

# MI TOWN



**PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER**  
Columnist

This summer has brought about its own special challenges — lots of good days filled with sunshine and blue skies, and the opportunity to get up early to water gardens and flowers, and to be sure to keep the bird baths full of water, had added more tasks to an already busy day. Gabriel and Lady, our resident doggies, are disappointed in the lack of car rides, no matter how much we explain that it's cooler at home and dogs and warm cars don't mix.

The good news about hot days is that MI Town's libraries have all kinds of activities for kids of all ages. It's not only a cool and comfortable place to be on a hot summer day, but you can also beat the heat by discovering new and differ-

ent things and travel the world — or even into outer space — by opening a book and getting lost between the pages. I can't remember when I didn't know how to read, and finding a library wherever I've lived has always been a top priority. We are so fortunate here to have the Western Oregon University library close by, too. Check either the Monmouth or Independence Library websites to see what is new this week, and all through the summer.

When we're all trying to keep cool, it's hard to think about the upcoming seasons where coats and jackets are the rule, but for those of us who love cheering on our WOU Wolves at McArthur Stadium, the good and happy news is that season tickets for the upcoming football season are now on sale at the Athletic Department.

The Wolves open this year's football season on Saturday, Sept. 3, when they meet the Hornets at Sacramento State in California. There will be four home games this year; the first being on Saturday, Sept. 10 against Central Washington at 1 p.m. Here's your opportunity to make plans for tailgating, getting together with friends and family and en-

joying a great autumn afternoon while the weather is comfortable and inviting.

Lots of political discussions going on in MI Town and just about everywhere else in our land, and that gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard — at town halls or other gatherings and to let our elected officials (whether they are city, county, state or national) know our thoughts and wishes. The conventions are over; the presidential candidates have been chosen; and we have time to learn more about their plans and programs before casting our ballots. It's time to go beyond the myth and folklore and make informed decisions. Please register to vote and take part in this election season.

# PEDEE NEWS



**ARLENE KOVASH**  
Columnist

Pedee students are doing a variety of things this summer. Mick and Debbie Cochrane's daughter Paige spent 10 days with high school friend Jenna Friesen at her home in Santa Barbara. Paige will be a sophomore at Willamette University this fall. Rich and Tess Simons' sons, Josh and Brandon, are both working this summer to earn money for their next year at Western Oregon University. Josh will be a junior and is working for his dad, and Brandon will be a sophomore and is making pizza in Independence for funds to continue. Cliff and Anne Bault's son, Levi, is taking the summer off to explore his options for the next year since he just graduated from Kings Valley Charter School.

Dawntae Bault (who requires a whole separate paragraph) just finished the Polk County 4-H pre-fair and received a red ribbon in showmanship with his pony, Trigger. He and Trigger were hula dancers in the Dallas Summerfest parade on Saturday, Dawntae in a Hawaiian shirt and Trigger in a grass skirt — what a sight. He will be showing Trigger and his goats at the county fair. He also went to Big Lake Christian Camp for a week. Anne's summer has been spent chauffeuring Dawntae,

who will be a freshman at Kings Valley Charter School.

Shawn and Trina Brotherton spent three nights tent camping at Little Cultus Lake in the Cascades with their kids, 9-year-old Kalina and 6-year-old Kindan, and their three dogs the weekend of July 16th. They caught the attention of kayakers when they all, including the dogs, canoed across the lake together one day.

Ted and Ethelene Osgood joined the Polk About Sams RV Club this year and went to Hoquiam, Wash., from July 7 through 15, with old neighbors Alan and Sue Garton. They had a good time and hope to go often. The club camps, then visits local sights during the week.

Dave and Suzanne hosted a church picnic on Sunday, July 24. There were heaps of yummy food, perfect weather, and a lot of happy children playing games. Plus they had a fiddle player joining them for a little bluegrass. The church is blessed with several talented musicians.

The Pedee Women's Club has been planning its Sept. 9-10 quilt show. There should be 40-50 quilts made by local quilters, plus several made by the club for children at risk. They completed this year's raffle quilt to make money for the soldiers' fund and will have a booth at the county fair to sell tickets on it. Stop by and buy your tickets — \$1 or six for \$5.

**Sudoku solution**

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

**Peridot is the birthstone for August.**

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## BIRTHS

### Cervantes

Gabriel Octavio Cervantes was born on July 19 to Ashley and Octavio Cervantes, of Independence, at the Salem Family Birth Center.  
He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.  
Grandparents are Ron and Billie Maden, of Salem, and Octavio Sr. and Susana Cervantes, of Independence.

### Christensen

Adalyn Rose Christensen was born on July 23 to Heidi and Jason Christensen, of Dallas, at Salem Family Birth Center.  
She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.  
Adalyn joins Jeran, 15, and Elliot, 2.  
Grandparents are Stacey Krouse, of Gresham, and Patty and Ray Christensen, of Dallas.

## Host a 'campout' to test supplies

By **Jolene Guzman**  
The Itemizer-Observer

POLK COUNTY — The American Red Cross is encouraging people to test their preparedness and emergency supplies kit during "Camp Prepare!" on Saturday.

You don't have to go anywhere to participate in the event. Camp Prepare! can happen in your backyard — or a favorite campground, if you prefer.

The "camp" is a region-wide, coordinated camping event the whole family can participate in that tests your emergency preparedness in a fun way, said Amy Shlossman, CEO of the Red Cross Cascades Region.

Common items used for camping such as water, canned food, flashlights, extra batteries and first aid supplies are just a few of the items that should be in a disaster preparedness kit. While the Red Cross recommends at least a three-day supply of food and water, larger disasters, like a Cascadia earthquake may require supplies for several weeks.

To participate in the event register at: [www.redcross.org/CampPrepare2016](http://www.redcross.org/CampPrepare2016).

Building your emergency kit

The American Red Cross has designed a 24-week calendar to build a two-week home disaster kit. The following is the 10th week.

Week 10

- Waterproof portable container for important papers
- AM/ FM Radio
- Wrench to turn off utilities

Action Steps: Make sure everyone in the house knows where to find gas and water meter shut-off valves and how to turn them off. Attach a wrench near each shutoff valve so it is there when needed.

To find past week's emergency kit checklists, go to [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

**Monmouth 2016**

## Music in the Park

Main St. Park Amphitheater  
Every Wednesday through August 31 ~ 6:30pm  
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Look for Music in the Park Series on Facebook for more information about this year's artists.

**Performing Tonight**  
**August 3**  
**Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising**  
(Bluegrass)

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Bring your chairs and blankets and we'll see you in the park!

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Mark Fancey 503-751-0147

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