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East Fork takes the stage at 2:45 p.m. followed by Band Du Pays, a five-piece swing band from Ashland, who play "danceable renditions of jazz classics from the 1920's through the 1980s, set in East Coast swing style."

Next up is Br'er Rabbit at 5:15 p.m. offering "folk-stomp Americana." The group combines classic string band instrumentation with percussion, six-string ukulele and cello. The group was voted best band in their home city of Bellingham, Wash. in 2013 and their first CD "The Lumineers" was released in March.

At 6:30 p.m., Red Dog Ash, an award-winning bluegrass band from California's Central Valley will take the stage. They are known for their original compositions, hard-driving tunes, tight harmonies and authentic high-lonesome vocals. Their

unique sound has been called "Soulgrass."

Once again, "Kuzin Keith" will be the master of ceremonies and food and beverages will be available from vendors Wild River Brewing and Pizza and Bridgeview Vineyards. There will be vegetarian and vegan food from the vendors or attendees may bring their own coolers, drinks and snacks.

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own seating and pop-ups for shade. The site includes a disc golf course a few steps away.

Organizers stress that no outside alcohol or dogs will be allowed at the family friendly event and that everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees are instructed to take Lakeshore Drive east from Redwood Highway, then follow the signs to the Trout Pavilion.

Security will be provided by the Josephine County Sheriff's Reserve. Co-sponsors include: Bridgeview Winery, Clear Creek Family Practice, Fire Mountain Gems, First Community Credit Union and Wild River Brewing and Pizza. Hay bales and stage flowers will be provided by Dillon's Nursery and the stage will be provided by Willie Whitechurch Trucking.

Advance admission is \$12.50 and tickets are available online at www.siskiyoubluegrassfestival.com. Tickets at the gate sell for \$15 per person with no charge for those 12 and under. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and there will be a \$4 parking fee. For further information call 541-592-3326 or to become a sponsor, contact ivchamberofcommerce@cavenet.com.

CFO ... Continued from A-1

In his new role as finance director, O'Hare oversees the county's budget. The key difference between O'Hare's new job and Padgett's former CFO position is the scope of oversight. Padgett had greater involvement in giving advice on a broader range of tasks (including risk management and project management), where O'Hare will focus on budget oversight.

Padgett's CFO job was a contract position that paid \$99,618; whereas O'Hare's new job is a salaried position that pays \$84,247 annually.

"The former CFO position had a greater involvement with the county board," Heck explained. "Rosemary attended more meetings. Now, Arthur will liaise with the county board as needed."

O'Hare was hired a year before Padgett and spent ten years in the controller position, which has now been eliminated. A new assistant finance director will be hired to handle O'Hare's old job.

Scofield, hired in January, is the county's Human Resources Director, who oversees everything personnel related.

"My wife and I have family in the area," Scofield said. "So we jumped at this opportunity as HR jobs don't come along that often."

Scofield has assumed Padgett's duties in risk management, which entails overseeing insurance and liability tasks for the county. He examines risks associated with programs and personnel to discern if the county has adequate insurance and works to ensure that programs are run in such a manner that limits liability. Scofield also handles worker's compensation and injury compensation claims.

"I applaud the county for doing what it takes to maintain solvency, even with these severe fiscal restrictions," Scofield said. "Most of our departments are no longer funded by the general fund, where most county departments statewide are, at least in part. For example, the parks department lives and dies on their own revenue. While this is all commendable, the fact still remains that services have dramatically diminished."

Since O&C funds have been eliminated, a patchwork of legislation has enabled continued federal payments to the counties, though at drastically reduced levels. Last fall, federal lawmakers tacked a county payments extension onto an unrelated bill that protected the nation's helium supply.

Padgett called the helium bill maneuver "a far reach" and said Josephine County shouldn't

expect a repeat this year.

"I think it's unrealistic to think that they can pull this rabbit out of the hat again," she said.

Most recently, Josephine County received \$4.8 million in federal funding, most of which went into the public safety fund that supports the sheriff's office, the jail, the district attorney's office and juvenile justice. Just a few years ago, payments were around \$12 million a year.

The outlook is harsh for the next fiscal year, which begins in July 2015. Barring any surprise legislation, the county's public safety fund is expected to drop from \$10.9 million to \$6.8 million, according to Padgett.

"We can't sell cupcakes on the sidewalk and support public safety," Padgett said. "I also think it's unrealistic to ask the rest of the state's taxpayers to subsidize our taxpayers, who are unwilling to pay for the costs of the services that they want."

O'Hare is jumping into a tough role at a tough time, but he's optimistic.

"In my experience, even in times of reductions there are opportunities to make progress," O'Hare said.

Manhunt ...

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The release adds that Martinson was last seen wearing full camouflage clothing and has shaved his head. He is described as a white male, 5'6", and 155 pounds. Martinson is missing a front tooth and has a tattoo on his back of a pit bull dog with the word "Outlaw" underneath.

Takilma resident Kindi Fahrkopf was working in her garden when she heard a motorcycle and then a parade of police vehicles following.

"I heard the bike and it sounded like it was moving at a high rate of speed," Fahrkopf said. "The next thing I saw was about a dozen cops flying down Takilma Road. I have never seen anything like this here before."

OSP Public Information Officer Lieutenant Gregg Hastings was unable to comment on the number of officers involved and assets utilized.

Anyone with information regarding Martinson's location is asked to call OSP Southern Command Center dispatch at 541-664-4600 or 9-1-1.

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Henry responded that he didn't have that kind of money and says the last letter he received from the regional forest ranger said that since Henry couldn't afford the fees, the case is now closed and his shop must be torn down.

Some property owners in the area who have faced similar circumstances, and like Henry, constructed developments encroaching on public land, were able, for a small annual fee, to obtain right-of-way access or lease agreements with the Forest Service. However, none wanted to

go on record about these arrangements, expressing concerns that the agency might change its policy.

Others in the county have successfully negotiated with the BLM to adjust lot lines in similar situations, though surveyors and Realtors say it does not happen often and it is usually expensive.

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Service District Public Affairs Officer Virginia Gibbons said her agency can't comment on Henry's claims.

"A legal case is pending, so

we cannot comment," Gibbons said. "That's standard Forest Service policy."

Henry also gave a packet of information about the case to Congressman Peter DeFazio's office who passed the information on to the Forest Service. The Forest Service, though, responded that they will not shift their position.

"A lot of people hoped that DeFazio would do a little more than just put it back into the Forest Service's hands," Henry said.

Henry says he's surprised that

the agency has taken such a hard-line position with him, as for decades, he's done significant fire suppression projects on his property that interfaces with Forest Service land. He feels he's been a good neighbor to the forest. He also routinely helps stranded motorists going up and down Cave's Highway.

Henry, a carpenter, utilizes the shop to generate a substantial portion of his income, and still hopes the situation can be worked out, as tearing it down would be a hardship.

"I can't imagine that the Forest

Service wants to go through the time and expense of litigation any more than I do," Henry said. "But the costs they're talking about for a land swap are just too expensive."

Observers say that the cautionary tale is that it's crucial to know the exact boundary lines on one's property before adding any developments. If there's any ambiguity, boundary lines should be surveyed, to ensure that the legal description found on land titles and real estate documents matches what landowners believe their lot lines are.

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