

# LRP auditions for 'Quilters' Saturday

Auditions for the play "Quilters," a two-act musical drama written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, will be held Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show is produced by Last Resort Players. Auditions are at the Florence

United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets. The play requires seven women of a variety of ages from age 20 and older. The setting is the American West as a pioneer woman and her six daughters face frontier life. Each actor will have several

roles. Be prepared to sing 16 to 32 measures of Americana type music, such as "Rock of Ages," "Down in the Valley," "Amazing Grace," etc., and plan to sing with a piano or acapella. Bring piano accompaniment music if available. Candidates will also read

from a script. Callbacks will be on Sunday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m. if necessary. Annie Schmidt will direct, with Meg Spencer assistant directing and Deb Young as music director. For more information, call 541-997-1023.

# NextStep to host recycling roundup

Get rid of those broken or unwanted electronics Saturday, April 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., when NextStep Recycling of Eugene will be at the Real Food Co-op collecting anything that plugs in or runs on batteries, including cell phones, computers, stereos, DVD players, cords, cables, TV and vacuums. NextStep is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide technology and training to children and adults who have barriers to employment and education, while protecting our environment and community from hazardous waste.

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## Land from 1A

Roblan said that he and McKeown started getting letters, phone calls and emails about the assessment right away. "We called ODF and talked to them about having a meeting. We didn't understand the whole thing either," he said. McKeown said, "My office has been contacted as many times as Arnie's has. This is something that caught us off guard as well. I certainly appreciate Arnie setting this up and getting some questions answered and maybe we can avoid something happening like this again." Roblan said that ODF immediately agreed to the informational meeting when he asked for more information for his

constituents. Under the ODF's policy, the 832 properties will now be paying around \$65 a year for wildfire protection. With changes in property sizes and the addition of subdivisions, these properties haven't been paying the assessment, even though many of their neighbors have been. According to Smith's presentation, 29,462 tax lots were already paying forest patrol assessments in the Western Lane District. "The areas around you have been paying this assessment. We protect properties even within the City of Florence that have a wildland threat. That's not delineated for us," Smith said. "Fire Chief Jim Langborg likes that we're partnered in that area as we bring things to the area that he

can't. It means we have a good partnership." Roblan added, "I trust that ODF is trying to do what they think is right. They aren't trying to pick anybody out. They're trying to be fair to all the residents in the area." He said that his office would make sure all the processes were legal, as well as passing all this information to Lane County's newly formed Forestland Classification Committee, which meets for the first time later this year. McKeown said, "Arnie has done a wonderful job of quantifying what we need to do. He's going to check on the suggestions you brought up." Both elected officials agreed that they would do what they could so people wouldn't be blindsided by a situation like this in the future.

"We feel like we're being singled out," one couple said. "This is what ODF does every year," Roblan said. "The big issue this time is there were over 800 properties added in an area the same size they review every year." He said that his office would make sure all the processes were legal, as well as passing all this information to Lane County's newly formed Forestland Classification Committee, which meets for the first time later this year. McKeown said, "Arnie has done a wonderful job of quantifying what we need to do. He's going to check on the suggestions you brought up." Both elected officials agreed that they would do what they could so people wouldn't be blindsided by a situation like this in the future.

## Council from 1A

"I would say that in some categories we're doing really well," Turner said. Florence Police Department consists of 15 officers, including sergeants, Lt. John Pitcher and the chief. It opens an average of 10,000 case number reports a year. "One of the reasons you see me in uniform is because I need to be," Turner said. Compared to the average 70,000 case number reports per year that Lane County Sheriff's Office and the City of Eugene process, Turner said that Florence is in good shape, despite some higher profile crimes. He listed a murder last November, the first in the city in 23 years; a series of dumpster fires in 2014 and a multi-agency response to a vehicle pursuit on Highways 101 and 126 in December, culminating in arrests and "the end of a lit-

tle crime spree that was plaguing the coastal areas and Eugene." He also praised his department for the arrests made for the March 3 arson of a home in Old Town. "The incident was terrible, but it resulted in two arrests on March 12. This was outstanding. It is relatively rare to make any arrests in an arson investigation anywhere," Turner said. He added that the city's overall arrest record is successful and the department works hard to close cases. However, as more people use social media to report crimes in public or private groups, more people are aware of crimes that do happen. Sometimes Turner finds out about issues through people contacting him directly, before police dispatch can reach him. He said that the police are limited on what information they can share, so they often do not tell the public until the case is solved. He assured residents

that police continue to work on cases outside of the public eye. Turner listed some of his statistics for crime in the Old Town area and Miller Park, as well as the department's plans to reduce total incidents. "I'm proud of the fact that we have really low statistics numerically. I hate that people are victimized," Turner said. "But in totality, we're in really good shape. That's the part we want to keep prevalent at the top of our minds." Councilor Susy Lacer said, "I appreciate your very accurate and factual summary of the state of crime, or more importantly the lack thereof in our fair city." She and the other councilors acknowledged that those who have been victims of crimes would be sensitive to levels of crime in the city, but that she hoped they would be comforted by the police chief's words. "Public safety problems in Florence are always subject to change. We have large scale

planned events like Rhody Days, Fourth of July weekend, parades, seasonal changes and more. These can cause challenges," Turner said. He said the department would continue to be "ever vigilant and prudent" of resources in the continued fight on crime. Mayor Joe Henry said, "I'm really proud of the job you have done over there and the whole department. It's great to live in a city where we can feel safe." Turner's report is available at [www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting-145](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting-145).

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