OBITUARY

Louis Franklin 'Frank' Mader Jr.

Echo February 7, 1933-May 28, 2016

Louis Franklin Mader Jr. "Frank", 83, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, passed away

May 28, 2016, with family surrounding him. Frank was born February 7, 1933, in Colfax, Wash., to Louis and Klara Mader. He was raised on the family farm with his brother, Winston, and sister, Miriam. After graduating from Mader Colfax High School, he at-

tended Washington State College where he studied agriculture and was a member of AGR fraternity.

Frank married the love of his life, LaVonne Willson, August 27, 1955, in Colfax. Frank served in the U.S. Army prior to and just after their marriage. During the early years of their marriage Frank and LaVonne had two children, Shannon and Kirk. In 1965, Frank and his family moved to the Jordan Valley, Ore., area where he realized his dream of owning a cattle ranch and they enjoyed the western way of life on Succor Creek. In 1977 he and LaVonne moved to Ruby Valley, Nev., where they expanded their cattle operation before settling down on a wheat farm in the Butter Creek area of Echo, Ore., in 1979.

Frank and LaVonne's stewardship of the land earned them the Morrow County Conservation Farm in 1987 and the following year was awarded the Oregon State Conservation Farm Award.

Frank's love for cattle ranching never sub-

sided as he continued to run cattle along with raising wheat. In 2002 he partnered with his son on a ranch in Nevada.

enjoyed working Frank alongside his family and instilled the importance of hard work in his children. Family and faith were priorities for Frank and his presence will be missed forever.

Frank was a longtime member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the Oregon Cattleman's Association, and a member of the Hermiston First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 60-plus years, LaVonne; daughter Shannon Rust (Tim), Echo, Ore., son Kirk Mader (Donna), Orovada, Nev., grandchildren Brian Rust (Jordan), Brooke Carnine (Randy), Brynna Rust, Quinn Mader, Kade Mader; great-grandson Karsten Carnine; brother Winston Mader, Pullman, Wash.; sister Miriam Backert (Gary), Shoreline, Wash.; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838, or to Sharing Alongside, P.O. Box 33663, Seattle, WA 98133.

Services will be held at the Hermiston First Christian Church on Friday, June 3, 1:00 p.m., with a burial in Colfax at a later date.

Classics come to town

More than 100 vehicles were on display at the ACES Car Show on Saturday in Echo, which is a fundraiser for the high school car club that puts it on.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST One of the ACES Car Show trophies on display before the awards were presented Saturday, May 28.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST A 1953 Packard Clipper with a teardrop trailer owned by

George McDonald.



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Some contemporary cars were also entered in the **ACES Car Show on Saturday,** May 28, in Echo. This 2009 Dodge Challenger owned by Robert Herrera of the Wyked **A&I Car Club featured some** custom LED lights.



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A 1955 Oldmobile Rocket 88, owned by Kerry and Ina Peterson, sits in line with other cars entered in the ACES Car Show in Echo on Saturday, May 28, next to the park.



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Car enthusiasts walk along Main Street in Echo looking at some of the more than 100 vehicles entered in the ACES Car Show on Saturday, May 28.



This 1930 Ford Model A pickup, owned by Harley and Bertha Sager, was one of the older vehicles on display at the ACES Car Show in Echo on Saturday, May 28.

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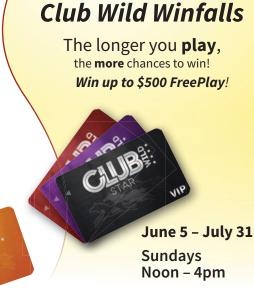
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