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## Funds being collected for funeral, medical expenses for local man

Funds are being collected to help pay for the final medical expenses and funeral expenses of local man Daniel "Dhel" Hibbard.

Hibbard, 64, of Heppner passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, after a prolonged illness.

Collection jars are set up at the Heppner Shell mini mart and at other locations throughout Heppner.

A bank account has also been set up in Hibbard's name at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Heppner branch for those wishing to contribute.

An obituary for Mr. Hibbard will appear in a future edition of the Gazette.

## Refugee to speak at Ione church

Blema Fangamou, who spent years in a refugee camp in Africa, will discuss his experience and God's role in his deliverance at Ione Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m.

Fangamou was targeted for death in the civil war in his home country, Guinea-Bissau, in 1998. He made his way mainly on foot to a United Nations refugee camp in Benin, more than 2,000 miles away. His wife and six children also had to flee. Their story is documented in the 2013 book "God Doesn't Write with a Pen" by Christi Lynn Pauline.

He now lives and works in Boardman, and supports a medical clinic in his former refugee camp. Everyone is invited to the worship service; the scripture reading for the day reminds us that the infant Jesus and his family were also once refugees.

## Plan ahead for Remembrance Walk shamrocks

*Shamrock orders due in January this year*

The Friends Helping Friends committee has announced that it has started its plans for the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Remembrance Walk/Run fundraiser. The committee is also asking that people plan ahead to order remembrance shamrocks in January.

The committee holds the event to carry on the legacy of Donna Schonbachler, Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice nurse and dear friend.

"Donna instilled into all of us her example of striving to make a difference in our community," said one committee member. "For such a tiny lady, her will to live was huge and the life she lived while battling cancer was an inspiration to all."

To date, approximately \$35,000 has been raised for local organizations, including: Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Pioneer Memorial Emergency Room, Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, Willow Creek Terrace, St. Patrick's Senior Center, South Morrow County fire and ambulance, BPOE 358 Elk's Lodge ladies, St. Patrick's Day Committee, and Heppner Day Care.

The Remembrance Walk, held on Saturday during Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, follows a route lined with memory shamrocks. These sham-

rocks are all handmade, and are made from financial donations given in memory of special loved ones. All proceeds from the event go back into the community.

This year, shamrock orders need to be in by January. The shamrock supplier is no longer in business and,

even though Murray's Drug has been helpful in obtaining shamrocks, committee members say there still are a limited number of shamrocks available.

Those who wish to have a shamrock made need to contact Susan Hisler. Anyone wanting a photo

shamrock needs to mail photos to Hisler at 56504 Little Butter Cr. Rd. Heppner or drop them off at Heppner Windwave in care of Sandy Matthews.

"As families gather for the holidays, this may be a good time to find photos," Hisler said.

## Local students make OSU Honor Roll

CORVALLIS, Ore.— Several local students are among those who have been named to the Scholastic Honor Roll for fall term at Oregon State University.

A total of 1,009 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,982 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included (by town):

**Ione**—Straight-A Average: Oskar M. Peterson, sophomore, pre-mechanical engineering. With 3.5 or

Better: August H. Peterson, sophomore, pre-civil engineering; Mary V. Rietmann, senior, human development and family science.

**Heppner**—With 3.5 or Better: Maggie K. Collins, junior, agricultural sciences; Donald G. Matthews, senior, business administration.

**Boardman**—With 3.5 or Better: Alejandra Mendoza, senior, mathematics; Maria G. Rodriguez, sophomore, university exploratory studies.

**Irrigon**—With 3.5 or Better: Adriana Sanchez, senior, accountancy.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

**December 16, 2015:** -Sabino Ramirez Alvarez, 40, of Stanfield, OR and Aida Diaz, 45, of Boardman.

**December 17, 2015:**

-Felipe Ceja Murguia, 55, of Umatilla, OR and Maria Guadalupe Alvarez Mejia, 35, of Umatilla.

**December 18, 2015:** -Michael John McCabe, 31, of Hermiston and Chelsea Ann Britt, 28, of Hermiston.

## Chamber to hold annual meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be the chamber's annual luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 7, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. The chamber will be sharing what it has been involved in, and special musical entertainment will be provided by the Heppner High School choir.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Alvin Liu with Gateway Café will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

## Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Jeanette L. Willman, 32, of Pendleton, OR was found guilty by default of Violating the Basic Rule 75/55 and fined \$160.

-Clint Wade Smith, 50, of Oregon City, OR was found guilty by default of Hunting Prohibited Meth-

od: Expandable Broadhead and fined \$110.

-Dino Fredrick Marsango, 61, of White City, OR was found guilty of Take/Possession of Bully Elk/No Elk Tag and was fined \$335.

-Thomas Grove Ilie, 67, of Hermiston was found guilty of Operate Unsafe Vehicle and was fined \$260.

## Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include scrambled eggs; ham, bacon or sausage; hash browns; Waldorf salad; sliced tomatoes; biscuits; and cinnamon rolls.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Courthouse to close early Christmas Eve

The Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner will close at noon on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

## SNOWMOBILE ROUTES

-Continued from PAGE ONE of Monday, from Cutsforth Park to the top of Coalmine Hill. The county will allow over-snow vehicle travel on this road during the closure period. All closures will be signed.

The Forest Service, along with the 4-Corner Snowmobile Club and Morrow County Public Works, is continuing to operate under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow grooming on several forest roads.

"Everyone is working closely with the contrac-

tor to help facilitate winter recreation use in the area during logging activities and to ensure a safe and fun winter recreation season," said Niesen.

Updated maps displaying the road closure and groomed trail section can be obtained on the Umatilla National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla. Maps are also available at the Heppner, Ukiah and Pendleton offices. For more information, contact Lori Seitz at the Heppner Ranger District Office, 541-676-9187.

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