

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Volunteers are an American Tradition: 1987

Volunteers have been the lifeblood of the United States since it was formed more than two centuries ago.

That tradition has been carried down through the years, in towns and cities of varying sizes and people. Cottage Grove is a town that depends a great deal on volunteerism.

"When I came to Cottage Grove, I couldn't believe the number of volunteers involved," said Donna Vasquez, volunteer coordinator for Community Sharing. "This town should be glad for the volunteer support it gets."

Being a volunteer doesn't mean not receiving benefits for performing a service. A better definition of volunteer is one who enters into any service of his, or her, own free will.

"It's a good way to spend my time and I really enjoy doing it," smiled Elva Addington, one of the many volunteers at Community Sharing. "I like being around people

and helping others."

Vasquez, who has been in her current position since November, estimates about 450 volunteers lend their assistance to Community Sharing throughout the year. The number increases during the holiday period with the Tree of Joy and various food drives.

Vasquez gets paid for a half-time position, which sometimes to her seems like full-time work. She schedules the volunteers' hours, and makes sure everything runs smoothly.

"If it weren't for the volunteers, Community Sharing probably wouldn't fill the role it does now," Vasquez said.

An example would be the various food drives Community Sharing is involved with, like the ongoing "Let's Bag Hunger in Oregon" campaign. Last year, Community Sharing distributed nearly 1,200 food baskets, feeding more than 3,750 people.

Most volunteers, like Addington, work three hours per week, the most that is expected of them. However, many will work

more if necessary.

"I'll come in sometimes if someone is sick or can't make it in at their scheduled time," noted Addington.

Vasquez estimates that volunteers gave close to 11,000 hours of their time last year. At the average wage of \$5 per hour, that comes to \$55,000 worth of labor. That figure is more than half of the program's resources.

This week is being celebrated as National Volunteer Week throughout the country. Community Sharing scheduled a small party for the volunteers.

Despite that there are already 40 or so volunteers, Vasquez said more are always welcome.

"The one thing you can never have enough of is volunteers," she said. "We can always use more help."

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Community Sharing at 541-942-2176.



CAPITOL BEAT

News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the legislature

The legislature continues to cram their schedule prior to the April 18 deadline for all bills to make it out of their committees if they hope to become law.

The senate was set to discuss Senate Bill 374 on Monday which called for identification in the state of Oregon to comply with the federal Real ID Act passed in 2005. Oregon obtained an extension but without another moved deadline, Oregon residents will no longer be able to use their state-issued IDs as proof of identity in U.S. airports.

The "Planned Parenthood" bill, or House Bill 3391 will also see discussion in chambers this week. The potential law requires Oregon health plans to cover abortions, birth control and other reproductive care at no extra cost. It would allow for religion-based plans to be exempt from the mandate.

Duel-lovers may soon be allowed to run for public office again in Oregon. The legislature is debating on whether or not to strike the 170-plus year constitutional ban on the practice which would, technically, allow lawmakers to partake in the age-old custom of settling disagreements.

Senators from the state legislature chose the osprey over the western meadowlark as the new state bird. The house will likely vote on the issue next month before it becomes official.

From around the state

A plane crash in Harrisburg this week killed a family of three, along with the pilot. The California residents were on their way to Eugene for a tour of the University of Oregon for their only child, Brenden, who also died in the crash.

A wind storm that swept through the valley Friday afternoon had more than 10,000 customers without power in Linn, Lane, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas, Multnomah and Polk counties.

The chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court wrote a letter last week asking that U.S. ICE officials stop arresting individuals in and around courthouses. The letter comes after several reports of victims of domestic violence and other crimes being detained by ICE when they arrive at court to file a complaint or testify against their attackers.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

April 9

A juvenile male was taken into custody for shoplifting at Safeway, charged with theft in the third-degree.

A man reported to Cottage Grove Police that he was riding his bicycle when someone hit his back tire and began to chase him. The incident began near Killion's Market and proceeded to the ranger station on Cedar Park Rd. The man declined medics.

CGPD assisted the Lane County Sheriff's Office when a victim reported having been assaulted and carjacked near Bennett Creek Rd. The suspects obtained the victim's vehicle and inflicted injuries. Suspected to be armed with a knife and pepper spray.

April 8

A complainant reported several teenagers coming out of vacated apartments on S. 8th St. The teenagers were reportedly not carrying anything or engaging in any other activity.

CGPD took a noise complaint on S. 6th Ave. for loud music.

An elderly resident complained to police that two individuals had knocked on his door. He reported the male was not speaking clearly but mentioned his parents had recently passed away. He was in his mid-30s and said he had all of his belongings with him.

A resident told police a bicycle had been outside his residence for five hours. He noted he took the bicycle inside.

CGPD fielded a 911 call from a resident who asked for a ride to her vehicle which had been left at a friend's house. The caller was informed that 911 was for life threatening emergencies and

that police do not give cab rides.

An alarm was activated at 2332 E. Whiteaker Ave.

April 6

A called advised CGPD that a "tweaker" was inside Walmart and said the suspect might have been "seeing things" but did not actually steal anything.

CGPD conducted a prison transport.

A tree was reported as down on a trailer in the backyard on Ash Ave. It reportedly took the power pole and hot lines down as well. Two adults and two children were trapped inside but were uninjured.

A K-9 unit was deployed to Adams and 17th.

CGPD took a call regarding a father refusing to return the child to the mother. No custody order was in place.

A motorist reported large debris in the road just east of Village Green Resorts.

A traffic stop was conducted in Little Caesar's parking lot.

Safeway pharmacy held at gunpoint

On April 3 at 8:54 p.m., Cottage Grove Police report a robbery at Safeway on Main St. in Cottage Grove. The suspect was armed and targeted the pharmacy but no injuries were reported.

Officials are looking for a white male, approximately 5'7" to 5'10" weighing 170lbs. Anyone with information concerning the incident is asked to call detective Shawn Branstetter at (541) 942-9145 ext. 134.

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6-day weather forecast

<p>THURSDAY April 13 54° 46° Showers</p>	<p>FRIDAY April 14 52° 33° Showers</p>
<p>SATURDAY April 15 60° 37° Showers</p>	<p>SUNDAY April 16 60° 41° Partly Cloudy</p>
<p>MONDAY April 17 56° 42° Showers</p>	<p>TUESDAY April 18 57° 41° Showers</p>

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