

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 70 years ago

May 3, 1945

European War fast coming to close as Berlin capitulates

Berlin fell yesterday after 12 days of bitter fighting. The battle of Berlin was described as one of the bloodiest struggles of the war.

Joseph C. Grew, acting secretary of state, verified reports that Heinrich Himmler had offered a German surrender, but the offer did not include Russia.

The German and Italian Fascist armies in Northern Italy and in western Austria surrendered unconditionally yesterday. The number of men involved is said to have been nearly 1,000,000.

Russian communities yesterday announced that Adolph Hitler committed suicide. Paul Joe Goebbels, propaganda minister, is also said to have taken his life. Previously the Nazi radio at Hamburg said Hitler died a hero's death on May 1.

The German Reich was split into three pockets yesterday by the British capture of Luebeck and the American junction with the Russians on the Elbe, 60 miles northwest of Berlin. This is where Himmler is reported to have unsuccessfully sued for peace.

The first act of the Fuehrer Adm. Earl Deonitz was to fire Nazi veteran Joachim von Ribbentrop as German foreign minister and name Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk to replace him in apparent preparations for an early peace.

At right: May 1, 1985: Open Season — The Coast Fork of the Willamette River got plenty of attention with the opening of Oregon's trout season on Saturday. Anglers at the Coast Fork fished from the banks, large rocks in the river from the numerous bridges. Here, (left to right), Cory King, Darald Trinkka, Mike Peters and Tom DuBois take advantage of the abandoned Chambers Bridge to sink their lines into a popular swimming hole.



POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

April 20

Criminal mischief, S. 8th St.

A caller reported that an unknown suspect slashed the right, rear tire on her vehicle while it was parked in the driveway of the location sometime between 7 p.m. on April 19 and 11:30 a.m. on April 20. The damage was valued at \$130.

Harassment, Lincoln Middle School

Staff reported that a student was harassing another student, and kicked a window causing \$300 in damage. The subject was cited and released to his parents.

Hit and run — injury, E. Main St.

A complainant at the station reported being struck while walking through a parking lot.

The complainant said he attempted to contact the driver, but the driver said he was not going to exchange information.

April 21

Theft, Little Caesars

A complainant said the license plates were stolen off his vehicle and replaced with other plates while he was at the restaurant; he has already been to the DMV. Police seized the replacement plates.

April 22

Agency assist, CG Airport

Lane County Sheriff's Office requested assistance with location of a lost airplane, which may have landed at the CG Airport. The plane was described as a single-engine Piper Archer with a silver and red tail.

April 24

Disorderly subject, London School

A student kicked and punched three teachers, and tore down decorations in the hallway.

April 25

Theft, 5th St. and Adams

The caller said that a male subject was walking down the road and appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. Officers contacted the subject, who was in possession of a number of DVDs that appeared to be stolen from Empire Video.

Suspicious subject, Conoco Gas

The reporting person said that a male subject dropped a syringe in the parking lot, and he told

the reporting person that if he watched him walk to his apartment that he would shoot him.

Theft, S. 3rd St.

A complainant at the station reported that sometime overnight an unknown suspect entered his shop and stole two chainsaws valued at \$550, combined.

April 27

Theft of bike, Middlefield Oaks

The caller said that his bike was stolen from the location some time between 10 p.m. on April 26 and 5:10 a.m. on April 27. The bike was described as a 20" Diamond Back BMX bike, serial number ALY8A10421 and is valued at \$1000.

OFFBEAT

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ocean and some wreckage from their sunken picket boat. Then the bombers all crashed in Japanese-occupied territory, and all but two of their crews got away scot-free.

The wartime enemy had struck in broad daylight and slipped

away — all but a tiny handful of men. The Japanese homeland was no longer inviolate, and the people who were supposed to be protecting it had been made to look like bumbling idiots.

Meanwhile, over in the U.S., the news was greeted with wild cheers. Doolittle, who'd been convinced he was going to be

court-martialed for losing every single one of his planes, found to his surprise that he was instead on the short list for a (Congressional) Medal of Honor.

Of the 80 aviators who participated in the Doolittle raid, seven were Oregonians or former Oregonians, either by birth or by civilian residence. We'll talk about their experiences in the Doolittle Raid in next week's column.

(Sources: Kendall, Mary Claire. "Doolittle's raiders and the Miracle that Saved Them,"

Forbes, 11-11-2012; Cain, Allan. "Pendleton Field," Oregon History Project, ohs.org, 2005; doolittleaider.com; "Doolittle Raid Fact Sheet," National Museum of the Air Force, 4-17-2015)

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY April 30 40° 66° Sunny	FRIDAY May 1 42° 66° Mostly Sunny
SATURDAY May 2 41° 68° Mostly Sunny	SUNDAY May 3 41° 68° Sunny
MONDAY May 4 41° 68° Sunny	TUESDAY May 5 41° 68° Showers

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CITY BEAT

Excerpts from the City of Cottage Grove's 'Friday Update'

Park Ambassador program

The City of Cottage Grove is currently seeking volunteers to join the Park Ambassadors, and it encourages those who enjoy using the parks, are friendly, like meeting new people and want to help others enjoy using the parks to sign up to be a part of the group's inaugural season. Park Ambassadors are volunteers that "hang-out" in the park and assist park users with information and can even check-out recreational equipment for use in the park. Those interested are asked to call the City Manager's office at (541) 942-5501 to sign up or receive more information.

Budget Committee Training

The City Manager and Finance Director met with five citizen members of the Budget Committee and introduced them to the unique characteristics of municipal budgeting. Committee members also took a short tour of city facilities to familiarize them with city operations.

Yard of the Week

The 18th season of the Yard of the Week will be starting on May 8. So be on the lookout for those members of the community who deserve recognition for their efforts to beautify the community. Single-family residences within the City of Cottage Grove are eligible for the award. To encourage more participation and recognize more homes within the community, all recipients of the Yard of the Week must wait two years before receiving the award again. In addition to the attractive Yard of the Week sign in their yard, the recipients of the award also receive a credit for a free month of water from the City and a gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce good at local businesses.

Ukulele at the Library

Drop-in ukulele classes are offered at the Cottage Grove Public Library every Thursday morning from 9-10 a.m. Fearless ukulele teacher Nolene leads a group of enthusiastic patrons interested in learning to play Ukulele. The Library has a dozen or so ukuleles at the library available for use and checkout, so guests can stop by and join in the fun anytime. All ages are welcome. Summer ukulele for kids will start again mid-June and will be held each Tuesday morning.

Storytime at the Library

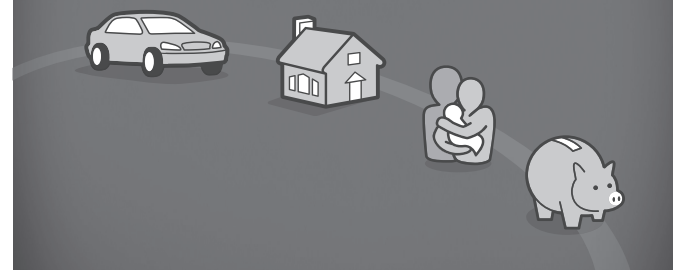
Spanish Story Time continues at the Cottage Grove Public Library each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m., and the Pre-School Story Time is each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"Sing Along" at the Community Center

The Cottage Grove Community Center will be adding a new activity called "Sing-Along" starting Thursday, May 14 in the Reception Hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Initially the Sing-Along will be held every other week. Pianist Doug Trappen will lead the group and plans to dedicate the last 15 minutes to soloists. Doug coordinated sing-alongs while living in California and believes music and singing can make us all feel young again.

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