

Innkeeping retirement to include 'Tripps'

Innkeepers Wayne and Susan Tripp are trading in the comfort and beauty of Florence's River House Inn for a new motorhome and time with grandkids.

After five-and-a-half years as hosts and managers for Hoagland Properties, the local hoteliers that own both The River House Inn and The Old Town Inn, the Tripps will be road "trippin'" around the country from their new retirement headquarters near Beaverton, Ore.

During the Tripps' tenure, The River House Inn won TripAdvisor's prestigious Hall of Fame Award for achieving the coveted Travelers' Choice Award for five years in a row.

The Tripps leave The River House Inn as TripAdvisor's third-ranked accommodation in Florence.

"We'll miss the guests," said Wayne. "We have loved getting to know so many great people. When they come to Florence, they're here for fun. It's rare to find a grumpy guest; but if they come in that way, they rarely leave that way.

"Most of our guests seem to



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From left: Craig Sanders, Hoagland Properties president; Loretta and Gary Hoagland, owners; and new retirees, Susan and Wayne Tripp

be return guests, and we got to know many by name."

Online reviews confirm it, often commenting on the managers' friendliness and helpfulness.

One guest, a 70-year-old

retired New York City policeman, was on a British Columbia-to-San Francisco bike ride to raise funds for a post-9/11 childcare facility in New York City.

Eight miles south of

Florence, he called Wayne saying his bike broke, and that Wayne was the only person he knew in Florence. One thing led to another, and they ended up in a Eugene bike shop for the needed part.

The next day, the policeman treated Wayne to a sandrail ride at Sandland Adventures out of gratitude for the outstanding customer service.

"We treat everyone like family, whether they need advice, comfort or some teasing," said Wayne, who described one of the lighter moments as a time when a motorcycle club of Harley-Davidson owners was checking in, asking one particularly burly fellow how his Honda was running. Twice.

The temporarily indignant rider and his crew promised pay-back for the slight, then left smiling and waving after their stay.

"No alarms, no doorbells, no schedule," said Susan. "We'll get to see more of our family and come and go as we please; but it sure has been fun, and we'll be back frequently.

"We have absolutely loved Florence."

POLICE LOG

Florence Police

May 1

Loud noise was reported at 16th and Pine streets.

Alarm was reported in the 2100 block of 19th Street.

Accident, with unknown injury, was reported on Heceta Beach Road.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Greenwood Street.

Disorderly subject was reported on Heceta Beach Road.

Animal abuse was reported in the 700 block of Quince Street.

Alarm was reported in the 1700 block of Kingwood Street.

Intoxicated subject was reported in the 200 block of Laurel Street.

Accident, with unknown injury, was reported in the Glenada area.

Dispute was reported in the 1700 block of 43rd Street.

May 2

Alarm was reported in the 100 block of Nob Hill Drive.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 4900 block of Highway 101.

Alarm was reported in the 88000 block of Leeward Drive.

Child abuse was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 900 block of Greenwood Street.

Theft was reported at 15th and Spruce streets.

Identity theft was reported in the 1600 block of Rhododendron Drive.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 5300 block of Highway 101.

Trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Loud noise was reported in

the 1500 block of 10th Street.

May 3

Theft of services was reported in the 400 block of Ivy Street.

Alarm was reported in the 100 block of Nob Hill.

Theft was reported in the Florence area.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 1300 block of Highway 101.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Ninth Street.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Greenwood Street.

Theft of services was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Theft was reported in the 3200 block of Munsel Lake Road.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of Bay Street.

Dispute was reported in the 3200 block of Munsel Lake Road.

Disorderly subject was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 700 block of Quince Street.

Water rescue was reported on Dune Lake.

May 4

Disorderly subject was reported in the 1600 block of 12th Street.

Theft was reported in the first block of Harbor Street.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported on Quince Street.

Disorderly subject was reported at milepost 184 on Highway 101.

Alarm was reported in the 200 block of Laurel Street.

Motor vehicle theft was reported in the 1300 block of 12th Street.

Harassment was reported in

the 4500 block of Joshua Lane.

Dispute was reported on Foulweather Street.

Accident, with unknown injury, was reported at milepost 12 on Highway 126.

Harassment was reported in the 2200 block of 11th Street.

May 5

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of Ninth Street.

Alarm was reported in the 1500 block of Kingwood Street.

Theft was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.

Theft of services was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.

Alarm was reported in the 1900 block of Seabrooke Lane.

Dispute was reported in the 4700 block of Highway 101.

May 6

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the block of

Prowler was reported in the 1700 block of 19th Street.

Alarm was reported in the 100 block of Nob Hill Drive.

Animal abuse was reported in the Glenada area.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of Pine Street.

Trespass was reported in the

1300 block of Mulberry Street.

Dispute was reported in the 300 block of Laurel Street.

Alarm was reported in the 1700 block of Willow Loop.

May 7

Alarm was reported in the 2900 block of Oak Street.

Alarm was reported in the 600 block of 35th Court.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 126.

May 8

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 101.

Illegal camping, lodging was reported in the 2700 block of Highway 101.

Alarm was reported in the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Fire was reported at the North Jetty of the Siuslaw River.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of Highway 101.

Fire was reported at Sixth and Maple streets.

Accident, with injury, was reported at the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River.

Trespass was reported in the 1600 block of Ninth Street.

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BEST 'FRIEND'



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During a recent meeting, members of the Siuslaw Friendship Club named Jeanette Bratcher as the club's Person of the Year for her outstanding service to the club and the Florence community.

Homegrown to host local vendor fair Rhody Weekend

On Saturday, May 21, during the Rhododendron Festival Homegrown Rhody Underground vendor festival.

Homegrown Rhody Underground is a block party on Maple Street outside of Homegrown Pub and Deli. There will be local artisans, live music, Oregon brews, barbecue, a kids tent and lots of fun for the whole family.

Local crafters, creators and artists who would like to have a booth at the fair are encouraged to sign up. All items must be handmade by the vendor. Resale items will not be allowed.

Visit Homegrown's website or facebook page for information and an application, or pick one up at Homegrown, 294 Laurel St., or call 541-997-4886.

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Next Date is May 14th
9am to 2pm

at the Kingwood entrance to the airport, located at Kingwood & 27th St.

COST	2016 Collection Dates:	Bring:
Pickup load \$10	May 14	• Tree Clippings
Small Utility Trailer (Single Axle) \$10	June 18	• Leaves
Medium Utility Trailer (10-12 ft) \$15	July 16	• Grass Clippings
Large Utility Trailer (12-18ft) \$20	August 20	• Weeds
Greater than 20 cubic yards \$20 +\$5/yard over	September 17	• Prunings
	October 15	• Brush

DO NOT Bring your:

- Food & Household waste
- Animal Waste
- Plastics
- Construction Debris
- Hazardous Waste

For questions, please contact the City of Florence Public Works Department at 541-997-4106