

A classic restoration

Cousins pairing up to fix grandpa's car

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CLINTON — Two cousins have paired up to fix their grandpa's classic car during auto body class at Clinton High School.

Dyllon Krouse and Ron Gibson Jr. are devoting their second period to restoring a 1962 Chevy Impala. This classic car is owned by their grandpa David Gibson.

David Gibson has been seeking medical treatment in Iowa City, preventing him from restoring his pride and joy.

David Gibson approached his grandsons, asking if they would be able to fix up his car. The boys accepted the challenge.

"He was excited for us to help. I told him a long time ago to fix it up and now five years later he finally is," Gibson Jr. said.

Gibson Jr. and Krouse took the project idea to their auto body teacher Andrew Cook. Cook told the boys they could work on the project in class. This was a no-brainer for them — receive credit for school and fix up the car for their grandpa.

The Impala has been in the Gibson family for more than 20 years. It has become a part of the family.

"I remember, I fell out of it when I was little," Gibson Jr. said.

Krouse also spent time in the vehicle as a child, but his memories aren't as vivid as Gibson Jr.

"He is a little older than me so he remembers a lot more of those days than I do," Krouse said.

The boys are determined to keep the memories alive by restoring the car. Gibson Jr. said his grandpa met his grandma in the car.

The car made it to the shop at CHS last month. Since then, they have worked every day during their second-hour class. They have worked on many things from wiring to the motor to the tires.

The project will take about one year to complete. Next trimester, the boys will be in another automotive class which will allow them to work on the car's interior.

"I think it's fun. I like to fix engines," Gibson Jr. said.

The two cousins enjoy working on cars and have found a way to make their hobby personal. They can work together on a car filled with memories.

"I think it's fun, too," said Krouse.

The boys are anxious to see the look on their grandpa's face when he sees the finished car next year.

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