

MI TOWN

Every day, our mailboxes are overflowing and our favorite television programs are interrupted with a constant barrage about which candidate is the lesser of two evils, and robo-calls are a daily occurrence. Signs have sprouted in most every lawn and along streets and highways. So many people are commenting about how they will be ever so relieved when this year's election is over and what a pain in the neck (not to mention other places) all of this political stuff can be.

Be that as it may, voting is our golden opportunity to choose people who represent our cities, our county, our state and our country — and it is a right and a privilege to be able to vote in this upcoming election, espe-



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cially this election where every day brings yet another round of "she said/he said" revelations, myth and folklore. There are ballot measures that will affect our schools, funding for health care and seniors, among other things.

If you haven't voted, you have several days to do so. Take the time to read about the issues and the candidates who are running for elective office. These candidates may be your friends and neighbors, the folks you

see in the checkout line at the grocery store, people you sit next to at our local restaurants. Find out what they have to say, and take the time to learn how they feel about the issues that are near and dear to your heart. Most of the candidates have websites where you can get even more information. If you don't have a computer, our local libraries have them available for you to use.

Talk to your neighbors and friends about your views, and share ideas with others. Be gracious when other folks discuss their points of view and their feelings, and listen to what they have to say. You might learn something you didn't know before. Encourage everyone to take part in this

very important civic duty. Show your kids that government really works for everyone by having information available and talking about the issues.

As Oregonians, we are fortunate to have a vote-by-mail system so we can take all the time we need to review the ballot and carefully make our choices without worrying about all those people standing in line. On the lighter side, we can sit in our comfy jammies with a cat in our lap, and a cup of coffee and a plate of scones on the table. It doesn't get any better (or easier) than this.

Please remember to carefully read your ballot and vote like your vote matters — because it really does.

ANNIVERSARIES

60th - Mulkey



Paul and Jeraldine (Jeree) Mulkey, of Monmouth, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 28. They were married in Rayville, Mo., in 1956. They are the parents of four children (and spouses): Barbara Mulkey, Leo and Molly Mulkey, Paul Jr. and Kim Mulkey and Tina Mulkey all of Monmouth; proud grandparents of three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A family celebration was held in their honor.

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

PEDEE NEWS

Pedee's youngest is in the news today.

Dave and Suzanne Burbank were happy to welcome new grandson Zachary Dylan into the world on Oct. 25. Parents Brennan and Callie Burbank are also delighted, as well as his older siblings, (almost) 5-year-old Annabelle and 3-year-old Jake, who all live in Independence.

Mercy Heller, month old daughter of Nic and Cassandra Heller, charmed her



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maternal grandparents, Paul and Polly Ramos, when they came from Omaha, Neb., to visit her at the end of October. Nic and Cassandra appreciated the visit and help, too.

In an effort to get out of

the rain, Bob and Lynda Schneckenger took a three-day camping trip to the Redwoods in California last week. There were lots of road repairs being done because of several landslides. They are enjoying their first great-grandchild, Ellie Marie, which means that daughter Chandra is now a grandmother. She is loving it.

Sue's sister Nancy was here from Seattle for a few days to visit so joined the neighbors at the Pedee Women's Club's monthly

community potluck, which is the last Wednesday of the month, at noon. All welcome, of course.

Members of the Women's Club are stepping up to make their favorite candies for the club's holiday fair on Nov. 12, so it's nice to know candy will still be available for sale then. They have quite a list of soups and pies scheduled to be served for lunch, also. Time of the fair is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., so don't miss it. (That's an order.)

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See the entire list of Polk County Holiday Bazaars on page 14!

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By Ben Arnoldy

Sudoku

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How to do Sudoku
Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, NOV. 8

- **Caregiver Connection** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (Quiet Room, use ER entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Free. 503-831-5593.
- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:30 to 6 p.m., St. Philip Catholic Church, 825 SW Mill St., Dallas. Free; everyone welcome. 503-623-8429.
- **James2 Community Kitchen Meal** — 4:45 to 6:30 p.m., Falls City Methodist Church, 242 North Main St., Falls City. Free. 503-787-3371.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club** — 6 to 7 p.m. weigh-in, 7 to 8 p.m. meeting, First Christian Church basement, 1079 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. Meetings offer programs and activities aimed at losing weight. Open to anyone. First meeting is free.
- **Oveatears Anonymous** — Noon to 1 p.m., Salem Health West Valley, 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. Support group meets in the quiet room/chapel immediately inside the emergency entrance on Clay Street. Dee Ann White, 971-718-6444.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

- **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.
- **Polk County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m., Oak Knoll Golf Course, 6335 Highway 22, Independence. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.
- **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.
- **Free Blood Pressure Check Clinic** — 2 to 3 p.m., West Valley Hospital (surgery admitting area), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323
- **Monmouth Senior Center Music Jam** — 6:30 p.m., Monmouth Senior Center, 180 S. Warren St., Monmouth. Open to the public; musicians of all types welcome. 503-838-5678.
- **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.
- **Brew and BS: The Old Testament** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. A lecture series on New Testament figures. Bring brew of choice — coffee, tea, chai, beer, wine, cider. 435-503-4304.

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