

OBITUARIES

Keith Elliot Barton

Caldwell, Idaho

November 3, 1944 - November 8, 2017

Keith Elliot Barton, former resident of Umatilla, Oregon, slipped away from us on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at a Boise, Idaho hospital. Keith was born November 3, 1944, in Enterprise, Oregon, to Ruth and Greg Barton.

Keith's early years were spent in Joseph, Oregon, where he attended school, and loved the wonderful outdoor setting provided for fishing and hunting. At the age of 17 he joined the Army and served in Germany.

The family eventually moved to Umatilla, Oregon. After Keith's honorable discharge from the Army he lived and worked in the Umatilla area and also attended Blue Mountain Community College.

Keith married Gerry Migles and from the marriage a beautiful daughter, Toni, was born.

Keith was a handyman who had a variety of jobs including construction,

maintaining bowling alleys, and working for the city of Umatilla. The last several years Keith resided in Caldwell and Boise, Idaho, to be close to family.

His parents, Ruth and Greg, preceded Keith in death. He leaves a daughter Toni, sisters Marilee Moores, Wendy Tunison (Mike) and Gwen Nussbacher (Walt), and brothers Scott (Janis), Tim (Glenda), and Randy Barton.

Keith will be cremated with a private burial at the veterans cemetery in Boise, Idaho. A public celebration of Keith's life will be announced later in the spring.

The family is grateful for the many friends and employees Keith met and laughed with at Apex Assisted Living Center. The family also wants to thank St. Alphonsus for the professional care he received from the doctors and staff.



Barton

Charles G. 'Chuck' Christiansen

John Day

March 13, 1932 - November 14, 2017

Charles G. "Chuck" Christiansen of John Day, former longtime Hermiston, Oregon, resident, was born on March 13, 1932, in Alta, Iowa, to parents Carl William and Johana (Joan) Alberta Hobbs Christiansen. He died on November 14, 2017, in Prairie City, Oregon, at the age of 85 years.

Chuck was raised and attended school in Alta, Iowa, where he participated in football and basketball. He moved to Reno, Nevada, in 1950 and later enlisted in the United States Navy. Chuck was stationed in Kingsville, Texas, and trained to be a fireman.

While stationed in Texas he met Betty L. Smith and they were united in marriage on October 17, 1953, in Kingsville, Texas. Chuck was honorably discharged and returned to Reno, Nevada, where they lived until 1970, moving to Irrigon, Oregon, and working as a fireman at the Umatilla Army Depot until 1979. He worked at Sherrell Chevrolet in Hermiston on his days off for several years before moving to Hermiston in 1975 and making a full-time change to work at Sherrell's in 1979. He worked at Sherrell's for 20 years and then for Myrick Chrysler/Dodge until he retired in 1994. Chuck and Betty moved to John Day, Oregon, in 1997 where they have lived since.

He was a former member of the Lions Club and a member of the Elks Lodge, and for many years he was part of the early morning coffee crew in John Day.

Chuck's greatest joy was his family. His family came first and he was always there with guidance, advice, wisdom, support and love. Chuck enjoyed attending all of the sporting events and activities that his children and grandchildren participated in over the years, and playing pinochle. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Christiansen, John Day, Ore.; son David Christiansen (Kari), Hermiston, Ore.; daughters Joni Bebb, John Day, Ore., and Debbie Christiansen, Hermiston, Ore.; six grandchildren: Tyler, Carter, Brady, Sheri, Brian and Amy; 10 great-grandchildren; brother Daniel Christiansen, Redmond, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be announced and held at a later date.

Please sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Christiansen

John R. Biamont

Pendleton

October 3, 1943 - November 24, 2017

John Biamont, who managed state agency offices in several towns over 37 years, died recently at age 74 in Pendleton, his hometown.

With steadfast support from his wife Sharon, Biamont managed offices from Astoria to Ontario for such agencies as Adult and Family Services, child welfare, Vocational Rehabilitation, and seniors with disabilities. He was educated at the University of Oregon in the 1960s and earned a master's degree while doing social work in Texas. He retired from the field in 2002.

A significant part of John Biamont's young life was treatment at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. He said years later that advice from his mother was key in helping him cope with the challenges of growing into manhood. When some of his classmates bullied the kid with short arms, John's mother reportedly said, "No one cares, John, and

if you can't deal with this, you are going to feel sorry for yourself for the rest of your life." John said he learned to use his legs and feet to defend himself.

But despite that, Biamont remembers his Pendleton boyhood affectionately — riding in the back of a wheat truck, eating fresh peach pancakes, deer hunting, learning to drink coffee black. He and his male relatives loved cars. John said his favorite was a '51 Mercury coupe, which his dad souped up.

Sharon Biamont said she felt her husband's finest qualities were his honesty and his humor. The humor helped him through years of dealing with heart problems and cancer.

John Biamont is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sharon, whom he met in junior high school in Lake Oswego. John's mother was Anna Mae Schluter, his father was Joseph Biamont.

Remembrances may be given to the American Cancer Society.



Biamont



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Concepcion Gutierrez

Hermiston

December 8, 1943 - November 30, 2017

Concepcion Gutierrez was born December 8, 1943, in Colotlan, Jalisco, Mexico, the son of Silvestre and Clemencia Torres Gutierrez. He passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017, in Kennewick, Wash., at the age of 73.

His family traveled extensively when Concepcion was a child. He moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in the mid 1970s where he worked for Lamb Weston for several years. He then worked took a job with Simplot where he worked for over 20 years, retiring in the mid 2000s.

Concepcion enjoyed farming, raising animals and being in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Roman.

He is survived by sisters Alvara Garza, Maria Guadalupe Gutierrez, Rubertina

Gutierrez, Maria Estela Reyes, Mercedes Alvarado, Maria Elena Veliz, Maria Socorro Rollins and Ofelia Gutierrez; brothers Silvestre, Guillermo, Jose Luis and Roberto Gutierrez; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, December 3 at the Burns Mortuary chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 6 p.m., also at Burns Mortuary chapel. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow in Hermiston Cemetery.

To send an online condolence for his family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com



Gutierrez

BRIEFLY

AAUW hosts Christmas celebration

PENDLETON — The general membership meeting of the AAUW also features wine and draft beer tasting.

Everyone is invited to the group's annual celebration. The event is Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 Main St., Pendleton. There is a \$10 fee to cover the costs of wine and food.

The American Association of University Women works to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The Pendleton affiliate is the closest group in the region.

For more information, contact [mkaykrout@yahoo.com](mailto:mokaykrout@yahoo.com).

Irrigon lights up annual contest

IRRIGON — It's time for Irrigon residents to tap into their inner Clark Griswold for the annual home decorating contest.

Sponsored by the Irrigon Watermelon Festival, cash prizes will be awarded to the top three properties. To be eligible for judging, people must reside within the 97844 zip code. Also, last year's winners may enter, but they aren't eligible for the cash awards.

The judging will take place the evening of Monday, Dec. 18. For more information, contact irrigonchamber@irrigonchamber.com or search Facebook.

Rudolph runs for Christmas baskets

UMATILLA — A benefit event is planned for the Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association's annual Christmas basket program

The Rudolph Run is Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9-11 a.m. at McNary Fire Station No. 2, 303 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. All ages are welcome. In addition, participants are encouraged to wear ugly sweaters or Christmas costumes.

There's a suggested donation of five non-perishable food items. Also, cash or credit card donations will be accepted.

For more information, search Facebook or call 541-922-3718.

Winter Stroll offers holiday cheer, deals

PENDLETON — The official tree-lighting in Pendleton is part of the annual Holiday Stroll.

The free event is Saturday, Dec. 9 from 3-7 p.m. in downtown Pendleton. People are invited to admire the winter window displays, enjoy special treats and enter a raffle for a chance to win a guitar. In addition, many downtown merchants will be offering special deals.

Santa Claus will arrive in a fire truck at 3 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony starts at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact downtown.pendleton@yahoo.com, 541-304-3912 or search www.facebook.com

Pendleton financial firm promotes Lisa Newman

PENDLETON — Financial advisor Lisa Newman is the new associate vice president at the Pendleton branch of D.A. Davidson & Co.

The wealth management group announced the promotion Thursday. Newman earned the new role in Pendleton, according to the announcement, "for the quality of her work and exceptional service to clients."

D.A. Davidson Companies is an employee-owned financial services firm offering a range of financial services and advice to individuals, corporations, institutions and cities nationwide.

Students cash in on work experience

HEPPNER — Local students working with Rita Van Schoiack of Blue Mountain Investment Management will provide an update during the upcoming Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The students, who act as consultants for Van Schoiack, receive school credits for work experience. The program helps in identifying personal finance topics that are of interest to students and can assist in preparing them for the future.

In addition, nominations for chamber board openings will be closing. The no-host luncheon event is Thursday, Dec. 7 at noon

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

CULVER, DEL — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at the Country Church, 32742 Diagonal Road, Hermiston.

DANIELSON, PAM — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center Celilo Chapel, 204 E. Fourth St., The Dalles. Graveside rites will follow at the Moro Cemetery, Moro, Ore.

HOWDYSHELL, JOE — Services at 1 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. A celebration will follow at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds Let'er Buck Room, 1205 S.W. Court Ave.

PIPER, JAMES — Celebration of life service with military honors at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

REYES, ALFONZO — Visitation from 3-8 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

SCHEIBNER, DICK — Memorial service at 12 p.m. at Athena First Baptist Church, 413 N. Fifth St.

WIKE, JANELL — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Ingle Chapel Congregational Church, 85372 Highway 339, Milton-Freewater.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

GUTIERREZ, CONCEPCION — Viewing from 2-7 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

GUTIERREZ, CONCEPCION — Funeral mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

MARSHALL, JACK — Celebration of life with military honors at 11 a.m. at the Baker City Christian Church, 675 Highway 7.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonian.com

MONDAY, DEC. 4

STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. (541-938-5531)

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 8 a.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (541-422-7131)

WESTON LIBRARY BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-2378)

IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (541-922-4624)

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

LOTTERY

Thursday, Nov. 30

Lucky Lines
02-08-11-14-FREE-18-21-25-32
Estimated jackpot: \$25,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 8-8-7-0
4 p.m.: 5-8-7-7
7 p.m.: 5-7-5-5
10 p.m.: 5-0-1-2

Friday, Dec. 1

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-5-0-0



at Heppner City Hall. The meal costs \$10.

To ensure there's enough food, those planning to attend need to RSVP by Monday at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net or 541-676-5536.

Get your morning buzz at Main Street Diner

PENDLETON — A time for coffee and networking is the focus of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce's Morning Buzz.

The upcoming event is Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 7:15-8 a.m. at Main Street Diner, 349 S. Main St., Pendleton. In addition, the chamber thanks Roosters Restaurant for serving as the 2017 coffee sponsor.

For more information, contact Adrienne Lapp at communications@pendletonchamber.com or 541-276-7411.

Holiday shopping promotion offers prizes

BOARDMAN — For a chance to win prizes, people are encouraged to Buy Local in Boardman during the holiday season.

Between Nov. 25 and Dec.

20, receipts for purchases made at local merchants are eligible for prizes. Items to be drawn for include a \$200 Harvest Town Foods gift card, a Boardman Beauty Bar gift basket, Subway gift cards, pizza from Smiley's Happy Place Pizza, dinners at River Lodge & Grill and more.

To be eligible for prizes, people need to take dated receipts by Wednesday, Dec. 20 to the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, located at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road. For more information, call 541-481-3014.

Altrusa awards Linda Gilleese scholarships

HERMISTON — Altrusa International of Hermiston recently announced winner of its Linda Gilleese Memorial Scholarship.

The recipients and their majors include Jackie Barlow (health), Debbie Smith (elementary education) and Stephanie Loving (integrated studies). All three are students at Eastern Oregon University. The scholarships are given in memory of Linda Gilleese, a former Altrusan and Hermiston community member who was a strong advocate for education.

Additional scholarship opportunities will be available in February. For more information, email hermistonaltrusa@gmail.com or visit www.districttwelve.altrusa.org.