

# MI TOWN

The Independence Hop & Heritage Festival was last weekend, and there was something for everyone to enjoy. Beginning with the ghost walk, we enjoyed the flapjack breakfast and hot air balloon launching at the Independence Airport, the critter parade, all kinds of activities in Riverview Park and the barbecue at the Elks, a book sale at the Independence library, and community church services on Sunday. What a wonderful weekend to celebrate all the good things about our communities.

Dallas and Independence, along with Donald, Lebanon and Coos Bay, will share a HEAL Grant in the amount of \$35,000 from the Oregon Public Health Institute, funded by Kaiser Permanente. HEAL stands for



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Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle, and these communities will use the grant funding to promote active lifestyles and healthy eating for all residents. We are so fortunate to be able to use so many good walking paths and sidewalks, and to grow healthy food in our gardens right here in MI Town. Rep. Paul Evans announced this on his Facebook page, and I'm happy to pass along the good news to all of our readers. I'm looking forward to learning more about participating in any programs that are developed in the future.

The Smith Fine Arts Series kicks off the 2015-16 season with an appearance by Groove for Thought on Oct. 2 at Rice Auditorium on the Western Oregon University campus. Groove for Thought consists of seven singers who combine the swinging style of Manhattan Transfer and the smooth sounds of Take 6. Five other well-known entertainers round out the season, which concludes June 3, 2016. Season ticket prices for adults are \$119 (students: \$52), five shows are \$99 for adults (\$42 for students), and individual tickets are \$25 (students: \$11). Call 503-838-8333 for more information. The Smith series gives us the opportunity to see world-class entertainment right here in MI Town.

That cute little green house on the edge of Main Street Park in Monmouth is moving to a new address right here in Monmouth. What a great outcome to see that it won't be torn down — that someone will have the opportunity to make that little house into their home. In this world where older things are often cast aside in favor of something new and shiny, it's good to read that a perfectly good little house can be moved to a new lot so the amphitheater can be built.

I'd like to welcome all the new — and returning — WOU students to MI Town for the 2015-16 academic year. Our communities welcome your youthful energy and enthusiasm, and we hope you enjoy all the good things we can share with you.

# PEDEE NEWS

Ted Jones's 86-year-old sister, JoAnn Brown, died on July 16 and will be buried at Womer Cemetery in Pedee on Oct. 4. There will be a potluck at 1 p.m. for friends and family at the Pedee Women's Club and then a graveside service, officiated by JoAnn's husband Bud, afterward. JoAnn and her husband had built the McTimmons store many years ago. Ted and JoAnn's sisters, Bernadine Edwards and Jean Barrons, will no doubt be there and may know when that was. Ted passed away in 2012.

Daniel and Heidi Russell had a 6-pound baby girl on the evening of Aug. 29 during a thunderstorm, and so is named Amaya, which means



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"night rain." Brother Alex may have been wishing for a brother, but he and his other four sisters, Allana, Abigail, Aliyah and Arwynne (Winnie), are thrilled with her.

A SureCrop semi and commodity trailer full of fertilizer didn't quite make the turn into an entrance to a field on Kings Valley Highway last Tuesday and tipped over, spilling its load. It took a crane to lift it out of the ditch after the trailer was emptied.

On Sept. 16, American Legion Dallas Post 20 officer Dennis Johnson came from Dallas to present the Pedee Women's Club with a \$50 donation for boxes the club sends to overseas service men and women, plus another \$50 from one of their members. Mr. Johnson's son had received one of our boxes when he was stationed in Iraq and was so appreciative of what the club does.

Also on Wednesday, the club celebrated Dorothy McBeth's 94th birthday. Dorothy is our oldest member, having joined in the 1960s.

Marguerite McBeth Nice

hosted a luncheon on Sept. 3 at her home in McMinnville for fellow 1957 Pedee eighth-grade graduates Colleen Condon Lamberty, of Philomath, and Mary Tharp Phillips, of Sheridan, and Heather Swingle, of Tacoma, Wash., whom they hadn't seen since the seventh grade. That was quite a reunion as they loved getting reacquainted with her. Marguerite is a member of the Pedee Women's Club so she's in town regularly.

Tim Patty is excited to report that he will be working at the Forest River recreational vehicle manufacturing plant in Dallas. Tim had moved to Pedee this past year, coming from Kingman, Ariz.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## West Salem man dies in rollover

WEST SALEM — A single-vehicle rollover crash took the life of a West Salem man Wednesday night. The Polk County deputies responded to a report of a crash on Zena Road Northwest just east of its intersection with Brush College Road Northwest at 8:16 p.m. The vehicle's driver and lone occupant, Donald Wilson, had been traveling eastbound on Zena Road when he lost control, overcorrected and ended up rolling into the field on the north side of the roadway. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Wilson had not been wearing his seatbelt and was partially ejected in the crash. He found deceased at the scene.

## Pacific Power set to decrease bills

PORTLAND — Eligible Pacific Power customers will see an overall average decrease of 3.1 percent because of adjustments to the residential exchange program. The average Oregon residential customer using 900 kilowatt hours per month will see monthly bills go down an additional \$4.22. For the average residential customer, the total credit from the residential exchange program will be \$9.35 per month, which includes the additional \$4.22 as well as the average \$5.13 credit that was already in place. Eligible small agricultural customers will see a total credit of 0.768 cents per kilowatt hour. The new credit levels will start Oct. 1, if approved by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission. For more information: www.pacificpower.net.

## Jobs council to meet about workforce

SALEM — Incite Inc. will host a discussion about the next regional workforce strategic plan for Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties to help form solutions to workforce and industry challenges. The public may attend and be active in these discussions to help educate the Workforce Board in regional challenges through expertise and dialogue. The initial planning meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. on Friday at the Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE, Keizer. A panel of local employers will testify on their knowledge and experience of the workforce system, as well as voice concerns and potential solutions for improvement. For more information: www.inciteworks.org.

## Farm accident claims McMinnville man

POLK COUNTY — Jose "Carmen" Olmedo-Zaragoza, of McMinnville, died on Friday after a fatal farming accident in the 8500 block of North Pacific Highway West on a filbert orchard just south of the Polk-Yamhill county line where harvesting was underway. Olmedo-Zaragoza, 51, was found dead by co-workers in the hopper of farm implement. He had been operating a tractor pulling the implement, which stores nuts harvested from the ground. An investigation showed that he had apparently leaned into the hopper, and loose clothing was caught by the auger, which pulled him in. The Polk County Medical Examiner's Office suggested the cause of death was positional asphyxia. He leaves behind family members in the McMinnville area and a spouse in Mexico.

# SCHOOL NOTES

## Exam fees waived for low-income

SALEM — Low-income students will pay nothing for their advanced placement and international baccalaureate tests and IB registration. Other public school students taking AP or IB exams will have their test fees reduced. Oregon Department of Education communications director Crystal Greene said this is because of more money available from the Oregon Legislature and from the U.S. Department of Education Advanced Placement Test Fee Program. For more information: ode.state.or.us.

## Capitol to provide free sealants

DALLAS — Next week, starting Monday, Capitol Dental will provide free dental sealants to Lyle Elementary School students with permission slips. Some, but not all, students will have permission slips sent home with them. If your child does not have a slip, call the school office at 503-623-8367 or email darcy.naughton@dsd2.org. For more information: 503-623-8367.

## MVCA zucchini car races Friday

MONMOUTH — Mid-Valley Christian Academy will host its legendary zucchini car races at 2:20 p.m. on Friday at the school, 1483 N. 16th St., Monmouth. Students have been working hard to specialize their zucchini racers to compete in prize-winning categories. For more information: www.midvalca.org or 503-838-2818.

## Central High band to host rummage sale

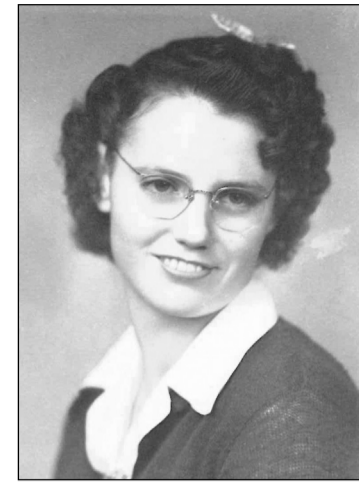
INDEPENDENCE — Central High School's band will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the school's cafeteria. Donations are being accepted in the band room. Larger items may be picked up on Friday evening. Donations are tax deductible. All proceeds from the sale will pay for a music education tour of New Orleans for CHS band students. For more information: Lisa Wittbrodt at lwittbrodt1@central.k12.or.us, or Ed Propst at epropst@central.k12.or.us.

## After-school program to begin Monday

INDEPENDENCE — PAC after-school program will begin on Monday at Central High School. The program runs Monday through Thursday from the last bell until 5:50 p.m. The program provides a semi-structured study environment with available tutoring as well as computers and other supplies students may need to complete their work. The program is free, but registration is required. Registration forms may be found in the CHS office, library or room 132.

# MILESTONE

## Clanfield - 90th



Arlene Clanfield, of Dallas, will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday with her family and friends. She was born in Colorado on Sept. 27, 1925. She has resided in Polk County for the past 87 years. She is retired from field work and as a clerk from Salt Creek Store in Dallas.

Arlene enjoys spending time with her family and friends and going to Bible Study

Group.

Her family includes her late husband, Henry Clanfield, and her children, Shirley and Myron Buchholz, of Sheridan; Jerry and Sandy Clanfield, of Dallas; and Debbie and Larry Crace, of Dallas. She has seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Collin-Evans



Randi Michelle Collin, of Tigard, and Christopher James Evans, of Dallas, are planning an October wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Peggy Collin, of Lake Oswego, and Scott Collin, of Tigard. Her fiancé is the son of Michael and Susan Evans, of Dallas.

Randi is a 2007 graduate of Tigard High School. She is self-employed and does

housecleaning in the Portland Metro area.

Christopher, a 2006 graduate of Dallas High School, works as an apprentice electrician for Crawford Electrician in Dayton.

The wedding is set for Oct. 3 at a family residence.

# BIRTHS

## Henrickson

Ryker Cole Henrickson was born to Jeffrey Henrickson and Amanda Hodges of Dallas at 8:54 a.m. on Sept. 4 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long.

Colton joins Aiden, 12, and Braylin, 8.

Grandparents are Sean and Trina Comerford, of Amity, and Steve and Glenda Henrickson, of Dallas.

**West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Wednesday September 30, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 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.**

**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.**

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