

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Volunteer helps poor feel better: '87

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Sentinel Staff of 1987

When their lights have been shut off or an eviction notice comes addressed to them, the indigent may knock on Community Sharing's doors.

Volunteers at Community Sharing work all year, but Christmas is perhaps the time volunteers' work is even more heart-felt and appreciated.

Janet Day is one of those volunteers. Planning to mop floors or shelve food, she started working at Community Sharing about two years ago. Now she works in emergency aid, interviewing potential recipients, helping to allocate food and doing just about anything that needs to be done.

She sees the tears and hears some of the heart-wrenching circumstances clients.

But when they receive their allotments of food or financial help, "we get to see how grateful they are for it."

The agency helps temporarily fill needs for shelter, rent, utility, medical and dental

prescriptions, emergency transportation, firewood and others. It sometimes acts as a referral or gives the needy part of the some to keep the electricity or gas on, she said. While it needs money now for Christmas food baskets, the agency always needs funds for utilities and shelter, she added.

When logging in the woods was recently shut down, two men who had never been there before sought help at Community Sharing. "I was glad they knew about this place." And, "it's gonna be a rough winter," she said, adding that the agency needs volunteers.

"We get to give out the help that other people have donated, and most of the people are very grateful," she said.

"I wish all the people that donated all the food could see it too, but we get to have the pleasure of that."

She is one of about five unpaid volunteers who work at the emergency aid desk. She is also trained to answer calls on the helpline a crisis intervention and information referral

service. Many people try to live as long as they can before asking for help.

For children who first come to the agency, "it's probably more food then they have seen for a while, and that's really touching." Besides working between two to 10 hours each week, she is always willing to donate her time to help the organization.

Doing volunteer work gives her feeling of satisfaction. "I like to feel worthwhile." And she has the time to devote to helping others, she said

Day has done a considerable amount of volunteer work before. She is one of two charter women members of Cottage Grove's Bohemia Sunrises Kiwanis Club and has helped collect firewood for the needy. Although her husband is now retired from the Navy, they have lived in various cities across the country. But she has liked Cottage Grove the most, she said.

"I enjoy the work. I enjoy the people," she said.



National Beat

News from the state and around the nation

From around the state

Oregon State Police asked for help from the public earlier this week in identifying the individual(s) responsible for illegally killing an elk in the Owyhee Canal.

Officers from the state's fish and wildlife department found the animal's carcass on Dec. 8, skinned with its shoulders nearby and its head removed.

University of Oregon's Jim Leavitt will stay with the Ducks after it was widely assumed he would be joining former head coach Willie Taggart in Florida at FSU. The defensive coordinator will bank \$1.7 million a year under his new contract.

Oregon joined a list of states who announced their intention to sue the Trump Administration over the FCC decision to repeal net neutrality—a rule that prevents internet providers from charging customers more to visit certain websites. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum released a statement, saying, "The decision by the FCC to reverse course on net neutrality will have lasting negative impacts for our economy and almost every aspect of our lives."

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, a 3.9 magnitude earthquake struck just south of Mollala.

Former Portland Mayor and Oregon House Speaker Vera Katz passed away on Monday, Dec. 11. Katz served three terms as mayor and became the only woman at the time to hold the position as speaker of the state house.

From around the nation

Federal judicial nominee Matthew Peterson made headlines last week when he was unable to answer basic legal questions during his confirmation hearing. Peterson later withdrew his nomination in a letter to President Trump, citing his desire not to become a "distraction."

An Amtrak train derailed in Washington on Monday, Dec. 18 killing at least six and sending 77 to the hospital. Initial reports noted the train was going 50 miles over the speed limit at the time of the crash.

The Department of Health and Human Services reportedly withheld more than 10,000 comments made on a proposal that would soften regulations for faith-based groups that require them to provide health care policies that include women's health services. The department allegedly released 80 comments in favor of the rollback.

No one knows how many people died in Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria battered the island earlier this year. Nearly 40 percent of the island's power is still not being generated and millions are without power. While initial estimates placed the death toll at 64, new estimates place the total closer to 1,000. Puerto Rico has ordered a recount to fully assess the number of citizens killed by the storm.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

December 11

An individual reported a suspicious vehicle, and was concerned the driver may be casing the area, when a pickup was driving up and down Holly Ave. at 8:00 p.m. The individual was looking at Christmas lights.

Shots were reportedly fired at around 7:00 p.m. on London Rd.

An individual reported that outside the break area at a grocery store on Main St. an employee was approached by a woman who placed some change and a handgun on the table and suddenly departed.

December 12

A suspicious vehicle was reported after an individual noticed a white van following a school bus and stopping at each stop two days in a row.

December 14



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Three individuals were charged with various offenses (theft 2nd degree, conspiracy and felon in possession of restricted weapon) after they were seen stealing makeup and purses from Walmart.

December 15

Suspicious subject was reported when a male subject was trying to avoid being seen on 17th St. The individual was ducking down between vehicles and houses and was carrying a gas can at 1:00 a.m.

An individual at Coast Fork Nursing Center was threatening staff with a fire extinguisher and was refusing to let anybody near him.

December 16

Two individuals loaded up two shopping carts of toys and ran out of Walmart with them. The staff was able to recover one cart but not the other. The items in the cart were estimated to be over \$1,000.

An individual reported a suspicious vehicle when they saw a pickup truck being loaded with "something heavy" at 2:00 a.m.

Criminal mischief was reported at Walmart a male got upset while at the pharmacy and on his way out of the store threw merchandise on the floor and knocked over a Christmas tree.

An individual reported that multiple kids at the front of Harrison Elementary appeared to be up to no good.

Just before midnight an individual on Mosby Creek reported hearing three shots fired.

6-day weather forecast

<p>THURSDAY Dec. 21 41° 25° Showers</p>	<p>FRIDAY Dec. 22 38° 19° Partly cloudy</p>
<p>SATURDAY Dec. 23 37° 18° Partly cloudy</p>	<p>SUNDAY Dec. 24 38° 22° Partly cloudy</p>
<p>MONDAY Dec. 25 40° 23° Partly cloudy</p>	<p>TUESDAY Dec. 26 38° 22° Sunny</p>

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