

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

## Oct. 2, 1985: Boxcar takes a ride



Monroe St. resident David Mrvich eyes the sleeping boxcar which came to life last Thursday. Twenty-seven flat cars had pushed the sleeping boxcar off the tracks. It had been idle for nearly a decade.

## Local man takes a jaunt to Siberia

Sept. 27, 1995

Pat Patterson's love of the outdoors has taken him to more than his share of out-of-the-way campsites. But one of his latests jaunts makes "out of the way" seem like an understatement. The Cottage Grove city councilman and longtime scout leader traveled halfway around the world this summer as part of a team of American scouts invited to help promote the scouting in the former Soviet Union. And while some American scouts spent hours in meetings on how to organize, fund and administer scout programs, Patterson pulled a plum assignment: Working directly with the Siberian Scouts on the shores of Lake Baikal.

"We called ourselves the Lost Children of the Baikal," said Patterson, laughing. "They were up doing those meetings eight hours a day while we were out singing songs and having fun with the kids." Patterson spoke virtually no Russian and few of the Siberians spoke English, but communication was easy. "I didn't have any problem," said Patterson, "kids are kids." But getting there was another matter. Siberia has no integrated highway system, which leaves travelers little choice but to ride the Trans-Siberian Railway or fly. And flying in the former Soviet Union can be a hair-raising experience. "When we landed in Omsk, there were all these planes sitting there with their cowlings pulled off," said Patterson.

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

## POLICE BLOTTER

Sept. 21

### Suicidal Subject W Main St.

Caller advised that the subject is making threats via Facebook and texts that he is going to kill himself, subject was at the above location and given a courtesy ride to the ER

### Suicidal Subject Row River Rd.

Caller reported that her brother may be suicidal and has made threats to harm himself. The subject reportedly left Cottage Grove. The caller called back and reported the subject is at the Chevron station on Row River Rd. Officers contacted the subject and transported him to the ER for a volun-

tary mental evaluation.

### Motor Vehicle Accident Harvey Rd.

Multiple 911 calls came in saying an unknown vehicle had crashed into a tree. An additional report said the vehicle came off of I-5, went down the embankment and ran into a tree. Officers confirmed the vehicle didn't come off of I-5 and instead

came off of Harvey Rd. No injuries were reported.

were in trouble and he was disciplining them.

Sept. 22

Domestic Disturbance Chestnut Ave. Caller advised seeing the father at the address outside yelling threats to the four children inside the residence. The subject was contacted and advised that the kids

### Bike Theft S R St.

Caller advised her sons new bike was taken from the bike rack at school (which was not locked) and occurred within the last 30 minutes since the call. The bike is a red BMX style bike with fat red tires; the bike is brand new.

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

### Transportation System Plan update 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). The draft TSP 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.

Citizen input into projects, priorities, and recommendations is greatly welcomed.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340 or via email at [planner@cottagegrove.org](mailto: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.

### Emergency management annual conference

This week, Cottage Grove's Emergency Manager, Howard Schesser, and City Planner,

Amanda Ferguson, attended the Joint 2015 Oregon and Washington Emergency Management Associations Conference in Vancouver, Wash. The theme was "Building Bridges - Working Together," which was reflected throughout the conference. Reports from both State Military and Emergency Management Departments were presented. Keynote speakers included Jan McInnis, who spoke on finding the funny in change, focusing on how to defuse tension in stressful situations; Bill Steele spoke on Earthquake Early Warning systems being developed by the University of Washington; Laurie Holien gave an update on Cascadia; and Laurence Gonzales, author of "Deep Survival," spoke on

how to bring the principals of survival to help face adversity, to manage risk and enhance decision making. Workshops included topics on Fall-Winter Weather Outlook for 2015-16; Freight Rail Emergency Response/Hazard Mat; Personal Belongings Reunification - the SRT 530 Slide Experience; and developing field response teams for Public Health. Schesser was also recognized for his 15 years of participation in OEMA.

### Oregon Water Utilities Council

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Public Works Director Jan Wellman attended

the monthly meeting of the Oregon Water Utilities Council (OWUC) in Bend. OWUC represents the interests of water utilities around the State in legislative, legal, regulatory, and policy matters.

OWUC has also been at the forefront of issues surrounding the Willamette Reservoir Study and the proposed allocation of water rights, from excess stored water, to municipal use. It is important for Cottage Grove to stay abreast of these issues as we plan for future water development needs.

### Saddle span disassembled

The saddle span that has graced Bohemia Park this past summer and was the venue for several concerts in the park was disassembled last week for winter storage. Last year, Public Works acquired a large box trailer, which is used to store the cover material, support poles and security cameras. The trailer is parked at the City Shop over the winter months, and the saddle span will be reassembled next spring for the 2016 concerts in the park series and other activities.

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<b>THURSDAY Oct. 1</b> 45°   72° Partly Cloudy	<b>FRIDAY Oct. 2</b> 45°   76° Sunny
<b>SATURDAY Oct. 3</b> 51°   74° Partly Cloudy	<b>SUNDAY Oct. 4</b> 47°   74° Sunny
<b>MONDAY Oct. 5</b> 48°   74° Sunny	<b>TUESDAY Oct. 6</b> 46°   73° Partly Cloudy

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