

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Free art project for kids at market

The Polk County Bounty Market on Thursday will have a free kids art project at the Republic Services booth.

Kids can make a bookmark (from reused materials) for summer reading.

There is no cost. Employees from Republic Service will be on hand to answer questions about trash, recycling and yard debris service.

The Bounty Market runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Academy Building lawn each Thursday.

MERIT classes begin Thursday

Indy Commons, 278 S. Main St., Independence, will host weekly MERIT classes beginning Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The classes help entrepreneurs by providing training and ongoing support from pre-business through start-up and beyond.

Classes held from Thursday to Aug. 17 will focus on exploring and defining your business idea.

Classes held Aug. 27 to Sept. 7 will focus on establishing a foundation of best business practices. There is no cost to attend.

To register: www.merit-nw.org.

For more information: Mona Edwards, 503-584-7314.

Willamina Art Tour concludes Monday

The 26th Annual Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour "Call to Artists" concludes

Big announcement



EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

State Rep. Paul Evans speaks Thursday at Riverview Park in Independence to announce the State Legislature has awarded the city a \$1 million grant to help with continuing development of Independence Landing.

on Monday.

All professional artisans, alumni artists and crafters from the West Valley area are invited to participate in a celebration of the arts.

The art tour is scheduled for Nov. 10 and 11 and will involve venues throughout downtown Willamina.

Applications are available by contacting Ginny Wymore, 503-435-9180, or email to ginnywymore@gmail.com. Applications must be re-

ceived by Monday.

Cash Mob surprise coming Thursday

Dallas Vitality Connection will host the July Cash Mob Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants will meet at the corner of Mill and Main streets and will visit a surprise business.

Attendees are asked to bring \$10 cash to spend at the mystery business and another \$10 cash to spend at

a second location for a social hour following the main event.

Seniors host shortcake sale

The Dallas Area Seniors Strawberry Shortcake Sale will be held Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas.

For more information: 503-623-8554.



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, JULY 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.

• **Pickleball** — 9 a.m. to noon, Roger Jordan Community Park. Meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and Sundays and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Karen Freeman, 503-871-4172.

• **Music in the Park** — 6:30 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. Jenny Don't and the Spurs, country and western. Free. www.ci.monmouth.or.us.

THURSDAY, JULY 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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Movies in the Park** — 9:30 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. "Moana," rated PG. Free. www.independenceamphitheater.com

FRIDAY, JULY 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.

• **River's Edge Summer Music Series** — 7:30 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. Five Guys Named Moe. \$5 suggested donation. www.independenceamphitheater.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 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.

• **Salem Health Medical Clinic** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Salem Health Medical Clinic, 512 Main St. E., Monmouth. 503-838-1181.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

• **Salem Health Medical Clinic** — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Salem Health Medical Clinic, 512 Main St. E., Monmouth. 503-838-1181.

MONDAY, JULY 31

• **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, AUG. 1

• **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.

• **Salt Creek Neighborhood Association National Night Out** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Salt Creek Church private park. Bring finger food snack to share. Everyone welcome. Free. 503-623-2044.

• **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3203 meeting** — 7:30 p.m., 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. Meets first Tuesday of each month.

• **Independence Riverview Market** — 2 to 7 p.m., Riverview Park and Amphitheater, 50 C St., Independence. 503-910-8193.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

• **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m. PCL, 480 Main St. E. 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.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS

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

- Wednesday, July 26, 11:30 a.m. — Summer Reading Activity at Dallas City Park (Okaidja Afroso — music).
- Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Storytime.
- Thursday, July 27, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. — Friends of the Library meeting.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m. — Summer Reading end party (Rich Glauber's Music in Action).

INDEPENDENCE

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

- Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, July 26, 3 p.m. — Build a Better World (African stories and music with Okaidja Afroso).
- Thursday, July 27, 3 p.m. — Build a Better World (Summer reading party).
- Friday, July 28, 3 p.m. — Build a Better World (Summer reading party).
- Saturday, July 29, 2 p.m. — Solar Saturdays (Sun drawings with Felix Oliveros).
- Monday, July 31, 4:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Español.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

MONMOUTH

168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182

- www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
- Thursday, July 27, 10:15 a.m. — Legos, circuits and more.
- Friday, July 28, 1:30 p.m. — Kids movie ("Kubo and the Two Strings" PG).
- Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1 p.m. — Tuesday performers (Penny's Puppets).

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
111 N. Main St., Falls City

503-787-3521, ext. 319

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