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Obituaries

Laurence Walter Rill

Laurence Walter Rill "Lonnie" was born in Heppner, on June 24, 1979, as Laurence Walter Ballard and adopted by Cecil Rill when his mother, Molly Rill remarried. Lonnie attended Heppner High School where he was active in football and basketball. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1998 and was medically discharged in 2001.

He had one son, Dylan, who was his entire world and they shared mutual passions for sports, music, friends and family.

Lonnie spent time in a variety of careers after the marine corps, gathering friends wherever he landed. He was passionate about helping others, particularly veterans and ultimately completed his bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University in 2019 with the goal of pursuing a career in mental health.

He had an adventurous spirit, a keen desire to travel and explore and a big personality that made great use

of his infectious humor. He remained passionate about sports throughout his life, coached at various schools and attended games for his favorite teams whenever possible.

Lonnie spent the last ten years of his life on dialysis and struggling with other health issues. He faced these challenges with toughness and persistence fitting for a Marine and his heart stayed in the fight until the very end.

He passed away on October 4, 2021, at the age of 42, at his childhood home in Heppner, surrounded by his family.

He is survived by his son, Dylan Rill; his mother, Molly Rill and his brother Leland Rill as well as many close friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Neighborhood Center helps people in need

The south Morrow County Neighborhood Center helps neighbors in need by distributing food boxes to local families, providing financial assistance for utilities or rent and gifting clothing and winter coats.

In September, the center distributed 130 food boxes to the families in Lone, Heppner and Lexington. Three families were provided financial help with electricity, one family received water assistance and one family received emergency rent assistance. Five people received clothing and winter coats from the center.

The Neighborhood Center recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Net-

work Support Funds with Oregon Food Bank to help purchase a new energy efficient heating and cooling system for the two food pantry rooms.

The Board of Directors is looking for a representative in the Lone area who would like to serve on the board and help those in need in our community.

The center is in need of grocery paper or plastic bag donations as they go through them quickly in the food pantry and thrift store. The bags can be dropped off at the center. Donations of gently used sweaters, coats, mittens, scarves, etc. are also needed with the upcoming cold weather approaching.

Birthright to hold silent auction

Birthright of Morrow County will hold a silent auction on Saturday, October 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Heppner. There will be a variety of items and refreshments will be served. Bidding will close at 7:45 p.m. to allow time to announce winners. Guests are asked to please bring a refreshment to share if they are able.

Items for the auction may be dropped off the day of the fundraiser at the Parish Hall between 4 and 6 p.m. or at Birthright during regular office hours: Mondays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 1 to 3 p.m. Birthright is located at 128 W Willow Street in Heppner, around the corner from Murrays. For questions, please call 541-676-0530.

Correction

The birth announcement for Arden McCallie Fern Rauch in the October 6 issue of the Gazette-Times reported her birthdate as September 21 when it was actually September 20, 2021.

Births

Send birth announcements to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

Arden McCallie Fern Rauch

Andre and Morgan Rauch of Pendleton announce the birth of a daughter, Arden McCallie Fern Rauch, born September 20, 2021, at Walla Walla, WA. Arden weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 22 inches long.



Arden McCallie Fern Rauch

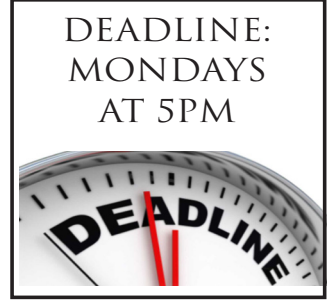
Arden's grandparents are Gary and Shannon Kelley, Las Cruces, NW; Chris and Kathy Rauch, Lexington, OR and Bill and Francene Jones, Newberg, OR.

Chamber meeting

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold their quarterly luncheon meeting October 21 at the Heppner Museum. The guest speaker

will be Larry Lutcher, OSU. Gateway Café will cater the lunch with a chicken teriyaki bowl.

RSVP to heppnerchamber@gmail.com or 541-676-5536 by October 18.



Starvation Farms receives century farm award



Starvation Farms was presented with a century farm award by the Oregon Farm Bureau at a ceremony at the Oregon State Fair recently. The farm was established in 1918 by Chris Moechnk, great-grandfather to Chris Rauch. Pictured (L-R): Morgan Rauch, Andre Rauch, Kathy Rauch and Chris Rauch. -Contributed photo.

All Ages Health Fair & Vaccine Clinic

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Stop by and visit us!

Oct 28, 2021 4pm - 8pm

Lone Legion Hall 385 W. 2nd Street Lone, OR 97843

Get your vaccines and meet your local health care providers!

- Morrow County Health District
Pioneer Memorial Physical Therapy
Advantage Dental
Community Counseling Solutions
Morrow County Public Health



HealthyMC.org

7th Annual Oktoberfest Auction & Dinner

presented by The Woolery Project

Saturday, October 16 at the Lone American Legion Hall 325 W. 2nd St., Lone, OR

Tickets \$35 at the door

Social Hour 4:30pm / Dinner 6:00pm

Music by Frank Carlson and Dan Robinson

Tri-Tip or BBQ Chicken Dinner by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Bar service by Route 74

Some of the Auction and Raffle Items:

- Big Loop Henry rifle
12 gauge shot gun
Tires from Industrial Tire - \$1600 donation
Bunk House dinner for 10 - Olex
\$1500 rental from Blue Mountain Rental
Handmade Juniper Coat Rack
Handmade Juniper Table
Sundown Metal Art Pheasant
6.5 Credmore rifle



- Handmade Ottoman
Locally made quilts
Patriot afgan & pillow
Handmade leather purse
Several beautiful prints
Small Greenhouse

Over 30 Silent Auction Items!

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