



Marie Cornell of the Boardman Quilt Group presents Dave Paxton with a memory quilt that members of the quilt group created for Paxton's daughter, Jennifer.

## Quilt stitches together family memories

A Hermiston couple recently found a creative way to preserve family memories and solicited the help of the Boardman Quilt Group.

Dave and Shannon Paxton of Hermiston collected T-shirts, sweatshirts and team jackets from their daughter's school and sports activities. However, they weren't sure how they would use more than 100 garments in a single project. Their goal was to create a lifetime of memories and stories embedded into a project for the next step of Jennifer's life — the 2013 Hermiston High School graduate will finish her RN degree in June.

Last summer while the Paxtons were pondering the

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future, the 2017 Boardman Quilt Show was in the news. That sparked an idea for a memory quilt made from the clothing collection. Not owning a sewing machine or possessing sewing experience, the Hermiston couple contacted a member of the quilt group. They inquired about designing and creating a memory quilt as a service

project.

The group often works on community service projects, including supporting the American military with Santa Stockings for Marines in serving in the Middle East and creating quilts for different projects. In addition, they have sent quilts to Canadian communities devastated by forest fires and donated quilts for scholarship raffles.

While the quilt group doesn't solicit commissions, Marie Cornell said she would be willing to work on it if another member would assist. Kathy Hyder agreed to hand sew the binding. Quilt group members made suggestions on a regular basis and contributed batting, backing, thread,

time and skills. Cornell combined selections from 42 T-shirts and performed machine quilting. The finished product, a 100-inch by 92-inch queen-sized quilt was presented to the thrilled parents this past weekend.

"I want to live long enough to see our daughter complete her nursing studies and receive the memory quilt," the dad said, who has chronic renal disease.

The quilt group encourages people to exhibit memory quilts during the 2018 Fall Boardman Quilt Show Oct. 12-13 at the Boardman Senior Center. For more information about the quilt group, contact Hyder at Hyder at 541-571-7009 or Cornell at 480-518-2642.



The kitchen at the Stanfield Community Center received a recent upgrade thanks to grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and Union Pacific.

## Stanfield Community Center is cooking with upgrades

The Stanfield Community Center is celebrating its updated kitchen hood and vent system thanks to grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and Union Pacific. The center, said Rose Emerson, has been working on upgrades for the last few years. The finishing touches were recently completed with

the installation of a new gas range. The new range, hood and vent, along with some other updates, have resulted in a more efficient system, Emerson said.

The center can be rented by the public for four-hour (\$125) or eight-hour (\$250) rental periods. For more information, call 541-449-1332.

### BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**FEB. 18, 2018**

**HAYDEN** — Kaylee Kathleen Hayden of Stanfield: a girl, Madeline Susan Hayden.

**FEB. 20, 2018**

**BENSEL** — Danielle McAtee and Ryan Bensel of Pilot Rock: a boy, Bentley Mathew Bensel.

**FEB. 22, 2018**

**CHICK** — Darcie Chick and Eric Chick of Heppner: a girl, Dixie Dawn Chick.

**FEB. 23, 2018**

**PURKERSON** — Katherine Purkerson of Hermiston: a boy, Laiken Myles Purkerson.

**FEB. 24, 2018**

**CORTES** — Juanita Cortes Luna and Adolfo Sanchez Villa of Hermiston: a girl, Clarissa Gracie Sanchez Cortes.



Brooklyn Gaines and Avery Tynkila, top fundraisers for Jump/Hoops for Heart 2018 at Stanfield Elementary School, are pictured with physical education teacher Jay Zwiefelhofer (not pictured is Violet Scott).

## Students jump start healthy lifestyles

Students at Stanfield Elementary School recently helped raise money for the American Heart Association through the Jump/Hoops for Heart 2018.

The efforts resulted in a

school record, raising \$3,452 — including top students Brooklyn Gaines, \$515; Avery Tynkila, \$311; and Violet Scott, \$240. Also, the hoops champions, B-Ballerz team of Jesus Arellano,

Landon Bailey and John Putnam were recognized.

In addition to raising money, the event promoted awareness of staying fit, being active and promoting healthy lifestyles.

## NW Noggin taps into neuroscience with art

Graduate and undergraduate students from Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University and WSU-Vancouver recently presented discussions and art projects about neuroscience to students in Morrow County.

Dr. Bill Griesar, Ph.D., NW Noggin Neuroscience coordinator, and Jeff Leake,

NW Noggin art coordinator, and other volunteers discussed brain research, answered student questions and helped students make their own brain cells out of pipe cleaners and plants. Andrea Fletcher, a member of the Rural Health Coordinating Council, hosted the NW Noggin volunteers during the Feb. 21-22 visit

to schools in Heppner and Lone.

"This is such a great opportunity to teach students about their brains and art," Griesar said. "But we do more than teach, we also learn so much from these students."

For more information about NW Noggin, visit www.nwnoggin.org.



More than \$5,000 was raised for Altrusa International of Pendleton's KARE (Kids At Risk Empowered) program during the Feb. 10 Love Keeps Us Warm event at Hamley Slickfork Saloon in Pendleton.

## Sweet fundraiser benefits homeless youths

Altrusa International of Pendleton's KARE (Kids At Risk Empowered) program recently heated up with a heart-warming fundraiser.

Debbie McBee, KARE co-chair, said \$5,038 was raised during Feb. 10's Love Keeps Us Warm event at Hamley Slickfork Saloon. Those in attendance indulged in delectable desserts and had a chance to kick up their heels as the Blue Wave Band from Seattle played.

Money will be used to assist homeless students in the Pendleton School District. Altrusa provides everything from clothing, shoes and hygiene products to school supplies, tents and blankets. By assisting in meeting basic needs, homeless students can focus on their education.

To make a tax-deductible donation or for more information about KARE, contact Karen Rose at 541-969-3587, k\_rose1232@hotmail.com or McBee at 541-276-3796.

## Pet of the Week

Dilly is a sweet year old lab mix with lots of energy and personality. She is extremely sweet and loves attention. Come meet this sweet girl at PAWS! She comes spayed, micro-chipped, and up to date on vaccines.



Dilly

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