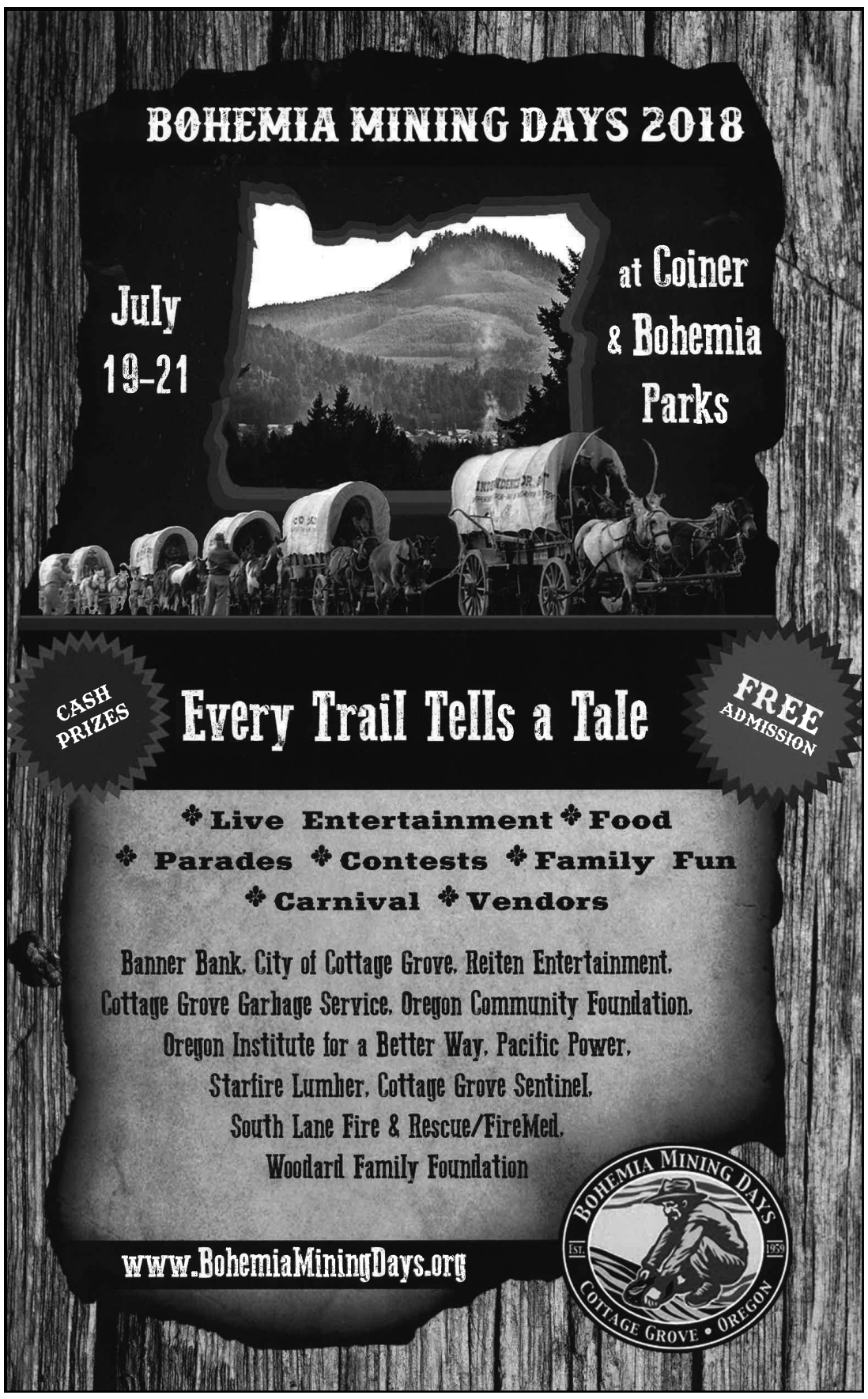

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Register now for annual 'Cool at the Coast' tourney

The ninth annual "Cool at the Coast" golf tournament will tee off Saturday, Aug. 4, at Ocean Dunes Golf Links.

Prizes at this year's event will include a week-long getaway at San Diego Country Estates Condo, a Fid-dlers Green Gift Certificate, Golf at Pumpkin Ridge or a two-night stay at Mercer Lake Resort right here in Florence.

Those are just a few of the prizes being raffled off at this years tournament, which will be a day of golfing, fun and an opportunity to win great prizes.

The Rotary Club of Florence's annual golf event will raise funds for the Rotary International's "End Polio Now" campaign, along with Florence community projects.

The tournament will tee off at Ocean Dunes Golf Links following its traditional World War II biplane flyover by Aero Legends at 10 a.m.

Tournament sponsors include: Allstate Agency Owner Bob Garcia, who is the 2018 grand "hole-in-one" sponsor; and Platinum Sponsors Oregon Pacific Bank, Peace Health; Banner Bank, Coldwell Banker/Coast Real Estate, Dr. Brian Holmes and Dr. Justin Linton.

To register, call 541-997-3232 or visit www.the-forencerotary.org.

Registration forms are also available at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Rd. in Florence, or call 541-997-3232.

Signups begin for B&GC football, volleyball

The Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County is now tasking registration for the fall football and volleyball seasons.

Cost will be $65 for members or $90 for non-members.

Signups began July 16 and will continue through Aug. 20.

Sign up at the Boys & Girls Club Elementary Program taking place at Siuslaw Elementary School or at the Teen Center, located at 1601 15th St.

For more information, call the Teen Center at 541-902-0304

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For more information, visit these websites:
American Red Cross — www.redcross.org
City of Florence — www.ci.florence.or.us
FEMA — www.ready.gov
Lane County — www.lanecounty.org
Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue — www.svfr.org
WLEOG — www.wleog.org

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Blackout!

We often think of tornadoes, earthquakes and fires when devising our emergency preparedness plans. But what about blackouts?

A loss of power can accompany many major storms and can often be the most dangerous part of the situation. Blackouts can downright cripple your living situation during the cold weather and can cause heat issues during the summer because they usually cut off power to heating and cooling systems.

BEFORE A BLACKOUT

To prepare for a blackout, the American Red Cross recommends you do the following:

- Build an emergency kit and share communications plans with family members.
- Keep your car's gas tank at least half full.
- Know the location and operating specifications of your electric garage door's manual release lever.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting instead of candles or other open flames, which can pose a great risk of fire.

DURING A BLACKOUT

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed to keep your food as fresh as possible. If you must eat food that was refrigerated or frozen, check it for spoilage. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that food can last four to six hours in case of a power outage.
- Leave on one light so that you'll know when your power returns.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and electronics that were in use when the power went out. When power returns, it can do so in surges that can cause serious damage.
- Never run a generator inside a home or garage.
- Listen to local stations on your battery-operated radio for updated information.

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