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# House catches fire in Lexington



A house at 295 Main St in Lexington caught fire Tuesday morning and is possibly a total loss. The fire in the house, owned and occupied by Tina Thill, was reportedly caused by a wood stove. -Contributed photos.



# Donations will build house in Kenya

In December, in Heppner, there is nothing more comforting on a cold evening than to wrap yourself up in a hand-made quilt. And as you read this perhaps that is just what two sisters or two brothers might be doing right here in our town.

In December, in Maua, Kenya, however, there is nothing for two sisters to wrap themselves in. The older one may be seven or eight and the younger one may be three or four. They live on the streets, behind a pile of trash, and they are orphans. The 8-year-old is solely responsible for the care of the 4-year-old. She dives through the trash each day to find something to feed her little sister, and at night all they have to hold is each other. They can only wrap themselves in each other's arms and hope to

see the morning. Such is the reality that is played out each day in an area of Kenya that sees poverty beyond anything we can imagine here. And it is a story that people here in Heppner are hoping to change. Strike that: will change.

The Heppner United Methodist Church (HUMC) is once again part of a team heading to Maua, Kenya, next August. The church will be giving donors an opportunity to become new owners of a quilt hand made by Cara Osmin, who hopes to be on the team next summer, and led by Rev. Jim Monroe, of the Heppner United Methodist Church, and his wife Rev. Sue Owen. For every donation of money given towards the \$3,500 it will take to build a house in Kenya, the donor will have opportunity to enter a drawing for the quilt.

The Kenya Volunteer Mission team will, in turn, take that money and, from start to finish, build a two-room house (turn-key) for children who have lost their parents and grandparents



Rev. Jim Monroe displays the quilt to be raffled.

who have lost their children (hence no retirement income of any sort). The house will not have electricity or running water because none is available. But it will be built of wood and stone. It will be, for a needy child raising younger siblings, a "quilt" that will last them a lifetime.

This will be the third house in Maua funded completely by the Heppner UMC. It will join with the 600 or so other houses built

over the last two decades and funded by communities and churches just like ours. A quilt in Heppner traded for a home in Kenya. Now, that is something to wrap around yourself. It will be a quilt of hope; a gift of love. You are invited to be a part of it.

For information on donating, contact Peggy Fishburn at 541-676-5246 or any other HUMC member.

# First Friday event scheduled

The December session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held Friday, December 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the All Saints Parish Hall. Kids aged four to 12 are invited to come and hear stories surrounding the birth of Jesus and enjoy seasonal songs, crafts and games.

A free lunch is served, and there is no cost to attend. More information is available by calling the Hopeful Saints Ministry office at 541-676-9970.

# SWCD, Cattlemen to host joint meeting

The Morrow SWCD and Oregon Cattlemen's Association will have a joint meeting on Thursday, December 12 at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner beginning at 10 a.m.

Agenda items for the SWCD meeting at 10 a.m. will include comments from the public, financial, partner and staff reports. Lunch

will be served at noon and presentations will begin at 1 p.m. The Cattlemen will meet at 3 p.m.

For additional information, contact Erin Heideman at 541-676-9642 or Kevin Payne at 541-676-5452, ext. 111. Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

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# Community lunch menu

Hopeful Saints volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, December 4 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be lasagna with beef, garlic bread sticks, Key West vegies, tossed salad and tropical fruit.

Christian Life/Firelight volunteers will serve lunch Wednesday, December 11.

Lunch will be parmesan crusted pork chops, apple bran muffin, baked squash, mixed vegies, cauliflower and tomatoes and pineapple.

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

# Holiday market to be held

The Heppner Daycare will be hosting a Holiday Night Market on December 13 from 4-8 p.m. at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. There will be local vendors, cookie decorating, hot cocoa, gift wrapping and live Christmas music.

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