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**Obituaries**

**Cecil Rill**

Cecil Rill, 81, of Heppner died Wednesday, December 15, 2011 at his home outside of Heppner from complications of cancer. Graveside services with military honors were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 21 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the Heppner Elks.

A lifetime resident, Cecil was born in Heppner on October 16, 1930 to Leonard and Ninon Huston Rill. He attended Liberty School and graduated from Heppner High School. He served in the United States Army in Germany during the Korean conflict. A lifelong farmer, he worked for many years upon returning home from the Army before purchasing his own farm in 1973. For the past 10 years, he worked for TREO on their clay course.

In 1980, he married Molly Becket in Heppner, where they raised their two sons, Lonnie and Leland.

He had a passion for reading, gardening, fishing and hunting. He loved his friends and family, in-

cluding his many nieces and nephews.

He was a Past Exalted Ruler of Heppner Elks BPOE #358, a member of Heppner Masonic Lodge 69 and a Master Gardener.

Cecil was preceded in death by: his parents; brothers, Evan and Noel; and infant son.

Survivors include: his wife, Molly, at home; sons, Lonnie of Heppner and Leland of Eugene; grandson, Dylan of Heppner; sisters, Charlene Thomas of Las Vegas, NV and Sharon (Larry) Trout of Universal City, TX; brothers, Myron Rill of Othello, WA, Lynn Rill (Evelyn) of Fairbanks, AK and William Rill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, or to the Heppner Elementary Parent Teacher Club, PO Box 367, Heppner, OR 97836 or to a charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



Cecil Rill

**Community Bank float simple by design**



Cara Arbogast was the winner of the Community Bank design-a-float contest. Her winning idea was used to create the bank's entry in this year's Parade of Lights. Arbogast, pictured here with the float created from her design, won \$100. —Contributed photo

**Local girl wins beauty pageant**

Seven-year-old Overall Talent for ages Heppner resident Harley seven through 18 with her Ann Anderson was recently crowned queen for her age group in the Regal Majesty Winter Preliminary Beauty Pageant in Everett, WA. Anderson is the daughter of Colin and Erin Anderson, granddaughter of Charlie and Marcia Anderson and great-granddaughter of the late Frank and Kay Anderson.



Harley Ann Anderson

After winning in the tough seven-to-nine-year-old division, Anderson went on to win Best

hula hoop routine to Run Run Rudolph. Anderson is now eligible to compete in the Royal Finals, which take place March 23-25 in Tacoma, WA. The competition was judged on overall beauty and fun fashion categories. The Northwest-based pageant is a semi-natural pageant, which means the contestants are allowed to wear light makeup but nothing else artificial.

**Church gives to music programs**



(L-R): Heppner High School's Joe Lindsay and Heppner Elementary School's Michelle Stone receive checks from Untied Methodist Pastor Jonathan Enz during the schools' winter concert on December 13. "We, the people of Heppner United Methodist Church, are committed to supporting and encouraging the development of the arts within the youth of greater Heppner," said Enz. "That is one of the reasons the 'Christmas Is' concert began." The two schools, along with Lone Community School, are supporters of the Christmas Is event in Heppner. All three schools received checks for \$270.50 from the Methodist church to help with their music programs. —Contributed photo

**"Mathathon" fundraiser a success**



The math department at Heppner Jr./Sr. High School concluded their month-long Mathathon to benefit Doernbecher's Children's Hospital this week. Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed, the students raised \$4,480 for the cause. —Contributed photo

**Chamber annual luncheon**

The next chamber meeting will be the annual luncheon on Thursday, January 5. The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall. Lunch will be \$10; Alvin Liu from Cornerstone Gallery will be catering. More information will follow.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday morning.

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*~ Letters to the Editor ~*

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

**Goodbye to a wonderful home**

Being from a big city like Oakland, San Diego or Napa, getting your name in the paper is a pretty huge deal. It is rare when it happens and, when it does, it is cause for real celebration. But living here, it happens quite often, much to our delight and surprise, still. Our families far away love receiving papers with our names and pictures in them. Our own Heppner Gazette has been hung on refrigerators from Michigan to the Middle East, Carlsbad, CA to Casa Grande, AZ. One of the treats of living in a small town, one of the reasons we are envied by our loved ones. We're grateful to Dave and April for making us famous.

I got to thinking as I was packing my home of the last 11 years to actually leave here, that this is the longest I have ever lived in any one place in my life.

Raised a Navy BRAT, we moved every two years or so. And I continued that pattern until we came here. What on earth kept us here so long?

Terry and I found Heppner because we wanted our three children to have some semblance of the life we had growing up. We chose here when we discovered that this community was crazy for their children and each other. We stayed because the love and caring that we have experienced here just can't be duplicated anywhere. It is a credit to every person who lives here. The way that the entire town turns out to help those who are hurting or in need takes my breath away to this day.

I am so too proud to have been one of your women who immediately went to her kitchen and started cooking when a family was in need. As human beings, we are so very fragile, this I know for sure. Here, in our little tiny corner of the world, taking care of each other is second nature. The world could learn a lot from us.

So why leave? That is the question we keep getting asked. It's time. It's just time. I can't explain it; sometimes you just know. It's kind of like when we found Sykes Realty doing a Google search from Napa, California 11 years ago. We just knew.

I must leave you with a few final words. Please bear with me...it is Christmas.

To my volunteers and the entire staff at Heppner Elementary as well as Heppner High school, who became my family, the reason that my little program and our schools work so well is because of you. Your love, patience and dedication make all of the difference. This is what has set us apart from the other schools, it is simply you. Please keep it going and remember the HEROES. Our town needs them, our kids need them. To the hundreds of children who were one way or another involved in the HEROES or SMART programs, and to all of the children we have watched grow up with ours, Terry and I would say that we have loved seeing them change and become who they are, and who they are yet to become. All of the geography bees, softball, football, Christmas parties, volleyball games and even bowling have been things we lived for. We are so proud of all of you, keep it up.

To our friends—you know who you are—we love you. Thank you for your love, pies at Christmas, stinky wrestling meets, freezing track adventures and perfect Friday nights under the lights. Spirited debates while camping that that made everybody around think we were fighting but, in reality, I was having the time of my life. Thank you for your smiles and tears, your passion and courage of conviction. You changed us for the better. You will have our address; we will expect visits if you are in the area. You are always welcome. You can find me on Facebook, and you will always know what we are up to, and I am one to write letters if you are so inclined.

I was told by a very wise woman this summer that wherever you go, that is where you are needed. Well, the Moore family is needed in Arizona. We look forward to our new challenge and certainly plan to take all that we have learned from you with us...and being a liberal from the San Francisco Bay Area, I really have learned a lot from you. Perhaps you have learned a tiny bit from me, too? I hope so.

In closing, I know that some of you are still not going to be happy with our decision. I apologize. The only other answer I can give you would be from a quote from one of my favorite movies. Here it goes: "I have heard her called a quitter for leaving, an aimless wanderer. But not all who wander are aimless, especially those who seek truth beyond tradition, beyond definition, beyond the image." —Mona Lisa Smile

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year, Heppner.

Written by Barb, but with love from the Moore Family

**Community lunch menu**

Nazarene Church and Seventh-Day Adventist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 28 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include barbecue brisket sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, broccoli salad, cottage cheese with pineapple, and Boston cream pie. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

**Kinzua luncheon**

The monthly Kinzua lunch was held at the Apple Peddler in Prineville on December 16. In attendance were Mark Jellick and daughter Cathy Brinkley, Bob and Peggy Nelson, Bobby and LaVonne Slinkard, Ada and Ernie Schell, Bonnie Campbell, Montell McDonald, Sheridan and Tom Ledford, John and Midge Geer, Ray and Linda Rector, John and Rosemary Nelson, and Rosemary and Randy Davis. The next lunch will be in Fossil at the Big Timber Café at 11:30 a.m.

**Heppner students sing in the holidays**



Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Jr./Sr. High held their 2011 Winter Concert on December 13 at the elementary school. Back (L-R): Elementary school students Katie Wilson, Camryn Scrivner and Reece Gorham. Hailey Wenberg stands front and center at the mic. —Contributed photo

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