


50th Anniversary

On October 29, 1965 Jim DeVault and Sue Montgomery made a commitment to God and each other to love and honor for the rest of their lives. This commitment has held strong as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They are blessed with two sons, Jeff (Laurie), Corey (Nancy) and two granddaughters, Brittany and McKenzie. They shared fellowship with family and friends.



Gun policy still needs clarity

By Jolene Guzman
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Looking for a way to clarify its policy on staff possessing firearms at school, the Dallas School District has run into more confusion, not less.

The district has interpreted its policy to mean that staff with concealed weapons permits could carry at school, a practice the board doesn't want to change. That's a reading that

the Oregon School Boards Association agrees with, but the district's attorney, Paul Dakopolos, doesn't.

That only added more wrinkles to a complicated issue.

"It's more troubling to me that we have our counsel and the state school boards association telling us two different things. That is a huge red flag for me," said board member Jon Woods.

Dallas' "public conduct on school property" policy

states: "No person on district property will bring, possess, conceal or use a weapon as prohibited by board policy "Weapons in the Schools and State and Federal Law."

That policy applies to students, not employees or members of the public.

Federal law through the "Guns Free School Zone Act" prohibits the possession of a gun on school property or within 1,000 feet of school grounds. Another federal law, "Guns Free School Act" requires schools to adopt a "zero tolerance policy" and expel students who possess firearms at school.

But Oregon law overrides federal law on the issue, allowing guns on school property if the owner has a concealed weapons permit. However, boards have the authority to prohibit staff and volunteers from possessing firearms on school grounds.

State law, like federal law, prohibits students from possessing firearms at school.

Dakopolos said the reference to "no person" in the conduct policy could be interpreted to mean staff, too.

OSBA's reading is the opposite: "That is state law. The only way you can deny them that right is if you have a policy prohibiting," wrote Peggy Holstedt, OSBA's policy services director in an email to district staff.

For Woods and other board members that difference underscored the need for clarity.

"It should be clear on one reading by most everyone, I think," Woods with. "That's really what I'm looking at."

Board member Mike Blanchard suggested a minor change in wording. "Rather that referencing that student policy, maybe it just makes sense to reference (the state law)," he said.

Assistant Superintendent Dennis Engle said staff would revise the policy and bring it back to the board for review and approval at a future meeting.

It's not like her.

Mom has always been so patient, but now when I ask her questions she gets angry.

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SPOOKTACULAR BINGO

October 30th
4PM - 7PM

Volunteer Hall as part of the
Monmouth Halloween Spectacular Event

Open Sessions: \$1 per bingo card, \$10 for 12 cards

Family Fun with Great Prizes! Go to micc-or.org for more info.



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

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142 Highway 99 West
503-838-1445
Monmouth

Monmouth Senior Center
180 S. Warren St.
Monmouth

Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce—PEP Talks: Hiring Do's and Don'ts. Presenters: Kathy Boien and Kathryn Plummer, Western Oregon University, Henry Hill Community Center (750 S 5th Street, Independence) 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Overview:
• Create an effective job description to achieve the desired pool of candidates
• Understand the questions you can legally ask and the ones you should avoid
• Identify candidate red flags
• Communicate effectively with references.
\$10 for MI Chamber members. \$15 for non-members. Email the Chamber micc@minetfiber.com or call 503-838-4268 to reserve by noon Nov. 2nd.

Nov. 4 Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. during which we will hold elections for three new board of directors, as well as provide an overview of our 2015 programs and services and look ahead to 2016! 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Monmouth Public Library (168 Ecols Street S, Monmouth), \$11.00 boxed lunch from Main Street Pub & Eatery. Fee incurred unless cancellation received via email to micc@minetfiber.com by noon 11/2/15. Please note, our monthly forum will hold on the first Wednesday of November (11/4/15) rather than the regularly scheduled second Wednesday in lieu of Veteran's Day on 11/11/15.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day! Help us in honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Thank you!

Nov. 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Nov. 27 & 28 Polk County Craft Festival. 9 AM to 5 PM. Two Buildings full! 150 craft spaces filled with a variety of handmade crafts, wreaths, ornaments, ceramics, gift baskets, cowboy art and all kinds of baking. Food Available on site. Admission is Free. Donations accepted. Donations help 4H & FFA projects at the fairgrounds. Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall.

Don't Forget! October 30th 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Trick-or-Treat at participating Monmouth businesses. Costumes are encouraged for all ages! Trick-or-Treat bags can be picked up either at the Monmouth Public Library (168 Ecols St. S) or at Petals & Vines (401 E. Main St.). The library will have an activity, a craft and treats for everyone—stop by! Watch for Wofie, WOLU's mascot, he will be out and about trick-or-treating! Tons of fun downtown Monmouth on Friday, October 30th! Brought to you by the Monmouth Business Association.

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-or.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 Chateau 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 Chateau 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-or.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!

2015 NOVEMBER Happy Thanksgiving

MONMOUTH AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

