

MI TOWN

The springtime days seem to be flying by so quickly, and this Friday we will welcome the merry month of May. It's one of my favorite months of the year as I recall the stories my mother and grandmother would tell about how young children (usually girls) would make bouquets of flowers to place on neighbors' front porches, ring the doorbells and call out, "May Baskets!" I think that was such a sweet and caring custom, and am happy that I heard those stories of long ago.

Friday, I will be honored to present the Daughters of the American Revolution ROTC Medal to three young women who are students at Oregon State University — Ashley Smith (Marine Corps), Devin Olmstead



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Columnist

(Navy) and Thu M. Pham (Air Force) — who will be on active duty after graduation in June. As I was reading of their accomplishments, I continue to realize that immigrants have always proudly and honorably served in our country's military service since when my seventh great-grandfather, Daniel Robertson, came to America from Scotland in 1775 and joined the Army. Now Thu Pham, whose family members are from Southeast Asia, will serve our country as an officer in the Air Force.

Today is the Victorian Tea at the Monmouth Senior Center, where my yoga pals and I will be modeling clothing from a very charming resale store, First Hand Seconds, located on First Street in Albany. Tickets for the Victorian Tea are sold out for this year, but you might want to mark your calendar for next April if you weren't able to attend. The tea has always been a special yearly event, with all kinds of wonderful dessert treats from the finest kitchens in MI Town. As always, community volunteers are the heart and soul of every event at the center.

The first weekend in May also brings the Community Breakfast to the Monmouth Senior Center. Bring the entire family and enjoy pan-

cakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee and tea. The portions are generous and the food is delicious. The prices are reasonable (\$6 for adults, \$3 for children younger than 12), and you'll be treated to all kinds of jokes and laughter, courtesy of Jack Hinkle, pancake baker extraordinaire. See you there.

While dodging springtime showers, be sure to visit the Friends of the Monmouth Library's annual Springtime Sale in the meeting room. Here's your opportunity to find all kinds of books, CDs, DVDs and more. Sale dates are Friday from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sale proceeds help fund children's programs throughout the year.

PEDEE NEWS

The winners of the 2014 U.S. Air Force Chaplain Corps Annual Awards were announced last week and Amanda Bennett, granddaughter of Pete and LaVerne Bennett, received the Richard C. Schneider Award, given to a chaplain assistant airman. That means she was the best assistant chaplain in the whole Air Force!

As chaplain Maj. Gen. Cecil R. Richardson stated, "All of the nominees had outstanding packages and the winners truly represent the best of the best. The winners exemplify our vision of glorifying God, serving airmen and pursuing excellence."

Amanda is the daughter of Jim and Julie Bennett of Salem and is stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. She has been in the Air Force for six years.



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

Pete and LaVerne Bennett attended the grandparents' breakfast at Schirle Elementary School in Keizer with grandson Reese recently. LaVerne thought someone at that school had great marketing skills: the breakfast and the book fair were scheduled at the same time. They also spent Thursday through Sunday at Yachats with their square dance club, The Independence Wagon Wheelers. There were about 45 people attending and the weather was perfect.

Derek Burbank and Ashley Grucza announced their engagement on April 18 much to the happiness of their parents and grandparents, who were hoping for that result. Ashley works for Farm Credit Services in Redmond and Derek will be getting his master's degree from Oregon State University this June. He is applying for a job as an agricultural teacher in Central Oregon, since Ashley is there. Derek is the son of Dave and Suzanne Burbank and Ashley is the daughter of Scotty and Tina Grucza of Turner.

Last week the students at the Pedee campus of the Luckiamute Valley Charter School participated in two local science-related projects. They removed ivy from the stream bank at Ritner

Creek Park for the Luckiamute Watershed Council, and they used fish traps to do a survey of an unnamed stream to see if fish were making it past stream obstacles to spawn. The kids were excited to do these projects, which benefited the community.

Both Diane Telfer and I had three quilts in the Mid-Valley Quilt Guild's quilt show in Rickreall last weekend and Diane's quilt, "Be Attitudes Through the Year," was given the award for best machine appliqué. The Pedee Women's Club met at the show, then after checking out the quilts, went to lunch at Murphy's in Dallas. Nine members and friends and one husband attended, while Dorothy McBeth stayed at home to keep an eye on a new-born calf.

ENGAGEMENT

Fitzgerald Pomeroy-Alicea

Lila Fay Fitzgerald Pomeroy of Dallas and Joseph Alicea Jr. of Dallas are planning a June 2016 wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Fay Fitzgerald of Dallas and the late Howard Fitzgerald. Her fiancé is the son of Elizabeth Barolow of Portland and Joseph Alicea Sr. of New Port Richey, Fla.

Lila, a 1991 graduate of Dallas High School, is currently employed at Spirit Mountain Casino in the Environmental Service Department.

Joseph, a 1994 graduate of Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, is also currently employed at Spirit Mountain Casino in their Environmental Services Department.

The wedding is set for June 3, 2016, at Chinook Winds Casino Lincoln City on the beach.



BIRTHS

Flande

Lenora Oswin Flande was born to Benjamin and Katherine Flande of Dallas at 4:27 p.m. on March 27 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 23 inches long.

Lenora is the couple's first child. Grandparents are Charlene McCloskey of Forest Grove, and Joseph and Vicki Flande of Dallas.

Great-grandparents are Don and Marlene Hallauer of Salem, and Barbara Ortman of Forest Grove.

Platt

Cadence Mackay Platt was born to Benjamin and Stefanie Platt of Wilsonville at 4:20 p.m. on March 28 at Silvertown Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Cadence joins Chloe, 4. Grandparents are Stan and Kelly McKinley of Dallas, and Gerald and Beverly Platt of Salem.

Great-grandparents are Don and Joyce Talbott of Woodlawn, Wash.

Van Patten

Nikolai Jim Van Patten was born to Zachery and Jennifer Van Patten of Monmouth at 5:51 p.m. on April 20 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Nikolai joins Danielle, 8, and Giovanna, 5. Grandparents are Peter and Betsy Roy of Independence, Michael Van Patten of Monmouth, and Rona Coleman of Mt. Angel.

Great-grandparents are Adam and Kathy Nieratko of Dallas, and Phyllis Nash of Monmouth.

2nd Annual
RIDING THE WAVE
Art Show & Sale

May 3rd 10am to 6pm
at Guthrie Park
4320 Kings Valley Hwy, Dallas

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COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

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RFL celebration dinner Saturday

Survivors of cancer will be honored at a dinner hosted by Eola Hills Wine Cellars on Saturday. The second annual Survivor Dinner and Celebration is sponsored by the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Polk County and Team Perrydale.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the winery, 501 S. Pacific Highway 99W, Rickreall. Dinner and entertainment starts at 6:15 p.m.

Reservations are encouraged. For more information: Vicki Bailey at 503-623-5241 or email vickibaile@aol.com.

Local artists at Guthrie Park

Mother and son artist team Nathaniel and Nancy Kurz's "Riding the Wave" art show and sale will be Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Guthrie Park, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas.

Riding the Wave will offer handmade pottery by Nancy Kurz with collaboration of her son, Nathaniel Kurz, who has autism. The show also will feature Nathaniel's painting and drawings.

For more information, go to nancywatsonkurz.com, email nancywatsonkurz@gmail.com or call 503-689-7424.

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★☆☆☆☆

Row →

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Three-by-three square →

Column ↓

How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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