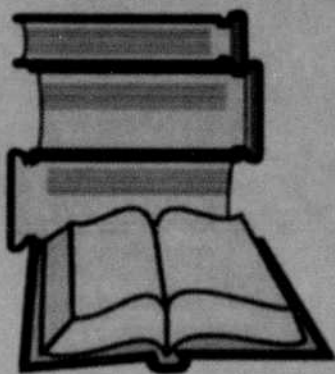


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people in need of assistance. "Most of them have a place to stay at this point," Jones said. "Most everyone that's got water, they've got friends and neighbors and they're OK."

Community members have also called the shelter offered a helping hand to others. Jackie Madden, a resident of Coburg, came to the shelter to see how she could offer her assistance.

But at the moment, the shelter is not in need of more supplies; many people, like Madden, have called to see how they can help, providing blankets, food and in some cases, even rooms for people to sleep in.

Jones said they are not yet sure what their needs will be; this will be determined later as the rain and flooding stop and as damage assessments are conducted.

After Madden added her name to a list of possible volunteers, the discussion turned to far away friends and family in places with more severe flooding. Madden's daughter, currently in Monmouth, is trying to make her way to Coburg because her residence is without running water.

But Madden is worried that by the time her daughter reaches her, this area too will be without water and electricity. "So this is our 100-year flood, is that what they're saying?" she asked.

As far as 100-year floods go, Jones said this one's effects could be lessened or compounded by the coming weather.

"There's a lot of different factors," she said. "So if we got some cold and the snow level would rise we'd be better off."

Colder weather would stop the current snow pack from melting, which in turn would slow down the strength of the flooding and the erosion that comes with it.

Right now, people are attempting to curb this erosion without the weather's help.



Stephanie Stevens searches through items damaged by recent flood waters in her Marcola home Thursday afternoon.

“They had about a foot or two out there [in the Hayden Bridge area of Springfield]. On 34th Street we had some kids in a row boat.”

— Lacey Stockwell
Thurston High School student

Lacey Stockwell, a student at Thurston High School, spent about six hours with classmates Wednesday placing sandbags near the Hayden Bridge area.

“They had about a foot or two out there,” Stockwell said. “On 34th Street we had some kids in a row boat.”

Jones, who was also at Hayden Bridge and has been conducting damage assessments, said she was overwhelmed by the force of the water. “That was really scary — to see the power of all the water there. We saw vans that were flooded almost to the roof.”

And water levels reaching the tops of vehicles means one thing — water seeping into homes and causing various levels of damage. Jones said the kind of damage a house will receive depends on both where the house is located and how high its foundation is.

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