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Sunny with a high of 84 and a low tonight of 56.  
Full forecast on A5

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## 'Diamond Jubilee' shines bright for BMD



PHOTOS BY DAMIEN SHERWOOD, ZACH SILVA, SOPHIA EDELBLUTE, NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Past Bohemia Mining Days queens were part of the festival's 60th anniversary celebration during the Grand Miners Parade held on Saturday down Main Street in Cottage Grove.

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Cottage Grove celebrated 60 years of Bohemia Mining Days with its "Diamond Jubilee" last week as fortuitous sunny skies made for high turnout in both participants and festival-goers.

"I think it went extremely well," said festival coordinator Cindy Weeldreyer, crediting much of the success to the all-volunteer team. "This is the 26th Bohemia Mining Days celebration I have helped produce. As festival coordinator, I had the largest volunteer production team I've ever worked with."

The three-day event featured a wide variety of family-friendly attractions, often drawing on the city's heritage, and included 13 Main Stage performances, a carnival, competitions, daily parades and historical presentations.

In keeping with the theme "Diamonds in the Rough," the Bohemia

See BMD 10A

## Sights, sounds of Civil War



Visitors to the festival got a chance to see a Civil War camp reenactment.

By SOPHIA EDELBLUTE  
COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL INTERN

It wasn't uncommon to hear the sound of cannon fire echo across Trailhead Park in Cottage Grove over the weekend. As part of the 60th Annual Bohemia Mining Days, a Civil War reenactment group set up camp to give people a glimpse of the past.

Members of the 1st Oregon Volunteer Cavalry and 2nd U.S. Artillery were dressed in period-accurate clothing and uniforms and set up four tents in Trailhead Park which included: beds, tables,

See CIVIL 7A

## Canine contest makes comeback



The BMD's Ugly Dog Contest returned after a 30-year hiatus.

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Linda Sexton wanted to be perfectly clear on one thing: there is no such thing as an ugly dog.

"I love all dogs," said Sexton, the organizer of the Bohemia Mining Days Ugly Dog Contest. "They are all sweet. But somebody had to win."

After a 30-plus-year hiatus from BMD, the once popular Ugly Dog Contest was back in action at Coiner Park on Saturday afternoon. With nine doggos participating in four categories — ugly dog, owner/dog

See CANINE 8A

## Past parade back in 'Bloom'



Bloomers Parade grand marshals wave to the crowd while strolling Main Street.

By SOPHIA EDELBLUTE  
COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL INTERN

Nineteen ladies sashayed down Main Street Cottage Grove in old-fashioned underwear on Thursday, July 18, as a fun way to celebrate the women of the town — both past and present.

The Bloomers Parade was the first parade of Bohemia Mining Days 2019. In the past, the parade represented the suffragettes and the women's voting movement. And while that is still prominent, this year's parade celebrated something else as well.

"We wanted to honor the pioneer

See BLOOM 9A

## Sears Road project prepares for community input

By DAMIEN SHERWOOD  
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Following months of rescheduling, a Sears Road Safety Project public meeting is set to take place July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cot-

tage Grove Community Center.

The meeting will address a proposed tree-cutting and road-widening project on a stretch of Sears Road from Molitor Ranch Road southward to Row River Road.

The project was initiated by a

\$150,000 Oregon Department of Transportation grant to improve safety and remove fixed objects along a Lane County road; Sears Road was chosen based on crash history and a cost-benefit analysis.

However, at a Lane County

Board of Commissioners meeting on Feb. 12, residents of the rural road testified in opposition to the plan, convincing commissioners to vote to delay the project until

See ROAD 6A

## Sentinel staff receives multiple journalism awards from ONPA

By NICK SNYDER  
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The Cottage Grove Sentinel was the recipient of five awards, including one first-place finish, at last week's Oregon Newspaper

Publishers Association's (ONPA) Better Newspaper Contest. The results were revealed Thursday evening at the organization's annual summer convention at the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort in Clackamas County.

Competing in Group E, for weekly newspapers with a circulation over 3,001, The Sentinel and other newspapers from across the state submitted articles from the 2018 calendar year to be judged by volunteer staff from the Kentucky

Press Association.

"It's nice when people from somewhere else in the U.S. are looking at our product and then they're giving us a rating that

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