

State help offered to workers to access economic stimulus dollars

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Scores of people packed an auditorium at the Rogue Community College Redwood Campus in Grants Pass on Thursday, March 26 to learn how to take advantage of state stimulus dollars.

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 338, a \$175 million package containing many deferred maintenance public works projects aimed at putting unemployed Oregonians back to work.

There has been a series of presentations throughout the state during the past few weeks educating contractors about the state's online bidding process.

Kelly Stevens-Malnar, a training coordinator for the Dept. of Administrative Services state procurement office, said that the stimulus package emphasized "shovel ready" projects prepared to begin in April and early May. She told the audience about the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN), on which most public jobs in the state are posted.

Stevens-Malnar said that projects are allocated throughout every county in the state. Douglas County has 26 projects approved under the plan; Jackson County has 29; and Josephine County has 17, she said.

There are many online resources available for anyone looking to land a contract with a state agency, she said, including ORPIN.oregon.gov and procurement.oregon.gov. A project list is also available on the Legislature's Website, leg.state.or.us.

Stevens-Malnar said that businesses also can be certified through the state Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business. Projects are set aside for businesses qualifying for that certification, she said.

Out of the \$175 million budgeted in the state stimulus, Stevens-Malnar said, around \$88 million has been set aside for the Oregon Universities System (OUS). Opportunities for work in the OUS are abundant, as state universities have 1,180 buildings, 22 million square feet

and \$3.7 billion in current replacement value, Stevens-Malnar said.

The OUS does not use ORPIN, she said, and its projects are listed separately at www.ous.edu.

Larry Blake from Southern Oregon University (SOU) in Ashland said that school has received approximately \$1.9 million for 21 projects. Of those, two have already gone to bid, and six will go out to bid soon, he said.

Projects at SOU include roof replacement for some buildings, storm water work and upgrades to bring some

facilities up to compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, Blake said. Information on those projects can be found at the university's Website, www.sou.edu.

John Lopez, the director of RCC's Small Business Development Center in Downtown Grants Pass, told audience members that his program provides training and mentorships to budding entrepreneurs, and can be a tremendous resource.

"Our purpose is to help small businesses grow," Lopez said.

Ice cream commemorates couple

A sweet treat in commemoration of the life of Ray & June Nidiffer is offered in the form of free vanilla ice cream cones on Friday, April 3 from noon to 5 p.m.

All 59 C&K Market stores, which include Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Ray's Food Place, and Price Less Foods, will honor the couple with free cones. All customers, friends and com-

munity members are invited to enjoy one of Ray and June's favorite foods - vanilla ice cream.

Additionally, friends of the Nidiffers can submit written condolences at www.nidiffermemorial.com. Donations in their honor can be sent to the Ray's Charitable Foundation, 615 Fifth St., Brookings OR 97415. (See obituary on this page).

Vern Ron, of the Oregon Dept. of Corrections, said that the agency has received slightly less than \$6.7 million for 10 projects, seven of which are site-specific.

Work includes lighting retrofits, three electronic security upgrades and mounting two solar arrays, Ron said. The agency wants all the con-

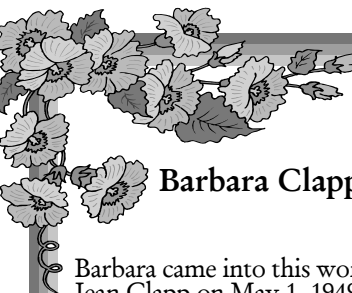
tracts for those projects in place by May 1, he said, and all will be listed on ORPIN.

Stevens-Malnar said that there are other additional online resources available for persons hoping to contract with the state. Those include bizcenter.org/, gcap.org/, www.oregon.gov/recovery/ and econ.oregon.gov/.



Thank you to our friends, family, and the community for all the love and support you have shared. It is much appreciated.

The family of Lloyd Hipp Jr.



Barbara Clapp DeVors

Barbara came into this world as Barbara Jean Clapp on May 1, 1949, to a good family and a wonderful childhood in Long Beach, Calif.

Little did I know that God was preparing a perfect wife for me and a terrific mother for our two girls, Tina and Angela.

Barbara and I dated in high school and we married on March 25, 1967 in a small chapel, where she became Barbara DeVors.

All we had was her double bed and her black-and-white TV; we wouldn't have a car for about another eight or nine months. We didn't have much, but we had each other, and God must have been there also. When Barbara and I started our journey together, we were to have some great times and some really bad times, but it was during the times of hardship and despair that we most needed each other.

I must give God all the credit for not only a great marriage, but wonderful children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Barbara passed into paradise on March 25, 2009 — the date of our anniversary. It's hard to believe that this 42-year journey has come to an end.

Thank you, sweetheart for a wonderful life. I am now realizing how hard it is going to be to get through each day without you, but with God's help we will try to carry on.

Your family and all your friends will greatly miss you.

Your sweetheart, Dale

Obituaries

Elton Frank

A private family service was held for Elton Henry Frank, 77, of Cave Junction, who died Thursday, March 19, 2009 at his home.

Mr. Frank was born March 27, 1931 in Carmanagay, Alberta, Canada to Alfred & Ruby Frank. He was raised in San Francisco, and as a young adult moved with his family to Woodland, Calif. where he met his wife and raised his family. He retired as a journeyman butcher after 25 years, and then started his second career as a contractor including work on Pomeroy Park Estates in Cave Junction.

His survivors said that his passions for family, hunting, fishing, and camping were instilled in his children and grandchildren. His family added that he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Rayma; two sons, Tarry Frank and Charles Frank; two daughters, Carolyn Va-

dalez and Nancy Smith; two sisters, Juanita Marks and Marilyn Michels; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to a favorite charity.

Raymond Nidiffer, June Nidiffer

A memorial service for Ray Nidiffer, 79, & June Nidiffer, 80, Medford residents formerly of Brookings, was held Saturday in the Brookings-Harbor High School gymnasium in Brookings.

In 1956 the couple moved to Brookings from Utah, and purchased a partnership interest in C&K Market Inc. Mr. Nidiffer became sole owner in 1968. Married for more than 60 years, the couple worked together to build a grocery store industry under Brookings-based C&K encompassing Ray's Food Place, Shop Smart Food Warehouse, and Price

Less Foods, as well as Pharmacy Express.

"Now they are partners in Heaven," the family said.

The couple died in connection with what Medford Police term a murder/suicide. Mrs. Nidiffer, who for many years suffered from advanced Parkinson's Disease and macular degeneration, was found stabbed to death March 15, 2009 in the couple's locked apartment at Rogue Valley Manor in Medford. Her husband was rushed to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford with an apparently self-inflicted stab wound. He died of respiratory failure March 20.

The Nidiffers were active in a variety of community activities in Brookings. They moved to Medford in 2002.

The couple are survived by their children, Douglas Alan Nidiffer, of Brookings, and Patricia Arlene Fletcher, of Moravia, N.Y.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Nidiffer also is survived by a sister,

Arlene Nidiffer Brown. Mrs. Nidiffer also is survived by two sisters, Mildred Stout and Olive Meyers. Additionally, the couple leave behind many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Website, www.nidiffermemorial.com, is available for people to leave remembrances and condolences online.

Memorial contributions in the name of Ray & June Nidiffer can be made to Ray's Foundation, a charity Ray Nidiffer founded to support health and education in the communities where C&K has stores. Donations can be sent to Ray's Charitable Foundation, 615 Fifth St., Brookings OR 97415.

Church News

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grants Pass

Messiah's Mansion, a life-size replica of the tabernacle of the ancient Hebrews, will be on display April 4-12 in Riverside Park in Grants Pass.

Free tours of the exhibit will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily. For more information phone 476-6313 or visit gpsanctuary.com.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

To paraphrase a statement by Jesus, it is not healthy people who need a doctor, it is those who are sick. He was referring to why he came into the world: not to save the righteous, but to save the sinners.

In Jesus' time, the Jews were waiting for a messiah, a savior. But Jesus was not sent

to minister to only the Jews. He was sent to minister to people of all faiths, including those with no faith. His words are not meant for any one group. They are meant for all to hear.

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