

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rempel poem chosen for publication

DALLAS — At the recent Writer's conference in Portland, local poet Debbie Rempel of Dallas gave a reading of her poem "Beach Chair." This poem has been purchased by the Assembly of God Gospel Publishing House to be used in one their publications.

Debbie is a longtime Dallas resident and graduate of Dallas High School. She has written many poems over the years which have been published. This is the first time she has been paid for one of her poems.

New manager hired at Polk CDC

INDEPENDENCE — Polk Community Development Corporation has hired Kevin Alejandre as the new site manager for the Park West apartment complex at E Street in Independence.

Park West Apartments were Polk CDC's first major development, completed in 1996.

The nonprofit organization develops multifamily and lease-to-own homes for low- to moderate-income families, and administers an affordable rehabilitation loan program for qualified homeowners, rental property owners and businesses. Its mission is to provide income-eligible Polk County residents with opportunities for high quality, affordable housing.

For more information or to donate: www.polkcdc.org.

Dallas Fire responds to care facility

DALLAS — Dallas Fire and EMS responded to the Ellendale Residential Care Facility, 511 E. Ellendale Ave., on Dec. 19 for a reported structure fire.

On arrival, fire department personnel found the source of the smoke, which turned out to be a fire in one of the facility's restrooms. About 50 residents were evaluated and relocated temporarily while the fire was extinguished. Residents were allowed to return a short time later, once the smoke was cleared from the facility.

The fire was contained to the restroom. Minimal damage was reported.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Dallas Fire was assisted by Dallas Police Department, Polk County Fire District No. 1, Faulk Ambulance Service, and Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Driver cited after accident at Main

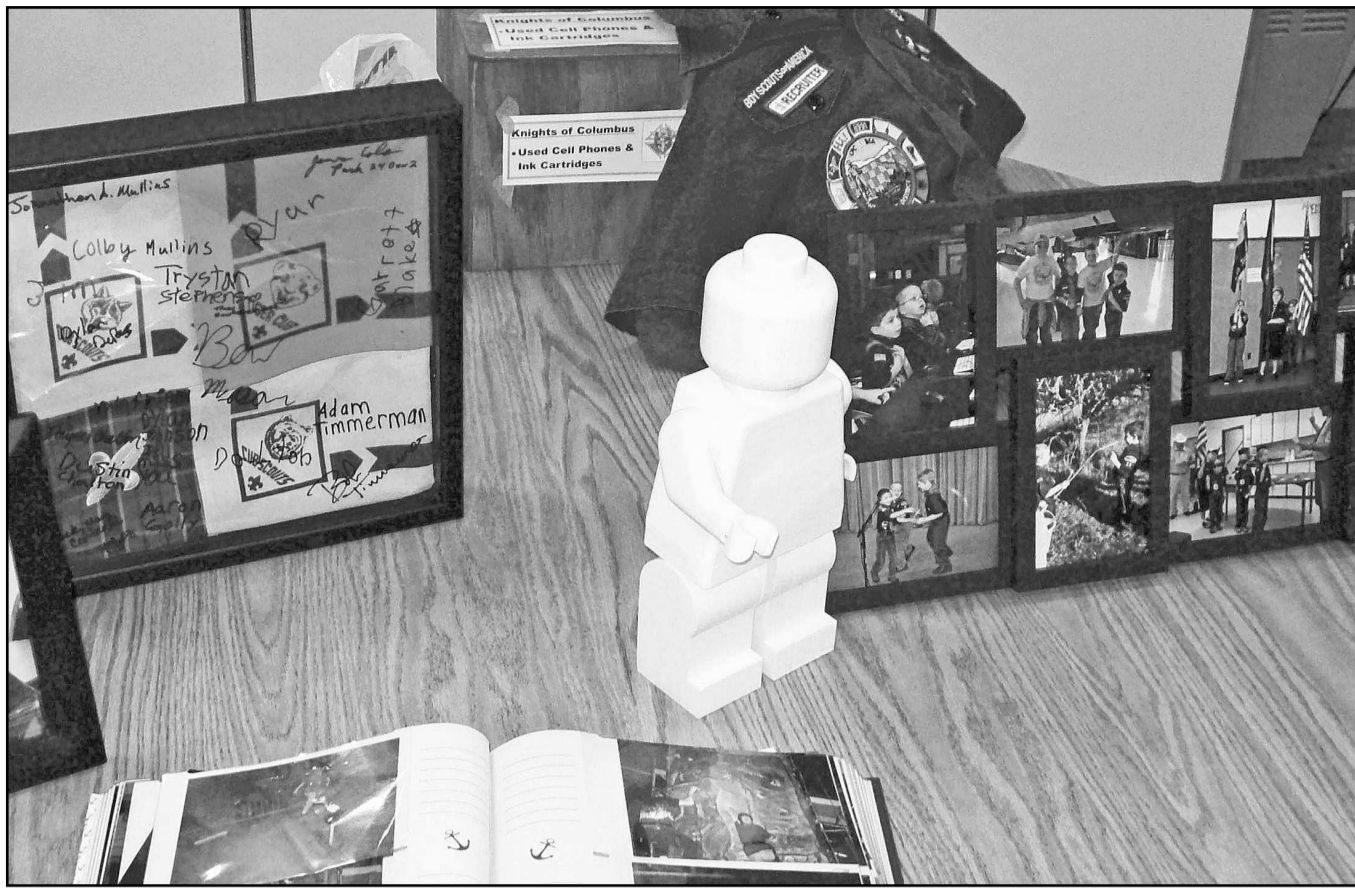
DALLAS — Stefani Thompson, 34, of Falls City, was cited on Dec. 17 for failing to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk after an accident at Main Street and Walnut Avenue.

Thompson was making a legal left-hand turn from Walnut Avenue onto Main Street when she hit a juvenile pedestrian who was legally crossing in the crosswalk, said Lt. Jerry Mott.

"She (Thompson) had a green light," Mott said. "She didn't see the lady in the crosswalk and ran into her."

The pedestrian was transported to a hospital and has since been released.

The accident happened at 2:54 p.m. on Dec. 17 and closed the road long enough for Dallas police officers to take measurements, in case a recreation of the accident was needed later, Mott said.



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Nicholas Indra got his start on this 3-D printing adventure by creating an urn for his son (pictured middle).

Business spawned from lack of choice

'Anything you think about that can be drawn in a computer can be printed'

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer



Daniel Indra

MONMOUTH — What started out as a way to find a more suitable urn for Nicholas Indra's 8-year-old son Daniel has turned into a full-time 3-D printing business.

"Shortly after his accident, we looked for an urn," Indra, 32, said. "We couldn't find anything that we felt was appropriate for a child. We called them 'old-people vases.'"

Indra and a friend set to work designing a "Lego-man" urn for Daniel to rest in, using a 3-D printer to bring the creation to life.

At the time, Indra thought to make a business out of it, but is kind of relieved there

is not a huge daily demand for children's urns.

"In some ways it's a good thing that the urn business isn't an everyday thing," he said. "Obviously from a business perspective, it's not."

Instead of folding up the printer, Indra is working to

find other ways to market the uses of the machine, from Christmas ornaments at craft fairs to designing prosthetics.

"We have some ideas of some projects that we want to fund personally so we can show off what the printer can do," he said. "We're still at the point that we don't fully understand what the printer can do."

Indra lost two fingers in a work accident years ago. Now, he and his friend are working to print him a prosthetic for those digits.

"3-D printing is revolutionizing the world of prosthetics," Indra said.

He also is looking at creating props from movies or comics for props enthusiasts.

"Literally anything you can think of and draw on a computer, it can be printed," Indra said.

While the company is still in its early stages, Indra said his ultimate goal is to make it profitable enough to give back to the community that has so supported him and his family, before and after Daniel's tragic death.

"We're hoping to help the Scout Pack that my son was in, buy some uniforms for Kids, Inc., help sponsor camping trips," Indra said. "Things like that were important to Daniel. We want to help give back, help fund those activities that Daniel really liked."

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