

BMCC fundraiser gears up with Cruisin' for Scholarships

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PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College's Cruisin' for Scholarships is switching gears for its ninth annual event.

Rather than having a traditional car show, the 2021 event will hit the road with a car cruise. The fundraiser supports the college's diesel technologies program and student scholarships.

The Cruisin' for Scholarships Car Cruise is set for Saturday, May 15. The green flag will wave at 10 a.m. at the BMCC campus in Pendleton, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave.

Participants will shift into high gear and travel to Wildhorse Resort & Casino, where the vehicles will be judged. After judging, everyone is invited to cruise back into town to the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, at which time the best of show with a trophy presentation will take place as the event waves the checkered flag at 2 p.m.

Connie Green, BMCC interim president, said over the past eight years, the college has been extremely fortunate to have such outstanding support from the community for its Cruisin' for Scholarships event.

"We hope the car cruise will offer the community a



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Classic cars were on display on the Blue Mountain Community College lawn during the 2017 Cruisin' for Scholarships Car Show. This year's event, which will feature a car cruise, will depart from the Pendleton campus on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m.

fun opportunity to show off their amazing vehicles while still supporting our students and diesel program," Green said.

BMCC's past car shows have attracted a wide range of vehicles — from Ford Model As, pre-war vehicles, muscle cars, 4x4s, works in progress, motorcycles and more. Vehicle registration for the general public is \$20 — the student fee is \$5.

Cruisin' for Scholarships has generated thousands of dollars for the diesel technologies program. Money has helped in funding large equipment purchases for the program's facility and scholarships for students to complete their certifications.

Scholarships also assist with tuition, cost of living and tools for the program. Many of the diesel program graduates support the community and are employed locally.

Organizers expressed appreciation for the community and industry sponsors who have stepped up to support this year's modified event. For more information, to register a vehicle, order event swag or become a sponsor, visit www.bluecc.edu/carshow. For questions, contact Ken Daniel, executive director of the BMCC Foundation, at 541-278-5775 or kdaniel@bluecc.edu, or Jeremy Pike, diesel program instructor, at 541-278-5821 or jpjike@bluecc.edu.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Walla Walla VA offers COVID-19 vaccines

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — COVID-19 vaccine clinics are being offered through the The Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center. The vaccination is available to all veterans, their spouses, caregivers, and some beneficiaries and others through the SAVE LIVES Act.

Moderna vaccine clinics are available Wednesdays and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine clinics are held on Thursdays at the Walla Walla VA's main campus, located at 77 Wainwright Drive. In addition, a drive-thru clinic will be held Saturday, May 15, at the Richland clinic, 825 Jadwin Ave., Suite 250. Those wanting to get a vaccination at any of the clinics must schedule an appointment in advance.

The Walla Walla VA is offering both the Moderna two-dose vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson one-dose shot. Those eligible under the SLA legislation to get vaccinated can register their interest to get vaccinated via www.wallawalla.va.gov and clicking on "Vaccine Information Page" or by calling 509-525-5200, extension 26952.

For more information, visit www.wallawalla.va.gov or for questions, contact Linda Wondra, Walla Walla VA public affairs officer, at 509-525-5200, extension 26520 or linda.wondra@va.gov.

Art display features Irrigon painter

HERMISTON — The artwork of Bryce Southerland of Bryce's DreamScapes is currently on display at the Hermiston Public Library.

An Irrigon resident, Southerland is a self-taught artist who works mainly with oil paints. He started painting in December 2018 by watching Bob Ross on TV. Stop by the library to view some of his works, which are on display throughout the month of May.

In addition, Southerland will present an introductory class on oil painting for adults at the library. All supplies will be provided.

The session will be held Tuesday, June 22, from 6-8 p.m. Masks will be required. While there is no fee to participate, those planning to attend must preregister in person beginning Monday, June 7.

The library, which is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave., is open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.hermiston.or.us/library.

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