

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Rep. Services plans no pickup on Aug. 21

DALLAS — Republic Services will not pick up trash or recycling on Monday, Aug. 21. Because of expected heavy traffic, trucks will not operate and offices will be closed, according to a letter from Republic Services. All services will be pushed back one day. If your service day is usually Monday, it will be picked up on Tuesday, and so on. Friday's pickup will be on Saturday that week. Residential customers may put extra bags to the curb on their service day to be picked up at minimal charge, according to the letter. For questions: Republic Services Salem office: 503-363-8890.

## OSU office closes for week of fair

DALLAS — The Oregon State University Extension Polk County office will be closed during the week through Aug. 11 for the Polk County Fair. The office is at 289 E. Ellendale Ave., Suite 301. For more information: 503-623-8395.

## Volunteers needed for eclipse event

POLK COUNTY — Volunteers are needed for events planned in Polk County around the eclipse. To volunteer for Dallas's events, email Bonnie Dreier at DAVC.Bonnie@gmail.com. To help at Indy Goes Dark, email Courtney Williams at cwilliams@ci.independence.or.us.

## Dallas man arrested on child porn

DALLAS — On Thursday, Polk County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dale Lynn Sherman, 48, of Dallas, for possession of child pornography. Investigators located over 60 images of child pornography involving children ranging from about 1 to 14 years old on electronic devices owned and used by Sherman, according to a release from the sheriff's office. He was lodged at the Polk County Jail on 30 counts of second-degree encouraging child sex abuse.

## Sen. Merkley to hold town hall

DALLAS — Senator Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall Wednesday (today) at 3:30 p.m. at the Colonel Nesmith Readiness Center, 12830 Westview Dr., Dallas. For more information: www.merkley.senate.gov.



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Volunteers lead campers through an exercise at the Little Actors Acting Camp.

# Camp teaches theater to kids

By Stephanie Blair  
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — This week at Central High School, the Little Actors Acting Camp is taking center stage. Founded last year by CHS thespian Matisyn Robischon, the camp began as a fundraiser for the CHS Thespians, but has evolved into something more. "I thought, 'oh, we can do this camp and it'll be super fun, and the volunteers would learn something,' because we were working on getting our thespian troop closer together," Robischon explained. "I wanted to orig-

inally make it a community kind of thing and ended up raising absolutely no money. And that's when I realized that I didn't necessarily do it about the money." The camp has more than 60 little actors ranging from 4 to 13 years old attending this year, which is triple the size of last year. Luckily, the camp has a large pool of volunteers running it — all high school thespians, of course. "All of these individuals are volunteering their time to teach younger generations about theater," Robischon said. "I did it on a volunteer basis because I wanted everyone that's here

to want to be here as much I want to be here and want it to work out." The camp teaches the actors fundamental skills — like memorization, teamwork and taking direction — which are necessary for theater, through games and fun activities. For example, in one activity, the group leader built a structure out of building blocks and allowed the group to study it for 30 seconds. After the 30 seconds were up, the structure was knocked down and the group had to work together to rebuild it from memory. Robischon's mission for the camp is to expose as

many young children to theater as she can. "I think that everyone should have the chance of getting a taste of theater — even if you don't end up liking it or it's just not your thing, I believe everyone should give it a try," Robischon said. "I believe that you can't be too young to enjoy theater." On Friday, Aug. 11, at the little actors will put on a performance which they have prepared throughout the week. Curtain will open at 12:30 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium, and is free to attend, and open to the public.

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## POLICE REPORT

- DALLAS** Arrests/Citations
  - Phillip D. Allison, 29, of Dallas, in the 100 block of SW Cherry St. on Aug. 2 on a charge of second-degree criminal trespass. Allison was also charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of heroin in a separate incident in the 300 block of SE LaCreole Drive.
  - Stephen R. O'Connor, 34, of Dallas, in the 1200 block of SW Ellis St. on Sunday on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.
- INDEPENDENCE** Arrests/Citations
  - Anthony Aurelio Rodriguez, 65, a transient out of Salem, in the 100 block of Monmouth St. on Aug. 1 for parole violation and unlawful controlled substance — prohibited acts.
  - Frank Louis Baney, 44, of Independence, in the 600 block of S. Seventh St. on Aug. 2 for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer (felony) and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer (misdemeanor).
- MONMOUTH** Arrests/Citations
  - Sean Kellen Greaney, 20, of Monmouth, in the 1400 block of Glazemeadow St. on Aug. 2 for fourth-degree assault.
  - Victor Daniel Garcia, 21, of Salem, at Independence Riverview Park, 50 C St., on Thursday for second-degree disorderly conduct, physical harassment, resisting arrest, third-degree escape, and possession of methamphetamine.

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