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# Western Lane fire protection assessment meeting on Monday

A public meeting on recent Fire Protection Assessment additions in the Western Lane District is Monday, March 28, in Florence, at the Siuslaw Valley Fire main station, 2625 Highway 101.

The Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) Western Lane District will hold a town hall meeting with State Sen. Arnie Roblan, District 5, on Fire Protection Assessments for wildfire protection.

ODF will explain the assessment process to attendees and answer questions.

The department recently reviewed the existing Forest Patrol Assessments in the area around Florence and determined that 700 additional lots meet the definition of forestland for the purpose of wildfire protection.

The last review in the area was conducted more than a decade ago. The assessments are part of the funding structure for the wildland fire protection the agency provides.

Accuracy of these assess-

ment rolls is maintained by completing a periodic review of a portion of the district each year.

ODF sent letters to the residents informing them that their properties would now be assessed. Whenever tax lots are added to the Forest Patrol Assessment, the total revenue received by the department does not increase.

Rather, the assessment paid by each landowner is more equitably distributed among those receiving wildland fire protection.

In addition to Sen. Roblan, Rep. Caddy McKeown, District 9, and Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich are likely to attend the town hall meeting to answer questions.

While this meeting is specific to questions for the ODF representatives, Sen. Roblan encouraged constituents to attend and give him a sense of what is on the minds of residents in and around Senate District 5.

Ballots will be mailed and official drop sites will be open on Friday, April 29.

For more information about voting in Oregon, go to [www.sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections](http://www.sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections). For more information about voting in Lane County, go to [lanecounty.org/Departments/CAO/Operations/CountyClerk/elections](http://lanecounty.org/Departments/CAO/Operations/CountyClerk/elections).

## Check voter registration as elections near

**Rotary** from 1A

Sponsors provided wine, table sponsorships, signs, silent auction items, desserts, raffle items, music, hors d'oeuvres and the big ticket live auction items.

The Florence Area Radio Control Aircraft Association created special rigging to hang model aircraft as part of the decorations.

Rotarian volunteers decorated for the event, sought out contributions, set up, tore down and ran the auction, including packaging auction items and ringing up totals.

Six cashiers processed \$83,000 in 52 minutes.

Members of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River provided spotters during the live auction. Rotary Interact students from Siuslaw High School and the senior members of the 2016 Rhododendron Court also volunteered.

"The committee does the work of the auction," McMullen said. "If we didn't have these people behind us,

**Vision** from 1A


such as regional transportation, an all-ages community center, housing and high-speed fiber optics."

The final vision action team meeting is Tuesday, April 5, when the team will conduct a final review. At that time the team will also turn the project over to the individual vision keeper volunteers who will each be responsible for moving a specific project forward. Grant funding for a part-time project coordinator will also be explored.

Funding for the project has been provided by the Ford Family Foundation, the City of Florence, Siuslaw Public Library and the Rotary Club of Florence.

The final vision document is posted on the Siuslaw Pathways website at [www.siuslawpathways.com](http://www.siuslawpathways.com).

# Learn about prostate cancer



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**The Us TOO Florence Lunch Bunch now has the pleasure of having informational Prostate Cancer Spoken Here lunches with (from right) Dr. Roger McKimmy and physician's assistant Cameron Derbyshire. They meet with the Lunch Bunch the third Tuesday of each month, from noon to 1 p.m., at Ichiban Restaurant. Anyone seeking information about prostate cancer is welcome to bring questions or just come and listen. Contact Bob Horney at 541-997-6626 for more information.**

# EASTER BUNNY HELPERS



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**The Siuslaw Interact Club and Key Club took time out of their busy schedules to work together on stuffing Easter eggs for today's Community Easter Egg Hunt at Miller Park. Both clubs are high school age community service clubs that give to the community in a variety of ways. Key Club is sponsored by the Florence Kiwanis Club and Interact is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Florence.**



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