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Car show revs up community support

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It's time to rev up your engines, as the Automobile Club of Echo High School is hosting its annual car show.

Just over a decade ago, a handful of students showed off their vehicles lining the sidewalk at Echo High School. Now approaching its 11th year, the car show attracted 174 entries last year.

"Every year it keeps getting bigger," said Rick Denning, who got involved with the event in 2011. "I hope we don't run out of room."

The show moved from the school's football field to downtown Echo several years ago. In addition to cars, trucks and motorcycles on display, the event has expanded to include fundraisers by the school's football and volleyball teams.

The A.C.E. Car Show is Saturday, May 28, from noon to 5 p.m. in downtown Echo. Vehicle registration begins at 10 a.m. The vehicle entry fee is \$20 or \$5 for students.

The football team will offer barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. And, the volleyball team will have an Italian soda bar and a 50-50 raffle.

"Our support from the



FILE PHOTO

More than 150 cars lined the streets during a past Automobile Club of Echo Car Show. This year's event is Saturday, May 28, in downtown Echo.

community and local businesses is huge," Denning said. "It's a boost for Echo all the way around."

Denning initially got involved with the car club when his children were in school. He continues to help as a way to give back to the community. A mechanic by trade, Denning said it's important to provide support to the students.

"When kids are interested in something, there needs to be an avenue to follow-through with their

interests," he said.

Each year, members of the club talk about what they want to do with money raised. Over the years Denning said students have attended drag races, monster truck races and the Portland Roadster Show. In addition, they have worked on student cars, as well as purchasing and working on a project car.

Denning said one of the big draws among car show participants are the custom-made trophies. Cre-

ated by car club members and students in art and shop classes, they are made with donated car parts.

More than two dozen trophies will be awarded in various categories, including best muscle car, best low-rider, best motorcycle, best of show and "At Least I Have a Car."

For more information, call Denning at 541-571-4417, Mitch Correa at 541-701-8929, or visit www.facebook.com/aceautomobileclubofechohighschool.

Two-for-one specials not always the best deal

I'm a bargain shopper. I mean, who doesn't like two-for-one specials?

In spite of how practical it may sound to have two surgical procedures done at the same time — think twice before doing it.

I figured since I was being knocked out last month, I might as well get my hand and knee fixed at the same time. When I told my friends about my upcoming surgery, they responded with dismay.

"I figured why not take care of both at the same time," I told them. "Heck, if I could get another surgeon in there I'd have a colonoscopy, too."

As patient number eight at Dr. Richard Carpenter's office, I've had my share of orthopedic procedures over the years — including a right hand carpal tunnel and several knee procedures.

What I forgot to factor into the equation was that

I'm a few years older, which results in a longer healing process. Also, without the use of one hand, it makes it rather difficult to use crutches.

However, before I even attempted to become ambulatory, I came to the realization that having both procedures done at the same time wasn't my best decision in recent years.

All bandaged up, my left hand was rendered useless. And, I couldn't bend my right arm because of the placement of the IV.

My generally jovial post-op personality was nowhere to be found. There was no singing of songs or laughter — I was miserable.

As I came to in the recovery area, my nose itched, my hat wasn't quite right on my

head, I was hungry and I was thirsty. And I was a pain in the ...

The nurses in the Good Shepherd Medical Center day surgery area were great. Despite my less-than-pleasant demeanor, they maintained their professionalism. For that, I'm very grateful.

With my healing process in full swing, I can now tip my hat to them and say thanks. And, in recognition of National Nurses Week (May 6-12), I encourage you to thank a nurse for all they do.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nate Verley
IRRIGON HIGH SCHOOL

Nate Verley will graduate from Irrigon High School with a 3.8 GPA and Honors Diploma. He is a young man that leads by example and has earned the respect of peers and staff. Nate is currently serving as ASB President, and was junior class president last year. He has been a standout athlete throughout high school, lettering in football and baseball for 4 years, and basketball 2 years. Nate was a member of the 2015 Irrigon Knights state champion basketball team. He has been a member of Irrigon's FFA program all four years of high school, and a member of National Honor Society and Key Club for three years. Nate has accumulated over 200 hours of community service. He plans to attend either Concordia University or Warner Pacific College.

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Noon Kiwanis announce scholarship winners

The Hermiston Kiwanis Noon Club announced that four Hermiston High School students have been selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

The Perry Johnson Post-Secondary Education Scholarships have been awarded to Andrew Wagner of Echo and Sofia Tello of Hermiston. Wagner will attend Eastern Oregon University with the final goal of obtaining a master's degree in agricultural business. Tello plans to enroll at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to pursue a degree in international business.

Recipients of the Russell Dorran Memorial Scholarships are Bob Coleman of Hermiston and Laura Zepeda of Hermiston. Coleman will attend Oregon State University and will major in agricultural business. Zepeda also plans to attend OSU, where she will study chemistry with the ultimate goal of receiving a Ph.D. in pharmacy.

The scholarship applicants were evaluated on their academic achievements, financial need, and leadership and service activities within their school and community.

For more information about the Kiwanis scholarship program, contact George Clough at 541-567-6024 or Hermiston Noon Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 375, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Library friends set book sale

The Friends of Irrigon Library will host a book sale at the Irrigon branch of the Oregon Trail Library District.

The sale is Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon.

Books in good condition can be donated for the sale through Wednesday, May 18. They can be dropped off at the Irrigon branch or the Boardman branch, 200 S. Main St.

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