

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Sheriff's office to provide protection training

The Polk County Sheriff's Office will host a third personal protection training class from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

The class is free to women and girls to learn self-defense and awareness techniques.

Participants will learn ways to protect themselves, increase confidence, and learn what to do after an incident has occurred.

Class size is limited. For more information: Segovia.jennifer@co.polk.or.us.

Fill the Bus Food Drive continues

The Fill the Bus food drive will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Roth's Fresh Market in Independence.

In addition, the Central School District Transportation Department has 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.

Zandol artist of the month at DPL

Francine Zandol is the featured artist at the Dallas Public Library for the month of May.

Zandol's display is a series of paintings using mixed media, all centered on the theme, "a curious life."

Elks to host charity auction

The Independence Elks Lodge will host a charity auction and dinner on Saturday at the lodge, 289 S. Main St.

Dinner costs \$8 and starts at 5 p.m. The auction will follow at 7.

Proceeds go toward the Elks Eye Clinic building fund.

MICC to host Discover MI Town

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual Discover MI Town from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets cost \$10 if purchased by Friday; \$15 the day of the event.

Shuttles will take participants to tour businesses throughout Monmouth and Independence. Ticket holders will be entered to win a basket featuring items from participating businesses and organizations. Earn more chances to win by visiting all the businesses and completing a Discover MI Town passport.

Kid and family friendly activities will be available at some stops.

For more information or to register: micc-or.org.

Photography class kicks off May 24

The Monmouth Senior Center will host a photogra-

Plant frenzy



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Hundreds attended the annual Polk County Master Gardeners Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday and Saturday. The sale featured a plethora of vegetable starts, fruits, perennials and annuals, as well as some unusual plants.

phy class with Barbara Di-Mattio at 1:30 p.m. on May 24 at the Main Street Park Amphitheater.

Bring a camera to participate in this free class.

Museum to feature WWI women

The Polk County Museum will feature American Women in World War I from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at the museum, 560 S. Pacific Highway W., in Rickreall.

Quilt historian Rachel Greco, from Grandma's Attic in Dallas, will discuss women's roles during this "war to end all wars," with a special show-and-tell of quilts that were made during that era.

The program is free, and will be held in the Staffin Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Wrecknciled to perform at Pressed

Join Wrecknciled for an afternoon of music and fun from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas.

The group is a Christian jazz and rock band playing uplifting and encouraging music of today.

Library to host lock-in for teens

Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the Dallas Public Library will host a Locked in the Library event for teenagers.

The event includes open gaming, including computer games, video games and Magic the Gathering, as well as a flashlight scavenger hunt and snacks.

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Smoked meat competition is back

The Dallas Area Visitors Center is recruiting barbecue competitors for the Fourth of July Freedomfest celebrations.

The competition will be sponsored by MAK Grills and will include cash prizes for the best smoked meats. The event is family friendly, amateur and non-sanctioned. Categories will include brisket, pork, ribs or chicken. Set up will be July 3, with judging on the Fourth.

For more information: exploredallasoregon.org/freedomfest.

Declutter Your Life starts Thursday

Monmouth Public Library will host Terri Gregory in the second installment of her "Declutter your Life" series.

The program will address the question: When do I start decluttering the family home? The program is from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the library, 168 Ecols St. S.

Car wash benefits DAC missions

Dallas Alliance Church will host a car wash from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in its parking lot, 775 E. Ellendale Ave.

The event was rescheduled from May 13 because of the weather.

The wash is by donation and benefits summer missions and service internships in Burkina Faso.

For more information: 503-931-8715.

Thirsty Thursday at Pfaff-Karren

The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce's Thirsty Thursday will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Pfaff-

Karren Insurance, 1327 Monmouth St., Independence.

Quench your thirst for business and community connections while promoting your business or organization, learn about the host site, enter to win giveaways and enjoy refreshments.

For more information: micc-or.org.

Make your own flower basket

The Independence Downtown Association will host a "Make your own flower basket" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the top of Riverview Park on Saturday.

Potting soil, pots of varying sizes and plants will be available. Participants may choose their pot and plants, and create their own flower basket. Prices vary. The fundraiser benefits IDA.

Charity auction helps eye clinic

Independence Elks Lodge, 289 S. Main St., Independence, will hold a charity auction Saturday at 5 p.m. Cost is \$8. The evening begins with dinner followed by the auction, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Proceeds go to the Elks eye clinic building fund.

For information: Brittany Gregory, 503-881-3823.

Paper shredding offered Saturday

Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, will offer paper shredding for free Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Small businesses are welcome.

Faith Lutheran will also host a free seminar on money management Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

Registration required by calling 503-508-7094.



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).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

• **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, MAY 18

• **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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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, MAY 19

• **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, MAY 20

• **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 21

• **Dallas Wingdingers RC Flying Club Indoor Fly** — 1 to 3 p.m., Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas. 503-623-7288.

MONDAY, MAY 22

• **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 23

• **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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

• **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.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

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- Wednesday, May 17, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board.
- Wednesday, May 17, 4 p.m. — PAWS to READ (Davos).
- Wednesday, May 17, 4:30 p.m. — Teen Book Club.
- Thursday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, May 18, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, May 18, 5 p.m. — Adult Coloring Night.
- Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. — Mark Halleett: The Sauropod Dinosaurs — Life in the Age of Giants.
- Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, May 23, 3:30 p.m. — After-

noon Children's Story Time.

INDEPENDENCE

175 Monmouth St

503-838-1811

www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Thursday, May 18, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Friday, May 19, 4 p.m. — Adult Coloring Program.
- Friday, May 19, 4:30 p.m. — Fab Friday (Tech Fun).
- Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — All Day Tech Fun.
- Saturday, May 20, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.
- Tuesday, May 23, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
- Wednesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.

503-751-0182

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m. — Declutter Your Life.
- Friday, May 19, 10:15 a.m. — Children's Day Folklore and Craft
- Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. — Grow your vegetable garden in containers
- Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. — Junior Master Gardeners.

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