

# MI TOWN

Summertime days and evenings give all of us in MI Town so many opportunities to get out and about — for neighborhood walks, with visits with neighbors and friends along the way, stopping by one of our restaurants, bakeries or coffee shops for a quick cup to give us energy as we go about our regular routines, or for a more leisurely lunch or dinner to celebrate a special occasion or friendship.

These days, most of us are busy with all things garden — going to the computer to check for yet another zucchini and/or squash recipe to keep up with the veggies showing up on a daily basis, picking green beans and other goodies to freeze for winter, and seeking out the blackberries and raspberries that are so in-



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credibly good this summer. I spied the first almost-red tomato in the garden last Thursday, and hopefully by press time, there will have been more for salads and sandwiches and just for eating right out of the garden.

For the past two summers, I've been able to grow so many good and tasty vegetables, thanks to the Seed Lending Library at the Monmouth Public Library. This is my first year to try black beans and if the substantial yield from the peas, green beans and lettuce is

any indication, this should give us a bumper crop. If your garden planting is complete for this summer, be sure to check with the library next springtime to see if this wonderful program will repeat. The seed packets are free, and if you can share goodies from your garden with someone else, that's an added bonus for everyone.

Rock out with the group Charlie Horse this evening in Main Street Park in Monmouth. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy another opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors, with no admission charge.

"The Avengers — Age of Ultron" is the featured outdoor movie on Thursday at the Independence Am-

phitheater. Bring the family, pack up a supper and enjoy a summer evening under the stars, free to everyone.

Celebrate Friday at another outdoor concert — this one on Friday evening at the Independence Amphitheater. Seattle-based Longstride will bring their reggae sound and enthusiasm to an evening of what promises to be great entertainment. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to attend.

Let's all be mindful of all the children and bicycle riders and dog walkers who are out enjoying the summertime days and evenings as we drive from one place to another. It only takes an instant for a serious accident to occur, and we want everyone to arrive safely at their destinations.

# PEDEE NEWS

Pedee Church's pastor, Daniel Russell, was ordained along with four other ministers at the Pacific Conference of the Evangelical Church annual meeting on July 20 at Valley View Evangelical Church, near Portland. His wife, Heidi, joined him for the ceremony as they were prayed for and commissioned by denominational and local church leaders. Previous Pedee Pastor Mitch Lee, Pam Burbank, and Tim Barnhart also participated in the ordination. Daniel's parents, Jerry and Phyllis Russell, and Heidi's parents, Jon and Linda Hovet, attended with other friends, Eric Schwanke, Scott Castle, and Matt and Nicole Roby. Daniel had been licensed as a pastor and, as such, had to be reaffirmed annually by a vote of the "elders" — the or-



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dained ministers. Now he is one of those elders.

Dave and Suzanne Burbank's son, Brennan, took his PE (professional engineering) test a few weeks ago and passed (on his first try, with a lot of hard study), so this last week he received formal notification that he is now a licensed engineer. He works for the Oregon Department of Transportation. He, his wife, Callie, and two kids live in Independence.

On July 19, I took Polish

friends, Jacek Szalkowski and Mia Lewanczyk, to see beautiful Multnomah Falls, and Jacek proposed to Mia on the bridge there! Of course the place was packed with tourists, which didn't stop Jacek, so as he presented her with a diamond ring, the crowd cheered and clapped and wished them well. They've seen a lot of Oregon at this point, but I suspect Multnomah Falls will be first in their hearts.

Last Friday, Judy Guida and Jennifer Vandenberg participated in Disney's "Virtual 5K Run," which means they sign up to run a 5K where they wish and then receive a medal for doing so. They ran theirs on Pedee Creek Road. Virtual 5K runs are on the honor system, but I can't imagine

the point of signing up and then cheating.

Joe and Jackie Guida visited Judy Guida for several days this month. The neighbors taught Joe and Judy to drive their tractor, so they got a lot of work done around the barn and pastures. While he was here, they went to Portland to see the Cavalia Horse Show in Portland, a magical experience for them all.

A big thank you to Allison Barnhart and Jennifer Mellein and all of people that contributed to loving a giggly, bouncy, group of little kids at Vacation Bible School last week. Themed "Deep Sea Discovery — God Is With Me Wherever I Go," VBS was fun from start to finish.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

- **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.
- **Yarning for Others** — 3 to 5 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Knitters and crocheters gather to make clothing and accessories for those in need on the first Wednesday of every month. 503-689-7222.
- **Music in the Park** — 6:30 p.m., Main Street Park, Monmouth. Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising, bluegrass. Free. www.ci.monmouth.or.us.

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**Friday - Wednesday July 29 - August 3**

<b>NERVE (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(12:25 2:45 5:05) 7:25 9:40
<b>ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE (Digital) (PG)</b>	(12:20 2:40 5:00) 7:20 9:30
<b>BAD MOMS (Digital) (R)</b>	(12:10 2:35 5:00) 7:25 9:45
<b>JASON BOURNE (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(1:35 4:25) 7:15 10:00
<b>STAR TREK BEYOND (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(1:30 4:15) 7:00 9:45
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<b>LIGHTS OUT (Digital) (PG13)</b>	(1:15 3:20 5:25) 7:30 9:35
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<b>SUICIDE SQUAD (Digital) (PG13)</b>	6:00 8:45

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