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This is but one section of the Oregon Trail mural, which measures 120 by 35 feet and is part of a permanent exhibit at Springfield's Art Alley.

Artist's mural celebrates life on Oregon Trail

□ Piece is newest addition to Art Alley

By Stephanie Sisson
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When Ann Woodruff Murray of Junction City stops painting long enough to look at her latest art project, she has to take a step back.

If she wants a really good look, she takes about 50 steps back.

Her latest painting is Springfield's Art Alley's newest mural, portraying life along the Oregon Trail 150 years ago. It measures 120 by 35 feet and has taken Murray since July to get it more than three-fourths com-

pleted.

Murray plans to have the mural finished by Dec. 3, when the mural, which was commissioned to be painted to honor the area's pioneers, is scheduled to be dedicated.

"Ann's mural celebrates the ordinary people who built the state and local area," said Kathy Jensen, Art Alley's project administrator. "It's difficult to describe the mural in words — it's a beautiful piece of art that needs to be seen to be appreciated."

Murray won the bid for the project in a contest against seven other artists. She said that coming up with an unusual concept was the hardest part of the project.

"I knew the typical approach was one long wagon train," Murray said. "I couldn't

see myself doing that."

Instead, the mural, using the textures of a quilt, stretched buffalo hide and Indian basket work and beads, shows a series of settings that depict the movement westward by early pioneers.

Parts of the mural show scenes such as riverboats delivering emigrants to the West and interactions between Native Americans and emigrants and are interspersed with motifs of yoked oxen, shotguns and rifles, fish and boats.

In March, Murray began working on a design for the contest, but she said her original plan didn't include much detail.



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Artist Ann Woodruff Murray takes a break from painting.

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Student charged with raping woman

□ Victim alleged assault took place at Westmoreland

A 31-year-old University student was charged with first-degree rape Sunday at the Westmoreland family housing complex.

Young-Tak Chough, a graduate student and research assistant in physics, allegedly raped a 21-year-old acquaintance Saturday morning.

According to police reports, Chough allegedly contacted the victim Saturday morning, stating he was having marital problems and wished to discuss them with her. He picked her up at her residence and drove around Eugene before taking her to his residence at 2141 W. 18th Ave. at the Westmoreland complex.

Police reports say the victim called Chough to get him to confess to the alleged rape. During the conversation, Chough allegedly said, "I thought about it. It was a mistake. I was drunk."

Amazon extends child care to infants

□ Expanded facilities will meet the needs of more parents at the University

By Edward Klopfenstein
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The Amazon Co-op Family Center will open its operation to infants and toddlers as scheduled this January thanks to funding approved at Wednesday night's Incidental Fee Committee meeting.

The IFC approved \$2,488 for the co-op to buy used infant care equipment, such as changing tables.

That, along with matching funds of more than \$2,600 from University Housing, will allow the center to offer six more spots to children classified as infants, or between 12 and 15 months old. Six more toddler slots will also open as a result of funding.

"This is kind of a down payment," said Suzy Blanchard, director of the Amazon co-op. "This could actually save subsidy money in the future."

Currently, the need for infant care at

the University is quite high. According to family housing figures provided by Blanchard, there are 140 children under two years old living in Westmoreland, Amazon or East Campus.

Yet, University-based day care has only 24 spots open for toddlers and no care available for children under 15 months, making Amazon the first to offer infant care.

There are extra slots available at the Young Children Center, but the majority of those spots are taken by University employees, said Dennis Reynolds, child-care coordinator for the EMU, on Thursday, as intended by the University.

The needs of more parents will be met by the expanded Amazon facility, but more needs to be done, Reynolds said.

The official said the EMU child-care program is in the "real preliminary" stage of designing more services to parents of younger children.

Some of the ideas being considered are similar to what Amazon is doing, he said, including a younger minimum age for day care and restructuring the

age groups of children offered care.

Day care for children under two-and-a-half years old is difficult to operate because of the cost, he said.

The state mandates that there be no more than four kids to every one adult supervisor of young children. For children over two-and-a-half years, though, the state allows day-care programs to have a one-adult-to-10-children ratio, making operations for preschool children much cheaper.

Day-care programs for younger children often operate at a loss, Reynolds said, depending on the programs for older children to keep open.

At University-based programs, toddler day care relies on work-study, IFC funding and parent tuition, he said. The University only pays for the facilities and some or all utilities.

Concerning the expanded services at Amazon, several IFC members at Wednesday's meeting asked why University Housing was funding a renovation project for the day care when Amazon will eventually be torn down.

"No one knows how soon Amazon will be torn down," Reynolds said.