

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## DDA meeting at Pressed

Dallas Downtown Association will hold a general member meeting Wednesday (today) at 6 p.m. at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas.

Guest speakers will be Scott and Tammy Noon of Dallas Vitality Connection.

## Dallas library to feature Jim Rupp

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, will feature the artwork of Dallas resident Jim Rupp during April. Rupp draws inspiration from the scenery around him. His medium of choice is acrylic.

The display will focus on barns and birds, with a few surprises. Many paintings are available for sale, as well as prints and cards.

If interested in purchasing artwork, contact Jim Rupp, 104rupp@gmail.com.

## Monmouth to hold Earth Day event

The city of Monmouth will hold an Earth Day celebration Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Madrona Park, 1521 Madrona St. E., Monmouth.

Volunteers are needed for weeding, planting and spreading bark in the native plant beds at the east end of the park. Bring gloves, rakes and shovels.

For more information: Mark Fancey, 503-751-0147.

## Chemeketa to celebrate 40 years

Chemeketa Polk Center, 1340 SE Holman Ave., Dallas, will hold an open house on April 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. to celebrate Chemeketa's 40 years providing higher education to residents in Polk County.

Guests will enjoy entertainment and light refreshments. Community leaders

## Plant a tree



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-ObsERVER

**Volunteers plant trees at Gentle Woods Park in Monmouth, part of Monmouth's Arbor Day celebrations. Monmouth is celebrating being named a Tree City USA for 15 years in a row. Trees also were planted at Madrona Park and Monmouth Elementary School.**

will speak at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Information about what Chemeketa Polk offers, including college transfer degrees, professional degrees or certificates, and earning a GED, will be available.

Chemeketa Polk offers classes at Polk Center and World Gym in Dallas, and College Hall at Central High School, and Henry Hill Community Center in Independence.

## Dallas Garden Club meeting at EBC

Dallas Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Builders Room at Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE

Howe St., Dallas.

Ann Detweiler, of Fry Road Nursery in Albany, will speak on hardy fuchsias. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is welcome to attend. Club membership is open to men and women.

For more information: Mike Stewart, 503-510-3293.

## One-man drama show at Salt Creek

Professional dramatist Chuck Neighbors will perform at Salt Creek Baptist Church, 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Neighbors will perform his one-man show, "Not the way I heard it."

Since 1974, Neighbors has performed in the U.S.,

Canada, Japan, Korea and Africa.

There is no cost to attend.

## Indy Commons to offer business class

Indy Commons, 278 S. Main St., Independence, will offer a free business class Wednesday (today) at 5:30 p.m.

The class will cover the question, "how social does my business need to be?"

The class will go over the basics of different platforms and discuss tips and tricks. A round table for business-ees to share what has and hasn't worked for them will follow.

To register or for more information: 503-930-4840 or kate@indycommons.com.



## 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, APRIL 19

• **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.

• **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

• **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.

• **Mom and Me** — 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.

• **Thirsty Thursday** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Umpqua Bank, 302 S. Main St., Independence. Networking session. Bring a toy. Free.

• **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

• **Veterans Night at the Elks** — 6:30 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge Post 1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence. Different organization presents about services offered to veterans. Bunko upstairs for families.

• **Dallas Senior Writing Group** — 10 a.m. to noon, Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For all seniors who love to write. Free. 503-623-9616.

• **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-623-2591.

• **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

• **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, APRIL 21

• **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.

• **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.

• **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.

• **Blugrass Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, community building, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Free. Bluegrass instruments only. 503-399-6114.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

• **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.

• **The Original Independence Farmers Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Umpqua Bank parking lot, 302 S. Main St., Independence. 503-881-9950.

• **Independence Riverview Market** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

• **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, APRIL 25

• **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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## LIBRARY CALENDAR

**DALLAS**  
950 Main St.  
503-623-2633

[www.ci.dallas.or.us/library](http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/library)

- Thursday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, April 20, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, April 20, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, April 20, 5 p.m. — Adult Coloring Night.
- Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Wednesday, April 26, 4 p.m. — Kid's Book Club.

**INDEPENDENCE**  
175 Monmouth St.  
503-838-1811

[www.ci.independence.or.us/library](http://www.ci.independence.or.us/library)

- Thursday, April 20, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Friday, April 21, 4 p.m. — Fab Fridays (Earth Day, upcycled crafts).
- Saturday, April 22, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Tuesday, April 25, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
- Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

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

[www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library](http://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library)

- Thursday, April 20, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Explorers.
- Saturday, April 22, 2 p.m. — Polk County Junior Master Gardeners.
- Tuesday, April 25, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.
- Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. — Arbor Day Celebration.

**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.

**Starts in 2 Weeks!** **8th Season!**  
**POLK COUNTY BOUNTY MARKET**  
**May 4 - Sept. 28**  
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
*Featuring Growers, Producers & Artisans from the Polk County area and beyond!*

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**SPECIAL GUEST: April Scott**  
 Book Author of **GMO-FREE CHILD: A Parent's Guide to Dietary Cleanup of Genetically Modified Organisms.**

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