

Shelter *from A1*

a smoke detector, shelf space and lockable doors. The city's site preparation and facility costs for establishing the warming shelter were covered by federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, falling under "care for homeless populations" criteria for reimbursement. Keeping with the Bed's for Freezing Nights activation threshold, the Community Sharing Warming Shelter only activates when nights dip to 29 degrees Fahrenheit or below. It stays open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following day.

It has been reasoned by those working in the local warming shelter community that the criterion for activation at 29 degrees or below encourages priority use of Eugene's Egan Warming Center (which activates at 30 degrees) and thus reduces shelter-seeking traffic from outside areas.

Fleck reported that clients of the new shelter were predominantly male.

"In an abundance of caution, we did not have children on the site at all," he said. "We figured that if anybody showed up with children, that we would try to put them up in a motel."



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This past winter, the warming shelter program saw more than 58 stays from 28 people seeking shelter.

Ultimately, no families showed up, however.

The shelter also operated under strict rules about

what could be brought through the gate.

"No drugs or paraphernalia are allowed on site, period. No weapons are allowed on site. We check," said Fleck.

Besides the Pallet Shelter amenities, the warming shelter offers a range of its own provisions such as storage lockers, toilets and washing stations, a smoking area, access to first-aid supplies, donated clothing, referrals to other resource agencies and bike and car parking.

There is a "hospitality suite" in the center of the site with snacks, hot drinks, hygiene products and donated clothing for all and pets are even allowed,

though must be cleaned up after.

Community Sharing guarantees that all personal data collected will be protected as well.

With the warming shelter season ended, the city staff have previously stated that the Pallet Shelters will be housed with the city and the site will be opened up to other possible uses during the off-season.

Going forward, Fleck hopes to further refine the process and is open to new models for the next season.

"It was a real feel-good experience for me," said Fleck. "It was a lot for us to undertake, but I would absolutely do it again."

Pet Tips'n' Tales: Kit and Kaboodle Condo Comforts



By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

The condo's southern window exposure pours sun in for their napping pleasure and the kitties exercise by running up and down the 32 steps. In addition, there are two porches to enjoy fresh air.

"Their favorite perching spots are at the top of each level of stairs staring down at us like furry birds," said Tracy. "They also pride themselves on scratching our bamboo laundry basket."

Siamese cats are like dogs who enjoy going for walks with their humans. So, their kitties join them on their mile walks.

For safety, Tracy attached a GPS tracking device to their collars. A clicker indicates which direction to search if they stray and it beeps so they know we are looking for them. The device is like



Kari and her Apple-Head Siamese condo cats, Kit and Kaboodle, teach the comforts of life in the modern world.

a walkie-talkie that lights up so she can spot them at night.

"We walk around our quiet block with them trotting along beside us — without leashes," said Kari. "Because they have the tracking collars

we don't worry about losing them. They investigate under bushes which they could not do so easily on leashes. We whistle, encouraging them to rejoin us."

The GPS came in handy

one day when they could not find the cats. With three busy teens and husband, the cats sneak out the door. So, Tracy beeped their collars and found Kaboodle, but couldn't locate Kit Kat.

"I pressed the clicker again and followed its screen, which indicated that Kit was next to the wall — but there was no cat!" Tracy said. "Apparently, she had snuck out our door and into the neighbor's condo and was sitting on the other side of the wall, awaiting rescue. I phoned my neighbor and she unlocked her door with her cell phone so I could retrieve Kit Kat."

Cats are purr-fect for their family's busy schedules. A dog would be a difficult commitment. But cats don't bark so they don't bother neighbors, they enjoy the peaceful life of sitting on laps, and

they are independent and affectionate.

"I love my cats. They are adorable, great company and easy to care for, but the main reason is because they are such loving creatures," adds Tracy's daughter, Kari.

TIPS: "We installed a cat door into our porch's sliding-glass door," said Kari. "We keep their kitty litter on the porch in the summer, and in winter in the bathroom. Kit and Kaboodle also have a tall scratching post outside to climb and enjoy the view."

"Indoor cats need grass like outdoor cats. It is filled with healing chlorophyll, so we planted them some on the porch."

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LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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Exciting news on several topics this week. First, the County Territorial Road Project on Stoney Point resumed on Monday. Please slow down, watch for construction workers plus their vehicles and flaggers. They hope to finish this section by summer, so everyone will need to be alert and cautious during the next several months.

- Crow Middle/High School will eliminate its A/B hybrid schedule and resume full in-person classes on Monday, April 19, Monday through Thursday. Classes will run from 8:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with virtual instruction for those distance learners in the afternoon. The ODE requirements of masks and distancing will be followed except for when eating. Students will maintain

six feet distanced when masks are off for eating.

- Only 38 in-person days left, so please be safe. Any student with a fever over 100.4, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing should stay home. Applegate Elementary has been in-person since January and doing great. Let's keep up the great work. For more information, call the school office - 935-2227.

- Heidi Brown has been chosen as the Crow-Applegate-Lorane new Superintendent/Elementary Principal. We welcome you to our community and wish you great success.
- Thank you, Lorane Christian Church, for continuing outside services for those not quite comfortable with in-person. Everyone is careful to wear masks and keep the distance even with so many having been vaccinated.

6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY 79° 45° Sunny Skies	SATURDAY 82° 46° Sunny Skies
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TUESDAY 72° 43° Cloudy	WEDNESDAY 70° 41° Partly Cloudy

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