

SCHOOL NOTES

Registration due for camp on Friday

DALLAS — Registration is due Friday for LaCreole Middle School's sixth-grade orientation camp, to be held Aug. 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The camp will help incoming sixth-graders get to know their new school building, practice opening lockers and ask questions of teachers and other students.

Those attending are asked to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Lunch will be provided through the district's summer lunch program.

Tuition for the camp is \$20, though partial scholarships are available. To sign your sixth-grader up, fill out a registration form and return it to LaCreole, 701 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas by Friday. For more information: 503-623-6662.

DHS, LaCreole to hold registration

DALLAS — Dallas High School and LaCreole Middle School are open for student registration starting next week.

DHS, 1250 SE Holman Ave., Dallas, will begin registering students entering their senior year this fall on Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Tuesday, incoming juniors may register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is slated for sophomores. The final day of registration, Aug. 20, is reserved for freshmen from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For those unable to make those times, registration is open 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 20. Families with more than one student attending DHS may register all on the day designated for the oldest student. Students who are new to the district may register on any day.

LaCreole Middle School, 701 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, will register returning in-district students on Tuesday and Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Students new to the district can register on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information: Dallas High School, 503-623-8336; LaCreole Middle School, 503-623-6662.

Free supplies to students Thursday

FALLS CITY — The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Social Services, in partnership with the Falls City Christian Church, will host its annual Tools for Schools backpack and supply distribution.

About 175 backpacks filled with all the necessary school sup-

plies will be given to kids in the Falls City area from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at George Kitchen Upper Park.

This also is a time for families to register for school.

For more information or to donate to the event: Salvation Army Polk County office, 182 SW Academy St., Suite 220.

Registration for Talmadge to begin

INDEPENDENCE — Registration for Talmadge Middle School runs Tuesday through Aug. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. each day.

Sixth-grade registration is Tuesday. Seventh-graders register on Aug. 19. Eighth graders may register on Aug. 20.

For more information: Talmadge Middle School, 503-606-2252.

LCFC supply giveaway on Tuesday

INDEPENDENCE — Life Center Foursquare Church will host a school supply giveaway at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Henry Hill Park in Independence.

Supplies will be available to the first 250 Central School District students in grades K-12. Children and youth must be present to be eligible for the supplies.

For more information: Life Center Foursquare Church, 503-838-6507.

County to hold immunization clinics

DALLAS — Polk County Public Health is holding four immunization clinics to prepare children for back to school.

Appointments must be made in advance for the clinics. School immunizations will be available on Aug. 19, Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the agency's Dallas clinic, 182 SW Academy St., Suite 302. On Sept. 9 a clinic also will be held in Independence from 1 to 4 p.m. at Oregon Child Development Coalition, 535 G St.

For more information: 503-623-8175.

Decision on tax stalled by board

By **Jolene Guzman**
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas School Board took comments Monday on its option to adopt a construction excise tax, or school construction system development charge (SDC).

If adopted, a fee would be collected on new construction within the district.

The maximum the district could collect in the 2015-16 school year is \$1.20 per square foot on residential construction and 60 cents per square foot on commercial construction. About a third of the districts in the state have adopted the charge.

Dallas sent letters out to home builders and real estate agents in the area, informing them the charge was under consideration.

Most comments offered Monday were regarding the possible negative effects of charging the fees.

Gene Henshaw, representing the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce's public policy committee, said members of the committee had concerns.

"Some of the members of the public policy committee of the chamber have not been really enthused that there is going to be a small number of folks who are going to be paying this for the entire school district," he said, referring to new home buyers.

Henshaw also said committee members believed implementing the charge could negatively affect the district's chances of passing another levy and could suppress economic activity.

Jim Williams, also a member of the committee and a longtime lobbyist for the construction industry, shared those worries. He said cities and school district that adopt the charges aren't considering the tax base value increase new construction brings.

The board didn't make a decision Monday and will bring the topic up for more discussion.

"We will consider the information we've received tonight, both from the school district and our guests, and move this to our agenda next meeting," said Board Chairwoman Lu Ann Meyer.

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Sudoku
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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

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