RCC hires new welding instructor, receives grant funding

Todd Giesbrecht has been named to the Rogue Community College faculty as a welding instructor. The RCC Board of Education approved his appointment at their Jan. 20 meeting.

A Gold Hill resident, Giesbrecht has eight years secondary level teaching experience with Three Rivers School District and over six years commercial welding experience. Giesbrecht earned an AWS Welding Certificate from RCC.

In other business the board:

- Accepted a $50,000 continuation grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Youthbuild program.
- Approved a $25,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to help low income students with childcare and transportation.
- Accepted a $2,500 grant from the Anna May Family Foundation for the college’s Transciones program. Transciones, a bilingual program, helps orient adult Latinos to the American workplace culture and educational system.
- Accepted a $5,060 grant from the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. The funding will be used toward the infrastructure investment needed to serve the Oregon Virtual School District, which will provide all 17 Oregon community colleges with a hosted course management system.
- Approved a $3,600 grant from the Oregon Arts Commission to help cover costs of “Perceptions of the Past,” an art exhibit developed in partnership with Art Works in celebration of Oregon’s 2009 Sesquicentennial.