

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

FC Garden Club to hold gathering

The Falls City Garden Club invites the public to a seasonal farm-to-table night Thursday at 6 p.m. at the community center, 320 North Main St., Falls City. All ages are welcome.

DRV celebration Wednesday

Dallas Retirement Village, 225 NW Jasper St., Dallas, will mark its 70th anniversary and celebrate the grand opening of the Lodge Residences and Clubhouse Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tours of the Lodge Residences and Clubhouse will be available after. Wine tasting and coffee sampling, movie and snacks and a performance by DRV's resident drum collaboration will be held. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

For more information: 503-623-9211.

Stew, biscuit lunch served Friday

The annual stew and biscuit lunch hosted by the Dallas Naomi Chapter No. 22, Order of the Eastern Star is Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunch will be served at the Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive. Cost is \$7 per person and includes stew, biscuits, pie and beverage.

Funds raised from this event support the many philanthropic projects of the chapter.

For more information: 503-623-8442.

KV Charter School presents series

Kings Valley Charter School, 38840 Kings Valley Highway, Philomath, presents its Parenting Game-Changer Series Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The topic will be helping your child manage stress, and is aimed at parents with mid-

Winds cause minor troubles



CHUCK THURMAN/for the Itemizer-Observer

On Jan. 17, wind storms knocked a tree down onto a power pole, breaking the pole, in the 500 block of Warren Street in Monmouth. Monmouth Power and Light responded. Crews had power restored to 110 customers in about half an hour.

dle schoolers and teenagers.

Among the topics to be discussed include strategies to help you and your child respond to the stress of homework, peer relationships and family dynamics.

Free, on-site childcare or supervised study space is available if requested by Wednesday (today).

There is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is requested by contacting Laura, laura.srf@ruralfamilies.org or 541-929-2535.

Refreshments will be served.

IDA presents Walk of Hearts banners

Independence Downtown Association will be selling hearts for its Walk of Hearts.

Each heart will be hung on lamp posts along Main Street in downtown Independence.

Cost is \$28 per side.

Deadline for ordering is Feb. 5. Order forms are available at the Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., or by emailing Nancy Lodge at pd1571@yahoo.com.

Messages will have three lines. First line has a max of five characters. The second line has a limit of nine characters and the third line has a max of eight characters.

DDA Out and About meets at Sassy's

Dallas Downtown Association will hold an Out and About in Dallas 6 p.m. on Wednesday (today) at Sassy's Kegs and Eggs, 186 SW Court St., Dallas. A pool tournament will be held with prizes for the top three teams.

For information: Emma, 971-701-1880, or email to emmagdda@gmail.com.

PCPAC to meet in Monmouth library

The Polk County Principled Action Committee will hold a meeting Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Monmouth Public Library, 168 S. Ecols St., Monmouth.

The meeting will include time to get acquainted, talk about communication and education, and set the next meeting date. There will also be a discussion about future plans.

Senior Center will jam to Elvis

Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas, will hold a 10th annual Elvis Music Jam Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

All musicians are welcome. Please bring finger food to share.

For more information: 503-623-8554.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m. — Kids Book Club.
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m. — Ukelele Fans of Dallas.

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

- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3 and 6:30 p.m. — Wacky Wednesday (Snow Forts).
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Friday, Jan. 27, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (sixth grade and up).
- Saturday, Jan. 28, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots (Ages up to 2).
- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

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

- Thursday, Jan. 26, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Explorers.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.

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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, JAN. 25

- **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.
- **Respite Care** — 1 to 3 p.m., 182 SW Academy St., Suite 216, Dallas. Free child care for parents who need time to run errands, pay bills, etc. Free. Open for children ages six weeks to 5 years. 503-877-8473 to reserve space. Diapers are provided.
- **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.
- **Wednesday Evening Worship** — 6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road, Dallas. 503-623-2233.
- **Painting, Canvas and Cocktails** — 7 p.m., The Boondocks, 318 N. Main St. Falls 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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

- **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. 503-930-4884.
- **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.
- **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, JAN. 27

- **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.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 1 to 6 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, 2290 E. Ellendale, Dallas. www.redcrossblood.org.
- **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, JAN. 28

- **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, JAN. 29

- **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, JAN. 30

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. www.redcross-blood.org.
- **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, JAN. 31

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Partnerships in Community Living Inc., 480 Main St. E. 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.

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