

# MI TOWN



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Columnist

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day, and whether we celebrate Thanksgiving this year at home in MI Town or faraway, with generations of family members or with a few good friends, with a sumptuous dinner at home, at a restaurant, or a supper of stone soup and biscuits, it gives us all an opportunity to remember the good things in our lives that we so often take for granted.

If we're driving over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house, we're thankful for the local, county and state police officers who are spending their day watching for traffic problems and doing their best to keep the streets and highways safe for us to get where we're going and back home again. This gives me

an opportunity to add congratulations and best wishes to Monmouth Police Department's Sgt. Matt Olafson, who was given a Life-saving Award at the recent Oregon Peace Officers' Association annual meeting, held earlier in the month.

Isn't it great to flip a switch on the stove so that we can bake the pies and rolls, to cook the potatoes and green beans and bake the turkey to perfection? Thank our gas and electric company workers who are

making sure lines are clear and the utilities are in good working order each and every day, especially as we approach the dark winter-time, when rain and snow can interfere with the best laid plans.

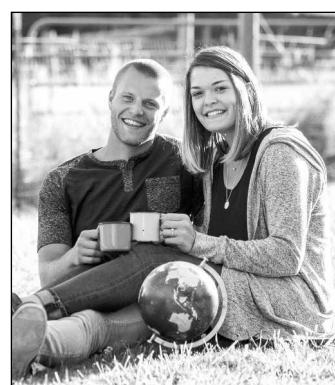
I'm thankful for the firefighters and paramedics who are always ready and prepared to arrive at our homes and businesses at the first sign of trouble. Whether a fire occurs in the kitchen or if Uncle Albert has chest pains after eating far too much pumpkin pie — a call to 911 brings trained professionals to help save the day, and perhaps a life or two, no matter what the time of day or night.

Let's try to set aside all the recent doom and gloom

of politics and protests and disagreements, and think about those we love and share our lives with. Are the kids all grown up and far away and won't be home for Thanksgiving dinner? Be thankful — and grateful — if they are healthy and happy and are but a telephone call away. If you're alone and don't have any friends or family to share the day with — there are numerous restaurants and social service organizations who would welcome you as either a guest or a volunteer server, or both. Before we launch ourselves headlong into the busyness of Christmas shopping or traveling, let's take time to think of all the good things and special people in our lives, and be thankful for our blessings.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Davis-Locke



Conner Locke, of Salem, and Carley Davis, of West Salem, announced their engagement. The couple is planning a Dec. 17 wedding.

Carley is the daughter of JD and Terri Davis. She is a graduate of Corban University (2016), where she went after graduating from West Salem High School

(2012). Carley is currently a fifth-grade teacher for the Salem-Keizer School District.

Conner is the son of Greg and Trena Locke. He is a graduate of Corban University (2016), where he went after graduating from Dallas High School (2012). Conner is currently working full time at Corban, overseeing on-campus students.

Conner and Carley will live in Salem as they start life together. The Locke's will be tying the knot at Salt Creek Baptist Church in Dallas. Then they will celebrate with family and friends during their reception at the Dallas armory. After the wedding, the couple will pack their bags and head for the shores of Victoria, British Columbia.

# BIRTHS

## Creekmore

Capri Ella Rose Creekmore was born at 7:42 p.m. on Oct. 3 to Tyler and Holly Creekmore, of Lamoore Naval Station, Calif., in Handford, Calif.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Capri is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Jason Creekmore, of Falls City; Scott and Lauren Martin, of Dallas; Laura Lecher, of Keizer; and Rick and Lisa Johnson, of Dallas.

Great-grandparents are Paul and Linda Younk, of Falls City; David Rudy, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Claud and Alta Lang, of Keizer; and Loren and Barbra Johnson, of Dallas.

Great-great-grandparents are Arlie and Sheryl Rudy, of Clarkston, Wash.; and Carolyn Rudy and Barbara Brecht, of Portland.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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- 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
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- Dallas Fire Department — 503-831-3532
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- 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
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- 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
- SALT (Senior and law enforcement together) — 503-851-9366
- Salvation Army — 503-798-4783
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) — 503-391-8423
- Salem Health West Valley Hospital — 503-623-8301
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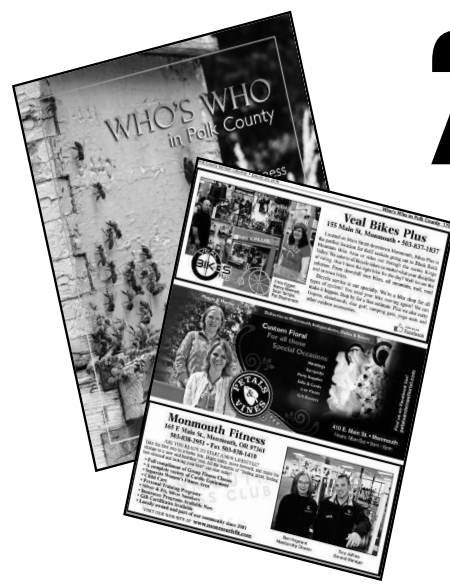
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**Wednesday, November 23, 2016**

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