

# Community News

## Final countdown to Bohemia Mining Days

• **Advanced All-Day Carnival Ride Bracelets:** Last call for discount coupons available at the Cottage Grove Bi-Mart store until Thursday, July 18, at 3 p.m. Cost is \$22 in advance and \$30 on site. Families save even more on Thursday (only) with a 2-for-1 "Buddy Day" deal.

• **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 at noon and 2 p.m. Seating is limited to 18 participants, so buy early. Great idea for visiting family and friends. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call Cindy at 541-942-5064 to check on ticket availability.

• **Grand Miners Parade:** Applications are still being accepted but will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Entries registering on Parade Day will pay an additional \$10 fee. Applications are available on the website or outside the festival office door in the Cottage Grove Hotel (next to Buster's Café).

Registration fee: \$15 per dog.

• **Bloomers (ladies only) Parade:** Join Magic 94.5 FM Morning Show Hosts Liz & Reilly for a unique experience to kick off the opening of Bohemia City on July 17. Got bloomers? Make your own or purchase a pair at Delight, 538 E. Main St. Parade line-up begins at 6 p.m. near the corner of Fifth and Main Streets.

The parade steps off at 6:30 p.m. and proceeds eight blocks east to Bohemia City in Coiner Park. There is no entry fee.

A float is available for participants who have mobility issues.

• **Three Themed Meals:** Help support logistical costs by enjoying one of three fundraising meals in the Chuckwagon area next to the Basketball Court. Miners' Steak and Beans dinner on Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. is \$17.

On Friday and Saturday morning, enjoy a Chuckwagon Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$7.

• **Bingo is back:** After nearly a decade-long hiatus, the Cottage Grove Brewers Guild brings this popular game back to Bohemia City with all proceeds donated toward BMD operational expenses.

For more info visit [www.bohemiaminingdays.org](http://www.bohemiaminingdays.org) or call 541-942-5064.

• **Ugly Dog Contest:** As part of the BMD 60th anniversary celebration, this once popular contest returns. Awards will be given to first-, second- and third-place winners in four categories: Best Costume, Best Owner/Dog Look-alike, Best Tricks and Ugliest Dog. Registration forms are on the BMD website.

## VLT to present Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Harvey' in August

The Very Little Theatre concludes its 90th season with "Harvey," the delightful, Pulitzer Prize-winning classic play by Mary Chase, directed by Kari Boldon Welch.

"Working with a classic play doesn't mean re-creating what has been done but re-imagining with fresh eyes and bringing timeless themes to light," said Welch. "This play is funny and poignant with some fun surprises thrown in."

In the story, social-climbing Veta has been trying to introduce her daughter, Myrtle Mae, into society but that isn't easy as her dear brother, Elwood P. Dowd, is constantly underfoot with his best friend, Harvey — a six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit whom only he can see (or is he the only one?). Veta's attempt to commit Elwood to a sanitarium goes awry and ends up with Veta being treated for hallucinations at Chumley's Rest, while Elwood and Harvey head to Charlie's Place, a local tavern, to greet friends. As everyone scrambles to fix the mix-up, Harvey weaves his way into not just Elwood's psyche but our own and the true meaning of connection with our fellow man is revealed.

The cast features Russell Dyball as Elwood P. Dowd, Mary McCoy as Veta Louise Simmons, Sarah Nesslin as Myrtle Mae Simmons, Eve James as Miss Johnson, Susan Creed as



Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet, Katelyn Lewis as Ruth Kelly RN, Adam Leonard as Duane Wilson, Kelly Oristano as Lyman Sanderson MD, Rod Anderson as William R Chumley MD, Tere Tronson as Betty Chumley, Hershell Norwood as Judge Omar Gaddney and Dave Smith as EJ Lofgren.

Michael Walker is the set and lighting designer and Rebecca Blanchard is the costumer. The play also features art work by middle schooler Emily Simms.

An Opening Night Gala with refreshments following the show is open to all those who purchase tickets to the Friday, Aug. 9 performance.

Performance dates are Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11; Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 15-18; and Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 22-24. Curtain time for each performance is 7:30 p.m. except for the 2 p.m. Sunday matinees.

Reserved seat tickets are \$21; senior and student admission is \$17.

Tickets go on sale today, July 17, and are available online at [TheVLT.com](http://TheVLT.com), or through the Box Office from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, or by calling 541-344-7751.

— Submitted by Mary Chase

## Willamette Valley Project celebrates 50th anniversary

The Willamette Valley Project's 50th Anniversary will be presented by Erik Petersen, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Operations Project Manager for Portland District's Willamette Valley Project, as the topic of this month's Science Pub on July 23. In this talk, Petersen will explain the history of the Project's 13 dams and reservoirs and discuss current challenges faced by USACE managers in their maintenance and

operations.

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) hosts a family-friendly monthly public meeting series called the Coast Fork Science Pub on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street, in Cottage Grove. The event begins with informal socializing, trivia and updates about the watershed and watershed council during

the first hour.

The Science Pub presentation begins at 6 p.m. CFWWC receives 10 percent of all sales from the evening between 5 and 7:30 p.m. The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested.

For more information, visit the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council on Facebook or online at [www.coastfork.org](http://www.coastfork.org).

# W I L D F I R E S A F E T Y T I P S & C O L O R I N G A C T I V I T Y

## Fire Prevention with Campfire Safety

In the United States, nearly nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people not being careful. Help Smokey prevent these types of fires by learning to be careful and helping others do the same. Make sure that the grownups building your next campfire follow all the rules below, and tell them to check out Campfire Safety to learn even more. Make sure you are at a site that allows campfires. Make sure there are no burn bans and it's not too windy. Dig a pit away from overhanging branches. Circle the pit with rocks. Clear a 10-foot area around the pit down to the dirt, removing anything that could catch on fire. Stack extra wood upwind and away from fire. After lighting, throw the match into the fire. Never leave a campfire unattended; an adult should supervise the campfire at all times. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby. Never put anything but wood into the fire. Do not pull sticks out of the fire. Do not sit on the fire ring or rocks around the campfire. They will heat up quickly and they'll stay hot for a long time. When it's time to put the fire out, dump lots of water on it, stir it with a shovel, then dump more water on it. Make sure

it is COLD before leaving the campsite. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave! And remember, Smokey's friends never play with matches, lighters, lighter fluid or other flammable liquids. If you find any of these items, tell a grownup where they are. If you see younger children playing with them, tell them to stop, and then tell a grownup. Kids who help prevent wildfires deserve a Smokey Bear Hug.

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