COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

Blueberry pruning workshop coming

The Mid-Willamette Valley Small Farms program will hold a blueberry pruning workshop Monday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Minto Island Growers, 3394 Brown Island Road S., Salem.

Cost is \$10.

The workshop will teach participants how to prune blueberries and/or refresh pruning techniques.

Register online at www.bit.ly.2kTGBX.

For more information: Victoria, 503-373-3774 or email to Victoria.binning @oregonstate.edu.

Tree fruit nutrient class Tuesday

The Mid-Willamette Valley Small Farms Program will hold a class on tree fruit nutrient management Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Polk County Extension Office, 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301, Dallas.

The class will identify the nutrients plants need, how to assess soil nutrients, discuss the role of plant tissue sampling in diagnosing nutrient deficiencies in tree fruits, and how to manage soil nutrients.

Cost is \$10.

Register online at www.bit.ly/2BqrZVi.

For more information: Victoria, 503-373-3774 or email to Victoria.binning @oregonstate.edu.

Alzheimer's Assoc. offers class

The Alzheimer's Association and Oregon Care Partners will offer a program about memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.

There is no cost to attend. The program will provide information on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease and treatment.

To register, call 800-272-3900.

A work of art



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Daniel Mateo, 6, works on his art project during the Second Saturday Art Class at Ash Creek Arts Center on Saturday. Mateo created a birch tree landscape painting. Ash Creek Arts Center provides a variety of programs. For more information: www.ashcreekarts.org.

Suds 'n' Science returns Jan. 24

The Love Your Watershed Suds 'n' Science Pub Talk returns Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Brew Coffee and Taphouse, 211 S. Main St., Independence. There is no cost to attend.

The event will show how the Willamette River has interacted with and shaped our watershed over millions

of years. For more information: http://www.luckiamutelwc.org/suds-andscience.html.

Naomi Chapter to offer stew lunch

The Naomi Chapter No. 22 Order of Eastern Star will hold a stew and biscuit lunch Friday from 11 a.m. to

1 p.m. at Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas.

Cost is \$7.

Lunch includes a bowl of stew, biscuits and your choice of pie and a beverage.

Banjo player Hank Dougherty and pianist Bennie Fry will perform.

Money raised by the event benefits chapter service projects.

For more information: 503-623-8442.

Dallas library to hold movie night

Dallas Public Library, 950 Main St., Dallas, will host a movie night Friday at 6 p.m. The library will show a 2017 movie based on a memoir that spent more than 250 weeks on the New York

Times best-selling book list. There will be free popcorn and a door prize. There is no cost to attend

and is open to people ages

14 and older. For more information: 503-623-2633 or online at www.facebook.com/dallaslibraryoregon.

WOU hosts Xianzhi Tu's solo exhibit

Western Oregon University will hold Xianzhi Tu's solo exhibition, "Beyond Watching," through Jan. 28 at Hamersly Library.

The exhibit features the juxtaposition of virtuality and reality and the disappearance of childhood to reflect the media's withdrawal and consumption of time.

For more information: www.wou.edu/wp/library/.



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, JAN. 17

 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.

• Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group — 3 to 4 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

• 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, JAN. 18

• 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.

Hymn sing-along — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

• Veterans Night at the Elks — 6:30 p.m., Independence Elks Lodge Post 1950, 289 S. Main St., Independence. Different organization presents about services offered to veterans. Bunko upstairs for families.

Dallas Senior Writing Group — 10 a.m. to noon, Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For all seniors who love to write. Free. 503-623-9616.

 American Legion Women's Auxiliary — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-623-2591.

• Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS) — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

• 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

LIBRARY CALENDAR

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

• Wednesday, Jan. 17, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 4:30 p.m. — Teen

Advisory Board. • Thursday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - Children's Story Time.

• Friday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. — Adult movie ("Glass Castle").

 Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. — Morning Children's Story Time.

• Tuesday, Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m. — Afternoon Children' Story Time.

INDEPENDENCE 175 Monmouth St. 503-838-1811 www.ci.independence.or.us/library Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

• Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.

• Saturday, Jan. 20, 3 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. — Penguin fun and games.

• Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.

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

www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library • Thursday, Jan. 18, 5 p.m. — Adult Coloring Night.

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.

West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting, if required.

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.

Pentacle Play **Benefit Fundraiser** for Community Mediation Services

for Polk County

Wednesday, January 24th Doors open for a light dinner and silent auction at 6:00pm.

"Dancing at Lughnasa"

a drama by Brian Friel begins at 7:30

Tickets are \$25 for general seating available from the Pentacle ticket office or directly from CMS.

Call or email Ken at vorpcmsfms@gmail.com or 503 623-3111.

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.

Blugrass Music Jam — 7 to 10 p.m., Faith Evangelical Free Church, community building, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Free. Bluegrass instruments only. 503-399-6114.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

• 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, JAN. 22

 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.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

• Indoor Play Park — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Open to children prekindergarten and younger with parent/adult. Mondays through Thursdays. Free.

• 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.

• 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.

• Toastmasters — 6 to 7 p.m., Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., Dallas. Learn how to effectively speak in public and increase your leadership skills.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

• 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.

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