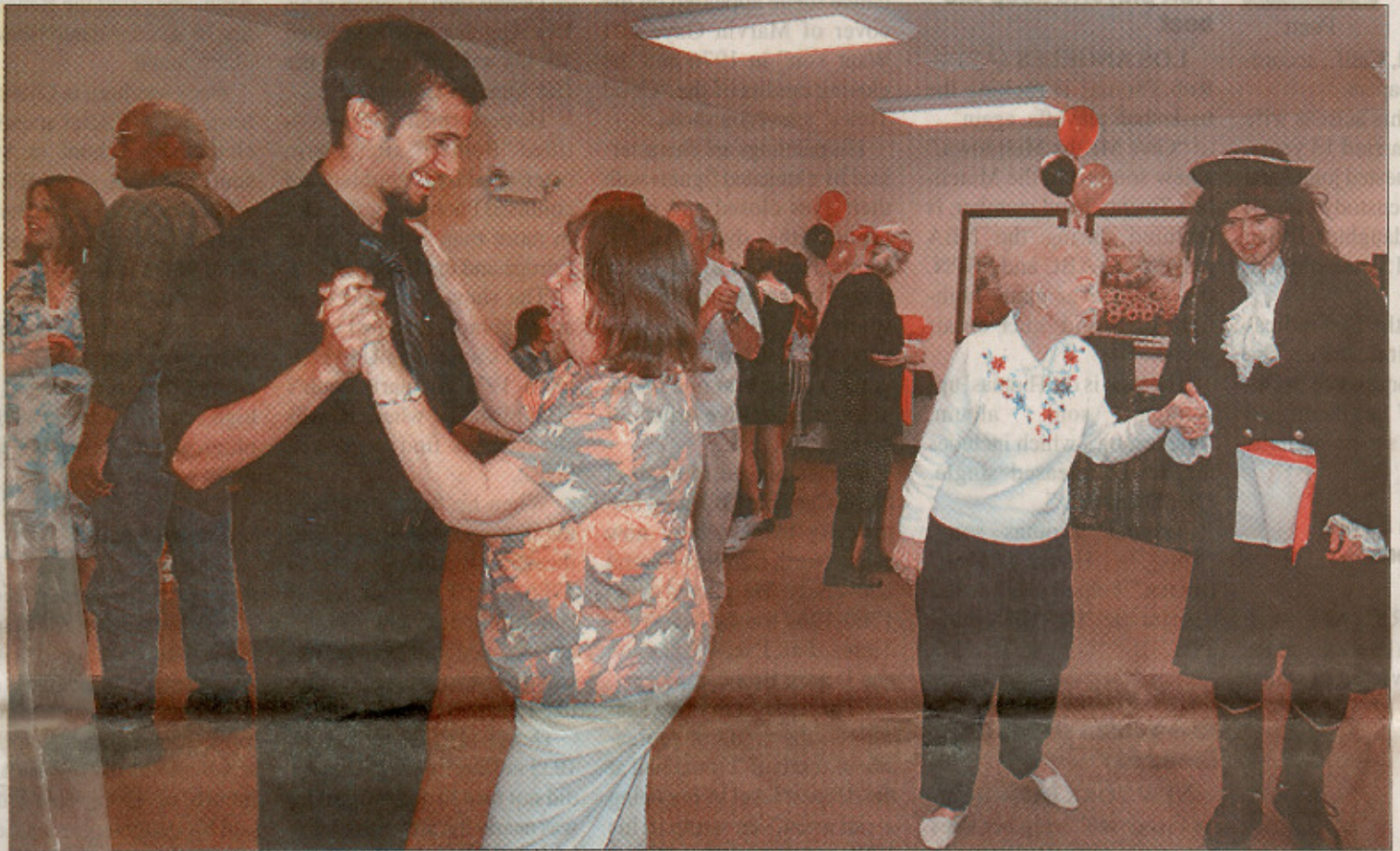


Cutting a rug



Mt. Vernon Township High School National Honor Society members mingle and dance with seniors during the Sixth Annual Senior Prom held at Heritage Landing. In addition to the dancing, door prizes were given away and seniors were entertained by a magician.

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National Honor Society hosts Senior Prom

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MT. VERNON — Mt. Vernon Township High Schools pirated Heritage Landing Wednesday with an afternoon of music, dancing and entertainment during the Sixth Annual National Honor Society Senior Prom, "Pirates of the Caribbean."

"This is the best thing all year for the National Honor Society," said sponsor Debbie Nelson. "We started this in 2004, and it has been an annual event ever since then."

NHS students choose a theme, decora-

tions and prepare refreshments for the senior prom. They also provided seniors with an opportunity to take pictures with members of NHS, offered door prizes and delighted attendees with a magician's performance.

"It's important for students to become functioning participants of this community," Nelson added. "I think it also is important for a well-rounded education. It's good for these honor students to take what they have and give it back to the community."

At her third senior prom, NHS President Jessa Hawkins said she believes the event a "wonderful opportunity to interact with

seniors."

"I think it's fun from both standpoints," she noted. "I'm always excited and surprised to see how many [seniors] come and attend."

Jan Reed, program nutrition director at the Sunshine Center, said seniors look forward to the event each year.

"I believe [the prom] is very important to them and I really don't know why," she said. "But I know the seniors look forward to it and students look forward to it. It's fun to sit and watch the interaction between them."

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"It gives them [students] a chance to be with the part of

the community they're not normally with," Nelson said. "I know there are some families today that live away from their grandparents and do get the chance to visit with them."