# **COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK**

## Celebration of Tree **City Saturday**

Independence will celebrate five years as a Tree City USA.

The Polk County Master Gardeners will host an event Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Inspiration Garden in Mount Fir Park to mark the occasion.

The garden areas will be open for attendees to walk through and learn about some of the trees that have been planted since 2013.

There will also be demonstrations of propagation methods, and Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions.

## **Dance school to** perform Tuesday

The Polk County France School of Dance will perform at Dallas Retirement Village, 225 NW Jasper St., Dallas, Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Children ages 4 to 18 will perform tap, ballet, pointe, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical routines.

In total, 18 dance numbers will be performed. The program is expected to last about 90 minutes.

The France School of Dance will hold its spring recital/food drive at LaCreole Middle School on May 16 at 6 p.m. All proceeds from the drive will benefit Dallas Food Bank.

For more information: Linda France Martin, 503-390-3481.

## **Easter Gospel Jam** set for Thursday

Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas, will host an Easter Gospel Jam Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Old-time gospel music will be performed.

There is no cost to attend.

## **Clean up**



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Morrison student Melanie Soto helps clean up a yard during Dallas' clean up day on Saturday morning. Volunteers helped in different spots around the city during the event, which was organized by the Dallas Downtown Association.

Musicians are invited to attend and share their talent.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite finger food to share.

For more information: 503-623-8554

## Artists sought for art and wine walk

The Dallas Downtown Association is seeking artists for an Art and Wine Walk in Dallas on May 21 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Deadline for committing to the event is May 5. There is no cost to the artists.

The event is put on by a class in the business program at Oregon State University. Each year, a class chooses a rural community to put on a wine walk, and the DDA received a small grant to involve local artists with the walk.

The event is expected to draw between 400 and 600 people. Artists will have a chance to have their artwork displayed at wine tasting venues. A brochure will be produced with photos and bios of the artists.

For more information: Emma Guida, emmagdda@gmail.com.

### FLC to offer money management class

Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth, will hold a seminar on money management on May 20 at 9:45 a.m. There is no cost to attend.

Topics covered will include avoiding identity theft, being wise with money, saving for retirement, and living generously. Ron Mohr will present. Refreshments will be provided.

Pre-registration is required by calling 503-508-7094 or email to yrnursery@peak.org.

# LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

## • Wednesday, April 26, 4 p.m. - Kid's

Book Club. • Thursday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. - Morn-

ing Children's Story Time. • Thursday, April 27, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Club.

Building. • Thursday, April 27, 3:30 p.m. — After-

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

• Wednesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. -

Family Story Time. • Thursday, April 27, 4:30 p.m. — Chess

• Friday, April 28, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (Pizza Party).

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library • Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 p.m. -Arbor Day Celebration.

• Thursday, April 27, 10:15 a.m. - Preschool Explorers.

• Tuesday, May 2, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.



## **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 26

• 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.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

• 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.

• 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 28

• 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, APRIL 29

 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, MAY 1**

• Central Lions Club — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-

• Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra - 6:30 to

8:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Mon-

mouth. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate

musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome.

Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on

New Testament figures. Bring brew of choice - coffee, tea, chai,

**TUESDAY, MAY 2** 

• Indoor Play Park — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St.,

Brew and BS: The New Testament — 7 p.m., St. Thomas

\$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

noon Children's Story Time.

• Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.

• Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. — Friends of the Library Meeting.

Check out a book at your local library.

• Saturday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. - Cuentos en Espanol.

Saturday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. — El dia de los Ninos.

• Tuesday, May 2, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots. • Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. — Fam-

ily Story Time. • Wednesday, May 3, 1 p.m. — Scrabble

with Betty.

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Dallas. Drop-ins welcome. For ages infant through pre-K with parent. Free, but donations accepted. 503-623-3397. • 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.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

• Monmouth Business Association — 7:30 a.m., MaMere's Guest House, 220 Knox Street N., 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.

• 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 S. Warren St., 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.

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