

ECHO

Car club revs up with 13th annual show

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East Oregonian

Cars, trucks and motorcycles will cruise into downtown Echo this weekend as the Automobile Club of Echo High School hosts its annual car show.

In its 13th year, the ACE Car Show has grown from a handful of students showing off their vehicles lining up along the school's sidewalk. Over the years, the event moved to the school's football field and finally to downtown Echo — where in recent years it has attracted more than 100 entries.

On-site registration begins Saturday at 10 a.m. on Echo's Main Street. The show revs up at noon and coasts throughout the afternoon with a 4 p.m. awards presentation to close out the day. More than two dozen trophies will be awarded in various categories, including the top muscle car, low-rider and motorcycle to the best of each decade, as well as the best work in progress, people's choice and best of show. The unique trophies, which are crafted from old car parts,



A 1930 Ford Model A pickup owned by Nate Truitt sits in front of Sno Road Winery in Echo during the 2016 A.C.E. Car Show. This year's event is Saturday on Echo's Main Street.

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were created by both students and community members.

Vehicle entry is \$20 for adults and \$5 for students with identification. Those who pay the entry fee will receive a goody bag of small donated items. There is no fee to view vehicles.

In addition to cars, trucks

and motorcycles on display, the ACE Car Show includes a raffle and other fundraisers. Event T-shirts and food will be available for purchase, including hamburgers, hot dogs and Italian sodas.

The show is coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Echo. Proceeds from the event will

benefit industrial educational programs at the high school.

For more information, contact Raymon Smith at raymon.smith@echo.k12.or.us or 541-376-8436. A list of entry categories is available on the ACE Automobile Club of Echo High School's Facebook page.

PENDLETON

Goats return to clean up river levee

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As Pendleton's schoolchildren get ready for a summer of play, kids of another species are going back to work.

As they do each year, goats will be herded throughout the riparian area by the Umatilla River to graze on riverside vegetation, clearing away potentially flammable brush in the process.

According to a city press release, more than 900 goats will be introduced to the riverside area near Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution at the end of the week or the beginning of next week before making their way east toward the Ken Melton Little League Park.

The goats will be penned in by an electric fence and guided by trained dogs or goatherds. Pedestrians with dogs are urged to keep their pets leashed and under control.

To report any issues, call the city at 541-276-3078 or 541-966-0202.



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A mother goat milks her kid while grazing on the River Parkway near Southeast 10th Street in April 2015 in Pendleton.

SIGNING DAY: 'They're really conquering things'

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"I definitely figured it was something that would help me in my future," he said. "That job security made me feel more comfortable."

Mayra Ortiz will play soccer and study physical therapy at Columbia Basin College in Pasco. She said she picked CBC because she had the opportunity to keep play-

ing a sport she loves, but has also keep the future in mind.

"I knew that after CBC I would transfer," she said. "If I don't keep playing soccer after CBC, I can still look for a place I like for education."

These students, and others, were honored at the schoolwide assembly Wednesday afternoon, which took place after a talent show. A few student ath-

letes were also recognized, including Nestor Chaves, who signed an official letter of intent to run track and field for Warner Pacific University.

For the big finale, each senior grabbed a handmade poster displaying the name and logo of their school and took a turn at the microphone, announcing their name and post-graduation

plans. Those plans covered military service, private and public universities, community colleges and trade schools.

Afterward the students sat down at rows of tables and signed their own, unofficial "letters of intent" to further their education.

"They're really conquering things," Sipe said, congratulating the senior class.

BRIEFLY

western roping and horsemanship activities and Smith Hollow School will be holding mock classes for all ages.

The Blue Mountain Station will celebrate its Summer Market opening from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will feature local vendors, activities for kids and a petting zoo. Also, be sure to stop by the Wenaha Gallery for a special art show and free artisan treats from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Many of the downtown shops, restaurants and businesses will offer various specials and promotions.

For more information, contact 509-382-2026, info@daytonhistoricdepot.org or visit www.daytonhistoricdepot.org.

Neighborhood center sets bag sale

HEPPNER — A special

Memorial Day weekend sale is planned at the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County.

The public is invited to save during a \$15 bag sale. The event is Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the center, located at 441 N. Main St., Heppner. Fill a brown bag with clothing, shoes and books for \$15 — all other merchandise is 50 percent off. For more information, call 541-676-5024 or search Facebook for "Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County."

VFW to provide flags for veteran graves

PENDLETON — Ahead of Memorial Day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 922 is making American flags available to the graves

of deceased veterans in Olney Cemetery.

John Cook of the VFW said volunteers will place flags at veterans' graves on Thursday, but it isn't unusual for volunteers to miss a few graves.

If someone is looking to place a flag on the grave of a veteran the VFW missed, Cook said extra flags are available at the cemetery mausoleum.

KICKER: Oregon relies heavily on income taxes, which fluctuate dramatically

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State economists project that about \$555.3 million will be returned to personal income taxpayers. The corporate income tax kicker, which is also likely to be triggered, doesn't go back to taxpayers, but to K-12 education, so state economists expect \$196.7 million in funding will be routed to that cause in the next biennium. Expected corporate income tax revenues have leapt about 18 percent since mid-2017.

State economists now expect there will be nearly \$772 million more available in the current two-year budget than they expected a few months ago.

But in the next two-year budget, which begins in mid-2019, state economists now expect a \$222 million less in available funds.

"The story would be \$550 million in increased resources for the two biennia put together, depending on where you want to use it," McMullen said. Lawmakers will hammer out the next two-year budget in the 2019 legislative session.

Wednesday's forecast, presented to a joint meeting of the House Revenue Committee and Senate Finance and Revenue Committee, showcased continued disagreement about a tax bill passed in the short legislative session that concluded in March.

That bill disallowed certain business owners from taking a new 20 percent deduction — part of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed into law in December — from qualifying business income on their state tax returns.

That deduction is still available for qualifying Oregon taxpayers on federal tax returns.

Republicans wanted to keep the deduction, which was projected to save state taxpayers \$245 million. On Wednesday, they argued that the kicker wouldn't be triggered if the state hadn't disallowed that deduction on state taxes.

"In their haste to pass SB 1528 earlier this year, Governor Brown and legislative Democrats apparently failed to recognize that by requiring small business to pay \$245 million more in state income taxes, their actions could trigger the income tax kicker," said House Republican Leader Mike McLane, of Powell Butte, in a prepared statement. "That scenario now appears more likely than not. If current projections hold, Oregonians are in line to receive \$555 million of their money back from state government. The irony escapes no one."

Democrats on the revenue committees, though, characterized the deduction disconnect as a wash since the mid-2017 forecast, the comparison to

which determines whether there will be a kicker.

"For practical purposes, it wasn't a revenue gain as much as it prevented a revenue loss," said state Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton.

Other factors did drive up projected state revenues, such as other provisions of the federal tax bill, which are expected to swell state tax revenues by \$149 million more than expected one year ago.

Gov. Kate Brown took the opportunity to tout her efforts to reduce taxes on small business owners in a special session she convened on Monday. Lawmakers voted to extend a tax break not previously offered to sole proprietors.

"Through both executive action and legislation, we have saved over \$400 million in taxpayer dollars since 2015," Brown said. "When state government lives within its means and the economy grows, hardworking Oregonians benefit in the form of kicker tax credits."

And although the economy is growing quickly, Brown said, "we must look to the future while addressing our challenges in education, healthcare, transportation and housing affordability."

Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters, of Salem, on the other hand, said in a statement that "it remains clear that Oregon does not have a revenue problem, Oregon has a spending problem."

There is still talk in the wake of Monday's special session — which created a tax break for certain business owners — more comprehensive revenue reform in 2019. Oregon relies heavily on income taxes, which fluctuate dramatically.

More than one lawmaker, including House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson, D-Portland and State Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, a member of the House Revenue Committee, warned that the state's thriving economy would someday take a turn.

"We are fortunate to be on the good side of Oregon's boom and bust system today, but without structural reform, the good times will not last forever," Williamson said in a statement. "It is more important than ever for us to work toward stabilizing our state budget so that we can make those much needed and long overdue investments in public schools, health care, public safety and other critical services Oregonians depend on."

The economy's growth is slowing, but the chance of a recession soon is relatively low, state economists say.

McMullen also made note of the size of state reserve funds, which as of April stand at nearly \$2.2 billion, saying that the state is in a "much better place" compared to the state's savings position before recessions in the past.

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