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Millie Baker, Cheryl Tallman, Kathy Hyder, Lila Killingbeck, Nancy Pace, Sandy Moroney, Marsha Condie and Carol Michael of the Boardman Quilt Group pitched in to complete a Hunter's Star Quilt started by the late Marge Shankle.

Area quilters stitch memories of charter member

Boardman Quilt Show to display Marge Shankle memorial quilt

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A number of Eastern Oregon women recently finished a labor of love through the completion of a quilt started by the late Marge Shankle.

A charter member of the Boardman Quilt Group, Shankle died unexpectedly this past spring. The longtime Eastern Oregon resident was the featured quilter during the 2015 Boardman Quilt Show.

"Her passing left a big hole in this group of quilters, many of whom had been inspired by Marge to improve quilting skills," said Carol Michael.

Each year, the group works collaboratively to create raffle quilts to help fund the annual fall show. Since Shankle's death, the quilters also completed a Hunter's Star Quilt, which Shankle had started working on.

The dark blue and cream

quilt will be on display during the Boardman Quilt Show, which is Oct. 7-8 at the Boardman Senior Center. After the show, it will remain hanging at the center as a permanent memorial to Shankle.

Kathy Hyder is excited to be the featured quilter during the 2016 show. After turning down the request several times, Hyder finally agreed — viewing it as a tribute to Shankle.

"I've said no all the other years," Hyder said. "This year was different, it's special and an honor."

Hyder chuckles as she recalls making her first quilt. Wanting to give something special to a Longview, Washington, couple who both had cancer, Hyder went to Millie Baker. The charter member of the Boardman Quilt Group asked when she needed it.

"A week or two," Hyder recalled saying. "I didn't realize what all it involved."

The seamstress now knows — spending months, if not years, on projects is the norm. Hyder often enjoys giving quilts to family members or friends for

special occasions. She recently completed her first commissioned quilt.

Hyder will share tips and examples of her creations during the show. In its 12th year, the event is Friday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$3. In addition to the quilt displays, the event includes fabric and quilting supply vendors, hourly door prizes, raffle quilts and show awards. Lunch will be available for purchase.

The Boardman Quilt Show welcomes all entries, including keepsake heirloom quilts, contemporary quilts, wall hangings and other quilted items. There is no fee to display quilts.

Entry forms must be pre-registered by Wednesday, Oct. 5. The quilts will be accepted Thursday, Oct. 6, from 3-5 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center or up until 4:30 p.m. at Auntie Ida's Quilt Shop, 435 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

For more information or for a registration form, contact 541-481-9426, tlkranch@centurytel.net or stop by Auntie Ida's.

IN BRIEF

Widows, widowers meet for food and fun

Area widows and widowers are invited to a gathering of WW Friends.

The group meets monthly to share friendship and fun. It's not designed as a support group.

The next event is Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. at Shari's Cafe & Pies, 319 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The no-host gathering is open to all widows and widowers.

For more information, call 541-276-4708 or 541-276-2790.

John Nilsen to perform local concerts

John Nilsen, who recently released "Local Ocean," has a distinctive piano sound, playing everything from folk-rock to jazz and classical music. The award-winning pianist will perform locally in October.

Nilsen's 2013 album, "Wild Rose," features 10 original compositions, each recorded with a different combination of top-notch Portland-area musicians.

The local performances include:

- Saturday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston (541-567-3002).

- Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 175 Church St., Heppner. (541-676-9224).

For more information about Nilsen, visit www.johnnilsen.com.

Lay counselor training begins in October

Classes for lay counselors are starting soon at Good Samaritan Ministries in Hermiston.

The Level 1 Lay Counselor Training sessions offer instruction for the personal ministry counseling program, which runs weekly through May. The first class is Monday, Oct. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Hermiston. The Level 1 training is part of a three-year program. In addition, Level 2 and

Level 3 classes — which require completion of Level 1 sessions — begins Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5-7 p.m.

For more information or to obtain an application for registration, call 541-564-1041 or stop by Good Samaritan Ministries at 319 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston.

Book sale offers bargains for a buck

Stuff a bag full of books and pay only a buck during the Friends of the Umatilla Public Library book sale.

The event is going on now and runs through Saturday, Oct. 15, at the library, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. Operating hours are Mondays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 541-922-5704 or visit www.umatilla-publiclibrary.weebly.com.

Symphony season opens with local film

The Oregon East Symphony begins its 2016-17 season with "City Girl," a live soundtrack set to a silent film shot in Umatilla County in 1928.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors or \$45 for a family. In addition, season tickets are available.

In 2009, Pacific Northwest composer John Paul wrote a score for a small chamber ensemble to accompany a screening of the film. The La Grande based Eastern Oregon Film Festival will provide visual elements for the production. The film includes Mary Duncan, the 1928 honorary queen of the Pendleton Round-Up, as the featured leading lady, said Janet Miller, OES grants coordinator.

For more information or to purchase individual or season tickets, call 541-276-0320 or visit www.oregoneastsymphony.org.

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