

# Health Education awards available to community organizations

Community and public organizations in eight western Oregon counties can apply now for up to \$3,000 each in awards from the Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for training and educating health care professionals.

Oregon Pacific AHEC is offering Educational Scholarship Awards to help organizations pay for training and educating traditional health care providers, emergency service personnel, home health and hospice providers, mental health personnel, long-term care providers and other health care professionals.

"Financial resources for training and education are rarely available, especially in volunteer organizations," said Oregon Pacific AHEC Education Coordinator Pat Lewis. "This is a way to support the community in providing pro-

grams that will work locally."

Oregon Pacific AHEC is one of five private, nonprofit area health education centers across the state that are working with Oregon Health Sciences University, local health professionals and educational institutions to attract, train and retain more health care providers in rural and underserved parts of Oregon.

The scholarship awards are available to organizations in Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Linn, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill counties. All organizations applying for an award must be willing to provide a 15 percent match (cash or in-kind). Examples of in-kind matches would include staff or volunteer time in teaching, writing articles, developing health care resources or coordinating events, or providing equipment or facilities for training. Awards for a specific training

course are limited to \$300 per individual.

Oregon Pacific AHEC is particularly interested in projects that involve a variety of health professionals or more than one organization, in the hope that awards will become seed money for some new programs, according to Lewis.

Oregon Pacific AHEC is particularly interested in providing awards that will help meet community needs, especially in emergency services and mental health care. Projects must focus on education, not service delivery, and should reflect the following criteria:

- Improve access to and quality of emergency services by adding more trained people to the community or improving the skills of those already practicing there;
- Improve knowledge of

mental health issues among health care providers and emergency services personnel;

- Test imaginative ways to meet mental health needs in the community;
- Raise public awareness of critical health issues and problems affecting a community;
- Improve the effectiveness and/or quality of a community

health care system.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 1996, with recipients to be notified by June 3. For an application or more information, contact Education Coordinator Pat Lewis, PhD, at Oregon Pacific AHEC, 131 NW 20th, Suite B, Newport, OR 97365; Telephone: 541-265-8011; Fax: 541-265-5948; e-mail: pat\_lewis@class.orednet.org.

## Pictures sought for video of flood

Have you been taking pictures, either still or video, of this month's flood?

If the answer is yes, your pictures may be suitable for use in a video that will be used as a fund raiser to help people recover from the damages of the flood. The video will be professionally edited and produced.

Please contact Robb Wil-

son at the Columbia County Historical Museum, 429-3713, if you can provide some photos.

## Furse will visit in Vernonia on Friday

Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse will be in Vernonia on Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, as she tours parts of the flood-ravaged First District.

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# Community Calendar

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**VERNONIA**

AFS	1st Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8 p.m., 1st Baptist Church
American Cancer Society		Call Carolyn Keasey, 429-2021
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scouts	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Boy Scout Parents	4th Thursday	8-9:00 p.m. WGS Cafeteria
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Crazy Charlie's
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	7:30 a.m., Country Kitchen
Community Center Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 VHS Library
Cub Scouts	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., WGS Gym
Doll Club	3rd Wednesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Jamboree Committee	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., VHS library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
MTC Training & Placement	2nd Thursday	1-2:00 p.m., School District Ofc.
Nehalem Valley Car Club	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., Sidetrack Restaurant
Parent-Teacher Assoc. (PTA)	1st Monday	7:30 p.m., WGS Library
Preschool Story Hour	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Senior Center Directors	1st Friday	1 p.m., Senior Center
Society of Arts & Crafts	2nd Thursday	City Library, 429-7605 for time
TOPS	Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., 627 Adams
Vernonia Cares Directors	Quarterly	627 Adams, 429-1414 for info.
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:30 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Grange	2nd Saturday	10:00 a.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Preschool Directors	1st Tuesday	7 p.m., 627 Adams
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st & 3rd Thursdays	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Pride	4th Thursday	7 p.m., VHS Library
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:30 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Rural Fire District	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8 p.m., School District Office
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., WOEC
Women's Aglow	4th Monday	7:00 p.m., Sidetrack Restaurant

**MIST-BIRKENFELD**

Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Bd.	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays	7 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays	7 p.m., Main Fire Station
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall

**BANKS**

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks Area Merchants Assoc.	1st Thursday	1:00 p.m., Brown Derby
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	1st Saturday	10:00 a.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
TOPS	Wednesdays	8:00 p.m., Jr. High Library
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

**COLUMBIA COUNTY** (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
Columbia ESD	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., 800 Port Ave.
County Fair Board	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m., 4-H Bldg., Fairgrounds
County Parks Commission	2nd Wednesday	7 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713
Traffic Safety Commission	1st Wednesday	7 a.m., Village Inn

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410, or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 1206 State Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064.