



Local Easter Egg Hunts

Eggs'tra Special Egg Hunt Saturday

An Easter Egg Hunt for children aged kindergarten through 18 with special needs will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Grace Community Church, 598 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas.

The hunt includes inside sensory activities, gluten-free snacks, games, candy and prizes.

Registration is required for this free event at graceindallas.org. For more information: Charisa Burbank at 503-623-4961.

Gentle Woods Park Easter Egg Hunt

The Monmouth-Independence YMCA will hold an Easter Egg Hunt in Gentle Woods Park in Monmouth at 10 a.m. on Saturday for children aged infant through 5 and at 10:15 a.m. for those aged 6 and older.

Collect eggs, visit the Easter Bunny and win prizes.

For more information: 503-581-9622.

Jefferson Lodge Easter Egg Hunt

Jefferson Lodge Memory Care will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. on Friday at the lodge, 664 SE Jefferson St., Dallas, for children 10 and younger.

Find the golden egg and win a special prize. Attendees will be able to get photos taken with the Easter Bunny. A bunny petting zoo will be available, as well as a bounce house.

Everybody is welcome.

Easter Egg Dash

The Grace Community Church, 598 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, will host its annual Easter Egg Dash at 10 a.m. on Saturday for kids from infant through fifth grade.

Meet in the sanctuary, then dash to get as many eggs as possible.

Doughnuts and juice will be served afterward.



Moore Insurance Agency 'Egg Pass'

Nathan E. Moore Insurance Agency, 157 Main St. W., Monmouth, is sponsoring an Easter egg scavenger hunt now through Monday.

Pick up the "Egg Pass" at the agency and search for the hidden egg at seven local businesses to have your pass stamped. Participating businesses are: Veal Bikes Plus, Gracy Lu's, Java Crew, Koyotes Tacos, Yeasty

Beasty, Main Street Ice Cream Parlor and Urban Deli.

Take the stamp cards back to Moore Insurance by Monday to receive your final stamp and prize bag.

For more information: 503-838-1199.

Falls City Egg Hunt

Falls City will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The hunt will take place in the Upper Park ballfield.

BIRTHS

Owens

Gordon Bailee Owens was born to Kameron Owens and Stephanie Peirce, of Hobbs, N.M., at 10:35 p.m. on March 2 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.5 inches long.

Gordon joins Areah, 2.

Grandparents are Dayna Perkins, of Dallas, Randy Peirce, of Dallas, Chris Owens, of Dallas, and Cedee Miller, of Hobbs.

Miller

James Dustin Miller was born to Dusty and Lisa Miller, of Keizer, at 10:12 p.m. on March 9 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 8 pounds, and was 21 inches long.

James joins Amelia, 2.

Grandparents are Keith and Corinne Eckley, of Keizer, and Bob and Shari Miller, of Dallas.

Sickles

Lucy Louise Sickles was born to Justin and Jessica Sickles, of Dallas, at 5:36 p.m. on March 15 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Lucy joins Dylan, 9, and Gavin, 6.

Grandparents are Janelle Hale, of McMinnville, Steve Hale, of Salem, Debra Sickles, of Dallas, and Dennis Sickles, of Falls City.

Great-grandparents are Elsie Hale, of Willamina, Betty Sickles, of Dallas, and Nancy Seabourne, of Falls City.

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

As of Monday, it's officially springtime — and not a moment too soon. After a season of cold wind and seemingly unrelenting rain, most of us are very happy that Old Man Winter packed his bags and moved to another hemisphere for the next several months. Now that we've adjusted to daylight saving time, we can all enjoy this season of new beginnings and look forward to all the good and bountiful joys of living in this paradise we call the Willamette Valley.

All of MI Town celebrated our very own Western Oregon University's men's basketball team with cheers and hearty congratulations to the players and coaches and everyone who worked so hard to beat University of California, San Diego, to reach the Elite Eight in the

NCAA Division II championship. Our hopes are high that the Wolves will be victorious over Saginaw Valley tonight in Frisco, Texas.

There were so many good things to do last week in MI Town as we dodged downpours and raindrops before Mother Nature brought us blue skies and bright sunshine. We were treated to a wonderful lunch of soup (minestrone or Irish stew), good bread and butter, as well as lemonade and cookies at the Monmouth Public Library where author Mag-

gie Stuckey spoke about her latest book, "Soup Night: Recipes for Creating Community Around a Pot of Soup." Stuckey has written several books on food and gardening and shared lots of stories with us. Stop by the library for more information about her publications.

Wednesday evening was Family Literacy Night at Burgerville, another in a series of family events that are bringing so many good things to our community. How fun it is to see bright-eyed children and happy parents at these occasions. What could be better than good food and good books?

While corned beef and cabbage were simmering at our house on St. Patrick's Day, it was soup and pie time at the Monmouth Senior

Center. Good weather helped guarantee that many hungry folks came out to partake of good things from the best kitchens in MI Town.

The Independence Public Library's book sale at the old library building on Friday and Saturday rounded out the week just fine, with all kinds of bargains and goodies galore.

We're right in the middle of spring break this week, and many families are making preparations for Easter weekend, as well as trips to the coast or activities right here in town. There will be colored eggs and jelly beans and happy kids and pets enjoying the great outdoors, along with the sounds of lawnmowers, as we get ready for springtime in our yards and gardens.

PEDEE NEWS



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

Easter is Sunday and Pedee Church will be having their traditional Sunrise Service, celebrating Christ's arising, at Womer Cemetery at 6:30 that morning. The service is short but it's usually cold, so dress warmly. When the church started having the Sunrise Service at the cemetery, the trees were short and we could actually see the sun coming up when it wasn't cloudy or rainy. Since that seldom happens, we're OK with tall trees.

After that service, the

church hosts a community breakfast from 7 to about 9 a.m., which the men serve. The main Easter service will be at 10 a.m.

Allison Barnhart is the new secretary at church and she's planning to do some

redecorating and is looking for old barn boards. Call her at the church, 503-838-4073, if you have some you're willing to part with.

I've been to two conferences in the last month, both with speakers emphasizing the importance of grazing to the health of the land. Rangeland was designed to be roamed by animals, wild or domestic, and when there is no grazing, the land is taken over by weeds that aren't affected by grazing, instead of

the grasses who need it and the "natural fertilizer" (poop) the animals provide.

Kids particularly like to be mentioned in the paper, so if any community members (broadly speaking) have birthday parties or other celebrations for them, or if they have other accomplishments like making the honor roll or dean's list at school, please contact me at kovasha@gmail.com or 503-835-3512.

Gene's Meat Market

8 lbs T-bone Steak	1/4 BEEF
8 lbs Rib Steak	80 lb.
5 lbs Top Round Steak	
20 lbs Chuck Roast	
7 lbs Boneless Rolled Roast	
5 lbs Boneless Stew Meat	
27 lbs Lean Ground Beef	

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Matinees are all shows before 6pm. New pricing for matinees are: Adult \$7.25 Children \$6.75 • Senior \$7.00 Pricing does not reflect 3D showings.

Friday - Saturday March 25 - March 26		
10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (Digital) (PG13)	(11:50 2:25 4:55)	7:25 9:45
DIVERGENT SERIES:		
ALLEGIANTE (Digital) (PG13)	(1:35 4:20)	7:05 9:50
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2 (PG13)	(12:25 2:45 5:05)	7:25 9:35
BATMAN V SUPERMAN:		
DAWN OF JUSTICE (Digital) (PG13)	(11:35 2:50)	6:10 8:20
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DAWN OF JUSTICE (Digital) (PG13)	(1:45 5:00)	8:15
MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN (Digital) (PG)	(11:35 2:00 4:35)	7:10 9:40
DEADPOOL (Digital) (R)	(11:55 2:20 4:50)	7:15 9:30
ZOOTOOPIA (Digital 2d) (PG)	(11:40 2:10 4:45)	7:20 9:40
Sunday March 27		
10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (Digital) (PG13)	(11:50 2:25 4:55)	7:25
DIVERGENT SERIES:		
ALLEGIANTE (Digital) (PG13)	(1:35 4:20)	7:05
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2 (PG13)	(12:25 2:45 5:05)	7:25
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ZOOTOOPIA (Digital 2d) (PG)	(11:40 2:10 4:45)	7:20
Monday - Thursday March 28 - March 31		
10 CLOVERFIELD LANE (Digital) (PG13)	(2:25 4:55)	7:25
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Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

						1	7
	1	6			8		
	9		8		4		5
1			2			9	4
				6	3		
	4	2		1			
5			7	4			1
8	1						2
7						5	

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.

By Ben Arnoldy
The Christian Science Monitor

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Pencil us in!

Itemizer-Observer

Relay for Life of Polk County Spaghetti Feed and Auction

Friday, April 8th

Food and Silent Auction begin at 5 pm
Outcry Auction begins at 7 pm • Live Music

Suggested donation \$5 per meal.
\$20 maximum for immediate family

Menu: Spaghetti and sauce Green salad Garlic bread Choice of drinks (Until 7:00 pm while it lasts)	Auction items include: • Antiques and other old stuff • International arts and crafts • Quilts and wooden boxes • Local crafts and goods
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Silent Auctions close at various times. Auctioneer: Al Steverson

For tickets for the dinner or more information:
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Deny Saxowsky: 541-223-4462, saxowsky@gmail.com
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