

# Bohemia Mining Days begins its countdown to July 19-21

The 59th annual Bohemia Mining Days festival is just three weeks away, July 19-21. Here are a few suggestions that will maximize the fun and enjoyment of Cottage Grove's biggest event of the year.

- Advanced All-Day Carnival Ride Bracelets: Save money on Carnival Rides. Discount All-Day Carnival Ride Bracelet Coupons are now at Cottage

Grove Bi-Mart and Scarpelli's Short Stop.

Cost: \$22 in advance and \$30 on site.

Save even more with 2-for-1 "Buddy Day" on Thursday (7/19). Limited number of coupons available, while supplies, last before July 19.

- Saturday's Covered Bridge Tours: In partnership with South Lane Wheels and the

Cottage Grove Tour Guides, BMD offers two 2-hour tours of local covered bridges. Seating is limited to 18 participants at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Pre-registration required and must be paid in advance by Friday, July 6 at 5 p.m.

- Grand Miners Parade: Great exposure for your business, organization or cause and a fun way to express your cre-

ativity with family, friends and co-workers. Register prior to July 13 to avoid a late fee.

Entry Fees: Commercial (business/political) \$35, Non-profit \$15, and Individuals \$15.

The application form is available on the website or outside the Festival Office in the Cottage Grove Hotel.

- Volunteers: It takes lots of hands on deck to create Bohe-

mia City and then tear it down and put it all away.

During its three days of existence there are a wide variety of jobs that need to be done. Minimum 2-hour shift.

Invite a favorite friend or relative and sign up as a team by calling Volunteer Coordinator Sylvia Kitterman at 541-515-0633. A detail description of position is on the festival web-

site.

- Vendors: It's not too late to sign up.

Applications available on website and outside the festival office in the Cottage Grove Hotel.

More information is available at [www.bohemiamining-days.org](http://www.bohemiamining-days.org) or call 541-942-5064.

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## Humane Society, Tucker's Cupboard team up for animals

The Humane Society of Cottage Grove and Tucker's Cupboard will be having a sidewalk sale on Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the "This and That" store

corner, located at 33 N. Eighth St. in Cottage Grove. Table spaces are also available to rent (seller supplies the table). For more information, call Bev at 541-525-6478

The event is a fund raiser for both organizations, with all proceeds going to help animals in the area.

## PeaceHealth, LCPH work together to reduce pneumonia's toll

PeaceHealth is partnering with Lane County Public Health on a new pneumonia vaccine initiative that aims to improve local patients' health, and the community's health, while reducing medical costs.

On June 20, PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Centers at RiverBend and University District began offering pneumonia vaccinations to certain high-risk patients before they were discharged from the hospital.

This vaccination initiative is funded by a Lane County Public Health grant and a Peace-

Health Community Health donation, which pays for the vaccine and to station a county employee at RiverBend.

"Working together, PeaceHealth and Lane County Public Health aim to reduce the toll pneumonia takes in this community by vaccinating high-risk patients before they leave the hospital," said Susan Blane, community health director for the PeaceHealth Oregon network.

"Bacterial pneumonia is a significant cause of preventable illness and death nationwide

and in Lane County," said Lane County Senior Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke. "We are fortunate to have an effective vaccine to address this serious condition; but up until now it has been underutilized, making this program a much needed resource for our community."

Pneumonia is a leading cause of hospitalization and death of adults in the United States. In a typical year, nearly 1 million U.S. adults get pneumococcal pneumonia, 400,000 are hospitalized and 5 to 7 percent of the

adults who contract it die.

Under the new pneumonia initiative, vaccinations will be offered to all hospital patients age 65 and older and patients 19 to 64 who are at high risk for pneumonia, such as cigarette smokers, people with diabetes and people with chronic heart, liver or lung disease.

A Lane County employee, stationed at RiverBend, will check the daily census to identify candidates for the vaccine for Streptococcus pneumoniae.

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meets. The pool tank itself will also include steps in order to be accessible for community members ranging from swimming lessons for children and recreation for senior citizens. The plumbing and electrical system will also be upgraded.

There are also plans in place for the locker rooms and exterior of the building to be updated but the degree to which they are improved is not yet set in stone due to a gap in the cost of the project and the money allocated for it by the school district.

With money from the 2016 bond that went to building a new Harrison Elementary School in addition to updating security and technology around the district, \$5.1 million was set aside for the pool. The price tag for various upgrades greatly varied and with some project to cost over \$7 million. The most up to date price has the pool upgrade at just over \$5.5 million dollars.

"As we were going through this design phase it was clear that this project was going to cost a little bit more than what the school district had allocated and so we started working right away with some fantastic

folks in the community to try and close that gap with some fundraising," said Bridgens.

Just over \$20,000 has been raised by the community, \$50,000 from the city and pledges from various organizations that total over \$150,000. Regardless of the funds that come in, the aquatic center will still be updated.

"This project is moving forward regardless of where we're at," said Bridgens.

The school district decided the priorities of what should be renovated first with guidance from a pool committee that was formed that included community members, swimmers

and advisors from Eugene-area pools.

While the pool is under construction, the CGHS swim and water polo teams will be provided with transportation for practice at other pools.

"Those are really important programs and we don't want to see them go away and we are committed to making sure those programs continue through construction," said Bridgens.

On July 14, former Cottage Grove swim coach Bud Taylor will be hosting a "pool retirement party" to invite back former swimmers to enjoy the space one last time.

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## BUDGET from A1

several incidents of the aging infrastructure's failure this year. In October of this year, a water pipe burst sending 1.23 million gallons of water flooding into the neighborhood of S. 14th St. The broken pipe and its repair caused holes and cracks in the pavement as well.

Without the \$6,025,000 in loan proceeds for the wastewater and storm water projects, the 2018-2019 budget is less than the budget adopted for 2017-2018.

In his introductory budget message, Meyers describes the budget as "exciting" and notes that, just like last year's budget, there are significant changes.

"That is the one thing that is constant—change," he wrote. "I think because of the chang-

ing economy and some of the groundwork that the previous budget committees and city council have done, we are seeing the opportunity to actively address mandates and even take some proactive steps."

Last year, the city combined the planning and community development departments after the heads of both departments announced their retirement. Former East Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart was tapped to head the newly formed public works and development department, and according to the city, the change netted a savings in personnel costs.

"...it has been a success and we have seen a number of improvements as a result," Meyers wrote. "It also continues to evolve as we adapt the changes we wanted to make in the Building Inspection Program with the mandated changes from the state Building Codes Division." According to Meyers, the city was already transitioning the inspection program from a third-party to an in-house operation when the state's mandates were announced. As a result, Cottage Grove will not be one of the other 34 communities racing the July 1 deadline that requires changes to their inspec-

tion programs or risks being decertified.

The 2018-2019 budget shows a \$65,000 cash carryover from the city's building inspection fund that currently serves Cottage Grove, Creswell and Veneta.

The most notable change that was proposed in the 2018-2019 budget was the financial separation of the library and community center which share the same building at 700 E. Gibbs Ave. The change creates a Library services Department responsible for operating the library and all activities associated with the library program. The community center and community coordinator will share a division within community services within the city manager's department.

According to Meyers, the community coordinator would become a supervisor with two part-time employees and be responsible for managing the coordination efforts between local non-profits and other organizations that provide services to individuals in the community.

"We're in the middle of a crisis in this nation," Meyers wrote, citing the increasing statistics surrounding the homeless population around the country. "Citizens with mental

illness or other issues are wandering the streets underserved, if served at all. Drug addiction abounds. Low income citizens are struggling to improve their skills or access jobs and zombi- homes continue to plague communities," he wrote, noting that state and federal agencies were not adequately addressing the issues, causing a burden on local communities. "In Cottage Grove fashion, we try to help," Meyers wrote, detailing the "wealth" of local resources and the need to have those resources and services coordinate with each other.

The 2018-2019 budget also includes the annual \$50,000 contribution to the Warren Daughtery Aquatic Center despite the fact that the pool will be closed for construction for the majority of the year. The budget calls the contribution an "investment in the capital" being spent through a South Lane School District bond that will fund the pool's remodel.

The city's permanent rate of \$7.2087 of \$1,000 in assessed value remained and is expected to generate \$4,450,000 in collectable tax revenue.

The complete budget can be viewed on the city's website at [cottagegrove.org](http://cottagegrove.org) by following the "Your Government" link.

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