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patients and had a word of comfort or encouragement. When the historic barn at the Old Mill Farm Store burned down, taking the business' phone line with it, Slack arranged for supplier's phone calls to be routed through her switchboard.

"Without the actions of Kitty Slack, that would have been it for the longest continuously operating business in Lane County (since 1853)," said local resident, Dana Merryday who has helped organize an effort to help Slack who closed the



Kitty Slack worked the phone switchboard, answering questions and providing information to residents and business community members for more than 20 years.

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doors to her answering service in 2014 after another stroke affected her health.

According to Merryday, Slack's health concerns have rallied the local group to provide her with a financial buoy.

"Her fierce spirit and sense of independence recoils at asking for help, but a number of concerned friends have, sort of behind her back, organized an effort to give back to someone who selflessly has given to her community for so long," he wrote in an email.

Contributions for Kitty Slack can be made at the Bookmine on Main Street or by calling 541-942-7414.

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