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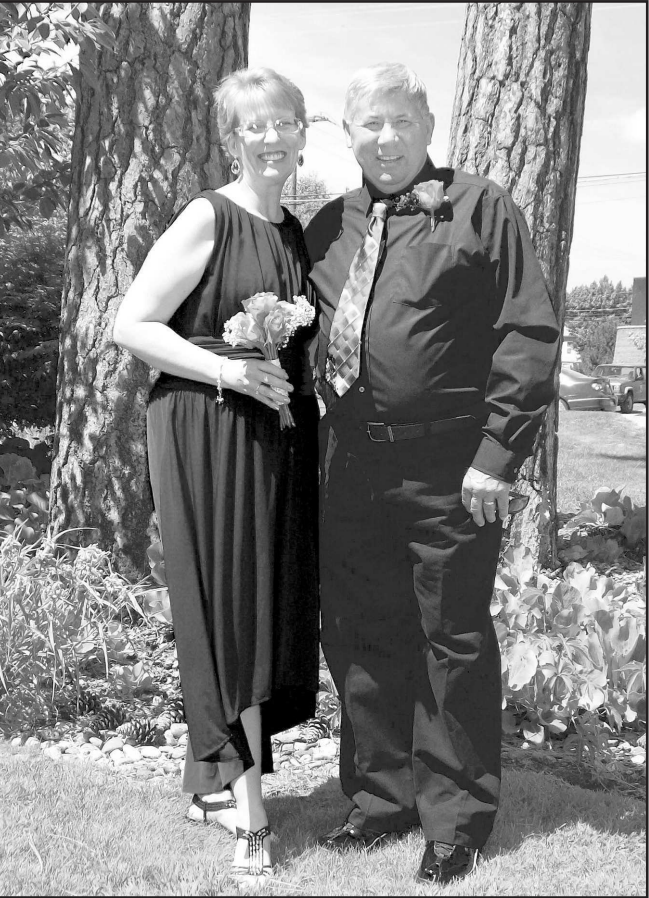
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Weddings

Rossman, Segraves exchange vows



Jodi Segraves and Michael Rossman

Jodi Segraves and Michael Rossman, both of Heppner, exchanged vows at 1:30 p.m. on July 24, 2015 in Coeur d’Alene, ID. The couple will be residing in Heppner, where they own and operate Sweet Productions Restaurant & Bakery and The Silver Fox Banquet Room.

Community lunch menu

St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish members will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. The meal will include chicken parmesan, green salad, zucchini and summer squash, garlic bread, and tiramisu.

Heppner United Methodist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at St. Patrick’s Senior Center. The meal will include roasted pork loin, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, and apple dump cake.

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

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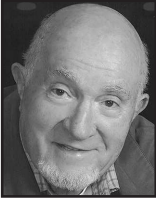
Obituaries

Phillip William Cohn

Phillip William Cohn, had four children, Teresa Cohn-Netter, Sher-yl Gannon, Phillip Andrew Cohn and Elizabeth Cohn.

Phill had a successful livestock business and later took his talented business ethics into real estate. His business ventures included Cohn Livestock, C and B Livestock, Superior Farms, Pilgrims Pantry Inn, Blue Mountain Forest Products and Andrews Management.

Phill was a very kind, gentle and true friend. His gifts were many and his generosity unmatched. He will be greatly missed by



Phillip William Cohn

Longtime Wheeler and Morrow county resident Robert R. “Bob” Taylor, 89, died Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Hermiston, OR. Memorial service was held Monday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Graveside service with Military Hon-ors was held Monday, Aug. 3, at 3 p.m. at the Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, OR.

He was born February 20, 1926 in Twickenham, OR, the son of Ray and Avis Hawk Taylor. Bob was raised on the family farm in Mayville. He attended school in Mayville and Fossil, graduating in 1943.

Bob enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 17. He served as an amphibian tank driver for the First Marine Division.

Robert R. ‘Bob’ Taylor

While in the Marines, he participated in the invasion of Peleliu and Okinawa. Bob was proud of being a Marine and said, “Once a Marine, always a Marine.”

After the war, Bob joined a sheep-shearing crew and traveled through-out the western states. He always said his job was being a wool stomper. Bob worked on several ranches as ranch foreman, including Smith and Sons and Wilson Ranches in Wheeler and Gilliam counties.

On February 26, 1949, Bob married Lu-ella Schmidt in Goldendale, WA. They raised their two sons, Bob Jr. and Bill, on those ranches. While living in Fossil, he served as County Deputy Marshal for the area dances and the

Funeral Notices

**Alvina Fay Padberg**—A Celebration of Life for longtime lone resident Alvina Fay Padberg, 94, will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at 1 pm. at the Port of Morrow building in Boardman with a luncheon to follow.

Death Notices

**Paul “Skip” Garland Pettyjohn**—Paul “Skip” Gar-land Pettyjohn, 73, passed away May 23, 2015 in Heppner. He was born July 25, 1941 in Heppner. A Celebration of Life will be held 11 a.m., Aug. 15, at Lone Community Church. A full obituary will appear in a future edition of the Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

family and his vast array of friends and acquaintances. His incredible will for liv-ing should inspire us all.

Phill is survived by his sister, Sally Cohn, and his four children.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marian.

Memorial donations may be made in Phill’s name to the Serenity Hos-pice, 11481 SW Hall Blvd #200, Tigard, OR 97223.

county fair. Upon leaving the ranch, Bob went to work at Kinzua Corporation. The couple then moved to Lexington, where Bob served as mayor for eight years. In 2010, Bob and Luella moved to Sun Terrace As-sisted Living in Hermiston.

Bob was a life member of the VFW Post # 4750 and the First Marine Divi-sion Association. He was also a member of the American Legion Post # 0087 and Willows Lodge IOOF of Heppner. Bob loved spending time hunt-ing elk and deer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Alpha McKenzie and Mary Sargent.



Robert R. “Bob” Taylor

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Luella Tay-lor of Hermiston; sons, Bob Taylor and his wife Darla of Othello, WA, and Bill Taylor and his wife Colleen of Baker City, OR; four grandchildren, Traci Davis (Tom) of Weatherboard, TX, Thad Taylor (Tami) of Othello, Heidi Lagao (Phil) of Sisters, OR, and Casey Taylor (Tera) of Baker City; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may made to Honor Flight Inc., Attn: Dianne Gres-se, 300 E. Auburn Ave., Springfield, OH 45505.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of ar-rangements.

Baptist church welcomes new pastor

Willow Creek Bap-tist Church welcomes a new pastor this week. The church welcomed Pastor Willis “Tripp” Finch and his family with a potluck this past weekend; Finch’s first official Sunday as pas-tor will be this Sunday, Aug. 9.

Finch, 35, has brought his family a long way from home to take the pastoral position at Willow Creek Baptist. A North Carolina native, he was born and raised in Rocky Mount, NC, about an hour east of Raleigh. He graduated from high school in Bailey, NC before going on to attend Barton College in Wilson, NC. It was there that he met his wife, Julia, who was born in Florida but had lived in Maryland from the age of 10. They married and now have three children, Hannah, 11, Jacob, 10, and Lizzie, 7.

Julia graduated from Barton with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design, but Finch transferred to North Carolina State University in Raleigh, graduat-ing from there with a degree in political science.

After NC State, Finch went on to Southeastern Baptist Theological Semi-nary in Wake Forest, NC, where he obtained a Master of Divinity in Christian ministry. He then spent the next four and a half years serving as a pastor in Spring Hope, NC.

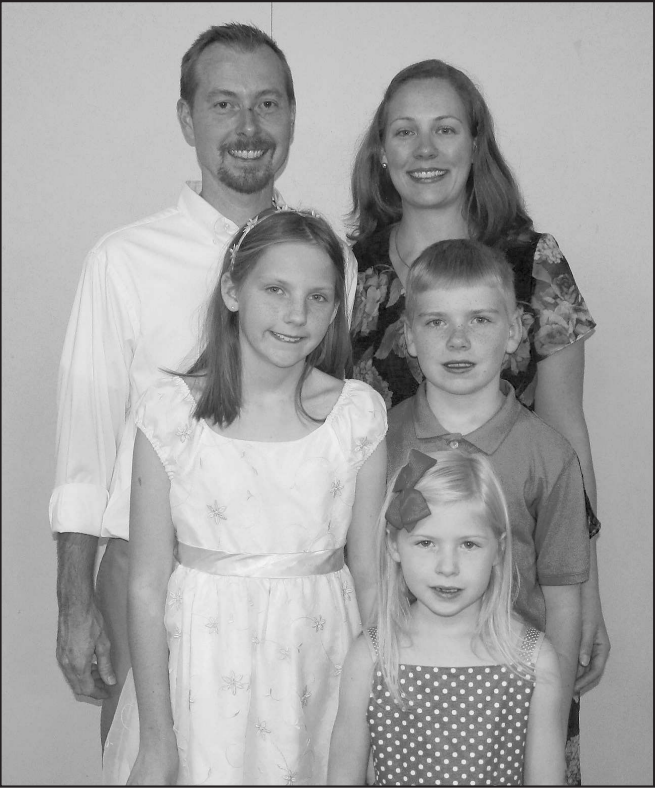
With all that history in North Carolina, it seems like a big jump to move a family nearly 3,000 miles away. However, Finch said Heppner seemed like the perfect fit.

“I saw the pastoral job listing on the internet and I’d always wanted to go to the West Coast—though I never really thought I’d make it out here—but Wil-low Creek was just a really good fit for where I was at pastorally,” he said. “When we started talking to some people from the church, we just really clicked.”

“I’m from a small town, so we were looking for something in a small town,” he added. “After we visited, we were sold on it. We were blown away by how tight-knit the commu-nity was, and we wanted to be a part of it. We thought it would be a great place to not only minster but also to raise our children.”

While North Carolina and Oregon may be thou-sands of miles apart on the map, Finch said it hasn’t been that difficult an adjust-ment so far.

“We’re kind of used to some of the aspects of a small town. It is a little



**Willis “Tripp” Finch, wife Julia and children Hannah, Jacob, and Lizzie.** —Contributed photo

smaller in terms of be-ing more spread out,” said Finch, “but the area we’re from is very much based on agriculture as well. The crops are different, of course, but it’s still an agriculturally-based com-munity.”

Finch says he and his family are eager to become part of life in Heppner, both in their church and in the community at large.

“We are just over-whelmed with the friend-liness of the people here.

We’re really looking for-ward to ministering to the people and becoming part of the community,” he said. “It’s refreshing to drive down the street and have people wave at you. It’s just been tremendous.

“It’s not only blessed us but we also hope to bless the community.”

Willow Creek Baptist Church is located at 560 Minor St, Heppner. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with service to fol-low at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic men plan first Friday Mass

The men of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William’s Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting on Aug. 7 at the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by First Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Murray's Gift Registry

Laurie Murray & Sean Wood Wedding - September 5

Kylie Doherty & Kyle Simpkins Wedding - September 12

Dakata Moss & Ty Pihl Wedding - August 22

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HOT SUMMER

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Precipitation totaled 0.35 inches during July, which was 0.02 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on two days with the heaviest, 0.25 inches, reported on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Precipitation this year has reached 4.73 inches, which is 4.26 inches below normal. Since October, the water-year precipitation at Heppner has been 8.77 inches, which is 4.28 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 34 mph, which oc-curred on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

The outlook for Au-gust from NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center calls for more of the same, with above-normal temperatures and near-normal precipita-tion. Normal highs for Hep-pner during August are 85.5 degrees and normal lows are 53.5 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.39 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and At-mospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Com-merce Department.