

110TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Final installment

This week we conclude our month-long look at the various eras covered since the birth of The Creswell Chronicle on Sept., 30, 1909. The final era, from 1986 to present, saw more growth in the community and the surrounding towns. Eugene and Springfield combine to make up nearly 250,000 people and the southern Willamette

Valley is expanding from Pleasant Hill to Creswell to Cottage Grove and beyond.

As always, please feel free to contribute your own stories and photos and we'd be happy to publish a selection of readers' memories through the past 110 years.

Timeline 1986 – Present

~ KEY PLAYERS OF THE ERA ~



Publisher Helen Hollyer, Jeanne Olson and Pam Farmer



Mayor Eddie McCluskey



Su Liudahl (Creswell Library)



Bill Spencer (76 Station, Point S)



Heidi Tunnell (Creswell Bakery)



Jessica Landstra (Farmlands Market)



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1988 — Creswell Airport runway was expanded on an additional 66 acres purchased by the City the previous year and it was realigned, with a paved taxiway.

1992 — Creswell's Rural Fire Protection District took delivery of its latest apparatus: a ladder truck with a 50-foot extension ladder and a 500-gallon water truck.

1998 — Creswell's Water Treatment Plant received major upgrades to increase the number of users.

1999 — The City of Creswell took over operations and management of the airport.

2000 — Mayor Eddie McCluskey retired and completed his reign as Creswell's Mayor after 22 years, having served eight years before that as a city councilor.

— The City of Creswell received approval of its wastewater facilities plan.

2001 — Ray's Food Place opened a new store on the east side of Interstate 5.

2003 — South Lane Rural Fire Protection District and Creswell Rural Fire Protection District consolidated.

2007 — Lane Library District's Board of Directors voted to continue Library District Director Su Ikeda (now Liudahl)'s employment contract after a six-month job performance evaluation.

2010 — Seven-digit dialing comes to an end; callers must now dial the 541 area code to connect on local calls.

2012 — The City of Creswell was in hot water after the Oregon Secretary of State's office stated that the City was in violation of state law due to its lack of up-to-date financial audits. The City had annual expenditures of roughly \$3.5 million. The last year the City had filed an audit was for the 2009 fiscal year, and it was submitted six months after the filing deadline.

2013 — Longtime local pastor Dave Stram is elected Creswell mayor.

2014 — Ray's Food Places closed; Farmlands Market,

Burlap and Lace and Dairy Queen opened up shop in town. Creswell Farmers' Market also returned in 2014 in the former lumberyard behind Creswell Library.

2015 — Creswell Kiwanis Club installed a new "Welcome to Creswell" sign.

2016 — The marijuana green light was halted in Creswell, after reinstating the city's ban by just 128 votes.

2016 — The Creswell Library officially purchased its building and gained momentum for expansion plans.

2017 — "Potroversy" began in Creswell after a recreational marijuana initiative was filed with the City by One Gro, cofounded by high-profile attorney Mike Arnold. Business owners banded together and local residents held protests on Oregon Avenue. Ultimately, the initiative was squashed by an unprecedented 85 percent of voters.

2017 — New economic development was stimulated as new businesses abounded in Creswell. One Gro Investments, Creswell HealthMart Pharmacy, Dollar Tree, Dollar General and Camas Swale Medical Clinic all opened shops in town.

2017 — Creswell High School Principal Andy Bracco and Vice Principal and Athletic Director Jordan Osborn resigned amid a texting scandal for allegedly ridiculing students via text message during a sporting event.

2017 — Creswell got its first full-time sergeant. Lane County Sheriff's Office's Sergeant Scott Denham added 20 hours per week to his shift, making him solely dedicated to serving Creswell.

2018 — Richard Zettervall elected mayor

2019 — Joe's Diner closed

2019 — Great snowstorm

2019 — Great rain/flood

2019 — Noel and Denise Nash purchased The Creswell Chronicle, renaming it The Chronicle and expanding coverage from Cottage Grove to Springfield. The paper celebrates the 110th birthday of its first edition on Sept. 30, 1909.

HOW TO SUPPORT CRESWELL'S HISTORY

The Creswell Historical Museum is always eager to receive new volunteers and members. To volunteer, no experience is needed and people can choose to work as little or as much as they'd like. To be a member, dues are \$20 a year and help support the activities and expenses of the Museum.

The Museum is open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 11 am. to 3 p.m., and by special appointment. If you are interested, please contact us at 541-895-5464 or PO Box 414, Creswell.

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