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Jared Barnes learns to dance with Illene Pett. Jared is a member of the Layton Youth Council. Pett, of Layton, said she loves to dance.

Dancing the night away

Layton Youth Council gives seniors a night worth remembering

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KAYSVILLE — Illene Pett knows her way around a dance floor, and now so does Jared Barnes, a member of the Layton Youth Council.

Pett gave Barnes instructions for the dance, telling him to step way back. He followed her advice. A few minutes later, the waltz ended and a cha-cha was played, and Barnes' partner taught him another dance.

"This is my first time doing it," Barnes said.

High school students and seniors dressed in their finest to mingle at Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center's first Senior Prom.

"I loved it," Pett said. "He was willing to try. He is just a cute boy."

Other seniors noticed how quickly he learned the steps, and several more ladies wanted to dance with him, too.

"He's a popular little boy," said Lillian Alder, who danced with him.

Overall, Barnes said, the event was a success. "It would be really fun to do it again,"

he added.

Center Director Linda Freer came up with the idea and presented it to the Layton Youth Council, who agreed to do it.

"I think it is a wonderful idea," said Kaitlyn Leishman, a Youth Council member who helped plan the event and decorate the center for the dance.



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"That way, I can get service hours on Earth and in heaven."

Seniors were picked up at home and taken to the dance in vans so they didn't have to drive. The dance began at 3 p.m. so they could be home by dark.

During a short intermission, a senior king and queen as well as a junior prince and princess were crowned. Dave Altop was crowned king and Pett was crowned queen.

Altop said he was surprised to be crowned king. "I'm crowned a dunce at home," he said.

Kaycee Hall was named princess while

Michael Hastriter, a council member, said he likes to help older people.

"Maybe when they die, they can tell God I did a service for them," he said with a smile.

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A prince and princess and a senior king and queen were named at the Autumn Glow Senior Prom. Adam Hastriter (left) and Kaycee Hall (right) were the winners of the prince and princess honors. Senior king and queen were Illene Pett and Dave Altop. At right, Altop dances with Stephanie Robinson.



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Adam Hastriter was named prince. After the coronation, Adam Hastriter once again asked Mary Flores to dance.

"He's such a good little dancer," Flores said.

Adam Hastriter said he loved the prom.

"We have dances at school, and they just stand around," he said. "Here, you just say, 'Do you want to dance,' and everybody dances."

The dance was the Youth Council's first activity of the year. Adviser Ivy Melton Sales took pictures that will be matted for the seniors who attended.

Youth Council Mayor Katie Curtis said she was pleased that the event was

so well attended. Curtis said one man she danced with taught her how to do the fox trot.

"I think it is awesome the way they interact with the older people," she said. "It's like going to grandma and grandpa's house. It is fun to see them all dressed up."

Stephanie Robinson, another youth council member, agreed, "It makes me feel good that we planned it. See-

ing them enjoying it gives an amazing feeling. I have never done this before."

Leishman, the Youth Council recorder, did most of the planning for the event. She even planned the corsages youth made for those who attended.

"I think it turned out amazing," she said.

Both Curtis and Leishman want to make the event a tradition.