

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 40 years ago

Jan. 27, 1977

## New BMD President needs help

The first meeting of the 1977 Bohemia Mining Days committee under the direction of new president Chuck Robertson was held last night in the city hall council chambers.

Mr. Robertson said Friday that the meeting will lead off a series of monthly meetings. The purpose of the first meeting, according to Mr. Robertson, is to set up the "basic framework" of this year's celebration and to assign responsibilities to volunteer committee members.

Mr. Robertson, who was elected last week to take over leadership of the faltering celebration, said he hopes to expand community involvement in the summer even.

"I think it's an asset to the community," said Robertson, explaining that he volunteered to head the committee to save it from being disbanded. "I thought that maybe, with a little new blood and a spark of some enthusiasm, we could get it back to the way it was and maybe save it."

Saving the celebration is not going to be an easy job. At last week's meeting, when Mr. Robertson was elected president, only four persons show up — and one of those was too late to participate.

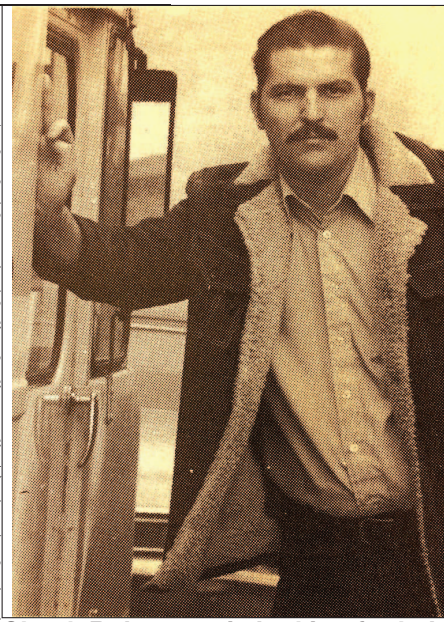
Robertson said he has "a few ideas" about this year's celebration, such as no carnival, a logging competition and a com-

bined Sunday church service. But he wants to hear what others think, before revealing details of his plans.

Robertson got involved in the mining days committee while serving as the lodge's representative on the committee.

Robertson said there are no firm rules about what the annual summer celebration should be. He said each year's committee is responsible for putting together the event.

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Chuck Robertson is looking for help as the new BMD Committee President. "If you didn't like it last year, get involved positively and let's make it better this year."

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

Jan. 23

Info Via CL911, HWY 99S

An employee at a local business reported that a homeless camp has been set up at the rear of the business and found a rifle and requested officers to pick it up for safe keeping. Officers determined a fence had been cut and several trees had been cut to craft a shelter.

Criminal Mischief, Chestnut Ave.

A caller reported that sometime during the past week unknown subjects damaged the landscaping and downspout on her property while driving through the alleyway. Officers contacted the complainant for additional information. A work order was submitted to Public

take photos of a victim's injuries she sustained in a domestic assault case that occurred in their jurisdiction last night. The victim came into the Main Street Police Department to have photos taken.

Disturbance, N. Douglas St.  
A complainant reported that a subject was tearing up his residence. He had been assaulted but declined medical or medical assistance. Officers contacted the subject and complainant who decided not to press charges but asked police to remove him from the property.

Jan. 24

Theft of Bike, CGHS  
Officer Martin requested a case number for the theft of a

from the bike rack on the west side of the school.

Death Investigation, W. Main St.

Police responded to a probable deceased 59 year old female who was not conscious and not breathing. Medical examiners responded and determined the victim to have passed. The body was released to Smith Lund Mills.

Sex Crime, HWY 99

A caller advised she woke up at the location this morning after going to several bars in town and there are pictures of her on social media with a male subject she doesn't know. The victim was transported to the University District Hospital for evaluation.

Shots Fired, Middlefield Golf Area

A caller reported a male subject on foot with a dark colored hat and shorts and is possibly in possession of a .22 rifle. Police contacted the complainant and advised that everyone was alright. Police followed up with the complainant the following day.

Jan. 25

Disabled Vehicle, London Rd.  
Police were out with a disabled vehicle in the middle of the roadway. The officers advised that multiple construction items were inside the vehicle as well. The vehicle was initially pushed out of the roadway and Taylor's Towing was contacted for a safekeeping tow due to the property inside the vehicle.

Disturbance, London  
A complainant reported that four people were involved in a physical dispute, and there was mention of a firearm. Complainants advised that things have calmed down. There were no injuries, but a male subject was throwing clothing around in a fit.

Jan. 26

Traffic Stop, Roberts Ln.

Officers attempted to arrest a man in possession of burglary tools and counterfeit money. The subject resisted and was eluding police on foot. Police eventually arrested the man who was then placed in holding.

Assault, CGHS

A complainant requested an officer to deal with an assault case where an adolescent male punched another adolescent male in the face. Police arrested the subject but released him to the school.

Property Found, Cascade Home Center

Property was found that included a baseball hat, a Razor scooter and a backpack. The property was lodged for safekeeping.

Jan. 27

Patrol Request, Old Rays  
A transient camp was near the corner of the building and a complainant requested officers to patrol and advise whoever returns to it of trespassing and that the property has 24 hours to be removed or it will be disposed of.

Jan. 28

Criminal Mischief, S. Eighth St.

A complainant just came home and found that somebody has written "a rat lives here" and "snitches get stitches" on the front door. The subject is possibly a neighbor of the caller who was yelling at him this morning that he was a rat.

Disturbance, N. Douglas Ave.  
A female adult told police that her 15 year-old son is out of control in his room breaking things. She wanted him removed from the home. When police told her they could not remove her son from the home but could come keep the peace, the caller disconnected and refused to answer on call back.

# CITY BEAT

From the City of Cottage Grove Friday Update

## Goodbye to Howard

Tonight (Jan. 27) we will be officially thanking Howard for his years of service to the community. He will be officially finishing up and entering the world of retirement on Tuesday but I believe he is taking the final day off. Over the course of his two tours of duty with Cottage Grove, from 1985 to 1989 and from 2000 to 2017 he has contributed a lot to making the community a better place live, work and play. During his career he has seen the development of Gateway Blvd, Cottage Grove Industrial Park, Village Green, Middlefield Golf Course, has addressed floodplain regulations from the state, dealt with expansion of Wal-Mart, annexation of the Speedway, created park master plans and helped us make major preparations for emergencies. Thank you Howard, you will be missed.

## Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, January 30th in a special 5th Monday meeting to discuss plans for the Sock collection and Sockball fight that will be happening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, February 20th.

The YAC is also preparing for the YAC Academy that will be held earlier in the day on Monday, February 20th. All day the YAC members will be with City Staff and experience the day to day operations of the City. The City Council will be invited to join the YAC for lunch.

## Oregon Main Street Network Meeting & Grant Workshop

The Winter Oregon Main Street Network Meeting & Training is being held this coming Monday, January 30, 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, January 31, 8 a.m. to Noon, at the Cottage Grove Armory. The training will cover the new Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant program. Attendance at the Network Meeting and Training is required for Performing Main Street and Transforming Downtown level communities. We are encouraging the Main Street Board of Directors and the Historic Landmarks Commission to attend, but community members are welcome to attend.

Please register for the OMS Network Meeting and the Workshop using this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-main-street-network-meeting-grant-workshop-tickets-30764572665>

## Lucy's Dog Park Open for Use

Steve Nisewander, owner of Lucy's Car Wash on Main Street, has officially opened a public-use dog park behind the car wash. Lucy's Dog Park is open for dogs and their humans from dawn to dusk. You can access the dog park from either Main Street or from the Row River Trailhead Park. Parking is located at the end of S. 14th Street on the Trailhead Park grounds. The dog park is fully fenced and will soon have other features such as drinking fountains for the pups and benches for their humans. Thanks to PetSafe for their generous grant that allowed for the fencing of this park, and to Steve for his generosity to the community.

## New Golf Course Superintendent

The City of Cottage Grove has hired Roger Vandehey as the new Golf Course Superintendent to oversee the operation and maintenance of the City's Middlefield Golf Course. Roger replaces Kris Ammerman who resigned in late November to accept the Parks Superintendent position with the City of Roseburg. Roger literally grew up on a golf course and has worked as a golf course superintendent for 25 years. His prior superintendent experience includes positions at Sandpines Golf Links in Florence; Springfield Country Club; Elkhorn Valley Golf Course in Lyons; and Wildwood Golf Course in Portland. Roger holds an Oregon Commercial Pesticide Applicators License and is a graduate of the Linn-Benton Community College Turf Grass Management program. Roger brings a wealth of experience to Middlefield and we look forward to benefiting from his expertise. Roger will begin his duties in early February. Welcome Roger.

## Knox Hill Reservoirs Mixing System Upgrade

During the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, Public Works installed a mixing system at the Knox Hill water storage reservoirs. The two reservoirs hold 2.0 and 2.3 million gallons of water. This large volume of water does not mix well and during times of low use, water can become "layered" within the reservoir. Mixing also enhances chlorine contact time and guarantees proper disinfection. The original mixers set on the bottom of each reservoir. One has failed and needs to be replaced. Through a replacement and upgrade program, the City will be able to get more reliable and robust mixers at a significantly reduced price. The mixers constantly move and mix the water being stored in the reservoirs. The upgraded mixers will be installed by divers whose suits have been disinfected to allow entry into the reservoir. This task will be completed at the same time that the reservoirs are being cleaned this spring.

## Successful Author Event at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library recently hosted an interesting evening event with local author Janet Fisher, author of A Place of Her Own and The Shifting Winds. Janet's new historical novel, The Shifting Winds, was released this year.



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THURSDAY Nov. 25

38° | 43°



Mostly Cloudy

FRIDAY Nov. 26

39° | 47°



Showers

SATURDAY Nov. 27

37° | 45°



Showers

SUNDAY Nov. 28

37° | 44°



Showers

MONDAY Nov. 29

40° | 46°



Showers

TUESDAY Nov. 30

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Showers

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