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## Deployment includes local firefighters

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The Lane Fire Authority announced on Saturday, July 21, that firefighters were deployed from South Lane as part of the Lane County Task Force demobilized.

"This is not 100 percent certain at this time," an announcement from Terry Ney, Lane Fire Authority Chief read. "But it is scheduled to happen if there is not an unexpected change today in the status of the fire." The taskforce returned home on Sunday.

The Lane County task force was dispatched to help in efforts to contain the Substation fire in The Dalles.

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—Gov. Kate Brown

The Substation fire, considered the number one fire in the nation, drew more than 200 firefighters across 73 agencies. The Oregon National Guard, under orders from Governor Kate Brown was activated to assist the Oregon Department of Forestry with wildfire suppression efforts after Brown declared a statewide wildfire emergency.

"The wildfire season has escalated in Oregon much earlier normal, and crews are working around the clock to keep homes and resources safe," Governor Kate Brown said. "Given drought conditions and hotter than usual temperatures, Oregonians should be prepared for an intense wildfire season this year. I'm committed to making state resources available to ensure crews

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## The Grove gets its 'Bohemia' on



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It takes an army to turn Coiner Park into Bohemia City but last weekend, the ranks closed in and closed out a fifth decade of Bohemia Mining Days (BMD).

"Many hands makes light work," is a phrase festival coordinator Cindy Weeldreyer keeps close during the planning and execution of what has been long touted as one of the city's biggest tourism draws.

"Volunteer recruitment is a challenge for every community organization in town," Weeldreyer said. "It takes a small army to produce Bohemia Mining Days, yet for 59 years we've managed to get by with a small core of dedicated leaders who are so passionate about continuing this tradition they collectively invest thousands of hours to make it all happen and this year was no exception."

BMD paid local high school students \$100 for eight hours of work and managed to coordinate just over 100 volunteers.

And this year, the BMD crew had its work cut out for it after complaints about last year's carnival went viral. While BMD retained Reiner Entertainment as the carnival vendor, it did install a BMD coordinator on-site to ensure festival-goers complaints and concerns were heard.

"Regrettably, as social media has exploded in recent years, it only takes a few negative complaints to grab lots of attention and overshadow all the thousands of carnival attendees who do not participate in social media yet have a great time with their family and friends," Weeldreyer said. "These satisfied customers truly appreciate Bohemia Mining Days for bringing a carnival to town to continue a 59-year-long tradition that provides the opportunity

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Last weekend's annual Bohemian Mining Days was full of whim, whimsy and whatever else community members wanted to share in celebration of Cottage Grove colorful and historic past.

## Toddler vaccination rate on par with state

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The rate of vaccination for two-year-olds in Lane County is on the rise, according to the latest data.

The Ford Family Foundation, in collaboration with the Oregon State University Extension Service released its annual report, "Oregon by the Numbers" last month, highlighting several key measurements in the state ranging from social issues to infrastructure.

In the report, it notes that vaccination rates for toddlers in Lane County is at 70 percent, on par with the state average and on the upswing for the county.

The statistic is in line with data released from the Oregon Health Authority that noted 78 percent of children in Lane County daycare—school programs prior to kindergarten—had received vaccinations but the state report noted the rate was low. It categorized any school district with a vaccination rate of below 80 percent as "most vulnerable."

South Lane School District has a strict vaccination policy that reads, in part, "By law, shots are required for children in attendance at public and private schools, preschools, childcare facilities and HeadStart programs."

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) .267 requires full immunizations for contagious diseases. According to the state of Oregon, children with religious or medical exemptions do not have to be vaccinated.

Parents claiming a non-medical exemption must complete an E-module online, available on the state's website, that feature information about immunizations and the spread of contagious diseases.

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