

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Salem choir comes to Monmouth

The Salem Community Chorus will present an hour-long Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at Christ Church, 412 Clay St., Monmouth.

The 60-voice regional community chorus is directed by Anna Robinson. The program will include a selection of winter and Christmas music. The free concert will include an afterward time for refreshments.

The Salem Community Chorus meets Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Salem.

Annual soup bowl dinner, auction

The Dallas High School Art Department's 18th annual Soup Bowl Dinner, Auction and Art Show is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Come choose a hand-crafted ceramic bowl made by the DHS Art Department for \$10. A variety of soups will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 in the DHS Forum, all you can eat.

Second Saturday Art Class returns

The Ash Creek Arts Center, 311 Monmouth St., Independence, returns for crafty holiday ornaments with Felix Oliveros Saturday at 2 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. The Second Saturday Art Classes are designed for children and parents.

Tasting cookies



People attending the 50th annual Monmouth Tree Lighting at Western Oregon University wrapped through the Werner University Center on Friday to sample cookies in the cookie bake-off and vote for people's choice.

EMILY MENTZER/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas library to host "Beyond Fake News"

The Dallas Public Library will host "Beyond Fake News: How We Find Accurate Information About the World" Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The Oregon Humanities Conversation project will be

facilitated by Kelly McElroy. There is no cost to attend. For more information: 503-623-2633.

Library to hold event on Apollo 17

The Dallas Public Library will hold an event on "Apollo 17 — Last Men on the Moon" Saturday at 2 p.m.

Dallas resident Donn W. Anderson will present.

Anderson is a docent at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville.

This is the second part in the library's Astronomy and Space Exploration series.

There is no cost to attend. For more information: 503-623-2633.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

- Thursday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, Dec. 7, noon — Adult Book Discussion.
- Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. — Beyond Fake News.
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. — Apollo 17 — Last Men on the Moon.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children's Story Time.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.

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

- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
- Thursday, Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Friday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. — Adult coloring club.
- Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. — Teen Cooking Club (Gingerbread mansions).
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. — Greenery wreath making.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. — Family ornament making.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Friday, Dec. 8, 10:15 a.m. — Friday Fun.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 10:15 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m. — Holiday Card Project.

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.



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, DEC. 6

- **Monmouth Business Association** — 7:30 a.m., Monmouth-Independence Networks, 405 N. Hogan Road, Monmouth. 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., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Open to children pre-kindergarten and younger with parent/adult. Mondays through Thursdays. Free.
- **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.
- **Yarning for Others** — 3 to 5 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Knitters and crocheters gather to make clothing and accessories for those in need on the first Wednesday of every month. 503-689-7222.
- **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.
- **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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

- **Dallas Lions Club** — Noon, Pressed Wine Bar, 788 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.
- **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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

- **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.
- **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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

- **Donation Yoga** — 11 a.m. to noon, Dallas Yoga and Balance Studio, 115 SE Court St., Dallas. Bring a few cans of food or cash to donate to the food bank. 503-999-8016.
- **Guthrie Park Country Dance** — 7 to 9:30 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Admission: \$5 per person; \$15 immediate family rate; children 12 and under free. 503-623-0809.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

- **Buell Grange Breakfast** — 8 to 11 a.m., Buell Grange Hall, 5970 Mill Creek Road, just off Highway 22 northwest of Dallas. \$6. 503-623-8462 or 503-843-4703.

MONDAY, DEC. 11

- **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., 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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

- **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. Mondays through Thursdays. Free.
- **Caregiver Connection** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (conference room immediately inside the front entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.
- **Free Blood Pressure Checks** — Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.
- **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.
- **Toastmasters** — 6 to 7 p.m., Dallas Church, 450 SE Washington St., Dallas. Learn how to effectively speak in public and increase your leadership skills.
- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Falls City Methodist Church, 242 North Main St., Falls City. Free. 503-787-3371.
- **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.
- **Dallas Rotary** — Noon, Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Lunch and speaker. Public is welcome.

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