

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

We drive by the police and fire stations nearly every day, and unless we have any reason to contact them via 911 or the regular office telephone lines, we don't really think much about those first responders who are working hard 24/7/365. Oh, we occasionally see a police car in our rearview mirrors, which causes us to let up a bit on the accelerator for a few minutes, and we then take a deep breath when they turn off on another street or highway. This past week's explosions in both Portland and Astoria give us yet another reminder of these brave men and women who will respond to any incident where life and limb and property are endangered. Let's hope we never have to make that call, but it's comforting to know it will be answered.

Saturday evening, The Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a family-friendly evening of Spook-tacular Bingo at the MI Family YMCA from 1 until 4 p.m., so you'll have time to do errands and other tasks before you arrive. Cards are priced at \$1 each, or a dozen can be purchased for \$10. There will be lots of prizes, and even cash awards are promised. Costume contests will be held at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

Monday is Halloween ... and in case your resident ghost or goblin hasn't reminded you to be sure to lay in a supply of goodies for fun-loving kids of all ages, both of MI Town's libraries and merchants in Monmouth and Independence are participating in all kinds of spook-tacular activities on All Hallows Eve. The fun begins at 4 p.m. and goes until 6 at the Independence library, where you can find all kinds of treats and only good tricks before visiting local businesses participating in the Halloween fun.

Monmouth ghosties and their superhero friends can look forward to all kinds of fun activities and adventure from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in

the meeting room at the Monmouth Public Library. The regular library is closed on Mondays, but the doors will be open to the meeting room and the restrooms will be available, so everyone can enjoy this special event before trick or treating in the community.

Those of us who have registered to vote have received our ballots by now, and many have voted in this upcoming election. No matter how we may feel about the candidates at the top of the ticket, many of our friends and neighbors are running for various elective offices, so please do vote your conscience and mail your completed ballot promptly, or take it to your local library.

PEDEE NEWS



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

Firefighters from Pedee and Independence (and a Polk county deputy) responded to a lightening fire in a tree across Kings Valley Highway from the school late Oct. 17. The lightning strike was very bright and the thunder deafening, rolling off into the distant west. It rattled the school and church, and chunks of the tree were scattered at least 150 feet in every direction. The tree was alive, but the top had come out long ago, and so caught fire easi-

ly in spite of the rain, which did eventually put it out while the guys watched.

Heidi Russell and Amy Gilson, of Falls City, started an "extracurricular studies

homeschool co-op" for their children and other kids this Fall. Eight homeschoolers go once a week to study subjects such as astronomy, cooking, and strategy board games.

Pedee Church will be having Sunday evening services on the fifth Sunday of months with five Sundays. This Sunday will be the first.

Pam Burbank will be leading a community Bible

study starting on Nov. 1. The group will meet on Friday's at 10 a.m. and will begin with 1 John. Contact Pam at 503-838-4103 for more information.

Kids love to have their names in the paper so if any from Pedee or the surrounding area have a birthday party or do something special (awards? honor roll?) please send me an email with the information, kovasha@gmail.com, and I can write it up.

BIRTHS

Bunch

Tennesy Dawn Marie Bunch was born at 6:03 a.m. on Oct. 6 to Amberly Bunch and Lucas Riley, of Dallas, at Sil-verton Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2

- **Indoor Play Park** — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 879 SW Levens St., Dallas. Drop-ins welcome. For ages infant through pre-K with parent. Free, but donations accepted. 503-623-3397. (
- **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.
- **Senior meals, Dallas** — 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, LaCreole Manor, 204 SW Walnut St., Dallas. Free, but \$3 donation suggested. Reservations required. 503-623-6232.
- **Senior meals, Monmouth** — 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Free, but \$3 donation suggested. Reservations required. 503-838-2084.
- **Scrabble with Betty** — 1 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence. Scrabble games first Wednesday of every month. Free; refreshments and prizes available. 503-551-7687 or 503-838-1811.
- **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.

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.

- 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
- 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
- Victim Assistance Program-Polk Co. District Attorney's Office — 503-623-9268 x1444
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600

November 2016

Monmouth Area Community Events Calendar

PCL
Partnerships in Community Living
503-838-2403
480 E. Main St.
Monmouth

DownTown Trends
142 Highway 99 West
503-838-1445
Monmouth

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Oregon State Credit Union
800-732-0173
464 S Pacific Hwy
Monmouth
oregonstatecu.

Carpet Hero
503-838-0869
Monmouth

LOOKING FOR RENTALS?
297 1/2 N. Pacific Hwy
503-838-1278
Western View Properties
Property Management, LLC

MONMOUTH FITNESS CLUB
503-838-2951
165 E. Main St.
Monmouth

RETALS FINES
503-838-1773
410 E. Main St.
Monmouth

Don't Forget! Oct. 29 **Spooktacular Bingo** • Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM
• Location: Monmouth Independence Family YMCA (301 S Main Street, Independence) Event: Presented by the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, Spooktacular Bingo provides a family-friendly afternoon of bingo with great prizes and activities, including cash prizes, costume contests, and kids crafts from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Monmouth Independence Family YMCA located at 301 S Main Street in Independence. Buy 1 bingo card for \$1 or get 12 cards for only \$10. All bingo games are open sessions. For more information, visit www.micc-or.org or call 503-838-4268.

Oct. 31 Monmouth Downtown Spooktacular Halloween and Tricks & Treats at the Monmouth Library — 4 to 6:30 PM. Calling all ghosts, goblins, pirates, princesses and kids of all ages - you are invited to trick-or-treat at participating businesses on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 4:00-6:30 pm. Stop by the library for crafts, activities and treats and then head up and down Main St. to get your fill of treats. Costumes are encouraged for everyone! This family fun community event is brought to you by the Monmouth Business Association and the Monmouth Public Library. Look for this flyer at participating businesses for some SAFE Trick or treating!

Nov. 4 NO SCHOOL GRADES K-12. Grading Day - Central School District

Nov. 9 November Forum & Annual Meeting. 12 PM to 1 PM. Location: Hawk Hall at Henry Hill Education Support Center (750 S 5th Street, Independence) Join the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center on Wednesday, November 9 from 12 PM to 1 PM in Hawk Hall at the Henry Hill Education Support Center (750 S 5th Street, Independence) for our Annual Meeting during which we will hold elections for three new board of directors, as well as provide an overview of our 2016 programs and services and look ahead to 2017! Bring a food donation for the Ella Curran Food Bank and be entered to win a prize! Attendees will receive one raffle ticket for each donated item. Boxed lunches from Critelli Sweets available for purchase with online registration. MI Chamber forums are open to members, guests, and friends. For more info and to register, go to www.micc-or.org.

Nov. 11 Happy Veterans Day from the Monmouth Business Association.

Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL GRADES K-12

Nov. 15 Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce PEP-Talks Series. Effective Community Connections & Partnerships. 12 to 1:30 pm. Overview: • Developing partnerships with non-profits • Meeting business goals through giving and service • Low-cost ways to support great causes. Presented by: Ashley Erb, Shangri-La. Registration closes at noon on Monday, November 14. Location: Henry Hill Education Support Center, 750 S 5th Street, Independence. \$20 per workshop. \$15 for MI Chamber members. Email Jean Love for questions: micc@minetfiber.com or register online at www.micc-or.org

Nov. 21-25 NO SCHOOL GRADES K-5 Central School District.

Nov. 23-25 NO SCHOOL GRADE K-12 Central School District.

Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving from the Monmouth Business Association.

Nov. 25 & 26 Polk County Craft Festival. 9 am to 5 pm. Free Admission and Parking. Two full rooms of handmade crafts. Food available onsite. 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall

BAZAAR LISTINGS

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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