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NEWS

Squeeze," which is slated for \$230,000 in funds.

Lively's hire comes at a cost of \$25 per hour and he is approved for a maximum of 520 hours on an as-needed basis, according to county spokesperson Anne Marie Levis. She says Lively will be working with County Economic Development Division Manager Glenda Poling on "some technical aspects and needs of companies that are looking to locate in Lane County." Levis says that the "position has been in the budget for quite a while to be able to bring in technical expertise when needed."

Lane Metro Partnership also works on area economic development efforts. Jack Roberts, Lane Metro's executive director, made public in April an effort to oust him and replace his leadership at Lane Metro with Poling. At the time, Roberts wrote in a letter that County Administrator Liane Richardson told him at a meeting that the commissioners would refuse to approve the county's usual yearly allocation of \$100,000 to Lane Metro "unless there is a change in leadership."

The R-G reported at the time that there was "friction and rivalry between Lane County's three-person Economic and Community Development unit, headed by Poling, and Lane Metro."

Roberts says Lane Metro is currently working on Project Squeeze. Squeeze is a state given code name for an unnamed company looking to bring 230 jobs to Oregon. The commission majority signed off on a letter of intent that says the county would offer \$1,000 for each full-time, permanent job created by Project Squeeze. Forest Grove apparently lost the company over a one-time payment of \$925,000 in transportation development taxes, *The Oregonian* reported in May. A Roseburg City Council Agenda from 2011 referred to a Project Squeeze as an "apple processing company looking for facility to produce applesauce and also containers for products."

Commissioner Pete Sorenson was the lone vote against giving \$100,000 to aluminum extrusion company Apel, another project of Lane Metro, because he says while it is a good project the company did not ask for the money and doesn't seem to need it.

The county documents related to the July 23 commission vote say that if Project Squeeze does not come to Lane County, the funds will "used for other economic development purposes." The County Commission voted to give Sweet Creek Foods \$60,000 for expansion and equipment, \$100,000 to Lane Workforce Partnership Back to Work Lane County and \$40,000 to NEDCO Sprout! Community Food Hub. Lively is a volunteer board member of Lane Workforce, which Levis says is not a conflict of interest.

Roberts says of Lively's hire that "John has an excellent background in economic development as the former director of the Lane Metro Partnership (then the Eugene/Springfield Metropolitan Partnership) when we recruited Symantec, Sony and Hyundai to our area."

Hyundai, later Hynix, left the area in 2008, laying off about 1,000 employees and 300 contract workers, and Sony closed its Springfield plant in 2003. Symantec employs more than 1,000 people in Springfield. — Camilla Mortensen

EUGENE JEANS GUY UPBEAT DESPITE CANCER

Last week Eugene Jeans owner and local bluegrass musician Tim Long finally received some good news: Because of his Gleeevec medication regimen, the gastrointestinal stromal tumor he was diagnosed with in April has shrunk about 40 percent, from the size of a large orange to the size of a tennis ball.

"I think I have a pretty good shot at making it," says Long, who does not have health insurance. "There are definitely cancers that are worse." The tumor, which was originally misdiagnosed as a "stomach lining issue" last autumn, grew rapidly and is a type of cancer that does not "respond to normal chemotherapies."

But according to Long, who has operated the secondhand shop Eugene Jeans at 132 E. 13th Ave. with his wife for more than 15 years, there is a long fight ahead. In preparation for that fight, he has hired his son to work at the store — the first official hired employee in Eugene Jeans' history.

Long recently reviewed images of the tumor with his surgeon on July 17, and it is still too large to safely operate on. "When I saw the pictures it kind of depressed me," he says. Long may have to take Gleeevec, a drug that targets chronic myeloid leukemia, for another year before surgery is an option. For a person without health insurance, the fight is not only a health issue — it's a financial one. Gleeevec, according to an April 2013 story in *The New York Times* ("Doctors Denounce Cancer Drug Prices of \$100,000 a Year"), is one of the most expensive cancer drugs on the market, costing upward of \$90,000 yearly.

Long, who did not qualify for Oregon Health Plan, says that, fortunately, the PeaceHealth Bridge Assistance program at Sacred Heart has helped cover a lot of his medical expenses — but there is still a large sum that must be paid for out-of-pocket, including half the cost of the surgery. The Long family will be hosting a fundraising garage sale starting at 9 am Saturday, July 27, at 310 ½ E. 31st Ave. and they are still accepting donations. There will also be a benefit concert at Sam Bond's Aug. 31. — Alex Notman

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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

Stand-your-ground laws say that if a person is confronted by danger he has no duty to retreat, though good sense may advise that he do so. Or, he can play John Wayne and the law will have his back. Such laws entitle A to kill B if he "reasonably believes" that killing B is "necessary" to save his own life. Such laws speak with forked tongue.

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