

LIMEY PASTOR

Cowboy Christians

By COLIN BROWN
For the East Oregonian



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Faith

This weekend I will be serving at a cowboy church service, with western songs. I will be wearing a borrowed cowboy hat as I preach. I intend to attempt a Jimmy Stewart accent in my sermon, as a limey accent won't quite cut it. The cowboy hat I will wear is being lent to me by a former congregant's family. I hope to honor it.

It looks like the hat worn by the TV sheriff Longmire. My wife and I fell in love with the Netflix TV show "Longmire," where Longmire is a modern Wyoming sheriff played by Robert Taylor. We watched all the episodes of all the six seasons — and by osmosis I fell in love with those simple places and people of struggle.

Wyoming looked a little like Israel, when I visited there — simple, rugged with a vast sky. I was standing in Israel where Abraham had crossed the desert — broken pots from his time still being found in the dust. Wyoming makes a great American Holy Land. Boy, I'd love to be a sheriff.

Many years ago I had worked with two lawmen — the first, Ted Gunderson, who had been the agent in charge of the Los Angeles FBI. Ted had managed the security for the Olympic Games at that time. After he retired from the FBI he had gone into business as a private investigator. The second lawman was Richard Post, a San Diego private eye, former Army intelligence in Europe. I had met them because of my work as a writer with high desert newspapers in Hesperia and Victorville where I had met Tom and Joyce Spivey — Tom being a retired federal judge who had supplied me with information, as well as introductions to these two men.

Both of these two lawmen became friends of mine, and I helped them with a little sleuthing and reporting back of information in my capacity as a writer. I interviewed, on one occasion, the girlfriend of a man suspected by

authorities as being a candidate in San Diego serial killings. My information was passed to Rick, who passed it on to San Diego police intelligence.

Both Ted and Rick were often involved in investigating cases which involved pedophilia and cults. Ted gained some notoriety investigating the Manhattan Beach preschool case in Southern California.

There were many similar cases of child abuse, satanism and cult activity that broke the law that Ted and Rick investigated. At one point in time Ted was offered help by the wealthy Koch brothers to set up an institute to counteract such activities and bring evil activities into daylight for prosecution. Rick told me that the name of the institution would be Aegis, a name for a mythological shield. The organization would exist to protect the safety of children, defending them against all predators.

Unfortunately, both Ted and Rick have passed now, before enabling this organization to come into being. Rick died by the violence of others, Ted of lung cancer.

It came to me this week that it might be the right thing to create this vision in reality now, with the virulence of these dark crimes affecting clergy, gymnastic doctors, corrupt politicians and many others whose conscience has been blinded by Satan. Darkness is afoot!

The ability of computers to link efforts in planet-wide endeavors for the good is vast. I don't think it will take a lot to create such an organization, as the outrage against these people is very powerful. As I knew from Rick and Ted, the evidence is easy to gather.

So that is on my mind. A pastor should be a kind of lawman, bringing darkness to light and uprooting the stench of sin and crime. If this is of interest to you, pop me email at colin.brown@usa.net. Blessings on you and your family.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

LOCKE, SAM — Visitation from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

WARREN, BRANDON — Graveside service at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A potluck celebration follows in the Coho Shelter at West Park, located below McNary Dam, Umatilla.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

DOHERTY, ANNA — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Vinson Cemetery, Highway 74, Pilot Rock.

GROSSMILLER, AL — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at Stanfield Baptist Church, 310 N.E. Wheeler Ave., with a meal following.

LOCKE, SAM — Celebration of life from 5-8 p.m. at Amavi Cellars, 3796 Peppers Bridge Road, Walla Walla.

PERRY, EARL — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

No services scheduled

MONDAY, OCT. 1

EISELE, ELVY — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

MILLER, VIRGINIA — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

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.

FAITH BRIEFLY

Pregnancy center dashes away with donated diapers

HERMISTON — TruCare Pregnancy Resource Center recently expressed appreciation to the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. The church collected diapers during its March Diaper Dash, with plans to help distribute them to those in need.

"Thanks to you and your Diaper Dash we get to continue to bless and support our clients and their little ones," said Debbie Cissna, the pregnancy center's executive director.

A nonprofit organization, TruCare's goal is to empower women and men through encouragement, support and education. Their mission is to provide complete and accurate information about options in regards to unplanned pregnancies.

For more information, contact 541-567-2393, info@trucareprc.com or

visit www.trucareprc.com.

M-F church serves Sunday breakfasts

MILTON-FREEWATER — The public is invited to Sunday breakfast at the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church.

Donations are accepted for the free meal, which will be served up each Sunday morning for the next couple of months from 8:30-9:15 a.m. The church is located at 518 S. Main St.

Also, people are invited to stick around for Sunday school classes, which begin at 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The worship service and junior church starts at 10:45 a.m. In addition, Kids Klub for youths in third through sixth grades meets each Sunday at 4 p.m.

For valet parking, enter the ramp from the church's south side. Also, an elevator is available through the north entrance. For more information, call 541-938-3854.

DEATH NOTICES

Lydia Jane Gilmore
Milton-Freewater

Jan. 7, 1926 - Sept. 24, 2018

Lydia Jane Gilmore, 92, of Milton-Freewater, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, at her home in Milton-Freewater. She was born Jan. 7, 1926. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater.

Tonya Michele Boffing
Weston

March 28, 1991 - Sept. 26, 2018

Tonya Michele Boffing, 27, of Weston, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington. She was born March 28, 1991. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater.

Alan 'Al' Stone Grossmiller
Hermiston

June 13, 1920 - July 20, 2018

Alan "Al" Stone Grossmiller, 98, of Hermiston, died Friday, July 20, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born June 13, 1920, in Oregon City. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m. at the Stanfield Baptist Church. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Carol L. Correa
Echo

Nov. 13, 1938 - Sept. 26, 2018

Carol L. Correa, 79, of Echo, died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018, at her home. She was born Nov. 13, 1938, in Portland. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Brandon Lee Warren
Pendleton

Oct. 17, 1986 - Sept. 19, 2018

Brandon Lee Warren, 31, of Pendleton, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, in Richland, Washington. He was born Oct. 17, 1986, in Pendleton, Oregon. A graveside service will be held Friday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A potluck celebration follows in the Coho Shelter at West Park below McNary Dam, Umatilla. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave online condolences at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

LOTTERY

Wed., Sept. 26, 2018

Megabucks

7-17-24-35-38-41

Estimated jackpot: \$76 million

Powerball

1-2-7-30-50

Powerball: 8

Power Play: 5

Estimated jackpot: \$213 million

Win for Life

13-25-32-41

Lucky Lines

3-5-12-14-20-23-28-32

Estimated jackpot: \$38,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-0-3-8

4 p.m.: 5-1-9-6

7 p.m.: 6-3-1-3

10 p.m.: 2-7-9-4

Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-9-3-1

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COMMUNITY
NEWS

Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

Destiny Theatres Fri - Wed, Sept. 28 - Oct. 3, 2018 Subject to change. Check times daily.

Hermiston Stadium 8
Hwy 395 & Theatre Ln • 567-1556
MoviesInHermiston.com

SMALLFOOT (PG)
UNBROKEN 2 (PG-13)
NIGHT SCHOOL (PG-13)
HELLFEST (R-17)
HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALL (PG)
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Morning Celebration - 10am
Morning Kids Place - 10am
Evening - 6pm
Adult - Study
Youth - Small Group
Kids - Rangers & Girl's Ministries

THURSDAYS

Celebrate Recovery - 6pm
Celebration Place - Kids - 6pm
The Landing - Teens - 6pm

WEEKLY
Groups For All Ages

AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1911 SE Court Ave.
541.276.6417 • pendletonfirst.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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

Peace Lutheran Church

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

WORSHIP COMMUNITY

Come meet Jesus at
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

**To share your worship times
call 541-278-2678**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

-Presbyterian Church (USA)-
201 SW Dorion Ave.
Pendleton

Service of Worship - 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am
Fellowship - 11:00 am
www.pendletonpresbyterian.com

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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

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14 Martin Drive,
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922-3250

Worship: 10 AM
Sunday School at 11:30

The Salvation Army
Center for Worship & Service

Sunday Worship Service
9:30 - Sunday School
10:30 - Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study
5:30 Family Fellowship Meal • 6:00 Bible Study

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150 SE Emigrant
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First United Methodist Church Pendleton

352 SE 2nd Street, Pendleton OR
Sunday Worship 9am • 541-276-2616

Worship Broadcast on KUMA 1290 @ 11am
Worship Livestream at
www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton/
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Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor

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
Jr./Sr. High

Pastor Sharon Miller
541-278-8082
www.livingwordcc.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMC

Sunday worship at 10:00 AM
Pastor Michael Smith
420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR
541-481-6132

Redeemer Episcopal Church

241 SE Second St. Pendleton
(541)276-3809
www.pendletonepiscopal.org

Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Holy Communion Noon
Weekly Adults Spiritual Life Group

All Are Welcome

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www.graceandmercy.lutheran.org

Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
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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
(First United Methodist Church)
191 E. Gladys Ave. / P.O. Box 1108
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

in Mission for Christ LCMC

Sunday Worship.....9:00 AM
Bible Study.....10:00 AM

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www.faithpendleton.org

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—Abdu'l Baha

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Thursday Seminars on World Religions @ 7pm

(541) 276-9360 or visit us at
www.pendletonbahais.com
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