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Crews battle Creswell mill fire

The blaze burns a company office and a warehouse, and sends flames up a 40- to 50-foot tree out front

By KIRSTEN WILLIAMS The Register-Guard

CRESWELL – A fire at a Creswell mill lit up the night sky Sunday as firefighters from the South Lane, Goshen, Pleasant Hill and Eugene Springfield departments rushed to a location in the 82000 block of Butte Road.

Creswell Forest Products' office and warehouse went up in flames as well as a 40- to 50foot evergreen tree out front. The fire burned the office's computers and supplies in the warehouse, including a forklift, said Capt. Aaron Smith of South Lane Fire and Rescue.

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The mill as well as a second, nearby mill are adjacent to a newer residential neighborhood of both single-family houses and apartments. The tree went up like a torch, shooting sparks high into the cloudy night sky. Neighbors reported the fire. The large stacks of lumber were not ignited by the fire, which was reported shortly before 7:15 p.m. and was being brought under control — amid giant billows of smoke — about 8:30 p.m. No one was in the building when the fire started, and three-quarters of the building was burning by the time 25 firefighters arrived on the scene.

A neighbor said several teens tried last week to set the mill on fire. Officials said the cause of

the fire remained under investigation, and an estimate of the damages was not yet available.



A fire Sunday evening at Creswell Forest Products in Creswell lights up the night sky as firefighters battle the flames. The blaze burned an office and warehouse space.

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"The lack of housing is almost like a foot on the region's throat." – DAVID WADE, ORGANIZER OF EUGENE WORKSHOP ON BACKYARD TINY HOMES BIGINTERSET IN TINY HOMES

Workshop attendees learn about the backyard housing alternative

A daunting fact: More than 60 percent of Eugene households spend more than a third of their annual income to pay for housing.

The increased demand for affordable housing has Lane County residents thinking big about living small, according to representatives from Square-One Villages.

Tiny housing is an increasingly popular alternative to apartment or single-family housing: It provides a private space, a source of rental income, a way for older people to downsize to a more manageable home, and it provides first-time homebuyers with an affordable foothold in the real estate market.

A nonprofit organization dedicated to "bridging the gap" between living on the street and viable housing via tiny houses, SquareOne played host to about 80 people Sunday at Eugene Friend Church. They had come to the fundraising workshop to learn how they can build and locate tiny houses on their property. The \$25 tickets to the event benefited Emerald Village, a subdivision of 22 tiny houses for low-income residents that is under development on a one-acre plot on Railroad Boulevard. SquareOne Villages sold the building plans to each of the tiny houses under development in Emerald Village that were designed by various Lane County architects free of charge. The building plans are being sold to residents hoping to build their own tiny house - or secondary dwelling unit (SDU) - for \$500, with theprofits split between the architects and SquareOne. Four presenters – with the opening speech by Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis - addressed the importance of backyard housing in Eugene. Speakers advocated for streamlining the process for obtaining the necessary permits and zoning variances to



County contract talks continue

It wasn't clear whether the two sides planned to meet again Monday

> By ELON GLUCKLICH The Register-Guard

Lane County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union met in all-day contract negotiations Sunday, but they did not announce an end to talks late Sunday night.

It was unclear Sunday night whether the sides would resume labor talks through a mediator Monday.

More than 500 Lane County government employees went on strike Wednesday, protesting the county's three-year contract offer for AFSCME-represented workers.

The county's proposal would give the employees roughly 3 percent average raises in the contract's first year. The union has proposed far higher raises than the county's offer, averaging 14.8 percent for AFSCME general unit employees in the contract's first year and 19.8 percent for the AFSCME nurses unit, based on the union's last public offer submitted last month. Union officials say they've since moved significantly closer to the county's offer. An Oregon AFSCME spokesman said Friday that the gap between the union and county proposals had closed to about \$2 million over the three-year deal. County officials said the two sides still were far apart. The county and union have been negotiating since March on new contracts for the AFSCME general and nurses units, which represent nearly 700 Lane County gov-

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Architect Will Dixon chats with Sylvia Porter (left) and John O'Brien about tiny homes during a workshop on backyard housing to raise funds to complete the Emerald Village development. The event was hosted by SquareOne Villages and held at Eugene Friends Church on Sunday.

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Siuslaw School District seeking renewal of levy

By ALISHA ROEMELING The Register-Guard

FLORENCE — The Siuslaw School District in Florence wants to renew its five-year local option levy, which voters most recently approved in May 2014; it is set to expire in June 2019.

The levy helps the district pay for physical education, vocational classes, fine arts and music, and some technology and online learning programs.

"For us, it basically takes care of making sure we have a full school year and smaller class sizes at the elementary level," Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy Grzeskowiak said. "It also helps pay for CTE (career technical education) programs like the automotive classes, culinary arts, manufacturing technology, wood shop and music."

About 1,350 students are enrolled in the Siuslaw district.

Grzeskowiak said the tax rate would remain the same as the current rate of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The levy provides

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View the district's levy measure filing with this story at registerguard.com



Facebook

A boarded-up window

and broken glass are left at Creswell City Hall after it was vandalized Sunday morning.

Creswell City Hall, office hit by vandalism

A suspect is arrested after passers-by report destruction downtown

By THERESA NOVAK The Register-Guard

CRESWELL — A man used a plastic trash can lid to break out several windows at Creswell City Hall, 13 S. First St., and a neighboring real estate office early Sunday morning, according to Lane County sheriff's Sgt. Blake Dornbusch.

He said that multiple 911 calls came in around 5 a.m. reporting a man downtown

"breaking windows and generally being disorderly." Authorities who arrived soon afterward arrested a suspect in connection with the damage, he said.

Donald Jackson Harvey, 28, of Creswell was booked into the Lane County Jail around 6:45 a.m. on a felony charge of criminal mischief and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Dornbusch said the damages were estimated at \$1,000.

The news quickly was shared on a Creswell community page

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Tiny homes: Making the most of every inch

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build more of the small structures.

Building a tiny house is different than building a shed or workshop. SDUs must contain a bathroom, a kitchen and a bedroom and can be habitable independent of any main house on the property, explained David Wade, an event organizer.

Brenda Olson attended the event with her son, Jeff, to learn how she could move into an SDU on her son's side yard. Living in a full-size house has become too much to manage, Brenda Olson said.

"I just thought the tiny houses were so cute, and I don't need anything too big," she said.

Workshop participants spoke with any of the seven builders and architects who had tables at the event as well as advocacy group Walkable Eugene Citizens Advisory Network (WE CAN).

University of Oregon professor Michael Fifield gave tips on building small.

He said it all boils down to designing every aspect of a space to make the most of every square inch.

Doris Reynolds studies plans for building tiny homes during Sunday's workshop in Eugene on backyard housing. That means surfaces

that have multiple uses, light and create the illusion of space.

Those who attended

ticket to tour Emerald Village on Nov. 1. "The lack of housing

is almost like a foot on the region's throat, and so it's stopping us from being able to thrive," said Wade, whose background is in public policy.

Oregon lawmakers have provided some help to those aspiring to building more tiny houses. WE CAN member

WORLD 5 HOMES

Eliza Kashinsky said that Senate Bill 1051, which went into effect Aug.

23, imposes a 100-day deadline by which most Oregon community development officials must review and decide on applications "for certain housing developments containing affordable housing units."

AMIRAN WHITE/For The Register-Guard

"Without this, we would have to cut school days or roll back programs. Neither of those options is good." - ANDY GRZESKOWIAK, SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Siuslaw: Levy could generate \$1 million in 2019-20

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district with about 7.5 percent of its operating budget.

Renewing the bond would not raise taxes for property owners in the district, Grzeskowiak said. Residents in Florence who own a house assessed at the median value of \$184,673 pay \$138.50 per year in property taxes under the existing levy.

Homeowners in Florence whose houses are assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$12.50 per month, or \$150 a year in property taxes if voters renew the levy. The levy is expected to gener-

ate more than \$1 million in revenue for the district in the 2019-20 school year and about \$5.4 million over the course of five years, district documents show.

Voters in the Siuslaw district have approved two levy requests in the past 10 years, in 2009 and 2014.

Grzeskowiak, who is in his second year as superintendent, said the levy "helps plug the gap" between the money that the district receives from the state and what the state should be giving the district for the Quality Education Model, or QEM, which is the state's metric for determining what's "adequate and equitable" school funding.

Without this, we would have to cut school days or roll back

programs," Grzeskowiak said. 'Neither of those options is good."

Without the levy, the district would have to make some tough decisions about which classes would be cut, whether to shorten the school year or perhaps even reduce staffing, he said.

The school district attempted to pass a \$36.9 million bond in May 2016 – the largest bond on the ballot that election. Voters reiected it.

The bond would have been used to build a new high school to replace the one built in 1970, and to make safety, security, technology and energy efficiency upgrades throughout the school district.

Grzeskowiak said the district might attempt to pass another bond this spring. The last time voters approved a district bond measure was in 1999. It will expire in 2018.

A political action committee called Siuslaw Local Option Levy Campaign was formed Oct. 2 to advocate for the measure.

The group has raised \$775, mostly from miscellaneous cash contributions. The group has spent \$833, mostly on printing yard signs and buttons to raise awareness about the campaign, according to state campaign finance records.

There's no organized opposition to the bond.

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on Friday ruled that it

wasn't clear if Edwin

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stitutional right to an

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from Lara's statements, including the finding of

the body of 23-year-old Kaylee Sawyer. Adler

ruled detectives would

have found the body in

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in July 2016 while on

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other woman and took

her to California, then shot and wounded a man and carjacked a vehicle carrying three

people. After a highspeed chase on the

main freeway along the West Coast, the Califor-

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Huntington — Tesla Hun-tington of Oakland, a son.

Sesher-Huff — Tovven J. Cox and Daniel L. Sesher-Huff of Springfield, a son.

October 19, 2017

Cone — Lindsay and Matti Cone of Springfield, a daugh-

Elliott — Tanya and Kelly Elliott of Springfield, a son.

October 20, 2017

Furney — Danielle Schlot-terbeck and Adam Furney of Eugene, a son.

Keyes — Carissa Keyes of Eugene, a son.

COMMUNITY

Quack Chats — 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Ax Billy Grill & Sports Bar, 999 Willamette St. Free to attend. Darren Johnson, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Oregon, will address the Quack Chats topic of "The Story of Supraensor — How a Basic Science Discovery Led to an Innovation in Precision Agriculture." Part of the Innovation Summit event, Johnson's presentation will explore how an accidental discovery in the lab led to the solution for a \$2.4 billion problem. For more information, visit uoregon.edu/quackchats or call 541-346-9134.

Homelessness in Santa Clara? Leadership opportunities for Communities of Faith — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 4110 River Road. Free. Hear from church personnel working to house families with schoolchildren or who offer parking lot space for temporary shelter; representatives from the Eugene Police Department; and firsthand accounts from people who have been homeless. For more information, call 541-689-4010 or 541-514-1176.

Mushrooms of the Middle Fork — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Meet at the Middle Fork Ranger District Office, 46375 Highway 58 in Westfir. The cost is \$10. U.S. Forest Service botanist Molly Juillerat will be the quest of the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council to lead the annual Mushrooms of the Middle Fork foray. Learn how to find and identify typi-cal Northwest edibles, pick up a mushroom permit and meet other mushroom enthusiasts. Bring a favorite mushroom dish to share. For more information or to register, visit http://bit.ly/2zGL2WC or call 541-937-9800.

Talks: Workers expected to continue picketing at county offices Monday

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ernment employees, almost half of the county's total workforce.

The sides have been talking through a state mediator since direct talks broke down last month.

The county said 140 represented workers had returned to work as of Friday afternoon.

On its Facebook page, Oregon AFSCME said Lane County workers would continue picketing outside county offices Monday without an agreement.

"The hope is to get a deal, but if we are not able to do so, we will see everyone on the line Monday!" the announcement said.

Vandalism: Crime believed to be unrelated to election

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on Facebook, including photos of the damage.

A notice from the Lane County Sheriff's Office posted to the page clarified that the vandalism was unrelated to the Nov. 7 ballot measure that would legalize the sale of recreational marijuana in Creswell – a proposal that would reverse last year's vote that banned

such sales.

The notice read: "The damage to Creswell City Hall and other buildings this morning had no relation to the upcoming election in any way. A suspect has been arrested, and I will put out something tomorrow once I have reviewed the reports. Again, this is in no way related to or caused by anyone involved in either side of the current political discussions in Creswell." Creswell City Councilor

Martha McReynolds Jr. posted this reaction to the vandalism: "I just want to remind folks that WE are the City of Creswell. There is only US, not us and them. Damage to the City's property is damage to us all. It is the act of a coward, and I am neither impressed nor made afraid, as a councilor or as a citizen"

Cottage Grove MONDAY

City Council — 7 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 E. Main St. Extra Mile proclamation; first vote, ordinance amending development code land use district map; first vote, ordinance amending development code table 2.5.110; resolution authorizing agreement with South Lane Wheels; bid award Gateway Boulevard improve-ments; SLFR measure presentation; municipal judge performance evaluation; designate NLC voting delegates. 541-942-5501, cityre-corder@cottagegrove.org or cottagegrove.org.

Creswell

MONDAY

City Council — 6 p.m., McCluskey Chamber, City Hall, 13 S. First St. Work session: mayor's report; committee reports, Airport Commission recommendations on priorities for Hobby Field; discussion on the old schoolhouse, comprehensive plan goals 1 to 4; strategic plan update, Bald Knob update; records retention scheduling and destruc-tion policy; and franchise agreement with Emerald Valley Wastewater. 541-895-2531, Ext. 307, rtharp@creswell-or.us or www.ci.creswell.or.us.

Eugene

MONDAY

City Council - 5:30 p.m., Bascom/Tykeson Room, Public Library, 100 W. 10th Ave. Committee reports and items of interest. Work session: Human Rights Commission work plan; work session: Sustainability Commis-sion work plan, 541-682-5882 or beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us.

Bethel School District - 7 p.m., Board Room, District Office, 4640 Barger Drive. Regular meet ing for a legislative and school finance update, to approve the consent agenda and to issue a notice of intent to maintain participation in the formal gov-ernance of Lane ESD, by request-

ing 50 percent or less of ADMw in transit dollars for the 2018-19 school year. 541-607-1403, jill. busby@bethel.k12.or.us or www. bethel.k12.or.us.

CALENDAR

City Council and Eugene ban Renewal Agency — 7:30 Urban Renewal Agency p.m., Bascom/Tykeson Room, Downtown Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10th Ave. Public forum: approval of tentative working agenda; public hearing and action: ordinance concerning state traffic laws; amending Section 5.005 of the Eugene Code, 1971, and pro-viding an effective date. Motion to approve rest stop; Urban Renewal Agency appointments, riverfront renewal guides for Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan. 541-682-5882 or beth.l.forrest@ci.eugene.or.us.

TUESDAY

Police Commission Public Outreach Committee — Noon, Singer Room, Downtown Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 10th Ave. Public comments; discuss community outreach opportunities. 541-682-5852 or carter.r.hawley@ci.eugene.or.us.

Housing Policy Board, Task **Team 1 —** Noon, Saul Room, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. Discus-sion of construction excise tax construction excise tax for affordable housing. 541-682-5529 or stephanie.a.jennings@ ci.eugene.or.us.

Human Rights Commission Homelessness Work Group — Noon, Sloat Room, Atrium Build-ing, 99 W. 10th Ave. Work plan. rni@ci.eugene.or.us

Emerald People's Utility District Board — 5:30 p.m., Board Room, District Office, 33733 Seavey Loop Road. Finance and rate com mittee recommendation; public hearing on 2018 budget and rate structure proposal; customer service policy review. 544-744-7439, wendi@epud.org or www.epud.org.

Neighborhood Leaders **Council** — 7 p.m., Sloat Room, Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. Neighborhood issues. Wilsonwayne06@gmail.com.

Lane County

TUESDAY Parks Advisory Committee — 1 p.m., Customer Service Center,

3050 N. Delta Highway, Eugene. 541-682-2000.

Marcola

MONDAY School Board — 6 p.m., STEM Room, Mohawk High School, 38300

Wendling Road. Negotiated agree ments: CTE revitalization grant: Lane ESD transit dollar request applicants for board vacancy, 541 933-2512, ktaylor@marcola.k12. or.us or www.marcola.k12.or.us.

Oakridge MONDAY

School Board — 4 p.m., high school library, 47994 W. First St. Review superintendent hiring process with OSBA representative (discussion); review district goal progress with administrators (report/discussion); state report card review (discussion); for the good of the order (discussion). Lori McMahon, Imcmahon@oakridge k12.or.us or oakridge.k12.or.us.

Pleasant Hill MONDAY

School Board - 7 p.m., Pleasant Hill Community Center, 36386 Highway 58. OSBA board and superintendent training; person-nel and policies. 541-746-9646, bjohnson@pleasanthill.k12.or.us

or www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us. Veneta

MONDAY

City Council — 6:30 p.m., ministrative Center, 88184 Administrative Center, 88184 Eighth St. Financial activity and fund balance report; options for multiuse pool; Ordinance No. 544, granting Sanipac exclusive fran-chise. Discuss applicants for City Council vacancy; review inter-view questions. 541-935-2191, dhenneman@ci.veneta.or.us www.venetaoregon.gov.

Chris A. Osborn

1963 - 2017

Chris A. Osborn, age 54, passed away recently from natural causes at his home in Eugene, Oregon. He was born on February 13, 1963 in Lawrence, Kansas and was the youngest of Joyce and Lynn Osborn's three children. Chris moved with his family to Ellensburg, Washington in 1971 and graduated from Ellensburg High School in 1981. As a child, he enjoyed going to the library, playing in the fields with neighborhood friends, swimming, hiking, fishing, and singing, with his rich bass voice, in the church choir. Chris attended Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa and graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Several of his patients over the years expressed appreciation for his warmth and attentive spirit during their recovery. Graceland was where he met his loving wife of many years, Linda Dempsey Osborn, with whom he shared a commitment to, and appreciation for, the Community of Christ Church. Linda and Chris' marriage blessed them with a cherished son, Sam, now 24. Chris had a robust sense of humor, an ever-curious mind hungry for knowledge and new information, and a deep love for his family. He is survived by his (former) wife, Linda; his son, Sam; a brother, Jeff; a sister, Paula; two nephews and cousins, and an aunt. Contributions can be made in Chris' name to Mount Hood Kiwanis Camp or Samish Island Campground, (www.campsamish.org & www.mhkc.org.)

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