

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 40 years ago

June 19, 1975

Athletes re-write record book

1975 turned out to be quite a year for Cottage Grove High School track. The girls' team placed second in the district meet, one of the Lions' highest finishes in recent years, and went on to a ninth-place finish at state. The boys' team placed fourth at districts, and 13th at state.

Nine girls' records were set this year as the ladies proved that they are now more competitive than ever. And Celena Schemer broke her own 220 record at the Junior Olympic meet in Portland last week, but it can't count as a school record, according to coach Sue Laing, because the high school season was already over. Celena ran 25.0 in the Portland meet, and her school record is 25.21.

Lion boys established four school records, and sophomore Mark Reynolds had a hand in three of them.

Mark timed 14.5 for the 120-yard high hurdles at the state meet for one of his records, he tied with Mark Ewing for the 330-yard intermediate hurdles record at 40.7 and he triple jumped 42-5 for the third school record.

Jim Whitley, who high jumped for Cottage Grove at the state meet, now holds the school record in that event at 6-4 1/4. Jim cleared 6-4 at both the district and state meets, and barely missed 6-6 at both contests. Jerry Young had broken the old school record of 6-2 1/4 by leaping 6-3 earlier this year.



June 19, 1985: The new Coke — Two more signs of Cottage Grove's dedication to sprucing up the downtown core area became evident on Main Street this past week. Pictured, Cheryl Chapman and Larry Robinson — the latter from Ten-Co Sign and Neon — began repainting the Coca Cola advertisement on the east side of Hoover's Shoe Store, 7th and Main streets, Monday afternoon. The mural was constructed in 1938 and has been repainted only once since then. Last week, the Holloman Ford building on the corner of Ninth and Main, got a fresh coat of light blue paint with dark blue trim.

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1062 Washington Ave.
Fri 9a-5p; Sat 9a-4p
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SALE

839 S. 8th St.
Fri 10a-4p; Sat 10a-1p
Hi/Her golf clubs, books, 2 old cane chairs, VCR movies, size large women's clothes, more!

4 FAMILY YARD SALE

Very Large: June 20
Sat only 9am-2pm
78365 Meadow Park Drive

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

1635 E. Adams Ave.
Sat only 9am-3pm
No early sales.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. only 9a-4p
76340 London Rd.
LOTS of clothes, shoes, coats, and misc. items (no baby items).
Please No Early Birds.

ESTATE SALE

77316 Hwy 99 S.
Sat-Sun 9am-4pm
Antiques, collectibles, furniture, Corvette tires & wheels, automotive, plasma cutter, more!

POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 787-0504

June 8

Unauthorized use of vehicle, E. Harrison Ave.

The caller said her vehicle was stolen from the location sometime between 11 p.m. the previous evening and 7 a.m. that morning. The approximate value of the vehicle is \$1,350.

Attempt to locate (information), Baker Bay

A 50-year old male white male wearing a tie-die shirt and khaki shorts threatened a group of people with a harpoon gun.

June 9

Attempt to locate (information), I-5 corridor

An ATL was issued for a possible Kyrion Horman sighting. The reporting person said they had seen a child looking like the subject with a group of people at a restaurant in Reedsport. The child got into a white GMC truck with a black lumber rack.

June 10

Domestic assault, Unknown location

The reporting person said she received a voicemail from the

victim, who said she didn't have anywhere to go. When the reporting person returned the call, another female answered the phone and said that the victim had showed up the night before covered in bruises, her toenails ripped off and had rib and facial fractures.

June 11

Theft, All-America Square

The caller said she left her purse at the location, and when she returned to retrieve it her wallet was missing. The stolen property included ID cards and cash.

June 12

Theft, CG Mini Storage

The reporting person said that a customer's trailer, which was inside a secure fence, had been broken into. The stolen property included numerous camping items.

June 13

Unauthorized use of vehicle, E. Madison Ave.

The complainant said her vehicle was taken from the location sometime during the night, and her sister reported seeing it parked on N. 16th St. The re-

porting person said she did not give anyone permission to drive her vehicle.

Unknown trouble, Jehovahs Witness Church

The caller said that two juveniles under the age of five were naked and running around the parking lot of the location.

June 14

Welfare check, S. 8th St.

The caller said she received an email from T., which read as if T. was "giving up," and was having suicidal thoughts. Police were unable to contact the sub-

ject at her residence.

Suspicious subject, Walmart

The reporting person, an employee, said that a male subject had threatened to shoot the pharmacist and staff at the location. The suspect did not have a weapon, though. The reporting person did not know if the suspect had left the premises, but she described him as a thin, white male in his 20s wearing a black baseball cap, dark long sleeve shirt and jeans.

Officers contacted the subject near the I-5 overpass and determined that he was attempting to obtain Rx in another subject's name but was refused.

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OFFBEAT

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was wedged under the bed. She'd been beaten, burned with cigarettes and stabbed 19 times.

Loel, of course, promptly vanished. Authorities tracked him as far as Shreveport, La., where he'd pawned some of his stuff. Then he disappeared from view.

A year went by. The heinousness of the murder caught the attention of the FBI, which put him on its Ten Most Wanted list.

But although the Most Wanted list was generally very effective in catching wanted crooks, Loel wasn't caught that way. Instead, it was his thirst for alcohol that did him in. On Jan. 9, 1955, the cops in Sanford, Fla., arrested a man who called himself Jack McCoy for public drunkenness. McCoy's fingerprints turned out to be a match for Loel's. And how was it that the cops had Loel's fingerprints on file? Because they'd been taken when he was arrested for drunken driving, many years before.

Loel was promptly extradited to Oklahoma and put on trial for the murder of Elizabeth Henderson. His attorney had a tough job trying to represent him, though, because he kept insisting that he'd killed her in self-defense, trying to fend off her sexual



Three newspaper-clipping mugshots of former Sandy Police Chief Otto Austin Loel, published while the FBI was looking for him to charge him with murder.

advances. Had the situation not been so serious, the jurors would probably have met this claim with scornful snickers. Did this guy seriously expect them to believe that Elizabeth Henderson was so hot for him that he'd been forced to defend himself from her raging nymphomania — by burning her with cigarettes?

It seemed he did. Consequently, the jury took very little time to come back with a unanimous guilty verdict.

And so it was that, following a short series of appeals and requests for clemency (all of which were sabotaged by Loel's remarkably

unrepentant attitude), the former Chief of Police for the city of Sandy, Oregon, found himself strapped into an oak chair in the Oklahoma State Prison, a few minutes after midnight, a black hood over his head and electrodes on his head and legs, waiting for his 2,300 volts.

By 12:07 a.m., it was done. By that time, Sandy had learned its lesson. After Loel's firing, the city had promptly raised the city police chief's salary to competitive levels, and the town has enjoyed competent, murderer-free police services ever since.

(Sources: Hunter, Wally. "Who's Who in Crime," Portland Oregonian, 1/30/1955; Wilson, R. Michael. Legal Executions in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. New York: McFarland, 2012; Portland Oregonian, 5/22/1954, 1/18/1955 and 1/11/1957)

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY June 18

47° | 77°



Sunny

FRIDAY June 19

49° | 77°



Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY June 20

53° | 83°



Partly Cloudy

SUNDAY June 21

53° | 83°



Partly Cloudy

MONDAY June 22

54° | 81°



Sunny

TUESDAY June 23

52° | 80°



Sunny

Meet the DJ/Program Host



CAMERON REITEN

I was born in the small town of Valley City, North Dakota on December 21, of 1986. I moved to Oregon in 1994 when I was seven years old. I graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 2005. In 2003 I came to KNND as an intern in the news department. My eight week internship served to reinforce my conviction that I wanted a career in radio. I was hired in 2005 after graduation and have been working at the radio station since. I have numerous duties at KNND, among them local news producer, host of the Rockin' Oldies Morning Show, as well as the Round Up Classic Country and Western Hoedown, (Monday and Thursday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm) and the ever popular Swap and Shop show. As of June of 2013, I am also now the proud owner of KNND, and love the opportunity to carry on the tradition of service that has been the hallmark of KNND.

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