

MI TOWN

It's countdown time for students of all ages in MI Town as the end of the school year is temptingly close. These last few days before summer vacation seem to take forever, especially with the recent Memorial Day weekend with campouts and barbecues and all those warm weather activities offer a glimpse of a wonderful season to come. Graduations and summer jobs and vacations and hanging out with friends and family are just out there, nearly within reach.

Many of our Western Oregon University students will be leaving, and we'll miss their youthful energy and contributions to our community. There are still many activities on campus for all of us to seek out and enjoy during the summertime and all through the year.



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Saturday is just around the corner and it's the date of the monthly breakfast at the Monmouth Senior Center. On the first Saturday of every month, volunteers serve an outstanding breakfast for \$6 (\$3 for children younger than 12). Everybody is welcome to enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, orange juice and coffee. It's a great opportunity to get a good start to a busy weekend, and a good place to enjoy food and conversation with family, friends and neighbors.

The sounds of saws and hammers and cement mixers are alive and well in MI Town these last few weeks, and both commercial and residential construction continues at a busy pace. We'll have the opportunity to welcome new neighbors and businesses. This is our chance to share all the good things our community can bring to those who are going to be new residents and business partners.

Students in elementary and middle school are invited to the Monmouth Public Library Saturday at 2:30 p.m. A Little Bits Makerspace Workshop will be held, where those participating can work on inventions and complex electronics, using magnetic modules. Here's a chance to build electronic boards and inventions quickly, without using solder.

And while we're on the subject of library activities, do check both Monmouth and Independence library pages to see what's planned for summertime. The seed lending libraries still have both flower and vegetable seed packets available (three packages per day). If you participate in the free program and have more produce than you or your family can use, please share with your friends and neighbors (Full disclosure: Pea and bean plants are growing well in our backyard garden, with the promise of goodies to come).

The welcoming warm weather brings more kids and wagons and bicycles to our neighborhood streets, so please be extra watchful and careful when driving — especially at dusk.

PEDEE NEWS

Ted and Ethelene Osgood went with friends for several days the week before last to Florence to the Oregon Dunes National Park to ride dune buggies. They stayed in their motor home at a campground nearby and had a great time. The setting beautiful and weather just right, and the friends were nice, too.

Daniel and Heidi Russell have been having quite a time with the wildlife lately. Between foxes and raccoons, they've lost two ducks and five chickens this spring. They had a fox playing on their porch at night last week. A guest com-



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mented, "sometimes your cats don't even look like cats." Daniel looked out and said, "because that's not a cat!" They watched the fox for a while before it wandered away. The chicken house and pen are being appropriately upgraded. Interesting note: They've heard of multiple other fox sightings in the last two weeks.

The Pedee campus of the Luckiamute Valley Charter Schools is making life interesting (and useful) for their middle school students. Two weeks ago, the boys went to Drift Creek while the girls had a ladies' tea, where they brushed up on hostess manners and had some tasty tea tidbits. Then last week, the girls hiked at Cascade Head while the boys hosted a mother/son tea and participated in an etiquette class where seventh grade teacher Jerry McGuffee even taught them to tie a tie. The guys appreciated having a heads-up on all the tricky social niceties, and very much enjoyed entertaining the

mothers that could come.

Last week I went to Kings Valley Charter School to read to four grade school classes for the Ag in the Classroom Ag Literacy Project. Each year volunteers go to as many classes as possible around the state and read a pre-selected book on a facet of agriculture, and then lead the classes in a fun activity designed to help them remember concepts they learned. This year's book told the story of how milk gets from the cow to the kids. Often I learn as much as they do. I volunteer through Oregon Women for Agriculture, where I am a member.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 3	Sunday June 4
9:00 am Survivor check in starts	1:00am Theme Lap: Twin/buddy
9:30 am Team rally	2:00am Theme Lap: Luau/Hawaiian
9:45 am Leadership rally	3:00am Theme Lap: Redneck/Camo
10:00 am Opening Ceremonies (no walkers)	4:00am Theme Lap: Mardi Gras
10:30am Survivor Lap/Power of Purple	5:00am Theme Lap: Pajama
11:00am Theme Lap: Patriotic Auction #1 opens	5:30am Sunrise Service in Survivor Tent
11:00am-5:00pm The Relay Store (DOC Walkin' Warriors)	7:00am Theme Lap: Java Fueled
12:00pm Theme Lap: Classic Disney	9:00am Closing Ceremony (no walkers)
1:00pm Theme Lap: Disney Princess	10:00am FINAL LAP/See You Next Year!!
1pm-5pm Dunk Tank! **	
2:30pm-4:30pm "Mr. & Mrs. Relay"	
3:00pm Auction #1 closes Theme Lap: Disney Hero	
4:00pm Auction #2 opens	
5:00pm Celebration of Everything! (Team Recognition, Grand Club Members, Mr/Mrs Relay Winner) (no walkers) CAN speaker	
6:00pm CAN lap	
7:00pm Theme Lap: Disney Villain	
8:00pm Auction #2 closes	
9:00pm Theme Lap: Disney Sidekick Luminaria placement begins	
10:00pm Luminaria Ceremony (no walkers)	
11:00pm Theme Lap: Fairy Wands/ Glow Sticks	

Food Vendors

- Dutch Bros will be on site all day.
- Mo's food truck will be on site 11am - 5pm with your favorite clam chowder.
- Pastega Coffee Roasters will provide coffee during the event.

** Have fun dunking your teammates, fellow participants, committee members, whoever (!) as a FUNdraiser!

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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
- American Cancer Society Road to Recovery — 1-800-227-2345
- Arc of Polk County — 541-223-3261
- Ash Creek Arts Center – 971-599-3301
- 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
- Ella Curran Food Bank — 503-838-1276
- Falls City Arts Center — 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District — 503-787-3531
- Family Building Blocks — 503-566-2132, ext. 308.
- Friends of the Dallas Library — 503-559-3830
- Girl Scouts of Southwest Washington and Oregon — 1-800-338-5248
- 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
- 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
- WIMPEG Community Access Television — 503-837-0163

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**
- **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.

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