

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Extension offers job search class

The OSU Extension Office and Polk County 4-H will offer a job search workshop for students in grades seven through 12 to explore career and education goals and how they plan to achieve them on March 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop will take place at the Polk County 4-H Office, 289 Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas.

Discussion topics will include educational pursuits, job search techniques, interviewing, job shadowing and apprenticeship opportunities.

The workshop will provide information about local resources, including WorkSource Oregon-Polk Center and the iMatch Skills program. There will also be a resume workshop.

There is no cost to attend, and it is open to the public. Space is limited, and an RSVP is required.

For more information or to RSVP: 503-623-5395.

WVH volunteers to hold fundraiser

The Salem Health West Valley Hospital volunteers will hold a collective goods fundraiser sale Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Books, gifts and toys will be available at 30 to 70 percent off retail prices.

The sale will be located in the main conference room immediately inside the front door at 525 SE Washington St., Dallas.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the scholarship fund, which benefits Polk County high school seniors wishing to pursue a medical related field.

Dallas foundation presents grants

The Dallas Community Foundation will award grants to 23 local nonprofit organizations at a presentation at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Dallas Retirement Village Lodge Clubhouse, 225 NW Jasper St in Dallas.

The public is invited to attend. This year's \$45,000

Stretch it out



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Dallas Children's Librarian Betty Simpson leads a stretch with kids on Thursday. Simpson helped organize a special story time to celebrate author Dr. Seuss. The story time featured guest readers and activities.

grant distribution will support a variety of projects benefitting youth, seniors, and those in need.

foundation was established in 1996 to support the Dallas community, and has since given back nearly \$1 million in grants and scholarships.

The foundation's financial support is made possible by the generous giving of the Dallas community.

For more information: <http://dallascommunity-foundation.com/>.

Dallas library to host author

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, will host author Gina Ochsner Thursday at 7 p.m. Ochsner will give a presentation featuring readings from her books and stories. Her novel, "The Hidden Letters of Velta B," is a finalist for the Oregon Book Award.

Ochsner teaches at Cor-

ban University where she also directs the Portals Writing Conference.

A selection of her books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

There is no cost to attend.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

American Legion to honor WWI

American Legion Post 20 will hold a potluck dinner Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Greenway Mobile Home Park clubhouse, 450 LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

This year's theme will be remembering World War I. Historical items will be on display, and the Orchard Mountain String Band will perform.

All Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

The National Guard in Dallas was active and sent

to France for the duration of the war. One of the hometown soldiers was Carl B. Fenton, who survived the war but contracted the Spanish Influenza. He later died from the flu in May 1919. In August of that year, veterans formed a local post of the American Legion in Dallas and decided to name and dedicate it as the Carl B. Fenton Post 20.

For more information: Al Ratzlaff, 503-623-2591.

Friends to hold movie fundraiser

Friends of the Independence Public Library will hold a movie fundraiser Monday at 7 p.m. at Independence Cinema, 450 S. Second St., Independence.

The film, "The Quiet Man," will be shown at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Independence Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St. • 503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
 • Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
 • Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. — Author Visit: Gina Ochsner.
 • Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
 • Wednesday, March 15, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board.
 • Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Davos).
 • Wednesday, March 15, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club.

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

• Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
 • Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Legos Castle Challenge).
 • Thursday, March 9, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
 • Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.
 • Friday, March 10, 4 p.m. — Adult Coloring Program.
 • Saturday, March 11, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
 • Tuesday, March 14, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
 • Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
 • Wednesday, March 15, 4 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Family movie, "Moana").

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
 • Thursday, March 9, 10:15 a.m. — Preschool Story Time.
 • Thursday, March 9, 7 p.m. — Once Upon a Thursday Book Club.
 • Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m. — Junior Master Gardener.
 • Tuesday, March 14, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
111 N. Main St., Falls City
503-787-3521, ext. 319
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 • See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

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5:PM Dinner \$8 - Beef Stroganoff w/all the trimmings
7:PM Auction - Money raised will go towards the expansion of our nationally acclaimed eye clinic.
289 S Main St, Independence • 503-838-1950



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 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. Brent Demoe, Director of Polk County Community Services, 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 6 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., Salem Health West Valley (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.
 - **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

- THURSDAY, MARCH 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.
 - **Mom and Me** — 1 to 2:30 p.m. Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas (enter through emergency door on Clay Street). Breastfeeding support group. Free. 503-831-5593.
 - **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., Harvest CrossFit, 172 SW Court St., 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, MARCH 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.
 - **Monmouth-Independence Community Awards Banquet** — 6:30 p.m., Eola Hills Wine Cellars, 501 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. \$40. www.micc-or.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, MARCH 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 under free. 503-623-0809.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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.
 - **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 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.
 - **Caregiver Connection** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (Quiet Room, use ER entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.
 - **Free Blood Pressure Checks** — Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 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.

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The Magic of Relay

2017 Relay For Life Of Polk County — June 3-4 is back at the Dallas High School Track

...and with it comes the opportunity to be a part of the largest worldwide fight against cancer! It's no coincidence that since the first Relay For Life over 30 years ago, the survivor rate has risen from 45% to nearly 70%. In Oregon alone, millions of dollars are being invested in prevention and especially treatments that are more personalized and thus more effective. Sitting on the sidelines in Polk County is no longer an option. We can hope ~ or we can help through our support of Relay For Life as a sponsor, a team member, or simply as a guest of the event. The following sponsors are already on board for 2017. Now it's your turn!

The deadline for submitting a sponsorship is April 15.

<p>Please join me in thanking these sponsors for joining the Relay For Life fight vs cancer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Valley Hospital West Valley Physicians & Surgeons Clinic Dallas School District Polk County Itemizer - Observer Eola Hills Wine Cellars Dallas Retirement Village Bollman Funeral Home Polk County Association of Realtors Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar Republic Services Dutch Bros Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monmouth Medical Center West Valley Surgical Specialty Clinic The Majestic/Ray Stratton Partnership in Community Living, Inc. Bookey Strong Royal Flush/Tony Teal Les Schwab Tire Centers of Dallas, Independence & West Salem NW Natural Western Days
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Relay For Life of Polk County will take place at the Dallas High School Track June 3-4. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsorship, contact Amy Bickleman at 541-272-9240 or online at amy.bickleman@cancer.org or visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/polkcountyor