

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Road project is on schedule: August, 26, 1987

Construction crews are currently on schedule for completing the River Road widening project.

According to Cottage Grove Public Works Director Bob Sisson, work is progressing on both North and South River roads.

"We really haven't hit any major problems yet," said Sisson. "We should be done with the project around Oct. 1."

The company doing the project, Eugene Sand & Gravel, installed the curbs on South River Road late last week. Meanwhile, other crews are tearing the old surface off of North River Road between Woodson Bridge and Bennett Creek Road.

"Paving should start within the next three weeks," noted Sisson. "But the weather will play a role on when that gets done."

The project, which will widen South River Road from 22 to 36 feet, was greeted with opposition from many residents living in the area. So far, Sisson said, there haven't been any complaints.

"People have called and complained about the dust," admitted Sisson. "But

we've been watering down the area trying to keep the dust down."

Bill Moshofsky, one of the South River Road residents who fought the city's original plan to widen the road to 40 feet, admits the construction isn't as bad as he imagined.

"So far, they've been watering the gravel so there isn't much dust," said Moshofsky. "And it really hasn't been much of an inconvenience."

"The workers have been very friendly and helpful," he added. "I think we're going to have a great looking road when they get done."

However, Moshofsky is glad the city decided on the narrower road width, because "it saved at least a dozen old trees from getting cut down."

On North River Road, the culvert pipe leading Bennett Creek into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River has been installed, and crews are moving ahead on the widening.

"It's been an inconvenience, but it's all in the name of progress," said Larry Levens,

who lives on North River Road. "I've been able to get to my house although I had to move a barrier a few times."

Levens also got fill dirt for his land to the south of the residence.

Another construction project was slated to begin this week.

The 'M' Street Bridge over Silk Creek will be replaced beginning this week. The project is located just to the south of Main Street.

Crews will remove the existing wooden bridge and install a new concrete span and approaches. Federal bridge replacement funds will pay 80 percent of the \$115,000 project.

'M' Street will be closed at the Main Street intersection, and at its merging with Anthony Avenue. The closure likely will last through Nov. 1, according to Sisson.

Residents living in that area should use 'R' Street. Once South River Road is paved near Silk Creek, residents should be able to use the alley connecting Bryant Avenue with River Road.



News from the state and around the nation

Around the state

ODOT reported the first wave of eclipse travelers on Thursday, August 16. It noted that the Interstate in the northern part of the state, through Bend and Prineville, was backed up for a dozen miles with gas stations reporting fuel shortages.

Oregon State University's men's basketball team is safe and accounted for after a terrorist attack in Barcelona, Spain. The team was in the country for summer play when a van mounted the sidewalk outside the team's hotel in the Las Ramblas district and drove through a crowd killing at least 13 and injuring 50.

Heather Mounce Davison, missing from Dallas since August 12, was found at the Oregon coast near the Sea Lion Caves on August 16. She had minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital. She was reported missing after she stopped communicating with a family member on Saturday. A phone trace led the family to Florence where her husband said he found her and called 911.

Nike's Phil Knight has given again. This time, it was \$500,000 to Oregon's GOP candidate Knute Buehler. The donation brings Buehler's total to just over \$700,000. Opponent Kate Brown has raised \$1.4 million.

Around the nation

Mylan, the company responsible for the EpiPen, has reached a settlement with the U.S. Justice Department. The company will pay \$464 million after being found to have overcharge the government for the emergency allergy medication and misclassify the medication to avoid paying rebates to Medicaid users.

North Korea released new propaganda posters claiming the U.S. to be in firing range. The posters, released Thursday, August 16, depict a map of the United States with missiles pointed at it, the words, "All of the U.S. mainland is within our strike range," printed on them.

The Public Religion Research Institute released a survey last week reporting that 40 percent of Americans want to see President Trump impeached. Gallup tracks the President's approval rating at 34 percent while Monmouth University released a study that says 41 percent of the country approves of the president's, 49 disapprove and of those people, 61 percent who approved of the president's performance said there was nothing he could do that would change their minds. Of those who disapproved of the president's performance, 57 percent said nothing would change their mind.

Calls for confederate statues to be removed continue to grow in the wake of the white supremacy march held in Charlottesville, Virginia. Baltimore, Maryland Mayor Catherine Pugh ordered statues down in the middle of the night citing public safety and security while other agencies consider their options in regards to the monuments. President Donald Trump tweeted on the topic, "Sad to see the history and culture of our great country being ripped apart with the removal of our beautiful statues and monuments. You can't change history but you can learn from it. Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson-who's next, Washington, Jefferson? So foolish! Also the beauty that is being taken out of our cities, towns and parks will be greatly missed and never able to be comparably replaced!"

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August 20

Suspicious subject reported on Blue Sky Dr. Tall male with a baseball cap, dark pants and a lighter colored t-shirt standing in the middle of the road smoking and rapping.

Suspicious condition on Anthony Ave. Neighbor who is house sitting heard loud sound similar to metal on metal. Said side gate is open. Did not see anyone enter premises.

Trespass reported at Burger King. During investigation of trespass, found to have valid warrant. 61 year old male taken into custody.

DUII reported on Row River/BMX track. Blue Toyota minivan reported weaving on roadway. 38 year old male taken into custody.

Theft reported at Safeway. Male subject reported consumed alcohol inside the building, then took more and left the store.

August 18

Illegal burn reported. Subject burning trash in the backyard. 26-year-old male taken into custody.

Burglary reported on Lord Ave. Contractor doing work on the property reported several tools missing from the site. Tools located outside appearing to be staged. Substantial damage to the rear door.

August 17

Intoxicated subject reported at Short Stop on Main St. Male subject reportedly refused to leave business, standing on the front steps smoking a cigarette. Has pile of belongings.

Burglary reported at Dairy Queen. Complainant advised they had come in early for a delivery and found the interior of the business had been trashed.

August 16

Fraud reported at Walmart. Subject said they did not get their change when they did. Attempted to defraud the store for \$95.

Theft reported at New 2 U. Complainant advised that a male and female pulled up in an SUV and took a baby blue cradle from the location.



The Sentinel staff combs the police logs and finds odd calls and crimes. Each week, we will choose the one that most stands out and follow-up on the hijinks in the following edition. This week's weirdest call of the week is:

On August 21, a suspicious condition was reported at the disc golf course. Complainant advised he was digging out where the bike jumps are and found some bones.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY AUG. 24 76° 49° Mostly Cloudy	FRIDAY AUG. 25 83° 52° Sunny
SATURDAY AUG. 26 91° 57° Sunny	SUNDAY AUG. 27 94° 59° Sunny
MONDAY AUG. 28 94° 60° Sunny	TUESDAY AUG. 29 92° 57° Sunny

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