

# MI TOWN

It's been a busy several days for many of MI Town's best soup makers and pie bakers, and you'll be able to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of their labors at the Monmouth Senior Center Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This semi-annual event is a treat for the senses and a great opportunity to savor food and fun with friends and neighbors.

Western Oregon University is celebrating Homecoming this week, with lots of activities, sports events and just good fun for current students, alums and all who enjoy the benefits of having a university right here in MI Town. The celebrations will continue into the weekend, with the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen at McArthur Stadium during halftime of the WOU-



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Humboldt State University football game. The game begins at 12:30 p.m., and we'll happily walk up to campus and share the fun and excitement with everyone.

Tim Timmerman has been teaching at George Fox University since 2003, and is featured in an art exhibit with a very interesting name: Whoever Brought Me Here is Going to Have to Take Me Home. You can see Timmerman's work on display at the Cannon Gallery on the WOU campus through Oct. 28.

We're grateful for the interesting and very informative articles in the *Itemizer-Observer* about being prepared for the someday-it's-coming earthquake and possible flooding in the future. It's given us the opportunity to put together a first aid kit as well as a stockpile of items we'll need in the event that this disaster occurs. With this past weekend's storm predictions that reminded some long-time residents of the Columbus Day storm in 1962, it was a good time to check flashlight batteries, recharge all electronic devices and be grateful for our power companies who do their best to keep the lights on regardless of the rain and windstorms.

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Last week, the *Itemizer-*

*Observer* ran a story about the good things that are happening at the Polk County Family and Community Outreach Donation Center. Many years ago, I was a crisis line and victim advocate volunteer in Clackamas County, where I helped families in need of housing as well as food and clothing. In some cases, women and children fled without extra clothing and had no funds whatsoever. It would really be great if we could check our closets and garages and spare rooms for things that could be used by those who have very little — if any — resources. Please bring new or gently used items to 1050 SE Uglow Ave. in Dallas from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information: 503-623-9664 ext. 2125.

# PEDEE NEWS

Pete and LaVerne Bennett traveled with their family to Dallas, Texas, for the Oct. 8 wedding of their granddaughter Amanda to Jon Wilson. Amanda's parents Jim and Julie Bennett, brother and sister Reese and Avery, aunt and uncle Michelle and Gary Mahana, aunt Lisa Bennett, family friend Katy Kaiser Colman, and aunt Kathy Zehner all flew in together and Amanda's Uncle Mike came from Florida and Jon's family were there from Arkansas. The Oregon group found time on Sunday to do some sightseeing, go to a farm heritage museum and the South Fork Ranch and have lunch at The Cracker Barrel. Amanda and Jon are both stationed at Sheppherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.



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They honeymooned at Disney World.

Judy Guida spent two weeks in eastern Mexico near Playa del Carmen celebrating friends Tim and Susan Bidmead's 50th anniversary. They arrived from Great Britain for their first trip to Mexico. Their son Tim and his girlfriend Kasia came from Abu Dhabi and London, and friend Joe Guida was there from Houston. It was thrilling to see the Mayan Ruins, go scuba

diving and snorkeling, and floating Mexico's famous underground rivers. No rain, either.

Alvina Wright recently reconnected with former Pedee neighbor Joy Fino through Facebook. Joy lives near her two sons, Brent and Brian, in Nashville, Tenn. She's enjoying life raising chickens to sell, as she did while living here.

Alvina and friend George Thompson took a three-day train trip to Carlsbad, Calif., to visit his son Carl and his wife Katherine. They take in foster babies who are waiting for homes, so Alvina got to spend time cuddling them.

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Juandeane Skidmore had

lots of family time in recent weeks. Her daughter Teresa Furutani came from California one weekend to go with her to Al's Nursery near Woodburn and daughter Beth Turtle came from Washington to go to Bauman's Nursery near Gervais with her. They also went to Dancing Oaks here in Pedee. Bet you can guess what they like to do. Then Juandeane was delighted when grandson Keith Galloway arrived from New Jersey with his 4-year-old son Odin, as she hadn't seen Keith in 20 years and had never met great grandson Odin.

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The rest of us are either staying home and getting wet, or hunting and getting wet.

# BIRTHS

## Williams

Elijah Grant Williams was born at 1:19 p.m. on Aug. 30 to Molly and Brian Williams, of Bloomington, Ind., in Bloomington.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Grandparents are Roland and Lynn Mack, of Independence; and Randy and Nancy Williams, of San Antonio.

Great-grandparents are Joyce Mack, of Dallas; Richard and Joyce Hanna, of West Salem; Pat and Donna Wright, of Avoca, N.Y.; and Fred and Linda Williams of Avoca.

## Simpson

Emma Grace Simpson was born on Oct. 7 to Morgan and Benjamin Simpson, of Monmouth, at the Salem Family Birth Center.

She weighed 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are John and Brenda Toague, of Monmouth; and Tom and Betty Simpson, of Dallas.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These Polk County groups would welcome individuals who have time or expertise to volunteer. Organizations that would like to be added to this list should call 503-623-2373 or email [IONews@polkio.com](mailto:IONews@polkio.com).

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide — 503-930-7636
- After DARC — 503-623-9501
- Arc of Polk County — 541-223-3261
- Central School District — 503-838-0030
- City of Dallas — 503-831-3502
- City of Independence — 503-838-1212
- City of Monmouth — 503-751-0145
- Crime Victims Assistance Program — 503-623-9268
- Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce — 503-623-2564
- Dallas Fire Department — 503-831-3532
- Dallas Food Bank — 503-623-3578
- Dallas Kids, Inc. — 503-623-6419
- Dallas Police Department — 503-831-3582
- Dallas Public Library — 503-623-2633
- Dallas Retirement Village — 503-623-5581
- Dallas School District — 503-623-5594
- Delbert Hunter Arboretum — 503-623-7359
- Girl Scouts of Southwest Washington and Oregon — 503-581-2451
- Ella Curran Food Bank — 503-838-1276
- Falls City Arts Center — 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
- H-2-O — 503-831-4736
- HART (Horses Adaptive Riding and Therapy) — 971-301-4278
- HandsOn Mid-Willamette Valley — 503-363-1651
- Heron Pointe Assisted Living — 503-838-6850
- Independence Health and Rehabilitation — 503-838-0001
- Independence Public Library — 503-838-1811
- Kings Valley Charter School — 541-929-2134
- Luckiamute Watershed Council — 503-837-0237
- Luckiamute Valley Charter School — 503-623-4837
- Meals on Wheels — 503-838-2084
- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce — 503-838-4268
- Monmouth-Independence YMCA — 503-838-4042
- Monmouth Public Library — 503-838-1932
- Northwest Human Services — 503-588-5828
- Oregon Child Development Coalition — 503-838-2745
- OSU Extension Service - Polk County — 503-623-8395
- Perrydale School District — 503-623-2040
- Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Polk County Inc. — 503-623-8473
- Polk Community Development Corporation — 503-831-3173
- Polk County Community Emergency Response Team — 503-623-9396
- Polk County Museum — 503-623-6251
- Polk County Public Health — 503-623-8175
- Polk County Resource Center — 503-623-8429
- Polk Soil and Water Conservation District — 503-623-9680
- Reading for All — 503-623-9664
- Relief Nursery Classroom — 503-566-2132
- SABLE House — 503-623-6703
- Salvation Army — 503-798-4783
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) — 503-391-8423
- Salem Health West Valley Hospital — 503-623-8301
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600

*Planning a Holiday Bazaar?*  
**We can help!**

The *Itemizer-Observer* will be publishing a comprehensive list of all the holiday bazaars and art & crafts sales in Polk County on Wednesday, **November 2nd**. This feature will be designed for our readers to keep throughout the holiday season. We will publish the information for your event at no charge. If you wish to have your bazaar published any other time during the holiday season you must purchase an advertisement.

**Deadline to submit your event information is Wednesday, October 26th!**

So hurry and get your bazaar information to our office today! Event organizers who want more exposure than will be provided in the **November 2nd** issue are encouraged to call one of our advertising representatives at 503-623-2373.

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**The deadline is looming to get the word out about your bazaar or craft fair this holiday season.**

The *Itemizer-Observer* will print its annual bazaar page on Nov. 2.  
**Submissions are due Oct. 27.**

This is your chance to have your bazaar or craft fair listed free of charge. Bazaars will not be printed in the Community Notebook section. Any bazaar or craft fair listings that come after the deadline will need to be paid advertisements.



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