

TMS students donate food to Ella Curran

Class competitions, car wash nets more than 2,000 pounds for food bank

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INDEPENDENCE — Students in Aaron Currier's class at Talmadge Middle School got a big surprise while raising food for the Ella Curran Food Bank.

Students hosted a canned-food car wash when a fire truck drove by. Ryan Duncan said he was one of the students on the sidewalk with signs advertising the deal when the truck turned around and came back.

"We sprinted back to help," he said. "Everybody helped wash that one."

The fire truck took more than 10 minutes to scrub down, and actually got washed twice so everyone could have a hand in it, Currier said.

"We washed over 90 cars," said Daisy Biggs, student project leader for the food drive. Biggs noted that washing the fire truck "was, like, the best experience of my life."

It may have been trumped by the look on food bank volunteer Pat Jaffer's face when Daisy broke the exciting news that students at Talmadge had raised 2,036 pounds of food.

"This is great, the very best (student food drive) we've ever had," Jaffer said. "You did a marvelous job."

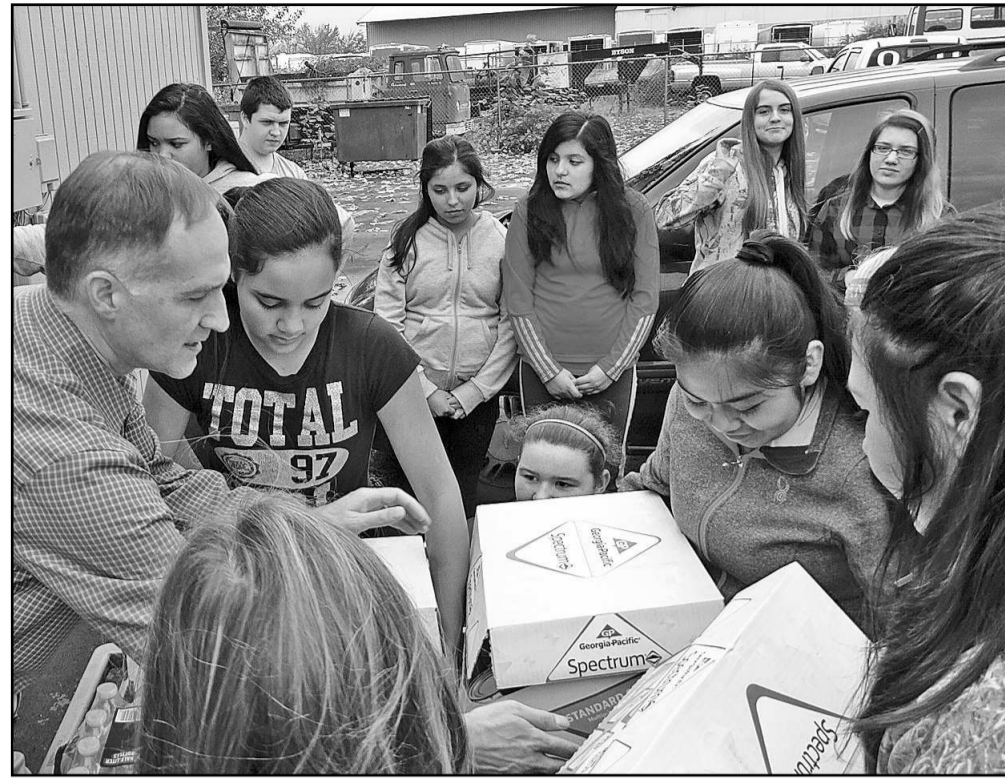
Students unloaded the donations on Thursday, box after box filled with canned food and bags of grain.

Currier said the class is an elective, back for the first time in two or three years.

"Students are encouraged to choose their own projects to benefit the community," Currier said. "As a class, we also choose a big project to work on. The students chose the Cougar Canned-Food Car Wash."

Jaffer was invited to the class to speak about what she does at the food bank, and the role the organization plays in the community.

"The kids were really inspired because they got to meet her," Currier said. "We



Students in Aaron Currier's class at Talmadge Middle School collected 2,036 pounds of food for the Ella Curran Food Bank. Students unloaded the donations on Thursday.

Get involved

Donate to Ella Curran Food Bank, 870 N. Main St., Independence, from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. For more information: 503-838-1276.

asked her how much she would be surprised by, and she said 2,000 pounds."

Students went to work to exceed expectations.

Efforts went well beyond the car wash. They held a dance, where snack items were traded for canned food donations. They organized a schoolwide canned food drive, with prizes for the classroom that raised the most, as well as for the grade level that raised the most.

Along the way, individual efforts made for big changes in students.

Biggs recalled going all over town and asking for donations. One man left her three boxes of food.

Jade Gil spent two and a half hours raking leaves in her neighborhood and



Students help load food boxes collected during a canned-food drive for Ella Curran Food Bank.

raised 38.5 pounds of food for her efforts.

"I think this has to be a real special thing, for us and probably for you," Jaffer said. "I'm flabbergasted. I really didn't think you'd raise

2,000 pounds."

Oliver: Show opens tonight

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Also, they're excited to play on the bigger stage in Bollman Auditorium with more impressive sets and costumes.

"It's been really good for us," Cromwell said. "It's accomplished what we had hoped it would accomplish."

Seventh-grader Wyatt Button, who plays lead character Oliver, said being part of the cast means higher expectations of professionalism and organization, a challenge he welcomes.

His role, playing the melancholy, yet hopeful Oliver, has been a new experience, too.

"I never had to be sad before, at all," Button said. "I put on my sad face and sometimes I think of a really sad thing and that sets the tone."

Oliver — he is the one who asked for more supper after all — has an irrepressible spirit.

"I think he always has hope," Button said.

That's in spite of his circumstances, which begin with life in an orphanage. His "May I have some more?" stunt leads to him being sold to a work house, where he eventually runs away. He lands with a gang of young thieves.

Along the way, he encounters a number of characters with bad intent, not the least of which is Bill Sykes, a sort of "mob boss," taking the proceeds of the

Show time!

What: "Oliver!"

When: Wednesday (tonight) through Saturday. Performances are at 7 p.m. all days, with an additional 2 p.m. show on Saturday.

Where: Bollman Auditorium, Dallas High School, 1250 SE Holman Ave.

Admission: \$5, available in the DHS main office or at the door.

pickpocket gang's ill-gotten gains.

Zac Parnell, a senior who plays the intimidating Sykes, said most antagonists have redeeming qualities, but Sykes is different.

"With him, it's tough to find one," Parnell said. He's abusive to his girlfriend, Nancy — and everyone else, really — and takes what he wants when he wants it.

"It's a different perspective than playing a protagonist," Parnell said. "I have to take a couple of moments to try to find some of that anger."

Amelia Poston, who plays Nancy, said it's Oliver's knack for staying optimistic in the face of the likes of Bill Sykes and "horrible" things that happen to him that makes the musical uplifting.

"It's London in the 1800s, it wasn't a happy time," she said. "He's so sweet, and instead of turning out horrible, he stays sweet."

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NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION

WORK SESSION PURPOSE: The Polk County Planning Commission will hold a public work session on recent changes in state law regarding recreational and medical marijuana.

FILE NUMBER: LA 15-02

DATE AND TIME OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: November 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM

LOCATION OF MEETING: First Floor Meeting Room, Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338.

APPLICABLE REVIEW AND DECISION CRITERIA: Polk County Zoning Ordinance Section 115.060

STAFF CONTACT: Mark Bernard: (503) 623-9237; bernard.mark@polk.or.us

The location of the work session is handicapped accessible. Please advise the Community Development Department at (503) 623-9237 if you will need any special accommodations to attend this meeting. The applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and copies may be obtained at a reasonable cost.

The Planning Commission will receive testimony at a future public hearing, and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation, receive testimony, and make a final local decision on this matter. Written comments may be directed to the Planning Division of the Polk County Community Development Department, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338-1922. Written testimony may be submitted to the Polk County Planning Division. Please include reference to file number LA 15-02 in all correspondence. Oral and written testimony may be rendered at future public hearings.

(Nov. 11, 2015)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK

In the Matter of the Estate of: JERRY DWIGHT FREEMAN, aka JERRY D. FREEMAN, Deceased.

No. 15PB05025

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers attached, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the attorney for the

undersigned as Personal Representative at: PO Box 220, Dallas, OR, 97338, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative.

Dated and first published November 11, 2015.

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ESTATE OF CHRISTIE JANE BLOUNT
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
Case Number 15PB05086

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