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# Church raffles quilts to raise funds

*Proceeds build houses in Kenya for orphans and elders*



Darcy Robinson, Rev. Jim Monroe, Cara Osmin display the quilt that was raffled and won by Kyle Robinson.

The Heppner United Methodist Church has raised funds over the past three years to build three quality homes for orphaned families in Northern Kenya, in the community of Maua. These funds have been raised, in large part, through the raffling of quilts, hand-crafted by Cara Osmin, of Heppner. The 2020 quilt raffle, intended to raise funds for the United Methodist mission team that will build the house, was delayed due to COVID and the team's inability to travel to Kenya last summer, until two weeks ago, on Valentine's Day.

The winner of the quilt was Kyle Robinson, of Heppner. Kyle was tending calves the morning the quilt was awarded, so his wife Darcy received the quilt in his name. Darcy noted, "While, during the cold season, there were calves warming up in the house, they would not be wrapped in the quilt no matter what Kyle hoped."

Maua, Kenya, there is a mission hospital, The Maua Methodist Hospital, that oversees the housing program. Because there are few social service agencies in that rural part of Kenya, the hospital has undertaken the responsibility for providing housing for the orphaned children and elders in the community. Elders are also orphaned when their children die, mostly from malaria or accidents, because there is no social security system in Kenya. Elderly parents are dependent upon their children in the later years. The hospital takes orphaned children, matches them with "orphaned" elders by family ties if possible, but by need if not possible and creates a new family unit by building the house and providing education and medical support for the new family. The elders oversee the care of the children, and the children care for the elders. The homes are deeded to the oldest child so they will stay in the family. Over the years this program has built 600+ homes in the area and is considered a model project that is copied elsewhere in East Africa.

In the community of

# Cimmiyotti lucky winner of a laptop



Kason Cimmiyotti

Each year, Eastern Oregon University Small Business Development Center participates in the Future Business Leaders of America Regional Skills Contest, which normally is hosted at EOU, was held virtually this year on February 20. The director, Greg Smith, hosted a workshop detailing characteristics of successful entrepreneurs.

In addition, the Small Business Development Center donates a laptop to one lucky student and this year's winner of the drawing was Kason Cimmiyotti, a junior at Heppner High School.

camping; anything that has to do with the outdoors. Kason has just enlisted in the National Guard and plans to eventually become a helicopter mechanic. His old chrome book died the day I called him so the timing of this was perfect"

"I would like to thank Representative Greg Smith for donating this laptop and Mrs. Collins for making me fill out the entry form." said Kason.

Greg Smith added, "I am so appreciative of the time, effort and dedication demonstrated by the FBLA advisors to these students and this very worthy program, especially during the pandemic. FBLA members are gaining such valuable skills which they can apply as they pursue their educational and career opportunities, whether or not they decide to start a business in the future. I'd like to encourage students to strongly consider attending EOU as they have an outstanding business program which includes an MBA option."

For those wanting more information regarding the business program or other opportunities at EOU they should visit <https://www.eou.edu/>.

# HWCD to meet

The Heppner Water Control District will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag Service Center conference room, 430 W Linden Way, Heppner.

Agenda items include minutes of the previous

meeting, financial report, 2020 activity report, election of officers for 2021, director election terms and other business to come before the board.

Meetings of the HWCD are open to the public.

# Cemetery district to hold meeting

The Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Ag Service Building conference room at 430 W Linden Way. The regular meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda items include

minutes of previous meeting, financial report and cemetery operations. Meetings of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District are open to the public according to ORS 192.640(1). For questions, contact Janet Greenup at 541-561-6768.

# Marriage Licenses

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

- February 3, 2021:** - Adam Kendall Eubanks, 29, Ione, and Nicole Anne Fargo, 29, Ione.
- February 4, 2021:** - Jose R Chavez Martinez, 27, Boardman, and Vanessa Sanchez, 32, Bakersfield, CA.
- February 5, 2021:** - Kandan James Evans, 25, Kirkland, WA, and Rachael Marie Cresta, 26, Bothell, WA.
- February 11, 2021:** - Juan Antonio Afanador Olguin, 48, Boardman, and Maria Guadalupe Vazquez, 43, Boardman.
- February 12, 2021:** - Orison Swett Acevedo, 46, Hermiston, and Alison Star Moss, 39, Hermiston.
- February 18, 2021:** - Jesse Wayne Norris, 48, Pasco, WA, and Holly Lynn Bates, 41, Pasco, WA.
- February 22, 2021:** - Yaneli Perez Barrera, 32, Boardman, and Leon Meliton Angeles, 41, Boardman.
- February 25, 2021:** - Brittany Denise Blair, 30, Irrigon, and Joshua Wesley Isakson, 39, Irrigon.
- Gabriel Villasenor Macias, 22, Irrigon, and Leonor Hilda Garcia Gutierrez, 45, Irrigon.

# Small business funding available

Morrow County and Tillamook County Creamery Association have announced another round of funding to assist small businesses with principal operations in Morrow County.

[www.co.morrow.or.us/planning/page/emergency-small-business-grant-assistance-center](http://www.co.morrow.or.us/planning/page/emergency-small-business-grant-assistance-center). In addition, the grant application must include all information at the time of submittal.

This funding is available to all small businesses with less than 25 employees that can demonstrate: 1) Business was prohibited from operations, as directed by Executive Orders 20-12 or 20-65; or 2) Business can show a total decline in sales of 25 percent or more, caused by COVID-19 pandemic regulations between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, as compared to the same period in 2019.

The deadline is Monday, March 15, 2021, by 5 p.m. to submit the completed application form, which is available on the Morrow County website: <https://>

Please submit by one of the following methods:

Drop off in-person at the Board of Commissioners Office, 110 N. Court St., Room 201, Heppner, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., except over the noon hour; mail to the Board of Commissioners Office, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836; or submit via email to [gzody@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:gzody@co.morrow.or.us).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gregg Zody, Morrow County Director of Community Development at 541-676-5605.

# Chamber meeting scheduled

The next Chamber lunch meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4 from 12-1 p.m. in the Gilliam and Bisbee Building. The meeting will be all entities reports.

chicken salad with breadstick, a cup of soup and dessert will be catered by Bucknum's for \$10.

Contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or by email at [heppnerchamber@gmail.com](mailto:heppnerchamber@gmail.com) for additional information or to RSVP.

RSVPs are required no later than Tuesday, March 2 to be guaranteed a seat and lunch. Lunch of a southwest

# 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

- 1. NOTIFY**  
Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.
- 2. WAIT**  
Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.
- 3. CONFIRM**  
Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.
- 4. RESPECT**  
Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.
- 5. DIG CAREFULLY**  
If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.

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