

**LIMEY PASTOR**

# Goodbye, Billy Graham

This week, I am writing of the great Billy Graham's passing, and his transition to be with the Lord — his Lord who has been with him in his heart and in his preaching for a long, long time. This humble man from America's heartland talked of Jesus to the leaders of the world, as well as the crowds of the many who gathered to hear his clear baritone voice speak of the most important truths.

As I thought of Mr. Graham a lot today, I had a recollection of being in Hebron, in Israel outside an early Christian Church, which had a picture of a dragon being slain by Michael. I remember being embarrassed among the group of clergy people I was with because I began to tear up and weep. I didn't understand why. I still only have a small clue to why that was. I think it was a taste of the future where I also



**COLIN BROWN**  
Comment

Jesus was the center of his message and his life — and the older he got, the more powerful he was in transmitting Jesus' message of forgiveness and love. Billy Graham has run the race and won. Ninety-nine years of age, he has used all of the days he has been given in his master's service.

He is above now in the place of closeness and I thank and honor him for his life of devotion. I give thanks for his preaching to us over airwaves that traversed the world. He spoke to me deep in my heart and was a contributor to my own conversion.

It was wonderful that he sat with ten presidents and shared the message of love, and of Jesus' presence in their lives. I think that is an amazing gift to us all in the United States. Billy G. even preached in North Korea to Kim Jong-Un's father.

For me, Billy G. is a guide and a pole star, a presence of the Lord's teaching being lived out in global evangelism. He was a true apostle, both indefatigable and single-minded.

His work is something which should inspire every pastor — to love and to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth with fealty to the spirit's calling.

I listened to a recording of Billy on the radio tonight in interview. He said that he had got softer as he got older, more loving. He no longer preached hellfire as he did early on. He preached Christ and Christ crucified, who took on the sins of the world.

would go to war with the dragon, that serpent of old, and join in Christ's army of love that would march through the world. To be with a flock of pastors was a taste of that army.

Billy Graham had also been the preeminent evangelist in the United Kingdom and spread the word there as he did here. He inhabited that country and proclaimed the Gospel and drew many souls to Christ. Billy Graham belonged to everyone.

How many souls do we draw to Christ? Are we afraid to name this deep relationship, or do we bury this treasure deep in a field and keep it for ourselves? Do we proclaim the Gospel or do we keep it in a separate place and prevent it from filling the world? The good news is that the Lord of Heaven came here to rescue us from our pain, and died for us so that we may live and live abundantly in a world of God's love and of his salvation.

Jesus was the embodiment of compassion, of love and kindness.

Billy G. took his instruction from Mark 16:15, to go into all the world and spread the gospel to every creature. This task is also the work and the joy of every Christian.

May we all become proclaimers of the Gospel of King Jesus! May we all follow in the footsteps of Billy Graham. Amen.

*Colin Brown is the former pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman.*

**PENDLETON**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Kind Leaf in Pendleton, along with the two other recreational marijuana shops, passed an undercover test from OLCC by refusing to sell to minors in January.**

## Pot shops pass OLCC test

East Oregonian

Faced with an undercover test from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Pendleton's marijuana retailers passed with flying colors.

According to a press release, the OLCC sent a minor decoy to High Desert Cannabis, Kind Leaf Pendleton and Pendleton Cannabis on Jan. 24 to check whether any of the dispensaries would sell recreational marijuana to a customer under 21. None of them did.

The undercover visits were a part of a larger minor decoy operation the OLCC ran during January. Of the 70

retailers the OLCC visited, 89 percent were in compliance with state law, up from 81 percent during a round of decoys in December.

"These results show an improvement, but there is no tolerance for marijuana sales to anyone under 21 years old," OLCC Executive Director Steve Marks said in a statement. "We've increased the penalties for retailers that sell to minors, so our expectation is for the industry to be vigilant about compliance."

If a dispensary sells marijuana to a minor, it results in a 30-day license suspension and a \$4,950 fine. Three

violations in a two-year period results in license revocation.

The worst area during the most recent round of decoys was Portland, where only six out of 10 dispensaries were compliant.

Under the supervision of an OLCC inspector, a minor volunteer performs a sales check by either attempting to enter a cannabis retailer or buying marijuana.

Volunteers don't disguise their age or lie to obtain marijuana and carry their personal ID cards. All ID cards issued to minors contain a red border that states "under 21 until" their 21st birthday.

## Spray Rodeo secretary faces charges of theft and computer crimes

SPRAY — Joann Pearl Griffith of Spray faces 35 criminal charges for the theft of funds from the Spray Rodeo Association and the Haystack Cemetery Association.

Griffith is the secretary of the rodeo, according to filings with the Oregon Secretary of State. Griffith on Thursday said she did not want to talk about the case.

The East Oregonian was not able to talk to another

member of the cemetery association. Earl Mortimore, rodeo president, declined to comment.

Court records show a Wheeler County grand jury indicted Griffith on Feb. 7 on the following charges: five counts of first-degree theft; two counts of second-degree theft; 27 counts of computer crime; and one of fraudulent use of a credit card.

All the charges are felonies

except the second-degree theft. Twenty charges apply to the cemetery association and the rest to the rodeo.

The indictment alleges Griffith in 2016 and 2017 used a computer to steal from the two organizations, taking more than \$3,000 from the cemetery and more than \$2,000 from the rodeo.

Griffith's arraignment on the charges is Friday morning at 9:30 at the Wheeler County Courthouse, Fossil.

## Church Women United set prayer event

MILTON-FREEWATER — The World Day of Prayer will be observed during the upcoming Milton-Freewater Church Women United gathering.

Everyone is invited to

attend Friday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. The theme is "All God's Creation Is Very Good," which includes a prayer service, fellowship

and refreshments. In addition, an installation of officers will be held.

For more information, contact Helen Richartz at helen\_jack@columbiainet.com or 509-520-9442.

## Pendleton Altrusa offers scholarships

PENDLETON — Altrusa International Foundation of Pendleton Inc. will award several \$1,000 scholarships to Pendleton students planning to attend any accredited university, community college or technical school full-time for the next academic year, with the intention of earning a 2- or 4-year degree or certificate.

Also, Pendleton Altrusa will award a \$1,000 Mary Bates Memorial Scholarship to a student who will attend BMCC in 2018-19 and major in library science or early childhood education.

Applicants must be high school students graduating or earning a GED in 2018, and must reside in Pendleton. An application must be completed, and at least one signed letter of reference is required. The application is available on the Altrusa web page, <http://tinyurl.com/AltrusaPendleton>, and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/altrusapendleton](http://www.facebook.com/altrusapendleton).

Completed applications must be received by Monday, April 2. Notification will be no later than May 1. Award recipients will be expected to attend an Altrusa luncheon meeting to be recognized and introduced to club members.

Application packets may be submitted to Altrusa Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1735, Pendleton, OR 97801 or via e-mail to [jeptloughary@msn.com](mailto:jeptloughary@msn.com).

For more information, contact Janet Loughary at 541-276-1387, 541-240-1387 or [jeptloughary@msn.com](mailto:jeptloughary@msn.com).

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**15:17 To Paris (PG13)**  
4:20 6:40 9:20

**Peter Rabbit (PG)**  
12:00\* 2:10\* 4:30 6:50 9:30

**Game Night (R)**  
12:10\* 2:30\* 4:50 7:10 9:40

**Fifty Shades Freed (R)**  
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**Worship: 10 AM**  
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541-276-7590

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