

Quilt group stitches together family memories

HERMISTON HERALD

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

Carol Michael said typical ways to pass on family memories include photo albums, games, recycling grandparents' clothing and recipe collections. An increasingly popular technique, she said, is incorporating family memories in a quilt.

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. They just knew they had to make a decision before Jennifer graduated with her RN degree this June. Their goal was to create a lifetime of memories and stories embedded into a project for the next step of her life.

Last summer while the Paxtons were pondering the future, the 2017 Board-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MARIE CORNELL
Shannon and Dave Paxton display a project members of the Boardman Quilt Group created as a memory quilt for the Hermiston couple's daughter, Jennifer.

man 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 serving in the Middle East, Quilts of Valor, American Hero Quilts, and Comfort Quilts for nursing home residents and children removed from dangerous surroundings. In addition, they have sent quilts to Canadian communities dev-

astated 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. Other quilt group members made suggestions on a regular basis. In addition, they 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 Feb. 17.

"I want to live long enough to see our daughter complete her nursing studies and receive the memory quilt," said Dave, 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, call Hyder at 541-571-7009 or Cornell at 480-518-2642.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ERWIN WATSON

Students and instructors of Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo in Stanfield raised \$4,534 on behalf of Maddy Thomas, an Echo girl with a brain tumor.

Taekwondo studio crushes fundraiser

A group of students and instructors of Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo in Stanfield powered their way through bricks and boards to raise money for an Echo girl with a brain tumor.

The group recently presented a check for \$4,534 to the family of Maddy Thomas to assist with medical care. The money

was raised during a Feb. 3 benefit event.

In addition to the participants, Home Depot partnered with the event by donating the boards and bricks. Also, Erwin Watson of the Stanfield studio expressed appreciation for students from Loneys Taekwondo in Hermiston for their contributions.

BRIEFS

Domestic violence crisis line training

People interested in helping make a difference for victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence are invited to participate in crisis line training.

Domestic Violence Services is offering the training Feb. 28 through March 21. Topics covered include all aspects of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Participants who complete all 10 sessions are prepared to serve as volunteers of the 24-hour crisis line.

For information or to register, contact 541-276-3322

or volunteer@dvs-or.org.

Stanfield serves breakfast your way

An ala carte breakfast is available this weekend in Stanfield.

The regular monthly meal is Saturday from 7-10 a.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt St. Depending on what's ordered, a basic meal is \$6. For information, call 541-449-1332.

Sports boosters announce steak feed

The 39th annual Hermis-

ton Booster Club steak feed is this weekend.

The event, which includes a silent auction, raffle and live auction, is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. The doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and are available at mkt.com/hermistonboosters or the HHS athletic office or the door.

A special Seahawks raffle ticket is \$25, which features a trip for two to a Seahawks game. Also, a \$100 professional sports raffle offers airfare for two from a major airport and two low-

er-level seats to a baseball, football, hockey, basketball or golf event. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

For information, call Stacy Hunter at 541-564-4208 or hermistonboosters@gmail.com.

Baptist church hosts hymn service

Fellowship, food and fun are featured during an upcoming special service.

The Hymnspiration is Sunday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston. Everyone is invited to show up and sing old hymns.

For information, contact Chris Finley at johnchris_1@msn.com or 541-571-2516.

Chamber Travel Club discusses Croatia trip

The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Travel Club invites the public to learn more about an upcoming trip to Croatia.

The nine-day trip includes round-trip airfare from Portland, 12 meals, a professional tour director, motor coach transportation, admission per itinerary, sightseeing and baggage handling. Participants will visit Old

Dubrovnik, Zagreb-Zadar Split and Plitvice, all while staying in first class hotels. The journey begins Oct. 30, 2018.

For information, people are invited to attend an information session Thursday, March 8 at 4 p.m. at the chamber office, located in the Cornerstone Plaza, at 1055 S. Highway 395, Ste. 111, Hermiston.

Ryan Campbell with Chamber Explorations will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information, contact Debbie Pedro at 541-567-6151 or debbie@hermistonchamber.com.

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