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From top left, clockwise: District 13 VFW Commander Bob Beck conducts his keynote speech; a vet stands in recognition of his branch's song; a 21-gun salute kicked off the event; vets stand in honor of the National Anthem; and the Armory was once again the site of Cottage Grove's Veterans Day ceremonies.

CG honors, thanks vets

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The community took time to honor veterans on Thursday, Nov. 11 in a Veterans Day ceremony held at the Cottage Grove Armory. With ample space for attendees to space out during the ceremony, Cottage Grove VFW Post 3473 and American Legion Post 32 helped organize and conduct the event.

The ceremony started off with a 21-gun salute in front of the Armory. Inside, VFW Post Commander Kenn Hunt emceed and commended the improvements to the Armory, which once hosted local National Guardsmen. "I remember the first time I came here to do one of these was about eight or nine years ago, and it was pretty shoddy. It's not shoddy anymore," he said. "It looks really great."

Hunt recalled when Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day and noted that "they changed it to recognize all the people that are serving and have served. And I can't emphasize that enough that it's about them. Not just about the ones that fell in combat. There are an awful lot of vets that sometimes people forget are even there. They sort of

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BMD leaders step down



COURTESY PHOTO
Scott Borgioli dressed as the deputy marshal for BMD 2021.

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At its Nov. 11 meeting, the Bohemia Mining Days (BMD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to hire Scott Borgioli as its new festival coordinator on Monday (Nov. 15), replacing Cindy Weeldreyer, who is stepping down from a position she has held since 2015.

Borgioli said he was thankful for the opportunity to become the newest festival coordinator and looks forward to working closely with board members, sponsors and volunteers to continue BMD in 2022. "I want to thank the BMD Board of Directors for selecting me serve as its new festival coordinator," he said. "My wife, Gilda, and I have lived in Cottage Grove for several years now and we're committed to growing deep roots in the community. We share a strong spirit of volunteerism and believe in giving back. Volunteers are

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Looking Glass received socks for at-risk youth following a friendly money-raising challenge among community members.

In the spirit of giving

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The spirit of charity has begun its seasonal saturation in Cottage Grove as organizations, businesses and community members ramp up their volunteer recruitment and find ways to give back to the community.

This holiday season will see a new option for Grovers to contribute to area youths as well.

Starting this week, Grocery Outlet is launching

for the first time its "Youth Warming Project," a donation program targeting at-risk youth in the community. Through Nov. 30, the grocery store is partnering with Cottage Grove's Looking Glass Rural Program to provide much-needed items to youth in need.

The nonprofit Looking Glass program assists homeless youth from 11 to 21 years of age and helps them create long-term solutions to improve the

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Harrison vaccine clinic canceled

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A Lane County Public Health (LCPH) free COVID-19 vaccine clinic scheduled at Harrison Elementary School this Tuesday was canceled just the night prior to the event, which has prompted some to point the finger at local protests for shutting it down.

The cancellation came on the heels of a boisterous Saturday vaccine clinic at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce during which protesters appeared and some attendees have reported feeling uncomfortable as they went in for a jab.

A worker at LCPH told *The Sentinel* early on Tuesday that the vaccine clinic was canceled due to concerns around protests and that no further vaccine clinics were yet planned in Cottage Grove.

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