

ROSEBURG HOMELESS COUNT



Jessica Gater receives some everyday goods at the 'Point in Time' count station at the Roseburg Dream Center on Wednesday.

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Homeless snapshot

Wednesday's volunteer census attempts to quantify the homeless crisis

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Martina defines her situation as "residentially challenged."

She was counted and got a housing application for her and her boyfriend.

Cindy is in a temporary living situation.

She was counted and got a hot bowl of chili.

Edward has been on the streets on and off for four years.

He was counted and got clothes, toiletries packed in medicine bottles, and food.

Most of the people in the Dream Center on Wednesday seemed to know each other as they mingled around the chili, plastic bags of clothes, backpacks and boxes of food. But according to the survey administered by volunteers, the identity of people experiencing homelessness remain anonymous.



Volunteers Monica Shorb, left, and Rebecca Baca, top, speak with participants at the 'Point in Time' count station at the Roseburg Dream Center on Wednesday.

The survey originates from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and includes questions about veteran status, mental and physical disabilities, alcohol and drug abuse, HIV and AIDS, domestic violence, time without permanent housing, and cause for leaving last living arrangement.

The list of options is 21 items long and includes an option for "other."

The survey is called the 'Point in Time' count and is a combined effort between HUD and local organizations to make sure every homeless person is counted, which then helps organizations requesting federal aid

to show what the community needs.

The United Community Action Network is the group in the Douglas County area that led the count. Two stationary sites were set up in Roseburg, and several roaming teams went to the edges of the county to make sure everyone was counted and received resources.

"They'll be in vans or one bus," UCAN Homeless Outreach Coordinator Larry Clark said. "We fill them with supplies, and hopefully some of the homeless can congregate in those locations. We'll be stopping there and then driving around to the different camps."

Cindy used her last paycheck to stock up on supplies, so she passed on the jackets, clothes, sleeping bags and toiletries being handed out at the St. George

COUNT, A2

False report ends in arrest

Women held after sending 'mass murder' text to 911

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A few days after the Douglas County Sheriff's Office began accepting Text-to-911, a Roseburg woman was arrested for falsely reporting a mass murder, according to the sheriff's office.

Emergency dispatchers received a message Wednesday night from 34-year-old Nicole Rene

Hall who reported there was a hostage situation in the 500 block of Orchard Lane, Roseburg, and

that a mass murder had occurred.

Deputies were able to determine Hall's location and promptly arrested her on suspicion of improper use of 911, a Class A misdemeanor, and second-degree disorderly conduct.

"This false incident tied up multiple resources from citizens who legitimately required services and is completely unacceptable," said Brad O'Dell, a spokesman for the sheriff's office. "The sheriff's office will always hold accountable those who misuse our 911 system, whether that is by voice call or text messaging services."

The sheriff's office began accepting emergency text messages just last week with the intent of benefiting people that may not be able to speak due to an emergency like a home invasion or a domestic dispute.

People who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities may also benefit from the service. The service is not

REPORT, A10

Diversifying kids' diets

Juvenile Department trying to balance resident's dietary needs

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Getting kids to eat healthy food can be difficult. But making sure kids living in state custody eat a well-rounded diet is a different task entirely.

Sarah Wickersham, treatment manager at the Douglas County Juvenile Department, has been trying to learn how to provide healthier, tastier food for kids at the Roseburg facility. That goal can be a challenge, she said, because she works with a highly-regulated food system, and kids don't always want to

eat healthily.

Last week, Wickersham attended a cooking demo at the Brix event center aimed at giving commercial and institutional chefs tools to incorporate more plant-based foods into their meals. Blue Zones Project organized the demo, which drew chefs from local schools, restaurants and assisted-living facilities. Wickersham said will try to use some of the products and methods shown at the demo.

She said the southern-fried tofu on Bisquick biscuits and

garbanzo bean gravy made at the demo by Peggy Cheatham and Felicia Mellor, owners of Gathering Grounds Coffee House, might be too labor intensive for the juvenile facility.

But Wickersham was particularly interested in a bouillon concentrate shown at the demo by Lani Radier, a Portland-based chef and founder of NOBULL Specialty Foods. Radier demonstrated how her umami mushroom starter concentrate could be used in small amounts to make soups, sauces for meats, salad dressing and



Lani Radier, owner of NOBULL Specialty Foods, gives a food preparation demonstration during an event organized by Blue Zones Project in Roseburg on Wednesday.

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other nutritious meals.

"I'm always looking for easy ways to make scratch meals or

healthy meals," Wickersham

DIET, A10



INSIDE, B1
Umpqua men, women knock off Lane

HIGH: 54
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