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**Chrisma will be presented at HUMC this week**

The second week Advent begins with the presentation of the Chrismons at Heppner United Methodist Church. For those not familiar with these beautifully spiritual pieces of art, here is a little history: "Chrismon" is a combination of parts of two words: Christ and monogram. A Chrismon is just that—a monogram of Christ.

According to the dictionary definition, a chrismon is the Chi Rho monogram of Christ. The plural is chrisma; the word is not capitalized. Ascension Lutheran Church adopted this word to designate the special Christmas tree ornaments that this church developed because the first designs were all based on chrisma. In this usage, the word Chrismon is capitalized, and the plural is Anglicized to Chrismons. Over the years these ornaments have developed so that now a Chrismon may be a monogram, a sign, a symbol, a type, or a combination of such figures. The one requirement is that it refer primarily to Jesus Christ.

At Heppner UMC, the Chrismons used were created many years ago by Peggy and Earl Fishburn and Debbie Koffler. The tree in the sanctuary, on which the chrisma will be placed, was provided by Frank Osmin.

The HUMC choir, under the direction of Jean Brazell, will sing "In the Bleak Midwinter." Hymns will include "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Angels from the Realms of Glory" and "This is a Day of New Beginnings." Scripture from Peter and Mark will be read by liturgist Merle Cowett. The celebration of Holy Communion will be held.

It's also potluck Sunday, and everyone is welcomed to gather for a time of food, fun and fellowship following the service.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St. For more information call 541-676-9224 or e-mail heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

**First Friday Friends of Jesus adds a Christmas twist**

First Friday Friends of Jesus will gather together again this Friday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon at All Saints parish hall. This month's free program for kids four through 12 will include a telling of the Christmas story with costumes for everyone, in addition to the Bible stories, music, crafts and games that are part of every session. A free lunch will be served. Newcomers are always welcome. More information is available by calling the Shared Ministry office at 541-676-9970.



**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**DECEMBER 4, 2014**

**LADIES NIGHT DINNER**

**6PM BAKED HAM DINNER**

**PREPARED BY LORRIE FOX & CINDY DOHERTY**

**LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**8PM IN HONOR OF OUR**

**DEPARTED MEMBERS FOR 2014**

**RAYMOND (BUD) BATTY**

**DON COLE**

**FRANK (RED) LOVGREN**

**EDWIN (TAD) MILLER**

**MARVIN CASEBEER**

**WILLIAM (BILLY) KENNY**

**VINCE ALLEMAN**

**FOREST (FORRIE) BURKENBINE PER**

**CLIFFORD ALDRICH**

**"THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS WE WRITE UPON THE SAND, THEIR VIRTUES UPON THE TABLETS OF LOVE AND MEMORY"**



**Luvilla Sonstegard**

Luvilla Sonstegard, 84, long-time Heppner resident, passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Tacoma, WA. A celebration of life for Luvilla will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.



Luvilla Sonstegard

She was born September 13, 1930 in Mosier, OR to Clarence and Nedra Rice. After graduating from Mosier High School she joined the United States Air Force, where she met her husband of 64 years, Eugene Sonstegard. She was

a Korean War Veteran. Luvilla loved bowling, golfing, reading, singing, dancing and serving in the Air Force. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Christe Knowles. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Son-

stegard of Heppner; her daughters, Denise Walsh, Cathy Steger and husband Jeff, and Stephanie Ostrom and husband Paul; her seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial gifts in Luvilla's memory can be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

**Betty Venita Edwards**

Betty Venita Edwards lost her battle with cancer on October 17, 2014. She died at McKay Creek Estates in Pendleton with her family by her side. She was 82 years of age. At Betty's request there will be no services.

Betty was born in Lexington on June 9, 1932 to Eslie M. Walker and Gwendolyn F. Cantwell-Walker. Betty went to school in Lexington until the family moved to a ranch west of Hardman. She then attended school in Heppner, where she graduated.

She had the honor of being a member of the 1949 Heppner Rodeo Court, which were some of her fondest memories. Betty loved people and the fulfillment that the experience brought her. Later in life the 1949 rodeo court was fortunate enough that all mem-

bers were able to mount and ride horses in the Heppner Parade on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a huge delight to all of the court members, especially their queen Shirley Rugg who was a lifelong friend of Betty's.

Betty married Robert Max Gentry on November 1, 1950 and they had two children while living in Heppner. The family moved to Woodland, WA for a period of time before relocating to Pendleton, where Betty worked for Cascade Gas Company for 17 years. Betty became secretary for a roping club in Pendleton as well as participating in team roping, which was one of her favorite hobbies.

In 1974 Betty's heart led her to return to ranch



Betty Venita Edwards

with her longtime friend Shirley Rugg for a duration of time. She then went to work in Hermiston, where she worked for Marlett Manufacturing for several years. Through the years Betty and her companion Dale worked on ranches in Eastern Oregon as well as a couple of years in Southern Oregon. They enjoyed their work and roping throughout those years. On December 20, 1989 Betty married the love of her life, Dale L. Edwards.

In the 1990s Betty and Dale returned to Eastern Oregon and purchased the Ukiah Thicket and ran the business until returning to Dale's family ranch in Condon, OR. In Condon, Betty and Dale raised Foundation

Quarter Horses until February 2006, when Dale passed away. After that time Betty returned to Pendleton to be close to family.

She enjoyed her life, horses, roping, pets, outdoors, hunting, fishing, her family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Dale L. Edwards, and a brother, Glenn L. Walker.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Gentry and his wife Jodie of Arlington, OR; daughter, Delores Jensen and her husband Robert of Pendleton; sister-in-law, Jo Lyn Walker of Powell, WY; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Any donations can be made to your local hospice in her memory.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Richard Lindner**

Richard W. "Dick" Lindner of Hermiston, OR, died on November 13, 2014, in Hermiston, OR at the age of 64 years. A funeral service was held November 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston.

Richard was born on January 17, 1950 in Pendleton to William and Thelma Holmquist Lindner. He was raised and attended high school in Hermiston, graduating in the class of 1969. After earning his associate's degree in agribusiness from BMCC, he worked on various farms and businesses in Umatilla and Morrow counties. In 1975, he was one of the

original six full-time firefighter/EMTs employed by the City of Hermiston. In 1983, he began working at J.R. Simplot Co., where he would remain until his retirement in 2012. His career there included working on trucking and logistics in Hermiston, Idaho, and Pasco, WA.

Richard was united with the love of his life, Kristine Peterson Lindner of Ione, on June 17, 1972 at Valby Lutheran Church. He told her on their second date that he would marry her.

Richard was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council, oper-

ated the sound system, and helped maintain the yard and facilities. For the past several years, he proudly served on Good Shepherd Medical Center's Board of Trustees until the time of his passing.

He cherished spending time with his family, including yearly reunions at Boardman and Seaside, boating, golfing, skiing, feeding quail in his backyard, and vacations in Maui, HI. He was always willing to help friends and family, including the family farm near Ione. Adventures were had with in-laws involving cattle and combines.

He will be remembered

as an easy-going, flip-flop wearing, joyful man to be around.

Richard is survived by his wife of 42 years, Kristine Lindner of Hermiston; mother, Thelma Lindner, Pendleton; daughter, Emily Bowden, Nampa, ID; son, Aaron Lindner (Yesenia), Portland; brothers, Dennis Lindner and Ron Lindner (Phyllis), Pendleton; sister, Carol Holcomb (Tony), Selah, WA; and grandchildren Joshua, Anna, and Zacheriah.

He was preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" Lindner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

**Funeral Notice**

**Franklin E. "Frank" Cason**—Franklin E. "Frank" Cason, 45, died on November 28, 2014 near Tollgate, OR. He was born on November 17, 1969 in Hermiston, OR.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 15 Grant Ave., Umatilla, OR 97882. Burial will follow at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.

Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Lexington lodge plans December card party**

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host its December card party this Saturday, Dec. 6, at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. The price for an evening of fun, friends and lots of laughter is \$5. This event is open to the public.

**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 Dec. 5 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.

**Elks Hoop Shoot scheduled for Sunday**

The Heppner Elks Lodge has announced that its annual Hoop Shoot free-throw contest will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary School gym.

The free event is for girls and boys who are or will be ages eight to 13 as of April 1, 2015. All children are invited from Heppner, Lexington, Ione and the surrounding area. Questions, contact Brandi Sweeney at HES.

**Holiday bazaar to benefit local day care**

The Heppner Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Patrick's parish hall. Admission is free to the public.

The event will feature approximately 30 vendor tables for people to browse and do some local gift shopping.

A soup lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5, as well as

doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee throughout the day.

Visit Santa at 11 a.m.; Santa's Workshop, where kids can make gifts and wrap them for \$3, will be open all day.

Proceeds from table rentals and food sales will go to the Heppner Day Care. Call 541-805-8917 for more information.

**Park district to meet**

Willow Creek Park District will meet Dec. 9 at 5:15 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

Please join the City of Heppner at a reception for **Judy Buschke** As she retires from The Heppner City Council after 3 terms and 12 years of service **6:30 PM on December 8 Heppner City Hall**

Join us for a farewell party for **Stephan Gibson** Sunday December 7th 1:30 pm - 6 pm Heppner Christian Church