

OSU offers food science scholarship

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Capital Press



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Students in this undated photo make cheese at Oregon State University's creamery. OSU has created a new scholarship fund for undergraduate students in its Department of Food Science and Technology.

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University has created a new scholarship fund for undergraduate students in its Department of Food Science and Technology.

The scholarship is available to students in the department's three study areas: food science, fermentation science and enology and viticulture. The fund is designed to support hands-on learning for students in the program, including internships, research and work-abroad programs.

Directly, college officials say, the scholarship benefits students. Indirectly, it could benefit Oregon's food and farming industries by helping develop better future food scientists.

"This (scholarship) will have an immense impact," said Lisbeth Goddik, professor and department head of the OSU Department of Food Science and Technology.

Graduates of the program have gone on to work in many sectors, including at food companies, breweries, wineries, dairies and creameries, as production supervisors on farms with value-added processing, as inspectors for agencies and as entrepreneurs.

Students are the future leaders of Oregon's food and beverage industries," Goddik said.

The program, college officials and students say, is already hands-on, but some students have missed out on the opportunity to study abroad or do internships because they couldn't afford the additional costs of travel or housing.

This new fund aims to solve that problem; the scholarship can be used to support travel and/or lodging for students who are doing internships, studying or working abroad in food science via official OSU exchange programs or doing undergraduate research in the department.

"This scholarship can help

overcome some of the financial barriers students run into," Goddik said.

In 2022, the scholarship is targeted to support 30 to 50 out of the department's approximately 100 undergraduate students.

Lian Moy, an OSU student who was approved to receive the scholarship this year, said she plans to use it to pay for housing to study abroad fall term at Wageningen University & Research, an agricultural university in the Netherlands.

"It would be really tough to study abroad without the scholarship," Moy said.

Moy works in OSU's creamery, where she said she enjoys making cheese. Moy

said she hopes to bring back what she learns at Wageningen.

Another OSU student, Grace Spencer, was also approved for scholarship funding this year. Spencer plans to use it to study sustainable food systems in France.

"Honestly, without the scholarship I probably couldn't afford the travel," Spencer said.

She said she hopes to bring back ideas and innovations from Europe.

"I think it's super important to understand food systems on an international scale," she said.

Goddik, the department head, said she hopes the Department of Food Science and Technology will draw more students from farms in the future because she sees opportunities for young people with farming backgrounds to pursue food-science related degrees and then use them to create value-added products.

"What does it take to save the family farm? Sometimes it takes turning a commodity into a value-added product. And we can definitely provide an opportunity there," Goddik said.

The scholarship's donors are Grant and Alice Schoenhard. Grant Schoenhard, who holds a doctorate, is a program alumnus. He was a food, additive and medical chemist.

Baby formula producer recalls popular products

By ALEX WITWERT
EO Media Group

LA GRANDE — A popular baby formula producer has recalled a line of its products after one infant died from a rare bacterial infection.

Abbott, makers of the Similac infant formula, recalled Similac, Alimentum and EleCare products on Feb. 17 after an infant was infected with Cronobacter sakazakii and later died after being fed one of the products. Additionally, there were four consumer complaints related to Cronobacter sakazakii or Salmonella Newport in infants who had consumed powder infant formula manufactured in their Sturgis, Michigan plant, according to a press release from Abbott.

The Food and Drug Administration is investigating those complaints.

While not overly dangerous to adults, Cronobacter has a high risk for infants, according to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention. The disease is known to increase the risk of infant meningitis. Symptoms of the infection include poor feeding, jaundice, grunting breaths, fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps, according to the FDA.

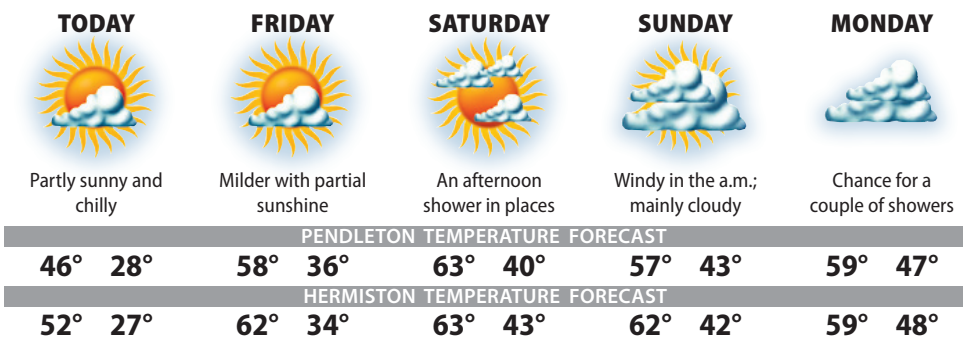
The recall is in effect for any products with an expiration date after April 1, 2022, according to the press release.

New guidance includes recalls for the Similac PM 60/40 product with lot number 27032K80. Consumers can find the lot number on the bottom of the can of infant formula, next to the expiration date.

The product recall is only for powder-based products. Liquid-based baby formula is unaffected by the recall.

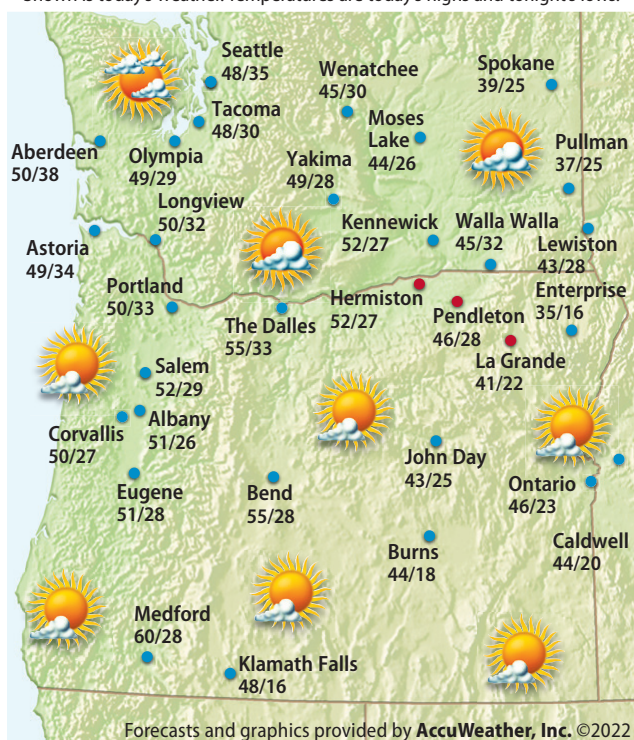
Those with recalled products are urged not to use the formula and to contact Abbott directly at 1-800-987-8540 or return the product to their grocery store or pharmacy in order to get a replacement product.

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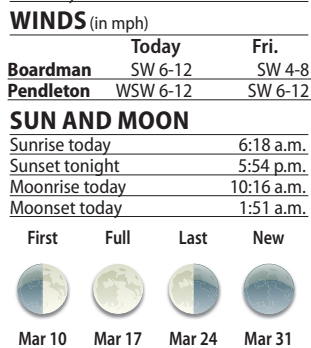
OREGON FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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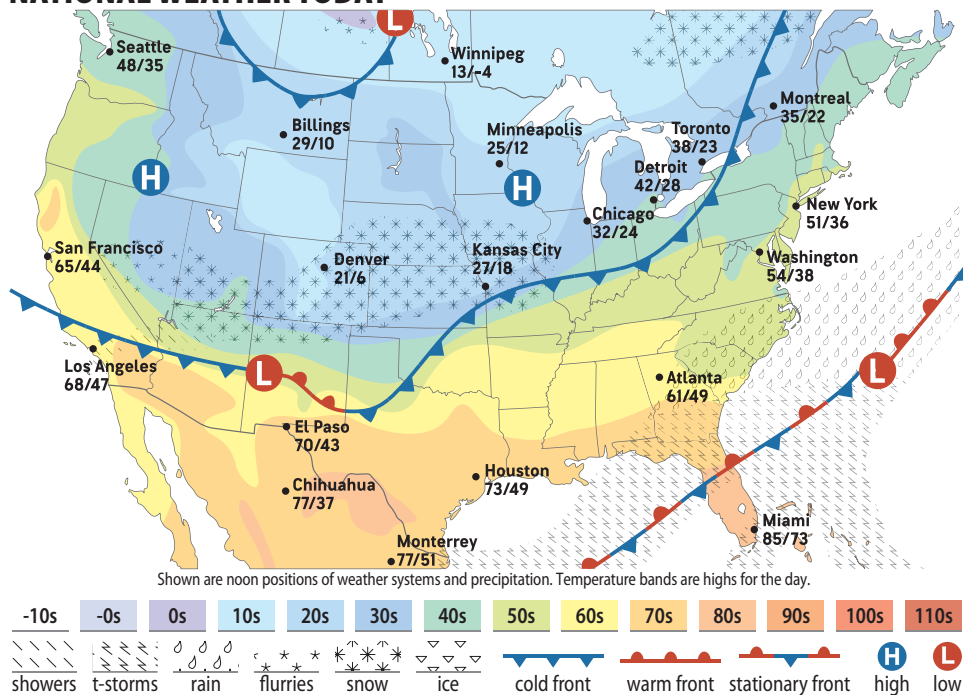
PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	39°	30°
Normals	54°	34°
Records	77° (1916)	19° (2019)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.05"	
Month to date	0.48"	
Normal month to date	0.35"	
Year to date	2.92"	
Last year to date	3.06"	
Normal year to date	3.04"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	45°	33°
Normals	58°	32°
Records	76° (2005)	16° (1933)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.03"	
Month to date	0.56"	
Normal month to date	0.21"	
Year to date	1.62"	
Last year to date	1.65"	
Normal year to date	2.21"	
WINDS (in mph)		
	Today	Fri.
Boardman	SW 6-12	SW 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 6-12	SW 6-12
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	6:18 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	5:54 p.m.	
Moonrise today	10:16 a.m.	
Moonset today	1:51 a.m.	



NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Baker County man running for state labor commissioner

By JAYSON JACOBY
Baker City Herald

BAKER COUNTY — A Baker County man has filed as a candidate for Oregon labor commissioner.

Robert Neuman, who lives near Greenhorn, is one of four people seeking the nonpartisan office.

Oregon's Commissioner of Labor and Industries — the official title — enforces state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation and vocational, professional and trade schools. The commissioner has the authority to initiate a "commissioner's complaint" on behalf of victims of discrimination.

The current commissioner, Val Hoyle, is a candi-

date for Congress. Her term ends in January 2023.

Four candidates have filed for the May 17, 2022, primary — Neuman, Chris Henry, Casey Kulla and Christina Stephenson.

If one candidate receives more than half the votes, that person would be elected outright.

Otherwise, the top two candidates in the primary would advance to a runoff in the Nov. 8, 2022, general election.

Neuman, who has lived in Baker County for about 10 years, said he thinks the labor commissioner can be a more vocal advocate for programs such as job apprenticeships, which are in the construction industry, that offer good-paying careers without the need for a college degree.

Neuman said the labor commissioner is a "low-profile" state office compared with, for instance, the secretary of state.

"A lot of people don't realize the job exists," he said.

He said he would like to see the labor commissioner promote changes in job qualifications that list only things relevant to the job.

Neuman believes that broader descriptions, with long lists of qualifications, can discourage people from applying from jobs because they don't think they have all the needed skills, even in cases where some of the qualifications aren't actually required for the job.

Neuman said his campaign will rely mainly on "knocking on doors" and meeting potential voters.

IN BRIEF

Oregon farmer charged in alleged grass seed kickback scheme

PORTLAND — Federal prosecutors have charged an Oregon grass seed farmer and wholesaler with wire fraud for allegedly paying kickbacks to a seed company representative.

The U.S. Department of Justice claims Greg McCarthy, the owner of Ground Zero Seeds in Yamhill, paid more than \$190,000 in kickbacks to his longtime friend, Richard Dunham, who oversaw warehousing and order fulfillment for Jacklin Seed, based in Liberty Lake, Washington.

McCarthy faces up to 20 years in federal prison, three years probation and a \$380,000 fine if convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, a felony. He's scheduled to be arraigned by a U.S. magistrate judge on March 15.

Capital Press was unable to reach him for comment.

According to the indictment, McCarthy

was paid an extra 2 cents per pound for grass seed and kicked that money back to Dunham in exchange for being chosen as a supplier for Jacklin Seed between 2015 and 2019.

"As a result of his position, Dunham could cause Jacklin to purchase grass seed from certain growers in Oregon rather than others," the indictment said, with the alleged kickback scheme defrauding Jacklin Seed and its previous owner, the J.R. Simplot Co.

Dunham pretended to provide consulting and brokering services through a corporate entity that actually served to "conceal his receipt of kickbacks," which he received from McCarthy as well as "other Jacklin suppliers," the indictment said.

McCarthy and Dunham discussed the scheme in emails in which they referred to the kickbacks as "shoes" or as contributions to a "shoe fund," the indictment said.

The indictment marks the third criminal case brought by the federal government related to fraud by employees of Jacklin Seed.

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