

Bohemia Mining Days countdown

The 56th Annual Bohemia Mining Days Festival is less than a month away. Here's a few ways to plan ahead to make the BMD experience an enjoyably memorable one. Those interested can visit the BMD website at www.bohemiaminingdays.org for details on what to do and see this year.

DISCOUNT ADVANCE CARNIVAL ALL-DAY RIDE BRACELETS

The carnival returns to Bohemia Park. Save \$5 on ride bracelets and allow BMD to keep all of the \$22 to help pay for the festival's operational costs. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Bookmine and the Cottage Grove Bi-Mart until the night before the carnival opens. The all-day ride bracelets will be \$27 each during the four days of the festival. Tickets are redeemed for a

bracelet at the carnival.

GET THE APP

Grand Miners' Parade entrants, vendors and volunteers can go to the website and click on the "Join In" button to get the application they need or call the BMD Office at 541-942-5064.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION and TRAINING MEETING - JULY 8

It takes lots of volunteers doing a variety of jobs to ensure the festival runs smoothly. Those interested in volunteering can learn how they can help out before, during and after BMD on Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. at the CG Community Center; they can also call Volunteer Coordinator Claire Sylvain at 541-731-9807.

SOS for SUNDAY KIDS ZONE

Calling all you amazing retired educators for help in organizing activities in the Kids Zone on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Festival is looking for experts in designing games, music, arts and crafts, etc. that complement this year's transportation theme and community volunteers to fill two-hour shifts. Call Claire at 541-731-9807 or email eyemyself@yahoo.com.

OLD TIMEY STUFF WANTED

There will be new facades this year to enhance the travel-back-in-time-to-Bohemia City experience, and the Festival needs some Old West-looking props to dress 'em up. Call Logistics Coordinator Joel Reiten for details at 541-942-9590.



photo by Matt Emrich

Time is drawing near for the 2015 Bohemia Mining Days Festival with the Feud rock up for grabs among Lematians and Slabtowners. Pictured from left to right are, Claire Sylvain, Volunteer and Social Media Coordinator; Eric Johnson, BMD Board President; Cindy Weeldreyer, Publicity; Cathy Simmons, Board Secretary/Treasurer; Bryce Johnson, 2014 Slabtown Sheriff; and Maison Russell, 2014 Lemati Mayor.

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getting applicants for some of these positions recently," she said. Price attributes the interest to recent activity on Facebook, a medium in which she has interacted frequently with Cottage Grove residents, particularly in recent months.

"I'll be putting in more plugs for communication in the 21st Century," she said, in likely reference to a recent spat with Mayor Tom Munroe, who has stated that public officials should shy away from social media. Price said she would count her online interaction through social media as one of the most important developments of her time on the Council.

"Lately, I think it's most important that there have been a lot of good conversations going on," she said. "We're reaching people that didn't have a voice, and it strengthens the power of our democracy. I'm proud to have helped facilitate that, along with (Councillor) Jake (Boone)."

Price said she is also proud to have been the first Councillor to give birth while in office, and she's pleased to have helped found the Be Your Best committee, which was recently



photo by Jon Stinnett

Kate Price became the first sitting city councillor to give birth while in office last year.

recognized by Lane County for its work to better promote community health. Also positive, she said, were efforts by the Council to keep e-cigarettes out of the hands of minors and increase the acceptable distance a smoker must stand outside a public building from 10 to 25 feet. Revisions of the City's charter and the rules governing the City Council also took place during Price's tenure, and she cast a vote in favor of the much-debated Main Street Refinement

Plan.

On Friday, Cottage Grove City Recorder Trudy Borrevik said there is no timeline spelled out in the City's laws for the Council to appoint a successor to Price, who had served 2 1/2 years of a four-year term. Councillor Jeff Gowing was the last to be appointed to a seat on the Council following the retirement of Lynn Miller in 2009; Gowing was subsequently reelected to a full term. The Council is expected to place advertisements seeking candidates for the position and lay out a timeline for the appointment at its July 13 meeting.

Price said that the Ward IV position can be wonderful for the right person, adding that it's "time for new leadership" in Cottage Grove.

"Cottage Grove tends to be tight-knit, and people tend to take things personally here," she said. "You have to make sure you have an eye open to see how it may affect your personal life." Still, she wished to thank the community for a "wonderful opportunity."

"It's hard to leave; it's been a privilege to be a part of this community," she said.

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- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length using a taper
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