

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Dec. 4, 1996

## Awesome Autumn

**Creswell's United Methodist Church—now home to the city's Historical Society and Museum—dates back more than a century, but the building may never have looked better than it did this fall. Adorned with a steeple for the first time since the original**

**was damaged by the Columbus Day Storm of 1962, the building—shown here framed by fall color under a seasonally rare brilliant sky—is strangely reminiscent of New England, from which some of the church's original founders hailed.**



## POLICE BLOTTER

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

Nov. 21

### Unlawful vehicle entry, Harvey Rd.

A caller advised that his vehicle was rifled through overnight. The only significant thing missing was a Dutch Bros. card.

Nov. 22

### Follow up, E. Main St.

Property was found from a business: one portable DVD player, one package of boxer briefs, one package of black socks and one pair of blue Wrangler jeans. Police stored the property until the next morning.

Nov. 24

### Vehicle accident, Row River Rd.

Police were on the scene on a minor road collision, the damage was less than \$1,500. Police assisted with the exchange of information regarding a missing

person. Police determined the person is safe with family and it is unknown why she would be listed as missing. Police contacted Humboldt County Police to confirm that the subject was located in May and was mistakenly not cleared from the system.

Nov. 25

### Welfare Check, E. Main St.

A caller advised seeing a male on the ground and straddling a street pole and banging his head against it. The subject would then lay back for a bit then sit back up and bang his head on the pole some more. Police could not locate the subject after an extensive area check.

### Suspicious Subject, Row River Rd.

A caller advised that a male at the location was harassing him by looking at him. The caller wasn't making a lot of sense but was concerned about his safety. An employee from the location

called in, advising police that the original complainant threatened to use martial arts on one of the customers.

Nov. 26

### Trespassing, Kalapuya Way

A caller advised that there is smoke coming from the chimney of a vacant house near the location and that the neighbors have been having issues with squatters. Police said the house was vacant upon entry.

### Theft, Main St. PD

A complainant at the front counter reported that his birth certificate went missing from his backpack. Due to the complainant's level of mental illness, he is unable to articulate when or where this may have happened or if there is any suspect information. The case was taken for documentation purposes.

### Hit and Run, Oswald St.

A caller advised that the street sign near the location was in his

front yard and was told the stop sign was also down in the street. The street sign was taken by the police, but the stop sign was left on the scene.

### Criminal Mischief, Main St.

A caller advised that an angry male left the Grove and repeatedly punched the bicycle shop window and broke it. The caller witnessed the subject hit the window and break it. Police arrested the subject, who is to appear in court.

### Animal Information, E. Main St. PD

A caller brought an orange tabby kitten to the front counter that he found on 11th St. The cat was held until the owner comes forward.

### Dog at Large, Tyler St.

Two larger dogs were seen running at large. Both were wearing Christmas sweaters; one appeared to be a hound and the other a German Shepherd.

# CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

## Equipment and vehicles sold at Brasher's Auction

On Saturday, Nov. 12, Cottage Grove Public Works sold an assortment of equipment, small tools, vehicle parts, build-

ing and electrical supplies and pumps at Brasher's Northwest Auto Auction, items that were reportedly worn-out and of no further use to the City.

In the same auction, Public Works sold a 1991 tipper truck, a 1979 dump truck and a golf cart. The City netted \$9,862.80 from the sale of this surplus equipment. The City makes use of Brasher's Auction on a regular basis because it satisfies the

requirement that the City provide public notice concerning the availability of surplus items and it allows for the sale of multiple pieces of equipment at the same time. The 1991 tipper truck and 1979 dump truck will be replaced during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

## OFFBEAT

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got more so. Accounts of the conversation that followed vary, with some sources saying the sheriff delivered a stern lecture and others claiming he apologetically told West he'd have to be booked on charges in Albany and offered to bring him back home afterward. Then the sheriff and the minister stepped outside and made their way to the woodshed to dismantle the still.

They left behind an increasingly agitated Dave West. West grew angrier and angrier until, with a shout of, "I can't stand it!" he grabbed his Remington .32 rifle and, over Ellen's objec-

tions, stormed out of the house.

Outside, he saw the two men emerging from the shed. Kendall was carrying two bottles of moonshine, which he set down by the gate. West shouldered his rifle — and shot him through the heart.

The Reverend Healy ran for the road, screaming for someone to call the police. From his place of concealment, West watched him and, when the coast was clear, shot him too.

After that, West sent for his nephew, who was away at a neighbor's house; when he arrived, he was sent forth to bring the coroner and tell what had happened. After that, the Wests

tried to have a normal evening, knowing very well that it would be their last. And finally, around 6 p.m., Ellen West left the house to stay with her son — and Dave West took up his rifle and went back to the barn one last time.

Meanwhile, back in Albany a great excitement was brewing. The district attorney was deputizing a posse of eager local residents to go out and bring West in. Someone had slipped the word to the press, and reporters had motored in from Portland, Eugene and everywhere in between. By 10:30 p.m., a large group of armed men was cautiously closing in around the property.

The house was soon searched and proved empty and quiet as a tomb; but nobody seems to have expected West to make his final stand there. The barn, near the

still: that's where they would find him.

Cautiously they approached. Finally one of them, a 19-year-old named Alton Williams, slipped up to the door and entered. Walking cautiously through the place, rifle up and ready, he suddenly tripped over something on the floor and went sprawling — and saw that what he'd tripped over had been a corpse, still clutching the rifle that had killed him — the third and final victim, if that's the right word, of the day's violence.

It was Dave West.

(Sources: Frye, Cory. Murder in Linn County, Oregon: The True Story of the Legendary Plainview Killings. Charleston: History Press, 2016)

ORDINANCE NO. 3067

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (EID) AND A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD

The City Council of the City of Cottage Grove has adopted the above noted ordinance classifying the property assessment for financing of the Cottage Grove Economic/Business Improvement Districts as charges that are not subject to the limits of Article XI, Section 11(b) of the Oregon Constitution, that the reader may contact the designated City Official, the City Recorder, to obtain a copy of the Ordinance, that judicial review of the classification may be sought within sixty (60) days of the date the ordinance was adopted, that date of adopting being November 14, 2016, and if no such review is sought within the time specified, no subsequent challenges to the classification will be permitted.

## 6-day weather forecast

<b>THURSDAY Dec. 1</b> 34°   49° Partly Cloudy	<b>FRIDAY Dec. 2</b> 39°   49° Mostly Cloudy
<b>SATURDAY Dec. 3</b> 31°   53° Poss. Showers	<b>SUNDAY Dec. 4</b> 35°   50° Rain
<b>MONDAY Dec. 5</b> 31°   43° Poss. Showers	<b>TUESDAY Dec. 6</b> 32°   43° Poss. Showers

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## MOVING UP HIGHER with Joyce Meyer

### What do you want while you're here?

Are you settling for less in your life? Are you living a mediocre life of compromise? Or are you doing your best to live the life God planned for you? You know, you do have the power to choose how you'll live. For instance, you can be a lazy and passive Christian and still make it to heaven, but you will miss out on the fulfilling life you could have here on earth. Or you can refuse to settle for less than God's best and do your part to live the way He wants you to live. The question is what do you want while you're here?

In the parable of the sower in Mark 4, it says the same seed fell on different types of soil and some produced 30, some 60 and some 100 fold. God is the sower; His Word is the seed that He sows in our hearts. He is always the same. His Word does not change. But the different types of soil refers to our hearts. And we are the ones who choose what type of "soil" our hearts will be.

Let me encourage you to cultivate the good, well-adapted soil the parable talks about. How? By being obedient to the Holy Spirit and following His lead. Press in when it gets difficult—keep on keeping on—don't give up! Delight yourself in the Lord and watch what He'll do for you...and in you. In other words, don't settle for less than the best in life.

I think too many people settle in life—they get tired and weary, or lazy and apathetic. Then instead of pressing forward, they stop or begin to fall back, many times just short of accomplishing a desired goal or receiving a long-awaited blessing.

If that's you, you don't have to live that way anymore. By God's grace, you can change. You can choose to live a full, productive, satisfying life. It's so important to make this decision, because our choices affect much more than just ourselves. God wants to use each of us in our everyday lives to touch and bless others as well. So I want to

say it again: Don't settle. God is an equal opportunity God, and His blessings are for anyone who will do what He says do.

In Mark 4:24, Jesus told the disciples, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you.... Basically, what this scripture is saying is we need to take the time to study and meditate on the Word for understanding, and spend quality time with the "Sower" for personal direction.

But beware...here's where the enemy comes in. His goal is to steal the seed. He will throw all kinds of aggravations, problems and legitimate life issues and needs at you to frustrate, discourage and distract you. But stand strong. Resist him. Remember the Holy Spirit is not only your guide, but He will give you the power to do whatever He directs you to do.

The bottom line is the fruit of the Holy Spirit increases in our lives as obedience increases. So do your best to be your best. Follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to show you what is excellent for you and do that—in private as well as in public. Live for God, not people. When the great artist Michelangelo was asked why he paid so much attention to such intricate detail in his work that no one would even likely see, his response was, "God will see it."

I think every one of us wants all that God wants to give us. But we each need to ask ourselves, Will I do all that He asks of me in order to have it? I know I'm going to heaven, but what do I want while I'm here?

It's your choice. Make the wise decision to be the best you can be. And trust God to help you succeed. Because when you do, nothing and no one will be able to keep you from God's best for you!

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