

**BRIEFLY**

**Fun Factory builds Biblical learning**

HERMISTON — Kids are invited to attend the Maker Fun Factory vacation Bible school. “Created by God: Built for a Purpose” is the theme, which starts Monday, July 10 from 5-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. The program continues nightly through Thursday, July 13. For more information, call 541-567-3013 or search Facebook.

**Living Faith plans kids’ rally**

HERMISTON — Children ages 3-12 are invited to participate in a faith-based kids’ festival. Victory! The Ultimate Pep Rally kicks off Sunday, July 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. The free event continues nightly through Thursday, July 20. Transportation can be arranged. Parents are encouraged to register their kids at [www.winacity.com](http://www.winacity.com) or by calling 541-720-7808.

**Hobby Lobby accused of hypocrisy amid smuggling case**

By **KELLY P. KISSEL**  
Associated Press

Hobby Lobby, the arts-and-crafts chain whose devout Christian owners won a landmark Supreme Court ruling on religious freedom, is caught up in an antiquities-smuggling scandal that has opened the company to accusations of hypocrisy.

The Oklahoma City-based business agreed to pay a \$3 million fine Wednesday over its role in what federal prosecutors said was the smuggling into the U.S. of ancient clay tablets, seals and other Iraqi archaeological objects that might have been looted from the war-torn country.

Online, many people piled on, with more than one saying things like: “I know Hobby Lobby’s big on the Ten Commandments, but how about ‘Thou shalt not steal?’” and “Hypocritical cretins. Preach one thing and practice another.”

Hobby Lobby, whose president, Steve Green, has been collecting ancient artifacts since 2009 and is building an \$800 million Bible museum in Washington, pleaded naivete in doing business with dealers



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File

**In this June 30, 2014, file photo, customers walk to a Hobby Lobby store in Oklahoma City.**

in the Middle East.

“The company was new to the world of acquiring these items and did not fully appreciate the complexities of the acquisitions process,” Hobby Lobby said in a statement. “This resulted in some regrettable mistakes.”

Federal prosecutors described a scheme that involved lying and perhaps stealing. It included a number of middlemen and involved the use of phony or misleading invoices, shipping labels and other paperwork to slip the artifacts past U.S. customs agents, prosecutors said.

Among other things, cuneiform tablets were

labeled “ceramic tiles,” and items carried paperwork that said they came from Turkey or Israel. Also, artifacts were deliberately undervalued and shipped in small batches to multiple addresses in Oklahoma City to avoid drawing the attention of customs agents, prosecutors said.

Bob Murowchick, an associate professor in archaeology and anthropology at Boston University, cast doubt on the company’s claim that it didn’t know what it was doing.

“It’s like that scene in ‘Casablanca’: ‘I am shocked, shocked, that there is gambling going on here,’” Murowchick said.

**Native Americans say grizzly bear decision violates religion**

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Native American tribes, clans and leaders from seven states and Canada say the U.S. government’s recent decision to lift protections for grizzly bears in the Yellowstone National Park area violates their religious freedom.

They are suing to block the government from removing Yellowstone grizzlies from the endangered and threatened species list, which would allow Montana, Wyoming and Idaho to hold grizzly bear hunts.

The Native American plaintiffs argue that trophy hunting for grizzly bears goes against their religious and spiritual beliefs. The lawsuit filed June 30 asks a federal judge to rule that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must consider the Native Americans’ beliefs and consult adequately with them before removing grizzly protections that have been in place since 1975.

“He is our relative. For us Bear Clan members, he is our uncle,” Ben Nuvamsa, a former chairman of the Hopi Tribe in Arizona, said Wednesday. “If that bear is removed, that does impact our ceremonies in that there would not be a being, a religious icon that we would

know and recognize.” The three states have not planned any hunts for this year, but have agreed to quotas and to cease all hunting if the Yellowstone population falls below 600 bears. There are now about 700 in the region.

Basing a legal challenge of an Endangered Species Act decision on religious beliefs and inadequate tribal consultation has not been tried before, said the plaintiffs’ attorney, Jeff Rasmussen. It’s an argument that differs from those of the conservation and wildlife advocacy groups who have also filed intentions to sue over last month’s U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision.

“They don’t feel like they’ve been listened to, both with regard to their religious beliefs and spiritual beliefs, and with regard to some of the issues in this case,” Rasmussen said. “They feel the U.S. is not listening to them, and we’re hoping to change that.”

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and Department of Interior officials declined to comment on the lawsuit. U.S. Department of Justice officials did not return a call or email for comment.

**LIMEY PASTOR**

**Independence Daze**

I spent then next day recovering from Tuesday night’s display of fireworks by neighbors who apparently made the long trek to Idaho for Chinese fireworks, or found some souvenirs of the Middle Eastern wars in working order. My house shook with explosions and rockets exploded above the neighborhood in sprays of fire that rained down around us. My two cats and two dogs bunkered under my bed, and moaned in despair as the building rattled with multiple percussions. My wife slept, as she has been immunized by my snoring.

In my old country, we exploded our domestic arsenal on November 5, when fireworks were much less intercontinental than here. We would burn a figure of a man — an effigy of Guy Fawkes, a royalist who tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament — atop a huge bonfire. Every year we lost citizens to these fires thanks to excesses of beer and to the habit of folks going to sleep in unlit bonfires the day before.

November in the tiny, limey homeland has the advantage of cold, wet ground and early nights, so a little less flammable. The bonfire

is spectacular, and is used to bake potatoes. This week, Ben Franklin’s old house in London was opened for tours — a house where Franklin worked for years trying to persuade the Brits to lighten taxation on a new country trying to mind its own business.

Britain is very fond of its offspring, and also celebrates with us here, although they don’t understand why we have such taxes now. After all, when England minded the store taxes were just 5 percent.

My time here now spans two decades and my son was born here. I honestly feel that there is a continuum from there to here. I do not feel alien in either country.

It is, according to Sir Winston Churchill, part of being an English-speaking nation. It is a relationship based on a deep common understanding, deeper than politics, almost spiritual in nature.

I celebrate the independence that recognizes our dependence on a common wealth of faith and linked ideals. Happy Fourth of July, my fellow freedom folks of the

United States.

Colin Brown is Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Locust Road in Boardman.



COLIN BROWN  
Faith

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**FUNfest**  
SATURDAY • JULY 8th  
Downtown Hermiston  
9 AM - 3 PM  
Family Fun!

- Rotary Breakfast
- Vendor Booths
- Classic Car Show in the Park
- Eastern Oregon Art Show
- Club 24 Glow Run
- Chain Saw Wood Carvers
- KOHU/The Q Cash Machine
- Kids Zone
- Cultural Event to follow Fun Fest

**Main St. Stage Entertainment**  
9:00 Gems & Gents  
9:30 Big Top the Clown  
10:00 Abigail Hernandez  
10:30 Bram Brata Steel Band  
12:15 Josephine Relli/Joseph Konty  
2:00 Wood Carver Auction  
10:00/12:00/2:00 3rd St & Main Lawn Mower Drag Races

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-Week Children & Youth • Weekly Adult Life Groups  
1711 SW 44th St. • 541-276-6015 • [www.pendfmc.org](http://www.pendfmc.org)

**Worship Community**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMC**  
Sunday worship at 11:00 AM  
420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR  
541-481-6132  
Colin Brown, Pastor

**PENDLETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3202 SW Nye Ave Pendleton, OR 541-276-7590  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes 9:45 AM  
Sunday Youth Group 6:00 PM  
Mon. Community Women’s Study 9:30 AM & 6 PM  
Awana Kids Club (K-6th grade) Wed Men’s Study 6 PM  
MOPS meeting the 1st Thur of the Month 6 PM

**Redeemer Episcopal Church**  
241 SE Second St. Pendleton (541)276-3809  
[www.pendletonepiscopal.org](http://www.pendletonepiscopal.org)  
Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Holy Communion Noon  
Weekly Adults Spiritual Life Group  
**All Are Welcome**

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR 922-3250  
Worship: 10 AM  
Sunday School at 11:30

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
-Presbyterian Church (USA)-  
201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton  
Service of Worship - 10:00 am  
Children’s Sunday School - 10:20 am  
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417 NW 21st St. • Pendleton, OR 97801  
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**Grace Baptist Church**  
555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497  
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Sunday School - 9:30 AM  
Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm  
Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM  
“Proclaiming God’s word, growing in God’s grace”

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Assembly of God Church

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Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information  
541-289-4535  
Tom Inch, Pastor  
Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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191 E. Gladys Ave. / P.O. Box 1108  
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

**The Salvation Army**  
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Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 - Sunday School  
10:30 - Worship Service  
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5:30 Family Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study  
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FIRST SERVICE 8:30 AM  
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541-276-1894  
[www.fcogpendleton.com](http://www.fcogpendleton.com)

**Faith Center Church**  
Worshipping God Loving People  
108 S. Main • 276-9569  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Sr. Pastor, Ray O’Grady  
[pendletonfaithcenter.org](http://pendletonfaithcenter.org)

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
210 NW 9th, Pendleton ELCA  
Join us Sundays  
9:30 am Sunday Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class  
~Come and be at Peace~  
on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
Saturday Services  
Pendleton  
1401 SW Goodwin Place 276-0882  
Sabbath School 9:20 am  
Worship Service 10:45 am

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
in Mission for Christ LCMC  
Bible Study.....9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM  
Red Lion Hotel ( Oregon Trail Room )  
[www.faithpendleton.org](http://www.faithpendleton.org)

**Living Word Christian Center**  
401 Northgate, Pendleton  
Celebration of Worship  
Sundays 10:00 am  
Youth: 0-6th grade  
Midweek Service  
Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
Youth: 0-6th grade  
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In the Annex  
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Pastor Sharon Miller  
541-278-8082  
[www.livingwordcc.com](http://www.livingwordcc.com)

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352 SE 2nd Street, Pendleton OR  
Sunday Worship 9am • 541-276-2616  
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To share your worship times call Terri Briggs 541-278-2678