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New **business** comes to Dallas

Jiffy Lube, Love Love Teriyaki to fill some town vacancies

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DALLAS — Two additions to the Dallas business landscape are in the construction or remodeling phase, and a third in is negotiations with the

"You've probably seen the big hole in the ground at Uglow and East Ellendale," said Jason Locke, Dallas community development director at the Dallas City Council subcommittee meeting on Sept. 25. "That is the fu-

ture site of the Jiffy Lube." The car service center is slated to open in January, Jennifer Friedmann, Jiffy Lube spokeswoman, said in an email.

"The four-bay store will offer oil change services in addition to brakes, tires and other preventive maintenance services," she said.

Vince Edwards owns the new franchise and has operated Jiffy Lube centers in Salem and Portland for the last 36 years. He has been in the process of building the new store for about a year, Friedmann said.

He will be hiring for his Dallas and Salem stores, she added.

Locke said local chain Love Love Teriyaki is opening a restaurant in the former Arctic Circle Building on Main Street. Love Love Teriyaki has locations in Salem and Albany.

"The former Arctic Circle building is being rehabbed on the inside," Locke said. "All of it, basically, is being torn out and redone."

He said a third possible development, Grocery Outlet, is in talks with the city to open a location in Jasper Crossing, near Rite Aid on West Ellendale.

"We had a pre-application meeting with Grocery Outlet. It looks like that will move forward,' Locke said. "We're working with them and have been for a couple months."



Photo courtesy of Audra Marsh/for Itemizer-Observer

Elise, left, with her mom Audra Marsh at Elise's unicorn-themed 12th birthday party in June.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dallas parent files complaint against district for failing to educate

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DALLAS — A parent of a special education student attending in the Dallas School District has filed a due process complaint alleging the district has failed to provide her daughter with appropriate special education services during the last three school years.

Audra Marsh filed the complaint on behalf of her daughter, Elise Marsh, now a seventh-grader, on Jan. 26 of this year. The complaint covers the two years before the complaint filing, but lists several incidents dating back to the 2010-11 school

The 59-page complaint alleges that the district failed to identify or misidentified Elise's disabilities, failed to properly evaluate her, and failed to provide her an appropriate placement in the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

Elise, 12, has Dandy-Walker Syndrome, a brain malformation that makes her hearing and visually impaired, among other condi-

She has an orthopedic impairment and suffers from seizures on occasion. Her hearing, visual and orthopedic impairments all affect how she learns, according to the complaint. While attending school, Elise requires a nurse and one-on-one edu-

cational assistant. The complaint also alleges that the district has at times failed to properly care for her daughter's health issues while at school, and, during the times Elise has to stay home, has provided her with an hour of tutoring instead of a full-day of school.

Complex case Marsh said she filed the

complaint to compel the district to offer Elise an appropriate education.

"In a perfect world, I would love to see my child excited about going to school again," she said. "I would love to feel that she is safe and for her to feel safe, for her to be provided with an education that has trajectory - that's going somewhere — by people who are skilled and know what they are doing."

Marsh, who is represented by Diane Wiscarson, a lawyer specializing in special education and disability law, is asking the district to provide her daughter with "compensatory education"; to train its staff to meet the needs of her child; conduct proper evaluation, placement and establish an individual education plan — a guide to how to educate students with special needs that identifies and addresses her disabilities; and provide a deaf-blind intervenor.

Rulings in special education cases do not include monetary awards, but rather education and staff training to make up for what the stu-

Those costs are paid by the district, and if a judge rules in favor of the student, all costs of the hearing and attorneys are covered by the district.

Kelly Noor, the district's lawyer, declined to discuss many specifics of the case and about Elise, but did say that Elise's medical conditions have greatly complicated the district's efforts to educate her.

"She has some very serious health issues, to the extent that she needs a fulltime nurse," Noor said. "Those played a huge role in everything, to the student's ability to attend school, the student's ability to pay attention. All of those are critical factors in looking at a very complex child."

Noor said in the more than 10 years she's been representing the district, this is the most complicated case she's ever seen.

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Airstreams to converge on Main Street

By Emily Mentzer

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INDEPENDENCE — Roughly 20 Airstream trailers will line Main Street in downtown Independence this weekend, starting Friday and leaving Sunday.

It's the 22nd Airstream rally held this year by the Oregon Airstream Club, and one that is unique to the Oregon chapter.

"A few years ago, a club in the Midwest did an Airstreams on Main Street," said Brad Taylor, club president. "Part of our mission is to give back to the community and try to be generous in our lifestyle."

This rally differs from the norm for club members in many ways.



Photo illustration courtesy of Independence Downtown Association This is what Independence could look like this weekend.

First, it is in an urban environment rather than a state or county park. Second, club members will not be providing coffee or food for each other — instead they will support the local businesses in downtown.

"Normally, whoever our host is arranges all the meals," Taylor said. "Whereas here, we're looking at boosting the income of local businesses."

Third, participants won't be able to come and go as they please. Parking the trailers front-to-back along Main will take some maneuvering. The street will be closed for an hour on Friday for people to park, and for an hour on Sunday for people to depart.

"For our participants, they have to be there at a set, specific time, and can't leave until a set, specific time," Taylor said.

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Dallas council talks summer '18

Itemizer-Observer staff report DALLAS — In October of last year, a taskforce began to meet bringing together businesses and organizations involved with activities revolving around the Great American Eclipse.

While the group wasn't responsible for all planning, it was a good way to stay up-to-date with eclipse activities and events, said one of the taskforce's founders Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton.

He and a few other people in the taskforce would like to see it continue with a new mission: Summer 2018.

The new taskforce will have its first meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St. More meeting will be scheduled if the group decides to continue working.

Dalton said after the success of the eclipse event, many people want to see local events improve. He introduced the idea of the summer events taskforce to the Dallas City Council Monday.

Work on that front has already begun at the Dallas Area Visitor's Center, the host of events such as Freedomfest, Sounds of Summer and Summerfest. The organization has formed a group looking at revamping Summerfest. Dalton said in an invita-

tion to the first meeting that the goal for the group isn't to plan each activity or to duplicate the effort of others, but serve as a "cross-organizational forum to coordinate the events coming up this summer."

THE NEXT **PLANNING FOR YOUR WEEK**

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Grab a ukulele and join in the jam session at Dallas Public Library — or come listen as others play the instrument. 5 p.m. Free.



Mostly sunny Hi: 71 Lo: 42

It's the battle of the minds at Independence Public Library's regular chess club for youths. Put your wits to the test. 4:30 p.m. Free.



Sunny Hi: 73 Lo: 45

BodyVox, a dance group, will bring Halloween to life on the Rice Auditorium stage at Western Oregon University. 7:30 p.m. \$30.



Sunny Hi: 73 Lo: 46

Independence's farmers markets run through the month of October so you can enjoy the fall bounty. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Partly Cloudy Hi: 66 Lo: 43

Find out how to get your family prepared for whatever comes at a training session at Christ's Church in Monmouth. 3 p.m. Free.



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Central boys soccer hosts Crescent Valley at Panther Stadium. Come out and sup-

port your Panthers! 6 p.m.



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and head to Monmouth Public Library for some bookworm fun during story time. 10:15 a.m. Free.

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Pack up the family



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