

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Decade of service has memories: 1988

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Sentinel Staff of 1988

It was April 1978, when the South Lane school board announced its new superintendent.

They had looked for five months, expanding their search to west of the Mississippi River. They wanted someone with strong management skills, collective bargaining experience and a commitment to educational excellence, among other qualities.

Then they made their decision. Out of 43 applicants, they selected a man from Moscow, Idaho; a man whom the community would come to know as Mr. Ambassador.

Now Marshal Keating will leave his post after 10 years as South Lane District superintendent, ending a 32-year career in

education.

"It's been a long pull for Lois and I, and we would like to have some good years to enjoy life and do some traveling and visit with the kids," the 55-year-old says.

That "long pull" often included 10 to 12 hour days, sometimes six days a week. While much of his time has been spent pouring over budgets, he also has what six-year board member Ron Howe calls "A steadfast defense of the educational system" and the belief that education encompasses more than curriculum.

"It was not just a narrow classroom approach," Howe says.

Keating's management skills were tested as soon as he began his term, which he acted as district negotiator in contract talks. Within about six weeks, he and the teaching staff were able to reach an agreement, averting a strike.

"The morale of the school staff at the

time was absolutely rock bottom," Keating recalls. There was despair, "a fair amount of anger, and an awful lot of turmoil in the school district."

So began a process of building rapport with administrative and teaching staff in the district; a relationship which both school district personnel and board members agree has improved over the years.

That relationship brought stability to the district after its disruptive closure in 1977, Howe says. From janitors to counselors, Keating has helped build better labor relations with certified and classified staff, and his ratings from administrators have been consistently and increasingly high, he added.

Involving teachers in the decision-making process has been one of his techniques to keep the channels open for communication, Keating says and his "open-door" policy has helped encourage communication.

POLICE BLOTTER

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



March 17

A person reported sheep in the roadway near London Rd. Call transferred to Lane County Sheriff.

A person was observed sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle. Individual attempted to dispose of a glass pipe when officer arrived on the scene.

Suspicious person reported checking out a vacant house on Adams Ave.

Several callers contacted the Cottage Grove Police Department to report a fight in the area of S. 8th St. People reported yelling that a male subject had been stabbed.

March 16

A male was reported as yelling, swearing and mentioning that he wanted to pick

a fight.

A man returned to a local business he had been seen trespassing previously "trying to pick a fight with staff."

March 14

Grapevines were reported as damaged on R St. Complainant later recanted. Damage was old.

Contraband seized on Hwy. 99. Officer disposed on small amount of drugs contained in a baggie.

A male was seen attempting to enter an older vehicle with a screwdriver on Main St.

A male subject was reported as throwing items against a house.

March 13

Illegal camping reported at 5th and Elm.

A complainant said his dogs alerted to people on his property. Unable to give a description due to darkness.

March 12

Noise complaint filed for loud music coming from a nearby parking lot.

Officer disposed of used syringe near K St.

Illegal camping reported at Row River Rd. and Interstate-5 over pass. 24-hour notice posted.



National Beat

News from the state and around the nation

From around the state

Students around the state joined in a nationwide walkout to protest current gun laws on March 14. The protests came exactly one month after the deadly shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where a 19-year-old former student killed 17 people. Students from Portland to Cottage Grove walked out of their classes at 10 a.m. and observed a 17-minute moment of silence, one for each victim of the Parkland shooting.

Governor Kate Brown fired state librarian MaryKay Dahlgren last week. A replacement has not been chosen.

The trapper who shot a gray wolf has been sentenced to two years of probation and 100 hours of community service. David Sanders reportedly found the animal—reported to be a female juvenile—in one of his traps before shooting it.

A suspect in the armed robbery of a Pizza Hut in Keizer is dead after being shot by police. According to reports, Ryan Chapman fled the scene, crashing his car into another vehicle before entering into a confrontation with law enforcement.

A student in Portland was arrested last week after posting a photo of themselves on social media with a gun in their waistband while inside a classroom. The Franklin High School student was not identified due to their age.

From around the nation

A pedestrian bridge at Florida International University collapsed on Thursday killing several people. At the time of the incident, the number of fatalities was unknown. The bridge had been newly installed at the time of the incident. At least six vehicles were crushed under the bridge when it collapsed.

Morgan Roof, 18, was arrested on March 15 after bringing a knife and pepper spray to a walkout planned at her school in South Carolina. Prior to the walkout, Roof posted to social media, "Your (sic) walking out for the allowed time of 17min, they are letting you do this, nothing is gonna change what <expletive> you think it's gonna do? I hope it's a trap and y'all get shot we know it's fixing to be nothing but black people walkin out anyway..." Morgan's brother Dylann was arrested in 2015 for killing nine black members of a congregation during a meeting he attended at the church. He was sentenced to death.

A teacher in California accidentally discharged a firearm during a public safety class last week. A 17-year-old student was injured by a bullet fragment. The injury was described by local law enforcement as "superficial."

On Thursday, Special Counsel Robert Mueller subpoenaed the Trump Organization. The subpoena asks for documents related to the Russia investigation.

The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI reported last week that evidence exists of an "intrusion" campaign by the Russian government dating back to March, 2016. According to reports, the Russian 'actors' allegedly gathered data from "energy-generation" facilities.

The nicotine level in cigarettes may be lowered according to the Food and Drug Administration. In an announcement on Thursday, the FDA said it was moving toward issuing a new standard that would place nicotine levels as "minimal or non-addictive."

Information in the Police Blotter is provided by the daily police log kept by the Cottage Grove Police Department.



6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY March 22

45° | 35°



Showers

FRIDAY March 23

42° | 33°



Showers

SATURDAY March 24

42° | 33°



Snow

SUNDAY March 25

46° | 34°



Snow

MONDAY March 26

51° | 34°



Showers

TUESDAY March 27

57° | 37°



Partly cloudy

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