

Schools get \$6 million from fund

Nearly \$6.7 million from earnings of the Common School Fund (CSF) for use by K-12 public schools was distributed by the State Land Board (SLB) at the end of June.

Josephine County schools distribution was \$136,594 for 17,066 population age 4-20; approximately \$8 per person.

At statehood, the federal government granted Oregon approximately 6 percent of the new state's land for school use.

By law, the funds are dedicated for "support and maintenance of common schools in each school district." County population ages 4-20 determines each county's share of earnings.

County treasurers forward the funds to school districts. The land board distributed the same amount from the CSF for schools in December.

During 2003, stock market recovery boosted value of the CSF from \$665 million to \$805 million. The land board follows a sliding-scale distribution policy based on the annual change in value of the fund.

As the annual change in CSF value increases, the distribution rises to a maximum of 5 percent when the fund value increases 11 percent or more in a year.

As a result, during the 2003-2005 budget period, the total distribution to schools will be \$53.5 million. Higher distributions will begin with the December 2004 allocation of \$20.1 million. An identical amount will be sent in June 2005, said DSL.

Chaw-baccy help offered

For the first time, effective treatment for smokeless tobacco addiction is available on the Internet because of a research study funded by the National Cancer Institute.

Chewing tobacco and snuff users can register with ChewFree.com and receive a free, self-help quitting program. Participants are asked to complete research questionnaires online to help evaluate the quitting program.

"Many people mistakenly believe that chewing tobacco and snuff are safe alternatives to smoking," said Dr. Herb Severson, project director of the Oregon Research Institute.

"In fact, regular use of these products leads to cancer of the mouth, other cancers, and heart disease, as well as a wide variety of dental problems."

Smokeless tobacco may be a factor in 9,000 U.S. cancer deaths each year. More than 6 million Americans use smokeless tobacco products regularly. Use is especially high among minors and residents of rural areas.

The ChewFree.com quitting program addresses the special difficulties faced by chew and snuff users, who have fewer quitting resources than do smokers. All participants will have access to a website containing information and quitting resources that have already helped thousands of chewers quit.

For more information, or to enroll, go to www.chewfree.com.

SUNDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT JULY 11, 2004. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-5:30) and rows for various TV channels (WBTV, FOX, KOBI, ESPN, etc.) listing programs like 'Bad Boys', 'Harry Potter', 'The Sopranos', etc.

MONDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT JULY 12, 2004. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-5:30) and rows for various TV channels (WBTV, FOX, KOBI, ESPN, etc.) listing programs like 'Nothing to Lose', 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', etc.

TUESDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT JULY 13, 2004. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-5:30) and rows for various TV channels (WBTV, FOX, KOBI, ESPN, etc.) listing programs like 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', 'The Daily Show', etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING/LATE NIGHT JULY 14, 2004. Table with columns for time slots (6:00-5:30) and rows for various TV channels (WBTV, FOX, KOBI, ESPN, etc.) listing programs like 'The Sopranos', 'The X-Files', 'The Daily Show', etc.