



FESTIVAL FEATURES

An in-depth look at highlights from the 56th Bohemia Mining Days

'Legion of S.T.E.A.M.' saves the day in CT melodrama



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The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Theatre's ninth-annual melodrama debuted Friday evening to a sold-out crowd, which "booed," "hissed" and "cheered" the 29 young actors through their performance of "By Wing, By Wheel, By En-

courtesy photo

Mayor Major Payne (Calvin Johnson), his daughter Ophelia Payne (Maia Andrews), and his wife Royale Payne (Aislyn Morrill).

gine of Steel... Or the Mayor has Loco-Motives."

Written by local playwright Keith Kessler, "By Wing, By Wheel, By Engine of Steel" is set in Bohemia City, 1871. The California, Oregon and Washington Railroad Line (also known as the C.O.W. Line) is scheduled to be completed in Bohemia City, and Mayor Major Payne (played by Calvin Johnson) has announced a celebration in which he will drive in one of 26 ceremonial golden spikes to commemorate the completed railroad. However, Mayor Payne and his

family (Aislyn Morrill and Maia Andrews) have hatched a plan to steal the golden spikes.

It's then up to the Legion of S.T.E.A.M.: Sleuths, Tinkers, Engineers, Adventurers and MacGyvers (Rhea Florez, Claire Jenkins, Maia Wilhour, Campbell Conforth, Ceder Earlywine, Abigail Earlywine, Samuel Pearson and Owen Hovet) to thwart the villains.

Spoiler alert: They do.

The performance was the culmination of the Cottage Theatre's two-week melodrama camp for actors ages nine to 14. The young

actors began with auditions and then memorized lines, learned music and choreography.

The show began with several musical numbers that showcased the young performers' mastery of jazz, which was this year's melodrama theme. The audience was also invited to participate in an old-fashioned sing-along.

"This is a unique program in Lane County," said Cottage Theatre executive director Susan Goes. "I'm not aware of any other summer camp for youth that culminates in a full-staged public performance like this."

Saturday night's a breeze for The Ridge

Iconic local band returns to familiar festival time slot

BY JON STINNETT
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For a couple hours Saturday night, the classic tunes wafted over Coiner Park, guests shimmied to the music and the band — likely the area's longest-running local outfit — rocked right along with them.

This year's Bohemia Mining Days brought the return of an old Cottage Grove favorite with a new name, as The Ridge, formerly Windy Ridge, closed out the busiest day of the 56th incarnation of the festival in its typical festive style. And judging by the size of the crowd Saturday night, Cottage Grove and its visitors were happy to welcome them back.

Of course, they had noticed the absence of Windy Ridge on the 2014 BMD music lineup, a notable development for a band that had run the sound at the main stage in Coiner Park in addition to performing as Saturday's closing act for 14 years, according to guitarist Dave Munsell, who said the band opted for a name change to differentiate itself from other outfits.

"Apparently there are a lot of bluegrass bands called Windy Ridge, and we had people calling us the 'Windy Ridge Boys,' which we really didn't like," Munsell said.

Munsell said The Ridge was happy to stick to performing this year and leave the sound booth to Cam-



photo by Jon Stinnett

The Ridge brought its time-tested brand of harmony to BMD Saturday.

eron Reiten of radio station KNNN.

Though it's somewhat rare to see The Ridge — Curt Munsell, lead vocals and percussion; David Munsell, lead vocals, guitar and keyboard; Joe Tennis, lead guitar; Brian Gushwa, drums; Ken Bachelor, bass; Hal Holbrook, keyboard and guitar and Dave "Sonic" Schenkel, sound engineer — live these days,

Munsell said the band still gets together to run through tunes once a week, every week, as it has for 40 years.

"I came home from Vietnam and started playing with these guys, and we've been playing together ever since," he said. Munsell said it was his band's idea to move the main stage at Coiner into the trees and away from the dreaded gazebo, a move

countless musicians have appreciated since. And on Saturday evening, the harmonies and hometown feel of The Ridge capped off a scorching day of festivities.

"We have fun at Bohemia Mining Days because we know everybody," Munsell said. "If we're not related to 'em, we probably know somebody who is."



photo by Jon Stinnett

The Confederate flag could be seen a lot at BMD this weekend and was even worn as a kind of cape by some fair-goers.

Festival finds itself amid Confederate controversy

BY JON STINNETT
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The recent massacre of nine parishioners in a church in Charleston, South Carolina has sparked a nationwide debate surrounding the use of Confederate flag, a debate that found a local expression and controversy at Cottage Grove's Bohemia Mining Days festival over the weekend.

Sam Moody of Sutherlin, who has operated a booth at BMD for a number of years, said sales were brisk of the Confederate flag and the various incarnations of the flag that festooned his booth, including one adorned with a picture of a busy lady and the caption "Redneck Woman." Around Coiner Park, the flag could even

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Antique engines bring a rattle and hum to BMD

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Throughout the weekend, a chorus of machinery popped, sputtered and hissed, as if to supply power to the festivities that carried on all around them.

Near the main entrance to the 56th annual Bohemia Mining Days celebration, Jim Brown, John Barrong, Roger Rue and others showcased their addiction to passersby.

"It's a mad hobby, collecting antique iron," Barrong said. "We're into anything old — airplanes, automobiles and anything else."

The festival's theme this year, "By Wing, By Wheel, By Engine of Steel," offered a nice chance for these iron enthusiasts — denoted as "Cottage Grove Antique Machinery" on Face-

book — to showcase a bevy of old engines and automobiles, including a Model A and seven engines of about 100 years each in age.

"I don't mind getting dirty," said Eugene Brown, the owner of many of the machines on display at BMD. "It's such a special thrill to see an engine run after having sat idle and rusty for 60 years. To see us take a rusty piece of junk and make it go again is quite a sight — we just cackle and laugh."

Barrong, of Cottage Grove, explained that many of the engines viewed by the public were used to perform the basic functions on a farm, in a mine or in the woods.

"These are four-stroke, hit-and-miss

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From left, Jim Brown, Roger Rue and John Barrong offer a little TLC to an antique engine.

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Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
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Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

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Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

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420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Sumer Schedule Sunday, Service - 10am
Full Children's Ministry available

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152 S. M St.
541-942-4422
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship 10:30am

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Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
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Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-942-0123
Pastor: Bryan Parsons
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K
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1041 Pennoyer Ave • 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravecoc.com

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103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Herb Carson
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi
Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
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552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am
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820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
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Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday Worship 9:30am
Adult Education 10:45am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
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334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
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