

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Registration for farmers' workshop

Registration is available for a workshop for farmers titled "Geese, Slugs & Voles: Biocontrol Options." The workshop will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hamersly Library at Western Oregon University.

Cost is \$5 without lunch or \$10 with lunch.

Register online at www.polkswcd.com/bio-control.html or email to rc1@polkswcd.com or by calling 503-623-9680, ext. 101.

Putman to discuss opportunities

Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network's TJ Putman will hold a meeting about the network, and opportunities to volunteer Thursday at 7 p.m. at Christ's Church Methodist and Presbyterian United, 412 W. Clay St., Monmouth.

Putman will provide information about SIHN, how it works with families and children, and how they help move families into permanent residents and employment or connect with resources to allow them to sustain themselves.

The meeting is open to the public.

Ash Wednesday service today

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas will hold an Ash Wednesday service Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. The church will also hold a service of Compline followed by a soup supper Wednesday evenings from March 8 to April 5 starting at 6 p.m.

Father Fred Heard will teach Episcopal 101 following the supper from 7 to 8 p.m.

Seed Exchange set for Saturday

The Marion-Polk Food Share, 1600 Salem Industrial Drive NE, Salem, will host the seventh annual Seed Exchange Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The free event guarantees that all who attend will take home seeds.

Spinning away



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Adeline Mattison, 4, and her mother, Jamie Mattison, watch Karen Hein spin fur into yarn at the Mid-Valley Ag Fest on Sunday at Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center.

Seeds will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis. Squash seeds are particularly abundant this year, but there will be many different fruit and vegetable varieties available.

For more information: Heather McPherson, 503-581-3855.

Rickreall Grange bake sale coming

The Rickreall Grange March Madness bake sale will take place Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 N. Pacific Highway, Rickreall. Donations are accepted.

Model trains will be on display on Sunday.

Dessert fundraiser coming Friday

Cross and Crown Ministries will celebrate four years of service with a dessert appreciation event Friday at 6:30 p.m. at 1156

SE Holman Ave., Dallas.

The evening will include desserts, live music, raffle prizes, a silent auction and a live dessert auction.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is requested.

RSVP to 503-917-1625.

For more information: www.crossandcrownministries.org.

Dallas Library Friends meeting

The Friends of the Dallas Public Library will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library, 950 Main St., Dallas.

The agenda includes electing officers, preparing for author visits this spring, celebrating increases in library use, and exploring volunteer skills.

The Friends will highlight 2016 activities, discuss 2017 priorities, and preview the April 7-8 book sale.

The public is invited. Joining the Friends group is possible year-round.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Farm Bureau pesticide course

The Polk County Farm Bureau will hold a pesticide education and recertification course Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Highway, Rickreall.

Registration will run from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m. Classes begin at 8 a.m.

For more information: Kathy Hadley, 503-559-5901 or email to Kathfree17@aol.com.

'Emma's Child' opens at Pentacle

"Emma's Child" will open at Pentacle Theatre Friday and runs through March 25. The play centers around a woman's attachment to a child she had hoped to adopt.

Tickets and show times at: www.pentacletheatre.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These Polk County groups would welcome individuals who have time or expertise to volunteer. Organizations that would like to be added to this list should call 503-623-2373 or email IONews@polkio.com.

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide – 503-930-7636
- After DARC — 503-623-9501
- Arc of Polk County — 541-223-3261
- Central School District — 503-838-0030
- City of Dallas — 503-831-3502
- City of Independence — 503-838-1212
- City of Monmouth — 503-751-0145
- Crime Victims Assistance Program — 503-623-9268
- Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce — 503-623-2564
- Dallas Fire Department — 503-831-3532
- Dallas Food Bank — 503-623-3578
- Dallas Kids, Inc. — 503-623-6419
- Dallas Police Department — 503-831-3582
- Dallas Public Library — 503-623-2633
- Dallas Retirement Village — 503-623-5581
- Dallas School District — 503-623-5594
- Delbert Hunter Arboretum — 503-623-7359
- Girl Scouts of Southwest Washington and Oregon — 503-581-2451
- Ella Curran Food Bank — 503-917-1681
- Falls City Arts Center — 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
- Family Building Blocks — 503-566-2132, ext. 308.
- H-2-O — 503-831-4736
- HART (Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy) — 971-301-4278
- HandsOn Mid-Willamette Valley — 503-363-1651
- Heron Pointe Assisted Living — 503-838-6850
- Independence Health and Rehabilitation — 503-838-0001
- Independence Public Library — 503-838-1811
- Kings Valley Charter School — 541-929-2134

- Luckiamute Watershed Council — 503-837-0237
- Luckiamute Valley Charter School — 503-623-4837
- Meals on Wheels — 503-838-2084
- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce — 503-838-4268
- Monmouth-Independence YMCA — 503-838-4042
- Monmouth Public Library — 503-838-1932
- Northwest Human Services — 503-588-5828
- Oregon Child Development Coalition — 503-838-2745
- OSU Extension Service - Polk County — 503-623-8395
- Perrydale School District — 503-623-2040
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Polk County Inc. — 503-623-8473
- Polk Community Development Corporation — 503-831-3173
- Polk County Community Emergency Response Team — 503-623-9396
- Polk County Museum — 503-623-6251
- Polk County Public Health — 503-623-8175
- Polk County Resource Center — 503-623-8429
- Polk Soil and Water Conservation District — 503-623-9680
- Relief Nursery Classroom — 503-566-2132
- Rickreall Watershed Council — 503-623-9680
- SABLE House — 503-623-6703
- SALT (Senior & law enforcement together) — 503-851-9366
- Salvation Army — 503-798-4783
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) — 503-391-8423
- Salem Health West Valley Hospital — 503-623-8301
- Victim Assistance Program-Polk Co. District Attorney's Office 503-623-9268 x1444
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600



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, MARCH 1

• **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren Street S., Monmouth. 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 Warren St. S., 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.

• **Ash Wednesday service** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. 503-689-7222.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

• **Dallas Lions Club** — Noon, Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-623-8121.

• **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.

• **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, MARCH 3

• **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.

• **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, MARCH 4

• **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.

• **Monmouth Senior Center All-You-Can-Eat Community Breakfast** — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth. Cost: \$6, adults; \$3, children younger than 12. 503-838-5678.

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

• **Polk Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall. Admission: \$1; children 12 and younger, free. Early admission from 6 to 9 a.m. is \$5. 503-428-8224.

• **Rickreall Grange Flea Market** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St. (99W), Rickreall. Multiple vendors. Also selling fresh-baked goods. Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch. 503-623-8289.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

• **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.

• **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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

• **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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