Skills classes empower students

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Every long journey begins with a small, useful step. Sometimes, that’s easier than done.
Finding yourself on the path you want to go on — with a good job, a meaningful life, a family to support yourself or, perhaps trying to change your past — usually means that your actual goals are — is a challenge.

But discovering your available resources is a huge part of that challenge. At the Madras campus, classes in Adult Basic Skills can help you get your education moving by taking that first step.

These convenient, valuable and affordable classes strengthen foundational skills in reading, writing, math and proficiency in the English language — the core educational pieces that will help you prepare for what's ahead.

Maybe you've been away from school for a few years, or you're looking to take the next step in your education and get your career off the ground. You might be trying to advance yourself in the workplace or secure a better job with more responsibilities.

Perhaps you dropped out of school years ago to pursue your dream of going into a fulfilling career in the trades and getting built by students in the Madras campus.

Whether you were home- schooled or you've moved from outside the coun- try, no matter your story, Adult Basic Skills classes can help make a difference.

"We are always happy to have any home-school student of Adult Basic Skills who wants to continue on their education to complete their education," said Anna Mores, stu- dent services specialist at the Madras campus.

"We want to help them through the process of get- ting started and receiving any assistance they may need," Mores added.

"There's a snapshot of what's involved. Classes are $25 each, in order to take a class, students must first attend an orientation which will in- clude information about COCC and the Adult Basic Skills classes, as well as a skills assessment and registra-

Adult Basic Skills classes are available in Madras, Prineville, Culpeppers, and In- dianola.
The Madras classes are led by instructors Kayla Lynn, Cody Vide and Casey Tay-

"The program is a step- ing stone for students to get into college, a better career or for personal benefit," said Taylor Evans, Adult Basic Skills instructor.

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Free backpacks at TCC

On Sunday, July 22, nearly 1,000 participating TCC and Wireless Zone stores teamed up to donate 172,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to children through TCC's annual School Books Backdrop giveaway. Between 1-4 p.m on July 22 and 27, Wireless Zone stores are inviting local families to bring children with them to store to pick up a backpack filled with school supplies: pencils, pencils, pencils and more pencils.

The TCC store in Madras is located at 45 NE Plum St. since 2008. Heart of Oregon YouthBuild has sold more than 200 affordable homes.

Sustainable, affordable housing has an impact on a family's health, education and employment opportuni-

These two Madras students were among those who earned de-

En-Hopewell, of Warm Springs, and Koryl Reese, of Culver, were among 14 students who earned a 3.5 gpa.

"I've enjoyed being around the horizon; they start up again the fall term. Students will be ready to learn the first fall term on No. 3, in Madras.

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"They learn everything they need to build a house, "En-Hopewell, "Our students work with their hands, they're learning to work with their hands. They learn everything they need to build a house. "Working on these homes has taught me the value of teamwork, which is a lot car-

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