

LCC kicks off bond campaign

The Lane Community College Board of Education and supporters kicked off the college's 2020 bond campaign at a noontime event this past Tuesday on the main campus.

Board Chair Mike Eyster announced that the board had reduced the amount of the bond to \$121.5 million, down from \$145 million, after soliciting public feedback and hearing that while people strongly support Lane, they were concerned about taxes.

"It's been 10 years since LCC went out for a bond and in the meanwhile, our needs have grown," said Eyster. "We wouldn't go out for this bond if we didn't absolutely need it."

Other speakers included LCC President Margaret Hamilton and State Representative Marty Wilde. State Senator James Manning stood with the speakers in support of the bond, along with other community leaders.

Speakers said that the \$121.5 million bond would fund critical safety and security upgrades, bring learning facilities and labs up to a 21st century level, and improve and increase career and workforce training facilities for growing programs such as health professions, and bringing Lane's dental clinic back to main campus.

In addition to bond funding, LCC plans to address those needs through state matching grants for seismic rehabilitation, and other resources.

2020 Eugene Boat, Sportsman Show will 'Pack Punch'

Big birds, big motorcycles and big bucks and bulls are just a few of the highlights scheduled for visitors to the upcoming 47th annual KEZI Boat & Sportsmen's Show, presented by Bi-Mart.

Guests can catch all the animals, activities and attractions at the Lane Events Center in Eugene from Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

Joe Krathwohl will present the 5-foot tall, 95-pound double wattled cassowary and several oth-

er birds on stage during his Birdman Bird Show.

Combat Hero Bike Build will roll a three-wheeled motorcycle into the shows. Combat Hero modifies motorcycles for wounded warriors.

The 2020 Tour of Northwest Big Game Animals will feature record sized deer, elk, bear and a couple wolves. Educational and factual information will be available to read for each animal.

Providing introductions for these features at

each of the four ExpoSure shows will be emcee Rob Gensorek. Gensorek, the owner of Basin Tackle in Charleston, Ore., will also promote numerous other show activities as well as provide fishing tales and tips.

Visitors will have an opportunity to view presentations and the hundreds of exhibits, covering fishing, hunting, boating, RVing, ATVing, camping, canoeing and kayaking, rafting, climbing and more.

The latest boats, RVs, ATVs, hunting and fishing equipment and other outdoor items will also be displayed.

An impressive list of experts will make presentations in the Sportsmen's Theater and demonstrations on the giant fish tank.

For kids, the trout pond, climbing wall, archery range and ODFW Shooting Gallery are sure to capture their attention and involvement. Bi-Mart's Kids S.A.F.E. BB Gun Range returns to the show

and will focus on teaching basic gun safety to young shooters.

From novices to old pros, outdoors men and women will find something of interest at these shows through the many unique exhibits, performances, attractions and demonstrations.

Hours are Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is payable on-site. Children under age 5 are free.

Free screening of 'The 11th Hour' documentary this Friday

As a follow up to the Climate Strike Event held in Cottage Grove on Sept. 20, participating groups organized an educational series of films and lectures on the environmental issues facing our planet at this critical time.

For the fourth installment in this series of climate-related events, the community is invited to a free screening of the "The 11th Hour" on Friday, Jan. 24, beginning at 7 p.m.

The screening will be followed by a discussion of the film.

Along with these presentations, Climate Action Cottage Grove, Forest Web, and Sustainable Cottage Grove will be hosting a Climate Town Hall Meeting on March 14 at the Cottage Grove Armory for community members and local officials to participate in a forum on ways the town can reach the goal of being carbon neutral by the year 2030.

The event will include speakers, information tables and breakout sessions to work on possible solutions.

The film "The 11th Hour" includes contributions from more than 50 politicians, scientists and environmental activists, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, physicist Stephen Hawking, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai, journalist Armand Betscher and Paul Hawken.

The film documents the grave problems facing the planet's life systems. Global warming, deforestation, mass species extinction and depletion of the ocean's habitats are all addressed.

The film proposes potential solutions to these problems by calling for restorative action by the reshaping and rethinking of global human activity through technology, social responsibility and conservation.

Kevin Crust, a critic from the Los Angeles Times, said the film "Asks why these things are happening and apportion blame in varying degrees to governmental indifference tied to its allegiance to a corporate economy that is addicted to growth at any cost and

perhaps, most insinuating of all, to the culture of consumerism.

Disposable has trumped sustainable in our society, and we're now paying the price.

Thankfully for audiences, the filmmakers save the most exhilarating portion for last when they ask what's being done about the problems."

The film, which will be screened at The Rural Organizing Project Building, 632 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove, will be free to the public.

Oregon Health Authority reminds residents to test for radon

Many parts of Oregon remain at risk of high radon — an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas. It is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes up from the ground and is drawn into buildings, where it can build up to dangerous levels.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is respon-

sible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after cigarette smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

"Every homeowner should test their home for radon every two to five years," says Curtis Cude,

Radon Awareness Program manager at the Oregon Health Authority. "The best time to test is during the heating season, when the windows and doors are closed up tight."

Many test kits are priced between \$15 and \$25 and can be found in most hardware stores.

The Radon Awareness Program collects radon test data from test kit manufacturers in an effort to understand which areas of the state have the potential for high radon levels and to identify areas where educational outreach efforts need to be focused.

The program is offering

a free radon test kit to residents whose homes are in ZIP codes with fewer than 20 radon test results.

Residents can send an email to radon.program@dhsosha.state.or.us to receive instructions on how to get a free test kit, which will be provided while supplies last.

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