

# Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild honors veterans

By Rudy Diaz  
Blue Mountain Eagle

On Nov. 8, members of the Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild awarded Quilts of Valor to 30 local veterans. It was a night honoring veterans while enjoying tacos, laughter and nostalgia.

This was the second year the Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild hosted the event, which filled the Elks Lodge dining area.

"I am really thrilled with how many people are showing up and it's seeming like it's more than last year," said Karen Hinton, the president of the Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

Members of the guild spent a year making 30 quilts. Each quilt used the patriotic

colors of red, white, and blue.

Hilton Presented the quilts while members of the guild and the Grant Union FFA worked together to take each quilt to give to a veteran.

"We understand that freedom is not free. The cost of our freedom is the dedication and lives of men and women like you and each quilt is meant to say thank you for your sacrifice," Hinton said before presenting the quilts. "Each quilt is meant to offer comfort for you and remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our minds and in our hearts."

Each recipient had their name called, received their quilt, had a picture taken, and was applauded by the audience.



The night ended when all of the veterans gathered together to take a group photo with their quilts.



Some of the quilts that were awarded to veterans. Each quilt uses red, white and blue.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Kris Beal of Mt. Vernon visits with Mary Snyder, browsing Snyder's artwork and handmade hats and socks at the Nov. 9 Mt. Vernon Grange Christmas Bazaar.

## Shoppers flock to Mt. Vernon's Christmas bazaars

By Angel Carpenter  
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There was a cornucopia of crafts, pies, jewelry and more offered at the Mt. Vernon Grange Christmas Bazaar and the Mt. Vernon Fire Department Holiday Bazaar.

An abundance of talent was on display at both events. Grange treasurer Mary Ellen Brooks said they had a few new vendors and a good crowd of shoppers.

Christen Case of Long Creek was selling handmade fleece blankets and throw pillows.

She said she was enjoying meeting with the other vendors.

"Whatever I don't sell

will be Christmas gifts," Case said.

Bonnie Cearns, who's organized the fire department bazaar for nine years, said all 12 of their local vendors were offering handmade items.

There were 24 different types of pies available to buy as well as a loaded baked potato lunch, served up by Bonnie Cearns' mom Marilyn Schiller of Echo.

"We do it for the Mt. Vernon elderly food baskets," Bonnie said of the bazaar. "Last year, we did 50 baskets."

She said her husband, Mt. Vernon Fire Chief Bill Cearns, and the other firefighters will deliver the baskets at Christmastime.

## Prairie City rolls out vintage Christmas celebration

By Angel Carpenter  
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Visitors to the "Vintage Christmas on the Prairie" can expect a few new activities Nov. 22-23 to kick off the season at Prairie City's annual event.

The celebration starts with a tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 22, with young dancers presenting a couple routines at 4:15 p.m. and the lighting happening at 4:30 p.m. near city hall.

Saturday's activities begin with the traditional American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar taking place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prairie City School cafeteria. The ornament hunt is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at downtown businesses and the bazaar with a prize for the one who finds all the ornaments and has their name drawn.

At 10 a.m. children can decorate gingerbread at the Teen Center, and at 11 a.m., Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck.

An adult holiday craft, creating a farmhouse wreath, is a new activity, happening



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The holiday season will kick off at "A Vintage Christmas on the Prairie" on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, Prairie City. A tree lighting takes place Nov. 22 and a day chock full of events is on schedule for Saturday. In the photo: Monty Buck hauled happy passengers around during last year's event.

from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Public Works building, next to Bar-W-B on Front Street.

Tours of vintage Prairie City homes, including Hotel Prairie, is another new activity.

To top off Christmas on the Prairie, members of the Prairie City High School

FFA chapter will hold a dinner at 5 p.m. at the Prairie City Senior Center and an auction at 6 p.m.

Talents and Treasures, a nonprofit community group, has planned out many of the two days of events.

Wanda Winegar said three new people have

joined the group this year.

"They jumped right in to help, and that's been a blessing," she said. "We're excited to have new people in our group."

For more information, call Winegar at 541-820-3675. See Page A7.

## Regional real estate magazine relaunches

EO Media Group has relaunched its monthly real estate magazine to include all of its markets in north-east Oregon.

Beginning with the November issue publishing this week, East Oregon Real Estate will now be inserted into all six Eastern Oregon publications owned and operated by EOMG: The East Oregonian in Pendleton, Hermiston Herald, The Observer in La Grande, the Baker

City Herald, the Wallowa County Chieftain and the Blue Mountain Eagle in John Day.

"With this co-publishing among our six publications, our Real Estate magazine is now a truly regional product with extensive reach and readership in Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Baker, and Grant counties," said EOMG Regional Publisher Chris Rush. "In addition to our combined

newspaper circulation, thousands more copies of the expanded magazine will also be distributed at advertiser and rack locations throughout Eastern Oregon."

The company will distribute 25,000 copies on a monthly basis and is also supported with an online component, eastoregon-realestate.com, which can be accessed from any of the six member newspapers' websites.

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