

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

Sept. 14, 2005

Troops bus out from Cottage Grove

Troops from the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry loaded on three buses Sept. 6 in Cottage Grove and headed for New Orleans as part of the Oregon National Guard 41st Brigade Combat Team relief mission. Troops arrived Sept. 7 began security work.

First Sgt. Jeffrey McDowell said the Oregon First National Guard would aid in securing New Orleans.

"We all took all of our equipment for going into the area. Soldiers have been purchasing goods in town," McDowell said. We could be

there at least a month."

The 41st Brigade Combat Team has established a brigade headquarters and soldiers from other battalions continue to flow into the city.

Guardsmen from the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry returned from a tour of duty in Iraq in March and April.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski received a call from the Federal Emergency Management Agency late last week, following reorganization of federal relief efforts, asking that state, county and city efforts remain on stand-by. According to FEMA, it is unlikely that the Oregon shelter for evacuees will be needed.

This week, some National Guard military police returned to Portland after a week in New Orleans.



Sept. 18, 1975: CG launches City Hall project — Area residents who have waited for some time for signs of construction activity at the Main Street site of Cottage Grove's proposed City Hall got a treat last week. Work crews at the site poured concrete for the first time and the concrete truck that delivered the first load nearly didn't make it out of the construction site.

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

POLICE BLOTTER

Sept. 7

Theft, Thayer Ave

Caller advised her neighbor came on her property, ripped down an election sign and took it. The caller retrieved the sign out of the neighbor's recycle bin. All parties were counseled.

Civil Problem 2nd St.

The caller requested an officer regarding the caller's neighbor tearing down a fence that is partially on his property. The officer contacted the caller for more info, and also contacted the neighbor, and determined that fencing being built is on the neighbor's property and not on the caller's property, that neighbor is constructing and paying for the fence and the issue does not involve the caller's property

at all.

Sept. 8

Criminal Mischief, River Rd.

A caller advised an unknown subject was doing donuts in the parking lot of the location during the weekend. No information at this time and no real damage. A patrol car was posted for Sunday and Monday night graveyard shifts.

Information, Gateway Blvd

Officers were advised by a citizen that a subject drove around the back of the location in a stolen two-tone blue pickup truck. The officers located the vehicle going eastbound on Main St. and the subject attempted to elude them. Officers last saw the

vehicle at Layng Rd.

Follow-up 99/N River Rd.

A man was taken into custody for possession, manufacture and delivery of meth along with possession of ecstasy. The subject was taken to the police department and is scheduled to appear in circuit court on Sept. 22.

Burglary, Patrick Loop

A caller came home to find somebody in her home and her vehicle that was parked in the driveway was running and appeared to be occupied. The caller could see the subject opening the windows.

Sept. 9

Welfare Check, Gibbs Ave.

Near the church, a caller advised a kid wearing a baseball cap in black jeans and a sweat-shirt was punching himself and hitting the building. Officer was requested to check on him.

Sept. 11

Burglar Attempt, Quincy

Caller advised hearing his neighbor's car alarm go off and went outside to see an unknown person had torn the screen off of his window and believes they were trying to get in. Staff later advised someone threw a rock at their door and took off and saw two subjects walking away.

Theft of Service, Row River Rd.

The caller advised that a male

subject has parked his RV at Walmart and has ran an extension chord from the caller's RV outlet to his own vehicle. It has been an ongoing problem for at least a month. The subject was cited for theft of services

Sept. 12

Suspicious Condition, Whiteaker GWP

Caller advised that he was called by his friend who said he was inside the restroom of an unknown business when they closed the business. The subject said he was locked inside the business and the caller didn't know the name of the business in English, but will be standing by in front of El Tapatio.

OFFBEAT

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The Unwritten Law was actually discussed by name in court during this case, until the judge interjected that there was no such thing as The Unwritten Law, and ordered the jury to give it no consideration in the verdict. Nevertheless, a rose by any other name is still a rose, and when the verdict came in after just 30 minutes of deliberation, it was a clear victory for The Unwritten Law: "Not Guilty on Account of Insanity."

But the headline the Morning Oregonian chose to apply to its final article on the Bowsby-Jennings affair nicely sums up the growing ambivalence the newspaper was feeling about The Unwritten Law: "ANOTHER

SLAYER ACQUITTED."

It was an ambivalence that would ripen into full-blown revolt later that same year, in an event involving a jealous wife-beater, a philandering policeman, a saloon and a gunfight. We'll talk about that case next week.

(Sources: Portland Morning Oregonian archives, June 15 & 20 and Oct. 13, 1907)

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

Two Public Works employees achieve higher certification

Public Works Utilities crew members Larry Carlton and Ron Powers passed the examination this week to achieve a Wastewater Collections 2 certification. Both Carlton and Powers currently hold the position of Maintenance Worker 2 with the City. With the achievement of the Wastewater Collections 2 Certification, they will be advanced to the position of Maintenance Worker 3.

Oregon DEQ requires that someone on staff hold at least a Wastewater Collections 3 Certification and be the primary responsible person for overseeing the operation of the wastewater collection system. Currently, this role falls to Utilities employee Mike O'Reilly. DEQ further requires that someone on staff be designated as a back-up to the person holding the Level 3 Certification and, this person

must hold at least a Wastewater Collections 2 Certification to fill the role. The City says it is now in full compliance with current DEQ regulations that relate to the operations of the City's wastewater collection system.

Urban Forestry Committee hosts seminar

Kristin Ramstad of the Oregon Department of Forestry Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program presented a Brown Bag Seminar titled "The Cost of Not Maintaining Your City's Trees" at the Community Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Topics covered were an overview of the current research on determining the cost of delayed maintenance, framework for understanding and planning tree maintenance activities and easy ways to change your city's approach to tree management. In attendance were members of staff from our neighboring community Drain and Cottage

Grove Public Works staff.

Pilcrow Foundation books are in

The public is invited to stop by the Cottage Grove Public Library soon to check out the new book collection that the Library recently received through a grant from the Pilcrow Foundation. The Friends of the Cottage Grove Library contributed \$400 in matching funds toward this grant. Berenson and Laura Ackerman offered an additional donation of \$400 to purchase math and science books for the collection.

Oregon offers assistance to first-time homebuyers

The Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services announced that its Oregon Bond program currently has resources available to help first-time homebuyers get a mortgage loan at below market interest rates. "For many members of our community, home-

ownership remains a key part of the American dream," said Margaret Van Vliet, Director. "My agency, Oregon Housing and Community Services, is pleased to be able to help qualified first-time homebuyers' access loan products that will help ensure their home remains affordable for years to come."

OHCS works in partnership with participating mortgage lenders, local governments, and non-profit organizations to assist first-time homebuyers. A list of participating mortgage lenders is available here: <http://o.hcs.state.or.us/lenders/lenderlocator.jsp>.

To learn more and see if you qualify, visit: http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/HD/SFF/forms/oregon_bond_program_income_limits.pdf.

Book Club Forming

A new book club is forming at the CG Library, and the first gathering is Monday, Sept. 28 from 6:30-8 p.m.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Sept. 17 49° 59° Rain	FRIDAY Sept. 18 49° 74° Sunny
SATURDAY Sept. 19 49° 76° Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY Sept. 20 51° 79° Sunny
MONDAY Sept. 21 44° 69° Showers	TUESDAY Sept. 22 45° 68° Sunny

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