

# MI TOWN

It's springtime in MI Town and Mother Nature has worked her usual magic on every street and neighborhood, with an abundance of fragrant blossoms and flowering trees for everyone to enjoy. There's a special feeling of hope and renewal everywhere you go, and a time for new beginnings.

It's pretty quiet on the campus of Western Oregon University this week, with students enjoying a week of spring break and time to relax with family and friends before the next term begins. Faculty and staff members of local elementary and secondary schools are gearing up for the upcoming spring and early summer programs as well, while students are spending some carefree time of their own. Spring fever and thoughts of summertime are beginning to creep in around



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the edges, and it's hard to concentrate on learning when sunshine floods the classroom windows.

There's no shortage of activities going on in MI Town's libraries this week for spring vacation. Check library websites and stop in whenever the libraries are open to see just how many interesting and fun things you can do without even leaving our communities.

Check your bookcases and those stacks of books you received for Christmas that you know you won't

ever get around to reading, especially now that it's time for outdoor activities. The Friends of the Monmouth Library is looking for donations of gently read and nearly-new books for its upcoming springtime sale. Sale proceeds help fund children's programs throughout the year. Sale dates are Friday, May 1, from noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Summertime is just around the corner, and it's never too early to check out job opportunities. There will be openings for lifeguards, instructors and a pool manager at the YMCA's Independence pool this summer, with wages of \$9.25 to \$10 per hour. Those hired must work from June 1 through Aug. 30. Application deadline is April 15, and more information is available by calling 503-838-

4042 or sending an email to nronin@theYonline.org.

Marion-Polk Food Share is providing free lunches, books and other activities to children (ages 1 through 18) from noon until 1 p.m. through Friday during spring break at Henry Hill School, 750 S. Fifth St., Independence, and at Colonial Amistad, 30 Gun Club Road, Independence. For more information: 503-581-3855.

Last week's Semiannual Soup and Pie Sale at the Monmouth Senior Center was enjoyed by so many friends and neighbors — and brought in welcome money for the building fund. Hearty good wishes and a round of applause to the hard-working volunteer cooks and pie bakers in MI Town, and everyone who works so hard to make this a success.

# BIRTHS

## Gault

Roman James Gault was born to Nathan and Tessa Gault of Independence at 1:40 p.m. on March 10 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21½ inches long.

Roman joins Bethany, 17, Samantha, 13, Ava, 5, Grant, 4, and Garrett, 1.

Grandparents are Fred and Cheryl Baker of Coos Bay and Les and Linda Gault of Coos Bay.

Great-grandparents are Mary Ballinger of Coos Bay, Bernice Sotin of Coos Bay and Betty Baker of California.

## Wallace

Liam Jacob Wallace was born to Brock Wallace and Jaelyn Moore of Salem at 7:16 p.m. on March 13 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Liam joins Camden, 1.

Grandparents are Brock and Denise Wallace of Monmouth and Robert and Traci Coffelt of Salem.

Great-grandfather is Marvin Wineman of Monmouth.

## Garcia

Benjamin Lee Garcia was born to Christopher Garcia and Bayleann Neighbors of Keizer at 9:37 p.m. on March 14 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Benjamin is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Robin Stalheim of Monmouth, Terry Axford of Monmouth and Susan Franks of Keizer.

Great-grandmother is Sharlene Downs of Monmouth.

# PEDEE NEWS

Luckiamute Valley Charter School's Pedee Campus announced its second term honor roll recently.

Seventh-graders earning honors were Enrique Berumen and Mathew Peyton, while eighth-graders earning recognition were Elizabeth Geddes, Mariah Hyre, Margaret Lippmeyer and Shane Mickelson.

Enrique, Mathew, Elizabeth, Mariah, Margaret and Shane were also on the honor roll for the first term, as well as seventh-graders Seth Ellingsworth and Daniel Albor-Torres and eighth-graders Daisha Gray and McKenzie Johnson.

The Pedee kids are looking forward to a big field trip



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coming up, which we'll hear about later.

Last week, Paul, my husband, and I drove to Noah's Angus Ranch in Cambridge, Idaho, above Payette, to see and possibly buy some heifers. The trip was long, but the driving weather nice. We'd never seen such rocks on a ranch before, but they made good use of them as corner posts, some fences and even

to build their house with. Randy and Kate Noah's cattle were the best. While there, we stayed at Cambridge House Bed and Breakfast, the place to go if you're ever in Cambridge. "Gateway to Hells Canyon." It was gorgeous and relatively inexpensive.

Steve and Audrey Cameron enjoyed a "grandkids get-together" at Gilbert House Children's Museum in Salem. Noah and Clayton came from Falls City, Stephanie and Ana from Guthrie Road, and James, Jenny and Eliana from Milwaukie. After playing for several hours, they all went to the food court in the mall where everyone ate whatever

their hearts desired. After a little spring shopping, everyone left for home. It was a good way to spend a rainy day.

John Bodnovits wrapped up his excellent and informative classes on selling on eBay last Thursday night at Pedee Church. I'll let you know what and when the next class is.

April 5 is Easter and the church will have its annual sunrise service at Womer Cemetery at 6:30 that morning, and Easter breakfast afterward from 7 to 8 a.m. or so. Dress is very casual for those two events. Come to either or both, even if you don't plan to attend the 10 a.m. Easter service.

**Got something to sell? Try an I-O classified. Call 503-623-2373 to place your ad.**

# GRIEF SHARE

**Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.**

Please join us for a 13 week seminar and support group that meets weekly. You will experience an encouraging information packed DVD presentation by leading experts. • small group discussion time • and a personal workbook.

Two location options beginning in April.

<b>FALLS CITY:</b> Tues April 7 • 6:30 pm Mountain Gospel Fellowship 257 N. Main St	<b>DALLAS:</b> Sun April 12 • 2:00 pm Weekday Bible Building 1156 SE Holman
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\$30 Registration includes workbook. Scholarships available.

For more information or to register please call Kate or visit our website.

## CROSS & CROWN MINISTRIES

**503-917-1625**

www.crossandcrownministries.org

## Community Events Calendar brought to you by these Monmouth Business Association participants.

*We Care About Our Community! Building Unity in Our Community! Please clip out this calendar & post it on your fridge!*

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Monmouth  
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Your Local Service Provider

**Oregon State Credit Union**  
800-732-0173  
464 S Pacific Hwy  
Monmouth  
osufederal.com

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Saving Carpets Daily  
503-838-0869  
Monmouth

**LOOKING FOR RENTALS?**  
297 1/2 N. Pacific Hwy  
503-838-1278  
Western View Properties  
Property Management, LLC

**MONMOUTH FITNESS CLUB**  
503-838-2951  
165 E. Main St.  
Monmouth

**RESTAURANTS**  
503-838-1773  
410 E. Main St.  
Monmouth

**Windermere REAL ESTATE**  
www.windermere.com  
503-838-1141  
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Monmouth

**PCL**  
Partnerships in Community Living  
503-838-2403  
480 E. Main St.  
Monmouth

**DownTown Trends**  
142 Highway 99 West  
503-838-1445  
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**Monmouth Senior Center**  
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## 2015 Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

- April 3** International Coffee Hour at Monmouth Public Library. Do you want to meet people with different cultural backgrounds? Do you want to meet people from other countries? Do you want to meet new friends in the community? If so, this is the event for you! Monmouth International Coffee Hour is inspired by various similar events held in other universities in Oregon. The organizer Mei is from Taiwan, and she just moved to Monmouth a few months ago. She has always enjoyed meeting new people, especially people from different countries and cultures. Monmouth Public Library, 3:30 - 5:30 pm. 168 Ecols Street S. Monmouth. Questions? Contact Mei at 503-420-6434.
- April 4** The Original Independence Farmers Market opens today! 9 am to 2 pm Umpqua Bank parking lot in historic downtown Independence.
- April 5** Happy Easter from the M.B.A.
- April 5** **Polk Flea Market.** Polk County's oldest and largest market with 183 tables selling antiques, collectibles, tools, etc. 9 am to 3 pm, Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center 520 S. Pacific Hwy W Rickreall. Website: www.polkfleamarket.com
- April 11** District-Wide Kindergarten Registration Fair. 10 am - 1 pm. Register for ALL-DAY 2015-2016 Kindergarten! Lunch provided. Receive a FREE book. Meet the Kindergarten teachers! Get a t-shirt from your new school! All children turning 5 years old by September 1, 2015 are invited to sign up for 2015-2016 Kindergarten. Please bring birth certificate and immunization record, if possible. Henry Hill Educational Support Center 750 S. 5th Street Independence, OR. Central School District 503.838.0030
- April 17-19** 60th Annual River of Gems. Rocks ♦ Gems ♦ Jewelry ♦ Fossils ♦ Minerals from Around the World ♦ Dealers ♦ Exhibits ♦ Creative Crafts ♦ Demonstrations ♦ Fluorescent Show ♦ Silent Auction ♦ Grab Bags ♦ Door Prizes ♦ Kids Corner and a Treasure Hunt on Saturday, April 18 for kids under 12. Friday, April 17, 2015 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Saturday, April 18, 2015 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Adults \$2.00. Kids under 12 years Free. Free parking. Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall.
- April 24** Grade Day! No school Grades 6-12 Central School District.



- Every Tuesday 10:15 AM, Toddler Story Time** for ages 18 mos. to 3 yrs. **Monmouth Public Library**, 168 S. Ecols St.
- Every Tuesday 7:30 PM** - Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.
- Second and Fourth Tuesdays** - 9:15 to 11 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MoPS) meets at Monmouth Christian Church, 959 W. Church St., Monmouth.
- Every Wednesday 10:15 AM, Preschool Story Time** for ages 3-6 years. **Monmouth Library**, 168 S. Ecols St.
- Every Wednesday Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank**, 10am to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.
- Every Wednesday 6:30 PM** - Al-Anon Family Groups, which includes Alateen for younger members, meets at Trinity Lutheran Church at 320 Fir Villa Rd. in Dallas. Al-Anon is an established community resource for people affected by another's use of alcohol. The resource can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. For more information call 503-370-7363, leave a message - you will be contacted.
- Every 2nd Wednesday** Monmouth-Independence Chamber lunch forum. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Location changes. Please call Jean Love or visit our Calendar of Events at micc.org for more information. 503-838-4268
- Every 3rd Wednesday** each month. BINGO at the Farm, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Come play BINGO in the Chatooe out at Rogue Farms. Join us every third Wednesday of the month through 2014! So bring your family and friends and get ready to win! Boards, daubers, and prizes provided! Rogue Farms Chatooe Tasting Room, 3590 Wigrich Road Independence, OR
- Every Thursday 7 p.m.** 314 Cottonwood Way, Monmouth. Polk and Marion County Women meet to discuss and research alternative/safer approaches to conventional treatments of hormonal imbalance.
- Every 2nd Thursday 7:00 PM Luckiamute Watershed Council (LWC)** open meeting. **Monmouth Volunteer Hall.** Info: 503-838-8804
- Every 3rd Thursday After Hour Mixers** with Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and friends are invited to join us for our FREE monthly after-hours mixers. Mixers 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. For location and or more information, contact Jean Love 503-838-4268 or visit our Calendar of Events at micc.org for more information.
- Every Friday TOPS-Weight Loss Group** meets at the Monmouth Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information please feel free to contact Marilyn at 503-930-7936.
- Every 1st Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Monmouth Senior Center** host breakfast. All you can eat, Adults \$6 Donation, Children 12 & under \$3 Donation. **For more info: 503 838-5678**
- First Saturday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.-Crafter's Cottage** at the **Monmouth Senior Center**, 180 S. Warren St. Handmade items, watercolors, needlepoint, towels, bead jewelry, dolls, blankets, sweaters, jellies, etc....**New items always arriving!**