



Staff photo by Gary L. West

Get to know the classics

A 1933 Ford Coupe owned by Todd and Mary Dimbat was one of the hot rods on display at the ACES Car Show on Saturday in Echo. More than 100 vehicles were on display at the show, which is a fundraiser for the high school car club that puts it on.

BRIEFLY

Pendleton High School Class of '86 plans reunion

PENDLETON — The Pendleton High School Class of 1986 will hold its 30-year reunion July 8-10, and is looking for classmates.

Alumni can get more information and register for the event at www.classcreator.com/Pendleton-Oregon-1986/class_classmates.cfm or email pshbucksclassof86@gmail.com

Short plays feature BMCC acting classes

PENDLETON — A handful of brief theater productions are featured in the Ten-Minute Play Festival.

In its 11th year, the event showcases the acting classes of the Blue Mountain Community College theatre arts department. The four plays are performed by 14 acting students. Intermediate acting students are directing two of the plays.

The public is invited to the free performances Thursday at noon or 7 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre in Pioneer Hall at BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

For more information, contact Craig McIntosh, BMCC theatre arts instructor, at 541-278-5928 or cmcintosh@bluecc.edu.

Class to tour schools before demolition

PENDLETON — The Pendleton High School class of 1967 is planning to gather at Sherwood Heights and Washington elementary schools prior to them being torn down.

Classmates are invited to get together, tour the buildings and possibly re-create class photos. A project manager from Kirby Nagelhout Construction will be onsite during the gatherings. The schedule is:

- Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sherwood school, 3111 S.W. Marshall Ave.
- Saturday at 11 a.m. at Washington school, 1205 S.E. Byers Ave.

For more information, call Colleen at 541-969-9053.

School Days celebrates Flora centennial

FLORA — A birthday cake, 100 mini cupcakes and the singing of "Happy Birthday" are all part of the annual pioneer skills day at Flora School.

The public is invited to join the School Days celebration Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic school, which is

located about 35 miles north of Enterprise in Flora. Birthday "gifts," in the form of drawings, will be given away each hour to those in attendance. In addition, a special quilt will be raffled off towards the end of the day. The winner of the quilt doesn't need to be present.

A Dutch oven lunch will begin around noon. The tickets, which are \$10, will be sold in the Country Store. Also, orders will be taken for a "Happy 100th" T-shirt.

In addition to celebrating the 100-year-old buildings, School Days highlights pioneer life and the skills that helped them survive. In the past soap makers, blacksmiths, spinners, weavers, jewelry makers, quilters and painters have participated in the event. Local artisans will sell handmade items.

For more information, contact 541-828-7010, info@floraschool.org or visit www.floraschool.org.

Submit information to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

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HERMISTON

Senior Citizen Prom features dancing, bingo

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Armando Mendoza's dance card was full as a handful of silver-haired ladies vied for his attention during Saturday's Senior Citizen Prom at Brookdale Hermiston.

When Nene Johnson, 86, spotted the Umatilla High School senior dancing with 88-year-old Ruth Hawes, she scurried across the room and tapped him on the shoulder.

"You're going to get your butt kicked," Johnson said with a sly smile.

Taken aback by her directness, Mendoza asked why.

"You're dancing with someone else," Johnson responded with a laugh.

Mendoza was invited to attend the event by Laura Zepeda, outgoing vice president of the Hermiston High School Key Club. He said it seemed like an enjoyable way to create extra fun for residents of the senior living facility.

The Key Club, a student group affiliated with Hermiston Kiwanis, organized the event.

All the smiling faces, Zepeda said, made the effort worth it. About two dozen students helped with the prom, which included



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Nene Johnson, right, asks to cut in while Armando Mendoza is dancing with Ruth Hawes during the Senior Citizen Prom Saturday at Brookdale Hermiston.

dancing, bingo, pictures, refreshments and conversation.

Vanessa Ambriz, a HHS junior and Key Club vice president, said it was a great way to bring the two generations together. Ruby Halvorson, 89, agreed.

"It makes your heart just beat happily," she said. "I've enjoyed everything — the laughing, the dancing and everybody is so friendly."

Lori Scheel, Brookdale Terrace executive director, said she appreciated the efforts of the high school students. The event, she said, provided an opportunity for the residents to socialize with the younger generation while spurring memories from their youth.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Body of missing man found in Harris Park

Had not been seen since April 26

East Oregonian

Detectives from the Walla Walla Police Department found the body of a missing Milton-Freewater man near Harris Park in Umatilla County who may have been murdered a month ago.

Gabriel Ledezma Rodriguez, 34, hadn't been seen since April 26, and police began a homicide investigation soon after, focusing on a basement apartment in Walla Walla.

Police believe he was killed in late April, but the incident wasn't reported for several days. Police then

worked with Rodriguez's father in Milton-Freewater to file a missing person report.

According to a press release from the WWPD on Saturday, detective interviews led law enforcement to his body near Walla Walla River Road.

Officials identified the body on Saturday afternoon, but Walla Walla police Detective Sgt. Matt Wood told the *Walla Walla Union-Bulletin* there was no definitive cause or manner of death, and they were awaiting the results of toxicology tests.

Deputies from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office assisted in recovering the body.

party like they do now," Halvorson said.

GeorgeAnne Smith, 66, said the Senior Citizen Prom facilitated interactions with her fellow residents that didn't center around mealtime. Also, she said it was fun to get dressed up.

Johnson and Della Burch, 71, were both crowned prom queens. Thrilled with the honor, Burch said she couldn't wait to call her granddaughter and tell her about it. Johnson took advantage of the honor by calling Mendoza over for one final photo opportunity.

"The looks on their faces says it all," said Alex Quesada, outgoing Key Club president.

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