

MI TOWN

Consider yourself warned — a few days in advance, however — but whether you love it, hate it, or just plain tolerate it, daylight saving time will be upon us this coming weekend. Please remember to set your clocks, especially the alarm that wakes you up for church and work, one hour ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed. We'll all be wandering around confused and discombobulated for a couple of days, but the rewards will bring us longer evenings and hope that summer is indeed on the way.

Celebrate all good things about MI Town this Friday at Eola Hills Wine Cellars in Rickreall, at the 52nd Annual Community Awards Banquet presented by the M-I Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Our local individuals, businesses and



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organizations will be honored. Tickets are \$40 and include dinner and ticket for one drink. Register online at micc.org.

The economy appears to be improving, with more "help wanted" signs beginning to appear around MI Town and other areas in Polk and Marion counties, and that's welcome news for everyone. CSC (the Community Services Consortium) has free services for young adults ages 16-24 on Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Central School

District Office, Room 10. Available services include preparation to take the GED test online at no cost, resume writing, reference assistance and job hunting and career planning information and ideas. Please call 541-704-7819 or 541-704-7820 for more information and assistance.

The Friends of the Independence Library's annual fundraising movie is scheduled for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Independence Cinema. Maureen O'Hara and John Wayne star in this wonderful vintage film, "The Quiet Man." It's a movie filled with fun and laughter that everyone can enjoy. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Independence library. The Friends of the Independence Library help our communities by purchasing so many items that are not in-

cluded in the regular library budget. There will be drawings and popcorn and other goodies provided to all ticket holders. See you there.

And while we're talking about libraries — both the Independence and Monmouth libraries have free passes available for patrons to visit the A.C. Gilbert House and the Willamette Heritage Center (formerly the Mission Mill Museum). The Monmouth library has a free pass to the Hallie Ford Art Museum (on the Willamette University campus) as well. Check with your local library to get more information and to reserve your opportunity to visit these interesting places, all located in Salem. You must be 18 years or older and have a library card, which is easily obtainable at either library.

PEDEE NEWS

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 25, Alex Russell played his mandolin in his first public performance with Pedee's newly formed folk and bluegrass band, Chipgrass, which played at the Kings Crossing Saturday Market in the old Kings Valley church during a chili-cook off fundraiser benefiting a future Youth Activity Center, lovingly dubbed the KVIAC. Among the great chilis in the running, KV teacher Will Andrews made the spiciest. It appeared the brave souls who tried the spicy mix chili won the contest by a bean.



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Chipgrass was enthusiastic, genuine and sincerely appreciated. It's always great to get feet through the door of this old building (a late 19th century church) and to see smiling faces of community members," says KV Community Trust President David Crowe. "A goal of the Trust is to engage the larger community and offer places to gather and enjoy each other's company. The

food was good, the music was great and the company jovial." Crowe also noted that he looks forward to duplicating this sort of activity soon and hopes to get the word out to the Pedee and Kings Valley communities to come join the fun.

Kings Crossing is run by the high school students at Kings Valley Charter School and will be open each Saturday until school is out.

Billy and Heather Traglia and their four kids took a break last week, going to Depot Bay for an overnight stay. It was a fun and relaxing time for parents and the kids, Jenae, Wyatt, Lilah, and Kailey, loved it.

Former neighbor Jennifer Vandenberg spent the weekend of Feb. 25 and 26 visiting Judy Guida. Their fun event was to clean out and declutter Judy's "media room," which they accomplished. Jennifer is an organizer extraordinaire and could earn a living wage doing it, she's that good.

Civil War re-enactors David and Amy Plett, dressed in period clothing, went to Forest Grove last week and had a great time sharing about the Civil War with fifty middle-schoolers. The kids were intrigued with all they talked about.

Let us list your upcoming event taking place in Polk County. To submit an event for calendar consideration, please send it at least two weeks before the actual event date to the Itemizer-ObsERVER via email (ionews@polkio.com).

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By Ben Arnoldy

Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆

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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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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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- TUESDAY, MARCH 14**
- **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, MARCH 15**
- **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.
 - **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.
 - **Day-2-Day Diabetes Support Group** — 3 to 4 p.m., Salem Health West Valley (main conference room inside main entrance), 525 SE Washington St., Dallas. 503-623-7323.



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