Polk County Living

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



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 vou received for Christmas that you know you won't



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 Fri-

> 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.

4042 or sending an email to ncronin@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., Indeday, May 1, from noon to 6 pendence, and at Colonial Amistad, 30 Gun Club Road, p.m., and Saturday, May 2, 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 bak-Application deadline is April ers in MI Town, and everyone 15, and more information is who works so hard to make available by calling 503-838this 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 211/2 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 201/2 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 Bayleeann 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.

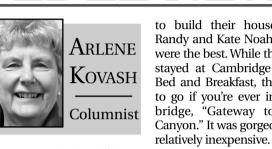
Great-grandmother is Sharlene Downs of Monmouth.

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 Lippsmeyer 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 posts, some fences and even



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 the food court in the mall

to build their house with. er their hearts desired. After Randy and Kate Noah's cattle were the best. While there, we staved at Cambridge House Bed and Breakfast, the place rainy day. to go if you're ever in Cambridge, "Gateway to Hells Canyon." It was gorgeous and

Steve and Audrey Cameron enjoyed a "grandand when the next class is. kids 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 a.m. Easter service. where everyone ate whatev-

a little spring shopping, everyone left for home. It was a good way to spend a 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 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



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