

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

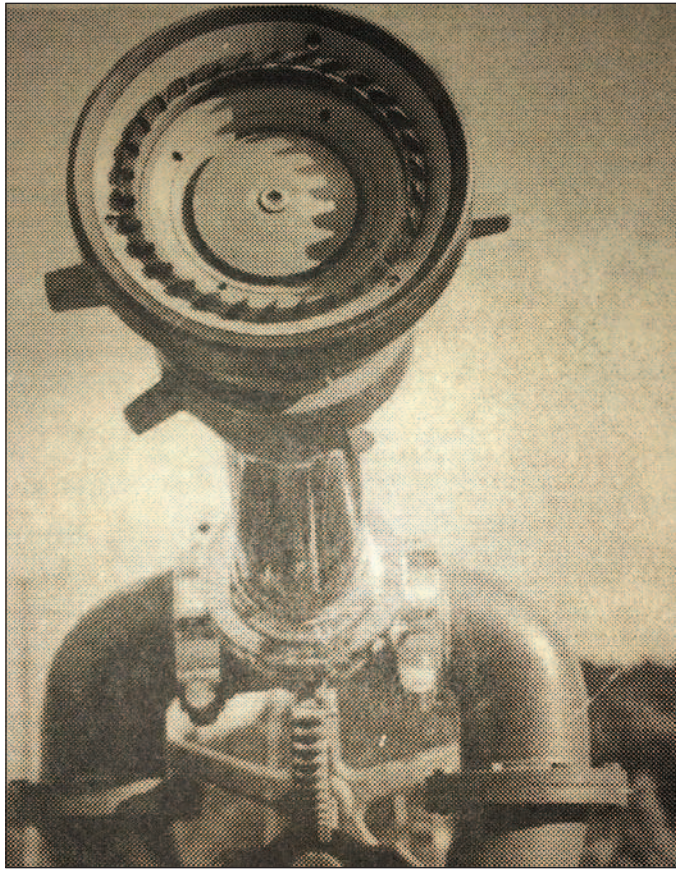
POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department
24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line:
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Nov. 20,
1975

Expanded fire service means stations that add more dollars

The new "deck gun" on Cottage Grove's fire engines can deliver 1,000 gallons of water per minute.



Nov. 15, 1945
Nov. 22 declared as Thanksgiving

Acting Governor Howard C. Belton yesterday proclaimed Nov. 22 as Thanksgiving Day, asking Oregonians to resolve themselves to the "peaceful tasks of rebuilding and reconstruction."

Belton also suggested that we "thank God together that right has prevailed over might in the great struggle."

The text of the proclamation: "Among the finest traditions of our country is that of the annual observance of Thanksgiving day. It has its roots in the earliest history of the nation, and it was first proclaimed by one of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln. The custom of proclaiming it has a day for giving thanks and for rededication to the tasks of citizenship has grown and strengthened ever since."

"This year there is a special cause for giving our humble thanks to Almighty God."

"The most terrible war in the annals of mankind is over."

"Our sons and daughters are returning to their homes and can look forward to becoming useful citizens in a world at peace."

"The battles are won, the guns are still. And free men can again walk upright without fear."

Nov. 11

Animal Neglect and Abuse, Prospector Pk.

A reporting person at the station advised of a male subject abusing a dog at the location. The subject was throwing things at him and trying to throw him into traffic. The suspect was described as a tall and older man wearing a camo jacket and had a bike "with lots of stuff." Officers contacted the subject and reprimanded the subject, who then complied. No injury to the dog was observable.

wheels and a black tool box in the back. A yellow Australian shepherd was in the vehicle when it was stolen.

Theft, Cherry Ct.

A reporting person advised that 26-inch tires and rims with disc brakes were taken from a bicycle while parked at the location. The theft occurred earlier in the afternoon and the value of the stolen equipment is estimated at \$300.

Nov. 13

Missing Adult, Brice Crk.

A caller advised of a male subject that walked into his yard and then advised that his girlfriend was lost in the woods. The caller was transferred to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Nov. 12

ATL Information, citywide

An attempt to locate a red Ford Ranger was issued. The vehicle was found with a full tank of gas with keys in the vehicle and possible damage to the front. The truck had chrome

BIKEWAYS

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highlights the use of the state's 12 official Scenic Bikeways, of which Cottage Grove's Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway was one of the first eight commissioned in Oregon (and one of the first in the nation) back in 2012.

Back then, a consultant hired to facilitate a meeting outlining what the bikeway could mean for Cottage Grove's economy, Scott Bricker, said the designation could be "really big from a marketing standpoint," and by the look of numbers prepared for the recent study, it appears

that Bricker was correct.

According to the study, cyclists visiting Cottage Grove last year contributed almost \$1.4 million to the local economy, and those contributions add up to the equivalent of 18 additional jobs here. The majority of that money was spent on accommodations and food, with retail purchases totaling \$602,000 and arts and entertainment spending at \$20,000.

The tally of 8400 visitors last year places the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway at number four in terms of ridership among the 12 bikeways, a figure that impressed Cottage Grove City

Manager Richard Meyers, who sits on a Travel Lane County committee related to promoting the bikeways statewide and beyond. The list was led by the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway, which Meyers recently pointed out to the Cottage Grove City Council as the bikeway nearest the population centers of Portland. Next were the Tualatin Valley and McKenzie Pass Scenic Bikeways, with 12,200 and 11,300 riders last year, respectively.

By far, the majority of riders enjoyed the bikeways alone or with friends, though organized cycling events contributed another 1900 riders and group tours added another 1800.

As is the case with many of the bikeways, most riders of the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway came there for a day trip as opposed to an overnight stay, though those who stayed overnight understandably spent more money during their visit. Most

planned their ride ahead of time, and a majority traveled between 100 and 200 miles to get to Cottage Grove for their ride. When they got here, over half spent their time in commercial lodgings, with campgrounds and RV parks rating second at over 37 percent of overnight stays. The majority of riders came here during the hot months of July and August.

According to Meyers, the study points out the positive impact the Scenic Bikeway has on Cottage Grove's economy and tourism, while also raising questions of how the City and other organizations can promote the ancillary benefits of the Bikeway through promotions like the Chamber of Commerce's Bridges and Beyond campaign, which markets the Bikeway to a statewide audience. He said Travel Lane County wants communities to ask questions of the riders, such as what they enjoyed about their visits and what

communities can do to enhance them.

Meyers said riders of the Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway have indicated a desire to see more "fix-it" stations for bicycle repairs, in addition to more availability of public restrooms. Cyclists routinely list automobile traffic as the least desirable aspect of any ride, and Meyers said Cottage Grove's bikeway, which is free of car traffic and has just upgraded safety features to protect riders at intersections, stands out for that reason. Meyers added that the study does not take into account the day-to-day ridership of locals who use the bike path as a means for transportation, making it a multi-purpose attraction.

Paul Tocco, owner of Buster's Café downtown, sees a lot of Cottage Grove visitors in his business, including cyclists.

"There are a ton of them, always," Tocco said, though he added that many local busi-

nesses don't see a lot of those visitors and they could see more with more facilities in place to cater to cyclists.

"A lot of bicyclists come here and then leave because there's no infrastructure in place for them," he said. "There aren't even water stations, and there's really no place to safely park a bike. Their bikes are expensive, and they don't want to leave them unguarded."

Tocco said many cyclists sit in the front of his restaurant to watch their bikes parked outside, though if they've driven here and can keep their bike on their car, they tend to stay longer. In addition, he said a lot of cyclists visit Cottage Grove on Sunday, when many downtown businesses are closed.

"It's definitely one of the big draws in the area," he said. "Bike traffic is huge, but we could do more."

CITY BEAT

Leaf pickup began Monday

Cottage Grove's Public Works Department began collecting residential leaves from city streets on Monday and will continue through this Friday, Nov. 20. Leaf collection will resume Dec. 14-18 and continue Dec. 28-31. Those seeking specific tips on leaf placement in streets and other safety considerations can review the Leaf Pickup Brochure on-line at www.cottagegrove.org or call (541) 942-3349 to request a copy of the brochure. This is a free service to city residents.

Broken water main repaired

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Public Works utilities crew repaired a broken water main beneath in Highway 99 near the Koffee Kup restaurant. This is a six-inch cast iron water line that the City said had developed a crack completely around the pipe. The utilities crew was able to install a repair clamp to strengthen the pipe and stop the flow of water before it became a "gusher". This particular water main dates from the 1960s and only has six service connections, one of which is the wastewater treatment plant. There is an alternate 12-inch water line that is located under the sidewalk, on the west side

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of Highway 99 that serves the remainder of the service connections in the area.

Young Adult Services Symposium

Cottage Grove librarians Angela Arena and Valarie Johns attended the YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium in Portland this past weekend. YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) is a division of the American Library Association whose mission is to strengthen library services for teens. The Symposium is their annual conference, which consists of educational workshops, technology training, author events, professional development and networking opportunities with other librarians from all over the country. Arena and Johns reportedly returned full of ideas for new teen programs and author events.

They also brought back almost 20 free new books, most signed by the authors, for the library's circulating and professional collections. This is the first time that this conference has been held in Oregon.

Book Club for Kids

The Cottage Grove Public Library will host its next Book Club for Kids this Saturday, Nov. 21 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The group, which is meant for fourth to sixth-graders, will be discussing "The Fairy-Tale Detectives" by Michael Buckley.

Light giveaway

On Thursday, Dec. 3 from 3-6 p.m., Lane Transit District will be giving away free bike, walk or skate lights (while they last) at Bohemia Park.



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THURSDAY Nov. 19

46° | 50°

Rain

FRIDAY Nov. 20

38° | 49°

Poss. Showers

SATURDAY Nov. 21

35° | 49°

Partly Cloudy

SUNDAY Nov. 22

34° | 49°

Poss. Showers

MONDAY Nov. 23

37° | 48°

Poss. Showers

TUESDAY Nov. 24

31° | 44°

Poss. Showers

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