

Ten minutes with ...



...Pastor Mark McLean, Fountain of Life Assembly of God Church

Are you a native?

Yes. I was born and raised here. I graduated in 1977 from Illinois Valley High School.

How long have you been a pastor here?

Two years.

What did you do before becoming a pastor?

I cut timber for over 20 years. I worked on government ground here for 10 years. When things began to change here, I went south of Redding, Alturas; wherever I had to in order to keep busy; mostly here in Southern Oregon.

What is it like being a pastor?

Nearly everything about this job is new, especially working as a logger for so many years. I worked by myself most of the time, sometimes with a few other guys; this is such a contrast to that. Not entirely new though, now that I've been doing it for two years.

The most rewarding thing about this job would have to be when I can help someone to either realize the truth of God's word or help them overcome a problem in their life that changes their life. My level of awareness and influence grows with more people I meet.

I feel that if you are going to fill this position, you better be called by the Lord. I do everything here. I'm a handyman; in a little while, I will be pouring the concrete for our new sign. A church is an organization where you have to oversee all the little things that need to be done to keep it going.

What do you like best about living here?

Definitely the beauty. It's nice to have the familiarity of where I grew up and have worked. When you grow up in a small place like this, well; I've been to bigger cities, and it isn't the same.

Have you noticed much change during the years?

Yes. The population, and the culture changes that comes with more people. This valley has always been full of good people; there's no doubt about it; but it was smaller then. You got to know most of the people easily. It's not that way now, at least not the way it used to be, but it's still home.

Do you have family in the area?

Yes. I married my wife, Theresa; she goes by Terry, 24 years ago this December. I have four kids -- my oldest, Micki, is 18; Lisa is 16; my son, Mark Jr. is 15; and my youngest daughter, Amy, is 9. My mom and dad ("Mick" and Eileen) live in Cave Junction. I also have aunts and uncles who live here.

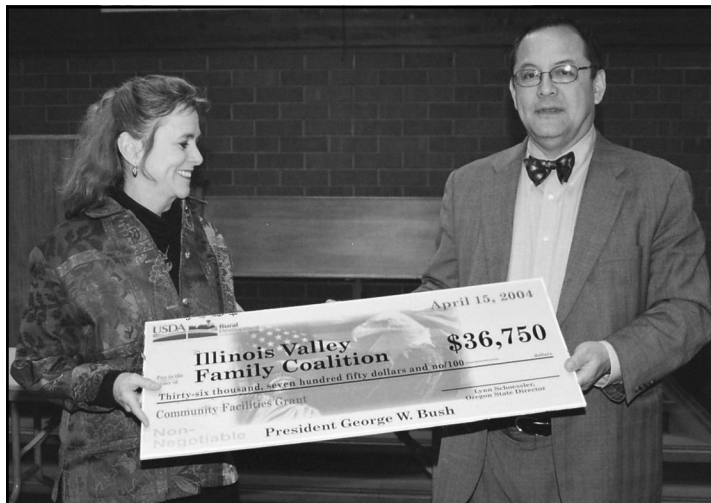
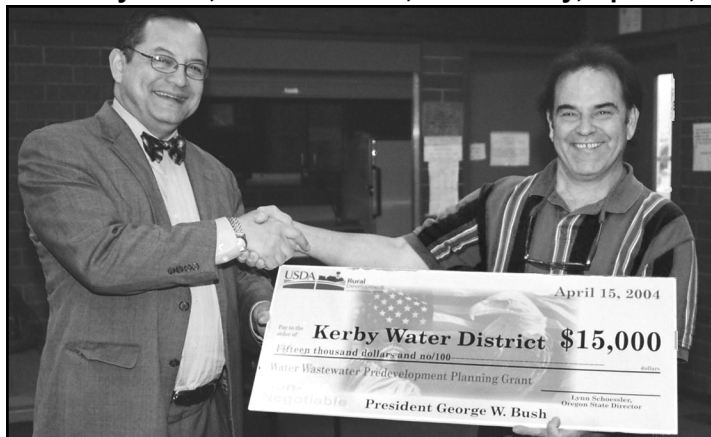
Any hobbies?

I like to hunt and fish. I caught a 100-pound shark off Brookings, but big salmon are more fun to catch.

What is your favorite ice cream?

That's tough because I like most all of them, even vanilla. I doubt there's very many flavors that you could put in front of me that I would say "no" to.

~Interview and Photo by Shane Welsh



Kerby Water District and I.V. Family Coalition gain USDA grant

Eric Herst, from the Portland office of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, presented checks to two Illinois Valley organizations. The grants were awarded during a meeting of the I.V. Community Response Team directors in the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction on Thursday night, April 15. John Plute (top photo), president of the Kerby Water District Board of Directors, received a \$15,000 check. It will be used for completion of a preliminary engineering report and environmental assessment for the district's planned water system. Kathleen Doyle (bottom photo), executive director of I.V. Family Coalition, received a check for \$36,750. The grant will be used to repair damage caused by vandalism and to repair and install a fire suppression system. In connection with the grant the coalition is providing \$12,250 worth of material and labor. The organization serves 4,000 clients, and its facility on E. River Street accommodates 17 agencies.

OSU coast, satellite sensing funding raised by \$519,414

Oregon State University (OSU) at Corvallis will receive another \$519,414 to further coastal and satellite remote sensing technology.

The announcement was by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The amount is included in the multiyear \$2.5 million grant awarded last year to the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at OSU to advance research studies at the newly estab-

lished Cooperative Institute for Oceanographic Satellite Studies (CIOSS).

When it was awarded last year, the five-year grant established a partnership between scientists at OSU and NOAA's Satellites and Information Service to develop a wide-ranging research program to improve NOAA operations.

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*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sandwich; chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad; Hawaiian, cheese or pepperoni pizza; beef soft tacos (pasta, meat & marinara sauce, breadstick)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or Italian sandwich; chef, Mandarin chicken or chicken Caesar salad; vegetarian, supreme, sausage or pepperoni pizza; nachos supreme (corn dog, hotdog, or Polish dog, potato wedges or tater tots)

MONDAY, APRIL 26
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sub; chef, Mandarin chicken or fiesta salad; vegetarian, sausage or pepperoni pizza; beef & bean burrito (chicken nuggets with biscuit & dipping sauce)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or roast beef sub; chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad; cheese, supreme or pepperoni pizza; Chicken fajita (Rib-b-que, potato wedges)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or veggie sub; chef, Mandarin, chicken or Antipasto salad; sausage, supreme or pepperoni pizza, Taco salad (Rice bowls, chicken or beef, veggies & almonds)

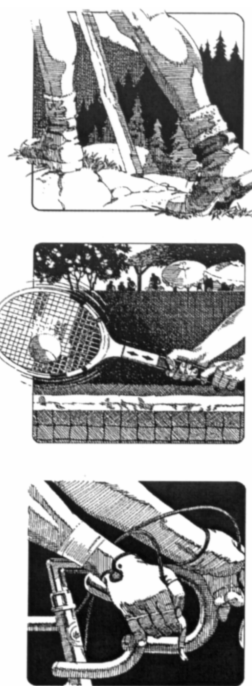
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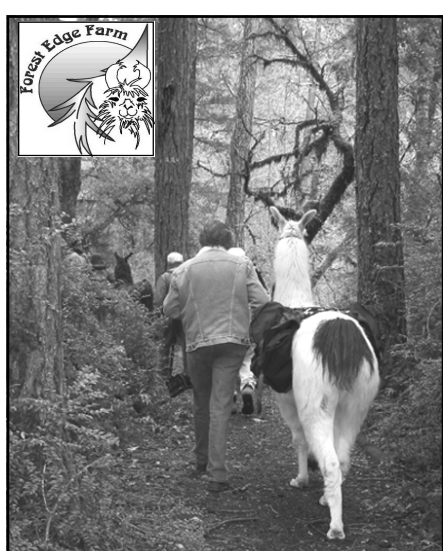
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