

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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



Voice of Democracy Contestants
Dec. 1, 1955

Following last Tuesday night's third local VOD contest, contestants are pictured receiving their gift certificates from Jaycee members. JC President Bill Githens, left, is shown giving certificates to Ninette Lindsey and Doris Van Antwerp, this year's winner, while the '54 winner, Bill Vertrees, gets his envelope from Don Gassaway, VOD chairman.

Dec. 4, 1985

Lions to bank on speed, quickness

Donn Pollard is happy with the direction the boys' basketball program is going, and the prospect of how much further it can improve this year.

But bettering last year's 9-11 overall record with this season's young group won't be an easy task. And on top of that, Pollard expects the Midwestern League to be even tougher than a year ago.

"Four teams have returning first team all-league players," Pollard said of Springfield with Keith Reynolds, Sheldon and Dave Dufort, North Eugene with Todd Gressler, and North Bend and Jason Younker. "So the quality of the competition is real good."

"Springfield won it last year and they weren't supposed to do it until this year."

Last winter, the Lions were one of only two teams in the district

to topple the league champion Millers. However, six seniors got most of the playing time, leaving Pollard with numerous holes to fill.

"I feel we have good young talent and I'm looking forward to a good year, but it will all depend on how well we come along," he said.

The present squad has only three seniors, none of which saw any varsity action last season. The strength of the team lies in eight juniors, while two sophomores round out the varsity unit. So if none of the seniors have varsity experience, where will the leadership come from?

The coach is hoping his team will overcome its youth with its competitiveness. Pollard also thinks the strengths of his team are speed and quickness.

Christmas events galore scheduled this weekend

This weekend's Christmas in Cottage Grove celebration will offer a host of events to kick off the holiday season this Saturday, Dec. 5. Here's a list of a few of Saturday's attractions:

Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk: Kids events begin at 8:30 a.m. at Cottage Grove High School, and the 5K race starts at 9 a.m.

Breakfast with Santa: South Lane County Fire and Rescue will host the morning meal with St. Nick, which takes place at Station 2-1 on Harrison Ave. from 8-11 a.m. Saturday.

Bazaars: The Prospectors and Goldiggers will host a holiday bazaar including shopping, lights and decorations at the Dr. Snapp House on River Road from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dorena School will also host a bazaar at Cottage Grove High School to benefit Dorena's preschool music program from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria.

Museum open house: The Cottage Grove Museum, an old church at the corner of H and Birch Streets in the Northwest Neighborhood, will hold an open house and museum tours in the evening hours Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. Entitled "Stained Glass and Candlelight," the event also offers a chance to view the illuminated stained glass windows in the museum building.

Tree lighting, block party: Santa Claus will make a stop at Trailhead Park to help light the Downtown Christmas Tree at 5 p.m., and the Cottage Grove Faith Center's block party will take place in the parking lot adjacent to Stacy's Covered Bridge restaurant from 5:30-8 p.m. The block party will feature marshmallow roasting, caroling and a Christmas

tree giveaway. Pictures with Santa Claus will be taken at City Hall. Every 20 minutes, a shuttle provided by South Lane Wheels will transport people from the Village Green, which is showcasing its fully decorated gardens and other holiday opportunities from 5-9 p.m., to the festivities downtown.

Art Walk: Wooden art objects, unique pieces made from feathers and antique buttons, pine needle baskets, paintings, drawings, jewelry and more are on tap for downtown Cottage Grove's final Art Walk of 2015. Downtown businesses will be open and festive for the event from 6-8 p.m.

Music offerings: A holiday music review scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. will be held at the Opal Center, 513 E. Main Street downtown. Students ages 5-19 will perform solos and in groups. A free holiday concert will begin Saturday at 2 p.m. Cottage Grove United Methodist Church, 334 Washington Ave. Four students from the University of Oregon's School of Music perform classic selections and Christmas music that concludes with audience singing of popular Christmas carols. Cookies and coffee will be served after the concert. For more information call 541-942-3033.

Advent festival: The First Presbyterian Church's Advent Festival will take place Sunday from 3-6 p.m. at 216 S. Third St. The event includes wreath making, crafts, frosting sweet treats, fleece blanket activity for a service project, dinner (soup or chili provided) attendees are welcome to bring an appetizer, bread, salad or dessert to share. A brief, casual worship service will conclude the afternoon.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Nov. 23

Nov. 24

Nov. 28

Nov. 29

Computer Crime, Elk Dr.

A caller believes someone was hacking his computer and draining his bank accounts. The caller was transferred to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Burglary, E. Main St.

A caller reported that a business has been burglarized over the weekend. There was a sign of forced entry through the front door.

Attempt to Elude, Row River Rd.

A dark colored Mustang sped off from an intersection and ran a red light. The car has unknown plates and is possibly driven by a male. The vehicle left at a high rate of speed eastbound on Row River Rd.

Welfare Check, City

Officer Burgin learned that a subject may be suicidal and requested an attempt to locate for a welfare check. The reported method was to be an overdose on heroin.

Unauthorized use of Vehicle, Whiteaker St.

A caller advised that his teal 91 Ford Escort was stolen from a parking lot at the location within the last hour. Caller was at the Great Western Pub at the time.

Agency Assist, E. Main St. PD

A call came in to request a unit to standby when a possible victim was to pull into the parking lot of the police department. The victim thought a male, which turned out to be her ex husband, was on I5 and trying to force her off of the roadway. The victim drove to the CG exit and pulled into the parking lot of the police department and waited in the lobby for Oregon State Police.

Assault, N 8th St.

A caller reported that his ex wife assaulted him during a child custody exchange. The subject left the location ten minutes ago, possibly en route back to Creswell area. The caller declined medical aid but filed a physical harassment report and was provided with a victim's rights card.

Nov. 30

Criminal Mischief, Row River Rd.

A caller advised of a male subject that came into the store, picked up a gallon jug of milk and spilled the milk all over the place and then ran out of the business. He was wearing a blue Columbia jacket, last seen on foot westbound on the bikepath. The caller chose not to press charges.

CITY BEAT

Public hearing scheduled for transportation plan

The Cottage Grove City Council will consider the updated Transportation System Plan for the City of Cottage Grove including the urban growth area in a public hearing scheduled for the regular council meeting on Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the plan on Nov. 18 and recommended approval. The staff

report, public hearing minutes and proposed ordinance will be provided with the agenda prior to the public hearing. City Council will hold a worksession on the draft plan on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. No public input will be taken at that time. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340 or via email at planner@cottagegrove.org. Visit <http://cottagegrovetp.org/> to view the draft and explore the planning process in detail.

Selections from the City of Cottage Grove's Friday Update

Population estimates

The City has received the annual Preliminary 2015 Population Estimate from Portland State University. The preliminary estimate puts the City of Cottage Grove population at 9,875 on July 1, 2015. The preliminary estimate will be certified by Dec. 15. The Population Research Center at Portland State University produces the annual Population Estimates for Oregon and its counties and cities. These estimates are used by the state and local governments, various organizations and agencies for revenue sharing, funds allocation and planning purposes.

Lighting the Christmas tree

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Community Christmas Tree in Trailhead Park will be lit by Santa Claus at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the lighting of the tree and then join the celebration with the Christmas in Downtown following the lighting ceremony. Santa will once again make his way to City Hall after the lighting and be available to visit with kids of all ages until 8 p.m. Photos will be taken and made available on the City's webpage. There will be a wealth of activities all day long. Check out the Chamber of Commerce website for a complete list of all the events or pick up a schedule at the Chamber visitor center in the Community Center.

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The drawing will be held on 1/12/2016
at the American Legion Post
826 W. Main, Cottage Grove, OR

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Dec. 3 41° 53° Poss. Showers	FRIDAY Dec. 4 40° 49° Poss. showers
SATURDAY Dec. 5 43° 51° Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY Dec. 6 41° 49° Poss. Showers
MONDAY Dec. 7 46° 51° Cloudy	TUESDAY Dec. 8 45° 54° Rain

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