

# Pentacle coming to Central

*'Dr. Dolittle' fundraiser for theater slated*

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INDEPENDENCE — What, exactly, does a 200-year-old parrot think about, and how does it act?

Just ask Molly Hare, 10, who plays Polynesia in Pentacle Theatre's annual fundraiser production of "Dr. Dolittle," opening Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Central High School.

"I had to learn to make parrot sounds and do parrot movements," she said, giving off a "caw-caw!" that would make one think a bird was in the room.

For being 200 years old, Hare said her character is still pretty active, moving around the stage a lot.

It's the old bird who tells Dolittle, played by Lorenz Bilbo, that if he cared to, he could learn the language of animals and talk to them himself.

The musical is an adaptation of the 1967 film starring Rex Harrison.

"The best thing in this play is we take the time to really hear the melodies," Bilbo said. "The music is so beautiful."

In the film, Harrison speaks through a lot of the melody rather than sing it, so the Pentacle's production will be different in that aspect.

The musical is a fundraiser for the West Salem theater. To maximize money raised, there is no set.

"We use shadows, or human set pieces," Bilbo said.



Lorenz Bilbo, as Dr. Dolittle, faces off with his romantic interest Emma Fairfax, played by Tracy Webber, as she tells him he is "impossible." The play opens Friday.

## Come See the Show

**What:** Pentacle Theatre's production of "Dr. Dolittle."  
**Where:** Central High School auditorium, 1530 Monmouth St., Independence.  
**When:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.  
**Admission:** \$20 general admission; \$15 for ages 15 and younger.  
**Tickets:** Available at the Pentacle Theatre office, 145 Liberty St. NE, Salem, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; by calling 503-485-4300; online at [www.pentacletheatre.org](http://www.pentacletheatre.org); or at the door.  
**For more information:** 503-485-4300; online at [www.pentacletheatre.org](http://www.pentacletheatre.org).

Tracy Webber plays Emma Fairfax, Dolittle's romantic interest.

"I think probably what I've enjoyed most was working with (director) Jo Dodge,"

she said. "On top of that, the actors and singers are wonderful. I can't ask for more than to work with such a beautiful and talented cast." The play, which is being

staged at Central High School's auditorium, has 51 people, as young as 8 and as old as 80.

Emmalee Doughman, 8, had to study cats and see what they did to get into character as Princess, one of three kittens in the musical.

She and her new best friend, Lyndsey Tudela, also 8, are in their first play together and love being kittens.

"Sometimes we get to hiss at people," Tudela said.

Don't be fooled by the number of young actors. This production is packed with high quality talent from throughout the Willamette Valley, Bilbo said.

"This isn't a small-town production," he said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Garbage rate increase looms likely

MONMOUTH — Brandt's Sanitary Service customers will see a rate increase between 3 percent and 4.8 percent, pending approval by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday (today).

The adjustment was approved by the Polk County hearings officer after a public hearing on Dec. 15.

Brandt's last rate increase was in 2012. The company requested an increase this year to help pay for higher costs in disposal, labor and benefits, according to a report from Robert Oliver, the hearings officer.

Brandt's requested a flat 4.8 percent increase for all services, but Jim Solvedt, environmental health supervisor, and his staff found that an increase that high would make some of Brandt's services significantly higher than other Polk County sanitary service franchisees.

According to the staff report, Brandt's proposed rural rate collection of a 35-gallon cart was \$18.15, 16 percent higher than average Polk County franchise rates.

Oliver approved a rural rate increase of 3 percent for 35-gallon and 95-gallon carts. Other collection services were approved at the requested 4.8 percent increase.

### CERT classes set to begin Thursday

POLK COUNTY — Polk County Community Emergency Response Team will hold two courses beginning Thursday.

One will be held at the Independence Airpark from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The second one will be held at the Dallas Fire Station from 6 to 8:30 p.m., also on Thursdays.

Classes will go for eight consecutive weeks. The courses are free public education offerings. The basic CERT course has six modules with topics that include an introduction to CERT, fire safety, hazardous material and terrorist incidents, disaster medical operations, and search and rescue.

There is no requirement to join the CERT program upon completion.

Ages 14 and older may attend.

For more information: Kimber Townsend, 503-689-0904.

### Beneficiary for 'Mr. Dallas' sought

DALLAS — The Dallas High School leadership class is looking for nominations for a family or individual in need to be the beneficiary of its "Mr. Dallas" pageant fundraising.

This year, instead of collecting donations for a nonprofit, pageant activities will raise money to help a local family. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 15 and the class will select a family from those on Jan. 20.

Nominations need to be at least 100 words in length and explain why the family or individual is in need of assistance. Nominations can be emailed to [Jessica.Lowry@dsd2.org](mailto:Jessica.Lowry@dsd2.org) or mailed to Dallas High School at 1250 SE Holman Ave., Dallas, OR 97338, attention: Jessica Lowry.

Once the leadership class has read all nominations, it will vote for a family or individual and announce its selection on Jan. 20.

The pageant is scheduled for April 3 in Dallas High School's Bollman Auditorium.

For more information: [Jessica.Lowry@dsd2.org](mailto:Jessica.Lowry@dsd2.org).

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