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Hundreds of people head to the Monmouth Main Street Park each year to buy and sell goods.

Community yard sale Saturday

Event open to all to clutter-sellers and treasure-seekers

By Stephanie Blair
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MONMOUTH — For all the treasure hunters and treasure hoarders in Monmouth, a grand opportunity is coming to Main Street Park on Saturday: the annual Monmouth Community Yard Sale.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the park will be host to more than 30 sellers and many more buyers perusing clothes, books, music and other wares — and, for the first time, shoppers will be able to purchase food to eat while they browse.

“We have a couple of food vendors (coming to

One man’s trash

What: Monmouth Community Yard Sale.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
Where: Monmouth Main Street Park.
Of note: Those interested in selling can register for free at www.micc-or.org.

the sale),” said Mark Fancy, Monmouth’s community development director. “I know we’ll have tamales available.”

The sale is a community event intended to bring people together, event organizer Terri Gregory said.

“My favorite part is seeing so many people get to know each other and have such fun by simply turning

over things they no longer need to those who can use them,” Gregory said.

“We always hope that WOU students can make it down and find some things they need at an affordable price,” Fancy said. “Also, I am liquidating a large collection of rock and blues CDs, and will have about 600-700 CDs for sale.”

The sale is sponsored by

the Monmouth Business Association and has been spearheaded by Gregory for years.

This is her last year working on the sale — as she is relocating — and she won’t be able to attend, but she is excited nonetheless.

“Seeing people unload stuff and create space physically and mentally is a passion of mine. Re-use is so important in our present-day world of disposability,” Gregory said. “It’s a fun event that brings the community together. The whole thing just brings me such joy, and I hope it will continue for a long, long time.”

NEWS IN BRIEF

Salem Health grants money for dental

SALEM — Salem Health presented a \$25,000 grant to Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, which will provide restorative dental care to uninsured children in Polk County.

Grant funds will be used to pay for the Vouchers for Kids project through collaboration with Capitol Dental Care’s dental outreach team.

For more information, salemhealth.org.

Monmouth event seeks businesses

MONMOUTH — The time is nearly here — Monmouth Downtown Halloween Spooktacular organizers are seeking businesses interested in participating in the annual trick-or-treat festivities.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is appreciated by Oct. 17. The event will be held on Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m.

This year, an opportunity will be available for Monmouth businesses and organizations without a storefront downtown.

To RSVP, for more information, or to volunteer: Monmouth Library Director Krist Obrist, 503-751-0193.

Siletz donates to Luckiamute council

SILETZ — The Luckiamute Watershed Council was among 34 grant recipients from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

The tribe donated \$2,800 to help the council install 5,000 native plants for riparian restoration along the upper Luckiamute River and its tributaries in Kings Valley.

On Aug. 4, the Siletz Tribe distributed \$397,514 during its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups including the Polk County Fair, Adair Living History, West Valley Housing Authority and the Falls City Fire Department.

For more information about the watershed: LuckiamuteLWC.org.

Mid-Valley CourtCare to begin Tuesday

POLK COUNTY — Mid-Valley CourtCare received funding from the Oregon Legislature to establish a pilot CourtCare program in Marion and Polk counties.

CourtCare provides child care to individuals and families participating in court proceedings at or near the local courthouse.

Polk County CourtCare will be operated by the Family Building Blocks at the Academy Building in Dallas. It is available to anyone who needs to conduct business with the court system, including jurors, or local service agencies. The service will be available starting Sept. 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Children aged 6 weeks to 12 years are welcome at Polk County CourtCare.

For more information: midvalleycourtcare.org.

Forum to discuss stormwater solutions

MONMOUTH — An Ash Creek stormwater solutions forum will be held Sept. 12.

The forum will be for citizens concerned with the health of Ash Creek. Members of the Luckiamute Watershed Council and a graduate student intern from Oregon State University hope to learn how local homeowners wish to shape the future of Ash Creek. Information from this forum will guide a study of stormwater solutions in the Ash Creek watershed.

The forum will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Monmouth Public Library. A complimentary dinner will be served by Ovenbird Bakery. Space is limited. RSVP by Tuesday online at luckiamutelwc.org, or call 503-837-0237.

Grant provides for fair ‘safety zone’

RICKREAL — The Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon provided \$4,015 to support the “Kids Safety Zone” at the 2017 Polk County Fair.

The money paid for identification kits for children, bicycle helmets, car seats and life jackets that were given out for free during the fair’s run, Aug. 10-12.

September 2017



Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

Sept 2 — The Monmouth Business Association is sponsoring the 8th annual Community Yard Sale in Main Street Park on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 10 am to 4 pm. Last year’s sale was a huge success with more than 30 sellers in the park. This year’s event includes food and music. If you would like to sign up to be a seller there is no charge. Sellers can register on-line at <http://www.micc-or.org>/Sellers can register online at the Chamber website. For other information contact Mark Fancy, (503) 751-0147

Sept 4 — Happy Labor Day! From the Monmouth Business Association.

Sept 5 — FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Be careful when driving.

Sept 5 — Monmouth City Council Meetings - First Tuesday. 7 pm – 9 pm. Citizens are invited to attend City Council meetings and learn about local government issues. The City of Monmouth has two meetings each month, one on the first Tuesday and one on the third Tuesday. Monmouth Volunteer Hall, 144 S Warren Street.

Sept 29 — Smith Fine Arts Series presents — The Lady Bugs. Featuring popular music from the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. The Ladybugs delight their audiences with their sweet vocal harmonies and their uplifting sound. Whether it comes from the tradition of the blues, swing, or Latin popular music, their singing and playing effortlessly keeps their listeners smiling and longing to get on their feet and dance. Edgar H. Smith Fine Arts Series, Rice Auditorium, WOU. Corner of Knox and Powell St. Monmouth. \$25 in advance - \$30 at door - \$11 students. Contact Sandy Newland - 503-838-8333. Email - newlands@wou.edu Website - <http://smithfinearts.org>

Sept 30 — Polk County Historical Society presents - Stephanie Wood: Polk County Ethnobotany. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Have you ever wondered what the first people of the Polk County area ate? Come to the Polk County Museum to see how traditional Native American foods and medicine plants of Polk County were harvested and prepared for the “Kalapuyan Pantries”. Grand Ronde Tribal member Stephanie Wood is a 7th-generation traditional basket weaver, ethnobotanist and cultural keeper with a Masters degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Oregon. She is also the owner of Kalapuya Basketry from Dayton, Oregon. Polk County Museum 560 S. Pacific Highway West, Rickreal OR 97371.



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Back to School!

Chamber Forum
Mon/Indep Chamber of Commerce September Forum
Sept. 13, 3:30 pm – 5 pm.
TOUR OF ROGUE FARMS
Join us in September for a fun and engaging tour of Rogue Farms and learn about the process of growing and harvesting hops! After the tour, head to the Chateau and enjoy a pint of Rogue! *Note: The September forum will start at 3:30 PM rather than noon. Rogue Farms, 3590 Wigrich Road. Independence

Thirsty Thursday — September 21
Thirsty Thursdays are held the **third Thursday** of each month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at member locations. Registration is requested to help the host site properly prepare. Attendees are encouraged to bring a small giveaway (less than \$10) to promote your business or organization. This month Sept. — MaMere’s Guest House. 212 Knox St. N. Monmouth, OR

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