

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## Adopt-A-Road returns Saturday

The Polk County Public Works Department announced that the next Adopt-A-Road clean up day will be held on Saturday. As many as 60 different groups that have adopted roads throughout the county will be participating.

Groups who are active members of the Adopt-A-Road program are asked to pick up their supplies the week before the event. Disposal bags and safety equipment will be provided at that time.

To become an active member of the program, applications are available on the Polk County website [www.co.polk.or.us](http://www.co.polk.or.us) or call 503-623-9287.

## Food Drive begins Saturday

The Fill the Bus food drive will hold the first of two public events on Saturday.

The Fill the Bus drive will be at the Bi-Mart parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect food and other daily living necessities for local families in need.

A second event is planned on May 20 at Roth's.

In addition, the Central School District Transportation Department have placed boxes in all CSD schools, the school district office, and the transportation department office.

The goal is to completely fill a bus with personal and non-perishable food items. All items collected will go to the Ella Curan Food Bank.

## Spring cleaning shredding offered

A community spring cleaning shredding is being offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the parking lot of 1325 and 1327 Monmouth St., Independence.

## Hitting the links



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer

**A pair of golfers finish a game at Dallas Golf Club on Tuesday morning. It was overcast, but dry in the morning. The weather forecast has more perfect golfing conditions later this week, with the possibility of temperatures reaching 80 by mid-week.**

The event is sponsored by Pfaff-Karren Insurance and Eagle Mortgage and the participating charity MS Society of Oregon.

There is no cost. Donations will be accepted on site.

Safe and secure shredding of confidential documents will be available.

For more information: 503-838-1155.

## Monmouth Garden Club plant sale Sat.

Monmouth Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols St. S, Monmouth.

Members donated landscape perennials, trees,

shrubs, bulbs, annuals, herbs and more to help raise money for community beautification projects.

Members will be in attendance to answer questions about the plants.

For more information: Gale Overholser, 503-838-3286.

## Model train show this weekend

A model train swap meet and show will be at the Rickreall Grange Hall, 280 Main St., Rickreall, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$5 on Saturday, with \$1 off with a can of food. Sunday is free admission with a canned food item.

Children 12 and younger

are free.

Model trains will be on display and for sale. A quilt raffle and food will also be available.

For more information: pry626@juno.com.

## Preservation Celebration

Monmouth's Historic Commission is sponsoring the Historic Preservation Celebration Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth.

The event will feature photos and several presentations.

There is no cost to attend.

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

# LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

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

- Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Percy).
- Wednesday, May 3, 5 p.m. — Ukulele Jam.
- Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, May 4, noon — Adult Book Discussion.
- Thursday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m. — Oregon Humanities — The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees and Oregon.
- Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, May 9, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.

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

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

- Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, May 3, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
- Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Thursday, May 4, 5:30 p.m. — May the 4th be With You (Star Wars activities for all ages).
- Thursday, May 4, 6:45 p.m. — "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" (PG-13).
- Friday, May 5, 4:30 p.m. — Fab Fridays (Tech fun: squishy circuits).
- Saturday, May 6, 2 p.m. — Make "Quilling" cards with Kay Bates.
- Saturday, May 6, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.
- Tuesday, May 9, 4 p.m. — Japanese Folklore 2: Celebrate Families.
- Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 4, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Explorers.
- Tuesday, May 9, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for Tots.

### WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

111 N. Main St., Falls City  
503-787-3521, ext. 319

[www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline](http://www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline)  
See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

Check out a book at your local library.



### FRIDAY, MAY 5

• **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, MAY 6

• **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.

• **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.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

• **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.

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### MONDAY, MAY 8

• **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, MAY 9

• **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.

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## 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 ([ioneus@polkio.com](mailto:ioneus@polkio.com)).

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

• **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.

• **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.

• **Polk County Democrats** — 6:30 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.

• **Polk County Bounty Market** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Academy Building lawn, on the corner of Main and Academy streets, Dallas. 503-623-2564.



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