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Aerospace engineer major Justin Jackson works inside OCCC's Accounting Lab located on the second floor of the Main Building. Summer lab hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the lab, visit www.occc.edu/business/accountinglab.html.

OCCC contracts with new waste company

Waste Management agreement to end after 15 years

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OCCC has selected Republic Services to collect its recyclable products, as well as the college's trash and garbage, ending a 15-year relationship with Waste Management, said John Boyd, vice president for Business and Finance.

Republic Services will be paid \$60,264.10 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which is \$5,022.01

monthly, according to information provided by Boyd.

From that, recycling will cost \$5,880 a year plus any additional charges for bulb, ballast and battery recycling.

Boyd said OCCC has several different types of recycling.

"We recycle paper, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, light bulbs, batteries, cardboard, all kinds of stuff," he said.

The new contract reflects an increase over current costs.

The contract with Waste Management's waste and recycling removal, which cost the college \$42,847 for the service from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, according to a college

purchase order.

From that, OCCC spent about \$6,600 on recycling for Waste Management's recycling program.

Boyd said OCCC will do business with Republic Services after Waste Management's contract is

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College puts focus on recycling effort

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OCCC does an exceptional job in being good stewards when it comes to recycling on campus, said Chris Snow,

Facilities Management assistant director.

He said colleges and universities require large quantities of materials, which often result in large volumes of waste.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL | Get informed, get involved

Human trafficking everyone’s issue

While human trafficking has been active throughout time, in the past decade it has gained proportionate attention.

A modern-day slavery, human trafficking is defined as the illegal movement of people, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.



ETHAN COOPER

According to the Polaris Project, a website dedicated to combating modern-day slavery, the yearly profits created by the human trafficking industry are estimated to be \$32 billion.

The number of slaves worldwide is estimated to be 27 million. Of that, 80 percent are women. Fifty percent of that number are children.

In 2000, the number of children and youth in the United States estimated to be at risk of sexual exploitation was 244,000.

As reported by the U.S. State Department and Department of Health and Human Services, trafficking is the fastest-growing crime in the world and is the largest criminal enterprise, after drugs.

The Department of Homeland Security said the average age for a girl to enter the commercial sex

trade is 12 to 14 years, and only 11 to 13 for boys. Traffickers generally target people who wish for a better life, have a history of sexual abuse, live an unstable lifestyle, or lack employment opportunities. From suburbs to urban areas, modern day slavery can be found in all levels of our society.

While the previous statement is true, certain populations are more vulnerable to trafficking than others. Illegal immigrants, victims of trauma or sexual abuse, and homeless or runaway youth are among a wide variety of impoverished groups and individuals affected most by trafficking.

Polarisproject.org, a website dedicated to fighting and bringing awareness to modern-day slavery, contains statistics, survivor stories, and other helpful resources used to educate and inform people of this terrible crisis.

It also offers the National Human Trafficking Resource Center to those seeking help or wanting to report a tip. The NHTRC offers a toll-free hotline available to answer text and calls 24 hours a day any day of the year.

Law enforcement and government officials are responsible for rescuing human trafficking victims but so much more can be done to educate people and aid survivors.

There are many other websites like Polarisproject.org created to help victims and inform everyone



of the human trafficking crisis. There are countless survivor stories, news clips, and videos about human trafficking available on YouTube and news websites.

Humantrafficking.org offers information concerning numerous countries where human trafficking is prevalent. Like The Polaris Project, Humantrafficking.org offers a multitude of information on how to combat modern-day slavery.

These websites also give a list of shelters located throughout the nation. These safe homes offer refuge and protection to survivors of sex trafficking.

While it may be impossible to eradicate human trafficking from our planet, people can be informed of this ongoing crisis, and help victims and survivors of modern-day slavery.

—ETHAN COOPER
WEBMASTER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | Taking children to local farmers market is a great teaching moment

Health Department says its best to shop homegrown

To the editor:

June is National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month and is the perfect time to enjoy the season’s bounty. From fresh peaches to homegrown tomatoes, fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful throughout the summer months.

During Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month, “Shape Your Future,” the Oklahoma State Department of Health along with the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, is encouraging Oklahomans to visit local farmers markets to support local farmers, and to also enjoy the taste and benefits of homegrown fruits and vegetables.

“Shopping at a local farmers market allows you to provide your family with wholesome, healthy food while supporting your local community at the same time,” said Tracey Strader, TSET executive director.

“In addition, bringing children to farmers markets will allow them to talk with real farmers to better understand how their food is grown and why homegrown fruits and vegetables are more nutritious.”

Benefits of shopping at farmers markets include:

- Enjoying nutritious produce that is packed with vitamins and antioxidants.
- Keeping money local.
- Reducing mileage produce travels which helps

decrease energy consumption.

- Interacting with farmers to understand how fruits and vegetables are grown and harvested.
- Connecting rural and urban communities.
- Using less packaging for a greener shopping experience.

There are many farmers markets across the state of Oklahoma that offer a vast selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information on National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month and to find a farmers market near you, visit www.ShapeYourFutureOK.com.

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COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

FOOD REVIEW | il Dolce Gelato in Moore full of flavorful Italian creations

Gelato beats ice cream any day

I have an unhealthy addiction to ice cream. While Braum's is a great place to satisfy my craving, sometimes I get tired of the usual flavors and predictable taste.

After watching a movie with my friends last weekend, we decided to go to il Dolce Gelato, located at 937 B SW 25th Street, about a mile from the Warren Theater in Moore, just south of SW 19th Street and Telephone Road.

I'm not going to lie. I frequent this place, because it is simply amazing.

Gelato is different than ice cream, because it is Italian ice cream and contains less air and more milk, making the mixture dense and creamy.

Gelato also has half the calories of American ice cream, which makes it easier to eat much more, because it seems much lighter.



il Dolce has more than 178 different gelato flavors in their vault of recipes. Obviously, they don't offer all of them at once, but they do usually have around 20 flavors to choose from at a time.

I have never been disappointed in the selection, and I almost always see a flavor I've never seen before.

They have flavors like: Amaretto, Apple Pie, Biscotti, Butter Pecan, Cappuccino, Cookies and Cream, Green Tea, Lemon Blueberry, No Bake Cookie, Red Velvet Cake, Sea Salt Caramel, Tiramisu and many, many more.

My favorite flavors are Peanut

Butter, Butterfinger Bar, Snickers, and Stracciatella. I usually combine two of them to make a mouth-watering combination.

il Dolce is fairly cheap considering how fresh the gelato is.

A small gelato, which can include two different flavors is only \$3.42 including tax. A medium, which can include up to three different flavors is \$4.22, and a large, which can include up to four different flavors is \$4.93 including tax. A 1.5 pint is \$10.75.

They also offer great shakes, coffee and espresso.

I believe il Dolce is a hidden gem that everyone should try, especially if you have never tried gelato before.

You will not be disappointed.

Rating: A

—LAUREN DANIEL
SENIOR WRITER

GAME REVIEW | At \$15 on Steam website, game is a great buy

'The Stanley Parable' full of adventure

Remember those "Choose Your Own Adventure" books you read as a kid? "The Stanley Parable" is a modern kind of "Choose Your Own Adventure" in video game form.

Rather than being an action or sci-fi kind of adventure where, if you choose

the wrong door, you face some gruesome death, you are presented with different philosophical lessons or parables, depending on which path you pick.

British voice actor and narrator for the game Kevin Brighting absolutely nails his role. Of course, an actor is nothing without good writing. The dialogue is hilarious and at times, more contemplative.

Brighting nails his expressions ranging from angry to depressed, to downright comical that fits the writing greatly.

"The Stanley Parable" has many branching paths that will take a couple hours to find. It might leave you wishing for more, but at \$15 and often discounted, it's a reasonable price for an Indie video game.

Endings for each path aren't all hilarious, and some tend to be introspective or on the meta side which



might not make much sense to younger players.

Finding all of these different paths is a fun process. Although "The Stanley Parable" is a single-player game, I found the best way to experience it is with friends.

Taking suggestions from friends on which path to take and experiencing Brighting's narration together is a joy.

Giving an example of a path would spoil the experience, and I wouldn't want to ruin any of the great writing and scenarios that deserve to be experienced.

"The Stanley Parable" can be found on digital PC gaming service Steam. There's even a demo if you'd like to try before buying.

If you're a philosophy major or just tired of the endless stream of shooting games saturated in various different shades of brown, and want a story, I highly recommend "The Stanley Parable."

Rating: B

—JOHN HUYNH
PHOTOGRAPHER



Shazam, guitar tab apps a must for music fans

Music is a major part of my life, so it only makes sense the majority of things on my phone are songs and apps that involve music.

One of my favorite free music apps is Shazam. If you ever hear a song and wonder what the title is, Shazam can solve that mystery. With the touch of a button, Shazam is prompted to listen to whatever song is playing and figure out the title for you.

Shazam not only gives the title, but also the option to download the song on iTunes, share it on social media, listen to it on Spotify, find radio stations based on the song, and will find similar songs. The artist biography, discography, music video, and the next concert the artist will have also are listed. The app also keeps a convenient list of all the songs you've tagged.

Shazam has the top charts from all the different countries, and news about new songs and artists, maps of different playlists from all over the world, and a current hit list.

Shazam is an awesome app if you love discovering new or popular music or if you are always struggling to find the names of songs.

Another music app I love is called Ultimate Guitar Tabs. This app is for musicians or people who want to learn to play guitar. The app has several versions of guitar tabs, bass tabs and chords for almost any song you could think of.

Formerly, I used www.ultimateguitar.com through Safari on my phone, which was a bit of an inconvenience, because I had to zoom in and out to view each song.

With this app, you can search for songs, go through the top 100 tabs/chords, play random tabs, or even go through tabs by genre. On the tabs/chords, you can easily change the key, view the chords and how to play them, download the song directly through the app, and make the tab/chords slide down automatically. This feature is perfect if you are playing and do not want to stop to view the bottom half of the document.

Guitar Tabs cost \$1.99, but it's worth it. You can also purchase guitar tools like a tuner, metronome and a chord library for a small fee.

This app is a great tool for all musicians, especially guitar players.

—LAUREN DANIEL
SENIOR WRITER

COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

SERIES REVIEW | Season two of the Netflix original was released June 6

‘Orange is the New Black’ sure to become cult classic

It’s rare when a television series can cause a grown man with a full beard to shed tears of both sadness and joy; however, the Netflix original series “Orange is the New Black” accomplishes just that.

From the creator of award-winning television series “Weeds” and based on autobiographical events, “OITNB” blends the perfect balance of drama and comedy while exploring the backstories of female prisoners doing time in a New York penitentiary.

The second season of “OITNB” premiered on Netflix Friday, June 6, and I’m pleased to say it successfully surpassed season one.

While the series’ main focus is the story of Piper Chapman — a woman who’s been sentenced to serve time for a crime she committed several years prior — the histories of the other inmates also are revealed in each episode.

In prison, the inmates barter for toiletries, compete for turf and segregate themselves into groups ac-



daily struggles while living with a loved one in prison.

Decorated with social commentary ranging from equality issues and women’s rights to police brutality and federal financial exploitation, “OITNB” always has an underlying joke beneath the apparent one.

It’s rare when highbrow humor can complement a

cording to race. There are constant power struggles and conflicts occurring among the groups as well as scandal and betrayal occurring within them.

While most of the inmates are serving time for committing non-violent crimes, the poor prison conditions often cause tensions to escalate and tempers to explode — providing entertainment as well as raw emotion.

Outside the bars, the warden embezzles endless amounts of federal money, the prison guard impregnates an inmate, and Piper’s family and former fiancé face their

toilet joke, but “OITNB” boasts an arsenal of clever one-liners, and historical and literary allusions perfect for both old and young audiences alike.

Despite its comedic undertones and witty banter, however, I’ll admit the show contains some gut-wrenching content not safe for viewers under age 15. There’s also a sex scene in nearly every episode.

Moreover, while “OITNB” causes quite a bit of laughter, it can also cause some self-reflection.

The show teaches audiences about the importance of the little things once everything else has been stripped away.

With a colorful cast of characters, social commentary in every joke and a convoluted storyline, “OITNB” is sure to be a cult classic in years to come.

Rating: A

—SIALI SIAOSI
ONLINE EDITOR

PRODUCT REVIEW | At \$1 a bottle, shampoo delivers like more expensive brands

Silkience inexpensive, effective

When people see my plump, bouncy and playful yet professional, hair style, the first thing they always ask is, “What do you use in it?”

How can I too own hair that would make a dictator weep golden tears?” I vowed I would never tell my secret.

I got so tired of hearing these questions that I started wearing a hat every day. My fans were understandably upset when I started doing this, but I cannot be expected to walk to work in the morning with the ruffraff peasantry touching me.

One day, as I casually walked toward my car in the lot, a haggard unattended 6-year-old girl started to follow me. She kept shouting something about “Where is my Romney, I want my Romney,” so I promptly called the police.

As they slapped the cuffs on the child, I noticed her pigtails. They were thick, voluminous and overdecorated with pink bows. I wondered how expensive it must be to maintain that look.

I imagined her poor mother having to spend prob-



ably hundreds of dollars a year on her little blonde mistake. I had an epiphany that I had no choice but to share my hair care secret for the good of the world.

I use Silkience shampoo and nothing else. It costs \$1 for a bottle.

Silkience, to my knowledge, means silk science. It also may mean the state of being silky. Either way, the made-up word is cleverly accurate.

I have a very greasy head so I have no need for conditioner. When it comes to shampoo for me, the key word is dry. I need a shampoo that degreases my head and dries it like a potato peel in the sun.

Silkience does the trick.

It is a bit difficult to get used to, though. It is extremely runny, almost like pure bubble soap. It very well may be bubble soap, but if you have a head that could make a skillet safe for pancakes, Silkience can drop your shampoo bill by a million percent.

Rating: A

—JAKE MCMAHON
VIDEOGRAPHER

TOP 20 MOVIES

Weekend of June 20 through June 22
www.newyorktimes.com

1. *Think Like a Man Too*
2. *22 Jump Street*
3. *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
4. *Jersey Boys*
5. *Maleficent*
6. *Edge of Tomorrow*
7. *The Fault in Our Stars*
8. *X-Men: Days of Future Past*
9. *Godzilla*
10. *Chef*
11. *A Million Ways to Die in the West*
12. *Neighbors*
13. *Blended*
14. *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*
15. *Million Dollar Arm*
16. *The Rover*
17. *Rio 2*
18. *Belle*
19. *Divergent*
20. *Ida*

Free e-books, audiobook rental available online

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For those who enjoy reading but hate flipping pages, the OCCC library has a collection of audiobooks and e-books available for students, faculty and staff members to borrow, said Systems Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams.

Tuley-Williams said an audio book is downloaded as an audio file and an e-book includes text downloadable to devices such as tablets or computers. She said those interested can visit <http://occc.lib.overdrive.com> to browse titles.

"There's a vendor that we work with called OverDrive — they are our primary e-book and audiobook vendor," she said.

"We purchase access to the books through OverDrive and, in turn, students can go in and download them from OverDrive to their device."

Tuley-Williams said the library boasts a variety of OverDrive E-book and audiobook titles, though most are targeted

toward reading for leisure.

"OverDrive specializes in fiction, best-sellers — things of that nature," she said. "It's primarily for pleasure reading."

"... You may be able to find materials that would work for course assignments, but that's not really the purpose or the goal of OverDrive."

Unlike most book-borrowing methods, Tuley-Williams said, there's no need to worry about late fees because the book simply disappears from the device once two weeks has passed.

"... It's like a regular library book and you get it for two weeks," Tuley-Williams said.

"That's one really nice thing — you can't keep it longer than you're supposed to," she said. "It just disappears [after two weeks]."

To browse E-book and audiobook titles available in the OCCC library, visit <http://occc.lib.overdrive.com>.

For additional information about the library, visit www.library.occc.edu or call 405-682-7564.

The screenshot shows the OCCC (Oklahoma City Community College) library website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Menu', 'Account', 'Help', and a search bar. Below this, there are tabs for 'Featured Collections', 'eBook Fiction', 'eBook Nonfiction', 'Audiobook Fiction', and 'Audiobook Nonfiction'. Under 'Featured Collections', there are links for 'New eBooks', 'New Audiobooks', 'Most Downloaded', 'Just Returned', and 'All Collections...'. The 'eBook Fiction' tab is selected, showing a list of books including 'Shadow Spell' by Nora Roberts, 'Beautiful Ruins' by Jess Walter, 'The Essential Digital Interview Handbook' by Paul J. Bailo, 'The American Way of Poverty' by Sasha Abramsky, 'My Education' by Susan Choi, and 'Half the Sky' by Nicholas D. Kristof. Below this, there's a 'New eBooks' section with more book covers like '150 Activities for Bored Dogs', 'Behind the Candelabra', 'The Omnivore's Dilemma', 'Some Like It Scarier', 'Let's Pretend This Never Happened', and 'Bleeding Edge'.

Seats available in College for Kids World Drums class

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OCCC's College for Kids is hosting a World Drums camp for two weeks beginning Monday, July 7.

Instructor Deborah Goodhead said for \$39 children in first through third grade can enroll for the first World Drums session running Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11. She said students in fourth through eighth grade can enroll the week of Monday, July 14, through Friday, July 18.

Goodhead said the program received a \$7,000 grant from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra so the students



could have access to state-of-the-art instruments. TSO is an American progressive rock band founded in 1993, according to the website at <http://trans-siberian.com>.

Those enrolled in World Drums, Goodhead said, will have access to different drums from all over the world.

"The main drums that came

with the grant are Tubano drums — they come in three sizes: 10 inch, 12 inch, and 14 inch," she said.

"They're American made and they're similar to the congas from Cuba."

Along with the tubano drums, she said, there also

are smaller drums, such as buffalo drums and a drum from Africa called the djembe drum.

Goodhead said students will learn how to incorporate the drums when playing ensembles from different countries.

"It's world music but it's really world drums," she said. "The real focus is on the drums."

Goodhead said enrollment for World Drums is still under way. She said it's an ideal opportunity for those seeking to expand both their cultural and musical know-how.

"We need people," she said. "So far, we only have four kids enrolled for each camp."

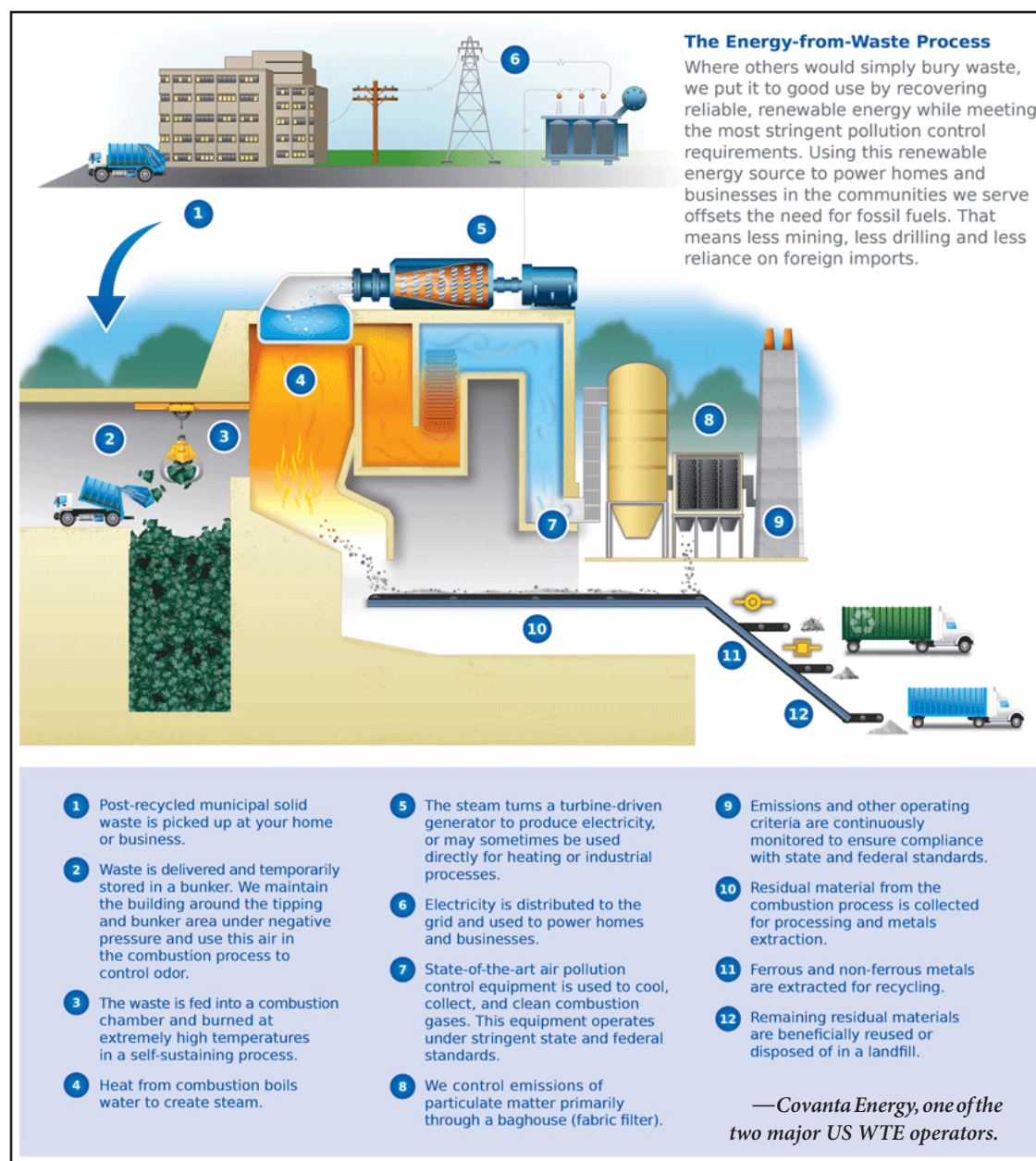
For more information about OCCC's College for Kids visit www.occc.edu/coe/college4kids.html.

To contact Goodhead, call 405-650-2113.



All college buildings will be closed Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/aboutus/hours.html

Experts encourage generating energy from waste



DID YOU KNOW?

• The average American office worker uses about 500 disposable cups every year.

• Less than 1 percent of plastic bags are recycled each year. Recycling one ton of plastic bags costs \$4,000. The recycled product can be sold for \$32.

• In 2012, the United States generated almost 14 million tons of plastics as containers and packaging.

• Only 9 percent of the total plastic waste generated in 2012 was recovered for recycling.

• In 2012, Americans generated about 251 million tons of trash. Of that, 34.5 percent was recycled or composted.

—CleanAir.org and epa.gov

WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY



OCCC: College decides to use a new recycling contractor

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up on June 30, 2014.

“We’ve been with Waste Management for about 15 years — quite a long relationship,” he said.

Boyd said a number of waste removal services were considered; however, Republic Services stood out among them from a financial standpoint.

“From all of the different waste disposal contractors that came in, from a pure dollar standpoint, Republic Services was the lowest bidder,” he said.

Boyd said he feels confident about the decision in terms of the pricing and other subjective and objective criteria the Facilities, Personnel, and

Purchasing Department made.

“It was their decision that Republic Services was the best company for the job,” he said.

Though OCCC is only allowed by the Oklahoma Legislature to have annual contracts, there are multi-year plans for the pricing, Boyd said.

“We only sign a contract year-to-year because that’s all we’re allowed to do under law.

“We cannot commit more funds to a subsequent fiscal year outside the approval of the Legislature, but we can obtain multi-year pricing.”

Boyd said Republic Services will take over OCCC’s waste disposal services beginning July 1. Their contract will end June 30, 2015.

“... From a pure dollar standpoint, Republic Services was the lowest bidder.”

—JOHN BOYD

VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE

“If they provide their services to our satisfaction, then we will sign another contract with them on July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016,” he said.

OCCC has been recycling for several years, Boyd said, starting with basic paper recycling in the late 1980s.

“Different types of recycling started at different times.”

Hazardous waste collection started in the ’80s; cardboard

recycling started in the early ’90s; plastic bottles and aluminum can recycling started in the mid-’90s; batteries in the early 2000s; and fluorescent bulbs in 2013, according to information provided.

Boyd said he supports recycling 100 percent.

“As we upgrade, we are trying to be as responsible as we can about our overall green footprint, which includes the recycling effort,” he said.

Boyd said he believes as long as OCCC has the funding, the college’s efforts for going green will continue progressing.

“It does require a level of funding, because being green isn’t cheap,” he said.

“Everybody has to come together, including the student body.”

Boyd said it’s a tight push with the funding because OCCC needs to have a revenue stream to cover the costs of recycling.

“We try to make this point to the Legislature that our real mandatory costs go up every year and we try to operate as efficiently as we can,” he said.

“As long as the funding is there, we want to be responsible, and if we can protect our environment, we’re going to play our necessary role to do that.”

For more information about the recycling program, contact Boyd at jboyd@occc.edu.

Fireworks, cookouts, fun on horizon

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Fireworks are a big part of the July 4 holiday. Brian Stanaland, Battalion Chief for Oklahoma City Fire Station No. 9, cautions students to remember the laws in Oklahoma City.

"It's illegal to do your own fireworks within city limits," he said. "[That's] illegal in the city of Oklahoma City.

Stanaland said it also is illegal to possess and transport fireworks within the Oklahoma City limits. He said the safest way to see fireworks is from a distance.

"Every year, we encourage people to go to a professional display," Stanaland said.

Captain Andrew Willrath of the Mustang Fire Department agrees. Although it is legal to shoot off personal fireworks within Mustang City limits, he said, safety should be first and foremost.

"Don't try silly stuff," Willrath said. "It's kind of like medication — use as prescribed."

He said people who have personal fireworks should make sure they stay within Mustang city limits.

"We try to get everybody to go toward Wild Horse Park, which is there at SW 59th and

Mustang Road," Willrath said.

He said Mustang officials will allow fireworks to be discharged from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, June 27 through Thursday, July 3, and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, July 4.

The state also has certain restrictions.

- Bottle Rockets, stick rockets, cherry bombs and M-80s are prohibited in Oklahoma.

- Do not set fireworks off within 500 feet of any church, hospital, public school, un-harvested agricultural crop or fireworks store.

- Do not set fireworks off from vehicles or near groups of people.

For more information on firework laws and safety tips, go to <http://okc.about.com/od/citygovernment/a/okcfireworks.htm>.

Those who handle fireworks should follow these safety tips:

- Never point fireworks at another person.

- Be careful when lighting fireworks. Even a sparkler can cause a third degree burn.

- Be aware of your surroundings before lighting a firework. Check for flammable objects such as dead grass and wood shingles.

- In case of fire or a medical emergency, immediately call 911.

The following cities do not allow personal firework lighting within their limits: Yukon, Norman, Oklahoma City, Midwest City, Edmond, Moore and Del City.

Fourth of July celebrated statewide

BRICKTOWN FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA:

The firework display will begin at 9:30 p.m. July 4. Live music starts at 4:30 p.m. Fireworks are set off near the Bricktown Ballpark. For more information, visit www.visitokc.com/includes/events/Fireworks-Extravaganza-in-Bricktown/529.

RED, WHITE & BOOM:

The event is at 8:30 p.m. July 3 at the Oklahoma State Fair Park. The Oklahoma City Philharmonic will present "Patriotic Pops," followed by a firework show at approximately 10 p.m. The event and parking are free to the public. For more information, visit www.travelok.com/listings/view/profile/id.18652.

BETHANY'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL:

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. with one of the largest firework displays in the state beginning at 9:55 p.m. July 4. The carnival is open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. July 3; at 10 a.m. July 4, and is from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. July 5. The festival will take place in Eldon Lyon Park. For more information, visit <http://cityofbethany.org/2014/05/2014-bethany-freedom-festival>.

EDMOND'S LIBERTY FEST:

The festival starts June 26 and continues through July 4. One of the state's largest fireworks shows takes place at 10 p.m. July 4. Most of the Liberty Fest events will take place in downtown Edmond. All of the events are free except the "Taste of Edmond," which costs an additional fee. For more information, visit www.libertyfest.org/mm5/merchant.mvc.

YUKON'S FREEDOM FEST:

The festival begins at 4:30 p.m. July 3. Fireworks start at 10 p.m. July 3. A second fireworks show is at 10 p.m. July 4. Freedom Fest takes place in two locations, with concerts at the gazebo in Chisholm Trail Park and the July 4 outdoor events at Yukon City Park. The event is free to the public. For more information, visit www.cityofyukonok.gov/news-events/events/m.calendar/689/view/470.

MIDWEST CITY'S TRIBUTE TO LIBERTY:

The event starts at 6 p.m. July 4. The firework display will take place at approximately 9:45 p.m. The event is held each year at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park and is free to the public. For more information, visit <http://midwestcityok.org/tribute-to-liberty>.

MOORE'S CELEBRATION IN THE HEARTLAND:

The event takes place from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. July 4, with the fireworks display starting at 10 p.m. It will take place at Buck Thomas Park in Moore. The event is free. For more information, visit www.cityofmoore.com/celebration-heartland.

CITY OF MUSTANG:

Popping of personal fireworks is allowed from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m. between June 27 and July 3. Discharge of personal fireworks also is allowed from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. July 4. To see the city ordinances regarding fireworks, visit www.mustangpaper.com/contentitem/373466/1586/residents-encouraged-to-follow-fireworks-laws.



Americans consume about 155 million hot dogs on July 4. —Time Magazine

Independence Day became federal holiday in 1870

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July 4 is typically a holiday where everyone watches fireworks, cooks out, goes to the lake, wears a special patriotic shirt and plays "I'm Proud to be an American" at an obnoxious volume all day. While most of us know the history behind Independence Day, few of us take time to actually recognize and celebrate the true meaning.

The 13 colonies were established by the British between 1607 and 1733. The colonies soon decided they should be independent from Britain.

Many events such as the Stamp Act of 1765, the Townshend Tariffs of 1767, the Tea Act of 1773, and the Boston Massacre helped provoke the Revolutionary War. It broke out in April of 1775 at the Battle of Lexington and Concord.

In the midst of the Revolutionary War, the 13 colonies decided it was time to become independent from Britain. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. On July 4, they officially adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Despite what many people think, the war did not end when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The

U. S. was officially recognized as independent from Britain after they signed the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

However, Philadelphia celebrated their independence on July 4, 1777, and Massachusetts was the first state to make it an official holiday.

Congress made July 4 a federal holiday in 1870, and in 1941, federal employees were allowed a paid day off for the holiday.

July 4 has become an iconic holiday where Americans participate in leisure activities, cookouts and watch fireworks.

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SPORTS

Weightlifting focus



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

Nursing major Kyra Gilbert works out at the weight room located in OCCC's Wellness Center on the first floor of the Main Building. Students with a valid ID can use the area free of charge. For more information about the Wellness Center, visit www.occc.edu/rf/wellness.html.

SPORTS | Classes run all day with lunch in between

Kids camps a great summer activity

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Parents looking for something for their children to do this summer may want to consider an all-day camp at OCCC, said Camp Coach Rone Tempest.

"We have [Sport Camp and College for Kids Camp] in the morning and, in the afternoon, we have Fit Kids camp ...," he said.

OCCC's Summer Sport Camps and College for Kids run from 8 a.m. to noon. Fit Kids Camps are from 1 to 5 p.m. Lunch is served in between the two camps, Tempest said.

"It's one of the few programs in Oklahoma City where you can ... drop your child off at around 7 a.m. and not have to pick them up until 6 p.m., and know that

they're well taken care of and eating a nice lunch," he said.

Tempest said Fit Kids Camps involve a different type of physical activity than the morning Sports Camps.

He said Fit Kids Camps focus on physical activity as well as on health and safety.

"...What we really try to stress is nutrition as well as injury prevention.

"By stretching and doing plyometrics, we're trying to educate these kids on how to properly exercise — and most importantly, to play games that accomplish both," Tempest said.

"The fact of the matter is that injury is the worst thing for any athlete.

"But through off-season training and weight lifting, and stretching, and ensuring that you're doing plyometrics, you reduce the risk of that greatly."

Tempest said children can sign up for one week at a time.

"It's such a great program that a lot of kids are here all summer long," he said.

"We have a theme every week. We try to mix it up a little bit.

"For instance, this week is Amazing Race, so we do a lot of obstacle [courses]," he said.

"... Most kids are confined to a single sport. And this is a great opportunity to expose a lot of kids at a young age to multiple sports.

Tempest said that's something he doesn't see much of.

"I think a lot of times, children are pushed into a single sport and ... they tend to stick with one sport and they don't get the opportunity like we did many years ago to play them all and find out

what you love.

"And no matter what, playing other sports makes you better in the sport that you are particular to or the sport that you love."

There are four afternoon Fit Kids Camps available in July.

Tag! You're It! runs the week of July 7. Wet N Wild runs the week of July 14. Fitness Fun runs the week of July 21, and Active Lifestyle Adventures runs the week of July 28.

An all-day Fit Kids Camp called Summer Blast Extravaganza starts Aug. 4.

For more information about Summer Sports Camps, call 405-682-7860, or visit www.occc.edu/rf.

For more information about College for Kids classes, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7205, or visit www.occc.edu/coe/college4kids.

EVENT NEWS

• Through Aug. 1:

A variety of Summer Sport Camps will be held for girls and boys ages 6 to 12.

Campers enrolled in morning and afternoon camps will have a supervised lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Campers may bring their own lunch or purchase a lunch ticket from the cafeteria for \$5.25/day.

Before Care is offered for parents to allow early drop-offs prior to the 7:45 a.m. camp drop-off time for \$10 per week. Campers must be registered for Before Care services on the Friday prior to the Monday start date of camp.

Sport camp and Before Care registration and payment must be made by 5 p.m. the Friday prior to the start date of camp. The Sport Camp Fee is \$65 per week.

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/rf/sport-camp-schedule.html.

• Counselors in Training:

Teens train to work with youth while earning community service hours. Following the completion of each training week, CITs will be scheduled to volunteer in one of our OCCC's summer camp programs. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/rf/counselors.html.



Scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to a list of OCCC Intramural events, complete with the most current updates.

(Free QR code reader apps can be found online or in app stores on smart phones. Follow the directions for the app you download.)

All event news is due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue. Email your news to sportswriter@occc.edu.

Missing drone, vending machine theft reported

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A missing drone, an aggressive man and thefts were reported to the campus police during the two-week period of June 10 through June 20.

A missing unmanned aerial vehicle drone was reported about 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, according to report filed by Officer Tim Harris.

Harris said Marketing Specialist Michael Burchfield was using the Blade 350 Qx Drone to film footage of the college's main entrance when its GPS failed, causing the drone to fly east-bound at an increased altitude.

Harris said the drone also was carrying a Go Pro 3 Black Box edition camera.

He said the estimated value of both

lost items is \$1,069.95.

A second report was filed by Harris on Wednesday, June 18, after the campus police station received a complaint of an aggressive person in the Aquatics Center.

Upon arriving at the center, Harris said, he met with Patricia Ross who identified a man who she said had been verbally aggressive with a young female on Tuesday, June 17, while teaching her how to swim.

Harris said he spoke with the man, identified as Chen Haining, telling him the allegation had been made.

Haining told Harris he was unaware he had been acting inappropriately on the day in question and complied with Harris' request that he remain calm during future visits to the Aquatics Center.

Thieves made off with almost \$60 in snacks about 3 p.m. Friday, June 20,

after a vending machine was left open.

Officer Zachary Andrews filed the report after being informed by a cleaning crew member that the door to a snack vending machine in the College Union was left open.

Andrews said it appeared someone had unsuccessfully tried to pry the change area open.

After contacting the vending machine company, Andrews said, a representative was sent to lock the door.

The machine was half empty with missing merchandise totaling \$58.90.

Later that day, around 4 p.m., a report was filed by Officer Patrick Martino after a student's wallet was stolen from the OCCC library.

Martino said Monica Terrana left her backpack unattended while using the restroom and, upon her return, found her wallet was missing.

A witness reported seeing a suspicious person described as a white female wearing blue pants, a black shirt and a backpack in the area, according to the report.

While reviewing security footage of the area, Martino said, he saw a woman matching the same description and determined from 2:30 to 4 p.m. the suspect was wandering the Main Building and library in a manner he considered "casing."

Martino said Terrano later filed another report with Oklahoma City police after one of her stolen credit cards was used at Homeland on SW 44th Street and S May Avenue in Oklahoma City.

To contact campus police, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7747. For an emergency, use one of the call boxes located inside and outside on campus or call 405-682-7872.

Recycle: OCCC official says everyone should be recycling

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"Therefore ... it is imperative to establish waste management, waste reduction, recycling ethics and strategies," Snow said.

"I also believe that it is our student population's expectation that the college does adhere to these policies and practices."

Snow said he hopes all students will make an effort to be part of OCCC's ongoing recycling efforts by disposing of recycled material in the proper receptacles.

Even if locating the nearest recycling container is not the easiest step to take, Snow said, everyone should do what is right when considering recycling.

Premed biology major Sierra Thorp said she recycles often when she's on campus.

"I notice [the OCCC recycling efforts] more than other schools," she said.

"I've gone to the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma University, and it doesn't seem as prominent. I see more recycling [at OCCC], like the [recycling] containers."

Snow said if he could change

anything about the recycling on campus, it would be for the state to provide more incentive for recycling.

"It costs us money to recycle, and we do not have a zero balance nor a profit from recycling," he said.

"It costs us money to recycle and that doesn't make sense to me.

"Providing more incentive for recycling in the state [could] reduce the cost."

Starting July 1, Republic Services will be contracted as OCCC's waste and recycling removal company, said John Boyd, vice president for Business and Finance.

According to Republic Services' website, generating and tossing less recyclable items, is an important step in reducing environmental footprints.

"Together we can transform the materials that collectively used to be known as garbage or waste. We can then recycle all we can and safely dispose of whatever is left," according to Republic Services' FAQ page.

Snow said OCCC can take other actions toward going green besides recycling.

"As an extension of programs that are already involved, I



think that we could also look into composting opportunities here on campus," he said.

For more information about OCCC's recycling program, contact Snow at 405-682-7575, or email csnow@occc.edu.

For more information about state recycling, visit www.recycleok.org/okra

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Pioneer welcomes letters to the editor and encourages the use of this publication as a community forum. All letters must include the author's name, address, phone number and signature. E-mail letters should include all but the signature. The Pioneer will withhold the author's name if the request is made in writing.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Giving life



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

Dan Anderson, Instructional Video Services production specialist, donates blood for the 14th time June 18. Those 16 years or older and weighing at least 125 pounds may qualify to give blood. For more information on how to be a blood donor, visit the Oklahoma Blood Institute website at <http://obi.org>.

COMMUNITY | College for Kids summer camps offer a variety of music classes

Children learn to play the ocarina

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Children enrolled in one Kids Camp music class were recently taught to play an instrument not often seen in other classes — the ocarina.

College for Kids Instructor Deborah Goodhead teaches the Ocarina-Woodwind from the Stone Age camp each summer.

She said the last class for this summer just ended on a high note. Goodhead said her students were playing their ocarinas by the second day of class.

The video game “The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time” is used to teach the class, she said.

Goodhead even teaches the camp while wearing a pointy green hat similar to the one worn by “Zelda” main character Link. In “Ocarina of Time,” Link plays an ocarina that can perform magical spells.

She said the students play the game so they can learn as they play along with the music.

“We [play] some Zelda songs... for sure,” Goodhead said, “... like ‘Zelda’s Lullabye’ and ‘Temple of Time.’”

Goodhead projects songs on a board for the students to play, where diagrams of ocarinas are shown



JOHN HUYNH/PIONEER

A College for Kids student plays an ocarina instrument in one of many music classes offered.

to represent the different notes. Each ocarina represents a note, with circles on it representing the fingering positions, she said.

Using this method, Goodhead said, the students quickly get the hang of playing the instrument.

“[We play] songs on the ocarina using tab where [students] ... actually see the positions of their fingers without having to read the notes on the staff.”

The students also work on embouchure (mouth playing position), “which is a very good thing to do if they want to go on to play clarinet or flute or saxophone, other woodwind instruments,” she said.

“It uses the same muscles.”

Goodhead said children should learn to play as many instruments as they can and to enjoy the different families of instruments.

She said there is an opportunity to do that as she has other musical camps coming up in July — starting with an all-day World Music Camp.

The first week of camp is Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, for students entering first through third grade.

The second week is from July 14 through 18 for children entering fourth through fifth grade.

To enroll in a College for Kids Camp, visit the FACE Center or call 405-686-6222.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Oklahoma Film Institute summer cinema clinics

The OCCC Oklahoma Film Institute will present Summer cinema clinics through Saturday, July 12. The series of five, three-day clinics will be held in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Individual sessions will involve production, script writing, directing, cinematography and editing. Tuition for each session is \$300. Space is limited. For more information or to enroll, call Studio Coordinator Gray Frederickson 405-682-7847.

World Music Camp offered at Kids Camp

Come join us as we go on a “Musical Journey” learning to play instruments from around the world including Tubanos, African Talking Drums, Djembe, Xylophones and many more. Instructors Deborah Goodhead or Sarah Mellon will help students explore culture through music by using a variety of songs from different parts of the world. This exciting camp will include a group performance at the end of our trip. Grades first through third will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 7 through July 11, and grades fourth through fifth will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 14 through July 18. The cost of the class is \$125. For more information, visit occc.edu/coe/college4kids.html. To enroll, call 405.686.6222 or at the Family and Community Education Center located at 6500 S Land Ave.

“Girls Night: The Musical” tickets now on sale

The off-broadway performance of “Girl’s Night: The Musical” will be one night only at 8 p.m. Friday, July 18 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater. Tickets range from \$35 to \$45. The show is intended for mature audiences only. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/tickets.

Counselors in Training new teen program

Teens, ages 13 through 17, can volunteer to work during summer sports camps at OCCC. Counselors in Training is a new program for teens to volunteer while earning community service hours. Each student must attend mandatory trainings that cover topics including character development, leadership skills, team building, supervision of children and basic first aid. After successfully completing training, students will be scheduled to volunteer in one of four summer camp programs. All enrollment for sports camps and College for Kids classes is due by 5 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the Monday start date of that class. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/news/2014/summercamps14.html.

Coffee Shop, OCCC Cafe summer hours set

The summer hours of the OCCC Cafe and Coffee Shop are: from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday; closed weekends. OCCC Cafe hours are: from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday; Closed weekends. For more information, call 405-682-1611.

All Highlights are due Monday by noon for inclusion in the next issue. Email your event to editor@occc.edu or drop by the Pioneer office located in 1F1 AH.

CLASSIFIEDS

Pioneer classified advertising is free to all enrolled OCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ad applications must be submitted with IDs supplied by 5 p.m. Fridays prior to the next publication date. For more information, call the Ad Manager at 405-682-1611, ext. 7674, or e-mail adman@occc.edu.

AUTOMOTIVE

FOR SALE: 1994 White Saturn model SC1. Body type CP, 169,000miles. Asking \$800.00. Call 212.6027 for more information.

APPLIANCES

FOR SALE: White gas digital stove. Less than six months old. Super clean. No visible scratches. Call 405-922-0022 for prices and pictures.

FURNITURE

APARTMENT SALE: Mathis Brothers king-sized comforter set; dark brown toddler sleigh bed; bathroom decor. Many other items are being offered as well. Call 405-922-0022 for prices and pictures.

FOR SALE: Dark brown sofa and love seat sofa recliner. Both microfiber. Call 405-922-0022 for prices and pictures.

FOR SALE: 40" CRT television in excellent condition. The big screen makes it great for a gaming TV in the kids' room or for the games in the man cave. \$30. Text 405-818-0083 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT: Male, 23, full-time student looking to rent a room close to campus for no more than \$250-\$300 a month from May 17 to the end of the fall semester. Email john.white336@occc.edu.

FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED: Room with bathroom. Washer/dryer, Internet, cable. Close to OCCC. Big room. All amenities. Nice neighborhood. \$450 a month, all bills included. Honest person, no drugs, no alcohol. Call 405-317-4002.

ROOM FOR RENT: Only female. Includes all services. Near OCCC. Call or text Norma at 405-317-4002.

WANT TO RENT A ROOM: 21-year-old male looking for a room to rent. Call or text Roman at 770-301-2791 with information and price.

FOR SALE: Bed liner for standard long bed pickup w/ tailgate liner. \$75. GC. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures or more information.

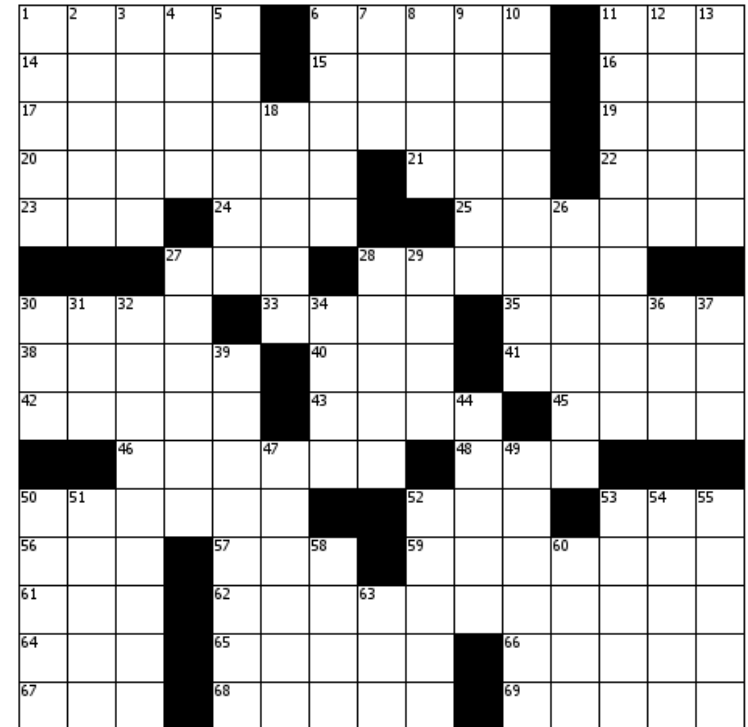
FOR SALE: Neiman Marcus Robert Rodriguez collection size 14 strapless cocktail dress. Never worn. Still has store tags. \$50. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

FOR SALE: New size 26 jeans — never been worn. Brands include Vans, Levi's and Zumiez. \$10 per pair. Retail for \$40 each. Text 405-818-0083 for pictures.

THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Doctor-turned-wordsmith
6. Poetry Muse
11. Curtail one's freedom of speech
14. Renee, opposite Jim Carrey
15. Aesop's form of expression
16. University of Utah athlete
17. Cornucopia on Thanksgiving, often
19. Jasper Johns' field
20. A distance close enough to eavesdrop
21. Music store section
22. Barbecue treat
23. Noted presidential monogram
24. Cambridgeshire cathedral town
25. Dreamer's phrase
27. Styling substance
28. Readied for finish
30. Away from the wind, nautically
33. Secure against leakage
35. Jagged
38. Single-celled organism
40. Season during which this puzzle is appropriate?
41. It's hard to endure
42. Tony Gwynn his entire career
43. Type of brake
45. Exist, in latin
46. University of Arizona locale
48. That ship
50. Pop off to
52. Auction action
53. Largest book of the OT
56. Nail
57. Loaded org.?
59. Draws out
61. Hurt
62. Places where flies are found
64. Direct extender
65. Lucy's landlady
66. France's longest river
67. "___ Miserables"



Down

1. Sieved food to a certain consistency
2. Mountain nymph
3. Arts category
4. Tolkien's trees
5. Titter-titter
6. Powerless, as a threat
7. King of France?
8. "Iliad" figure
9. Add at the last moment
10. Fragrant yet poisonous Eurasian shrub
11. Great Pyrenees, for example
12. Open areas in office buildings
13. Manage
18. Status car, for short
26. Twice as spooky
27. Prepare for action
28. 2000 U.S. Open champ Marat
29. "___ well that ends . . ."
30. Current unit
31. Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano)
32. Spots for lamps and alarm clocks
34. Within prefix
36. Dot, dot, dot, dash, dash, dash, dot, dot, dot
37. Prepositional palindrome
39. Served wine fancily
44. Santiago's country
47. Layers, as in geology class
49. Like taro root or service berries
50. Symbol of sluggishness
51. Certainly not worldly
52. "Beauty and the Beast" beauty
53. Sprite
54. One cubic meter
55. Epitomes of stubbornness
58. In need of ointment
60. Spot for the chicken-hearted?
63. Writer Kesey

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Campus life



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Kasey Williamson, left, and respiratory care major Terrence Johnson walk toward the Main Building on June 19. OCCC's Respiratory Care Therapist program is under a cooperative alliance with the Francis Tuttle Technology Center. That means students pursuing this associate degree complete general education and support courses at OCCC while all major courses are completed at Francis Tuttle Technology Center. Respiratory care therapists work under the supervision of a physician to deliver direct patient care in hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, laboratories, doctors' offices and homes, according to the college catalog. For more information about the program visit www.occc.edu/academics/programs/respiratory-care-therapist.html.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS CAMP PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE TO THE STAGE AT THE END OF ONE CLASS

Area children excited to take part in theater camp

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The fine arts are alive and well at OCCC, as elementary students participate in a week-long camp emphasizing the importance of theater at a young age.

Throughout the summer, OCCC offers three musical theater camps, one for grades one through three, one for grades four and five, and one for grades six through eight.

Jay Ferguson, fine arts chair at Heritage Hall High School and coordinator of the musical theater camps, said he works to make sure the kids have a rewarding time while spending their days at OCCC.

"I want them to have fun, make friends and develop a love for the arts," Ferguson said. "I love working with different ages and different communities."

Ferguson, along with a team whom he describes as "the best educators," have put together camps in

which children will learn about theater as well as have a chance to perform on stage for friends and family.

The fourth and fifth graders involved in theater camp had only good things to say about their experiences.

"[Camp] looks like a lot of work," said Bailey Macias, 10. "But it is really fun."

Jaiden Murphy, 9, said, "Everyone should come; otherwise, they are missing out on a lot of fun."

Whenever the girls were asked what their favorite part of camp had been so far, they gave surprising answers. Typically you might expect them to say hanging out with friends, or playing games, but for Skye Charlton, 10, her favorite part is "when we go outside and practice." She went on to say how much everybody loved going over their lines.

Macias had a similar opinion, saying she was very happy when they "got through 25 pages

[of lines]."

For more information on upcoming theater camps, call 405-686-6222.



FILE PHOTO/PIONEER

First, second and third graders throw their hats in the air during the finale of the College for Kids Musical Theater Camp production "Hats" last summer.