

Executive directorship changes hands at FOOD For Lane County

A major leadership change is happening this week at FOOD For Lane County. Longtime Executive Director Beverlee Potter is stepping into retirement and Tom Mulhern, former E.D. at Catholic Community Services, will take over Oregon's second largest regional foodbank.

"I have been at FFLC for 11 years, nine of those as executive director," said Beverlee. "I've loved my job working with our staff, our board of directors, our volunteers, our

donors and our many, many community partners. This community is special with its generous support for the work we do and its commitment to easing hunger for our neighbors in need."

During Beverlee's tenure, FFLC has expanded its capacity for relieving hunger through the addition of new programs to provide more food for the community. She served for four years as the Chair of the Oregon Food Bank Network

of 21 food banks and four years with United Way of Lane County's Board of Directors.

"The FFLC Board of Directors is grateful for the tremendous leadership Beverlee provided during her nine years as executive director," said FFLC Board Chair Linda Eaton. "Beverlee is leaving the legacy of a compassionate and effective organization, poised for future growth and expanded service. We wish her all the best in her future

adventures in life."

The FFLC Board of Directors also announced that Tom Mulhern is joining the team as the new executive director. Mulhern is no stranger to FFLC; he has been the executive director of Catholic Community Services, one of FFLC's highest-volume food pantries, for the past eight years.

"FOOD for Lane County plays a pivotal role in the effort to end hunger in Lane County. I'm honored

to take on the role of executive director, and I'm excited to join the board, staff, volunteers and partner organizations working together in this critically-important enterprise," said Mulhern, new FFLC executive director. "Joining FFLC gives me the opportunity to have an even wider and deeper impact on the issues of food, hunger and poverty in our community."

Royal from A1

for the honor of being the first BMD Queen. Amelia Dunnavin (now Blowers) was one of them, with Weyerhaeuser sponsoring her candidacy. The contestants competed in a swimsuit contest and answered questions posed by the judges on the Main Stage, which was set up on 5th Street. Amelia won the crown and assumed her duty to promote Bohemia Mining Days in publications and by attending celebrations held in other Oregon communities.

Amelia said at that time being a BMD Queen was a pretty big deal. The coronation was covered by both *The Sentinel* and *The Register-Guard*. As the festival's "The Nugget Girl", she participated in a photo shoot with her picture used in promotional brochures.

"I felt honored to represent Bohemia Mining Days," Amelia said. "There was nothing negative about the experience. As we traveled along all those parade routes what I loved most was seeing so many people having fun."

In the spring of 1967, Carolyn Cutts (now Rippy) entered the BMD Queen

Pageant. She competed with "four or five" of her Cottage Grove High School classmates in the swimsuit and oral interview competitions. She was chosen First Runner Up with Reba Wolford crowned as Queen.

"Reba was unable to complete her reign and I was asked to fulfill her duties," Carolyn recalled. "I accepted and was then asked to continue as Queen the following year. It was a great honor for me to represent the Bohemia Mining Days Celebration and my hometown in many community events and parades around the state."

Ray Nelson is recognized today as the "Father of BMD". His wife loaned Carolyn an old-fashioned swimsuit to promote local parks and campgrounds. Her duties also included introducing the Old Time Fiddlers Contest, presiding at the Rodeo and attending the festival's Street Dance.

"In my opinion, the 1968 BMD Celebration was a huge success due to so much community involvement, support and promotion," Carolyn said.

Carolyn was born in Butler's Maternity Home in 1948. She compared growing up in Cottage Grove to

growing up in Mayberry, the town depicted in the popular Andy Griffith television show of that era.

"I have so many wonderful memories from that time," Carolyn said. "Cottage Grove was a small town like Mayberry. I felt safe and could walk to school and downtown by myself. We all knew our neighbors and the community was like my family. My hometown and my lifelong friends who still live there remain dear to my heart."

Amelia, like many babies born before the Cottage Grove Hospital opened in 1951, arrived in this world in 1948 via SacredHeart Hospital in Eugene. Like Carolyn, she loved The Grove's small-town atmo-

sphere and the opportunities it provided for a happy childhood.

"I loved all the community involvement back then; everyone knew everyone," Amelia recalled. "I have great memories of shopping at J.C. Penney, attending the little movie theater and the many trips to the lake to swim and water ski."

One of Amelia's keepsakes from her reign is the 1965 BMD promotional brochure. Events in that year included the Bohemia Pageant, Timber Show, Fiddler's Contest, Talent Show and Train Ride. Carolyn and Amelia agree broad community involvement has fallen off since the mid-1960's.

Amelia recalls more people dressed up in costumes and most businesses decorated their stores during Bohemia Mining Days. The parade came through downtown and all the activities were concentrated in what today is known as the Historic Downtown District.

Both former Queens went on to college (Carolyn became a Duck and Amelia a Beaver) then married and started their families.

Amelia married Steve Blowers in 1969.

Today, the Blowers live on five acres in the Corvallis area and enjoy the time they spend with their three children and four grandchildren.

Carolyn married her

fellow 1967 high school classmate Bruce Rippy in 1983. They now live in Swan Valley, Mont., where her husband is a church pastor. They have six adult children who have blessed them with 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In 2016, BMD organizers invited the two former Queens to participate in the celebration. They had Victorian-era dresses custom made for the occasion and said it was an honor they enjoyed immensely.

They eagerly look forward to once again riding in a convertible in the Grand Miners Parade and being interviewed on the Main Stage at 8 p.m. Friday night.

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JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JULY 2019 Calendar


FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WEEKLY EVENTS VISIT THE CALENDAR CHOICES PAGE NEXT TO THE COMICS PAGE.

- 1 - MONDAY
5 p.m. LEGO Club for Big People [ages 13 and up] Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 2 - TUESDAY
5pm History Pub Axe & Fiddle
5pm Board Game Tuesdays Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 3 - WEDNESDAY
5 p.m. LEGO Club for Big People [ages 13 and up] Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30pm Concerts in the Park - Greg Nestler Bohemia Park Amphitheater
- 4 - THURSDAY
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
- 5 - FRIDAY
2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E Gibbs Ave
5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
- 6 - SATURDAY
1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
1-4 p.m. Hats! Hats! Hats! The Cottage Grove Museum Corner of Birch & H Street
- 7 - SUNDAY
- 8 - MONDAY
6pm The Little Prince (Great American Read Book Club) Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 9 - TUESDAY
5pm Board Game Tuesdays Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave


- 10 - WEDNESDAY
6:30pm Concerts in the Park - Inner Limits Band Bohemia Park Amphitheater
- 11 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 12 - FRIDAY
5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
6:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Toast People (future Toastmasters Group) The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd
- 13 - SATURDAY
9am Coast Fork Community River Project July Work Party - Silk Creek Park located at Old Mill Pl. & South River Rd., Cottage Grove (near the Old Mill farm store)
1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 14 - SUNDAY
8:30 Breakfast Club Cottage Events Venue 2915 Row River Road. For more information call the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce
- 15 - MONDAY
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 16 - TUESDAY
5pm Board Game Tuesdays Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
7:30 p.m. Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books at the Axe & Fiddle Public House 657 E. Main Street
- 17 - WEDNESDAY
6:30pm Concerts in the Park - Rockin' Revelers Bohemia Park Amphitheater
- 18 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
4pm Bohemia Mining Days Festival Coiner Park

- 5:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Business Afterhours with Lane Electric at Bohemia Mining Days
- 19 - FRIDAY
ALL DAY - Bohemia Mining Days Festival Coiner Park
11am Bohemia Mining Days Kiddie Parade Historic Downtown
5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
- 20 - SATURDAY
All DAY Bohemia Mining Days Festival Coiner Park
1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 21 - SUNDAY
6am Miners Breakfast on the Mountain Bohemia Saddle Park 40 miles Southeast of Cottage Grove (Use map at www.BohemiaMiningDays.org)
- 22 - MONDAY
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oregon Trail Lace Makers, Willamette Oaks Retirement Center, Eugene.
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 23 - TUESDAY
4pm VisionKeepers Meeting Reception Hall, Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 East Gibbs Street
5pm Board Game Tuesdays Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Jazz Jam at The Cottage - The Cottage

- Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd
- 24 - WEDNESDAY
6:30pm Concerts in the Park - Corwin Bolt and the Wingnuts Bohemia Park Amphitheater
- 25 - THURSDAY
9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 26 - FRIDAY
5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234
- 27 - SATURDAY
8am Rolf Prima Tri at the Grove Lakeside Park at Cottage Grove Lake
ALL DAY - KNND's Rock Roll and Rumble Historic Downtown
11am Coast Fork Kiwanis Chili Cook Off Historic Downtown
- 28 - SUNDAY
- 29 - MONDAY
1:30 p.m. Classic Movie Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 30 - TUESDAY
5pm Board Game Tuesdays Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave
- 31 - WEDNESDAY
6:30pm Concerts in the Park - Calvary Creek Bohemia Park Amphitheater




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