

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 40 and 80 years ago



Fried Rattlesnake found to have no wishbone

Sept. 5, 1935

Fried rattlesnake tastes somewhat like chicken, but it has no wishbone.

That was the opinion expressed by two lads of the city who tried some of the reptile meat a few days ago.

The boys were Billy MacGibbon and Bobby Grannis. Billy killed the snake in the MacGibbon yard and the two skinned it and cooked it without assistance. In fact, they were in doubt whether they could get assistance from their folks.

The snake had six rattles and a button.

Is it a pass? Sept. 11, 1975

Who says football referees don't work hard? These three officials took a half-time rest Friday afternoon while Creswell's Bulldogs took a break from their "Harvest Bowl" scrimmage to rest and regroup for second-half play. This

weekend, area residents will have to "take to the road" if they want to watch their favorite officials in action, as both Cottage Grove and Creswell are on the road for their opening football action.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Sept. 4

Suspicious Conditions

A caller advised police that subjects were going from trailer to trailer trying back doors. The caller was reportedly concerned for the safety of the subjects attempting to get into the trailers. Officers determined a subject to be wanted for trespassing on an earlier charge.

Medical Assist

The caller required medical attention for withdrawals, he was transported to CGH ER for medical evaluation. The man suffered from a rectal tear and was instructed to eat more fibrous foods.

Mental Illness

A caller advised that he was hearing thousands of shots

fired and believes his brother has shot children and is hiding them on the property. CG PD received multiple calls from this caller and transferred him to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Sept. 6

Theft

A male caller advised police that a woman took money from his wallet early in the morning. The officer contacted the caller for additional info who advised that the subject was visiting last night and he was hoping to get some "loving" and that this morning he found his wallet in the bathroom missing \$200 in cash and the subject was gone. The subject denied that she took the wallet; officers did not press charges for theft.

Theft Follow Up

While investigating the previous theft, officers contacted the subject who admitted to taking sunglasses and CDs from a vehicle at Walmart. The subject denied having a taser at the time of the incident and agreed to meet with the officer at the police department on Sept. 11.

Theft

The victim came into the police station to file the report that occurred sometime the night before. A Might Mac Gas Powered Chipper/Shredder was taken from the complainant's front yard. Its estimated value is \$600

CITY BEAT Selections from the City of Cottage Grove's Friday Update

Transportation System Plan open house

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the Community Development Department will host an open house from 5:30-7 p.m. in the backroom of Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant to share the Draft 2015 Transportation System Plan (TSP), which includes recommendations for projects to improve the City's transportation system to meet projected needs over the next 20 years.

"It is an important document, which guides the work the City,

County and State will do on the pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle transportation system," said City Manager Richard Meyers. Those seeking more information can contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340 or via email at planner@cottagegrove.org. The draft plan will be on-line for review by the last week of September. Visit <http://cottagegrovetps.org/> to view the draft and explore the planning process in detail.

Kids and family "Asset Mapping Forum" seeks input

An Asset Mapping Forum scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29 aims to hear from community organizations and individuals regarding the services and supports currently provided for children and families by organizations, churches, community groups, etc. The forum takes place from 6-8 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Community Center.

The 90X30 Initiative (<http://90by30.uoregon.edu/home>) is sponsoring this event, the beginning of an Asset Mapping process to articulate assets Cottage Grove have to support kids and families in our community.

Raptor Center Family Pass available at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library has a Cascade Raptor Center Family Pass available for check out. The pass covers \$26 in free admission to the Raptor Center, which is enough for most families.

Equipment upgrades

Over the next few weeks, Public Works will be replacing three pieces of equipment that the City says have reached the end of their useful life. The first piece of equipment to be replaced is a 2007 Elgin Eagle Street Sweeper, which is being

replaced with a 2015 Schwarze Avalanche street sweeper.

Also being replaced are a 1999 John Deere 4600 tractor at Middlefield Golf Course and Case skid-steer loader, to be replaced by a 2015 John Deere 4052M tractor. This tractor will be used to load material and pull gang mowers when necessary. The third piece of equipment to be replaced is a 1994 John Deere tractor-mounted Tiger mower which is being replaced with a 2005 John Deere tractor-mounted Tiger mower from Lane County. The Elgin Street Sweeper will be used as a trade-in against the purchase price of the Schwarze Street Sweeper. The equipment being replaced will be sold at public auction. Funds to purchase all three pieces of equipment were allocated in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget.

The water meter that serves Harrison Elementary School failed and needed to be replaced. This week, the City Utilities crew replaced the three-inch meter that serves the school. With school starting next week, the City says it was important that this work happen before the school is full of students, as water was shut-off for several hours while the meter was replaced.

All-America City Square bell tower painting

The City says the bell tower that adorns All-America City Square at Seventh and Main Streets, will soon be repainted. The original paint on the bell tower has started to peel and fade. Public Works has contracted to have the bell tower power washed, scraped, primed, and painted over the next few weeks. The City said the bell tower will be repainted with colors that are as close to the original colors as possible.

Harrison Elementary school water meter



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THURSDAY Sept. 10 52° 85° Sunny	FRIDAY Sept. 11 54° 89° Sunny
SATURDAY Sept. 12 54° 88° Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY Sept. 13 51° 81° Sunny
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