

KIWANIS: New equipment needed

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to replace those units with a modern walk-in freezer/refrigerator with glass store-front doors. There are a number of reasons for doing so:

First, "shopping style" demands that clients see the products. It is not feasible for shoppers to open nine refrigerator doors looking to see what's there. The walk-in unit, with its glass doors, allows shoppers to see and choose exactly what they need.

Second, in the summer and fall, the food bank receives large quantities of fresh food from local markets, farms and individuals. There is lots of waste because quantity often exceeds storage space. The walk-in unit will provide enough space to accept all donated fresh food plus allow for easier food rotation.

Third, the food bank refrigerators/freezers are aging. They are soon expected to begin failing or require expensive maintenance. The walk-in unit will proactively avoid those expected expenses.

Volunteers note that the food bank walk-in project needs community support.

The food bank has always received very generous community financial support. Every year nearly 100 percent of the food bank operations budget is met from community donations.

To fund the walk-in project, the food bank has received grants from Kiwanis Pacific Northwest Foundation, The Roundhouse Foundation, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, Oregon Food Bank, Washington Federal Bank and its own Kiwanis Club. These funds are sufficient to order the walk-in unit; it is ordered and will be delivered in late July. But there isn't sufficient money to pay for the electrical/plumbing installation and accessories such as shopping carts. There are no further foundation grant possibilities; therefore the food bank needs community support.

If you wish to donate to the walk-in project, make a check payable to Sisters Kiwanis Walk-in and post to Sisters Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1296, Sisters, OR, 97759. Or drop off the check at the food bank (328 W. Main Ave. at the intersection of Oak and Main) any Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to donate and also see the walk-in unit, contact Kerry Bott at 503-432-5278 to make arrangements.

Six-year-old found in car trunk

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A six-year-old Oregon boy was hospitalized Wednesday in critical condition with severe heat exhaustion after he was found locked inside his family's car trunk on a hot day, police said.

Police hope to review surveillance video from a camera attached to a neighbor's house to figure out how the boy got into the trunk, said Lt. Kerry Curtis, a spokesman for the Medford Police Department. The child was likely in the trunk for up to an hour on Tuesday afternoon when temperatures reached 90 degrees (32 degrees Celsius), Curtis said.

He was flown by helicopter to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland, where he remains unresponsive and is undergoing brain scans, he said.

Authorities originally said in a statement that the case appeared to be an accident and not criminal. But Curtis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday that police have

not ruled anything out. The surveillance video should provide more answers, he said.

"That's the million-dollar question that we're trying to answer, is how he got (in) there," he said.

Authorities do know the boy was not playing hide and seek, Curtis said.

The boy's parents do not speak fluent English, and a language barrier hampered the investigation until authorities could get a translator to the home Tuesday night.

The boy's father was working in the garage and the

mother was inside their home when the boy disappeared, Curtis said. Both parents thought he was with the other parent. When they realized he was missing, they began to search and the mother spotted a cellphone the boy had been playing with in the back seat of the family's 2003 Honda Civic, which was parked in an alley behind the house, Curtis said.

When she opened the car door to get the cellphone, she heard the boy whimpering in the trunk, Curtis said.

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