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Comments	<p>A friend recently asked what I can recommend about Lincoln County. My reply was there is the beach, the beauty, plenty of jobs and lots of vacation rentals. There is NO housing available, a lack of child care for working parents, and a long drive to the valley for health care if you need anything that is not routine. And lots of vacation rentals. We are losing our workforce in droves. Most of the nurses are driving from the valley and as soon as a job opens there, they take it. I recently had to drive to Corvallis for an ultrasound, Newport had lost another technologist. The "Friends and Family" vacation rental scam is proliferating everywhere. What is it? Vacation rental owners are letting their rental license lapse, and only let Friends and Family stay at their homes. The renters are coached to say, "we are friends and family", wink wink. They are from every state and come and go about once a week. The sheriff cannot do anything unless he can prove they are paying or finds an ad for the rental home. If he can find proof, they get a small fine or a slap on the wrist. This is White Collar crime. They are not paying for a license, they are not paying Lincoln County taxes, and they are not paying the IRS. We need enforcement and tougher penalties or otherwise it will not end. Thank you, Reba Lovelady</p>
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