

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

## Nursing home staff looks toward future '88

Folks at Coast Fork Nursing Center are smiling these days.

Staff members and residents at the center have good reason to be happy with an enthusiastic new boss at the helm and a recent report card from the state saying the facility is doing an excellent job.

Jane Boren took over as administrator of the nursing center located in Cottage Grove on Sept. 21. She held a similar position at Valley West Health Care Center in Eugene before moving to Coast Fork.

It wasn't long after Boren arrived on the scene before she received some good news about the facility she represents. A client care monitoring unit from the State of Oregon's senior services decision submitted its survey of the center Nov. 19 Boren was delight with the results.

"This survey was as good as the best survey I ever had at Valley West," Boren said, adding that Valley West is as good as nursing home as any on the west coast.

The survey which requires officials to spend five days inspecting the center, revealed several minor problems, which Boren said aren't serious. She said many of

the necessary corrections have been made.

Neither Boren nor her staff were shocked by the favorable report.

When Boren took over at Coast Fork, her initial feeling was that the facility has the potential to be excellent. Her goal was to get things running smoothly.

Boren found a "very local and dedicated staff" waiting for her when she arrived. Many of the staff members were around when state inspections weren't so complimentary.

State officials found code infractions as early as 1984, when the facility was named Edgewood Nursing Center.

A statement of deficiency was sent to the facility in the spring of 1985. Infractions included improper skin care, lack of exercise and infection controls that didn't meet state guidelines, according to state health officials.

The infractions threatened the nursing center's Medicare and Medicaid certification.

In the summer of 1985, the center dug itself out of trouble by making what officials called "substantial improvements" in the

problem areas.

The current owners, Prestige Care Corp. based in Portland, bought the center in February of 1986 and changed the name to Coast Fork Nursing Center.

More trouble arose in July of that year when the center was decertified by state health officials. Admissions were closed off for three months until improvements were made and the facility was recertified.

A new administration has given the center a brighter outlook and kept Coast Fork in the state's good graces ever since.

Boren insist she shouldn't be given too much credit for Coast Fork's recent prosperity. She said existing staff worked through many of the center's problems before she arrived.

Now that the nursing center's problems appear to be behind it, Boren plans to make sure they don't resurface. She said taking good care of the patients is the cornerstone to a successful nursing center.

"My first obligation is to patient care," Boren said. One of her first moves as new administrator was to increase staff and buy more supplies she deemed necessary.

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

### January 9

Significant traffic was reported when cars were backed up from Gateway and Row River to Main St. due to construction. Oregon Department of Transportation then reset the traffic lights from Salem and traffic was moving again.

### January 10

A baggy of meth was found on a bench of the upstairs holding area at the police station.

### January 11

A male wearing a black coat and a backpack was almost struck by several vehicles as he was walking in and out of traffic near the I-5 northbound ramp.

### January 12

A woman reported that her daughter received a text from an individual saying that they were a stalker. It turned out that the individual was the daughter's friend.

### January 13

A 76-year-old man reported that a yellow two-door pickup truck drove across the parking lot towards him causing him to have to jump to the side to avoid being hit. The man fell down and was injured but did not require medical assistance. The man also reported that the driver of the car was laughing.

A woman on Jefferson Ave. reported a disturbance when an individual attempted to try and enter her home through a cat door and is now sitting outside in their car. An officer arrived and reported that the individual who was trying to get in, was initially invited into the home.

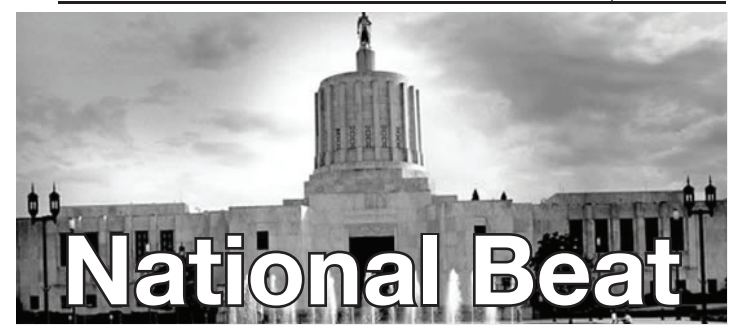
### January 14

Reckless driving was reported near Bohemia Park when a driver did not yield to a woman and her kids as they crossed the street and nearly struck them. The vehicle then followed the individuals and attempted to strike them in a parking lot near the park.

An employee on 5th St. reported

that a syringe was found in the parking lot.

A driver of a Greyhound bus reported that after getting lost, she was now stuck in mud and unable to move the bus.



## National Beat

News from the state and around the nation

### From around the state

- 16-year-old Sam Munda brought a rainbow flag to school in Forest Grove igniting several complaints to the school board and a community reaction that bordered on hysterics after rumors flew around town that the school had replaced the American flag with the rainbow flag. The school did not replace one flag with the other and Munda said she brought the flag to school to show other LGBTQ students support.
- Oregon's NAACP leaders said last week that the state did not properly allocate taxpayer dollars meant to help African-American students. The state legislature set aside \$2.7 million for several organizations in Portland that helped black students and their families. NAACP officials contend the money was not distributed equitably.
- Detroit Lake could be drained for up to two years if a project meant to improve conditions for endangered fish is approved. A 300-foot tower would help regulate water temperature in North Santiam River but would essentially empty Detroit Lake.

### From around the nation

- Authorities in California reported discovering 13 siblings locked in their parents basement, some in chains, on Monday, Jan. 15. The siblings ranged in age from two to 29 and appeared to be malnourished. The parents were taken into custody and held on bail of \$9 million each.
- Pope Francis told reporters earlier this week that he feared nuclear war and thought the world to be "at the very limit" of engaging in nuclear combat.
- Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused the White House of using "questionable and unfair" methods to "keep rivals in check," referring to sanctions handed down by the U.S.
- For 38 minutes, residents of Hawaii hid in closets and called loved ones after a bungled emergency system test sent out alerts that the island was under attack.

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## 6-day weather forecast

<b>THURSDAY Jan. 18</b> 45°   36°  <b>Showers</b>	<b>FRIDAY Jan. 19</b> 44°   36°  <b>Showers</b>
<b>SATURDAY Jan. 20</b> 43°   37°  <b>Showers</b>	<b>SUNDAY Jan. 21</b> 43°   36°  <b>Showers</b>
<b>MONDAY Jan. 22</b> 42°   35°  <b>Showers</b>	<b>TUESDAY Jan. 23</b> 45°   32°  <b>Showers</b>

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