

END THE SUMMER WITH

School started at the Mapleton and Siuslaw school districts this week, marking the return to normalcy for many families with school-aged kids.

It is also the time of year when people get nostalgic for all that summer could mean — and did, for a bunch of teens in Modesto, Calif., in 1962.

City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, will show two screenings of “American Graffiti” on Saturday, Sept. 9. General admission ticketing applies.

The first show will be at 11 a.m., offering a nice change of pace from the Community-wide Garage Sale and the ongoing Rods ‘n’ Rhodies Show ‘n’ Shine in Historic Old Town Florence.

The second will be at 6 p.m. — but people are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m. in 1950s and ‘60s costumes for the chance to win prizes in the men, women and couple categories. The savvy yard sale shopper may even be able to build a vintage wardrobe from items discovered at the Community-wide Garage Sale.

This 5:30 p.m. time also serves as the Rods ‘n’ Rhodies Show Meet ‘n’ Greet for car owners,



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(Above) Rods ‘n’ Rhodies features four “American Graffiti” Tribute Cars. (Right) West Coast Autobody owner Rick Ruede, painter Kevin Swift and young Jackson Cargill show off the pedal car modeled after the 1955 Chevy seen in “American Graffiti.” The pedal car will be part of the raffle in Old Town Sunday.



car lovers and the community.

For more information, go to CityLightsCinemas.com or call 541-305-0014.

According to City Lights, this Academy Award-nominated classic, voted one of the American Film Institute’s top 100 Films of All Time, features the coming of age of four teenagers on their last summer night before college.

Rediscover drag racing, Inspiration Point and drive-ins all over again in this nostalgic look back at the early ‘60s as the incredible soundtrack brings you the most memorable rock ‘n’ roll hits of the era.

Directed by George Lucas and



produced by Francis Ford Coppola, this classic stars Harrison Ford, Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard, Suzanne Somers, Cindy Williams, Wolfman Jack and Mackenzie Phillips.

In addition to the screenings, Rods ‘n’ Rhodies will also feature four “American Graffiti” Tribute Cars — a yellow 1932 Milner deuce coupe, a black 1955 Chevy 210, a 1958 Chevy Impala and a 1969 Vespa scooter. The cars will make several appearances throughout the weekend, but they will also

be a main feature of City Lights’ 6 p.m. screening.

In addition, one of the Rods ‘n’ Rhodies raffle items on Sunday, Sept. 10, will be a pedal car modeled after the 1955 Chevy seen in “American Graffiti.”

West Coast Autobody, Inc., owner Rick Ruede and painter Kevin Swift painted and assembled the Car.

“The car is gorgeous,” said Rods ‘n’ Rhodies committee member Gary Cargill. “Thanks to Rick and his entire staff for their support with this year’s Chamber of Commerce event.”

2016 Rods ‘n’ Rhodies Car Show Best of Show

Dave and Merianne Pharr’s 1955 Plymouth Wagon

For Dave “Big Poppa” Pharr, building the 1955 Plymouth Plaza 2-door Wagon which he refers to as the Plymouth BA-GT (Bad Ass-Girl Toy), was a labor of love — specifically, it was meant as a surprise for his wife, Merianne. The surprise came two years late, as the project grew with Dave’s ideas and some bumps in the road.

From highly-detailed commissioned sketches to special ordering parts, the

Pharrs and their team worked for well over two years to bring the amethyst and metallic gold 1955 Plymouth Wagon to life.

The car was completed in July 2015, and has gone on to win several awards, including the 2016 Rods ‘n’ Rhodies Best of Show in Florence.

“Big Poppa” and “Lil Mama” also have a 1954 Buick Special. For more information, visit BigPoppa54.com/home.html.



1955 Plymouth Plaza 2-door Wagon

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