

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Sept. 26

**Domestic Disturbance, Birch Ave.**

A male called 911 demanding that his wife's family be kicked out of the house even though the wife wants them there. He was advised that there was not an option, and he disconnected.

**Mental Holding, East Regional Park**

Cottage Grove Public Works reported that a staff member just observed a nude male laying on the dock at the trout ponds and had been swimming in the ponds. Officers contacted the subject and transported him to the CG ER for a mental evaluation.

**Follow Up, S. Sixth St.**

A caller obtained information on the possible whereabouts of a missing vehicle, last seen in the area of Hillcrest Market. A 20 year old male was arrested.

Sept. 27

**Burglary, Bryant Ave.**

A complainant at the police department advised that he had three chainsaws stolen out of his garage in the last month. Two of the saws were Husqvarna saws and one was a Stihl saw. The case was taken for burglary and theft.

**Disturbance, N. Eighth St.**

A complainant advised that her neighbor is outside videotaping her while she is taking pictures of the debris stacked up along her fence line. The two parties were cleared as the encountered stayed verbal.

**Suspicious Subject, S. 10th St.**

A caller advised that there is

a man in a yellow Polo shirt carrying a clipboard and has been walking the neighborhood for the past two hours. Officers came out to contact the subject and determined he was just a door-to-door salesman.

Sept. 28

**Disorderly Subject, Palmer Ave.**

A reporting person advised that a male subject who has been living in a motor home in the area came up to her business and was harassing herself and customers. Officers advised the subject of the complaint and he ceased harassment.

**Theft, E. Main St.**

During an investigation of an animal welfare complaint, the victim advised the officer that a cement gargoyle yard decoration was taken three days ago. There was no suspect information.

Oct. 1

**Assault, S. Seventh St.**

Both the complainant and a witness were at the Police Department to report an assault that happened the night before. Both subjects said they witnessed the victim being grabbed by the hair and thrown to the ground.

**Suspicious Conditions, S. River Rd.**

A complainant advised that he drove by the location and noticed wires hanging down from a pole and a male in a black truck with a hand-held acetylene torch on the wires. Officers determined he was a contractor working on the location.

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel Story from 60 years ago

Oct. 11, 1956

## New Lane road building policy considered by commissioners

Ralph Petersen, county commissioner, who was in Cottage Grove Monday, announced that the county commissioners were working on a new road building policy, designed to take the county roads out of politics. The new policy would be set up through the efforts of the Lane County Chamber of Commerce to start at the beginning of the next fiscal year on July 1, 1957.

"From observation and experience I am convinced that a good many roads have been built in Lane County to serve political expediency, rather than an economic need," he said. "Under the old or present system of road building, there may be two roads, on serving 500 people, which means 500 votes, the other, with scarcely any people but which might be an important road for bringing out timber or minerals and serving an important economic need. But which road has the better chance to be built? One does not have to answer that question for the answer is obvious," he said.

Under the proposed set up, each of the seven communities in Lane County would study their individual needs and invite organizations and individuals to make suggestions as to the most important road to be improved or built. The locality would then agree on the most important road to be built or improved and the recommenda-



A local group is pictured here, discussing the proposed new road policy with Ralph Petersen, County Commissioner. As outlined, the new policy has met with 100 percent reception here. Pictured from left to right: Jess Hill, mayor. Seated, H.B. McMillian, Chamber of Commerce manager, Ralph Petersen County Commissioner and Herman Petersen, president of the Chamber of Commerce,

tions would be submitted to the county-wide chamber organization, which, in turn, would submit the recommendations to the commissioners. In this way, the commissioners would be free to decide what are the best roads to be built and would be free from political pressure.

Art Cooper of Oakridge is a general chairman of the highway committee of the Lane Chamber and Bill Hesse is the local representative. Both Petersen and H.B. McMillian, local chamber manager, stressed the importance of submitting recommendations by Nov. 1, at which time they will be taken

up with the county organization. Mr. Petersen also stressed the fact that the individual citizen or organizations could still appeal directly to the commissioners if they so desire.

Among the more important roads in this area now scheduled for improvement is included the Lynx Hollow road west from the old 99 Highway for a distance of one-and-one-half miles. This road is scheduled to be paved or given a five lift oil job.

Another project is a portion of the Disston road from the Cloverleaf east for about a mile, which is unpaved. Another is the Blackbutte road, beginning

at the London store. This road is scheduled to be paved for a distance of about three miles. Still another improvement project is the county road from Saginaw leading to the Saginaw-Walker access road on the new highway. The road was originally designed to give the northbound traffic access to Saginaw, but not the southbound.

One of the surprising things about the Lynx Hollow road is that a traffic counter shows more than 1,000 vehicles using the road daily.

# CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

## Certified Floodplain Managers attend NORFMA Conference

Community Development Director Howard Schesser and City Planner Amanda Ferguson, both Certified Floodplain Managers, attended the annual Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association in Yakima, Washington. The association represents private and public professionals in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and British Columbia involved in floodplain management. This year's theme was "The Chang-

ing Climate of Floodplain Management in the Northwest." Many of the sessions dealt with flood mitigation and habitat enhancement, floodplain restoration, wading through the DFIRM (new flood map) adoption process, floods follow fires and biological opinions and NFIP in Oregon and Washington.

## International City/County Mgmt. Conference

City Manager Richard Meyers joined 3,509 other local government managers in Kansas

City last week for the Annual International City/County Management Conference. Managers from the United States and 24 other countries attended to share ideas, knowledge and skills to pursue continued improvement of professional local government. The conference provides high caliber training and keynote speakers such as Soledad O'Brien, David Brooks, Bob Chapman and Verne Armour. The manager attended sessions covering online citizen engagement, supervisor training, generational cultures budgeting and budget engagement, leadership, broadband and digital inclusion. Beside the classes and keynote addresses the conference provides the opportunity to visit with managers and share ideas and experiences to address the challenges facing local governments from around the world.

## League of Oregon Cities Conference

City Councilors and staff will be attending various sessions of the League of Oregon Cities Conference this weekend in

Salem. The City said the conference provides an opportunity to sharpen skills and knowledge regarding local government issues in Oregon.

## Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council

Recruitment continues for the 2016-17 Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council. Any middle and high school-aged youth in the community that are interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Council are invited to participate. Applications are available on the City's webpage at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org). Those applications can be submitted on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Youth Advisory Council meeting at 6:15 in City Hall. Anyone interested can come to the meeting to check out the YAC.

## Planning, Historic Landmark Commission vacancies

The Planning Commission

and the Historic Landmark Commission each have two positions that that expire at the end of the year. The Planning Commission meets the second and third Wednesday of each month. The Historic Landmark Commission meets once a month on an as-needed basis in the evening. Applicants for the Historic Landmark Commission must have a demonstrated positive interest, knowledge or competence in historic preservation. Incumbents for both Commissions are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for both Commissions is Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. Applications can be obtained from the Community Development Department or on the City's Planning or Landmark Commission sites on the City's webpage. For further information please contact the Community Development Department at (541) 942-3340.

## Representative for NTHP meets with City

Sheri Freemuth, AICP, a Senior Field Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, met with City Planner Amanda Ferguson, Main Street Coordinator Shauna Neigh, Architect of record for the Armory, David McClean, and

fundraising Coordinator for the Armory, Christina Lund, to become familiar with the historic properties in downtown Cottage Grove. The group toured the Armory and the downtown area to see the historic fabric and discuss the plans for renovation and preservation. Grant opportunities were also explored with Sheri. For further information contact Ferguson at the Community Development Department, (541) 942-3340.

## Library Directors meeting

Pete Barrell, Community Services Director, attended the annual State Library meeting of Library Directors from across Oregon last week. The meeting brought together directors from all corners of the state to hear from State Librarian, Mary Kay Dalgren, regarding the status of funding and support for libraries here in Oregon. Directors all shared updates on their libraries. The City said the group was amazed to hear about the busy year that the Cottage Grove Public Library has had with special programming such as the Smithsonian Human Origins Exhibit and the OBON Society Exhibit of World War II Souvenirs of War.

## 6-day weather forecast

<p><b>THURSDAY Oct. 6</b> 38°   43° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY Oct. 7</b> 49°   64° Mostly Cloudy</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY Oct. 8</b> 49°   65° Poss. Showers</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY Oct. 9</b> 48°   66° Partly Cloudy</p>
<p><b>MONDAY Oct. 10</b> 46°   69° Poss. Showers</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY Oct. 11</b> 48°   70° Partly Cloudy</p>

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