

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Feb. 18, 1987: Magazine recognized car dealers

If you listed all the awards and honors Leonard "Bud" Betz has earned during his long and distinguished career, the list would probably extend from Cottage Grove to Eugene and back again.

Add one more prestigious honor to that list. The Cottage Grove automobile dealer was named recently as a 1987 Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award finalist. His award was announced at the National Automobile Dealers Association annual convention recently in Las Vegas.

Betz is one of only 20 dealers in the nation to be selected as a finalist in the program, and he finished fifth overall in the final balloting. Forty-eight other dealers received recognition.

"It's quite an honor," said Betz. "This is a national honor where you're nominated by your peers."

In winning the award, Betz received a poster-size facsimile of Time magazine featuring his picture on the cover. The poster was hanging with the rest of the finalists at the convention.

The program is sponsored by Time in cooperation with the NADA. Each year, it honors outstanding new car dealers in the U.S. for "exceptional performance in their dealerships combined with distinguished community service." The recipients are chosen by a panel of judges from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration.

Betz, who purchased his current dealership in 1966, was nominated by the Oregon Automobile Dealers Association. He is immediate past president of the OADA, and has served on several dealer councils, including the General Motors President's advisory council.

Betz has long been active in community affairs. He has been awarded the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's Out-

standing Service Award, and is a director of the Cottage Grove Bank and Cottage Grove Hospital. He is past president of the chamber and Rotary Club, and served as an alternate on the Oregon State Economic Development Committee.

Betz was named Oregon Retailer of the Year in 1984 and serves on numerous committees for Lane Community College and economic development.



News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the Legislature

- The Oregon State Legislature has been in session for just over 10 days and has already found the power of social media. Several bills introduced may be heading to the wayside after constituents caught wind of their potential impacts.
- House Bill 2875, introduced last week, would create a five cent, per pound tax on coffee at the wholesale level. However, after the story exploded on social media and made its way to Washington news outlets, several representatives have noted the unlikelihood that the bill would move forward. No hearing for the bill has been set.
- Likewise, House Bill 2877 was killed after public outcry. The bill, introduced Feb. 6, would have implemented a \$1,000 fee every five years for vehicles 20 years or older in order to generate cash for the state highway fund. Undue burden to the low-income population was cited in arguments against the proposition.
- A bill gaining public support has also emerged this week. Introduced by Rep. Rob Nosse and Senator Elizabeth Steiner, the bill targets prescription drug costs. If approved, the bill would force drug makers to issue rebates to insurers for drugs that cost more than \$10,000 a year or if their prices rise faster than inflation.
- House Bill 2216 would give foster children the right to stay in touch with their siblings if they happened to be separated during the adoption process. As of press time, a hearing was expected on the bill this week.

From around the state

- The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has approved marijuana for home delivery after previously shelving the idea. Licensed retailers may only deliver within the city they are licensed in, carry no more than \$3,000 worth of product at a time and may not deliver to hotels or college campuses. The product may only be delivered to residential homes and must be carried in a lock box in a secure vehicle.
- Oregon has joined Washington's lawsuit challenging the legality of President Donald Trump's travel ban on individuals from seven Muslim-majority countries. Oregon joined 15 other states in signing the lawsuit.
- Protests against Planned Parenthood were held in Portland and Eugene on Feb. 11 over federal funding for the procedure. The rallies brought out pro-choice supporters as well despite Planned Parenthood's call for supporters to stay away from the protests. The protests were reportedly part of rallies in 45 states with calls to defund Planned Parenthood coming from organizers. Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette President-CEO Stacy Cross said, "There is no blank check that Planned Parenthood gets from the federal government, and it's not in the budget. Instead, the legislation prevents millions of women who rely on Medicaid from accessing the healthcare provider they've been depending on for decades. This policy also has nothing to do with abortion - it instead cuts women off from cancer screenings, birth control, and HIV and STI testing and treatment."
- Jake the puppy captured hearts around the state last week after he was rescued from an abandoned apartment in Eugene. Authorities located the dog after its owner emailed the apartment complex notifying it that they had returned to China the month before and left the dog behind. Jake was malnourished and in unstable condition. He has since recovered, is doing well in his puppy classes and has been adopted by a member of the Eugene Police Department.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Feb. 12

Cottage Grove Police responded to a call concerning two females behind the old Ray's and Price Chopper who appeared to be setting up camp. The incident was recorded as a trespass.

A man was cited for standing in the ambulance bay of PeaceHealth and threatening to shoot an individual inside. No weapon was found and officers ordered the man to leave the property when approached at Cottage Bowl.

A resident reported a suspicious suspect looking over fences into properties on 13th

Officers responded to a trespass complaint with an individual refusing to leave the parking lot of the emergency room after being treated. Reports noted he was drinking and refused to leave.

Feb. 11

Cottage Grove Police conducted a welfare check after reports came in of an SUV running with its lights on for several hours. The occupant informed officers they were waiting for a friend.

Robby King, 50, told authorities that his roommate stabbed him in the face. The call was registered as an assault.

Authorities responded to a call of unlawful lodging after finding 78 year old Marie Longfellow allegedly sleeping on the porch of the museum.

Grocery Outlet alleged Danielle Cooke, 31, shoplifted from the store and reported the incident to police.

A citizen complained to authorities after hearing a window breaking and seeing three male subjects in the area shouting. The call was lodged as a disturbance.

Feb. 10

Authorities conducted a welfare check after a mail carrier came into the station to report that a resident had not picked up her mail all week. Police were not able to reach her by phone.

Paul Taylor, 40, reported to authorities that he was physically attacked by his ex but did not wish to press charges and no injuries were recorded as visible.

A complaint of suspicious activity came in with authorities responding and finding the call unfounded, noting children playing in the bushes.

A hit and run was reported with a vehicle allegedly backing into another on Main St. and the reporter claiming \$500 worth of damage to the vehicle.

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person wearing a black mask and approaching a resident's vehicle while it was stopped. The complainant said he was startled but the individual walked away, possibly carrying a stick.

Feb. 9

Tabitha Barnett, 37, reported an ongoing problem of trespass on her property. The report notes she has posted no trespass signs.

Village Green Resort reported the windows were broken out of room 919. The damage was discovered by the new patron entered the room and it is unknown when the incident occurred.

Officers responded to a call in the Walmart parking lot of two subjects

passed out in a car near the front entrance. When officers arrived, they found the windows rolled down and the trunk open. Both occupants were asleep.

A disorderly subject call was placed when an individual locked herself in the bathroom of the emergency room.

Feb. 8

Cottage Grove Police took a complaint from a woman who said she was assaulted at Safeway two hours prior. She said she was hit in the face and threatened with a pocket knife. She was shown photos to identify her alleged attacker.

Officers answered a call from a woman who advised them she was hearing a loud noise outside her residence. She said she believed someone sabotaged her home after noting she had no power. Authorities report she answered the door with a knife and described her as paranoid and believed the local police department to be plotting against her.

Authorities took a report from a woman who said she was assaulted at Bohemia Park 30 minutes prior to the report by two males. She noted the men wore bandanas over their faces but declined medics. Police reported she had an injury to her face.

Two men were reported by Safeway for stealing two bags of chips and two energy drinks. Allegedly the men refused to return the property when confronted and took off behind the store. The report noted one subject was wearing a marijuana hat, bro jacket and backpack. The men were cited for theft and released.

Feb. 7

First degree burglary was reported after a complainant reported that someone broke through a bedroom door and stole an Xbox valued at \$200 and a 32-inch television valued at \$200.

Disorderly contact call was responded to after a male was reported walking in the middle of Hwy. 99 pushing a cart full of things and yelling.

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