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Topic:

**First Crook County Community Coalition Prescription
Medication Drop Box Available to the Public**

Prineville, Oregon

The Crook County Community Coalition announces the placement of their first Prescription Medication Drop Box outside the Prineville Police Department effective April 18, 2009. The box, a refurbished mailbox donated by the Prineville Post Office, will allow citizens a way to safely drop off outdated and unwanted prescription medications. The medications will be safely disposed through a cooperative agreement between the Prineville Police Department and the Oregon State Police. The mailbox is painted red and located just outside the doors of the police department.

Anyone wishing to drop off unwanted medications can do so at the drop box, beginning at 0900 AM on 04/18/09 at the Prineville Police Department. To kick off the event, citizens dropping off medications on 04/18/09 will receive a raffle ticket and be eligible to win prizes donated to the Crook County Community Coalition by our community.

Background: The Crook County Community Coalition is working to end the growing problem of prescription drug abuse, especially by young people in our area. Unfortunately, it has become popular for teenagers, and sometimes even younger children, to bring prescription medications to gatherings of friends and to share these often very dangerous medications in random combinations. Many families have numerous containers of prescription medications that are no longer used. The Crook County Community Coalition hopes to provide a safe and easy way for families to dispose of these medications before they fall into the wrong hands.