

CLASSIC GATHERING

Some fine rides coming to Main Street Show

By Steve Tool
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Downtown Enterprise will be lined with pristine machines this weekend during the third annual Main Street Show and Shine, which includes a car show, a street dance, vendors, a poker run and door prizes.

The event is sponsored by Main Street Motors and co-owner Doug Crow said there are some changes this year.

“We’re doing a couple of things different,” Crow said. “The poker run is going to be slightly different, and we’ve got concerts on both Friday and Saturday night that we didn’t have last year.”

There also will be a community yard sale at the old Ford garage across from Main Street Motors on Saturday.

As part of the event, The OK Theatre will host performances by Dom Flemons at 8 p.m. Friday and bluegrass artist Della Mae at 8 p.m. Saturday. The Brothers Brann will play a street dance from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Main and NW 1st streets.

There also will be at least two new trophy and award categories.

“We’re using all local artisans to prepare our awards for the event,” Crow said.

Wendy Stewart of Bee Charmed is lead organizer for a modified scavenger hunt. Participants will search for small, collectible cars at downtown businesses and have



This 1956 Chevy Bel Air 210 Sedan just oozed class during last year’s Main Street Show and Shine.

the business owners check a “passport” card, making the person eligible for a gift basket drawing. In the past, only registered entrants were offered the chance to participate in the hunt, but this year all comers are invited.

The poker run takes place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and offers participants the chance to win \$500 just for choosing the right cards at a number of participating businesses. The businesses start at both entrances to Wallowa County: The North Highway at Boggan’s Oasis and Highway 82 starting at Goebel’s Service Station in Wallowa, through Enterprise and out to Matterhorn Village at the south end of Wallowa Lake. A side trip to the Imnaha Tavern also is on the itinerary. The five highest card numbers are used to calculate scores, so the more businesses visited, the greater the chance of winning. Only registered car show entrants can participate.

“It gives visiting people a chance to drive all over the valley and introduces them to local businesses,” said Poker Run spokesman Maury Bunn. To keep things interesting, participants must also answer questions about Wallowa County, such as the length of cable on the tram.

Bret Hayes will serve as emcee for the Show and Shine, and music from the ‘50s and ‘60s will play through a PA system stacked on a red Harley-Davidson golf cart throughout the entire event. More than 120 cars are expected this year, but Crow said there’s still plenty of space available.

“A lot of businesses in town say this is the best business day of the year for them,” Crow said. “It’s encouraging to know that it works that well for them.”

Friday:

- 9 a.m.: Registration starts at Main Street Motors;

Poker Run until 8 p.m.

- 4:30 to 7 p.m.: Street dance featuring The Brothers Brann.
- 8 p.m.: Dom Flemons concert at the OK Theatre.

Saturday:

Door prizes all day.

7 a.m.: Registration continues and Show and Shine parking begins. Elks fundraiser breakfast at Main Street Motors until 10:30 a.m.

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Community yard sale. Show and Shine on Main Street in Enterprise until 3 p.m.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: NRSA safety inspections at Main Street Motors.

3 p.m.: Awards, followed by cruise to nursing homes.

8 p.m.: Della Mae concert at OK Theatre.

For more information, visit <http://mainstreetshowandshine.com> or email mainstreetshowandshine@gmail.com.

Two health insurers pulling out of rural Oregon counties

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Wallowa County residents will no longer be able to get individual medical insurance coverage from Lifewise or PacificSource in 2017.

Other health insurance companies also considered ending coverage in rural areas and residents may have already gotten notification that their coverage was ending, but negotiations with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) led to a recent agreement by some continue to offer statewide individual coverage at increased rates.

“We asked insurance companies to reconsider their decisions to withdraw,” said Patrick Allen, director of DCBS.

BridgeSpan Health, Providence Health Plan and Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon have agreed to serve rural communities. They had planned to limit their coverage to certain geographic areas in 2017.

As a result of the new agreement, all counties in Oregon will have at least two carriers participating both on and off Oregon’s Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace is an online source that lists insurance carriers available on Healthcare.gov for comparison shopping and applying for insurance assistance programs. At least two carriers also will be participating exclusively off the marketplace to cover rural

customers.

BridgeSpan and Regence’s statewide rates will be between 3 percent and 6 percent higher than the final rates the DCBS Division of Financial Regulation approved in July.

For the counties included in Providence’s original filing, the rates are about 5 percent higher than the final rates approved in July.

DCBS realizes these rates are not sustainable.

“In the coming months, we will work with the Governor’s Office, legislators and stakeholders to develop proposals for the 2017 legislative session that address the underlying costs of health care,” Allen said.

Josh Goller of Simmons Insurance a partner with Bennett Insurance in Enterprise reported that customers who had previously been told they would lose coverage with their carriers may not lose that coverage after all, though their plans may change.

“I think it’s very important for customers to monitor their mail and question their insurance companies,” Goller said.”The bad news is that the carriers will increase rates, probably even more than they have in this agreement, in the coming years. They may need to question if they want to stay with these providers.”

The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon’s largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. Visit dcbs.oregon.gov and dfr.oregon.gov for more information.

FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch log:

Monday, Aug. 8

7:05 a.m.: Theft reported in Enterprise.

9:24 a.m.: Vandalism reported at Wallowa Lake,

Tuesday, Aug. 9

12:59 a.m.: Deputies arrested Derek R. Shear, 31, of Joseph for Criminal Trespass 1 and probation violation. Transported to Umatilla County.

8:10 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

9:10 a.m.: Ambulance transport to Walla Walla.

10:20 a.m.: Burglary reported in Joseph.

11:30 a.m.: Burglary reported in rural Wallowa.

11:44 a.m.: Harassment complaint at Wallowa Lake.

1:52 p.m.: Theft reported in Enterprise.

3:20 p.m.: Non-injury crash in rural Wallowa.

11:48 p.m.: Traffic stop in

Enterprise.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

8:07 a.m.: Phone scam reported in Wallowa.

8:56 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

11:07 a.m.: Report of smoke in rural Joseph; State Forestry and Joseph Fire responded.

1:46 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

8:19 p.m.: Report of harassing phone calls in Enterprise.

Thursday, Aug. 11

7:12 a.m.: Disturbance in Enterprise.

8:56 a.m.: Report of possible DUII driver on Highway 82 in rural Enterprise. Referred to OSP.

3:08 p.m.: Theft complaint in Joseph.

9:55 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

Friday, Aug. 12

8:52 a.m.: Report of animal abuse in rural Enterprise.

12:18 p.m.: Report of domestic dispute in Enterprise.

3:40 p.m.: Complaint of dog in a hot vehicle in Enterprise.

5:02 p.m.: EPD arrested Atanael Portillo Bramasco, 47,

of Enterprise for harassment. Transported to Umatilla County.

5:45 p.m.: Traffic crash reported at MP 34.5 on Highway 82.

6:02 p.m.: Minor traffic accident at Wallowa Lake State Park.

7:08 p.m.: Dog bite reported in rural Enterprise.

10:04 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.

10:05 p.m.: Traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.

Saturday, Aug. 13

2:33 a.m.: Report of stolen vehicle in Joseph.

7:33 a.m.: Water line leak reported in Joseph. City crew contacted.

8:22 a.m.: Theft reported in Enterprise.

3:43 p.m.: Domestic dispute in Joseph.

4:58 p.m.: Report of possible DUII driver in Enterprise.

5:34 p.m.: Report of dog

locked in hot car in Joseph.

5:46 p.m.: Report of dog locked in hot car in Joseph. Deputy reported car was running with air conditioner on for dog.

6:08 p.m.: After a traffic stop, EPD arrested Donley Kermit Blackburn, 64, of El Dorado Springs, Mo., for DUII. Subject cited and released.

9:26 p.m.: Brown and white older female pit bull found in Joseph.

Sunday, Aug. 14

12:39 a.m.: Noise complaint in Enterprise.

9:02 a.m.: Bull loose on North Highway.

12:55 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph; citation issued.

3:08 p.m.: Brown and white pit bull loose in Joseph.

7:41 p.m.: Report of animal neglect in rural Enterprise.

11:04 p.m.: Noise complaint in Joseph.

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