30 p.m. — Chess club.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10:30 a.m. —

Family story time.

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

- Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Storytime.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 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, OCT. 12

- **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.

- **Polk County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Oak Knoll Golf Course, 6335 Highway 22, Independence. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

- **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., Umpqua Bank, 302 S. Main St., Independence. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. MacLarin Jones, 509-859-3779.

- **Homework, Hoops and Hotdogs** — 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1401 SW 13th St., Dallas. Free help with homework for students in middle and high school. 503-917-9822, Nona Springer.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

- **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, OCT. 15

- **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.

- **Old Time Fiddlers Association** — Noon, Falls City Methodist Church, 242 N. Main St., Falls City. 503-391-5377.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

- **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

MONDAY, OCT. 17

- **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m., Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Cost: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. 503-623-2564.

- **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

- **Polk County Battle Buddies support group** — 6 to 8 p.m., 486 SW Westwood Dr., Dallas. Support group for Polk County veterans. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Free. 503-510-1015.

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. www.redcrossblood.org.

- **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, OCT. 18

- **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.

- **Family Building Blocks Dallas play group** — 10 a.m., Academy Building, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. Suite 216. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-877-8473.

- **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.

- **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club** — 7 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School library, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

- **Polk County Coin Club** — 7 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. 503-362-9123.

- **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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