

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Illaha to host a Valentine's fondue

Illaha Vineyards, 3275 Ballard Rd., Dallas, will celebrate Valentine's Day Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reserve pinot noirs and the 2016 viognier and tempranillo rose will be available. Wines will be paired with fondue and other nibbles. A fire pit for roasting s'mores will be available for use. Cost is \$15 and includes fondue and s'mores. Cost is refunded with a purchase of \$50 or more.

Fair board work session set

The Polk County Fair Board will hold its annual work session Saturday at 8 a.m. in Building B at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. by RSVP only. For more information or to RSVP: 503-623-3048.

Veteran Service to hold open house

The Polk County Board of Commissioners invites the public to the Polk County Veteran Service office open house from 3 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 15. The office is located at 240 SW Washington St., Dallas. Refreshments will be provided by the Women's Auxiliary. Parking spaces in the lot are limited, but street parking is available. For more information: 503-623-9188.

Riders to host dinner and auction

Dallas Riders for Christ, a youth and family club, will host a dinner/auction Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Grace

Big winner



BRENDA PELL/for the Itemizer-Observer

Lisa Weaver was chosen as the winner of Monmouth Hardware's \$1,000 Shopping Giveaway on Nov. 15. Weaver was selected at random from about 200 entries submitted at the store. Monmouth Hardware, 401 Main Street East, will accept entries for a spring shopping giveaway beginning in March.

Community Church, 598 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. A silent auction kicks off the evening with a variety soup dinner to follow at 6 p.m. A dessert auction brings the evening to a close. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 5 to 10. RSVP to Steve, 503-623-8839 or Virginia, 503-474-7034. Pay at the door.

Second Saturday Art Class returns

Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 Monmouth St., Independence, will host the Second Saturday Family Art Class Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The theme will be Dogs and Cats at Play. Sue Mason

will lead a clay hand building project designed for children in grades three through eight. Participants will use coil and slab clay construction to build small animal structures. There is no cost to attend. For more information: 971-599-3301.

Freedom from Smoking offered

WVP Health Authority is offering a Freedom from Smoking series beginning Thursday at the WVP Flaming Medical Center, 100 SE Uglow Ave., Dallas. The weekly class will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for seven weeks.

There is no cost to attend and is open to anyone, regardless of insurance status. The class will be held in a small group setting and will provide support in a non-judgmental environment for anyone looking to become tobacco free. For more information: 503-587-5129 or livinghealth@mvipa.org.

Redgate to host Valentine party

Redgate Vineyard, 8175 Buena Vista Rd., Independence, will host a Valentine's Day party Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Live music will be performed. For more information: 503-428-7115.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Thursday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Children's story time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club ("Macbeth").

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

- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.

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- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (I love Valentines).
- Thursday, Feb. 9, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Friday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (Valentine treats).
- Saturday, Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15, 4 and 6:30 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (I love Bingo).

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MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, Feb. 9, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school story time.
- Thursday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. — Once Upon a Thursday Book Club.
- Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. — Junior Master Gardener.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 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 (ionews@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

- **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., Murphy's Restaurant, 288 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Mark Garton, Polk County Sheriff, will speak. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.
- **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.
- **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 Warren St., S, 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, FEB. 9

- **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 Ave., 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.
- **Luckiamute Watershed Council** — 7 to 9 p.m., Monmouth Volunteer Hall, 144 S. Warren St., Monmouth. 503-837-0237.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

- **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, FEB. 11

- **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 younger free. 503-623-0809.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

- **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.

MONDAY, FEB. 13

- **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, FEB. 14

- **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.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Werner University Center, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. www.redcrossblood.org.
- **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.
- **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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6								5
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Three-by-three square →

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5	6	9	3	7	4	8	1	2
1	7	8	9	5	2	4	6	3
3	4	7	2	8	5	6	9	1
2	1	6	7	4	9	3	8	5
9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

Column ↓

How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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