

## Dispute between neighbors draws police presence

A spokesperson with the Lane County Sheriff's Office said a dispute over a garden tool may have led to an exchange of gunshots between neighbors on Brice Creek road southeast of Cottage Grove last week.

Public Information Office Carrie Carver said that a scene that had once drawn several vehicles and personnel with the Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police was cleared by about 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 after police responded to a call involving shots fired in the area at about 9 that morning.

Police were busy interviewing many individuals, and one man had been detained early this afternoon, Carver said, though she added that no one had as yet been arrested.

"Reportedly there was gunfire exchanged, but we haven't been able yet to determine which party fired first or whether both of them fired shots at all," Carver said.

The man who was detained at the residence was cooperating with the ongoing investigation, Carver indicated.



photo by Jon Stinnett

**Police vehicles — both marked and unmarked — responded to a home in the 39000 block of Brice Creek Road on Tuesday, July 26.**

She said the County's Special Response Team was called to the area. A response from Oregon State Police was also initially requested, though OSP was called off soon after.

"We brought armor right away; it's the case when there's anything called in that involves shots fired," she said. The Eugene Register-Guard reported that Carver said the

remoteness of the area and "law officials' history with both parties" led to the heavy police response, adding that the owner of the home in question, David Pressley, faced charges in 2006 including coercion, second-degree kidnapping, first-degree robbery, unlawful use of a weapon, pointing a weapon at another and being a felon in possession of a weapon.

## Utility says expansion will help spread its costs

*EPUD spokesperson said upgrades to serve new manufacturer will also reduce outages*

BY JON STINNETT  
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

The recent announcement that Eugene-based Pak-Tech, a manufacturer of injection-molded packaging handles

and in-line automated application equipment, had purchased the former Kwikie building at 230 Davidson in Cottage Grove and would expand its operations there was preceded by lengthy discussions between several representatives of the City of Cottage Grove, the company and nearby utility the Emerald Peoples Utilities District, which will undertake a major upgrade of its systems to provide the electricity the new business

needs.

"We've been working with the City, the Chamber of Commerce and variations of them for a really long time with regard to the Kwikie building," said EPUD spokesperson Rob Currier. "We've worked to meet the electrical needs of several companies who have looked at the building over time, but this opportunity came up super-quick."

In mid-June, Currier said the

EPUD board of directors began discussing the possibility of capital investments to bolster its systems to provide the electricity that Pak-Tech will need, which he described as being equivalent to the power use of about 300 homes, supplied almost constantly.

"We were making the case that it could benefit the City and all of our customer/owners

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## Woman accused of furnishing alcohol to minors arrested again

A woman suspected of furnishing alcohol to minors at a party in May has been arrested in Clackamas County after failing to appear in court in response to the charges against her.

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Angela Ward

Police Department's activities log indicates that 33-year old Angela Ward was arrested in Clackamas County Saturday on a Cottage Grove Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. Police had been looking for and even utilized CGPD's Facebook page to enlist the public's help in locating Ward, who they said purchased alcohol for several teens in advance of a May 20 party that attracted police attention after South Lane Fire

and Rescue received a report of a 14-year old female foaming at the mouth. Several of the teens were extremely intoxicated, police said — a 15-year old was reportedly found with a blood alcohol content of .26 percent, over three times the legal limit for an adult DUI. Police say a second 15-year old was found to have a BAC of .18 percent.

Commander Conrad Gagner said that a tip indicating that Ward may be at the Department

of Human Services office in Springfield led police to arrest her there, and she was given a June 20 court date at that time. Ward was cited and released, though a warrant was issued July 25 when she failed to appear in court. She was subsequently given a new court date of Thursday, Aug. 18, and bail was set at \$50,000.

## Proposed cell tower south of CG to receive public hearing

*Lane County Land Management to host hearing Aug. 11*

BY JON STINNETT  
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Residents who live near the location of a proposed Verizon cell phone tower are being asked by Lane County land management officials to comment on the land use change that would green-light the tower's construction.

A Cottage Grove area resident concerned about the tower's potential impact on its surroundings forwarded the Sentinel a notice of public hearing indicating that Verizon hopes to install a 150-foot self-supporting lattice tower and associated equipment on the ground in a 50 foot by 50 foot fenced area on 36.47 acres at the Hull Timber Ranch located at 77329 McDole Road, located between Interstate 5 and London Road about four miles southwest of Cottage Grove. Property owners near the pro-

posed tower received the notice, which points out that a public hearing will be held Thursday, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lane County Public Works Customer Service Center, Goodpasture Room, 3050 N. Delta Highway in Eugene.

"You may want to share this information with others in your neighborhood," the notice stated.

According to the document, comments may be submitted to Erik Forsell of the Lane County Land Management Division at 3050 N. Delta Highway, Eugene, OR 97408 or faxed with ATTN to Forsell at 541-682-3947. Written comments will be accepted until the day of the hearing and during the hearing itself. The application and all related documents are available at the Public Works Customer Service Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, and a copy of the staff report will be available at no cost one week prior to the meeting. Mail copies are also available at cost by calling Chris Rogers at 541-682-3347.

## City Council cancels its Aug. 22 meeting

BY JON STINNETT  
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"I think I heard a motion with five seconds!"

Mayor Tom Munroe heard an enthusiastic response from the City Council at its Monday, July 25 meeting regarding the prospect of holding just one meeting this August.

"There is the potential, because there's nothing on the schedule for Aug. 22, to cancel that meeting, but I need a motion not to meet," City Manager Richard Meyers stated before several councilors jumped in.

Meyers explained that, by law the Council must meet at least

once a month, and the lack of business on Aug. 22 apparently made that meeting expendable. Still, Councilor Jeff Gowing's motion included the provision that, should city business need to be handled that Monday, the meeting would go ahead as it was originally scheduled.

Unless that happens, the Council will only meet once, this Monday, Aug. 8, when a review of the ballot language for a prospective three-cent gas tax increase will be among the items on the agenda. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall's Council chambers, and the public is welcome.

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