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## Wanted CG man captured by LCSO

Sebastian Bivens had evaded police since late June

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A 25-year old Cottage Grove man who spent over a month eluding local, county and state law enforcement officials was reportedly captured without incident Friday.

Cottage Grove Police say they've been searching for Sebastian Bivens since he eluded them in the process of his arrest on June 28, and on the weekend of July 30-31, Bivens was able to ditch a car he had been driving on London Road and again elude Oregon State Police and other agencies on foot — twice.



Sebastian Bivens

On Friday morning, though, Lane County Sheriff's Deputies acted on a tip that Bivens had been spotted walking on Garoutte Road toward Shoreview Drive, and they later apprehended him at the county park at nearby Baker Bay before he had a chance to attempt escape again.

Sgt. Ryan Lane said that Bivens was scratched and bleeding from encounters with blackberry bushes and had ripped pant legs from hiding out in the woods the previous evening. He reportedly told police he was tired from staying out all night.

On Thursday night, CPGD's Commander Scott Shepherd said that local police had acted on a tip that a vehicle linked to Bivens was located in front of a house on North Douglas St. He was later reportedly spotted near Mosby Creek, and a request from the Sheriff's Office that night led Cottage Grove Police to assist in the attempt to capture Bivens on Garoutte Rd. Prior to that, police had taken numerous calls regarding sightings of Bivens in town.

Shepherd said that a local warrant for possession of methamphetamine originally led police to attempt to apprehend Bivens in June.

"He was initially compliant," Shepherd said. "But in the process of dealing with a dog that he had with him — he was placing the dog in a patrol car — he ran off on foot."

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## IS IT SHOWTIME YET?



photo by Holly Lamb

Kaeleb Hawkins relaxes with his heifer, Clarabelle, at the Western Oregon Exposition, held Thursday through Saturday. More from the Fair can be found on pages 12A and 1B.

## Man who perished in London Road crash fondly remembered

BY JON STINNETT  
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A longtime friend of the family of 49-year old Billy Evans of Cottage Grove spoke of him as having a "heart the size of Montana."



Billy Evans

M i - c h e l e Kalkowski, who said she's been a friend of Evans' wife, Cindy, for decades, said that Evans, who

perished in a single-vehicle accident near Cottage Grove Reservoir early Thursday morning, was in all ways a "big-hearted country boy" who loved to hunt, pan for gold and go four-wheeling.

"He was just a man's man," Kalkowski said. "My 13-year old son just adores him."

Late Thursday morning, a woman who lives directly across from Cottage Grove Lake said she heard a very loud crash at 4:22 a.m. but went back to sleep when she didn't see anything amiss. She said her husband later reported seeing a pickup

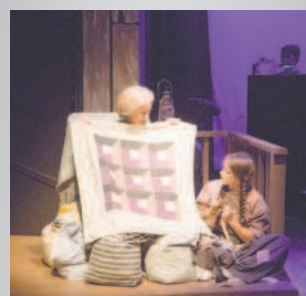
on its side among the trees that ring the lake on his way to work. The truck, a red Dodge Ram, was not easily visible among the trees and had reportedly been traveling northbound at Milepost 4 on London Road when it left the roadway and crashed into the trees. The Lane County Sheriff's Office said it was determined that Evans was deceased upon their arrival on scene.

Kalkowski said that Evans had been on his way to work on the morning of the crash and that he left home at about 4:15 a.m. each day to get to his job, later iden-

tified as a position at Specialty Laminates in Eugene. She said that Evans had not been feeling well and had had heart troubles recently, though it has not yet been announced if medical issues may have contributed to the accident, pending an examination by the Medical Examiner's Office.

Kalkowski said that Evans is survived by two children and three stepchildren, though he loved them all as his own. He also has 10 grandchildren. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

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Local artist wins Eugene's Best in Show, page 3A



photo by Jon Stinnett

John Norrena of EPUD demonstrates the dangers of inattention to electricity to Mike, Landon and Amanda Butts.

## Emergency Preparedness Fair draws a crowd

Event features demonstrations from utilities, first responders and other agencies

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The subject matter may not have been entirely heartwarming, but officials with the City of Cottage Grove's Planning Department said that fact didn't deter about 250 people from attending the City's first-ever Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday.

Held at the helipad at PeaceHealth Community Medical Center in Cottage Grove, the fair brought together first responders and representatives from many of the agencies that spring into action when di-

aster strikes in this area.

For representatives of the Emerald Peoples Utilities District and Pacific Power and Light, the afternoon served as a chance to offer a little education on the power and pitfalls of the area's electrical grid. John Norrena, an engineering technician with EPUD, said the utility has been conducting such outreach at area schools lately, and Norrena had plenty of visitors to the model he used to showcase what happens when people are careless or thoughtless around electrical apparatus. There were several kernels of information, many of which came as a surprise to visitors.

"I wasn't aware of the kite situation," said Amanda Butts, who visited the fair with husband Mike and son Landon. "I also didn't know that with a downed power line, apparently you shouldn't get out of your car. I'd always thought you'd want to

get away as soon as possible."

Across the way, retired Pacific Power employee Charlie Tate gave a similarly animated account of the dangers of electricity at his booth. Tate said he's been giving such demonstrations for 13 years, and he also offered several knowledge tidbits.

"Sitting on that transformer, you might not realize that there are about 12,500 volts of electricity surging just inches underneath you," Tate said. He also recommended touching any metal object with the back of a hand first, as in the event that the object (a fence, for example) is electrified, the palm of the hand will reflexively close around the object, making it impossible to free oneself from the electrical charge.

Nearby at the Red Cross booth, visitors learned how to make a 72-hour emergency

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