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-



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'scoming 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.

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.

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.



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 Dabi and London, and friend Joe Guida was there from Houston. It was thrilling to see the Mayan Ruins, go scuba

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, No-

vember 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

vou 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

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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

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 Gallow 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

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

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BAZAAR LISTINGS

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

BIRTHS

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 Familv Birth Center.

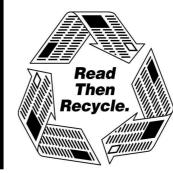
She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ½ ounces.

Grandparents are John and Brenda Toague, of Monmouth; and Tom and Betty Simpson, of Dallas.

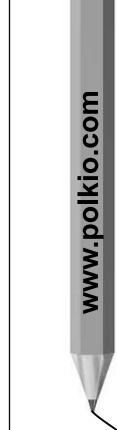
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITI

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.

- 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
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- Luckiamute Watershed Council 503-837-0237
- Luckiamute Valley Charter School 503-623-4837
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- 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
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