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'Diamond Jubilee' shines bright for BMD



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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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ottage Grove celebrated 60 years of Bohemia Mining Days with its "Diamond Jubilee" last week as fortuitous sunny skies made for high turnout in both particpants 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

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.

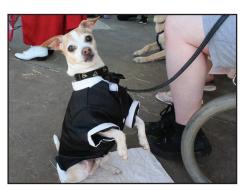
By Sophia Edelblute COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL INTERN

It wasn't uncommon to hear the sound **L**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

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.

By ZACH SILVA

inda Sexton wanted to be perfectly clear Lon one thing: there is no such thing as

"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

Tineteen 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

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Sears Road project prepares for community input

By Damien Sherwood DSHERWOOD@CGSENTINEL.COM

Following months of rescheduling, a Sears Road Safety Project public meeting is set to take place

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. July 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cot-

The project was initiated by a

Transportation grant to improve on Feb. 12, residents of the rural safety and remove fixed objects along a Lane County road; Sears plan, convincing commissioners Road was chosen based on crash to vote to delay the project until history and a cost-benefit analysis.

However, at a Lane County

\$150,000 Oregon Department of Board of Commissioners meeting road testified in opposition to the

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Sentinel staff receives multiple journalism awards from ONPA

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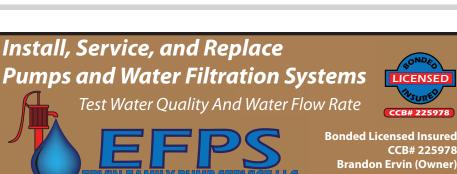
The Cottage Grove Sentinel was the recipient of five awards, including one first-place finish, at last week's Oregon Newspaper

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 Press Association. weekly newspapers with a circulation over 3,001, The Sentinel and state submitted articles from the 2018 calendar year to be judged by volunteer staff from the Kentucky

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

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