

# Cool Rides shifts into gear for 24th year

Car show revs up with poker run

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HERMISTON — Members of the Hermiston Classics Car Club are getting revved up for their annual car show.

In its 24th year, the Cool Rides Car Show is Saturday with registration from 7-10:30 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St. The vehicle entry fee is \$25. The first 100 registrants will receive a goody bag, which includes dash plaques, an event T-shirt and more. Awards, which will be presented at approximately 1:30 p.m., will include nearly two dozen categories.

Lisa Sturgeon, the club's treasurer, said the show typically draws around 100 entries. A big draw, she said, is the location.

"The shade is really nice," Sturgeon said. "It's a lot better than sitting on the hot asphalt in the middle of the sun."

The event also features live music, vendor booths, a raffle (including a gift basket from Comrie RV, battery charger, stereo system and welding helmet) and a special game as part of the 50/50 raffle. To play, people can purchase a lei for a chance to win half the pot.

Also, the club is gearing up for the show with their annual poker run. Sturgeon invites everyone to participate — people don't have to belong to the club or enter the car show to join the Friday night fun, which includes dinner.

To participate in the poker run, head to McKenzie Park at 6 p.m. to pick up a map and scorecard. The cost is \$5 per hand. When leaving the park, the entourage will "parade" through the parking lots at a couple of local assisted living facilities.



A 1951 Mercury 2-door coupe owned by Jerry England got lots of looks during the 2018 Cool Rides Car Show. In its 24th year, the event revs up Friday with a poker run/dinner, and the car show Saturday at McKenzie Park in Hermiston.

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"We thought it would be a fun way for the people living there to see the cars," Sturgeon said.

People will then cruise to the five sponsoring businesses to pick up cards for their poker hand — returning to the park by 7 p.m. for dinner and to determine the winners. The car club will provide the meal's main dish. Poker run participants are asked to bring their own beverages (no alcohol) and a side dish or dessert to share.

The Hermiston Classics Car Club holds business meetings the first Friday of each month — usually at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St. During the summer months, group members hang out on Friday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Les Schwab Tire Center, 830 N. First St.

"We're just there to have a good time and give people an opportunity to see the cars," Sturgeon said.

For more informa-



Archie Ball's 1939 Chevrolet pickup features a wood flatbed and toolbox crafted with materials from the old Hoppner High School gymnasium. Registration is open for the 24th annual Cool Rides Car Show, which is Saturday at McKenzie Park in Hermiston.

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search Facebook.

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## BRIEFLY

### SAGE Saturday features balloon fun

BOARDMAN — Kids are invited to create their own balloon-powered car during SAGE Saturday.

The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. The free activity is available while supplies last. Also, participants are encouraged to tour the museum exhibits. And admission is free.

The SAGE — Sustainable Agriculture and Energy — Center is an interactive visitor's center. It provides information about technology within the Port of Morrow and beyond. There's also a museum store, which includes Tillamook ice cream sold by the scoop.

Center hours are Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors/students and free for children under 5, active military personnel and veterans. There is a \$20 maximum for a family. For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com).

### Energy Trust to discuss draft plan

PENDLETON — The Energy Trust of Oregon will discuss its draft 2020-24 strategic plan during a pair of local meetings.

Executive director Michael Colgrove invites public comment on the organization's draft 2020-24 strategic plan during a public reception. In addition, members of the board of directors and staff will be available to answer questions. Customers of Pacific Power, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista are especially encouraged to attend.

The reception is Tuesday, July 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. It offers the public an opportunity to engage in Energy Trust's strategic planning process, which occurs every five years.

The draft plan builds on the organization's history in serving residents and businesses with clean energy solutions, including more than 7,000 sites served in Umatilla County since 2002. For the next five years, Energy Trust of Oregon will continue to invest utility customer funding in low-cost energy efficiency and clean, renewable power for people and businesses.

The public also is invited to a board meeting Wednesday, July 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tamástlikt Cultural Institute, located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino, Mission. They will discuss the draft strategic plan, program updates and a charter for Energy Trust's proposed diversity advisory council.

For more information, contact Emily Findley at 503-459-4061, [emily.findley@energytrust.org](mailto:emily.findley@energytrust.org) or visit [www.energytrust.org](http://www.energytrust.org).

### Hermiston library seeks recommendations

HERMISTON — Patrons of the Hermiston Public Library have another way to communicate interest in particular books or other library materials.

People can suggest new books to be purchased or other items they'd like to see added to the library's collection. Relaying that information to library staff is now just a click away.

To submit suggestions, visit [www.hermistonlibrary.us](http://www.hermistonlibrary.us), scroll to the bottom and select "Recommend a Book for Purchase" and a Google form will appear. By entering your library card number, staff can contact you if they're able to acquire the item and place it on hold. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

## COMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

**ADVENTURE TIME STORY TIME**, 2-3 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Stories and activities for developmentally disabled children and adults. Free. (541-567-2882)

**ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS**, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

**VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER**, 7 p.m., location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

**SMART DRIVER CLASS**, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College, 311 N. Columbia Ave., Milton-Freewater. Learn strategies for safe driving, adjustments for age-related driving issues, the latest rules of the road and more. Cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring card) or \$20 for non-members. Lunch is on your own. Registration required. (541-938-4082)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For children from 3-6 years old. (541-567-2882)

**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

**SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

**YARN CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)



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