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PRESS RELEASE

In another week the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center will celebrate its first anniversary in the new building. Since the center opened July 30, 2010 the monthly visitor counts have doubled each month and in some months almost tripled over 2009 statistics. The VIC was located in The Hub building corner office from July 2009 through July 2010 during the construction of the new facility.

Month	2011	2010	2009
January	803	405	408
February	790	395	462
March	1,481	570	706
April	1,512	555	777
May	1,724	602	839
June	2,853	1,205	1,506
July		1,741	2,484
August		3,375	1,745
September		2,478	1,299
October		1,792	823
November		1,057	364
December		1,030	348

The goal for constructing a new center was to provide a spacious and welcoming place for visitors to obtain tourist information and space for an economic development office and a conference room. Another benefit was the addition of a second set of public restrooms in the downtown area. Public restrooms are located inside the center and located on the exterior of the north side of the building. The city recently installed programmable electronic locks on the exterior restrooms to extend the hours of public access to the facilities. The locks can be programmed to automatically lock the restroom doors at night and unlock them in the morning. Previously VIC staff was responsible for opening and closing the restrooms which allowed access to the restrooms only during the center's open hours. The new hours the public restrooms will be open are as follows:

Dates	Open Hours
October 1 st – April 30 th	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
July 4 th	5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
May 1 st – Sept. 30 th	6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Before and After Photos