

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Human Equality forum Sunday

The Polk Community for Human Equality will hold an educational forum Sunday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Hamersly Library at Western Oregon University, 345 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth.

The topic will be health care as a human right.

Dr. Bruce Thomson, a retired family physician who was in private practice in Corvallis for 20 years, will be the guest lecturer.

Thomson will discuss examples of public and private health care systems in other countries, the basis of the right for everyone having access to the health care they need and more.

There is no cost to attend.

For more information: Carol McKiel, 574-520-9245.

Women's Bible studies begin

The Mid-Valley Women of Christ women's Bible studies begin Monday.

Six classes of the "Finding I Am," a study of the seven I Am statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John, will be hosted by four Polk County churches.

The video study features teachings by New York Times Bestselling author Lysa Terkeurst.

Polk County classes will be held at Dallas Evangelical Church, 783 SW Church St., Dallas, Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.; Dallas Foursquare Church, 976 SW Hayter St., Dallas, on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Valley Life Center, 1795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas, on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; and Praise Assembly, 189 Monmouth Ave. S., Monmouth, on Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Gardening festival set for Saturday

The 15th annual Fall Fling — a gardening festival and vendor fair, will return Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Nesmith Readiness Center, 12830 Westview Drive, Dallas.

Cost is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Lunch is included.

Speakers include Karen Chapman, landscape designer, Alec Kowaleski, Oregon State University turf grass specialist, and Andony Melathopoulos, OSU pollinator health extension specialist.

There will also be educational events held in the afternoon. Prices will range from \$10 to \$25 depending on the event.

To register online:

Not quite the same as flying



Ryan Timmons, 6, rides in a pedal-powered airplane while his older sister (not pictured) gets to take a free Young Eagles flight. Ryan's mom, Janice, said his sister has flown before, and it gives Ryan something to look forward to. The Young Eagles program is open to children aged 8 to 17, presented by the EAA Chapter 292.

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www.extension.oregon-state.edu/polk/2017-fall-fling.

For more information: 503-623-8395.

Alzheimer's class offered Tuesday

The Alzheimer's Association, with the help of elder law attorney Rebecca Kueny and financial counselor James Hutches, will present a class on legal and financial planning for Alzheimer's on Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas.

The workshop will go over various legal and financial uses to consider and how to put plans into place.

There is no cost to attend. To register: 1-800-272-3900.

Gate Youth to hold Central tailgate

The Gate Youth Association will hold a pulled pork tailgate ahead of Central's home football game against Glencoe on Friday.

The tailgate will run from 6 to 7 p.m. at Panther Stadium before kickoff.

Pulled pork sandwiches, chips and drink will be available for \$2.

All proceeds will benefit Gate sponsored activities for kids in Monmouth and Independence.

First Baptist to host youth program

Independence First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence, will host Awana, a faith-based youth program, beginning Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m.

The program will run through the end of April and is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

There is no cost to attend.

Primitive tools program Saturday

The Polk County Museum, 560 S. Pacific Highway W., Rickreall, will host a program on primitive technology, flint knapping on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Don Day will speak.

Day will speak about traditional uses and technologies behind the creation of primitive tools of Oregon's indigenous people. He will also demonstrate knapping techniques used in his own creations.

Friends of Feline fundraiser coming

The Salem Friends of Felines will hold its 12th annual fundraising auction Sept. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Oregon State Fairgrounds (Cascade Hall), 2330 17th St. NE, Salem.

The fundraiser is open to those ages 21 and older. Tickets cost \$40 and in-

cludes appetizers and beverages.

All proceeds benefit the cats in the community and helps cover medical care for sick and injured cats.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.sfof.org or at the thrift store/adoption center at 980 Commercial St. SE, Salem.

Salem Friends of Felines is a nonprofit and no-kill cat rescue group helping humans and felines in Marion and Polk counties. Last year, the group helped place more than 1,300 cats into homes.

Registration open for watershed series

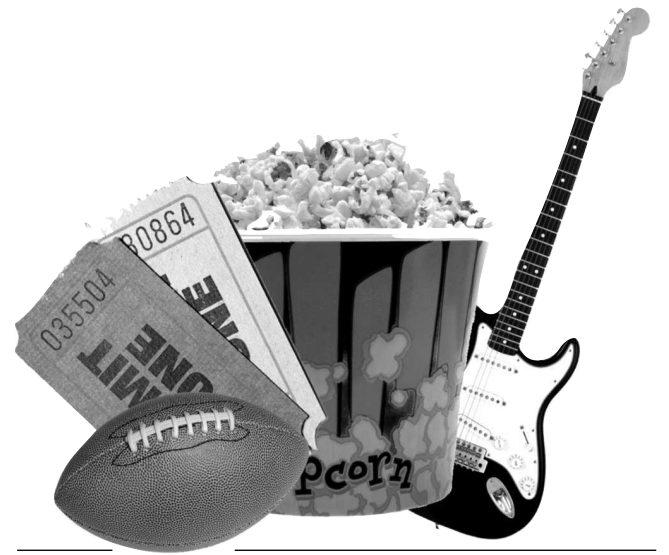
Registration is now open for the first workshop in a series presented by the Luckiamute Watershed Council.

The two-hour workshop, "Love Your Watershed Series: Permeable Pavers," will be held Sept. 23 from noon to 2 p.m. at 10095 Rickreall Road, Rickreall. The workshop will cover advantages of replacing pavement with pavers that slow and filter water runoff from driveways and other surfaces.

Space is limited, and registration is due by Friday. Cost is \$10.

To register: www.luckiamutelwc.org/permeable-pavement-workshop.html.

For more information: 503-837-0237 or email info@LuckiamuteLWC.com.



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, SEPT. 13

• **Polk County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Murphy's Restaurant, 288 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.

• **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.

• **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

• **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Open to the public; musicians of all types welcome. 503-838-5678.

• **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

• **Independence Downtown Association** — 8 a.m., Independence Grill, 154 S. Main St., Independence. A meeting of business people regarding the vitality of Independence and its downtown area. 503-580-8525.

• **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.

• **Young Professionals Networking** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Focal Point Photography, 161 W. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. After-hours social event for Polk County young professionals, aged 21-45. Nate Woods, 503-623-6300.

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

• **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, 186 SE Mill St., 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, SEPT. 16

• **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, SEPT. 17

• **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, SEPT. 18

• **Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** — 11:30 a.m., Dallas Retirement Village, 377 NW Jasper St., Dallas. Cost: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. 503-623-2564.

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

• **Polk County Battle Buddies support group** — 6 to 8 p.m., Veterans Services Office, 240 SW Washington St. Dallas. Support group for Polk County veterans. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Free. 503-480-6254.

• **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, SEPT. 19

• **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.

• **Family Building Blocks Dallas play group** — 10 a.m., Academy Building, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. Suite 216. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-877-8473.

• **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.

• **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., United Methodist Church located at 242 N Main St., Falls City. 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.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
950 Main St.
503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
• Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
• Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
• Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
• Tuesday, Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

• Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
• Thursday, Sept. 14, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
• Thursday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. — Mystery Book Club.
• Saturday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. — Cuentos en Español
• Monday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. — Family Scarecrow workshop.
• Tuesday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m. — Tech Tuesdays (Bots).

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
• Friday, Sept. 15, 10:15 a.m. — Friday Fun.
• Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:15 a.m. — Family Story Time.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
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www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

• See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

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