

**SALEM**

# Community College receives \$200K donation for agricultural hub

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Capital Press  
SALEM — Chemeketa Community College has received a \$200,000 gift from Northwest Farm Credit Services to build a greenhouse in the college's new Agricultural Hub, which is slated to open in Salem this month. "This gift is huge. We're so grateful," said Holly Nelson, executive dean of the school. Brent Fetch, Oregon president of Northwest Farm Credit Services, the area's top agricultural lender and crop insurance provider, explained in a statement why his organization is investing. "We are pleased to support Chemeketa Community College's Agricultural Hub because we believe this program will yield the next generation of Oregon's agricultural talent,

which is vital to the industry's long-term success," he said. The new hub is modeled after Oregon State University's Extension Service, offering classes, workshops and other agricultural resources to college students and the community. The college has been planning the Agricultural Hub for years, but high construction costs the past year meant the school was about \$2 million short on funding and had to cut several pieces from its plan, including hoop houses, a conservatory, learning gardens and a greenhouse. School administrators say the cuts — especially the greenhouse — were a huge disappointment. Nelson, the executive dean, said a greenhouse is sorely needed because Chemeketa's

existing greenhouse is old and dilapidated, requiring regular maintenance. A new greenhouse, she said, will support the school's horticulture program, which includes horticulture certificates, two-year degrees and a transfer degree option. She said a new greenhouse will also help the school provide continuing professional development and workshops, called "workforce training," to local nursery businesses and farms. After the school made cuts in the face of rising construction costs, administrators decided to fundraise. When leaders at Northwest Farm Credit Services heard of the college's decision to scrap its greenhouse plans, they surprised college officials with their gift.



Courtesy of Chemeketa Community College via Capital Press/capitalpress.com  
**Chemeketa Community College's Agricultural Hub, also known as the Ag Complex, is under construction.**

## Washington denies permit for methanol plant

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Officials in Washington state denied a key permit for a large proposed methanol plant Tuesday, saying the project that aims to send the chemical to China to be used in everything from fabrics and contact lenses to iPhones and medical equipment would pump out too much pollution. A significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions and inconsistencies with the Shoreline Management Act were the main reasons the permit was rejected for the project planned on the Columbia River, the Washington Department of Ecology said in a news release. The \$2 billion Northwest Innovation Works plant proposed in Kalama would take natural gas from Canada and convert it into methanol. It would then be shipped to China to make olefins — compounds used in many everyday products. An environmental analysis done by the state agency found that the facility would be one of the largest sources of carbon pollution in Washington, emitting nearly 1 million metric tons a year within the state, and millions of tons more from extracting natural gas, shipping the product to Asia and final uses of the methanol, officials said. The company has 21 days to appeal the permit decision. "While we are disappointed by this ruling and evaluating our options for an immediate appeal, we feel confident that science and reason will prevail," Kent Caputo, attorney for Northwest Innovation Works, said in a news release.

## Gas

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The ruling was hailed as a major victory by opponents of Jordan Cove, which would be the first such LNG overseas export terminal in the over 48 states. The proposed 230-mile feeder pipeline would begin in Malin, in southwest Oregon, and end at the city of Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast. Jordan Cove did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment, and it was unclear what next steps the project would take. Opposition to the pipeline has brought together southern Oregon tribes, environmentalists, anglers and coastal residents since 2006. "Thousands of southern Oregonians have raised their voices to stop this project for

years and will continue to until the threat of Jordan Cove LNG is gone for good," said Hannah Sohl, executive director of Rogue Climate. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, who has opposed the project, said in a statement on Twitter that she was pleased with the ruling. "At every stage of the regulatory process, I have insisted that the Jordan Cove LNG project must meet Oregon's rigorous standards for protecting the environment, or it cannot move forward," she wrote. The outgoing Trump administration has supported energy export projects and in particular Jordan Cove. It had proposed streamlining approval of gas pipelines and other energy projects by limiting states' certification authorities under the U.S. Clean Water Act.

## Jobs

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Full-service restaurants accounted for 17,600 of the Oregon jobs lost in November. The service sector has been particularly hard hit by the pandemic. It's a relatively low-paid sector, which makes workers especially vulnerable to economic hardship. In December, Congress passed an extension of jobless benefits for self-employed workers and a new, weekly \$300 bonus for peo-

ple receiving unemployment assistance. That will help blunt the impact of the job losses, but those benefits expire in March unless Congress takes up another stimulus bill. Oregon unemployment remained below the national rate of 6.7% in December, and was less than half the state's record 14.9% jobless rate in April. The state remains in a deep recession, though, and full recovery is unlikely until the pandemic is under control.

## Hammond

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In December 2019, U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon of Portland revoked the Eastern Oregon grazing permit for Hammond Ranches Inc. after finding that a renewal order by former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, issued on Zinke's last day in office in early 2019, was an "abuse of discretion." The renewal followed President Donald Trump's pardon of the Hammonds in July 2018. Father and son had been convicted of arson and were serv-

ing out five-year mandatory minimum sentences for setting fire to public land where they had grazing rights. Both were convicted of setting a fire in 2001, and the son was convicted of setting a second fire in 2006. When they walked out of prison, Dwight Hammond had served two years and nine months in prison and his son had served three years and four months. In 2015, the Hammonds also paid \$400,000 to settle a civil suit brought by the government to recoup damages caused by the fires.



Richard Vogel/AP file  
**Vendors from MF Extracts counting their intake of cash at their booth at the 2018 Kushstock 6.5 festival in Adelanto California. The leading cannabis industry group in California announced Tuesday it had reached an agreement with a state credit union that will provide access to checking and other banking services for marijuana companies, ending what had been a longstanding obstacle for many.**

## Banking

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The agreement is intended "to alleviate the banking obstacles that cannabis operators face, so they can focus on their core

business." Industry experts say the number of state financial institutions willing to handle cannabis-linked funds is gradually growing, and a state law enacted last year was designed to provide legal safeguards for

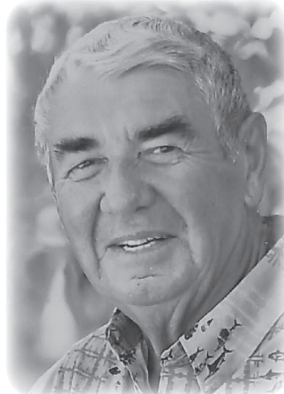
banks and credit unions engaging with marijuana companies. The credit union said on its website that it has been offering banking services to the cannabis industry since 2017. Medicinal cannabis sales have been legal in California for over two decades. Jerred Kiloh, who heads the Los Angeles-based United Cannabis Business Association, said the agreement represents another encouraging step as more financial institutions open their doors to the industry. With growing acceptance of cannabis nationwide, along

with regulatory changes, "there are more banks that are willing to tell people they are willing to accept cannabis accounts," he said. As of Sept. 30, federal regulators reported that 677 banks and credit unions were providing services for marijuana business. That represents a small fraction of the overall banking industry, and the figure had declined slightly in 2020, a drop attributed in part to business closings caused by coronavirus restrictions. Efforts to broaden banking access for pot companies have stalled in Congress.

## William "Bill" B. Johnson

1940 - 2021

William ("Bill") B. Johnson, III passed away on January 3, 2021. Bill was born in Seattle, WA in 1940 to William and Frances Johnson. He married his soulmate, Ginny, in the summer of 1986.



They had 34 years of love and friendship together. Bill graduated in 1963 from Eastern Oregon University and for 35 years was an educator for the Bend/La Pine School District. He genuinely enjoyed the time he spent with his students and fellow teachers. Bill was also an avid fisherman and hunter.

Bill is survived by his wife Ginny, his son Bill "Jay" Johnson, his daughter Debbie (Terry) Starr, step-son Todd (Kristie) Hornbeck, step-daughter Tina Vickers, his sister Bobbie Thompson, and her family. Bill is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Pete, Matt, Tom, Ashley Brittany, Caitlyn and Anna. He was blessed with 8 great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by both parents, a great-grandson, and his brother-in-law Jim.

*Forever in our hearts.*



## DEATH NOTICES

**Gerald "Jerry" Bruce Seed** of Bend, OR  
Jan 04, 1933 - Jan 15, 2021

**Arrangements:**  
Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471 Please visit the online registry for the family at [www.niswonger-reynolds.com](http://www.niswonger-reynolds.com)  
**Services:**  
A gathering of family & friends for a visitation period will be held Friday, January 22, 2021 from 1 until 5PM in the Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Chapel  
**Contributions may be made to:**  
Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be made to Partner's in Care - Bend, 2075 NE Wyatt Court, Bend, Oregon 97701, Crater Lake Council of Boy Scouts of America, 61383 S. Highway 97 Ste. F, Bend, Oregon 97702 and/or donate a pint of blood to your local Red Cross.

**Jacqueline Colombana** of Bend, OR  
Sep 17, 1931 - Jan 17, 2021  
**Arrangements:**  
Baird Funeral Home of Bend is honored to serve the family. Please visit our website, [www.bairdfh.com](http://www.bairdfh.com), to share condolences and sign our online guest book. 541.382.0903

**Ethel C. Hohnstein** of La Pine, OR  
May 29, 1926 - January 14, 2021

**Arrangements:**  
Baird Memorial Chapel of La Pine is honored to serve the Hohnstein family. Please visit our website, [www.bairdfh.com](http://www.bairdfh.com), to share condolences and sign the online guestbook.  
**Services:**  
A private service will be held at a later date.

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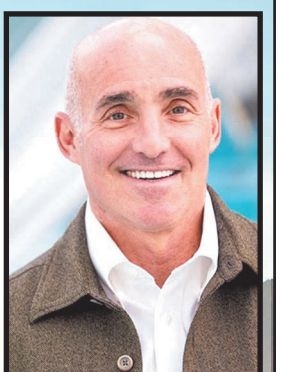
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## Curt Horowitz

August 14, 1956 - January 9, 2021

Anyone who met Curt remembered him. He was outgoing, interested in others' lives, always looking for a moment to bring someone joy and laughter. Curt Horowitz lost his hard-fought battle with cancer on January 9, 2021, in Bend, Oregon. Born August 14, 1956, in Philadelphia, PA, Curt grew up in the Philadelphia area before moving to Gainesville, Florida, where he graduated from the University of Florida.



Curt leaves behind his wife of 21 years, Linda (Bend, OR), and beloved daughter, Alena (Bend, OR), his mother, Irene Greene (Philadelphia, PA), brothers, Victor Horowitz (Philadelphia, PA) and Richard Horowitz (Sarasota, FL), father-in-law, Michael Kalyk (Sonoma, CA and Bend, OR), mother-in-law, Roni Kalyk (Sonoma, CA and Bend, OR), and brother-in-law, Tony Kalyk (Telluride, CO). Curt is preceded in death by his father, Irwin Horowitz (Philadelphia, PA, and Sarasota, FL).

When he wasn't spending time with family or working, you could find Curt at The Pickleball Zone, mountain biking with friends, hiking Smith Rock, or on his twice a day walk around Northwest Crossing with his dog, Cassie. Curt's limitless optimism and his ability to connect with anyone he met will be missed by everyone who knew him. His devotion to his family and especially his daughter will be remembered by all.

We are grateful for the outpouring of support we received during Curt's illness and following his death. If you would like to donate in Curt's honor, please consider Central Oregon Humane Society ([hsc.org](http://hsc.org)).