

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

Last week's wind and rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm and energy at the Monmouth Senior Center's open house on Thursday. Center Director Sue Teal welcomed everyone who attended, giving special recognition to many folks who had worked very hard for several years to see their hopes and wishes fulfilled. Sue shared the names of people, foundations, organizations and especially the city of Monmouth, who contributed funds and hard work to make the dreams of the new addition become a reality. It truly does take a village - and persistence - to reach such a goal. If you're new to MI Town, or haven't been in the center recently, please come in for a visit.

Even though we've bid a fond farewell to all the accumulated snow here in MI Town, we still have several more weeks of winter to endure before we can get out the seed catalogues and think about gardens and flowers and perhaps putting in a new deck or walkways through the back yard. We've finally put away all things Christmas and holiday season, and have made some progress on donating items no longer needed or used. All those new year's resolutions have become very old - very fast. The

weather is still too nasty and unpredictable to do many outdoor activities, such as hiking or taking long walks around town, and travel to a sunshine-drenched island isn't a reality this year for many folks. There's no Weather Fairy with a magic wand to get us through these January and February days, but thanks to MI Town's libraries - getting lost in a good book is a great option.

For parents or baby sitters feeling homebound with wet ones, how about packing up the babies from infants to 2 and going to the Independence library on Tuesday afternoons at 2 for the Tiny Tots at 2 program. Parents and children of preschool age are welcome to attend the Family Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Elementary

school students are welcome to the Chess Club, held in the Independence library meeting room at 4:30 every Thursday afternoon. There are several other programs available for children, teens and adults.

Monmouth Public Library welcomes the little ones and parents to Tales for Tots at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesdays, and to the Preschool Explorers group on Thursday mornings at 10:15. The Builders Club for kids in grades K through five is held the first Wednesday of the month (Feb. 1 is the next meeting) at 2:30 p.m. Children 8 years of age and younger are asked to bring an adult with them to the meeting. Check with the library or on the webpage to inquire about other programs for children, teens and adults.

ENGAGEMENTS

Hernandez-Connor



Alex Hernandez, of Albany, and Leahgrace Connor, of Dallas, were married on Dec. 16, 2016, by the bride's father, Jerry Connor, at Calvary Chapel in Corvallis.

Leahgrace is the daughter of Jerry and Lucinda Connor, of Dallas. Alex is the son of Augie and Amy Hernandez, of Albany.

The bride and groom both attended Santiam Christian, and after graduating, both now attend Linn Benton Community College. The groom aspires to be an Air Force pilot and the bride a teacher.

The man of honor was Cy Schaefer. Bridesmaids were Sabrina Schaefer and Madison Hernandez.

The best man was Thien Nguyen. Groomsmen were Ben Winnett and Jerome Connor.

The couple honeymooned in Canada for a week and will be making their home in Philomath.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

• **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.

• **Wednesday Evening Worship** — 6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Rd., Dallas. 503-623-2233.

• **Brew and BS: The New 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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XXX: THE RETURN OF XANDER CAGE (Digital) (PG13)	(11:45 2:15 4:45)	7:15	9:50*
LA LA LAND (Digital) (PG13)	(12:50 3:45)	6:40	9:35*
SPLIT (Digital) (PG13)	(1:45 4:25)	7:05	9:45*
A DOG'S PURPOSE (Digital) (PG)	(12:05 2:30 4:55)	7:20	9:45*
RESIDENT EVIL: THE FINAL CHAPTER (Digital) (R)	(11:50 2:20 4:50)	7:25	9:55*
GOLD (Digital) (R)	(1:15 4:00)	6:45	9:30*
SING (Digital) (PG)	(1:05 3:40)	6:15	
PATRIOTS DAY (Digital) (R)			8:50*
HIDDEN FIGURES (Digital) (PG)	(1:15 4:05)	6:55	9:40*
* Not showing Sunday January 29			
Monday - Thursday January 30 - February 2			
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Sudoku

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5							7
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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.

By Ben Arnoldy
The Christian Science Monitor