

Club from 1A

In February of this year, the club owed more than \$120,000 in past due payables and revenue resources were shrinking. By the time the Hardisons met with Trent, the club had cut the past due bills down to approximately \$55,000. One way the board was forced to create income was to raise elementary program dues from \$25 per child per year to \$100 per child per month. This drastic change haunted each board member and created much ill will within the community. “It was either that or close the doors forever,” Trent said. A week after the first meeting, Trent received a phone call from John. He and his wife were vacationing in Paris. “John told me he wanted to do something now so he could see the benefit to the club,” Trent explained. Hardison had requirements that needed to be met before any funds would be distributed to the club. “John asked me to call every person the club owed money to and ask if they would reduce the balance by 10 percent if we could cut them a check this week. Everyone agreed,” Trent said. Hardison also requested a list of things the club needed to have in place in order to grow. “He asked the board to provide him with a plan to pay off the Teen Center mortgage and a copy of the club’s financial records so he could review them on the flight back from Paris,” Trent added. When Hardison returned to Florence, he began to cut checks to the club. To date, he has given the club \$182,000 in cash, and an additional \$17,000 from an automotive transaction to fund scholarships. “We have been able to completely pay down our past due payables,” Trent said, “and retire a line of credit taken out in 2007. We have the funds

necessary to hire additional staff aides for future growth for both the elementary and Teen Center programs.” In addition to repairing and upgrading the club’s van and bus, there will also be money available for multiple \$2,500 vocational scholarships, according to Trent. But the most emotionally gratifying news of all to Trent and the other board members is that beginning Dec. 1, the club will be able to reduce the elementary program rates from the current \$100 per child per month to \$25 per child per month. “This is something the board is just ecstatic over,” Trent said. “It was so hard for the board to make that decision. Every board meeting we have, the conversation has been, ‘How do we get that number down?’” The big question Trent and the board had to ask was, “Why the Boys and Girls Club, when there are so many wonderful nonprofits,” Trent said. “John’s reply was, ‘My goal is to encourage others who have been fortunate in life to leave a legacy. In this case it is the gift of opportunity for a great future. I want to make a difference in the lives of the children of this community. They are our future leaders. Now is the time to make that investment.’” “John and Patricia are two of the kindest, most gentle people you will ever meet,” Trent said. “I want to thank them for giving the gift of a great future to our kids. Because of these generous gifts, we are going to be able to have a major impact on this community.” The Hardisons are retired and have lived part-time in Florence for approximately two years. They travel back and forth between their homes in Florence and Arizona. Trent said the next major funding goal will be to pay off the Teen Center mortgage.

Holiday from 1A

The second Monday in October has traditionally been celebrated as Columbus Day since 1937. However, as Preisler noted, other cities nationwide have begun to change the focus of the holiday to the people that Columbus “discovered,” the original Americans. The city council discussed a resolution at the council meeting on Nov. 2, even though Preisler was absent. City Manager Erin Reynolds said, “In the state of Oregon, across the country and where there is a Native American presence, there has been an inclination to say, ‘They’ve inhabited our area much longer than we have.’ To give honor to that ... the strength and the value of this suggestion recognizes the hol-

iday as belonging to the indigenous people.” The staff report supported the resolution, saying it allowed “the city an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that indigenous peoples add to our city.” Councilor Joshua Greene said, “It makes sense to me. They were here first.” Councilor George Lyddon “understood the intent,” but was unsure about renaming the current holiday. “Why can’t we have a second day?” he asked. Since Preisler was absent, the council agreed to delay a final decision until Preisler returns.

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Nativity scenes to be on display at annual festival

The 10th annual Florence Community Creche (Nativity) Festival will be held Dec. 4-6, from 1 to 6 p.m. each day. The festival will be at the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints church building on the corner of North Fork Siuslaw and Munsel Lake roads. The festival is open to people of all faiths. Admission is free. Special musical numbers will be provided each day by individuals and groups from the central Oregon coast. Anyone in the area who would like to display a nativity scene is invited to participate in the festival. Displayers from past years are welcome to join in again. All nativity sets, large or small, are welcome. Security is provided for the nativity scenes once they are set up at the church. Contact Vickie Kennedy at 541-997-7404 or by e-mail at vdkennedy54@gmail.com for more information.

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5510 Brownings Corner Rd.
Tools, Housewares, fishing gear,
knick-knacks & furniture.
No Early Birds!

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Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

November 13th~14th~15th

Elks Lodge West Door ~ 1686 12th St.

Friday 1-8:00 * Saturday 9-4:00 * Sunday 8-11:00

Gift Items * Baked Goods * Jewelry * Decorations *
Gourmet Desserts * Jams & Jellies * Candy

 **Saturday 11:30-1:30** 

Homemade Soup, Chili & Cornbread

 **Sunday 8:00-10:30** 

Waffle Breakfast

 **Drawing For Holiday Gift Baskets**

Saturday Dec. 13th At The Tom & Jerry Party

Donations of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

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2 Bdrm + office, 2 Ba 2282 sq ft
Views from every room. Elevator from garage to the main floor, gazebo w/spa off the master bedroom. 4 car garage w/pull through. Covered RV parking
\$589,000 BH7022 ML#15083803



PRICE REDUCED
Great close in location. Low maintenance yard. 2 bedrooms and an office nook. Large country kitchen, covered porch.
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1542 sq ft
\$219,500 BH7088, ML#15408035



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Incredible Ocean View! Full acre lot located in the prestigious Fawn Ridge West development. All underground utilities including sewer.
\$249,000 BH7068 ML#15282710



NEW LISTING
Panoramic River, Ocean & dunal views! Spectacular sunsets from one of the best views in Shelter Cove.
3 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Ba 3206 sq ft
\$675,000 BH7128 ML#15312048



PRICE REDUCED
European style Tudor Chalet, Collard Lake area. Private, secluded. Wood floors, accents, beams, arches, massive wood fireplace, cottage garden & balcony
2 Bdrm 2 Ba 1854 sq ft
\$399,900 BH7071 ML#15372278



PRICE REDUCED
In-town, recently remodeled, new carpet, appliances, interior & exterior paint, newer roof & gutters. Private. RV parking.
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1309 sq ft
\$208,000 BH7091 ML#15596691



PRICE REDUCED
Shelter Cove .34 acre lot 94. City water & sewer available. Common area offers Ocean & Riverfront views for your enjoyment.
\$129,000 BH6136 ML#12164602



NEW LISTING
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