

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Spring break classes offered

The Polk County 4-H/Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas will offer spring break classes for students in kindergarten through seventh grade Monday through March 31.

The classes are open to the public, but registration is limited.

All classes will run from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Preregistration deadline for Monday's class is on Friday. All other days, preregistration deadlines are the prior day.

Topics will include Fiber Arts (Monday), jam and biscuits (Tuesday), nature fun day (March 29), intro to ceramics (March 30) and photography (March 31).

Cost is \$2 for 4-H members and \$4 for nonmembers. Students in kindergarten through second grade must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information: 503-623-8395.

Doll Show and Sale returns Saturday

The 35th annual Doll Show and Sale will take place Saturday at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Regular sale hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults. Children 10 and younger are free.

Early bird sales will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. with an \$8 admission.

More than 110 vendors featuring dolls of all types will be in attendance at the event. Sponsor Wagon Wheel Doller Doll Club of Salem will donate proceeds from the sale to communi-

Rookies of the Year



APRIL WELSH/Itemizer-Observer

Zack Leigh and Deana Coakley-Sallee were named the Dallas Fire & EMS rookies of the year for 2016. The pair of newbies put in a combined 300 hours of training last year and have enrolled in the EMT training program.

ty groups such as Marion-Polk Food Share, Union Gospel Mission, Humane Society, and Women's Crises Center.

For more information: Arleta, 503-581-1206.

Author Scott to visit Calmlee's

Author April Scott will visit Calmlee's Bookstore, 147 SW Court St., Dallas, Saturday at 11 a.m.

Scott will read from her book, "GMO Free Child" and will take part in a community discussion at 2 p.m.

There is no cost to attend.

For more information: 503-623-3025.

Registration open for bird walk

Registration is open for the spring bird walk on April 1 at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, 29555 Camp Adair Road, Monmouth.

Cost is \$10 and includes a bag lunch from Ovenbird.

Local bird expert Joel Geier will lead the walk, which will run from 8 a.m. to noon.

Space is limited to 15 participants, and the deadline to register is Saturday.

For more information or to reserve your spot: www.luckiamutelwc.org/2017-spring-bird-walk.

Relay for Life pizza night Saturday

Relay for Life of Polk County is having a pizza night at Ugo's Saturday from 4 to 8:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event go toward fundraising efforts for the 2017 Relay for Life event at Dallas High School June 3-4.

For more information: Tami Bookey-Kuhlmann, 503-507-0120.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Thursday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, March 23, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building for Children.
- Thursday, March 23, 3:30 p.m. — Book Bing for Kids.
- Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 29, 4 p.m. — Lowly Worms Kids' Book Club.

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

- Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 22, 4 p.m. — Wacky Wednesdays (Sing and Sign Stories with Dawn Prochovnic).
- Thursday, March 23, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Saturday, March 25, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Monday, March 27, 3 p.m. — Spring Break Fun (Go fly a kite).
- Tuesday, March 28, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
- Tuesday, March 28, 3 p.m. — Spring Break Fun (Tech fun — 3D printing).
- Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 29, 3 p.m. —

Spring Break Fun (Bob the Builder — How Indy Works).

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

- Thursday, March 23, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Story Time.

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, MARCH 22

- **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 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.

- **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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

- **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 p.m., Salem Health West Valley Hospital, 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.

- **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.

- **Dallas Area Seniors Mystery Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Free. 503-623-8554.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- **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, MARCH 25

- **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.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

- **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 28

- **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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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.

Please join me in thanking our 8 most recent sponsors of Relay For Life of Polk County:

- ♥ West Valley Taphouse ♥ H&R Block Dallas & Monmouth ♥ First Community Credit Union
- ♥ James W. Fowler Construction ♥ Dallas Family Medicine LLC ♥ Michelle Hasbrook, DMD
- ♥ Washington Street Steakhouse & Pub ♥ Mungo Signs & Screen Printing

Please join me in thanking these sponsors for joining the Relay For Life fight vs cancer:

West Valley Hospital	Polk County Association of Realtors	Partnership in Community Living, Inc.
West Valley Physicians & Surgeons Clinic	Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar	Bookey Strong
Dallas School District	Republic Services	Royal Flush/Tony Teal
Polk County Itemizer -Observer	Dutch Bros Coffee	Les Schwab Tire Centers of Dallas,
Eola Hills Wine Cellars	Monmouth Medical Center	Independence & West Salem
Dallas Retirement Village	West Valley Surgical Specialty Clinic	NW Natural
Bollman Funeral Home	The Majestic/Ray Stratton	Western Days

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



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