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### **Women's Crisis Support Team Board elects new officers**

The Women's Crisis Support Team board elected new officers for 2009-2010 at their June meeting. The officers take on their duties as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sue Ann Le Page, re-elected to another term, will be president. Georgia Moulton, Director of Human Services at Herb Pharm will be president elect. Scott Swindells, a PA with Siskyou Community Health Center will continue on as secretary. Marty Bauer of Portola Properties will be treasurer. Marty Bauer and Barb Hochberg joined WCST's board in May. Other board members are Mary Korbolic, Hyla Lipson, Karen Zimmer, and JJ Eldridge.

Truly a grassroots organization, WCST was formed by a group of Rogue Community College faculty and staff in 1977. Known as the Women's Coalition of Josephine County, the organization was run entirely by volunteers and provided a hotline for rape survivors. In 1980 the organization changed its name, expanded its scope, and incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, dedicated to the struggle against both domestic violence and sexual assault. In 1998, with strong community support, WCST opened a safe shelter in Grants Pass. The Talsunne House is a 12-bed emergency shelter for domestic violence victims, the only one in Josephine County. WCST is committed to helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to easing the physical, emotional, and societal damage caused by violence in the home.