Suzi Busler, OSU/Lane County Extension Faculty with the Oregon State University Extension Family Community Development Program will be presenting five classes available to all Douglas County residents throughout March, April and May. Douglas County/OSU Extension service will be working in collaboration with Suzi to host these pertinent and timely topics. Each class will be held at the Douglas County OSU Extension Office. Scholarships are available for persons with financial need.

Advance registration is required.

- **Mold in Homes (Tuesday, March 11th from 6:30—8:30 p.m., Douglas County/OSU Extension Office)** - Oregon’s damp, temperate climate creates the ideal environment for mold growth in homes and other buildings. With mold in media, it is challenging to determine fact from fiction and to locate reliable information. This program will be geared to home owners and renters. Learn to identify steps you can take to reduce moisture in your living environment that can lead to mold that can damage your personal belongings and potentially the structural integrity of your home. $10 class fee.

- **Are You Ready? Preparing for the Unexpected (Thursday, March 27th from 6:30—8:30 p.m., Douglas County/OSU Extension Office)** - Be prepared for the unexpected—be it storm, flooding, fire or other emergency situations. Know where to get help and how to navigate the maze of resources. Find out how to develop a communication plan for you and your family inside your area as well as emergency contacts outside of town. $5.00 class fee.

- **Manage Your Money Before Your Debt Manages You (Tuesday, April 8th from 6:30—8:30 p.m., Douglas County/OSU Extension Office)** - Much of our population is at or near the poverty level. Many families have a great deal of difficulty obtaining and maintaining appropriate housing and meeting daily financial needs for their family. This class will help individuals learn how to distinguish between wants vs. needs, how to write financial goals and improve consumer skills. You’ll learn how to check your credit report, how important your credit score is and how to improve your credit. Gain tools and resources for managing your money, ideas for increasing income and decreasing expenses. $5.00 class fee.

- **Dividing the Chores and Not the Family (Tuesday, April 22nd from 6:30—8:30 p.m., Douglas County/OSU Extension Office)** - It takes time to teach and support others in helping with the household chores. Learn some strategies for getting all of your family involved in taking care of the chores. The reward in sharing tasks can far outweigh the teaching time. You’ll have more time to share in family activities and special interests. Couples who share household tasks find greater marital satisfaction and children learn valuable life skills. $5.00 class fee.

- **De-Clutter Your Life (Tuesday, May 13th from 6:30—8:30 p.m., Douglas County/OSU Extension Office)** - Spring cleaning is a great time to clean up, recycle, mark for the garage sale or throw out. Organizing our homes and getting rid of clutter becomes important as our families change. Lifestyles evolve and we may need to make the decision to “down-size.” We will focus on how to manage it, dispose of it, sell it or store it. $5.00 class fee.

To register for these classes, contact the Douglas County/OSU Extension Office at 541-672-4461 or by e-mail at: mary.hoffman@oregonstate.edu Class fees will help offset costs of materials and refreshments. Scholarships are available for persons with financial needs - contact the registrar for details.