

# Miniature roses deserve major attention

Small in stature but large on looks, miniature roses can make a major presence in the garden.

"They make wonderful landscape plants," said Kathrine Johnson, an Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener since 1998. "They flower big time all season long."

Often wrapped in foil and sold as gifts, miniature roses grew a reputation as houseplants. In fact, she said, these diminutive plants require six hours of full sun and good air circulation, so indoor living doesn't agree with them.

"Don't think miniature roses are tender," said Johnson, past president of the Portland Rose Society. "They're a hardy rose and can live in temperatures as low as 10 degrees. You just mulch them well like any other type of rose."

Though most often falling in the 12-to-24 inch-range, miniature roses grow as small as 6 inches and as tall as 4 feet. Climbers reach up to 5 feet. A better way to recognize them is by the tiny



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flowers and proportionately small foliage. The blooms mimic the hybrid tea, floribunda and grandiflora flowers of standard roses and come in single, semi-double, double and clustered blossoms. The colors are just as vast.

"They are literally just a smaller size of your normal roses," Johnson said.

Their size makes minis ideal for containers, a desirable characteristic for patios and balconies. But the tiny-flowered plants shine in the ground, where they easily take a main role at the front of a flower bed, edging a walkway or at the base of taller plants.

When it comes to caring for miniature roses, Johnson recommends the following regimen:

Site them in as much sun as possible. Just like stan-



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**Though many people try to grow miniature roses on a window sill, they prefer the outdoor life.**

ard size roses, they'll languish in less than 6 hours.

Feed approximately every four weeks during the growing season, discontinuing about two months before the average first frost date. Use a water-soluble or liquid fertilizer.

Water frequently since

their roots don't grow as deep.

Prune in late February by taking out any dead, diseased or damaged canes. Cut the rest back by half. If you have a lot of plant you can just use hedge shears.

Mulch in winter with leaves or compost.

## MI TOWN

What was once only a gleam in the eyes of those who wished for a much-needed expansion of the Monmouth Senior Center, is now becoming a reality. Those of us who witnessed the ground breaking ceremony on Thursday were able to learn more about the history of MI Town's senior and community center and of the efforts made by so many optimistic and hard-working people. Sue Teal, director and cheerleader extraordinaire, shared stories about how the original center's initial planning began in 1976, and of the positive changes and activities that have only increased over the years. Special recognition was given to Monmouth Community Development Director Mark Fancey, who spent countless hours seeking — and receiving — grants from several organizations to help fund this project, meeting center members and city staff and



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council members to help this project happen.

For 12 years, Independence Health and Rehabilitation has provided the center with funding for scrambled eggs and sausages, biscuits and gravy, orange juice and coffee and many other items for the fundraising community breakfasts held the first Saturday of every month. Marie Kristiansen and Diane Nordyke spearheaded so many fundraising activities and encouraged everyone to contribute time, energy and whatever financial resources possible to make the expansion dream become a reality.

Member Jan Warden was recognized for her many years of positive contributions to center committees; Friends Board president Jack Hinkle and advisory board president Pat Ohlsen were also introduced to the crowd.

Monmouth Mayor John Oberst and members of the city council participated in the festivities, including Jon Carey — recuperating from motor vehicle crash injuries — in attendance. Dr. Bob Wingham, WOU behavioral sciences professor, spoke of the positive interaction between his students and the senior center members and volunteers — and how it is an excellent example of how college youth and seniors can provide one another with shared experiences and interests. MI Town's librarians, Robin Puccetti (Independence) and Krist Obrist (Monmouth), City Manager Scott

McClure, and Monmouth Police Chief Darrell Tallan joined other business and community members to celebrate this special day. Also in attendance were architect and project manager, Jone Hornbeck and Andy Medcalf, whose construction company will be building the new addition to the center.

Following the groundbreaking, many of us enjoyed cake and punch in the center's community room, where we were treated to a display of photographs and other memorabilia showing the center's 30 years of service to MI Town.

Saturday, Western Oregon University celebrates their 159th graduation at McArthur Stadium at 11 a.m. We'll say goodbye to students we've met over the years and look forward to meeting new students in September.

## PEDEE NEWS

Ted Jones' sister, Bernadine Edwards, died on May 29. She, Ted, and their family grew up here in this area, but now only Jean Barrons of the six brothers and sisters is left, and she lives in Vancouver. Bernadine was buried at Edwards Cemetery, across from Womer Cemetery, last week.

Nine students graduated



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from high school at Kings Valley Charter School this year: Becca Barnhart, Levi Bault, Clara Castle, Jonah

Bodnovits, Maddie Brown, Ryan Macnab, Tanner Simmons, Ana Richmond, and Tim McIlroy. Most of the graduates went to the charter school all 13 of their school years. Kings Valley's graduation will be at the school at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and all are invited.

I went to the Falls City/Kings Valley baccalaureate on May 31 at the Mountain Gospel Fellowship in Falls City and was glad I did. Steve Dixon, a 29-year Falls City resident who works for InFaith missions, led the service and started the program by reading Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go," his funny but profound book about graduating, then Falls City High School teacher Emily Kenagy and Kings Valley staff member Diana Barnhart delivered short but meaningful messages to the graduates. Dixon spoke to the graduates about how important reading is, and was one of the best baccalaureate addresses I've ever heard — short but clear, with an important point.

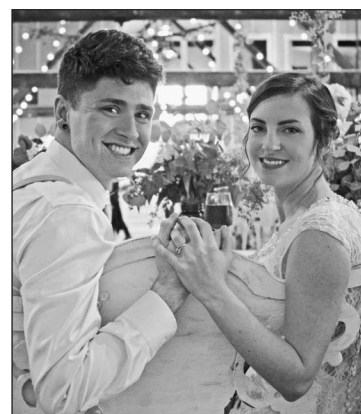
Allana Russell celebrated

her 11th birthday in a big way during the Memorial Day weekend, with over 40 friends and relatives coming. Her grandparents, Jon and Linda Hovet were there from Creswell, as well as her Uncle Isaac Hovet and two of his kids, Owen and Ava, from Cottage Grove. Former Pedee pastor Mitch and Amber Lee and their six children and Tom and Amy Gilson and their three, plus many others were also there. The kids made a cool bag out of old T-shirts as one of their fun activities.

The joys of living in a log house in the woods as we do include sharing our home with various wildlife. Three chipmunks moved into the living room recently. At first they were quite shy and ran when they noticed us, but now seem to take us in stride. Since they don't smell, seem to be housebroken, and are cute as can be, we haven't done much to chase them out, although we sure don't feed them. I would like to get rid of the bats though, so if you have an idea of how we can accomplish that, let me know.

## WEDDINGS

### Vessell-Schmidt



Deaven Skye Vessell and Kyle Evan Schmidt, both of Salem, were married March 13, 2016, at the Green Villa Barn in Independence.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Jena Vessell, of Dallas. The groom is the son of Neil and Christina Schmidt, of Dallas.

Deaven is a 2013 graduate of Dallas

High School and a 2015 graduate of Chemeketa Community College. She is pursuing further education at Western Oregon University and is employed at Great Harvest Bread Company in Salem.

Kyle is a 2012 graduate of Dallas High School and a 2014 graduate of Chemeketa Community College. He is employed at Costco Wholesale in Salem.

Pastor Hans Rasmussen officiated at the ceremony. The couple wrote their own vows and took communion at the ceremony.

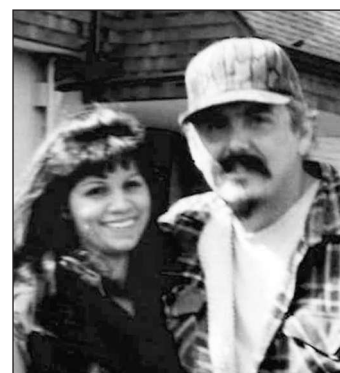
Deaven's maid of honor was best friend, Julie Postma. Her bridesmaids were Kayce Lilley, Kelsea Banks, McKenna Reasor, Briana Classen and Alison Hattan.

Kyle's best man was his brother, Joshua Schmidt. His groomsmen were Ian Ussery, Landon Hattan, Anthony Friesen, JT and Gunner Wyatt. Flower girl was Eliza Compton and ring bearers were twins, John and Jaden Rasmussen.

The couple honeymooned 10 days in Kawai, Hawaii. They make their home in Salem.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Rivera



Rene Sr. and Irma Ann Rivera, of Dallas, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Monday. They are planning a trip to the coast to celebrate the occasion.

Rene Rivera Sr. and Irma Ann Gonzales were married on June 6, 1986, in Victoria, Texas. Judge Judy Bohuslan performed the ceremony.

The couple has lived

in Polk County for 24 years.

Rene works at G&R Auto Wrecking, while Irma Ann is employed at Dallas Retirement Village.

The couple enjoys walks, fishing, long drives and spending time together with family in West Salem.

Their family includes Chris and Roxanne Shaw, of Dallas, Rene Jr. and Makayla, of Dallas, and Angielita and Mike, of Dallas.

The couple has six grandchildren.

### Lewis

William Dean and Ilene Mae Lewis, of Monmouth, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday. They will celebrate with a gathering of friends, music, hugs, food and lots of talking at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Ash Creek Bible Church, 1483 16th St. N., Monmouth.

William Dean Lewis and Ilene Mae Cowden were married on June 11, 1966, in St. Helens.

They have lived in Monmouth for more than 55 years. The couple enjoys attending Ash Creek Bible Church, traveling, lawn and gardening, and keeping fit.

Their family includes Jennifer School, of Independence, Robin and Trevor Lewis, of Kaiser, William Shawn and Michelle Lewis, of Independence, and Seth and Morgan Lewis, of Independence.

The couple has 14 grandchildren.

## BIRTHS

### Houseright

Scarlett Mae Houseright was born to Becky Hines and Joe Houseright, of Salem, on May 20 at Oregon Health & Sciences University in Portland.

She weighed 1 pound, 4 ounces.

She joins brother Nolan.

### Leppin

Carly Emma Leppin was born to Jennifer and Anthony Leppin, of Amity, on May 31 at Salem Family Birth Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Gary and Cindy Mathis, of Amity, and Garold and Jean Leppin, of Amity.

### Arnold

Wyatt Emerson Arnold was born to Jason and Theresa Arnold, of Dallas, on May 13 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Wyatt joins Paige, 3, and Grant, 18 months.

Grandparents are Jay and Betsy Arnold, of Dallas, and Marty Warner, of Independence.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### TUESDAY, JUNE 14

• **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., 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.

• **Overeaters Anonymous** — Noon to 1 p.m., Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Support group meets in the conference room immediately inside the front doors.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

• **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.

• **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.

• **Gentle Tai Chi** — 3 to 4 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens, Dallas. Slow body movements to improve balance, flexibility, agility and meditation. Wear comfortable clothes. Free. 503-623-3397.

• **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.

• **Brew and BS: The Old Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on the Old Testament. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

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