

Funding could aid Oregon ag

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) announced that Oregon should receive substantial funds and share in millions of additional dollars for agricultural projects under the Senate's agriculture appropriations legislation.

Much of the funding will support research at Oregon State University at Corvallis, known as a regional leader in the study of agriculture. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill; it now moves to the full Senate for consideration.

"These funds will support the hard work of farmers and key research to help Oregon's agricultural industry grow," said Wyden. "Oregonians depend on a successful agricultural industry for economic growth in both rural and urban areas, and for the preservation of our environment."

"The continuation of research efforts is necessary for Oregon to maintain its position as one of the world's leading producers of agricultural products," said Smith. "The projects funded by this bill will help keep our farm economy on the cutting edge of agricultural innovation and production."

Budget group deadline set for Sept. 30

Applications from volunteers to fill one vacancy on the Budget Committee are being accepted by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners.

The deadline for accepting applications to the committee is Thursday, Sept. 30.

Applications are available in the Board of Commissioners' Office, Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass.

The committee meets publicly each spring to review and approve the budget documents as proposed by the budget officer, elected officials, and department heads. It covers each county department and citizen testimony.

Budget Committee members should develop a general understanding of the budget process, the departments, and programs included in the budget document.

I am opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.

- Mark Twain -



LBMS OPEN HOUSE - An open and book fair were held at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Parents were able to meet with the teachers of their children, visit classrooms and learn about the curriculum. (Photos by Shane Welsh)

'Resources' could gain \$17 million

Oregon could soon receive more than \$17 million, and share in an additional \$3 million for natural resource projects across the state, U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) announced.

Wyden and Smith secured this funding as part of the Senate's fiscal year 2005 Interior funding bill which has passed the Appropriations Committee.

Included is funding for land acquisitions at the Columbia River Gorge and the Fort Clatsop National Monument.

"These federal funds will help Oregon farmers and (fishermen), and will restore and preserve some of our most treasured natural resources," said Wyden. "Maintaining the beautiful areas that draw people to Oregon also brings tourism dollars home and helps our economy grow."

Following are Oregon projects funded by the bill:

*Clackamas County would receive \$1 million through the U.S. Forest Service for fish passage improvement projects.

*\$1 million are provided for land acquisition by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Sandy River. This would assist in the creation of a free-flowing river from Mt. Hood to the Columbia River Gorge.

*Crater Lake National Park would receive \$8,741,000 to remodel the park cafeteria and relocate the rim parking facilities.

*Fort Clatsop National Monument would receive \$5 million for land and

water conservation and land acquisition.

*Hinkle Creek would receive \$675,000 for a watershed study conducted by the U.S. Forest Service.

*The bill provides \$500,000 for land and water conservation and land acquisition by BLM at the Grande Ronde National Wild and Scenic River.

*\$150,000 is provided for improvements to BLM at Swede's Landing at the Hells Canyon Complex. The funds would be used to purchase 716 additional acres to enhance and protect the threatened vegetation and natural habitat.

The bill also provides

funds that Oregon would share with other states:

*\$1.5 million for land acquisition for Pacific Northwest Streams. Oregon will share in these funds with the state of Washington.

*\$1 million for land acquisition in the Columbia River Gorge. The Columbia Gorge is the second most-recognized Lewis and Clark attraction in the country. Oregon will share in these funds with the state of Washington.

*\$500,000 for land acquisition for the Pacific Crest Trail. Oregon would share funding with California and Washington.

Ready for disaster?

By GRANT HIGGINSON
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September marks the end of summer vacation and the time for maintenance chores.

This year, I've added a new task to the autumn regimen: I'll be checking and restocking (my) three-day emergency kit.

Emergency responders have long recommended that families prepare for survival in the face of a natural disaster. Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack, the advice has taken on a new dimension.

Yet, a recent Red Cross nationwide survey showed that only 42 percent of Americans have developed an emergency kit. Even fewer, 32 percent, have created a family emergency plan.

Whether it's a flood, earthquake or terrorism, your survival and that of your loved ones may depend on how prepared you are. Experts advise that you should be able to make it on your own for at least three days.

The first step is to assemble an emergency kit. At a minimum, the kit should contain:

*Flashlight and extra batteries.

*Battery-powered radio and extra batteries.

*One gallon of water per person per day.

*Canned and dried foods that are easy to store and prepare. Be sure to include a manual (non-electric) can opener.

*Prescription medicines.

*First aid kit.

*Personal items such as extra eye-glasses, con-

tact lenses, toothbrush and toothpaste.

*Change of clothing.

*Sleeping bags.

*Sanitation articles such as garbage bags, toilet paper, towelettes, disinfectant and chlorine bleach.

The second step is to develop a family communication plan, because you may not be together when a disaster or attack occurs.

Be sure everyone knows contact numbers and agree that everyone will call a specific out-of-state relative. Keep a list of emergency numbers by the phone.

Additional things you can do:

*Know where to turn off utilities, such as natural gas.

*Take a first aid and CPR case so you are able to provide emergency help.

*Make a list of elderly family members, neighbors or others with special needs who you may need to check on.

All this preparation may sound daunting. For some of us, disaster or a terrorist attack is not something we really want to think about. But it could make a critical difference in the future.

Once you've got a basic emergency kit assembled, it becomes a simple matter of periodically rechecking and restocking your supplies.

The federal Office of Homeland Security has full details on how to prepare at www.ready.gov. The American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter has complete instructions on disaster preparedness on its Website at www.redcross-pdx.org/.

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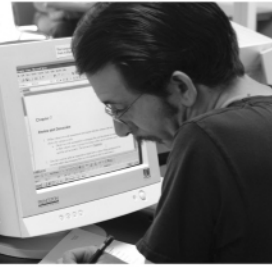
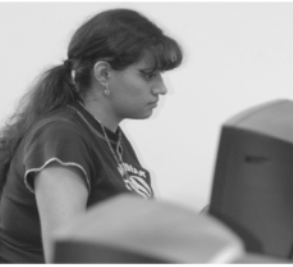
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 - Preschool Primary Environments, ECE251, 6:30-9:20 p.m. Tuesday
 - Children at Risk, ECE265, 9-11:50 a.m. Tuesday
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