

MAGIC

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younger demographic, but Wood said that's not always the case.

"Is there a typical Magic player? Not really," he said. "A year or so, I would have said

there was one, but not anymore. It's a large and growing demographic."

The current tournament format allows more people to play competitively and potentially qualify for professional events, Wood said, events that give more

players than ever the chance to compete at a higher level.

"There are a lot of people into playing Magic that are brand-new," said Delight owner Therese Nguyen. "It's very community based."

Nguyen said that similarly

strong crowds show up at Delight on Wednesdays to play another trading-card game, Pokémon.

"We always have a room full of kids," she said.

WIRTH

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phones throughout the area.) The person called 911 and reported seeing a blonde-haired child inside the vehicle. The child's mother, Kaitlyne Wirth, was not located at that time.

Tillamook Police Chief Terry Wright said the car was located on a side road just off Highway 99.

"The child was there with a gentleman who appeared to be

under the influence of some kind of drugs," Wright said. "He was not operating the vehicle and was not able to give us much useful information, but he was in the area and could possibly be criminally involved."

On Monday, Wright said that through additional investigation, it appeared that Wirth was in Portland and had not absconded with the child herself.

"It looks like somebody else had picked the child up and was

bringing the child to her," he said. "She was in Portland, and they were going to meet in Cottage Grove, but everyone was aware that DHS (the Department of Human Services) was en route to pick up the child. So it looks like there are more people involved now."

Wirth was arrested in Tillamook after midnight the following day, and Wright said police still aren't sure how she got back to that city.

Wright said police were planning to execute a search warrant on the Cavalier on Tuesday, in addition to checking cell phone records for clues as to others who may be involved in the incident. He said charges of custodial interference could be levied against multiple individuals if others knew of a plot to take the child, adding that conspiracy and kidnapping charges are also a possibility.

REFERENDUM

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reduce travel lanes downtown, though support and opposition to many of its aspects has been bandied about in the community for some time.

State law allows petitioners to gather signatures for a referendum for 30 days after the passing of an ordinance, which led to the May 13 deadline, and signatures representing 10 percent of the registered voters in Cottage Grove would have to be gathered, putting the number of required signatures at 478. McNamara said petitioners hoped to gather over 600 signatures in the event that some would be ruled invalid, and on Monday, Meyers said a preliminary count indicated that 554 signa-

tures had been turned in.

Some of those signatures may be invalid, Meyers stated — at least one page had been dated by its petitioner prior to its signatures being gathered, Meyers said, in violation of election rules, and some signatures may belong to voters who are not registered in Cottage Grove.

"There were some signatures from outside the city limits," Meyers said. "The final tally could be quite close."

Lane County Elections has 10 days to present the results of the petitioners' efforts, though the office is also dealing with a May 19 election. Meyers estimated that Cottage Grove may know the results by Friday, May 22.

Quote of the Week:

"Alcohol has been running rampant lately. When the weather gets warmer, people get drunker."

— Police Chief Mike Grover, while perusing alcohol-related incidents in Cottage Grove's Police Log.

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