

CELEBRATE a tiny purple berry

North Powder Huckleberry Festival expands to two days

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NORTH POWDER — This year's edition of the North Powder Huckleberry Festival is expanding to two days, July 30-31, plus an extra night event on Friday, July 29, to kick off the weekend.

That first offering is a movie night at North Powder School's field, sponsored by the North Powder Public Library. The film, "Journey to the Center of the Earth," begins at 9 p.m. Concessions will be available, and everyone is encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

The festival starts early with an all-class breakfast at North Powder School at 7 a.m.

If you'd rather exercise than eat, join the fun run/walk at North Powder Fire Hall — choose the 1-mile, 5K or 10K distance. Entry is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 12 and younger. All proceeds sup-



Left: Perhaps wishing the car were his, a spectator walks away from Ken Schuh's all-black Chevrolet Corvette C1 at the car show during the 2021 North Powder Huckleberry Festival. **Right:** The Huckleberry Festival parade makes its way up Second Street during the 2021 Huckleberry Festival held in North Powder. This year's event is July 30-31.

port the North Powder PTCO.

At 8 a.m., more than 50 vendors — both craft and food — will open at the park. The Motor Madness Car Show begins at 10 a.m. Entry is \$5 and awards are up for grabs in a variety of categories. For information on entering, call Lindsey Thompson, 541-406-8771.

The Huckleberry Festival parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Entries need to check in 10-11 a.m. The theme is "Old America," and floats can register the day of at the corner of Second and H streets.



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Following the parade is the messiest of athletic feats — the mud volleyball tournament.

Entry is \$150 per team, and the tournament is limited to 10 teams — for information, call Thompson.

For those who don't like mud, the corn-hole tournament also starts at noon, and the rock climbing wall opens.

The fire hall's annual tri-tip dinner begins at 5 p.m. Cost is \$17.

Finish the night with the Huckleberry Street Dance at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

For the second day of the festival, vendors open at 8 a.m.

Then the contests begin:

- 9 a.m.: Sidewalk chalk art contest — there are three categories: ages 3-10, ages 10-18 and ages 18+
- 10 a.m.: Pie eating contest
- 11 a.m.: Tricycle races and dunk tank

To enter any of these contests, call Thompson at the number above.

The festival finishes with JCR Country Blast at 2 p.m.

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