

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Dec. 22, 1955

A.L. Woodard 98 years old today; 109 descendants

Today (Thursday) is the birthday of Cottage Grove's oldest resident. A. L. Woodard, who came to Cottage Grove March 1, 1900 and has reached the 98th milestone in years.

A count of Mr. Woodard's living descendants numbers 109, including seven children, 34 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren. Youngest of these is Bernice Lucille Forward, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swanson (Genevieve Woodard) and great-granddaughter of Walter A. Woodard of Cottage Grove. The baby was born Nov. 7, 1955, to Ann Swanson Forward and her husband Richard A. Forward, of Chico, Calif.

The hours pass slowly for the aged man whose zest for living has been remarkable and whose years of active life have

stretched far beyond those of most other men.

For many years, Mr. Woodard operated sawmills in this community. Later he took to building houses, which he engaged in until the past two or three years.

Mr. Woodard was born December 22, 1857, at Dixon Ill. He was married March 19, 1881, to Ella J. Young, who passed away almost 18 years ago. For a number of years he farmed in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, finally moving to Wheaton, Ill. Here, although he had a wife and seven children to support, he attended Wheaton College for seven years. Youngest child, Juliette (Mrs. Albert Hull), was born at Wheaton shortly before the family came to Cottage Grove in 1900.

Tips for keeping dogs safe in the outdoors during trapping season

With many furbearer trapping seasons underway until March 31, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reminds dog owners to be aware that trapping activities could occur in areas where they walk or hike with their dogs.

Traps can be set on public land, but state regulations require they be set at minimum distances from designated trails and public use areas. Traps may also be set on private land by permission of the landowner.

"Dogs running loose run the risk of being accidentally captured in legally set traps, which could cause serious injury or even death," said Derek Broman, ODFW furbearer coordinator. "To help keep dogs safe and prevent such tragedies from happening, we want their owners to be aware of the possibility of trapping activity in areas where they spend time outdoors with their dogs."

ODFW also recommends that dog owners:

Keep your dog on a leash. Or, keep your dog in sight and under voice command—don't let the dog wander off, especially out of sight.

Keep your dog on designated trails and within designated public use areas. Traps must be set at minimum distances away from these locations (more information below).

Remember traps are often found near water as many furbearers (beaver, muskrat, nutria) are targeted under water or the water's edge.

Remember lures and baits used by trappers can attract dogs, too (another reason to keep the dog under control).

If the dog is often off trails and designated public use areas, understand how to release a dog from a trap. Idaho Fish and Game

(<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/hunt/trappedPetBrochure.pdf>) and Alaska Fish and Game (http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=trapping_sharing) have brochures and videos with detailed how-tos.

Carry the appropriate tools (cable cutter and length of rope) to be prepared in case you need to release your dog from a trap or snare.

It is illegal to disturb or remove the traps or snares of another person. Individuals that see traps they believe are illegally set should not disturb the trap, but contact Oregon State Police. OSP can identify the owner of a legally set trap through a unique branding number required on each trap.

Oregon has about 1,200 licensed trappers. Before becoming licensed, trappers in Oregon must take an education course and pass an exam that deals with topics like wildlife identification, trapping ethics, and setting traps to catch target animals and avoid non-target animals. Those requirements and the Oregon furbearer regulations both incorporate scientific findings on the best management practices for regulated trapping in the United States for animal welfare, trap efficiency, trap selectivity, trapper and public safety, and the practical application of various trap types.

Most trapping seasons opened Nov. 15 or Dec. 1 and end Feb. 28 or March 31. A few seasons are open the entire year, but winter is the most popular time to trap because pelts are in prime condition. Trappers are required to submit an annual report on their efforts, harvest, and wildlife observations, which provides insight on over 16 wildlife species statewide.



Dec. 20, 1995—Local families get together to bake cookies

Cinnamon, vanilla and almond scents fill the air and the Duncan family kitchen bustles with activity. It's the 16th annual cookie baking party for the Drain family and their friends. Over the years, the families have changed and the children have grown, yet cookie day remains the same: a tradition that is a touchstone in the year for

young and old. Dozens of treats will be made in more than 15 varieties. The bounty will then be divided and carried home to three households. A huge holiday baking chore will be accomplished in one day filled with warmth, sweets, laughter and reminiscence.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Dec. 14

Information, Birch Ave

A reporting person requested an officer regarding threats made by a person that is currently at CG hospital but is about to be released. The subject made verbal threats to kill another subject.

Dec. 15

Unauthorized use of Vehicle, E. Madison Ave.

A caller at the police department requested an officer in regards of a theft of a motorcycle from the backyard of the location. The motorcycle was impounded by Taylor's Towing

and towed the motorcycle to the PD impound lot.

Unlawful entry to MV, Mosby Creek Trailhead

A caller advised his vehicle was broken into at the location and multiple items were taken. The Eugene Police Department was contacted and requested to drive by victim's home to make sure it isn't being burglarized.

Dec. 16

Suspicious Conditions, N K St.

A caller advised that a subject threw out unknown items during a traffic stop and is now

looking for whatever it was that was thrown out.

Detox, E Main St.

A reporting person by the name of Susie advised that a male subject was refusing to leave her business after having been asked to do so. An officer contacted the subject at the location and took him in to custody for non-criminal detox; he was transported to the station for lodging.

Dec. 17

Suspicious subject, N River Rd.

A caller advised of a naked male walking in the roadway near the location. Officers conducted an extensive check of the area for the subject but were unable to locate him.

Dec. 18

Agency Assist, E Main St. PD

A caller advised his vehicle went off the road into the river. He can see a sign that says Delight Valley School Road and Sears Road. With additional info from Oregon State Police, it appears the vehicle is possibly in the median between the northbound and southbound lanes in a ditch, not the river.

Dec. 19

Burglary, Pleasant View Dr.

Caller advised of a possible burglary in progress at the location. The caller also advised that there are tracks leading into the house and there is a lawnmower in the front yard that shouldn't be there. The caller's uncle is on scene and armed with an AR-15.

Theft of Bike, Jefferson Ave.

Caller advised her bike was stolen out of the backyard of the location last night.



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CITY BEAT Selections from the City's Friday Update

Police visit local nursing homes

On Thursday, Dec. 17, members of the Cottage Grove Police Department helped spread holiday cheer to residents at Coast Fork Nursing Center, Middlefield Oaks and Magnolia Gardens. They served hot cocoa and cookies to the residents as members of the Cottage Grove High School Jazz Band and Choir performed holiday classics.

Bike Connectivity

Mayor Tom Munroe, City Manager Richard Meyers and cyclists Jim Harrison, Greg Lee and Don Strahan represented the City at a bicycle connectivity meeting that brought together representatives from throughout Lane County to discuss opportunities to connect communities

with identified cycling routes. The City wished to thank Harrison, Lee and Strahan for their expertise and willingness to help develop connections between Cottage Grove, Oakridge and the McKenzie River Valley.

Urban Forestry Committee tree planting completed

Last Friday, members of the Urban Forestry Committee, along with Public Works and Middlefield Golf Course staff, planted seventeen trees in Bohemia Park despite the inclement weather. Public Works purchased the seventeen trees from The Tree Cottage and the trees are a mix of Big Leaf Maples, Oregon Ash and Incense Cedars. The trees were planted along

the west fence line of Bohemia Park and will help create a barrier between the park and the railroad tracks. Public Works transported the Dingo machine to the park to auger the planting holes and soften the dirt. Planting soil was also transported to the site to cover the root balls. Teresa Cowan, City Volunteer Coordinator, spearheaded this effort.

City: 2015 was another outstanding year for safety

This week the City held the annual safety awards event at the Community Center in conjunction with the City Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. City employees were recognized for good safety records. As a five-year comparison, in 2011, City employees worked a total of 52,849 hours, had seven total accidents, four involving property damage, three injuries, three requiring medical treat-

ment, and there were no lost-time accidents. I

n 2012, City employees worked a total of 54,105 hours, had nine total accidents, five involving property damage, four injuries, four requiring medical treatment, and once again there were no lost-time accidents. In 2013, City Employees worked a total of 52,533 hours, had 15 total accidents, eight involving property damage, seven injuries, six requiring medical treatment, but there were two lost-time accidents. In 2014, City Employees worked a total of 51,997 hours, had eight total accidents, three involving property damage, three injuries, one requiring medical treatment, and again there were no lost-time accidents. In 2015, City employees worked a total of 50,831 hours, had 11 total accidents, five involving property damage, five injuries, two requiring medical treatment, and once again there were no lost-time accidents.

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6-day weather forecast

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| THURSDAY Dec. 24 31° 38° Snow | FRIDAY Dec. 25 30° 39° Snow |
| SATURDAY Dec. 26 34° 41° Mostly Cloudy | SUNDAY Dec. 27 35° 42° Poss. Showers |
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