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Classic car enthusiasts look over the vehicles parked on Joseph's Main Street on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, during the Wallowa Mountain Cruise.

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Wallowa County, presented to a local entrant. Denny Kehl of Joseph won that for his 1934 Ford Cabriolet.

The other two winners of the top categories were Ron and Karen Robel of Bend, who won King of the Mountain, for their 1936 Desoto Airflow, and Ron and Trudy Jett of Joseph who won the first-place People's Choice award for their 1946 Chevy convertible.

The complete list of winners is:

King of the Mountain: Ron and Karen Robel of Bend for their 1936 Desoto Airflow.

**Garaged in Wallowa County:** Denny Kehl of Joseph for his 1934 Ford Cabriolet.

People's Choice 1st: Ron and Trudy Jett of Joseph for their 1946 Chevy convertible.

People's Choice 2nd: Rick Latham for his 1957 Chevy

Ladies' Choice: Jason Cun-

ningham for his 1967 Plymouth Satellite.

Kids' Choice: Matt and Nancy Sirrine of Lagrande for their 1947 Dodge Power Wagon.

4x4: Michelle and Robert Sabados of Eagle, Idaho, for their 1976 Ford Bronco.

**Moonshine Hauler 1st:** 

Patrick and Kandy Parsons of Yakima, Washington, for their 1935 Plymouth Taxi.

Moonshine Hauler 2nd: Steve and Julie Evanson of Bend for their 1955 Chevy 210 Handy-

### **Moonshine Hauler 3rd:**

Robert and Cathy Hoover of ewiston, Idaho, for their 1952 International F-110 Pickup.

Sports Car 1st: Patrick and Yvonne Clark of Middleton for

their 1966 Shelby Cobra. Sports Car 2nd: Donna and Rick Hughes of Longview,

Washington, for their 1967 Jaguar E Type. Sports Car 3rd: John and Geri

Dudder, of Bellevue for their 1965 Corvette roadster. **Unrestored Car/Truck 1st:** 

Mike and Connie Liorenz of Lewiston, Idaho, for their 1966 Pontiac Catalina.

**Unrestored Car/Truck 2nd:** Jamie Kidwell for a 1971 Plymouth Barracuda.

**Unrestored Car/Truck 3rd:** Harvey and Diane Dixon of Boise, Idaho, for their 1968 Pontiac Tempest.

**Classic Restored Truck 1st:** Rick and Paula Fisk of Tieton

for their 1957 Chevy extended

**Classic Restored Truck 2nd:** Larry Bacon of Enterprise for his 1929 Ford Model A.

**Classic Restored Truck 3rd:** Dan Low of Wallowa County for his 1957 Chevy 3100.

**Classic Restored Car 1st: Roy** and Lynda Humphries of Boise, Idaho, for their 1950 MG.

Classic Restored Car 2nd: Kay Neely of Meridian, Idaho, for a 1961 Chevy Belair bubbletop.

Classic Restored Car 3rd: Bob

and Geri Kesler of Lewiston, Idaho, for their 1972 Oldsmobile 442. **Modified Custom Truck 1st:** 

Guy and Darlene Blakeslee of Boise, Idaho, for their 1955 Ford pickup.

**Modified Custom Truck** 2nd: Norris and Lynda Irish of Lewiston, Idaho, for their 1954 Ford F100.

**Modified Custom Truck 3rd:** Roch and Amy Belisle of Keizer for their 1939 Chevy truck.

**Modified Custom Car 1st:** Pete and Jan Bradford of Arbuckle for their 1935 Hupp J-4 door.

**Modified Custom Car 2nd:** Phill and Sharon Murray of Bend for their 1937 Ford Twodoor sedan.

**Modified Custom Car 3rd:** David ad Cherlyne Boyntch of Bend for their 1957 Chevy

Hot Rod 1st: Richard and Nita Saddler of Elgin for their 1936 Ford two-door sedan.

Hot Rod 2nd: Robert and Kathy Hanna of LaPine for their 1923 Ford T-Bucket roadster.

Hot Rod 3rd: Roger and Joyce Odle of Spokane, Washington,

## **School:**

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on-site all year," Pinkerton said. "We had to make extreme accommodations."

Some of those accommodations including tearing down walls to make larger classrooms and putting up curtains to separate classes.

This year, with state requirements being modified from 6 feet between school desks to 3 feet, the schools are better able to make use of their space.

"I think the (state) had some reflection time to determine this," she said. "Initially, it may have been overkill to have kids 6 feet apart."

Pinkerton said Enterprise schools also have the online option and this year they are partnering with Baker Web Academy, a Baker City-based statewide virtual charter school.

"That way our students remain our students," she said, adding that the online option allows students to participate in clubs and other extracurricular activities.

Another small school, the Troy School, is part of the Enterprise district. Teacher Fred Byers said he expects only two students, "but we have room for plenty more."

He said they, too, will all be in-person, with a remote capability possible.

"The school hopes to totally avoid (remote)," he said. "This is pretty much what we were able to do last year. Troy didn't have to shut down in the 2020-21 school year because of our small number, remote location and care taken to keep students safe by following good practices consistently."

#### **Government mandates**

All county schools are doing their best to comply with government mandates requiring face masks, social distancing and that teachers and staff be vaccinated. On Aug. 19, Gov. Kate Brown ordered that all teachers, staff and volunteers be vaccinated by Oct. 18.

The most apparent adherence to the government mandates is wearing masks.

"Even though masks are



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Students wait for their parents to pick them up Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, after their first day of classes for the year at Joseph Charter School.

not normal, our educational setting will be normal for the students," Pinkerton said of Enterprise schools.

And masks are a must, as Wallowa's Jones said.

"That'll be something we work with kids on," she said. "We're not allowed to serve kids if they're not masked."

Byers, in Troy, said his students accept the mask requirement.

"The students don't enjoy masks, but they have readily accepted that masks are needed inside the school," he said. "Since they can be easily separated, the need for masks outside the building is minimal."

Warnock Imnaha's agreed.

"We follow the same rules as everybody else," she said.

#### **Innovations**

Most schools are taking advantage of the still-pleasant weather to conduct classes outdoors.

"We're so lucky with our climate down here we can be outside a lot," Warnock said. "We create as many opportunities to be outside as we can."

Jones said the outdoor opportunities are a blessing in disguise.

"Just like we all liked to do, kids can go outside and read under a tree or something," the Wallowa superintendent said, adding that no masks are required outside

School meals, too, can be eaten outdoors, school officials said.

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Byers said the same plan is in place for Troy.

"If the weather is good, and the air is not smoky, the students eat outside at the school's picnic tables under the trees," he said, alluding to the recent fires that plagued the area.

Buses also are still operating, but kids must be masked and keep their distance, although there has been a relaxation of restrictions.

"Last year, if a kid got sick on the bus, we had to force all those kids into online learning," Pinkerton said. "This year, those kids will get to continue to come to school."

She said the same routine applies to classes — a child gets sick and rather than send all home, only those who show symptoms are sent home.

#### Glad to be back

Overall, school officials are just glad to be back in session with a semblance of normalcy.

"The coming year is going to be a great one for kids," Jones said in Wallowa. "We're focused on building back pride and sense of community."

"I'm very pleased we still get to be on-site and ready to learn and that our school district can be unified," Pinkerton said.

"This group of kids is always so happy to be back and this year's no different," Warnock said of her Imnaha brood. "We're all happy to be here."









