

Car enthusiast drives museum donation

Denny Evans of Pendleton recently donated a Model A (circa 1928-31) to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River.

Dorys C. Grover said when Jim Smootz took the 90-year-old to the museum, he decided to donate the vehicle that he purchased several years ago in Pasco.

“With a little help from Donna Richards, we textured the hood from its yellow paint by throwing a little dirt on it to make it look brown,” Evans said.

The vehicle, which was mostly in its original condition, had been stored until recently, Grover said. After receiving no serious offers for the vehicle, Evans decided the museum would be a great home for the vintage vehicle.

The Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, which opened in 2007, features an extensive collection of antique aircrafts and vintage automobiles. Most of the antique and classic vehicles are still in running condition.

Museum visitors can ride in vehicles during the Second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition, many who arrive early may be asked to give a hand in firing up the engines.

The museum collection, which is housed in a 3.5-acre indoor hangar facility, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It’s located at 1600 Air Museum Road,



Denny Evans of Pendleton recently donated a vintage Model A to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum in Hood River.

Hood River. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and veterans, \$7 for ages 5-18 and free for kids 4-and-under.

For more information, visit www.waaamuseum.org or www.facebook.com/WAAAMuseum.

ANNIVERSARY



The Jessens in 1968



The Jessens in 2016

Jarry & Dixie Jessen

Jarry and Dixie Jessen of Hermiston are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Jan. 5, 1968, in Stirling City, Calif.

Jarry retired from Union Pacific Railroad in 1991. He enjoys hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. He also loves to putter around his shop, and spend time with his children and grandchildren.

Dixie’s main claim to fame is her enjoyment in

taking care of her yard and garden. She also spent many years bowling. She looks forward to spending time with family whenever possible.

The couple has three children: son Stacey Jessen of Heppner and daughters Kathi Keefer of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Kelli Biecker of Pendleton. They have seven grandchildren, Kevin, Tyler, gunner, Maycee, Elijah, Jared and Tresten, and one great-grandson, Daniel.



Among the first place category winners of the Weston Lighting Contest were Will Gallaway, Greg & Lois Phillips and Jack & Sheila Jasperson.

Weston announces Christmas lighting contest winners

The city of Weston announced winners of its Christmas Lighting Contest.

In the Glitz & Glamour category, Will Gallaway took first place; followed by Joe & Carlene Hearn with second place and Dusty and Lucy Hearn in third.

Reason for the Season included Greg and Lois Phillips with first place, Mark and Joni Clark, second and Betty Munoz, third.

Top prize for Old-Fashioned Christmas went to Jack and Sheila Jasperson, placing second were Tyrel, Jinni and Hailie Burns and third place was Roy and Sue Rachor.

Weston residents plant giving tree

A pair of Weston residents coordinated efforts for Santa Claus by creating a Giving Tree to collect gifts for needy children.

Debi Russell and Sheila Jasperson initiated the project with 18 children identified as needing Christmas gifts. However, due to an outpouring of support, an additional 35 kids benefited from the effort.

“The citizens of Weston really came through for us,” Russell said.

More than 200 presents were delivered by Santa Claus and his trusty elves several days before Christmas, Russell said.



Debi Russell and Sheila Jasperson helped coordinate a Giving Tree to provide gifts for needy children in Weston.



Judge Richard Courson (aka Santa Claus) of McKay Creek Estates helps in presenting gifts to Maria Perez, second from left, and her daughter, Citlali, 10. The Pendleton assisted living facility “adopted” the family (which also includes Guadalupe, 15, not pictured), providing them with gifts.

Family unwraps holiday spirit

The holiday season was made a little brighter for Maria Perez and her two daughters, Guadalupe, 15, and Citlali, 10.

McKay Creek Estates executive director Noemi Wiseman said the Pendleton assisted living facility “adopted” the family for Christmas and were happy to share love and blessings during the holiday season. The residents, family and staff presented gifts to the family.

Retired Judge Richard Courson, the resident Santa Claus, donned a red suit and shared the happy moment with the family when they visited the facility just before Christmas.

Wiseman said they plan

to make it an annual tradition to “adopt” a family during the holiday season.

McKay Creek Estates invites people in the community to join them for many activities. For more information, contact Wiseman at 541-276-1987 or nwiseman@prestigecare.com.

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BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
DEC. 26, 2017
KEELER — Courtney Keeler and William Keeler of Hermiston: a girl, Hannah Noelle Keeler.
DEC. 27, 2017
FRAUSTO CALVILLO — Cassandra Calvillo and Juan Frausto of Boardman: a girl, Alessandra Frausto Calvillo.
DEC. 29, 2017
CAMPOS — Ofelia R. Cisneros Zavalza and Luis

Campos of Irrigon: twin boys, Liovanni Jose Campos and Giovanni Vicente Campos.
JAN. 1, 2018
ESCOBEDO — Jennifer Escobedo and Jose L. Escobedo Jr. of Umatilla: a boy, Jose Phillip Escobedo.
St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
DEC. 24, 2017
LADENSACK — Carla K. Naranjo and John P. Ladensack of Pendleton: a



Mama

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Pet of the Week

This sweet girl loves attention and beating her friends at tug-o-war, she needs a forever home that will give her all the attention she desires! This loving girl is 8 years old and comes spayed, up to date on shots, and micro-chipped. Come meet Mama at PAWS!

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