

Putting medals to the pedals



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Klaus Luttgen (left), from Germany, is riding to San Francisco, sharing his father's medals (above).

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Klaus Luttgen is pedaling his way from Vancouver, B.C., to San Francisco with a purpose: To spread smiles and give away presents in the form of carnival medals from his home town Cologne, Germany. The medals were collected over the years by his father, Karl, a well-known collector in Cologne. When Klaus's father passed away in 2008, the two had been estranged for several years; Klaus was on his way home to reconcile with his father when he got the news.

"It was too late to make it right," Klaus says in his broken English. "Sharing what made my father happy is my way of making things right with us."

Klaus inherited more than 20,000 of his father's carnival medals, which he is now sharing with strangers during his 4,349-mile trek by bicycle. He left Florence Friday, heading south to Coos Bay — and sharing unexpected smiles from his father as he goes.

Library seeks artists for exhibit openings

The Siuslaw Public Library has several openings in 2017 for artists, crafters and collectors to showcase their talents.

The library has galleries to accommodate many types of displays and looks forward to seeing new and interesting items to share with the Florence community.

There is a large display case in the lobby that would be perfect for showing a variety of collections, crafts and 3-dimensional art.

The lobby gallery will accommodate framed and

wired artwork with the help of a hanging system. Inside the library, there are two display cases with mirrored backs and three wall display galleries.

The library's rafters can display quilts, banners, kites or a variety of larger pieces that are difficult to display in other venues.

For more information, pick up a brochure or an application to display art at the Siuslaw Public Library.

For more information, contact Mary Colgan-Bennetts at 541-997-3132.

Cars, Elvis and rootbeer floats at Shorewood

The annual Shorewood Car Show will be held Friday, Sept. 23, at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St., in Florence, from 10 a.m. to noon.

This year, Shorewood Senior Living is adding some flair to the annual car show, with Elvis on stage. The public is invited to come enjoy finger foods and refreshments while

taking in the beauty of the vintage vehicles.

At 11 a.m., Elvis will take the stage to put on a hip-shaking good time. And to bring it all to a close, enjoy a refreshing root beer float.

For more information, contact Belinda Shores at 541-997-8202.

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St. Mary's men donate to local organizations

Each year the St. Mary's Men's Club donates to local church and community organizations.

This year, the club donated \$500 each to The Boys and Girls Club, The St. Mary's Youth Group, Special Olympics, The Caring Pregnancy Center and The St. Mary's Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

With this donation, the St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be able to continue its work with helping people who are in need within the community.

St. Vincent helps families and individuals in Florence, Reedsport, Mapleton and the surrounding area. Anyone in need of clothes, appliances, furniture, beds, household items, tents or sleeping bags can go to the St. Vincent de Paul Store and fill out an application.

Once that is done, a time is arranged to meet with appli-



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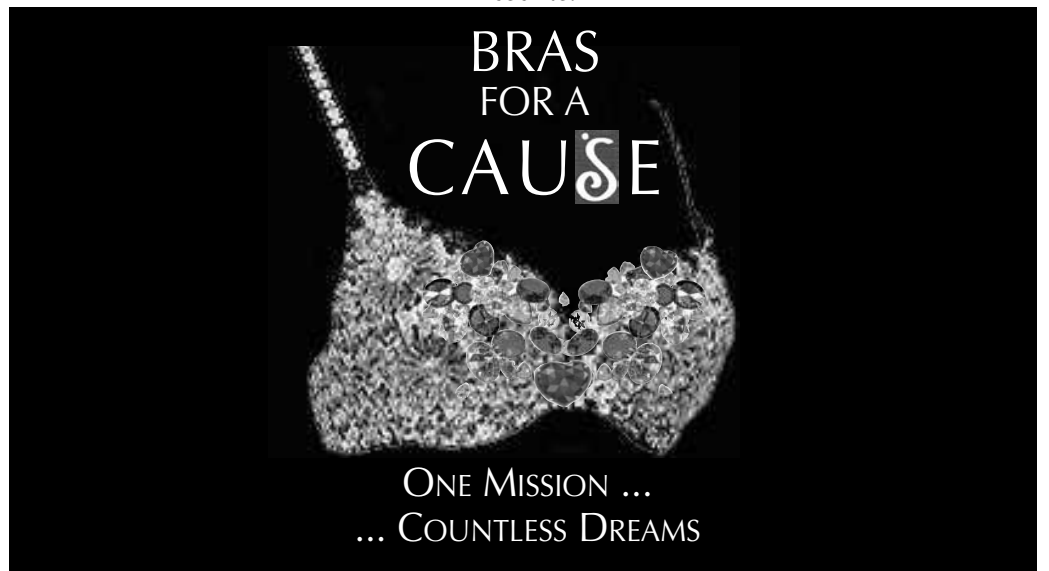
Dan Gilday (right), St. Mary's Men's club treasurer, presents a check for \$500 to Susan Santos, director of the St. Mary's Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

cants, who can then receive a gift card along with the needed item.

The gift card is good only to be used at the St. Vincent de Paul Store.

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Van Fans to host card games, luncheon fundraiser

Get together with friends for a fun day of card games and lunch hosted by the Van Fans on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The event will take place at a new location, St. Mary's Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church, two miles south of Florence on Highway 101.

Tickets are on sale now for \$15 to reserve a table. Games begin at 11:30 a.m. There will be raffle prizes and games throughout the day.

All proceeds go to support the Cancer Van. For more information, call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

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"My father was a POW and it hits home. There are still a lot of people missing. It is good to recognize that."
—SEAN BARRETT



"This is a way of showing all people who serve and the families of those who have been lost or missing that we care. For me, part of being patriotic is showing support for our military."
—ERICA WESTPHAL



"I'm a Vietnam veteran and it is important to me to honor our fellow troops who have served in all the wars, remember them and never forget the sacrifices they have made."
—ROBERT WOERNER

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