

MI TOWN



PATTY TAYLOR DUTCHER
Columnist

Today we turn the calendar to the brand, spanning new month of March. Mother Nature has thrown so many sneaky weather curves at us during the month of February, and most of us are weary of snow (and more snow), rain, wind, fog and hail. It's time to look forward to spring-time, more daylight and occasional sunbreaks. We'll also be able to play the game of March coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb — or vice versa. At our house, we're ready for some much-needed and long-wished-for sunshine and blue skies.

There's an old adage that you can always tell when it's spring in Oregon because the rain feels warmer. I'll tip my cup of hot chocolate and agree completely. The

calendar says it's too early to welcome spring to MI Town, but the bright yellow daffodils and little purple violets will remind us that it won't be long before we can put away those heavy winter coats and hats and gloves. New bedding plants and seed packets for sale are appearing in our local stores and we are all eager to make that backyard garden and pretty flower beds a reality.

We all complain about "those politicians" and how we could do it all so much

better and save money doing it. All politics begins at the local level, and a good way to really find out what's going on in MI Town and in Polk County is to attend local government meetings. Independence City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday and at 7:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Monmouth City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. The Polk County Commissioners meet weekly at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. City councilors and county commissioners spend many hours working hard to provide much-needed services to all of us, and this is an opportunity to make our concerns known.

Today is Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten

season. Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter, which is observed on Sunday, April 16. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline.

Mark your calendars and save your appetites for the Community Breakfast scheduled for this Saturday at the Monmouth Senior Center. You'll enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, as well as orange juice, coffee and tea all prepared and served by some pretty special volunteers from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Prices are reasonable (\$6 adults, \$3 children younger than 12) and portions are generous. All hungry lions and lambs are welcome.

PEDEE NEWS



ARLENE KOVASH
Columnist

The Pedee Women's Club has gotten off to a good start on their next raffle quilt to support their soldier's fund. The quilt is always a patriotic theme to honor our soldiers. LaVerne Bennett is heading the making of the quilt, and Pam Burkhalter is in charge of the raffle.

The club is also offering a free beginning quilting class for anyone who would like to come. I'm teaching that class, which will be on Wednesdays at the clubhouse from 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting today, although

next Wednesday is not too late to join the class. We will be making a log cabin quilt — one of the easiest and yet most popular quilt patterns available. If you'd like to come, contact me at 503-838-3512 or kovasha@gmail.com for a list of supplies to bring. Look up log cabin quilts on-

line and see the endless variations, all of which even the most beginning quilter can do.

Speaking of quilting, I met Bernadine Edwards' daughter, Jo (aka Jodel) Wilson, at the Salem Quilt Guild meeting last week, where we are both members. She grew up and went to school in Pedee and now lives in Keizer. She and her husband, G.I., are now retired from the Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem, where Jo taught and G.I. was an administrator. As most of you know,

Bernadine was Ted Jones' sister.

Fred Weisensee and Leonard Foltz's Dancing Oaks Nursery on Maple Grove Road hosted their annual Hellabore Day on Feb. 26, but these beautiful plants are still looking their best if you want to drop by and see them. I like them because they are deer resistant, grow in shade or sun, and are drought and Arlene tolerant — can't get better than that. This Pedee nursery is also open at their regular hours for the season, starting today.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

DALLAS
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- Wednesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m. — Ukelele Fans of Dallas.
- Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Thursday, March 2, noon — Adult Book Discussion.
- Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. — Children's Story Time.
- Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m. — Friends of the Library meeting.

INDEPENDENCE
175 Monmouth St.

503-838-1811
www.ci.independence.or.us/library

- Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 1, 1 p.m. — Scrabble with Betty.
- Thursday, March 2, 4:30 p.m. — Chess Club.
- Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m. — Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party.
- Saturday, March 4, 3:30 p.m. — Cuentos en Espanol.
- Tuesday, March 7, 2 p.m. — Tiny Tots.
- Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. — Family Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m. — Wacky

Wednesdays (Legos Castle Challenge).

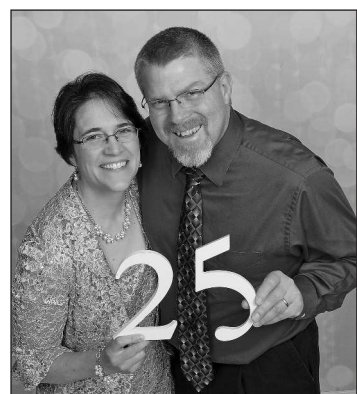
MONMOUTH
168 S. Ecols St.
503-751-0182
www.ci.monmouth.or.us/library

- Thursday, March 2, 10:15 a.m. — Pre-school Story Time.

WAGNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
111 N. Main St., Falls City
503-787-3521, ext. 319
www.facebook.com/WagnerCommunityLibrary/timeline
See the library's Facebook page for upcoming events.

ANNIVERSARIES

Miller - 25th



Glen Allyn Miller married Korri Kathleen Kanoff on March 7, 1992, at Dallas Alliance Church, performed by David Pulliam. The groomsmen were Kevin McFaddin, Paul Miller, Dale Miller and Tim Kaufman.

The bridesmaids were Danette Kaufman, Joan Dummer, Cindy Sohn (Susee) and Nancy Shearer. The groom's niece Jennifer Hamilton (Barth) was a junior bridesmaid and niece Brittany Miller was flower girl. Gabe Cogswell was the ring bearer. Candlelighters were Michelle Tucker (Carlson) and Dale Miller.

Glen and Korri have lived in Dallas their entire married life and currently live in the home they built themselves on five acres just outside of town. Korri formerly worked in the advertising department of the *Itemizer-Observer* before resigning to stay home and raise their family.

Glen worked at Marquis Spas, Willamette ESD, and has been with Chemeketa Community College for the past 12 years, currently serving as the director of the Chemeketa Polk Center in Dallas. Korri is busy homeschooling their four children Joshua, Stephen, Noah and Hannah, ages 7 to 17.

Glen has been active in coaching sports with Kids, Inc. and Dallas United soccer, and is currently serving on several committees within the community.

The couple both serve in a variety of ministries at Dallas Alliance Church, are 4-H leaders and Polk Christian Home Educator board members, as well as are advocates for Compassion International. They enjoy traveling and camping in the summer time.

Glen and Korri celebrated their 25th anniversary with a family trip to the big island of Hawaii in February and will renew their vows in a ceremony on March 12.

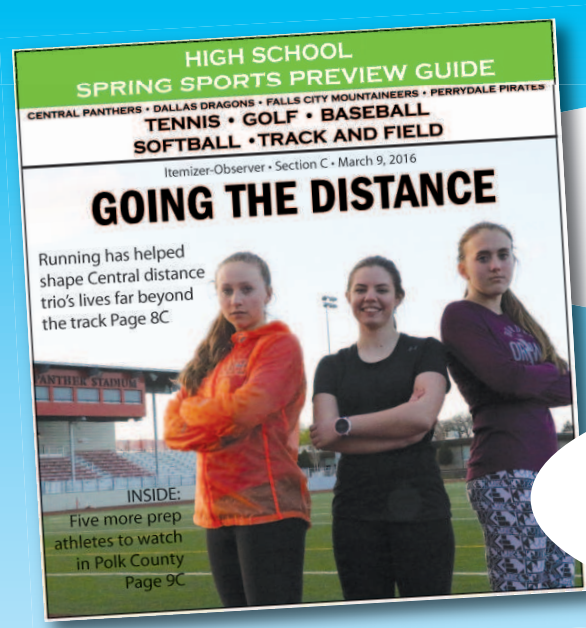
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- **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., Murphy's Restaurant, 288 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas. Dennis Richardson, secretary of state, will speak. No-host lunch available; everyone welcome. 503-623-5759.
- **Respite care** — 1 to 3 p.m., 182 SW Academy St, Suite 216, Dallas. Free child care for parents who need time to run errands, pay bills, etc. Free. Open for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. 503-877-8473 to reserve space. Diapers are provided.
- **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 Warren St. S, 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.
- **Service of Compline** — 6 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Episcopal 101 — a class for new Episcopalians will follow at 7 p.m.

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Spring Sports Guide Publishes March 15



Spring Home Garden & Car Care Publishes March 22



Polk County Medical Directory Publishes April 5

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