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"It is fun getting together to work," said Maudean Brown. "Some don't sew but help in other ways."

Gloria Kulis of John Day said she's learned a lot about binding.

"It's a team effort," she said.

Mary Lou Drury has been quilting with her daughter Janice Dickens. Both are Mt. Vernon residents.

"I've enjoyed celebrating the folks who have served our country for our freedom," Drury said.

Both Drury and Hinton have used their long-arm quilting machines to finish off many of the projects.

As she quilts, Hinton said she keeps the veterans in mind.

truck for the 520th Transportation Battalion, but an officer saw that he had typing experience from high school and assigned him to battalion headquarters.

He was given secret clearance status and ran the mail room, which included a jeep, a weapons carrier truck and a deuce and a half truck to pick up mail in the city. The large base at Kaiserslautern was home to several battalions,

U.S. soldiers in West Germany faced dire circumstances if the Soviet Union invaded. They knew the resulting war could quickly escalate from conventional weapons to chemical, biological and even nuclear weapons as the outnumbered NATO forces faced

Base life

Mooney shared a barracks room with seven other soldiers. Winters were pretty cold, but the barracks were in good shape, he said. Officers and NCOs with families typically resided off base. The base PX and commissary sold food and other items.

Mooney said he ate military food in the mess hall, which wasn't always the

"I think about what it would be like to be away from my family, for the families to have their loved ones gone for birthdays and holidays," she said. "I've shed a few tears thinking about it." She plans to give one of

her quilts to Mt. Vernon resident and Navy veteran Kenneth Delano.

Delano served as lieutenant commander in submarine service (1960-1981) as a weapons officer and in weapons systems procurement during the Cold War.

Hinton said the quilts for the program have to be made to a high standard, with quality prewashed fabric.

"They are heirloom quality," Ricker said.

Karen added, "They deserve the best."

"We're going to continue," Brown said. "We won't have

ing the real milk.

residents.

vehicles.

just didn't go," he said.

best. He recalled drinking powdered

milk on occasion because the German

civilians hired for KP duty were steal-

ered from the devastation of World

War II and was booming by the early

1960s. He recalled older Germans who

had lived through the war being "stand-

offish," and Germans in smaller rural

towns were more friendly than city

"There were places U.S. soldiers

Mooney injured his tail bone after

slipping on ice and spent a month in

the hospital. When he got out, he was

reassigned as a battalion motor pool

clerk, performing spot checks to ensure

truck drivers regularly inspected their

had the opportunity to travel with supply

convoys through communist East Ger-

It was in that capacity that Mooney

The German economy had recov-

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter Mary Lou Drury of Mt.

Vernon and Gloria Kulis of John Day join other Grant **County Piecemakers Guild** members in sewing Quilts of Valor for local veterans.

enough quilts for all the veterans, but the goal is for many more veterans to receive quilts."

Veterans who would like to be added to the list for a

quilt, or family members who know of a veteran, can contact Hinton

She said Grant County Veteran Service Officer Katee Hoffman has been helpful in getting the word out about the project to veterans.

'We want to thank the veterans for their sacrifice," Hinton said.

The guild will hold a taco feed at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the John Day Elks Lodge 1824 where at least 25 veterans will be awarded a quilt.

The cost is \$6 a person. All veterans and a guest may eat for free, as well as children 3 and under. Proceeds will help purchase supplies to make more Quilts of Valor.

Tickets may be purchased at The Shiny Thimble: 100 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon; Veteran Service Office, 530 E. Main

St., Suite. 5, John Day; and The Squeeze In, 423 W. Main St., John Day.

Hinton asks people who plan to buy a ticket at the door to call her to RSVP, so they can plan on how much food to prepare. Volunteers to help at the dinner are needed.

To RSVP or volunteer, call Hinton at 541-932-4111 or 541-620-0120.

Crazy Quilters

In Monument, Judy Harris has headed up a group called the Crazy Ouilters and they have been quilting "like crazy" since March for their local veterans.

Cheryl Ringering of Hamilton first introduced the others to Quilts of Valor in the spring.

"It blossomed from there," Harris said.

The eight ladies in the

group have submitted papers to join the program.

Army Air Cavalry veteran Bruce Kramer, who served during the Vietnam War; and Cheltz Cox, who served as a Seabee, the U.S. Navy construction battalion, in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait from 2006-2014, are just two out of 38 veterans who will receive a quilt.

Harris said they completed a total of 47 quilts. Monument has a population of 125.

A Veterans Day luncheon will be held at noon on Sunday. Nov. 11. at the Monument Senior Center. The meal of ham and all the trimmings is free.

"What an honor to be able to give these quilts to these veterans," Harris said. "They deserve this and much more.³ For more information, call

Harris at 541-934-2244.

with the Oregon State Police and

Grant County with first-degree

rape, first-degree kidnapping and

first-degree sexual abuse, along

with a misdemeanor charge of

In the information filed Oct.

30 by Carpenter, the crimes were

alleged to have taken place between Oct. 21-29. Carpenter ac-

cused Vogt of confining the girl

in a place where she couldn't

be found "with the purpose of

furthering the commission of or

an attempt to commit the crime

of first-degree rape and unlawful sexual penetration."

the Ada County Sheriff's Office

would be working with federal

prosecutors and the FBI for po-

Palmer said his office and

pointing a firearm at the girl.

Vogt had been charged in

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including artillery and tank battalions.

superior communist numbers.

many to Berlin. The city was surrounded by Soviet-controlled East Germany and had been supplied in 1948-1949 by a DC3 aircraft during the Berlin Airlift. East German troops continued to harass NATO troops as they delivered supplies to Berlin, Mooney said.

Soldier tourist

During his time in Europe, Mooney

traveled to Holland, Spain, Austria and France, but not Paris. He bought a new Volkswagen Bug for \$995 from a second lieutenant who had owned it only a month.

"His wife refused to ride in it," he said.

Mooney recalled sightseeing in Europe with two friends from Los Angeles and a "whiskey runner" from Virginia. The soldiers traded their cigarette ration coupons for gasoline coupons to keep their cars fueled.

Granted three-day passes, the soldiers drove through beautiful farm country and visited spectacular castles, he said. One thing that stood out was seeing young children picking up beer for their fathers. The older teenagers, he recalled, partied hard and generally didn't like U.S. soldiers.

Mooney later shipped his Volkswagen back to the U.S. on a troop ship and gave it to his mother.

Returning home

As the Cold War heated up, President John Kennedy extended the tours of duty for overseas troops, and Mooney's time in Germany went from six months to 30. In October 1962, he boarded a troop ship in Bremerhaven and began the 10-day trip back to the U.S.

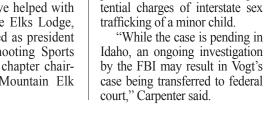
On the sixth day, Mooney was standing on the fantail watching the ship's wake when he noticed a peculiar pattern. He asked a merchant mariner what was going on and was told that the Cuban missile crisis was in the news and all U.S. ships were instructed to sail in a zigzag pattern.

Back in the U.S., Mooney followed his father, who was the police chief in Redmond, into a law enforcement career. Mooney served with the Oregon State Police from 1968 to 1993, stationed in Bend, Government Camp and John Day, retiring as a senior trooper.

"I liked working on crime, traffic and game," he said.

Following his retirement, Mooney worked for six years with a surveying company. He also served several terms as a city councilor and mayor of Canyon City. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, four grandchildren, two step grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way.

He and Jennifer have helped with youth activities for the Elks Lodge, and Mooney has served as president of the Bear Creek Shooting Sports Club and as the local chapter chairman for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet.









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Recycling Awareness Week

Grant County has designated November 12 - 18 as "Recycling Awareness Week." It's a good time for all of us to start making the most of new opportunities to recycle. Recycling bins for plastic containers, tin cans, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard are located at Clark's Transfer Station, 26431 Luce Creek Road,

John Day, OR. Routine recycling makes a real difference and contributes toward waste prevention. "Recycling" redirects many discards away from disposal and back into commerce which allows materials to be transformed for use as new products. "Waste

prevention" is about not making waste in the first place as we change what we use and how we use it. Consumers can impact the environment by preventing waste through the choices they make every day. What materials we consume and how we consume them

is what makes the real the difference.

Some important questions for each of us to ask are -- Is the item really needed or can money be spent more productively? Can the item be borrowed or rented rather than bought new? Is the item made to last, or can it be repaired if it breaks? Is it recyclable? Does it have excessive packaging? If people practice making sustainable purchases, we could save a tremendous amount of resources and help prevent products from being discarded. We all can make it a daily practice to recycle, reuse, and compost. Grant County promotes recycling and waste reduction within the Grant Wasteshed as required by OAR 340-090-0030 and 340-090-0040. For more information, contact Grant County at 541-575-0059.