



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Event organizer Sylvia Ross, left, stands with the Chester's Thriftway group which won two large pizzas for being the largest group at the event.

Strutters and striders join forces with Hilton Half runners

Events benefit Blue Mountain Hospice

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Hilton Half runners combined forces with participants of the Strut, Stride, Straddle and Stroll event on Saturday, a total of 53, in support of Blue Mountain Hospice.

This year's proceeds will honor hospice patients who are mothers, fathers, veterans and those celebrating birthdays with gifts or flowers.

Hilton Half participants, whose starting line was in Prairie City, run to remember ambulance director, paramedic and award-winning emergency medical services educator TR Hilton, a John Day resident who passed away May 8, 2013.

All hospice employees and some hospital employees volunteered at the fundraiser.

Ten-month-old Jemma Grant won a badminton set. Charlene Morris won 18 holes of golf at the John Day Golf Club. And the Chester's Thriftway walkers, the biggest group, won two large pizzas. Other prizes included a day pass to Roaring Springs in Meridian, Idaho, and a gift



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Jeff and Megan Pass of Canyon City walk their dogs Tucker, a black mouth cur, and Sarabi, a Great Dane, in Saturday's Strut, Stride, Straddle and Stroll in John Day.

certificate to the Snaffle Bit Dinnerhouse.

Cam Marlow, Blue Mountain Hospital District's chief financial officer, who was attending the event for the first time, said he especially enjoyed looking at the scrapbooks from previous races as well as remembrance books honoring past hospice patients.

"I love seeing all the volunteers and the racers to support a good cause," he said. "We appreciate

the support."

Sylvia Ross, director of hospice, said this year's turnout at the 10th annual event was a bit smaller

than usual.

"No matter the size of the event, we just celebrate the day with those people," she said.



The Eagle/Sean Hart

Karen Hinton of the Grant County Piecemakers Guild works at the Grant County Quilt Show Friday.

Quilt show highlights local talent

More than 100 quilts filled pavilion

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

More than 100 quilts were on display at the Grant County Quilt Show Friday and Saturday at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

This year was the 19th year of the show, presented by the Grant County Piecemakers Quilting Guild.

Karen Hinton of the guild said the show was going well Friday with more than 100 quilts on display, plus artwork from local artists. She said the show also featured a jeweler, a spinning wheel and food this year.

Mary Lou Drury, a long-arm quilter from Mt. Vernon at the show, said there was a lot of talent on display.

"The level of quilting is superb," she said. "You have to see the talent. It's incredible."

After Saturday's show, there was also a quilting

class taught by Hinton and Drury on Sunday.

LaVerne Hartwick of John Day said she always looks forward to this event.

"I like taking the class and learning something," she said.

Joan Hopper said the guild also gives back to the community. She said they've made quilts for veterans, fire victims, babies, nursing homes, Heart of Grant County, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and other causes.

"We have great quilters and artisans in this area," she said. "There is so much talent in this county. We try to really be based for our community here and help as many people as we can."

Hinton said a grant from Juniper Arts Council allowed the guild to construct new racks for hanging the quilts this year, which has helped the show run smoothly.

She said the quilting guild has great teamwork.

"I'm very proud to be associated with these women," she said.

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