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including lots of new and fun games where kids can win prizes galore. Also, adults won't want to miss a chance to enter the Cash Machine.

More than 50 booths, including activities, games, merchandise and food will be available to festival-goers. In addition, Debbie Pedro, Hermiston Chamber of Commerce executive director, said there's a fantastic line-up of main stage entertainment, including Big Top the Clown, Gems and Gents, Abigal Hernandez, Bram Brata Youth Steel Band, Josephine Reli and Joseph Konty.

Returning to the event are the popular Outlaw Lawn Dragsters. The souped-up mowing machines will tear up Main Street with racing action. Also back, are a group of wood carvers. The chainsaw-wielding artists will be making and selling their unique wooden creations.

After Funfest, stick around for Around the World in One Fun Day. A cultural event highlighting Polynesia, Nepal, the Philippines, American Indians and more, the event features stage entertainment, food sampling and educational information. It runs from 4-7 p.m. at Second and Main streets.

For more information, call 541-567-6151 or visit www.hermistonchamber.com.



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The 22nd annual Cool Rides Car Show is July 7-8 at McKenzie Park in Hermiston.

Eastern Oregon Arts Show

Desert Arts Council is joining forces with Funfest to present the Eastern Oregon Arts Show.

"This will be a great partnership of the arts with community spirit and the fun of Funfest," said Mary Corp, Desert Arts board member.

Adult and teen artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of their work for the show. Juried by Roberta Lavadour, executive director of Pendleton Center for the Arts, prizes of more than \$1,700 will be awarded at the show's opening, Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m. It will be under a tent next to Hermiston City Hall.

Only original work created in the last five years will be exhibited. The entry fee is \$10 per work for adults and \$5 per piece for teens.

Virtually every medium is accepted, including, paintings, photography, drawings, prints, mixed media, sculpture, installation and fabric arts. All

artwork must be family-friendly. While not required, organizers hope the majority of the artwork will be available for sale.

For more information and entry forms, visit www.desertartscouncil.com. For questions, contact Heather LaBeau at 541-667-5010 or hlabeau@hermiston.or.us.

Cool Rides Car Show

In its 22nd year, the Cool Rides Car Show will cruise into town Saturday, July 8 with registration from 7-11 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St.

Activities rev up Friday, July 7 for registered participants. A poker run starts at 6 p.m. at the park. Dinner, which is provided by the Hermiston Classics Car Club, will be served when everyone returns after the poker run.

Advance vehicle registration is \$20. Day of car show entries are \$25 each. Dash plaques and T-shirts will be given to the first 150 registrants. There is no fee for spectators. Vendors, live music and food will be available at the park.

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to create offices, a reception area and a conference room and had offered to let the chamber move in after the remodel is complete.

Instead, the chamber is striking out on its own. Burns said they're looking to lease something visible from a main thoroughfare like Main Street or Highway 395 that has office and storage space, a lobby and hopefully space for a conference room where groups like the chamber's Leadership Hermiston class could meet. He said the city is willing to let the chamber continue to hold some of its traditional events like the Business 2 Business luncheon and the Distinguished Citizens Awards banquet at

the conference center.

The chamber's new space would also have to be affordable for a not-for-profit organization.

"We don't have a lot of resources, so it is going to take some creativity for us," Burns said.

During the meeting in April when the city council voted to end its contract with the chamber, passions ran high as chamber supporters turned out in force to testify they felt it was disrespectful to try to put the chamber in a basement. They said the city had seriously damaged its relationship with the chamber in the way it had handled the situation and complained about a lack of communication.

Since that time, however, Burns said he felt relations between the city and chamber had improved, and

he personally appreciated how "open and transparent" Mayor David Drotzmann has been their meetings together to discuss ways for both entities to continue to be partners moving forward.

"The fact that the city offered us any location illustrated that the city wants to keep working with the chamber, because they didn't have to do that," Burns said.

He said the chamber is still interested in running a visitor center for Hermiston in the future. If the city follows through on longterm plans to remodel the upstairs and exterior portions of the Carnegie Library and possibly turn the upstairs into some sort of visitor center and museum, he said the chamber would be interested in discussing a partnership involving the building at that point.

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five year tradition of "sliming" the principal on the last day of school. To reward the students for reaching an end of the year reading goal, the top readers from each grade level earned the privilege of pouring a bucket of slime on principal, Jerad Farley.

Winners were: Tad Farley, 4th grade, Cate Doherty, 3rd grade, Keely Burns, 1st grade, Taw Braden, 2nd grade, Jacob LaBeck, 5th grade and Leslie Mendoza Romero, 5th grade.

Romero earned the distinction of "Super Slimmer" by reading the most words in the school while also



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY HOLLY MOSS
Taw Braden slimes Rocky Heights Principal Jerad Farley June 14 in Hermiston.

maintaining a high level of reading accuracy as measured by the Accelerated Reader Program.

A beverage with roots in Hermiston will get some

exposure at a New Mexico rodeo this year.

Chute 8 Whiskey has been named the official whiskey of the Rodeo de Santa Fe, which will take place June 21 to 24. The drink is named after the entertainment venue of Hermiston's Farm-City Rodeo, and the logo features Butch Knowles and David Bothum, two of the rodeo's founders and rodeo legends.

The whiskey was created by Farm-City Rodeo and Portland-based Indio Spirits in 2015. According to the creators of the whiskey, the logo of two cowboys on horseback shaking hands across a fence is a tribute to the way Farm-City operated in its early days.

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