Community News

'White Elephant' Exchange Planned for PFLAG Dec. 10

some frivolity at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10, with a "White Elephant" gift exchange.

The celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room 158 of Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak

"White elephants," loosely defined, are silly, useless or surprisingly good things people have in their "I'llnever-use-this" drawer. Craft items, canned goods or fun-but-not expensive items — not to exceed \$5 in price — can also be in the lindayoder@hotmail.com.

PFLAG Florence will add mix. Simply wrap the "white elephant" and have fun as selections are made and "trading" takes place during the game. Can't bring an item? No problem. A few extras will be on hand.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a special prize for the person who brings the greatest number of guests. (Hint: it's paper and it's sponsored by a government entity.)

For more information, contact club secretary Linda Yoder at 541-590-0944 or

Healthy Families offers resources for Florence area

pregnancy and the first 3 years of the child's life.

Healthy Families is a national program that has been offered for more than 40 years to families providing them with information about parenting, child development, managing stress, prenatal education, childbirth, continuing ed- Child Health.

Healthy Families Flor- ucation and employment, ence provides free in-home as well as providing supsupport for families during port for connecting with community resources. The information shared during the home visits are determined by the needs of the

For more information about Healthy Families in the Florence area, contact Jen at 541-999-4880 or Lane County Maternal and



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Santa is coming to the Justice Center



Auxiliary will host its annual chance for the community to Meet Santa at the Florence **Justice Center, located** at Ninth and Greenwood streets, on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Children will be able to select a toy and have their picture taken with Santa. The Florence Police

Auxiliary is asking for community toy donations, unwrapped, for all ages. Gifts can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Justice Center before Dec. 13.

5 tips for the final days to sign up for health insurance

ning out for people who want health insurance in 2020 but do not get coverage through their job or the Oregon Health Plan. Sunday, Dec. 15, is the last day to enroll in a health plan through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, the state's pathway to subsidized coverage.

About 100,000 uninsured Oregonians may be eligible for help paying for their health insurance, but signups in Oregon are lagging so far this year. To get coverage or re-enroll in a plan, follow these five tips:

1. Get a quick estimate of your subsidy and bottom-line cost of coverage. Go to OregonHealthCare. gov/windowshop to see the size of the subsidy you

your plan may cost once keep them from getting that financial assistance is factored in. People whose incomes are just above the limit for the Oregon Health Plan can find plans costing them as little as \$1 per month, when they meet all eligibility requirements.

2. Get free, local help enrolling. Licensed insurance agents and certified community partners are ready to help you complete the application for subsidies, and sort through plan options. Choose an agent or partner in the directory at OregonHealthCare.gov/gethelp, or call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at 1-855-268-3767 (toll-free).

3. Get to know the new benefits in some plans. Consumers have reported that large deductibles on the lowmay qualify for, and what est-priced plans sometimes

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care. In response, the state redesigned some plans to allow more services before the plan's deductible is met. For the first time, plans with the words "standard bronze" in their name all cover primary care office visits for a flat \$45 co-pay, even when the plan's \$7,900 deductible has not been met. This plan type is among the options with a net cost of \$1 per month for single people making about a few other qualifications.

4. Hear from people who have gotten subsidies through the Marketplace. Health plan specifics matter, but so does the human impact of having coverage you can afford. If you need a two-minute break from insurance details, listen online to other Oregonians to OregonHealthCare.gov.

with subsidized coverage at http://bit.ly/subsidy-testi-

5. Don't miss the deadline. The deadline to enroll is Sunday, Dec. 15. If you miss it, you may go a year without health insurance. Avoid the risk and get started at OregonHealthCare.gov.

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, a part of state government, helps people get health insur-\$19,000 a year and meeting ance when they do not have job-based coverage, and do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or another program. The Marketplace is the state-level partner to HealthCare.gov, and a division of the Department of Consumer and Business

For more information, go

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Community Development, Housing and Parks and Rec- Development er joining the Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC). One of the first projects

of the CEDC participated in for 2019 was the Florence Housing Code update. The CEDC served as the project's advisory committee and was responsible for providing feedback on proposed draft city code updates, which were adopted Nov. 18.

The CEDC consists of between 5 and 11 members, of which the majority must be

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reation issues? Then consid- tor Kelli Weese said, "This Economic anyone who is interested in working with the city to create solutions to some of Florence's biggest concerns."

CEDC will generally meet once per month with the potential for more subcommittee meetings as needed.

Persons interested in positions should expect to attend recurring meetings and devote time for study of issues and performance above and beyond meeting attendance. Volunteer time is vital in working towards

If you are interested in serving your city and getting City Recorder/Economic involved, consider apply-Coordina- ing for the Community and Development is a great opportunity for Committee. The deadline for applications is Dec. 31.

Applying for a position is easy. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.florence. or.us and are available at the Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101, during regu-

lar business hours. For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of this committee, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths or any other questions, contact Weese at 541-997-3437 or kelli.

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