

GENERAL NEWS

Two lives saved by fast-acting citizens, CPR

It was just another warm and sunny afternoon on the central Oregon coast Tuesday, Sept. 8, when Tim Harding and Robert

(Bob) Ackerman finished the day fishing and were returning to the Port of Siuslaw in Florence.

"We just got back and tied down the boat and were walking down the dock, but Bob kept falling down," Harding said.

Harding rolled Ackerman over and checked for a pulse and, after not finding one, he started CPR on his fallen friend.

"I started CPR and a nurse took over, and then another fellow showed up," Harding recalled. "And Bob wasn't coming around but the paramedics got there pretty quick."

Harding discussed the 36 years he worked in the woods in the timber industry, and how relieved he was that he didn't have to ever have to do CPR on anyone.

"Well this is the first time I ever had to do CPR and I guess it paid off," Harding said.

Rick Neet was nearby that day when he heard someone yell that a man had collapsed on the docks, asking if there was anyone who knew CPR.

Neet, who had learned CPR in the military nearly 40 years ago, ran towards the scene of the stricken victim hoping everything would turn out alright.

"I saw a guy laying on his back and heard a lady yell that she was a nurse and she took over and I followed her lead," said Neet, who also said the experience that day inspired him to take a CPR refresher course the following week.

Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) paramedics arrived on scene shortly after the 911 calls were placed and continued CPR, along with Advanced Cardiac Life Support procedures. That included the new CCR protocols, which stress the importance of quality



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Rick Neet, Bob Ackerman, Tim Harding and SVFR volunteer Ned Hickson

CPR and electrical defibrillations, as well as IV access and cardiac medications.

The patient was alive when he was rolled off the docks and into the ambulance, and subsequently transported to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Ackerman said he doesn't recall most of the events of that afternoon.

"I went fishing, came back and tied up the boat and then I passed out," he said, then described waking up in the hospital at RiverBend in Springfield.

"It took several days for the hospital staff to explain the series of events that had occurred," said Ackerman. "They put in a new pacemaker to get my heart going."

Ten days later, on Sept. 18, at about 9 a.m. near the docks at the Port of Siuslaw, Ronald Degroot was cleaning off the bottom of his boat when he suddenly passed out.

Off duty Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue volunteer firefighter Ned Hickson happened to be nearby when his fire department pager erupted to report a cardiac arrest and a man down at the port.

"I was just down the street working at Siuslaw News when my pager went off, so I jumped in my car and drove over to the scene," said Hickson, who is trained in CPR and first-aid as a member of SVFR. "There were several people there and I announced I was a firefighter. I checked for a pulse and there was none."

Hickson began chest compressions and continued CPR until Degroot started breathing again. Shortly thereafter, Hickson said the paramedics showed up and took over.

"It wasn't exactly how I had expected to start the morning," said Hickson, "but in the end, it ended up about as good as it can get."

The next thing Degroot remembered was some of his friends there on scene and in support of him.

"I saw concern in the faces of several fishing friends who showed up on scene to assist," Degroot said.

Degroot remembers the subsequent ride to RiverBend hospital, where he was transferred from Peace Harbor due to the need for cardiology specialty care.

"I remember paramedic Rob

who was extremely nice and helpful in reducing my anxiety," he said.

Degroot described the combination of everyone working together to save his life.

"They were extremely fast, quick and professional and they saved my life, and I'm extremely thankful for it," he said.

WLAD Manager Brian Burright believes these two cases illustrate the vital importance of bystander CPR in cardiac arrest situations and the proper use of the new CCR Advanced Cardiac Life Support Paramedic Care.

"Everything we did fell in line — early 9-1-1 activation, bystander and paramedic CPR, early defibrillation, IVs, medications — all led to the positive outcomes with two people now up walking and talking."

"Calls that end in good outcome for the patients are the ones that give all emergency responders a great sense of satisfaction," added Burright. "Today was a great opportunity for rescuers and the bystanders who helped initiate CPR realize that they do make a difference in people's lives."

—Submitted by Al Kreitz,

SOS pays off mortgage after Soiree

The third annual SOS Soiree was held Sunday, Oct. 4, with the theme "Help Us Burn The Mortgage."

The event was held once again at Homegrown Public House, where more than 60 guests were treated to a wide variety of chef Kelsey's wonderful hors d'oeuvres.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry was the featured speaker, and Norman Mesman entertained with flamenco guitar music.

"We were very fortunate to have some very generous donations come in, and we have now met our goal of being able to pay off our mortgage and become totally debt

free," said SOS Executive Director David Wiegand. "This is a critically important principle for nonprofit organizations, especially as operating funds get tight during the inevitable lean budget years ahead."

A brief mortgage burning ceremony is planned for the next board meeting.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Hotel Transylvania 2 - 89 min – Drac is back!
Daily **Except Sun, Tue:** 3:45, 9:00 | Sun: 3:45 | Tue: 3:45, 9:10
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Daily: 1:00, 6:30

The Intern - 121 min (PG-13) – A Florence favorite! "Capitalises on the believable chemistry between Hathaway and De Niro to produce a rom com that is genuinely satisfying." Filmlink
Daily **Except Tue:** 1:00, 6:30 | Tue: 1:00

The Martian 2D - 141 min (PG-13) – From Director Ridley Scott and star Matt Damon. "An enthralling and rigorously realistic outer-space survival story." - Variety
Daily: 12:40, 6:00


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NEW: War Room - 120 min (PG) – Faith-based film that focuses on the power of prayer.
Daily **Except Sun, Tue:** 3:50, 8:10 | Sun: 3:50 | Tue: 3:20, 8:10

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Tue: 6:30 - Q&A with filmmaker and author Baptist de Pape and best-selling author Dean Shrock

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In Honor of All Veterans

The staff at the Siuslaw News are preparing to publish the annual Veterans Day publication, which is a special supplement to the newspaper that is devoted to all military veterans who currently are Florence-area residents or have a connection to this area.

If you are interested in sharing your military background information in the annual tribute publication, or in updating information that we have published previously, please complete this form and submit it to the Siuslaw News. Service photographs are also welcome.

Submit forms and photos by e-mail to rcronk@thesiuslawnews.com, by regular mail to Siuslaw News, Attn: Ryan Cronk, P.O. Box 10, Florence, OR 97439; or drop off materials at the Siuslaw News office in Old Town, 148 Maple St.

If your profile was published in the 2014 Veterans tribute and you do not wish to make any changes to the profile, there is no need to resubmit this form or your military information.

Please be sure that all materials are carefully labeled with your name and phone number and are submitted by **October 28, 2015**.

Thank you for participating in this project to remember and honor our veterans.

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

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Rank Achieved (optional): _____

Dates Served: _____

Where did you serve? _____

Special Information (E.G., POW): _____

Has your veterans information been published previously in the Siuslaw News Veterans Publication?
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Do we have your military photo(s) on file? YES NO
(Note: If you have submitted photos in the past, we will still have them on file.)

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