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A 1933 Ford Coupe owned by Todd and Mary Dimbat was one of the hot rods on display during the 2016 A.C.E. Car Show. Registration is open for this year's event, which is Saturday, May 29, in downtown Echo.

A.C.E. car show gears up for a day of fun

Event seeks vendors, car registration

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ECHO — The annual A.C.E. Car Club Auto Show offers a fun and exciting event that brings the Echo community together with car show enthusiasts from across the Pacific Northwest. The car show includes more than hot rods, tuners and classics — all automobiles can participate.

The car show is Saturday, May 29, from noon to 4 p.m. in downtown Echo. For a second year, the Echo Parent Teacher Organization is sponsoring the event, which has grown to an increasing

number of entries from its modest beginning nine years ago at the school's football field.

Vendors and crafts will fill the park. Additional vendors are being sought for the event. With registration for the car show starting at 9 a.m., vendors are invited to begin setting up as early as 7:30 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information about becoming a vendor, email elissawade.83@gmail.com.

In addition, food booths, wine tasting, a morning fun run and a Friday evening concert shifts the event into high gear. A raffle will feature such items as a flat screen TV, a fishing kayak, a portable basketball hoop, a wheeled ice chest, a fire safe and more.

The Echo PTO is dedicated to providing educa-

tional opportunities for Echo School District students. All proceeds from the A.C.E. car show go directly to support student success.

People are invited to get primed for the car show the night before with a kick-off concert featuring The Wasteland Kings. The La Grande-based group brings their Americana sound with influences from Steve Earle, The Rolling Stones, Townes Van Zandt, Muddy Waters and more.

The concert will be held Friday, May 28, at 6 p.m. at Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 Thielsen St., Echo. Entry is by donation.

For more about the car show, search Facebook for Automobile Club of Echo. Also, participants can register on the day of the show (\$20-\$25) or in advance via www.eventbrite.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Farmers Market returns to Main Street

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Farmers Market will return to Main Street when the season opens on Friday, May 7, at 4 p.m. From May through October, the Pendleton Farmers Market runs Fridays from 4-7 p.m.

Because of pandemic protocols, the 2020 market was held in the parking lot of Electric Sundown (the former Elks building), thanks to the generosity of owner Lance Leonnig. The city approved market's request to return to the 300 block of Main Street, and the 400 block, as needed.

Per county and state requirements, all vendors, volunteers and patrons are asked to wear masks and observe safe social distancing guidelines as much as possible. There will be no food sampling at the market, and the Kids Booth will be "pickup" style. Live music is expected to resume within a few weeks.

"We are excited to return to Main Street, which is the preferred home for the market by our vendors and patrons," said Hal McCune, PFM president. "We appreciate the support of the city and the understanding of Main Street businesses. The market will continue its tradition of providing top-quality produce and homemade crafts in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere."

For more information, search Facebook for "Pendleton Farmers Market."

Scholarships available for music students

PORTLAND — The

deadline to submit applications is looming for scholarships from the Oregon Music Hall of Fame.

Current Oregon high school seniors who are interested in studying music are encouraged to apply. A total of four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to 2021 high school graduates.

The application is available at www.omhof.org. For questions, email info@omhof.org.

Library grant to benefit residents with STEM

MORROW COUNTY — The Oregon Trail Library District has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries. An American Library Association initiative, it helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library incorporate STEM concepts into reading and activities at home.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Kathy Street, library director. "This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents better and help us build a happier and healthier community for our families."

As part of the grant, OTLD staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about the STEM kits and activities. This will help provide information possibly for other grants. Building parent knowledge and confidence in STEM areas is a goal of

the project.

For more information or if interested in taking part in the conversation, contact Street at 541-481-3365, kstreet@otld.org, or visit www.otld.org.

Spring into family fun with bazaar, art festival

HERMISTON — More than 70 vendors will be on hand during the Hermiston Spring Bazaar.

Coordinated by Hermiston Parks & Recreation, the event is Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. There is no admission charge.

Bring the family, and when you finish shopping, head down to Main Street for the Hermiston Downtown Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local students and professional artists will show off their work. Artists who would like to participate should contact the Hermiston Downtown District at 541-289-1112.

Music to rock the stage at 40 Taps

PENDLETON — A pair of live music events are on tap on upcoming Thursdays at 40 Taps.

Megan Alder will perform on May 13 and The Wasteland Kings are set to rock the stage on May 27. Adler offers up an alt-folk sound while The Wasteland Kings bring their brand of Americana.

There is no cover charge for either show, which run from 7-9 p.m. 40 Taps is located at 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. For more information, call 541-612-8559 or visit www.facebook.com/fortytaps.

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