

Oregon State University to offer dorm for recovering addicts

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The Oregonian

PORTLAND — Oregon State University will open an on-campus dorm this fall specifically designed for students recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

The university said it believes the new housing and support center is the first of its kind in Oregon, at either a private or public institution.

OSU is converting the Dixon Lodge, a former student co-op living center, into the new dorm, which it is calling The Recovery and Learning Community. OSU alumnus Tom Skoro and his wife Joan

are funding the center. The cost of the donation wasn't immediately made available.

John Ruyak, OSU's alcohol, drug and recovery specialist in the student health services office, said the housing and support center will provide a more supportive living environment for students in recovery. "Through a unified community, we seek to strengthen students' sobriety and support their success as academics, leaders, and community members," he said in a statement.

OSU already has a Collegiate Recovery Community, where students can get services, hang out with fellow students recovering from addictions, and

book private rooms to "socialize in a sober environment."

But Steve Clark, a university spokesman, said separate living quarters are a necessary next step.

"There are students with drug and alcohol addictions who are in recovery and they're not being well-served by universities across the nation," Clark said.

While not all first-year students use and abuse alcohol or drugs in the dorms, Clark said, some students "may not be as mature in an independent living arrangement."

The new housing center will ideally be a mix of younger students and older non-tradi-

tional students who Clark said "have more of an experience with life."

In the first year, OSU expects nine students to live in the newly configured Dixon Lounge, with up to 24 students eventually moving into the dorm.

OSU is also providing scholarship opportunities for some students, Clark said, to bring down the cost of living. He said the dorms, in some cases, will be less expensive than student housing, which can cost from \$5,000 to \$10,000, not including food plans.

Students can move in this fall, and OSU said it still has space available.

Sage grouse concerns nix wind project

BEND (AP) — A federal appeals court has nixed a large wind energy project in southeast Oregon.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that an environmental review by the Bureau of Land Management failed to adequately assess the winter population of greater sage grouse at the proposed facility near Steens Mountain in Harney County.

Columbia Energy Partners proposed the project for roughly 10,500 acres of private land. The project called for 40 to 69 wind turbines and a 230-kilovolt transmission line to bring the energy to the electrical grid.

The BLM had approved the project, and Harney County granted a key permit.

"One more lost opportunity for our community," Judge Steve Grasty, a top official in the county, told *The Bulletin* newspaper.

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Environmental groups challenged the BLM's environmental review of the project. It needed the environmental review partly because the transmission line's right of way would cross public lands.

Greater sage grouse need sagebrush year-round for mating, nesting and rearing their broods. They also eat pretty much only sagebrush through the winter. Loss of sagebrush habitat has contributed to sage grouse population decline in Oregon.

The appeals court decision said the BLM completed no surveys on whether sage grouse were at the site during the winter.

"The inaccurate information and unsupported assumptions materially impeded informed decision-making and public participation," the decision said.

Brent Fenty is executive director of the Oregon Natural Desert Association, a Bend-based environmental group that brought the lawsuit. He called the wind project the "right idea in the wrong place" and noted ONDA's 2009 report that analyzes wildlife habitats and landscapes in Oregon's High Desert to identify areas where wind projects would have the least impact.

Fenty said "hundreds of thousands of acres" should have been considered before the Steens Mountain location.

Grasty questioned the ability of courts to inter-pret land management-related decisions, saying land managers should be given deference because they have the expertise that courts lack.

"It's incredibly frustrating," he said.

BRIEFLY

Seneca man, son die in capsizing in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A father and son on an Alaska fishing trip died when their boat overturned in Glacier Bay National Park.

Four others on the 21-foot aluminum boat were rescued Monday, including one person who suffered severe hypothermia and was flown to a hospital in Juneau.

Tom Vandenberg, chief of interpretation for the park, listed the men who died as Larry Roger McWilliams, 75, and Gary Roger McWilliams, 48. The elder McWilliams was from Seneca, according to EO Media Group reporting. The younger man was from California, Vandenberg said. The cause of the capsizing also was a mystery. The weather was clear and calm in the area where the boat was fishing.

The boat was near shore on the back side of an island, away from a main channel. One person managed to swim to shore and flag down a passing boat, Vandenberg said.

Energy Dept.'s inspector general to review vapors

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General has started a review of the agency's actions related to chemical vapors on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

Investigators met Tuesday with Hanford officials to discuss the scope of the review. The *Tri-City Herald* says fieldwork by investigators is planned to start next week.

This spring about 50 Hanford workers have received medical evaluations for possible exposure to chemical vapors. Some had respiratory symptoms, some smelled a suspicious odor and others were checked because they were in the vicinity when vapors were suspected.

Workers have expressed concerns because the vapors are believed to come from Hanford waste stored in underground tanks.

Washington state unveils plan to limit carbon pollution

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington state regulators on Wednesday unveiled an updated plan to limit greenhouse gas emissions from large polluters, the latest attempt by Gov. Jay Inslee to push ahead with a binding cap on carbon emissions after struggling to win approval from legislators.

Washington would join nearly a dozen states that have capped carbon pollution from industrial sources.

The proposed rule requires large industrial emitters to gradually reduce carbon emissions over time; it would cover many industries, including power plants, oil refineries, fuel distributors, pulp and paper mills and others.

Inslee, who has called climate change "the single most important issue of our time," has gained national attention on environmental issues but so far has failed in his own state to pass ambitious carbon-reduction proposals, including a plan to charge polluters a fee for emissions.

On Wednesday, Inslee joined leaders of Oregon, California and British Columbia in San Francisco to sign a climate

agreement with six West Coast cities. The pact says they will work together to encourage zero-emissions vehicles, to reduce energy use in buildings.

Lead found at two Portland schools; students and staff get bottled water

PORTLAND (AP) — A third-party, independent investigation will be conducted after high amounts of lead were found in water sources at two schools, which led the district to close all water fountains, Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith said Tuesday.

Smith spoke to about 60 parents at a special school board meeting held to address their announcement last week that tests done in March found elevated levels of lead in 14 of 92 water sources at Creston K-8 School and the Rose City Park School.

"I was made aware of this late last week and subsequently informed the board," Smith said while reiterating an apology she gave Friday in a statement. "This is not our protocol, this is not acceptable, and we're taking a number of immediate actions."

She said two district employees could be placed on administrative leave as a result of the investigation. Some of the other actions include creating a new website to communicate about the testing and fixes.

Later Tuesday, Smith, as well as officials from Oregon Health Authority and Multnomah County took some harsh criticism from parents for what some said was a lack of communication and failure to follow through on previous signs that there were problems.

Corrections

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TODAY Not as warm with clouds and sun
FRIDAY Mostly sunny and warmer
SATURDAY Mostly sunny and hot
SUNDAY Very hot
MONDAY Very hot

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.					
High	77°	55°	85°	54°	92°	56°	96°	64°	98°	65°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.					
High	81°	54°	89°	54°	97°	58°	102°	62°	104°	66°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	84°	53°
Normals	74°	50°
Records	98° (1909)	35° (1919)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 5.59"
Last year to date 4.98"
Normal year to date 6.61"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	90°	50°
Normals	76°	51°
Records	102° (1986)	34° (1984)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.03"
Year to date 4.23"
Last year to date 3.14"
Normal year to date 5.17"

SUN AND MOON

	New	First	Full	Last
June 4				
June 12				
June 20				
June 27				

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A passing shower across the north today; pleasant with clouds and sun elsewhere.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Partial sunshine today; not as warm across the north and in central parts.
Western Washington: Mainly cloudy today. A couple of showers; only in the morning across the south.
Eastern Washington: Intervals of clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.
Cascades: Periods of clouds and sun today; cooler across the north with a shower in spots.
Northern California: Partly sunny today. Hot in central parts; pleasant at the coast. Clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	64	51	c	71	54	pc
Baker City	74	49	pc	81	47	s
Bend	76	48	pc	83	53	s
Brookings	67	54	pc	71	56	s
Burns	80	45	pc	84	48	s
Enterprise	71	52	pc	77	51	s
Eugene	77	52	pc	86	57	s
Heppner	75	51	pc	84	55	s
Hermiston	81	54	pc	89	54	s
John Day	79	56	pc	86	59	s
Klamath Falls	80	45	pc	88	50	s
La Grande	74	51	pc	81	52	s
Meacham	70	49	pc	78	50	s
Medford	89	59	pc	97	62	s
Newport	61	51	pc	67	53	pc
North Bend	66	53	pc	70	55	s
Ontario	87	59	pc	90	60	s
Pasco	81	55	pc	88	56	s
Pendleton	77	55	pc	85	54	s
Portland	72	58	c	86	62	pc
Redmond	77	48	pc	85	52	s
Salem	73	55	pc	86	60	pc
Spokane	72	51	pc	77	55	pc
Ukiah	71	48	pc	80	51	pc
Vancouver	69	57	c	85	61	pc
Walla Walla	75	57	pc	84	59	s
Yakima	79	55	pc	88	57	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	92	64	pc	86	66	c
Hong Kong	93	84	t	94	83	t
Jerusalem	85	67	c	92	74	s
London	60	48	c	62	56	c
Mexico City	76	56	t	77	55	t
Moscow	70	48	pc	70	54	sh
Paris	62	53	sh	63	55	sh
Rome	71	58	pc	74	58	pc
Seoul	82	61	pc	79	61	pc
Sydney	64	54	sh	65	57	c
Tokyo	76	60	s	74	67	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WS 8-16	NW 3-6
Pendleton	W 8-16	WNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

1 4 5 5 4 1

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Drenching downpours and locally gusty thunderstorms will extend from upstate New York to northern Georgia, Texas and New Mexico today. Much of the North Central states will be dry. Heat will build in the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes:

(for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Needles, Calif. Low 27° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	85	60	c	92	63	s
Atlanta	90	70	t	91	71	pc
Baltimore	67	64	pc	75	66	t
Birmingham	83	56	pc	80	52	s
Boise	84	59	pc	87	60	s
Boston	63	56	pc	72	62	c
Charleston, SC	88	73	t	89	74	pc
Chicago	82	64	t	81	63	sh
Chicago, IL	78	57	c	82	63	sh
Cleveland	83	62	t	80	59	s
Dallas	77	67	t	77	67	t
Denver	80	54	s	81	52	s
Detroit	83	58	c	82	61	s
El Paso	87	66	s	93	70	s
Fairbanks	43	8	c	64	43	c
Fargo	76	58	t	74	57	t
Honolulu	84	72	pc	84	71	pc
Houston	78	65	t	79	67	t
Indianapolis	83	61	pc	83	64	s
Jacksonville	93	71	t	92	71	s
Kansas City	80	58	c	80	64	pc
Las Vegas	106	80	s	107	81	s
Little Rock	80	68	t	80	67	t
Los Angeles	81	59	pc	84	59	pc
Louisville	82	67	t	83	68	pc
Memphis	85	70	t	84	70	t
Miami	88	79	t	88	78	t
Millwaukee	75	57	s	76	61	s
Minneapolis	75	61	s	74	60	t
Nashville	86	68	t	86	69	t
New Orleans	86	75	t	85	75	pc
New York City	76	62	pc	76	66	t
Oklahoma City	75	64	t	79	62	sh
Omaha	83	62	s	86	61	c
Philadelphia	82	66	pc	80	67	t
Phoenix	107	80	s	112	82	s
Portland, ME	60	51	c	66	54	c
Providence	72	57	pc	75	61	c
Raleigh	88	69	pc	89	70	t
Rapid City	84	55	t	76	49	s
Reno	90	54	pc	94	60	s
Sacramento	98	60	s	102	62	s
St. Louis	83	65	pc	84	68	s
Salt Lake City	90	61	s	87	61	c
San Diego	74	64	pc	76	65	pc
San Francisco	76	54	pc	79	56	pc
Seattle	69	54	sh	79	58	pc
Tucson	101	71	s	107	73	s
Washington, DC	82	69	c	82	68	t
Wichita	81	58	pc	84	62	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.