

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Library to host storyteller festival

The third annual Dallas Storyteller Festival returns Thursday through Oct. 5. The Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, is hosting events at various locations.

Okaidja Afroso will feature African tales and culture from his native Ghana accompanied by drumming and traditional music Thursday at 6 p.m. at the library.

Lynne Duddy and Lawrence Howard from the Portland Story Theatre, will lead a free storyteller workshop (limited to 24 adult participants) Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Reservations can be made at the library or by calling 503-623-2633.

The Portland Story Theatre will perform Urban Stories Saturday at 7 p.m. at Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas (for adult audiences).

On Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the library, Holly Robison will perform magic, music, mischief and more for children.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library Alton Chung will perform stories centered around the Japanese American experience of World War II.

The festival closes on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the library when Will Hornyak performs, "The Original Grimm Tales."

For more information: 503-623-2633.

Adopt-A-Road cleanup coming

The Polk County Public Works Department announced the next Adopt-A-Road cleanup day will happen on Oct. 7. As many as 60 different groups that have adopted roads throughout the county will participate.

Groups who are active members of the program are asked to pick up supplies the week before the event. Disposal bags and safety

Lift assist



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Seth Waller, on the gurney, helps demonstrate how Dallas EMS' new power cots work last week. All three of the city's ambulances now have the systems that cut down on lifting and increase patient safety, thanks to a \$89,000 Assistance to Firefighters grant.

equipment will be available.

For more information or to become an active member: www.co.polk.or.us or call 503-623-9287.

Faith Lutheran celebrates Reform

Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth-Independence Highway, Monmouth, will host an Oktoberfest event Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

A free bratwurst lunch and activities for the kids will be available. Accordion music will be performed.

Polk Museum welcomes Wood

The Polk County Museum will welcome Stephanie Wood Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wood will present on how traditional Native American foods and medicine plants of Polk County were harvested and prepared for "Kalapuyan Pantries."

Wood, a Grand Ronde Tribal member, is a seventh-generation basket weaver, ethnobotanist and cultural keeper with a masters degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Oregon.

There is no cost to attend.

For more information: www.polkcountyhistorical-society.org.

Ladybugs to perform Friday

The Ladybugs will perform at Rice Auditorium, 345 Monmouth Ave. N., Monmouth, Friday at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Smith Fine Arts Series.

The Ladybugs will feature popular music from the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, including blues, swing and Latin popular music.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$11 for students.

For more information: www.wou.edu/smith.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS 950 Main St. • 503-623-2633

www.ci.dallas.or.us/library

- Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m. — Lowly Worm Kid's Book Club.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. — Storyteller Festival (Okaidja Afroso, African culture: Story with drums).
- Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. — Storyteller Festival (Portland Story Theater — Storyteller Workshop at Dallas Civic Center).
- Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. — Storyteller Festival (Portland Story Theater — Urban Stories at Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar).
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. — Storyteller

Festival (Holly Robison — Children's stories).

- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m. — Friends of the Library meeting.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. — Storyteller Festival (Alton W. Chung — Japanese-American Experience).
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m. — Ukulele Jam.

INDEPENDENCE

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

- Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Thursday, Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. — Just a number: aging and intergenerational friendship.
- Friday, Sept. 29, 10:15 a.m. — Friday Fun!
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:15 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1 p.m. — Medicare 101 Class.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
111 N. Main St.,
Falls City
503-787-3521, ext. 319
www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

- **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.
- **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.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

- **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, OCT. 3

- **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 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.
- **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.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3203 meeting** — 7:30 p.m., 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. Meets first Tuesday of each month.
- **Dallas Rotary** — Noon, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Public welcome.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Monmouth Hardware, 401 Main St. E., Monmouth. A meeting of business people, the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce director, and city officials. 503-751-0147.
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- **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 S. Warren St., 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.

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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. 27

- **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. Karen Freeman, 503-871-4172.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

- **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.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

- **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, 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. 30

- **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.
- **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.

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What? 10th Annual Silent Auction
\$20 ticket includes authentic Asian dinner, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. No host wine/beer available.

When? Saturday, Oct. 7th at 6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Where? Nesmith Readiness Center
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For additional information: Heather 503-856-6961

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