

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 30 years ago

Jan. 21, 1987

Sentinel Publisher awarded First Citizen

Sentinel Publisher Bill Huyn-ter, applauded for his leadership in the city's Expo 1986 effort and his longtime commitment to the community, was named Cottage Grove's 1986 First Citizen Saturday Night.

Also awarded at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's 38th annual awards dinner were Fred Kent and Leah Cyrus, Kent received the Distinguished Community Service Award and Cyrus was selected as 1986 Junior First Citizen.

Cottage Grove Hospital was honored as Business of the Year.

Hunter, 39, has been active in community activities and business affairs since moving to Cottage Grove in 1972. He became publisher of the Sentinel in June 1982, succeeding longtime publisher Leroy Zimmerman.

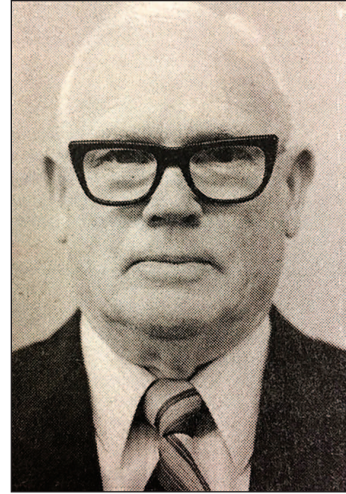
While Hunter has been recognized for his work with local service clubs, the chamber of



Bill Hunter



Leah Cyrus



Fred Kent

commerce and the United Way during the past 15 years, it was his leadership as chairman of the city-appointed Expo 1986 Committee that earned him the coveted award, said Jim Jentsch, 1987 chamber president.

"More than anything, it was the enthusiasm and spirit that he

was able to bring out in the people of Cottage Grove through Expo" that earned him the award, Jentsch said.

"That and his continual support of community projects."

The nine-month expo effort included planning and presentation of a one-day display in the

Oregon Pavillion at Vancouver, B.C. world's fair. The exhibit was displayed on July 5, designated as "Cottage Grove Day" at the pavilion, but its effect was longer lasting.

The League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Pavilion staff judged the Cottage Grove ex-

hibit as the best of any individual city presented at the pavilion.

"That type of recognition brings people to Cottage Grove," Jentsch said.

Hunter and other members of the city committee received certificates at the dinner from Mayor Jim Gilroy. The certificates, from the state Department of Economic Development and signed by former Gov. Victory Atiyeh, went to Hunter, Jim Reeves, Diane O'Renick, Diane Higgins, Pam Baysinger, Pat Zeller and Alan Bair.

Hunter has been a chamber Advisory Board member since 1982 and has been on various chamber committees and fund-raising projects. He currently serves as vice president of the Cottage Grove Hospital Board of Directors, and previously served as the board's secretary.

A former United Way fund drive chairman, Hunter also

was a three-term board member of the United Way of Lane County representing the Cottage Grove area. He received a graphics award for designing the countywide campaign brochure in 1978.

He is a former member and past president of the Cottage Grove Lions Club, and is a present member of the Rotary Club. Other community involvement projects have included the "Yes for Schools" campaign following the 1976 schools closure, various efforts to pass city and school budgets, and the current "Buy a Brick, Build a Bridge" fund drive for the downtown pedestrian covered bridge.

He was one of the founders of the American Field Services Crafts Fair.

Hunter also was recognized for his newspaper editorials, which have gained state and national recognition.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Jan. 9

Criminal Mischief, Bohemia Park

A complainant reported that his kids just came home and told him there was a subject tagging the playground equipment with spray paint. The kids gave no subject description. Officers responded and determined there was dried pink paint on a door, table and playground equipment that appears fairly old. Officers contacted CG Public Works to review the park surveillance video.

Criminal Mischief, S. 15th St.

A caller reported that an unknown subject slashed her rear tires on her vehicle while parked in her driveway overnight. Offi-

cers contacted that complainant for additional information and determined the estimated damage to the rear tires to be approximately \$200.

Civil Problem, Polk Ave.

A complainant advised police that her father has taken her vehicle and began making threats to burn it to the ground. The complainant advised that the father has had permission to use the vehicle in the past.

Jan. 10

Domestic Disturbance, The Grove

A bartender from the business advised police of finding a note left on the bar by a female that suggested the possibility of domestic violence. The bartender

also gave information concerning the vehicle involved. Police didn't find the matching vehicle on an area check.

Disturbance, S. Fourth St.

A complainant advised that there was a person yelling at someone in a vehicle. The person in the vehicle yelled at a subject to get back in the vehicle. Police determined that there was no assault witnessed and the confrontation was verbal only.

Jan. 11

Welfare Check, Bennett Creek Rd.

A subject called South Lane Mental Health and said he was going to shoot himself. It was unknown if he was intoxicated, but he sounded very agitated. It has been reported that he has a gun in the household.

Property Found, E. Washington Ave.

Public Works found miscellaneous clothing: Adidas shoes, khaki pants, socks, a scarf, two sleeping bags, two plastic containers, a loaf of bread, forks and spoons, mule tape and a blue hoodie. The property has been bagged up and is located at Public Works.

Jan. 13

Suspicious Subjects, S. Sixth St.

A caller advised that two male subjects were going door to door on Goddard Ln. trying to sell windows. However, the subjects were being very aggressive and looking in windows and banging on doors. Officers advised that the subjects are in the county and appear to be clear.

Property Found, E. Main St. PD

An officers requested a case number for found property. The officer found one black-knit facemask that was found in the patrol room. The property was filed for evidence.

Sex Offender Registration, E. Main St. PD

A man at the police department came in to register as a sex offender. The information was sent via secure website. Information regarding sex offenders in the area can be found online.

Incomplete 911 call, Ash Ave.

A woman was initially heard screaming on the first call. On a callback, the female advised that her two year old grandson got a hold of the phone, and it did not appear to match the screaming on the initial call.

Suspicious Vehicle, E. Adams Ave.

A caller advised that a Camry or a Corolla type of vehicle was parked in front of the church that has the dash lights on but nothing else and does not appear to be occupied. The car had been there for approximately 45 minutes. The complainant was concerned due to recent drug and theft activity in the area.

Jan. 14

Hit & Run, Gateway Blvd.

A manager of a local business called police advising of a hit and run that occurred earlier in the morning. The victim was at work at Safeway and the suspect guest checked out this morning. Officers located the vehicle in the parking lot of Safeway and took the case for a hit and run.

Property Recovered, Gresham PD

Gresham police advised that a stolen gun referenced in a local case has been recovered in their city. Detectives held the gun as evidence for the time being until it was cleared.

Death Investigation, Taylor Ave.

A caller reported that his friend appears to be deceased. The 54 year old male was not conscious and not breathing. The victim has had diabetic problems. Medics pronounced the subject deceased at 12:26 p.m.

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CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

Something Got a Little Hot in City Hall

On Thursday, January 12, 2017 a circuit breaker for some of the electrical in the Public Works Department was tripped due to staff moving equipment in the office to a different outlet. While visiting the electrical room to reset the breaker, a very strong odor of burning/melting metal was detected. Staff began exploring the wealth of panels and brought in assistance from the City's electrician. The tripped breaker was quickly determined to not be the cause or even related to the odor when the case to the transfer switch was opened and identified as the source of the odor. The electrician and staff quickly identified a major problem with the connection of the main electrical line into the building. Using a heat sensor the connection was shown to be at least 300 degrees.

All equipment in the City Hall was shut down and staff were sent home. The 911 center was moved to the backup center, fiber and IT staff were notified, Territorial Seed was contacted, currently housed inmates were moved outside, the backup generator was disconnected and all electrical service was terminated in 15 minutes. When the service was terminated the bolt holding the connection to the panel was actually glowing red. Repairs were completed by 5:00 pm. No other damages occurred. The event provided an excellent opportunity to try out some emergency procedures and equipment.

City/County Insurance Visit

The City Manager, Police Chief and Captain Gagner met with Dunny Sorenson from City/County Insurance and Dave Nelson the Public Safety Risk Management Officer from City/County Insurance joined the discussion by phone to discuss the restrictions established by legislation or court cases on towing or impounding vehicles. The City will be working with CIS and others to try to develop some tools to help improve public safety. Following the discussion the City Manager and Dunny met separately and reviewed the City's risk management practices.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual Awards and Installation Banquet in the Cottage Grove Armory on Saturday, January 21st. The social activities begin at 5:00 pm with the banquet and program starting at 6:00 pm. Anyone still interested in attending should contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Howard Retirement Countdown

On January 27th at 6:00 pm in the Cottage Grove Armory, the City will be holding a special countdown ceremony for Howard Schesser is retiring from the City of Cottage Grove on January 31st. The cost for dinner is \$23. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact the City Recorder, Trudy before Friday, January 20th.

Relay For Life

The South Lane County Relay for Life will be holding their annual kick-off event at the Cottage Grove on Saturday, January 28th beginning at 5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to attend the family friendly event should register for Relay for Life at www.relayforlife.org/cottagegroveor or contact southlanerfl@gmail.com.

Legislative Preview

The Blackberry Pie Society will be hosting a discussion with former legislator Tony Corcoran about the upcoming legislative session in the Cottage Grove Armory on Tuesday, January 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Police Interviews

Written testing and interviews were conducted on Monday, January 9th for potential police officers. The next step in the process is the Chief's interviews with the top four candidates going forward. These interviews will be completed by Friday, January 20, 2017.

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