

DAY OF CARING

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Antram said. "I never realized how much United Way does in the community, especially here in Cottage Grove." Habitat's Linda Oxley said that the Day of Caring helped mobilize the organization to plan the sale knowing it would have help to set up the event. "I hadn't seen how we could make it happen without this many people," Oxley said. "The volunteers have just been great — they have a positive attitude, and we've even recruited future volunteers today. It's a win-win."

Opal Center

Volunteers Joanne Holcomb and Francine Hans spent much of Thursday helping Opal Center Director Leah Murray and owner Ivan Del Sol sort through the relics of the Opal Theater's many productions in Cottage Grove. Hans, a PeaceHealth employee and Cottage Grove resident, said she specifically sought out volunteer opportunities in her hometown.

Visitor's Center

The Lane County Blood Centre and the City of Cottage Grove teamed up on Thursday to help paint the Cottage Grove Visitor's Center. Headed by the city's community volunteer coordinators, Pete Barrell and Teresa Cowan, the painting of the center helps rejuvenate the place that most tourists come to first.

"It's a really important job because a lot of travelers do come here to see what the town has to offer, so we want to make sure that it's welcoming and appealing," Barrell said. He also added that it was not difficult to find volunteers for this job.

"This is a community that really cares; all of our volunteers are really enthusiastic."

From the Lane County Blood Center, Marianne Wagley, Debbie Brown and Heather Young helped paint the lobby of the visitor's center, while Barrell, Cowan and Dar-Ya Grozovskaya were repainting separate rooms. Some of the volunteers



photo by Jon Stinnett

Volunteers Joanne Holcomb and Francine Hans seek a new home for Slimer, a prop from the Opal Theater's 2010 production of 'Grovebusters.'

were first-timers for this event and others—such as Grozovskaya—have been doing this for several years.

Community Sharing

At Community Sharing, Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD) volunteered to help chop and stack firewood for the program. Scott Coe, general manager at EPUD, oversaw the workers at Community Sharing.

"This is a great opportunity for a lot of employees to work with colleagues that they don't usually ever work with. It's a great time for networking and to bridge communication gaps for our company, so this whole event is really a win-win," Coe said. Executive Director of the Community Sharing Program Mike Fleck was also there overseeing the work.

"We really have great partners here to help us with this. We have all this firewood, and for them to help chop and stack it is really a huge help," Fleck said.

By noon on Thursday, the stack was already well over six feet high and the volunteers were still hard at work.



photo by Sam Wright

Volunteer John Norrena helps stack firewood for Community Sharing. Emerald People's Utilities District personnel helped cut and stack wood Thursday.



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RIPARIAN RESTORATION: Cottage Grove Peace Health employees and Coast Fork Watershed Council staff spent three hours mulching 300 trees on an active riparian restoration site on Carolina Creek.

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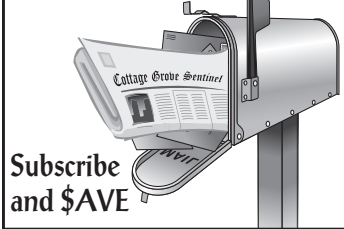
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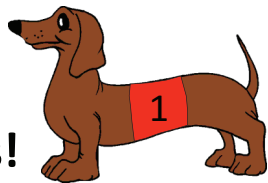
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