

COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

WOU hosts MICC November mixer

Western Oregon University will host the Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce November Mixer Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Willamette Room, located in the Werner University Center.

WOU President Rex Fuller will be present and attendees will have a chance to learn about community and university relationships.

Light refreshments, including beer and wine, will be available.

The event is free. To register, visit www.micc-or.org.

Illustrator is library artist of the month

Dallas Public Library's featured artist is illustrator Karen E. Haley, a 2008 graduate of Dallas High School.

Her display includes the first five illustrations in her "Alphabet Series," which she is planning to publish as an independent children's book. She created these pieces using alcohol-based Copic markers on white cardstock.

See her work online at: Art by Karen E Haley on YouTube, Etsy, Instagram, Patreon, Facebook, and Syworktv.

Haley's work will be displayed at the library through Nov. 27.

'Gratitude' theme for DAS music jam

Dallas Area Seniors November music jam will be all about "Gratitude."

The jam will be highlighted by songs about thankfulness, from "On Top of Spaghetti" to "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Singers, musicians and music lovers of all ages are welcome to the jam, held at the Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., in the back of the Dallas Public Library.

For more information: Michele Campione, 503-507-5240.

'Suds and Science' talk on tap at 'Dog'

The Luckiamute Watershed Council and The Three Legged Dog in Independence are hosting a "Suds and Science" talk Thursday

Freedom of speech



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More than two dozen people gathered in front of the Polk County Courthouse on Friday to show support for or opposition to comments made by Dallas City Councilor Micky Garus about Muslims on Facebook.

about the status of salmonids and fishing in the Luckiamute watershed.

Karen Hans, a Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) biologist of the Oregon Department of Fish Wildlife (ODFW) will lead the presentation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday at The Three Legged Dog, 250 S. Main St., Independence. Admission to the talk is free.

The event is part of the Luckiamute Watershed Council's Community Science Series, highlighting different topics of interest at local venues with the watershed.

For more information: 503-837-0237.

WOU pantry holds fall food drive

The Western Oregon University Food Pantry is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive through Nov. 20.

For this food drive, organizers are aiming to collect foods that could be eaten for a Thanksgiving meal, but will accept food donations of any kind.

For Thanksgiving, the pantry is looking for donations of: stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, frozen and fresh vegetables, cranberry sauce and pie or dessert.

On Nov. 23, a table will be

Holiday Pet Fair" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pet photos with Santa cost a minimum \$6 donation and all proceeds go to local animal-related charities.

The event also features an "Ask the Vet" table where people can ask questions of local vet Chad McGuire for a small donation. Rides on a cart pulled by a Bernese mountain dog will be available, weather permitting.

Those who visit the store before Saturday can enter to win a 32-inch Smart TV.

For more information: 503-831-1222.

Naomi to serve lunch on Friday

Naomi Chapter No. 22 Order of Eastern Star invites the community for lunch on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunch includes your choice of chicken noodle or vegetable beef soup, salad and a piece of pie for \$7.

Lunch will be served at the Dallas Civic Center at 955 Jefferson St. Tickets will be available at the door.

Proceeds help support projects for the Dallas chapter.

For information contact: Jolene, 503-623-8442.

Falls City to host Thanksgiving meal

The public is invited to the Falls City Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The dinner, which will be held at the Falls City community center, is free and run by volunteers. Traditional Thanksgiving food and a variety of desserts will be served.

For more information: Kristy Major, 503-881-3993.

Trinity to host annual free dinner

The 28th annual free community Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church is Wednesday, Nov. 25. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a community worship service at 7 p.m.

Free meal delivery is available to Dallas residents with disabilities within the city limits. Arrange delivery by calling 503-623-2233.

The church is located at 320 SE Fir Villa Rd., in Dallas.

Pet photos with Santa Saturday

Old Mill Feed & Garden, 1313 Main St., Dallas, is holding its annual fundraiser "Pet Photos with Santa &

home in Sabey's 2001 Dodge pickup.

Sabey chased Abbott in his Chrysler minivan and was able to cut off the suspect, later identified as Tanner Abbott, 31.

Sabey got out of his minivan and confronted the suspect, who attempted to drive off in Sabey's minivan. Sabey blocked him with the truck and Abbott took off on foot toward the creek on Fire Hall Road.

Officers searched and spotted him walking on Andy Riggs Road, wearing jeans and no shirt. The suspect tried one last time to run, but police caught him on Grand Ronde Road.

Abbott was arrested on four counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, second-degree burglary, third-degree theft, giving false information to police,

driving while suspended and second-degree criminal mischief. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Abbott admitted during interviews to stealing his father's pickup and television from Willamina and driving the pickup to Grand Ronde. There, he told police he stole bicycle from a shed on Grand Ronde Road and rode it to where he said he took the Corvette.

Leaving the Corvette at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Abbott said he walked to Ackerson Road, where he stole a white Ford F250 pickup. Abbott said he drove that pickup to Sabey's place, where he took the Dodge pickup.

Police said Abbott gave fake names to officers during interviews and also had contempt of court warrants out of Linn County.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Calendar is a listing of upcoming events taking place in Polk County that are open to the public. To submit an event for calendar consideration, please send it at least two weeks before the actual event date to the Itemizer-Observer via fax (503-623-2395) or email (tioneus@polkio.com).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

• **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.

• **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., West Valley Hospital (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.

• **Bingo at the Farm** — 6:30 p.m., Rogue Farms Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. All ages welcome. Free; food and beverages available for purchase. 503-838-9813.

• **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.

• **Brew and BS** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free. Bring your own brew — beer, coffee, tea, cider, wine. Moderated discussions on topics of religion and science. 503-831-5593.

• **Western Oregon University presents "Book of Days"** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium, WOU campus, Monmouth. General admission, \$12; students, \$7; seniors, \$10. www.wou.edu/theatre-dance/events.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

• **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.

• **Dallas Lions Club** — 11:30 a.m., Hong Kong Restaurant, 325 Main St., Dallas. Everyone welcome. 503-838-9860.

• **Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club** — Noon, First Baptist Church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence. Visiting Rotarians, guests and prospective Rotarians are welcome to these luncheon meetings. Free. 503-838-4884.

• **American Legion Women's Auxiliary** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-420-4021.

• **Radio Operators Association of Dallas (ROADS)** — 7 p.m., Polk County Courthouse (Jefferson Street entrance), 850 Main St., Dallas. Organization for amateur radio operators; public welcome. 503-881-5836.

• **Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce Chamber Mixer** — 5:30 to 7 p.m., Western Oregon Willamette Room, Werner University Center, corner of Monmouth Avenue and Church Street, Monmouth. www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.

• **Dementia Support Group** — 9:30 a.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. A group for people coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. 503-838-5678.

• **Hymn sing-along** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Sing hymns with others. 503-838-5678.

• **Senior Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Free. 503-507-5240.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 20

• **Altered Attitudes Alcoholics Anonymous** — Noon, Dallas United Methodist Church, 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas. 503-399-0599.

• **Guthrie Park Acoustic Music Jam Session** — 7 to 10 p.m., Guthrie Park Community Center, 4320 Kings Valley Highway, Dallas. Free (donations accepted). 503-623-0809.

• **Family Building Blocks Independence play group** — 10 a.m., St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1275 E St., Independence. Play group for children and families. Activities and snacks provided. Free. RSVP, 503-363-3057.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club Meeting** — 9:45 to 11 a.m., Church of Christ, 127 Heffley St. N., Monmouth. First meeting is free. 541-327-1730.

• **American Red Cross Blood Drive** — 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 Fir Villa Road. Donors with all blood types needed. Redcrossblood.org.

• **Western Oregon University presents "Book of Days"** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium, WOU campus, Monmouth. General admission, \$12; students, \$7; seniors, \$10. www.wou.edu/theatre-dance/events.

• **Bluegrass Music Jam** — 7 to 10 p.m., community building at Faith Evangelical Free Church, 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. All are welcome to listen or participate, but bluegrass instruments only. Free. 503-507-4095.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

• **Western Oregon University presents "Book of Days"** — 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium, WOU campus, Monmouth. General admission, \$12; students, \$7; seniors, \$10. www.wou.edu/theatre-dance/events.

• **Pet Photos with Santa & Holiday Pet Fair** — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Old Mill Feed & Garden, 1313 Main St., Dallas. A fundraiser with all proceeds going to local animal-related charities. 503-831-1222.

MONDAY, NOV. 22

• **Central Lions Club** — Noon, Independence Elks Lodge 1950 Dining Room, 289 S. Main St., Independence. 503-606-2150.

• **Willamette Valley New Horizons Orchestra** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Central High School band room, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence. Local orchestra for beginning through intermediate musicians. Meets every Monday. Players of all levels welcome. \$25 monthly fee to cover expenses. 503-838-4884.

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Nut harvest, handling and storage important

Hazelnut, walnut or chestnut trees in your home orchard can keep you in nuts for months if you know the best ways to harvest, handle and store them.

Harvesting hazelnuts means gathering them as they fall from the trees — before autumn rains, if possible, said Ross Penhallegon, a horticulturist with Oregon State University's Extension Service. You can shake branches lightly, but in most cases the nuts will fall on their own.

Walnuts are mature as soon as the husk cuts free from the nut, but usually they are not harvested until rains crack the husk, causing the nut to drop, usually in October. Mature walnuts lose quality rapidly after they have fallen, so gather fallen nuts frequently to prevent mold, discoloration and decay, Penhallegon said.

Chestnuts are mature when they fall naturally from the tree. They ripen in September and October over a period of about two to four weeks. The nuts gain half of their final weight in the final two weeks before falling, so avoid knocking them from the tree. Gather the fallen nuts every few days to preserve quality.

It's important to know your chestnuts. Take care not to eat horse chestnuts, which are poisonous, Penhallegon said. They are cov-



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ered with a leathery, sometimes spiny fruit capsule, which contains two or three glossy seeds or nuts. The leaves originate from the same point and are divided like a fan into five to seven large, toothed leaflets, which are 4- to 10-inches long.

Edible chestnuts have a husk that is covered with sharp, stiff bristles. The husk splits to reveal two or three nuts. The leaves are 3- to 7-inches long, with sharply toothed edges. The leaves grow alternately along the stem.

After harvest, walnuts and hazelnuts should be dried before eating or storage. Begin drying within 24 hours of harvest. You can save drying time if you shell the nuts first.

Air circulation is as important as temperature during drying, Penhallegon said, so dry the nuts on a screen-bottomed tray, in an onion sack or in any other container that will permit free air passage. Optimum drying temperatures are 95 to 105 degrees. If the temperature exceeds 110, nut quality will be poorer.

Unlike hazelnuts and



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walnuts, chestnuts are a fairly perishable product. They are a high-starch, low-fat food more like an apple or potato than a tree nut. Clean and refrigerate soon after harvest to prevent problems with mold and decay. For short-term storage (no more than three months), refrigerate or freeze fresh chestnuts. To prepare chestnuts for long-term storage, dry them fol-

lowing the instructions for walnuts and hazelnuts. Nuts will be rock-hard when dry.

Whether storing dried nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, or chestnuts) or fresh chestnuts, the best choice is to store them in a freezer or refrigerator. You also can store them in a cool room (55 degrees or lower) if refrigeration is not possible. However, longevity is lower.

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

Last Wednesday, most of us celebrated Veteran's Day in traditional ways — with parades and speeches at various locations, with family or public gatherings to honor those who have served — or are serving — in our armed forces. Some had the day off from work and were able to sleep in, others took the opportunity to get a head start on Christmas shopping and were off to the malls. It was nice to take a few moments to thank our veterans for keeping our country free so we could go about our day — and the days to follow — feeling safe and protected.

Many of us were honored to share breakfast at the Monmouth Senior Center with veterans from World

deeds will stay with me for a very long time.

We've put away the flags for another time — perhaps Memorial Day — when we again honor those who have served our country. We have busy lives and too many things to do, bills to pay, kids to raise, friends and family members to worry about, so it's not surprising that we aren't thinking much about veterans. We don't spend a lot of time wondering about the men and women who returned from the war and can't find a job, or those who came back with post-traumatic stress disorder, or depression, or can't cope with all that is happening around them. We don't see the homeless vets daily, so that's

not on our radar. We hear about vets whose lives are so out of control that they turn to alcohol and drugs and even suicide for some relief, but unless they are friends or family members, we feel a momentary sadness and move on to whatever is next on our list.

What we can do to write to our elected officials — tell them of our concerns and insist they sponsor bills or introduce legislation to help those who have worn our country's uniform. Our senators and representatives are there to serve us — and especially the veterans who have kept our country safe from harm. It is one small thing we can all do to show we care, and want something done.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

- DALLAS**
950 Main St.
503-623-2633
www.ci.dallas.or.us/library
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 3:45 p.m. — Teen Advisory Board meeting.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4:45 p.m. — Teen Book Club, "The 5th Wave" by Richard Yancey.
 - Thursday, Nov. 19, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
 - Thursday, Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m. — Lego Building.
 - Friday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m. — Teen Movie Night "Mocking Jay, part 1."
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m. — Story time.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 3:30 p.m. — Story time.
- INDEPENDENCE**
175 Monmouth St. • 503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time, Stretch, Dance, Play.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
 - Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
 - Thursday, Nov. 19, 1 p.m. — Community English as a Second Language.
 - Monday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m. — Family movie, "Inside Out."
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 3 p.m. — Gobble it up, Thanksgiving crafts and activities.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. — Family story time.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m. — Cuentos in Español.
- MONMOUTH**
168 S. Ecols St. • 503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school storytime (2.5 to 5 years).
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. — Thanksgiving Crafternoon.
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10:15 a.m. — Tales for tots (story time for babies and toddlers).
 - Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. — Movie, "Shaun the Sheep."
- WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY**
111 N. Main St., Falls City
503-787-3521, ext. 319
www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline
- See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

WEDDINGS

Slyh-O'Driscoll



Lauren Slyh and Patrick O'Driscoll, both of Portland, were married Oct. 17 at Tillamook Station in Portland.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Korrine Slyh, of Dallas. The groom is the son of Dave and Debra Driscoll, of Dallas.

Patrick and Lauren met at Dallas High School in 2002, and re-

connected after college in 2011.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii early next year. They make their home in Portland.

BIRTHS

Berg

Becker Dominick Stephen Berg was born to Justin and Ashley Berg, of Independence, at 8:04 a.m. on Nov. 3 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

Becker joins Zander, 5, Ryker, 4, and Sadie, 1.

Grandparents are Gerald and Dawn Tackett, of Fontana, Calif.; Paul and Janice Thompson, of Independence; Dominick and Chrissy Zuniga, of Monmouth; and John Berg, of Port Orchard, Wash.

Bell

Mason Sawyer Bell was born to Brandon and Angie Bell, of Dallas, at 6:03 p.m. on Nov. 3 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21.5 inches long.

Mason joins Abigail, 7, Adalee, 4, and Remington, 2.

Grandparents are Chester and Barbara Sisson, of Dallas, Tony Bell, of Dallas, and Kaprice Aebi, of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Ron and Garnetta Day, of Dallas, and George and Betsy Sisson, of Dolph.

Owens

Walker David Owens was born to Aaron and McKenzie Owens, of Dallas, at 1:40 a.m. on Nov. 4 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

Walker joins Kennedy, 3, and Paisley, 2.

Grandparents are John and Amy Stewart, of Dallas; Chris and Chelsea Horn, of Elgin; Jim Owens, of Newport; and Elizabeth Reed Owens, of Dallas.

Great-grandparents are Jo Martin, of Dallas, and Virginia Reed, of Klamath Falls.

Quiring

Abigail Veronica Quiring was born to Aaron Quiring and Jeanette Murray, of Monmouth, at 8:35 p.m. on Nov. 4 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Abigail joins Tana, 12, Riley, 7, and Eleanor, 2.

Grandparents are Leslie Cole, of Monmouth, and Jay and Ruth Quiring, of Dallas.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 24

• **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., St. Philip Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club** — 6 to 7 p.m. weigh-in, 7 to 8 p.m. meeting, First Christian Church basement, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Meetings offer programs and activities aimed at losing weight. Open to anyone. First meeting is free.

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• **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.

• **Yoga in the Hopyard** — 6 p.m., Rogue Farms Micro Hopyard, 3590 Wigrich Road, Independence. Offered on the last Wednesday of every month. Free; bring your own yoga mat. 503-838-9813.