

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Jan. 7, 1987

## Lions snap skein with victory

Maybe the Cottage Grove High School boys' basketball team ought to try and play under adversity more often. It seems to bring out the best in them.

The Lions, who struggled in their last four games before Christmas vacation, may have found their winning touch again, defeating North Eugene, 64-49, in a District 5 AAA contest Friday night on the Highlanders' home floor.

The victory, Cottage Grove's first in league play, snapped a four-game losing streak and improved its overall record to 3-4.

"We had our backs to the wall, but we didn't want to put any pressure on ourselves to win," said Lion coach Donn Pollard. "This was a big win over a good team."

The Highlanders were unbeaten in league play and have been mentioned as one of the favorites for the district title.

"To beat a team like this in their place took quite an effort," Pollard stated, "We got that effort tonight."

The Lions got an outstanding effort from senior forward Jeff Brunetti, who scored a season-high 14 points to go along with good work on the boards and good ball handling late in the

game.

Steve Hayes led the Lions with 16 points, including big baskets when North Eugene threatened to get back into the game. But it was the play off the bench of seniors Kevin Vaughn and Tony Kephart that was the difference, according to Pollard.

Vaughn, seeing his first extensive action since recovering from a football injury, scored only four points but played the point guard position in the second period after Hayes, normally a forward, played the position in the first quarter.

"Kevin did a lot of good things," Pollard said. "He controlled the tempo and played real good defense."

Kephart, normally a starter, was sick with pneumonia and missed every practice during the holiday break. Pollard didn't know how much Kephart would play, if at all, against North Eugene.

"I was communicating with his parents," explained Pollard. "If he did play, he wasn't going to play very much."

The 5-foot-10 senior entered the game just under six minutes remaining in the third quarter and the score tied 26-all. Kephart immediately connected with



Hayes for a basket, added a pair of free throws and made life miserable defensively for the Highlander guards.

Kephart finished his short stint with 14 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. He also made eight of 10 free throws and scored three times on la-

yups coming off picks on the high post.

"Tony played a little longer than we wanted, but it was hard to take him out of the game," smiled Pollard.

# CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

## Fiber Pulled to Territorial Seed

Last week City crews pulled 48 strands of fiber from City Hall to the Territorial Building next to City Hall. The fiber pull was done to prepare for splicing and equipment installation that will put all of Territorial's operations on fiber. The connection when complete will connect to the Willamette Exchange in Eugene and a variety of high speed internet providers. The fiber pull was challenging because the existing conduit had a single strand of fiber installed that was connecting the downtown Territorial offices to the Palmer Avenue facility. The pull had to be done with extra care to avoid disruption of the existing service. A special thanks goes out to City Employees, Russ Kaleese, Dale Smith, Alissa Allen and Chad Reel, who did an excellent job of planning the process and carrying out the pull with no disruption to the existing service. The remaining splicing and equipment installation will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Police Department will conduct police officer and reserve of-ficer testing. There is currently one police officer vacancy and the department hopes to build the reserve program with successful candidates.

## Sky Lanterns Illegal in Oregon Beginning January 1st

The State Fire Marshal is advising that as of January 1, 2017, sky lanterns (also known as aerial luminaries, Chinese lanterns, mini hot air balloons, UFO balloons, wish lanterns, etc.) are illegal to release into Oregon airspace. A sky lantern is a paper sack suspended over a flame, usually from a small candle or other lit device. The hot air from the flame causes the balloon to rise into the air and be carried off by the wind.

"Although they are pretty, sky lanterns are uncontrolled, open-flamed devices that pose an extreme fire hazard to people, property, and the environment" said Oregon Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple. "Once released you have no control over where they may land. They could end up on someone's rooftop, in a tree, or a pile of debris and cause an unwanted fire."

A number of states, as well as countries such as Germany, Australia, and Brazil have outlawed sky lanterns. As of January 1, 2017, releasing a sky lantern into Oregon airspace will be a Class A violation subject to a maximum penalty of \$2,000. For further information contact Rich Hoover, Public Information Officer, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Police at: (503) 934-8217 or richard.hoover@state.or.us.

## Police Department Happenings

Congratulations to Officer Jarrod Butler who has been chosen as the new K9 Handler. Officer Butler will be partnered with Kimber and they will spend the next several weeks bonding prior to the start of training. This position was formerly held by Sgt. Burgin.

Captain Gagner and Captain Skaggs were guests on the Beeper show on Thursday, December 29th and addressed various topics.

On Monday, January 9th, the

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

Dec. 23

### Citizen Assist, Gateway Blvd.

A caller advised police that she accidentally locked her eight-month old baby in the car with the car running. Police assisted and retrieved the baby.

### Intoxicated Subject, Gateway Blvd.

A caller advised that a male in a hat, wearing a black sweatshirt with a backpack was visibly intoxicated and causing a scene at the location. The subject was arguing with another male and spit on him.

Dec. 24

### Attempt to Locate Info, City Wide

A caller advised that a subject has been having significant issues with his bipolar disorder. The caller advised that the subject has been violent with his wife who is currently staying at a residence in Saginaw. The complainant also advised that the subject left the Saginaw residence possibly armed with a rifle.

### Death Investigation, E. Washington Ave.

A complainant requested a welfare check on her mom. The

mother has been despondent over the recent loss of her own mother. The subject has a history of depression. Officers on the scene made entry of the residence through an open window. Medics were requested and confirmed the mother was dead.

Dec. 25

### Suspicious Conditions, Ostrander

A caller advised police of seeing a subject get out of a vehicle and take a box from the porch of the house on Ostrander. The vehicle was a white sedan with white tape on the rear passenger window.

### Criminal Mischief, Bohemia Tavern

A caller advised that a male was urinating on the side of the building. Police stated there were no signs of the complaint on the building after investigating the area.

Dec. 26

### Theft from Vehicle, S. 16th St.

A caller advised that he had his firearms stolen from his vehicle. The first was a Tavour compact competition rifle and the other was a Glock. Both

guns were listed as stolen.

### Identity Theft, W. Main St.

A complainant at the station advised that her ID was used to create a credit card account. The complainant requested a case number for her bank to follow up on.

Dec. 27

### Disturbance, Bohemia Park

Fifteen kids were involved in a disturbance incident where an adult male was arrested for assault and unlawful use of weapons. The subject was transported to Lane County Jail for this case and an additional warrant.

### Suspicious Conditions, Gateway Blvd.

A complainant advised that a subject attempted to pay for \$10 worth of gas with a \$100 counterfeit bill.

Dec. 28

### Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Jefferson Park Apts.

A complainant advised police that she loaned her vehicle to a subject on Christmas night to transport some gifts and the subject never returned.

### Reckless Driving, BMX Track

A complainant advised that he just passed by the old BMX track and observed three vehicles doing donuts in the gravel. The vehicles were gone upon the police's arrival. No signifi-

cant damage was done to the property.

Dec. 29

### Fraudulent use of credit card, Row River Rd.

A complainant advised that his wallet was stolen out of his vehicle at his residence. The subjects have used his debit and credit cards at the location.

### MVA-Non Injury, Gateway Blvd.

A caller requested an officer in regards to a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the location on Christmas Day. The caller advised that she got the other driver's information, but it wasn't correct and the insurance company has requested a case number.

### Criminal Mischief, Vanbur-

ren A complainant advised that her 15 year old son has put holes in the wall. The caller called 911 to advise that the son is posturing to instigate a fight with the complainant's husband. The son left the residence and the parents were counseled on the prosecution limitations.

### Property Lost, Main St. PD

A complainant advised that she lost or had her back pack stolen at an unknown address on Hillside Dr. She left it outside. The complainant was trying to get her food stamp card replaced and needs a police report.

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## 6-day weather forecast

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| <b>THURSDAY Nov. 25</b><br>38°   43°<br>Mostly Cloudy | <b>FRIDAY Nov. 26</b><br>39°   47°<br>Showers  |
| <b>SATURDAY Nov. 27</b><br>37°   45°<br>Showers       | <b>SUNDAY Nov. 28</b><br>37°   44°<br>Showers  |
| <b>MONDAY Nov. 29</b><br>40°   46°<br>Showers         | <b>TUESDAY Nov. 30</b><br>39°   47°<br>Showers |

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