

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in MI Town with the Monmouth Garden Club Annual Greens Sale, followed by parades and the 49th annual tree lighting on the Western Oregon University campus last Friday. What a treat to see the giant sequoia tree all decked out for the season and to enjoy music and laughter, and to see friends and family members gathered together at campus events.

When Santa arrived in Independence via train on Saturday afternoon to visit happy and excited kids of all ages, the saying, "It takes a village ..." was reinforced even more because of the cooperation of local merchants and organizations. Chase Bar and Grill sponsored Santa's visit, FCR provided candy; Arena Sports

Bar and Grill gave candy canes; the Independence Women's Club served hot dogs; and Grove Community Church gave cups of welcome hot chocolate. Thanks to Toys for Tots for the gifts provided to all children in attendance. The warm and happy feelings and kindness shown will keep us celebrating the Christmas season all month long.

Companies are hiring, and the economy is improving, but there are many individuals and families in MI Town who need some assis-

tance, especially this time of year when cold weather means higher utility bills and other expenses. Central High School students are coordinating with several local churches and the Independence Elks Lodge to provide 250 local families with food baskets for Christmas dinner, and could use donations of money and time to help make good things happen for those who need a little help. Those who would like to volunteer can come to the downstairs dining room at the Elks Lodge beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 21 to put food boxes together. For more information, please call 503-838-1850. The lodge is located at 289 S. Main St. in Independence.

How about taking a trip down Memory Lane without leaving MI Town. Enjoy the

songs and stories at this beloved musical event. This evening through Saturday, Central High School presents "White Christmas" at 7 p.m., with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students with ID. Exceptions: the Saturday evening performance will include dinner for \$20, and tonight's opening ticket price for students is \$3. Jeff Witt and Wendy Boyack co-direct an enthusiastic and talented cast. We're looking forward to a good time.

There's still time to participate in the Gingerbread House Contest at the Monmouth Public Library. Bring your decorated creation to the library by Saturday. All ages can enter, library patrons can vote on their favorite house, and the winner will receive a prize.

PEDEE NEWS



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

James and Jenny Mellein and Leo and Annika were delighted to be with Jenny's parents, Belden and Barbie Hedgpath, of Wren, and Barbie's sister and brother-in-law Terry and Kathie Stats, of Vallejo, Calif., and their daughter Katie for Thanksgiving. Jenny's brother Andy and wife Maranda, of Philomath, were there also. Katie recently completed her Master's of Divinity Seattle Pacific University and is living with the Hedgpaths while looking for a job in this area.

On Thanksgiving, Pam Burbank and her mother, Elsie Jones, went to son Jon and Maiya's newly pur-

chased home in Tigard where they had a traditional meal with all of Maiya's family. There were 20 of them, including Maiya's parents, Charles and Virginia Martin. Pam and Elsie spent the night, then shopped at Fred Meyers' Black Friday sale on the way home. Two weeks earlier they went to her sister Kathy's new house at Eagle Crest for the weekend. They had a relaxing weekend enjoying the sunshine,

doing some shopping, and cooking on a new six-burner gas range.

This year's Pedee Church children's program will be "Room at the Inn," and will be a part of the Christmas Eve service. Heidi Russell and Heather Traglia are directing the play and the children are already practicing on Sundays and some Thursday evenings, so they should be well prepared. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. and is a beautiful service with lots of Christmas songs and culminating in a candle lighting ceremony. You'll notice that Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, which is a meaningful time for the

church service, which will be a Christmas celebration designed with the whole community in mind.

Last Wednesday, there was a limb down on the power lines on Pedee Creek Road between Fir Grove and Ronco Road. When it was discovered, the limb had already started smoldering. Also last week, the electricity went out after dark for a few hours, but thanks to the linemen at Consumer's Power it was taken care of.

Bridgeport Chapel Choir will be presenting "A Noel Celebration — Sounds and Stories of Christmas" on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 10:40 a.m.

BIRTHS

Kackley

Rowan Thomas Kackley was born at 12:29 p.m. on Oct. 22 to Ryan and Elizabeth Kackley, of Jefferson, at home with the help of his dad and midwives.

Rowan weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21.75 inches long.

He joins Elias, 2.

Grandparents are Mark and Lorna Kackley, of Jefferson; Tom and Jenny Dick, of Independence; and the late Trudy Knutson Dick, of McMinnville.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, DEC. 13

• **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.

• **Overeaters 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, DEC. 14

• **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. (NO June, July, August).

• **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.

• **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.

• **Dallas American Legion Post No. 20** — 7 p.m., Academy Building, Room 108, 182 SW Academy St., Dallas. 503-831-3971.

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 — 503-917-1681
- Falls City Arts Center — 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
- Family Building Blocks — 503-566-2132, ext. 308.
- 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
- Rickreall Watershed Council — 503-623-9680
- 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
- Victim Assistance Program-Polk Co. District Attorney's Office 503-623-9268 x1444
- Willamette Valley Hospice — 503-588-3600

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Common Sense Tip

FOR PEDESTRIANS

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Walk Safely. The Way to Go. Transportation Safety — ODOT