

Construction Completed on Church Meetinghouse *Latter-Day Saints Prepare For Long-Awaited Opening, Public Open House*

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently completed construction of a stake center that will serve 3000 members who reside in Forest Grove, Cornelius, Banks, Tillamook and surrounding communities. Two congregations will use the facility with two additional congregations remaining at the meetinghouse on Leon Drive.

"We have waited years for a stake center in this area," says Brad Richardson, president of the Forest Grove Oregon Stake. "This meetinghouse will relieve crowding in our other Forest Grove building and be a

blessing to hundreds of our members who will no longer have to travel to Hillsboro for Sunday worship and midweek activities."

To celebrate the opening, local Latter-day Saints are preparing an open house for the public, scheduled for Saturday, September 17, with tours of the stake center from 3pm to 8pm. People of all ages, faiths and backgrounds are welcome.

"We're excited to show it to our friends and neighbors and let them see how it will be used," says Becky Cottam, president of Dairy Creek Ward's Relief Society

– the Church's organization for women. "It's a beautiful building."

The 24,000 square-foot meetinghouse is located at the north end of Forest Grove at 3661 Brooke Street. It consists of a chapel that seats approximately 300 people, a large "cultural hall" for sports and cultural arts activities, 20 classrooms and several ward and stake offices. The meetinghouse differs from Latter-day Saint temples, where marriages and other sacred ordinances are performed, uniting families for eternity.

New Financial Resource for Columbia County Small Businesses

The Columbia County Economic Team, in partnership with Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), is pleased to announce the availability of Individual Development Savings Accounts (IDAs) which provide a 3 to 1 match savings for qualified Columbia County businesses. A business owner's net assets cannot exceed \$20,000 excluding their

home and vehicle to qualify for this program. There are also household income restrictions. MESO can also provide Columbia County businesses very small business loans that are not based on net assets or income. The program is made possible thanks to a grant from the US Department of Agriculture. Those interested should join representatives

of the Columbia County Economic Team and MESO at the St. Helens City Hall on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

For more information, contact David Stocker, Columbia County Economic Team, at (503) 397-7218 or david.stocker@columbiacountyoregon.com

Working Families Endorse Brad Witt for Congress

Brad Witt's congressional campaign for Oregon's CD 1 is pleased and proud to announce the recent endorsement of four labor unions: United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, United Steelworkers, IBEW Local 48 and Bricklayers Local 1.

"I am honored to have the support of these labor unions and their membership. Knowing that the House of Labor is moving forward rapidly with its endorsement process in this very time-compressed special election primary, demonstrates their commitment to identify a candidate who truly represents working Oregonians", said Witt.

Clif Davis of IBEW, in his union's endorsement letter to the Witt campaign in part stated: "Brad Witt will make an excellent United States Congressman. Every worker in

Oregon and the United States will have a friend and strong advocate. I strongly urge you to support Brad Witt in this campaign."

Keith Wright of the Bricklayers pointed out in his endorsement letter that, "Brad Witt's service and commitment in the Oregon Legislature, and his dedication to the union movement make him our clear choice in electing a Congressman that understands the challenges that working people face everyday."

Witt said he was confident that as his campaign continues to move forward picking up individual and organizational endorsements, the voters of Oregon's CD 1 will identify with him as their candidate on election day.

For more information please go to: www.WittForCongress.com



School Site Construction

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