

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 40 years ago

Oct. 14, 1976

Students may have vacation if levy fails

South Lane school administrators met Monday to discuss details of a contingency plan for closing the schools in the event of another possibly levy defeat on Nov. 2.

Three Levy proposals have been defeated this year, and failure in the next election will force the schools to shut down in late November due to a lack of operating funds.

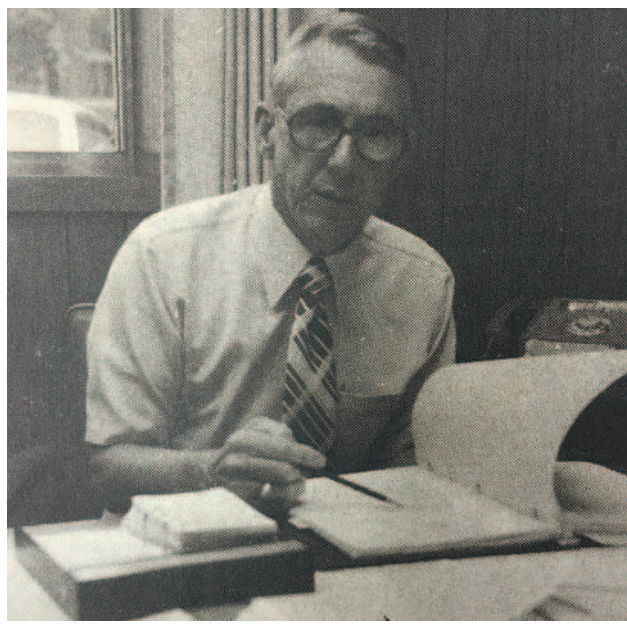
At press time yesterday, many details and legal questions in the plan were yet to be resolved. But according to Superintendent Ray Mullen, the plan will be completed for the school board's consideration at its meeting Tuesday evening in Lincoln Junior High Library. Meeting time is 7:30.

If the levy fails Nov. 2, schools will close to students Wednesday, Nov. 24, and closure for staff members will be completed

by Tuesday, Nov. 30. The next possible election date would be Tuesday, Jan. 11 and if the levy passes then, Mr. Mullen has recommended that school resume on Monday, Jan. 17.

"I could bring the kids back a day earlier (Friday, Jan. 14), but that puts that much added pressure on the staff to get ready to bring them back," he said. "everything will have been checked in: all the books, all the keys—everything."

By starting up again on Jan. 17, students will have missed 27 days in session. To make up for the lost days, spring vacation (March 19-27) and an in-service day will be eliminated. The final day of school would also be changed from June 15 to June 30. The proposed calendar is tentative, however and may be revised again on Tuesday.



Ray Mullen checks his plan. Mullen also said students' academic credit would unlikely be affected by a 27-day shutdown, even though the schools would only be in sessions 168 out of the 170 days required by state law. He said he does not believe the state would "jeopardize" the district for losing two days. But if the state did make an issue of it, school would simply be extended two days.

Sheriff's Office warns of phone scam

The Lane County Sheriff's Office said it received a report of a phone scam where a community member received a recorded message stating that they were going to be taken "under custody" by local cops because of four "serious allegations". The recording asked the community member to call 323-410-1235. The voice in the message is female and sounds computer generated.

When the above phone number is called, the community member is put on hold until the phone is answered by a male with a strong accent identifying himself as the IRS investigations unit. The male uses abusive language, including name calling when questioned, which LCSO said is an indicator of a scam.

Those who receive a call that they believe is a scam are urged not to

call the number back. They do not need to report the incident to local law enforcement unless they have lost money or property as a result of the scam.

Those who are unclear as to whether the call they received is a scam can contact the agency in question at their publicly listed phone number, not the phone number provided on the recording. Below are a few indicators of scam phone calls.

Indicators of a scam:
The caller is threatening you with criminal action if you do not promptly send money.

The caller is pressuring you to make a decision quickly about a product or service.

The caller requests payment in non-trackable forms such as cash cards or gift cards.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Oct. 3

Illegal Parking, N River Rd.

The City of Cottage Grove complained to police that there have been two campers and multiple vehicles on a city lot that have been there for multiple weeks. It appears that people are living in them. Officers were asked to disregard until after Oct. 7 as the people were supposedly in town for a funeral.

Oct. 4

Illegal Camping, Thomas Pl.

A complainant advised that transients have set up a camp to the west of her residence in the trees.

Oct. 5

Domestic Disturbance, N. 11th St.

A complainant advised that a dispute broke out between

his husband and himself and advised police that there were guns in the house and wants to use them on himself. The caller was advised to go to a different room away from the guns. The man moved to the porch but kept threatening to harm himself. The caller was transported to the ER and then transported to Johnson Unit and was very uncooperative.

Oct. 6

Fraud, E. Main St. PD

A complainant at the police department requested to speak to an officer about a possible fraud case. The officer reported that at around 8 a.m. she received a call from someone claiming to be United Health Care and was wanting to send her some back cream. The complainant advised that the subject sounded Indian and appeared to be in a call center. She then called a subsidiary of United Health Care who began an investigation of fraud.

Suspicious Subject, Village Dr. CG Hospital

The hospital advised that a male subject was sitting in the waiting area of the clinic. The complainant advised that the subject is there every day for approximately 5-6 hours. The subject left before officers were on scene.

Information, E. Main St. PD

A complainant advised that he was supposed to pick up his kids from school as this is his visitation time and the school called to inform him that the mother picked them up instead. The notice was logged to record the incident.

Suspicious Subject, Main Centennial Bridge

Cottage Grove Public Works reported a male subject climbing a rail on the Centennial Bridge. The subject was a male in his 20s with shaggy brown hair and no shoes on. Officers contacted the subject and took him into custody on a valid CG municipal court war-

rant reference.

Oct. 7

Suspicious Subjects, Coiner Park

A caller advised of seeing a group of subjects sitting in the playground area, possibly associated with a red Pontiac in the parking lot near the tennis courts. Police were unable to locate the subjects.

Oct. 8

Harassment, HWY 99

A caller requested an officer's assistance in regards to harassment. The complainant advised that a subject was calling her to tell her he's on his way to her location and is threatening to light her on fire. Officers waiting but the subject never showed up. Police told the complainant to possibly get a restraining order and to call 911 if the subject shows up.

CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

Taylor Street Pump Station

City staff has been visiting with South Lane School District representatives to develop a power service to the Taylor Street pump station. By coordi-

nating the development of power service, the City said it can reduce the power service costs for both the pump station and the new school project. The coordinated efforts will require an easement on the School District property. The South Lane School Board reviewed the draft

proposal at their last meeting and authorized the Superintendent to approve the easement agreement. The easement agreement will be coming before the City Council in a future meeting for their acceptance. The site for the Taylor Street pump station is being prepared between the School District site and the freeway. The future extension of Gateway Boulevard will run adjacent to the pump station.

Pressure vessel testing

Last week, the Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, working on behalf of City/County Insurance Services (the City's insurance carrier) completed a Risk Engineering Services inspection on all pressure vessels

under the control of the City. There are five such pressure vessels at the Row River Water Treatment Plant and one at the City Shop facility. The State of Oregon requires periodic inspection and certification of each pressure vessel in use throughout the City. The City said each tank was inspected and found to be properly constructed, installed and protected. Ultrasonic thickness readings were used to confirm the material integrity of each vessel. In addition, each pressure relief valve and automatic drain device on each tank was operationally tested.

Copper testing in wastewater

The Wastewater Treatment

Plant staff has been notified by the Department of Environmental Quality that beginning in early 2017 the Agency plans to revise the freshwater aquatic life criteria for copper. Copper is a pollutant that can cause adverse effects to salmon, trout and other aquatic species. Oregon DEQ's current criteria for metals testing, including copper is based solely on water hardness. The new testing criteria for copper will include 11 different water quality parameters that affect the bioavailability and toxicity of copper in freshwaters. These parameters include temperature, pH, dissolved organic carbon, specific conductance, calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, sulfate, chloride and alkalinity, along with total and dissolved copper. These new tests will be required once per month over a two year period and will be in addition to myriad other tests required of the City when discharging treated effluent to the river.

Oregon Emergency Mgmt. Association Conference

Emergency Manager Howard Schesser attended the 2016 OEMA conference where the theme of "Preparing, Responding and Recovering" brought together public, private and non-profit emergency management professionals in Oregon. Keynote speaker was General Russel Honore, who spoke on 'Resilient Leadership Prepare Today To Prevail Tomorrow'. General Honore was tasked with response and recovery during the Katrina incident. Other topics included lessons learned from the UCC shooting, and the Loma Prieta Earthquake as it relates to the Cascadia Earthquake. School and hospital emergency plans, creating a culture of safety, threat prevention and response decision-making were major tracks of the conference.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Oct. 13 53° 61° Rain	FRIDAY Oct. 14 51° 58° Rain
SATURDAY Oct. 15 52° 57° Rain	SUNDAY Oct. 16 51° 58° Rain
MONDAY Oct. 17 48° 56° Rain	TUESDAY Oct. 18 47° 58° Partly Cloudy

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