

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Applications open for Toys for Tots

The application period for the Monmouth-Independence Christmas Project/Toys for Tots is now open.

If you need gifts for your children or need a food basket for Christmas, request forms are available at Independence Women's Club-house, 340 S. Third St., Independence.

The office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

Closing day is Dec. 20. Applications are due by Dec. 2.

Photo ID for proof of address and proof of children are required. Only one request per address.

Donations and volunteers are also sought.

For more information: 503-339-4955.

Parade of Lights accepting entries

The Independence Parade of Lights returns Dec. 3.

Entries for the parade are now being accepted. There is no entry fee.

The parade stages at 4:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Independence. The parade begins at 5 p.m. followed by a community reception at Sojourn International on Main Street.

Applications may be received by contacting Nancy Lodge, 503-838-2314 or email to pd1571@yahoo.com.

Dallas Garden Club to talk peonies

The Dallas Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Builders Room at Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe St., Dallas.

Carol Adelman from Adelman Peony Gardens will present the program on growing gorgeous peonies.

Checking them twice



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Sue Barker looks over wreaths that will light up downtown Independence this Christmas season. Members of the Independence Downtown Association's Parade of Lights committee met in the basement of the Monmouth-Independence YMCA on Saturday to check the lights and bows on the decorations.

Club membership is open to the public. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings. For more information: Mike Stewart, 503-510-3293.

Darr family to put on clothing drive

The Darr family will be collecting warm articles of clothing for those in need from Dec. 5 to Jan. 9.

Clothing that will be accepted are coats, jackets, sweaters, sweat pants and sweat shirts, warm hats, gloves, socks and blankets.

Clothing can be dropped off at Star Lite Lanes, 394 Main St., Dallas.

Any donated used items need to be prechecked of anything before leaving it at the donation site.

All donations will be distributed within Polk County. For more information: 503-787-3888.

Thanksgiving meals available

Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 Fir Villa Road, Dallas, will offer a free Thanksgiving dinner and community service Wednesday (today) from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For more information: 503-623-2233.

Tater's Café, 638 SE Jefferson St., will offer a Thanksgiving dinner at noon while supplies last.

For more information: 503-623-3335.

Cornerstone Christian Church, 4395 Independence Highway, Independence,

will offer a free Thanksgiving meal Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information: 503-838-5119.

Thanksgiving Luncheon at Central

Central High School's leadership class will sponsor the Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov. 23 at noon.

The event is free for all senior citizens in the area and will be held in the Central High School cafeteria, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.

In addition to a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the Main Street singers will perform and a gift raffle will be held.



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).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

• **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.

• **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.

• **Brew and BS: The New Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on New Testament figures. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25

• **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, NOV. 26

• **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.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

• **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, NOV. 28

• **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, NOV. 29

• **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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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

950 Main St.

503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

• Tuesday, Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Storytime.
• Tuesday, Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Storytime.
• Wednesday, Nov. 30, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Davos).

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
• Wednesday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Fall crafts).
• Tuesday, Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
• Wednesday, Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
• Wednesday, Nov. 30, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Gingerbread houses).

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m. — Movie ("Finding Dory").

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

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Caroling

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503-623-2564

www.exploredallasoregon.org/Winterfest

INDEPENDENCE CINEMA 8

450 S. 2nd St., Independence
Showtimes 503-606-3000
www.independencecinema8.com

Wednesday Nov. 23 through Thursday Dec 1

Matinees are all shows before 6pm.

New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 Senior \$7.00 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

DOCTOR STRANGE (Digital) (PG13)	(1:35 4:20)	7:15 10:05
ALLIED (Digital) (R)	(1:25 4:15)	7:10 10:00
TROLLS (Digital) (PG)	(11:25 2:40)	
BAD SANTA 2 (Digital) (R)	(1:30 3:35 5:40)	7:45 9:55
FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM (Digital) (PG13)	(1:00 4:00)	7:00 10:00
MOANA (Digital) (PG)	(11:30 2:05 4:40)	7:20 9:55
RULES DON'T APPLY (Digital) (PG13)	(1:05 3:55)	6:50 9:40
EDGE OF SEVENTEEN (Digital) (R)	(4:50)	10:10
HACKSAW RIDGE (Digital) (R)	(11:50)	7:15
THE ARRIVAL (Digital) (PG13)	(1:45 4:25)	7:05 9:50

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