

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## MI Chamber mixer set for Thursday

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber After-Hours Mixer is set for Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Petals and Vines, 410 Main St. E., Monmouth.

Light refreshments and wine will be served. Attendees are encouraged to bring a giveaway (\$10 or less) to promote your business or organization.

To register: [www.micc-or.org](http://www.micc-or.org).

## Polk SWCD to hold open house

Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District, 580 Main St., Suite A, Dallas, will hold an open house Wednesday (today) from 3 to 5 p.m.

Food will be provided by the district staff.

The team of conservationists and board members will be in attendance. No RSVP is needed.

## Senior Center to hold Wonderland

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth, will hold a Winter Wonderland celebration Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tickets cost \$3 and are available in the senior center office.

The celebration will include finger foods, desserts, music and sing-a-longs.

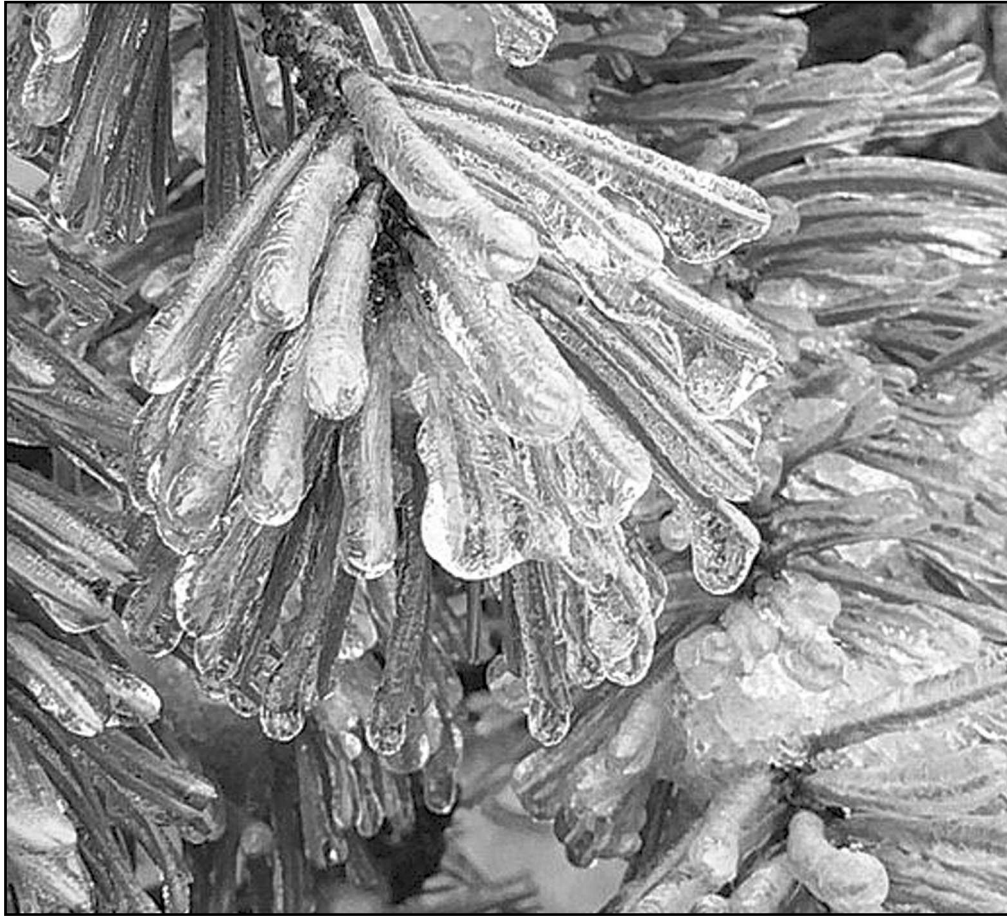
Donations are still being accepted for a white elephant gift giveaway.

For more information: 503-838-5678.

## Gingerbread house making on Dec. 21

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Mon-

## Weather outside is frightful



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**Cold temperatures and snow on Thursday caused icy conditions in parts of Dallas and higher elevations. A winter weather mix, including possible snow and freezing rain, is expected Wednesday (today).**

mouth, will hold a gingerbread house making class Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. Sharon Kay Woods will provide supplies and lead the class.

Cost is \$2.50 and includes graham crackers, icing and candies to decorate with.

All proceeds from the class go to the scholarship fund.

Class size is limited.

For more information: 503-838-5678.

## Kings Crossing open on Saturday

Kings Crossing will be open Saturday from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m.

Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be available to enjoy along with vendors selling antiques, handcrafted items, and locally-produced food.

## Anderson to read at Calmlee's

Author Maren Bradley Anderson will read from her books, "Closing the Store," and "Fuzzy Logic" at Calmlee's Books, 147 SW Court St., Dallas, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

There is no cost to attend. "Closing the Store" is a comic novel about an elec-

tion and sex strike. "Fuzzy Logic" is a romance novel set on an alpaca farm.

## New Life Christmas giveaway Saturday

Dallas New Life will hold a Christmas giveaway Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jinett's Closet, 341 NE Kings Valley Highway, Dallas.

Photos with Santa Claus will be available.

Donations are accepted on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 4:30 p.m. Clothing and shoes, and new and gently used toys are accepted.



## 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](mailto:ioneus@polkio.com)).*

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

• **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.

• **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.

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

### THURSDAY, DEC. 15

• **Dallas Lions Club** — Noon, Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-931-9860.

• **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.

• **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

• **Veterans Night at the Elks** — 6:30 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge Post 1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence. Different organization presents about services offered to veterans. Bunko upstairs for families.

• **Dallas Senior Writing Group** — 10 a.m. to noon, Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For all seniors who love to write. Free. 503-623-9616.

• **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-623-2591.

• **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

• **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. 16

• **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.

• **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.

• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.

• **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.

• **Blugrass Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, community building, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Free. Bluegrass instruments only. 503-399-6114.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 17

• **Old Time Fiddlers Performance** — 1 to 3 p.m., Dallas Civic Center. Free admission. Coffee and cookies served. Sponsored by Dallas Area Senior Center 503-623-8554.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 18

• **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, DEC. 19

• **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.

• **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

• **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., Valley Life Center, 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. Support group for Polk County veterans. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Free. 503-480-6254.

• **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. 20

• **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.

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## LIBRARY CALENDAR

### DALLAS

950 Main St. • 503-623-2633  
[www.ci.dallas.or.us/library](http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/library)

• Tuesday, Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board Meeting.

• Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Bella).

• Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

• Thursday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.

• Thursday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m. — Adult Coloring Night.

• Friday, Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m. — Teen movie ("Nightmare Before Christmas").

• Saturday, Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m. — Kid movie ("Yogi's First Christmas").

• Monday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m. — Teen Holiday Bake Sale.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.

• Wednesday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Davos).

### INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St.  
503-838-1811

[www.ci.independence.or.us/library](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/library)

• Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

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

• Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.

• Monday, Dec. 19, 3 p.m. — Kid's coloring fun and puzzles.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. — Drop-in movie special.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.

• Wednesday, Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

• Wednesday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Movie, "Secret Life of Pets").

### MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.  
503-751-0182

[www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library)

• Thursday, Dec. 15, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Story Time.

• Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. — Holiday Family Crafts.

### WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City  
503-787-3521, ext. 319

[www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline](http://www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline)

• See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

**West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 beginning at 11:30 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon via conference call with regular attendees. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting.**

**Agenda** for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at [www.wvpha.org](http://www.wvpha.org). The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

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All volunteers are encouraged to bring canned goods when coming to help sort, shop & deliver food boxes on Christmas Eve at 6 am, Saturday, Dec. 24th at LaCreole Middle School

More information: 503-623-3585  
Coordinators: Warren & Sue Lamb  
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