

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Salem choir comes to Monmouth

The Salem Community chorus will hold its holiday concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Methodist and Presbyterian United Church, 412 Clay St. W., Monmouth.

The chorus is directed by Anna Robinson and accompanied by Adam Robinson.

There is no cost to attend. The chorus has 60 members, including eight from Polk County.

Light refreshments will be available after the concert.

For more information: 503-838-3777.

Church to host advent lessons

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas, invites the community to attend service at 10 a.m. Sunday for Advent lessons and to sing carols. The no-sermon service will feature Celtic-inspired hymns and familiar advent hymns.

For more information: 503-623-8522.

Coffee with a Cop set for Saturday

The Grove Coffee House, 116 S. Main St., Independence, will host Coffee with a Cop Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Officers from the Independence Police Department and community members will have the chance to meet in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and build relationships.

Coffee with a Cop is part of a national initiative aimed at building lasting connections between police departments and the communities they serve.

American Legion party Saturday

The American Legion Post No. 20 and Auxiliary Unit No. 20 will hold their annual Christmas party Saturday at 5 p.m. at Greenway Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 450 LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

There will be a potluck dinner for members.

A special report about the Oregon Home Guard in World War II will be given by Nancy Doll following the meal.

For more information: 503-623-2591.

Pressed to host Santa Claus

Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas, will host the inaugural Dallas Downtown Association Christmas Celebration on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Free photos with Santa will be available. There will also be snowflake making, cookie decorating, holiday coloring pages, hot cocoa,

Gingerbread Houses



Top: Anson Rush, 20 months, takes stock of his finished gingerbread house at the Independence Public Library on Nov. 30. The library offered kids the opportunity to work on their own tasty creations with all materials provided. Bottom: Zach Hill, 10, shows off his gingerbread house.

Christmas music and more.

Ribbon cutting for mural on Friday

Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton will perform a ribbon cutting for the downtown mural, located on the Bank of America building, 791 Main St.

The mural is sponsored by the Dallas Downtown Association with grant funding from the Oregon Arts Commission. Local artist Kev Kohler painted the mural.

Old Time Square Dance returns

The Second Saturday Old Time Square Dance returns Saturday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Rickreall.

Cost is \$5 per person. Children 12 and younger are free. An immediate family rate of \$15 for a family of

four or more is available. No experience necessary. All dances are taught. Old Time squares, big circles, longway sets and waltzes will be performed. Cash & Company will provide live music.

For more information: www.guthriepark.org.

Dance recital food drive on Tuesday

The Polk County France School of Dance will hold its dance recital and food drive Tuesday at 6 p.m. at LaCreole Middle School, 701 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

Students will perform tap, ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz and hip-hop routines.

Cost is \$3 or three cans of food per person and per dancer.

Students range in age from 4 years old to teenagers.

All proceeds benefit the Dallas Food Bank.

For more information:

Linda France Martin, 503-390-3481.

Senior center to hold meeting

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth, will host a meeting and potluck on Friday.

A general meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. followed by the potluck. The ukulele group The Maculeles will perform and lead a Christmas sing-along after the meal.

Dallas library book drive ongoing

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, is collecting new books for children and teens through Dec. 17.

Donated books will be given to area children and teens through local nonprofits and organizations.

"Like new" books will also be accepted.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Percy).
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m. — Ukelele Fans of Dallas.
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
 • Tuesday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
 • Tuesday, Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Ornament workshop).
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.
 • Friday, Dec. 9, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (Gingerbread mansions).
 • Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. — Wreath Workshop.
 • Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
 • Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

• Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Holiday crafts and gifts).

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m. — Builders Club.
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Story Time.
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. — Once Upon a Thursday Book Club.

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 (ioneus@polkio.com).

- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7**
- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Polk County Fire District No. 1, 1800 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.
 - **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.
 - **Brew and BS: The Old 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.

- THURSDAY, DEC. 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., Tigor Title, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 504, Dallas. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. 503-623-2564, Gage Martin. Or 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, DEC. 9**
- **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, DEC. 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 9:30 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.

- SUNDAY, DEC. 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.
 - **Festival Carolers concert** — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. Free. 503-623-2233.

- MONDAY, DEC. 12**
- **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, DEC. 13**
- **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.
 - **Caregiver Connection** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room, use ER entrance), 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.

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