

POLICE BLOTTER

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

April 4

Suspicious Conditions, Row River Rd.

A caller advised that three males got into a yellow van at the location with no front plate on the van. Smoke began to permeate out of the vehicle. A male arrived at the location in another vehicle and got into the back of the van and the other two walked up and got in. The caller was colorblind, so color descriptions were guesses. The males were advised of the complaint against them, though no marijuana smell or sign of any substance use was reported.

Theft, E. Grover Ave.

A reporting person advised police that three pairs of shoes were taken from their front porch at an unknown time during the night. The reported value of the theft was \$179.97.

Shots fired, Bryce Ck.

A reporting person called police to tell them that she had just shot her husband. The wound wasn't fatal but the husband was no longer on the scene. The caller was transferred to the Lane County Sheriff's Department.

April 6

Intoxicated Subject, River Rd.

A complainant at the front counter advised police of a male subject passed out and has vomited inside the bridge. Officers on scene found the subject unconscious but breathing and requested a medic.

Public Urination/Defecation, Row River

A female with dark hair with a very skinny figure was urinating when a caller drove by. When he drove back by her, she was laying on the ground, sleeping. She was advised that she was camping illegally and subject to arrest for public urination, but she was given the night to move on.

April 9

Domestic Assault, HWY 99

A complainant advised police that he witnessed a male subject strike a female and ride away on a bike. The male subject was described as standard body size with a shaved head and wearing an army jacket.

Traffic Hazard, HWY 99N

A reporting person advised police of traffic problems to the entrance of the racetrack and believes someone should be directing traffic. An officer confirmed the traffic problem and attempted to assist. A second caller advised of vehicle parking on the disc golf course.

NEEDLES

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needles might be installed. He also asked the Council what portion of the estimated \$15,000 per year to operate the program the City might be able to contribute.

Councilor Mike Fleck spoke up first, saying he supported a drop box but not an exchange program.

"I'm the last person to stand in judgment, but I'm not one that's going to help enable self destructive behaviors," Fleck said, "or help someone to continue a lifestyle that's not in their best interest."

Tandrow countered that such an objection is a common one but that he knows of no evidence that exchange programs lead to

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more drug use in a community. "The thing that makes them use more is that heroin is more available, cheaper than it's ever been and more potent," he said. "But as far as I know, there's no evidence at all that exchange programs increase use."

Tandrow said that the "stereotype of the IV drug user no longer applies" and that use "cuts across all groups of society."

Fleck responded that he would still find it "gut-wrench-

ing" to think that he might be encouraging drug use.

Councilor Jake Boone framed the decision differently.

"It's not really a choice between having people use drugs or not," he said. "They are already using. We're looking at a choice between people using drugs and having hepatitis C and HIV or people just using drugs. I'm going to choose the just using drugs. Whether we approve of the behavior doesn't matter

as much as having a change to make a bad thing marginally less bad. I would like to make things marginally less bad."

Councilor Amy Slay asked Tandrow for a "harder number" of the contribution the City might be expected to make to get the program going. Councilor Jeff Gowing asked if the Council could see something it could vote on and "go from there," and Mayor Tom Munroe said the Council should "have a meeting, start a little earlier and discuss this."

Thus, it was decided that Rene Yandel, director of the HIV Alliance in Eugene, would be asked to join a council worksession at a time that would work for Yandel. The date for the worksession was not immediately set.

Offbeat Oregon History:

Great women of Oregon history, Part 2

BY FINN J.D. JOHN
For the Sentinel

In last week's column, we launched into an overview of great women from Oregon history whose names ought to be mentioned next time the chance comes up to name a bridge or mountain after an important and overlooked historical figure. Today we'll continue that list with several more path-breaking, relatively unknown women from Oregon history:

Gov. Carolyn B. Shelton

First female governor in U.S. history; First former governor to marry another former governor (tie with George Chamberlain)

Carolyn B. Shelton was, essentially, a paralegal before there were paralegals, working for a progressive young attorney named George Chamberlain. She started out working for him as a stenographer, but he quickly recognized her aptitude for the law, and soon she was draft-

ing legal documents and doing research. She soon became his most trusted assistant. And when her boss was elected governor of Oregon, she went with him to the Capitol as his private secretary.

Then Chamberlain was elected to the U.S. Senate and had to travel to Washington, D.C., to be sworn in. His successor, Franklin Benson, was sick in bed.

In a situation like this, the standard procedure for the state of Oregon was for the governor's private secretary to step in as acting governor during his absence. But never before had a governor's private secretary been a woman.

Nonetheless, Chamberlain handed over the keys to the office to his trusty private secretary and hopped on an east-bound train.

And so, for the first time in U.S. history, for one weekend in early 1909, a U.S. state was governed by a woman.

Come Monday, Benson was feeling better. After he was

sworn in, Shelton traveled east to rejoin her boss.

By the way, while we're on the subject of "firsts," 17 years after this incident, Shelton and Chamberlain married each other. It rather goes without saying that this was the first time THAT had ever happened — two former governors marrying one another.

Charlotte "One-Eyed Charley" Parkhurst

Likely the first woman to vote for a U.S. president (after 1807); First (and probably only) female stagecoach driver

Back in the 1860s, before railroad lines were punched through the Siskiyou Mountains to connect Oregon with California, the stagecoach lines were the most important thing going. And the men who drove those four- and six-horse rigs were among the most admired tough guys of the frontier.

A stagecoach driver faced all sorts of hazards in his daily work, from runaway horse teams to nests of rattlesnakes. But the biggest risk a stage driver ran, by far, was robbers. Until the railroad came through, most of the gold and valuables sent from town to town — lumber-camp payrolls, the produce from gold mines, stacks of cash to be used for political bribery — came and went in an "express box" on a stagecoach.

Robbers very seldom, if ever,

set out to murder a stage driver. But when a stagecoach driver heard the words "Stick 'em up," he never knew if the robber was going to be one of those smooth, gentlemanly types like "Black Bart" Bolton, or a twitchy, jittery drunkard clutching a cocked Winchester. Sometimes gunfights did break out. Most often, the stage drivers lost those gunfights; they made fine targets high up on their seats.

"One-Eyed Charley" Parkhurst was a stagecoach driver, and one of the very best. Charley was better with the horses than anyone else. He had less trouble with robbers than most other drivers, too — he had a reputation as a hard driver to get the drop on. In at least one robbery attempt he "turned his wild mustangs and his wicked revolver loose," according to an 1880 article in the New York Times — and, leaving at least one would-be robber behind dead, brought the box through safely. After that, most robbers just avoided crossing paths with him. He mostly worked the California runs, but his job also regularly brought him over the Siskiyou into southern Oregon as well.

Charley didn't die on the job. Stricken with tongue cancer (probably from chewing tobacco), he gave up the ghost in 1879 and was laid out to be prepared for burial.

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CITY BEAT

From the City's Friday Update

Covered Bridge Scenic Bikeway meeting

City Manager Richard Meyers attended a meeting of the local Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway Proponent Committee. Its membership includes representatives from the City, Chamber, Travel Lane County, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, Lane County and several cycling enthusiasts from the community. The committee meets periodically throughout the year to address challenges or issues and to consider ways to promote the bikeway and enhance ridership.

Camera presentation

Interim Police Chief Scott Shepherd and Commander Conrad Gagner attended a body-worn Camera presentation at the Eugene Police Department on Friday, April 8, 2016. Eugene Police hosted several vendors for area agencies to view their product and talk to the representatives.

Community policing

Interim Chief Scott Shepherd participated in the second meeting for "Stand up for Cottage Grove". Community Service Officer Cherie Nelson and Shepherd presented information and discussed several topics including; identifying and reporting suspicious behavior, preventing vehicle break-ins, property identification programs, home security and home-inspection information. Councilor Amy Slay, Councilor Mike Fleck and Councilor Kenneth Roberts were also in attendance.

Auto gas

The City Manager, Public Works Director Jan Wellman and the Interim Police Chief joined the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor for a presentation on the addition of propane fuel systems to certain city vehicles. The City said the addition of propane capabilities to vehicles has a number of potential benefits not only in reduced emissions but also in costs savings. There are a number of programs and opportunities that encourage the conversion.

Summer water supply forecast

With the summer irrigation season quickly approaching, it is very informative to look at the reservoir refill projections for the Willamette System. With a more normal winter and good snow pack, refill of the Willamette Basin projects is considered "normal." The Willamette System is 65 percent full and only nine percent behind rule curve, the ideal fill-level of the system, as of April 7. Dorena Reservoir is 60 percent full and one percent behind rule curve. Inflow to Dorena Reservoir is 459 cfs and outflow is 359 cfs. At this time last year, these amounts were 511 cfs and 149 cfs, respectively. Dorena and Cottage Grove reservoirs are both projected to fill so that minimum summer flows can be achieved. Reservoir levels for both Dorena and Cottage Grove are important to the City, as flows from Dorena impacts the domestic water supply, and flows from Cottage Grove can impact the temperature for treated wastewater discharge. As the spring season progresses, Public Works will continue to closely monitor weather conditions for the local reservoir operations.

Tree branch pick-up service to be held the week of May 23

The City of Cottage Grove's annual tree branch pickup service will begin the week of Monday, May 23. This program is intended to assist property owners with their tree trimming along streets and sidewalks. City streets require a minimum overhead clearance of 13 feet, six inches for vehicle traffic and a minimum overhead clearance of 15 feet in intersections. Sidewalks require a minimum overhead clearance of eight feet for pedestrian traffic. It is the property owner's responsibility to trim trees along their property to meet these clearance requirements. Residents can also use the opportunity to trim other trees on their property. The Public Works crew will pick up branches that are placed in street parking areas beginning the week of May 23. Those who have questions regarding the tree branch pickup program or would like a copy of the informational brochure that outlines the specific program guidelines can call the Public Works Department at 541-942-3349, stop by the Public Works office located in City Hall at 400 East Main Street or go to the City's website at www.cottagegrove.org.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY April 14 41° 51° Storm possible	FRIDAY April 15 40° 60° Partly Cloudy
SATURDAY April 16 44° 71° Partly Cloudy	SUNDAY April 17 47° 75° Partly Cloudy
MONDAY April 18 47° 71° Partly Cloudy	TUESDAY April 18 45° 67° Partly Cloudy

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