

A meeting of the two cities discussed

Monmouth City Council considers meeting with Independence

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MONMOUTH — Independence City Councilor Marilyn Morton attended the Monmouth City Council meeting on June 16 requesting collaboration between the two cities.

At the Independence City Council's annual meeting at Central High School in April, a student brought up the inequities between curfews in the two cities, Morton said.



Guthrie



"Monmouth is very straightforward: 11 on weeknights, midnight on weekends," Morton said. "Independence says, 'if you're between the age of this and this, it's 10 on weekdays. If you're between this and this, it's 11.' Officers in Independence just wait until after midnight, then they get everybody."

Monmouth Councilor Jon

Carey agreed to sit on a task force to align the curfews.

The suggestion led to further suggestions of collaboration between the two councils.

Councilor Marshall Guthrie suggested a joint work session on the fifth Saturday of the month, which will happen next in September.

Guthrie said with issues both cities work on together, including Monmouth Independence Networks (MINET) and things such as the curfew issue, a joint work session could be helpful.

Morton agreed to take the suggestion back to Independence's council for discussion.

Monmouth attorney Lane Shetterly said the idea had been brought up before, but because public meetings laws require public bodies to meet within their jurisdiction, it hasn't happened yet.

Guthrie said the two councils could meet via Skype online.

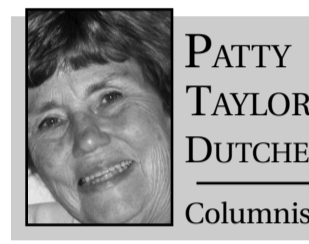
Another idea was proposed to hold the meeting at Polk Fire District No. 1's Central Station, which sits virtually on the border between Independence and Monmouth.

The *Itemizer-Observer* will report more information as details emerge on a possible joint work session between the two councils of Monmouth and Independence.

MI TOWN

Does anybody else remember when those hot summer days didn't really begin until after the Fourth of July? Seems like the month of June was mostly cloudy and sometimes rainy, and picnics and swimming parties were exercises in futility. For sun worshipers and outdoor enthusiasts, this summer has certainly had one of the record books.

For those who are working outdoors, these endless hot days have called for extra bottles of cold water and seeking an occasional patch of shade. We're grateful for the cool mornings and evenings for the opportunity to spend time working in the garden and doing outdoor chores. While many of us are beginning to wonder if we'll ever see another raindrop, much less a



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Columnist

cool day, the abundant sunshine has worked magic on this summer's fruit and vegetable crops, and the flowers are putting on a wonderful display for everyone to enjoy.

This week's edition of the *Itemizer-Observer* includes all of the 4th of July activities in MI Town and all over Polk County. For many of us who celebrate America's Birthday with friends and family, we can decide which activities to make plans to attend — beginning with breakfast at the fire station

and ending with fireworks at Riverfront Park, and all of the good times in between. Out of town guests always enjoy seeing the grouping of chairs along the parade route, and how everyone abides by the honor system when it comes to finding places to enjoy what I'd like to call the best community parade, ever.

The new Central health center, which was featured in last week's I-O, promises to be such a wonderful addition to MI Town. It's not a free health clinic, but accepts the Oregon Health Plan and private insurance as well. Services will be offered to all students registered with Central schools. A portion of the building will be devoted to a teen-parent addition, where children aged 6 weeks to 3

years will be cared for so their parents can finish their education.

During these warm — OK, downright hot — days of summer, football season seems a million years away, but before we know it, September will be here. This year, Arne Ferguson and his Western Oregon University Wolves football team will provide us with another fun season at McArthur Stadium on the WOU campus. MI Town's Wolves will begin play at Humboldt State on Sept. 5. Our first opportunity to see a home game will be Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. when the Wolves meet Simon Fraser. There are several home games planned this season, and we're looking forward to many good times right here in MI Town.

PEDEE NEWS

Norm and Donna Baldwin celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 13 by renting a house near the beach at Lincoln City for that weekend and inviting the whole family to join them. Their daughter, Suzy and son-in-law, Fidel were even there, as they are in the states for four months from their home in Benin, West Africa, where they are missionaries. Daughter Kari and her family came from Michigan for the party and son Dan and his family came from Lebanon. Norm's brother from Colorado and sister from Washington also came, although they declined the invitation to stay with the 15 people at the house.



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

June Clark returned from eight days on the road on her motorcycle last Wednesday, totaling 2,500 miles on the trip. She visited the Reno (Motorcycle) Rendezvous, getting some Rose City Motorcycle Club Grand Tour checkpoints. Her last day included taking the ferry across the Columbia (Cathlamet to Westport), taking Highway 47 through to Vernonia, and then off to Timber, zigzagging to Gales Creek Road, before return-

ing to 47 to go through McMinnville and then home. She says she doesn't do well when it's too hot.

Last Wednesday Pat and Myron Yancey, who live near Falls City, came to the Pedee Women's Club to give the women instructions on how to use the long arm quilting machine Ethelene Osgood bought from her and which is upstairs at the clubhouse. A long arm quilting machine consists of an industrial length sewing machine head, a 10- to 14-foot frame on a table, and several rollers on which the fabric layers and batting are attached. Most machine-quilted quilts have been quilted on one of these machines, although some talented

people sew them on their regular machines, as does LaVerne Bennett. The women at the club would like to get proficient at using the machine, as most of us no longer have time to hand quilt.

Unfortunately, the Polk County Saddle-ites had to cancel their annual poker ride scheduled for Saturday, as the woods they ride in for that event were closed because of fire danger. Fifteen or so members of the club did get together for a ride on nearby trails, though, including Pedee members Jerry Mentzer, Judy Guida, Lynda Schneckeburger, and club president Karen Porter. They had a beautiful ride, too.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, JULY 7

- **Caregivers Support Group** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., West Valley Hospital (Quiet Room, entrance through Emergency Department on Clay Street), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. 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.
- **Polk County Bounty Market-Monmouth** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Park, 120 E. Main St., Monmouth. 503-623-2564.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- **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.

- **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.
- **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum** — Noon, Independence Grill, 154 S. Main St., Independence. Lunch prices start at \$7. 503-838-4268.
- **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., West Valley Hospital (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.
- **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Open to the public; musicians of all types welcome. 503-838-5678.
- **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

ANNIVERSARIES

Walker — 50th



Jim and Vicky Walker of Dallas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house for family and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas on July 11 hosted by their children.

Jim Walker and Vicky Cagley were married June 25, 1965, in Coos Bay. Reverend Howard Hannon performed the ceremony. Allen Ellis and Marcia Carlisle attended the couple.

The couple has lived in Dallas for 37 years. Jim retired in 2003 as a business teacher from Dallas High School. Vicky retired in 2003 as an office manager for Adult and Family Services with the State of Oregon.

Jim and Vicky are active members at Evangelical Bible Church. They love spending time with family, whether it be playing cards, at holidays, days at the lake or special birthday dinners — as long as the family is there they are happy.

Their family includes Jodi and Jon Reimer of Dallas, and Traci and Corey Blackburn of Dallas. The couple has four grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

Roth-Stowell



Kaitlyn Roth of Portland and Timothy Stowell of Dallas are planning a September wedding.

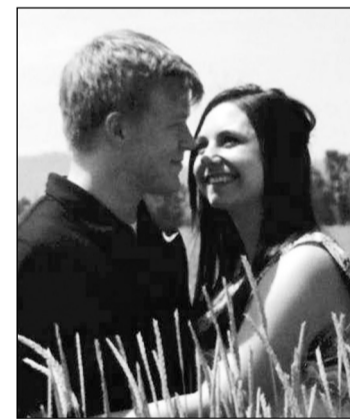
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dave and Dana Roth of Dallas. Her fiancé is the son of Jim and Carol Stowell of Carlton.

Kaitlyn, a 2005 graduate of Dallas High School, graduated from Western Oregon University in 2009 with a bachelor's in music. She also graduated from Marylhurst University in Marylhurst in 2014 with a bachelor's in music therapy. She works for Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash., as a worship leader and also teaches music.

Timothy, a 2003 home-school graduate, works for Motion and Flow Control Products in Salem in shipping and receiving.

The wedding is set for Sept. 19, 2015, at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash.

Church-Guffey



Kristen Church of Dallas and Thomas Guffey of Dallas are planning a July wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David and Julie Church of Dallas. Her fiancé is the son of Ken and Laura Guffey of Dallas.

Kristen, a 2011 graduate of Dallas High School, graduated from Chemeketa Community College in Salem in 2015 with a certificate in dental assisting. She works at Mid-Valley Oral Surgery in Salem as a dental assistant.

Thomas, a 2011 graduate of Dallas High School, graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis in 2015 with a bachelor's in civil engineering.

The wedding is set for July 18, 2015, at Beazell Memorial Forest in Philomath.

BIRTHS

Porter

Abigail Lee Porter was born to Adrian and Shannon Porter of Dallas at 10:40 a.m. on June 6 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Abigail joins Colton, 2.

Grandparents are Marvin and Ruthanne Ross of Dallas, Cheryl Porter of Monmouth, and Gary Peebles of Sheridan.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Gillett of Dallas, and Delores Ross of Salem.

Watson

Korban Reed Watson was born to Cody and Anna Watson of Brandon, Fla., at 4:26 p.m. on June 10 at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

He weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Korban is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Paul and Laurel Finke of Dallas, and John and Gena Watson of Sebring, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Orville and Joy Williams of Portland, Barbara Watson of Sebring, and Barbara Schroeder of Sebring.

Cronin

Abigail Lane Cronin was born to Josh and Natascha Cronin of Independence at 9:47 p.m. on June 19 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Abigail is the couple's first child.

Stockner

Harper Mae Stockner was born to Andrew and Chelsea Stockner of Salem at 4:28 a.m. on June 23 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Harper joins Avery, 2.

Grandparents are Dan and Linda Farrington of Salem, Dennis and Timaree Kelley of Portland, and Brian and Jana Stockner of Monmouth.

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Deadlines for July 8th publication:
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ALL OTHER DEADLINES REMAIN THE SAME.

Have a Fun & Safe Holiday!

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