

Cottage Grove's 57th Bohemia Mining Days begins Thursday

The 57th Annual Bohemia Mining Days Festival is just a day away. Visit the BMD website at www.bohemiaminingdays.org for details on what to do and see this year.

LAST CALL FOR DISCOUNT ADVANCE CARNIVAL ALL-DAY RIDE BRACELETS

The Carnival returns to Bohemia Park. Save \$5 on ride bracelets and help pay for the festival's operational costs. Advance tickets are on sale now at Bi-Mart (Cottage Grove and Creswell) and The Bookmine through July 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are redeemed for a bracelet at the Carnival. Thursday is the Carnival's "Buddy Day" with 2 for 1 deal. Buy a pre-sale ride ticket and receive a second one free at the ticket booth. The all-day ride bracelets will be \$27 each during the four days of the festival.

GET THE APP

Last call for BMD applications. Grand Miners' Parade deadline is tomorrow. (Entries registering on Saturday morning will pay a higher fee.) Volunteers are still needed to staff welcome information and treasure hunt checkpoint booths. Sign up with a friend for a two-hour shift. Non-food vendors will be accepted through tomorrow (Thursday) at 3 p.m. Download applications from the BMD website under the "Join In" menu (top right) to get

the application you need or call the BMD Office at 541-942-5064.

GOLD RUSH 5K TWILIGHT RUN

Register now for this event organized by the Cottage Grove Jogging Club. Run or walk through beautiful Cottage Grove on Friday at 9 p.m. Registration includes drink ticket for Brewstation and glowstick fun. Staging is near the Brewstation on Sixth and Washington. For more information and to register, visit: runcgrun.com.

T-SHIRTS and BUTTONS and THEMED MEALS

Producing a four-day festival is expensive. To cover these costs BMD is selling T-shirts for \$10, Buttons for 25 cents, and serving two fundraising meals: Thursday's Miners Steak and Beans Dinner on Thursday for \$15 and Saturday morning's Chuckwagon Breakfast for \$6.

CONTESTS WITH CASH PRIZES

Saturday is Dress-Up Day. Get your costume ready and create a story to go with it. Contest begins at noon on the gazebo stage. Cash awarded for best man, woman and child. New BMD Historical Treasure Hunt offers daily \$100 drawing among completed treasure maps.



Former BMD queens to be honored

Bohemia Mining Days plans to honor two former queens from the mid-1960s, Amelia Dunnavin Blowers and Carolyn Cutts Rippey, as the Grand Marshals of the Grand Miners Parade and with a special presentation on the Main Stage on Saturday night at 8:15 p.m. Pictured above is the coronation of Reba Wolfard by Amelia Dunnavin Blowers in July of 1966.

County recommends closure of rural waste transfer stations

Creswell, Sharps Creek and London recommended for closure

Two rural Cottage Grove area waste transfer stations can be found on a list of those considered for closure by Lane County's Waste Management Division in what the County says is an attempt to balance revenue and expenses within the Division.

The County said last week that Waste Management is facing a \$1.5 million imbalance between the revenue it generates and the cost to ensure the continued and future operation of Short Mountain Landfill, which is Lane County's only permitted landfill for household and commercial wastes. The Waste Management Division operates as an enterprise fund, meaning it must generate enough revenue to sustain its operations through user fees – it receives no General Fund (property tax) revenue.

In an attempt to correct this fiscal imbalance, the County contracted with a professional solid-waste consulting firm to evaluate the current Lane County Waste Management system and identify options to reduce costs.

Recommendations in the report include eliminating the senior discount and recycling discount programs and requiring commercial haulers in the metro area to travel directly to Short Mountain Landfill rather than the Glenwood Transfer Station.

The report also recommends the closure of eight of Lane County's 15 rural transfer stations: Creswell, London, Mapleton, McKenzie Bridge, Rattlesnake, Sharps Creek, Swisshome and Walton. The Cottage Grove station is not recommended for closure.

The consultant's report, a full copy of which can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/29i6und>, states that "the Division's 16 transfer stations service a smaller square mile service area (i.e., provide a higher level of "convenience" to the County's residents) than any other county in the state." It adds that the County could close many of its rural transfer stations and still provide a level of convenience to the County's residents greater than that of the majority of other counties in Oregon.

The report states that, with the exception of the Glenwood Transfer Station and Short Mountain Landfill, none of the Division's transfer stations cover their costs. It estimates that the County could save \$570,000 by closing the stations, and it states that there are only approximately 2,400 total users of those facilities, with the majority of those users (~1,800) associated with the Creswell and Rattlesnake sites, both of which are relatively close to a number of other transfer station sites.

The County will host meetings to detail the proposed changes and hear from the public. Dates and locations are:

Wednesday, July 13, 5:30-7 p.m. at Upper McKenzie Community Center (54745 McKenzie River Drive, Rainbow)

Wednesday, July 20, 5:30-7 p.m. at Walton Fire Station (Highway 126 and Nelson Mountain Road, Walton)

Wednesday, July 27, 5:30-7 p.m. at Creswell Community Center (99 S. 1st Street, Creswell)

Thursday, July 28, 5:30-7 p.m. at Harris Hall (125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene)

Cottage Theatre one of six venues nationwide chosen to host a brand-new play

The Cottage Theatre announced last week that it is one of only six venues nationwide that has been chosen to host a new play as part of the American Association of Community Theatre's NewPlayFest 2018.

According to a release from the AACT, the production aligns with its mission of providing support and resources to community theatres.

"Many theatres have new-play contests, but few produce the win-

ning scripts beyond staged readings," the release stated.

The AACT program offers the chance for winning playwrights to see their play published in an anthology by Dramatic Publishing Company and see it produced by an established theatre. As a producing theatre, the release states, Cottage Theatre will have the chance to choose the play it produces from the list of winning scripts. Playwrights are scheduled to submit their work this fall, after

which winners will be chosen.

Many theatres nationwide apply to produce these plays, and AACT Executive Director Julie Crawford said that "it is a high honor to have been selected." As a producing theatre, CT will receive national recognition and the experience of working directly with the playwright. The winning plays will be produced between June of 2017 and December of 2018. Other theatres chosen to produce a play are located in Cloquet, Minn., Bristol,

Ind., Lincoln, Neb., Casper, Wyo. and Albuquerque, NM.

Cottage Theatre produces about six plays during its season and serves an audience of about 10,000 annually. It boasts humble beginnings under an Army tent in the lawn of the Village Green in 1982, and it now hosts performances in its own 150-seat facility that was built in 1998 and expanded in 2006. All of Cottage Theatre's personnel save its Executive Director are volunteers.

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