

# Assembly pastor says "nobody waved where we came from"

Pastor Doug Akeson, 38, has been serving the Christian Life Center since the end of January. He and his wife, Sue, have three children, Bret, 15; Troy, 12; and Jenna, 9. They came to Heppner from Vernonia where he pastored the Assembly of God Church for two years. "My family and I love the people of Heppner," he says. "Nobody waved where we came

from. It's refreshing to talk to just about anybody on the street." Prior to his service at Vernonia, he worked for seven years in the accounting department and three years running the bindery at the print shop of Consolidated Freightways. During that, he and his family lived at St. Helens and he made the drive daily to north Portland. After graduating from high

school, he attended Northwest College of Business where he completed two years of study in one year. He worked for a pole building firm for a year as office manager before going to Consolidated Freightways. He continued his studies at air conditioning and refrigeration school for two years but after completion did not pursue a career change. He studied accounting for two years at Portland Community College and for nine months at Portland State University. Business college, he said did not provide enough depth in accounting, so he continued his education at Portland Community College.

In 1975, when he was "born again", he became aware that he needed the Lord, and he experienced a growing awareness of the need to share that need. As a result, he began helping youth and was asked to take a junior high school Sunday school class at his home church, the Assembly of God at St. Helens.

In October, 1977, a missionary preached a message through which the "Lord dealt with me directly," he said. "I began to know what I was supposed to do; he put in my heart the growing need to share Christianity with others and to help other people."

A door then opened for him to attend a Bible College taught by two



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retired pastors three hours a day, five days a week for three years. The college provided a practical study of ministry as well as a study of the Bible.

The Church, he says, is not a building, but a loving organization, and is to be a place where people find shelter. "If we just have our little church with our little 'Bless Me' club, we're not doing what God wants." Programs and traditions do not do the job; if people walk into

the Church and feel the spirit and love of God, it will make a difference.

He says he "doesn't believe that God wants dissension in the Church. It's a place where we work together.

not against each other, and help others with the same need. Love, Unity, and discipline must be kept in balance for the church to be effective."

## Protect against measles before going to EXPO

Oregonians planning to visit EXPO should check their immunization record to be sure of their protection against measles, says the Health Division of the Oregon Department of Human Resources.

There have been 3,488 cases of measles reported in British Columbia during the first 11 months of 1986, continues the health division news release. Measles can be a serious disease. It is often complicated by middle ear infection or pneumonia. Encephalitis occurs in approximately one of every 1,000 cases; survivors often have brain damage and mental retardation. Death occurs in two of every 10,000 reported measles cases.

Two groups are of particular concern, says the health division, children who have not been immunized and young adults. Measles

vaccine is routinely recommended at 15 months of age. However, when going into an outbreak setting, such as Vancouver B.C., it is recommended that infants as young as six months should be vaccinated before leaving. These infants will need to be revaccinated when they are 15 months old to insure protection. Also young adults born after 1957 who were immunized with measles vaccine prior to 1968, should be reimunized.

Any individual who develops the following measles symptoms, concludes the health division news release, should consult their physician or health department: fever of 101 degrees or higher, rash for three or more days, cough, symptoms of common cold, and/or eyes which are sensitive to light.

## Heppner student to represent region at state level typing competition

Trina Palmer of Heppner High School won the Region VII finals of the Oregon State High School Typing Championship in competition at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton on April 22. Palmer, the daughter of Karen Palmer and typing student of Walter Pilgrim, won a Swintec electronic typewriter.

She will represent Region VII, which consists of participating high school typing students in Morrow, Umatilla and Union Counties, at the

state finals in Eugene on May 10. Ten regions will compete at the state level for scholarships of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place.

Jill Nelson, the daughter of Ken and Julie Nelson and the typing student of Anna Morford, represented Lone High School at the regional finals.

3D Wholesale, the western distributor of Swintec office machines, is sponsoring the competition.

## FFA's gain Beef Day awards

Nineteen members from the Heppner FFA Chapter attended the Oregon Beef Improvement Field Day held at the Oregon State Experiment Station in Hermiston on Friday, April 18.

Theresa Lindsay did exceptionally receiving the high score of the day, out of the over 300 FFA members who attended.

Theresa Lindsay, Noella Rill, Travis Harrison, Kevin Hughes and Mike VanSchoiack made up the advanced beef judging team and placed second out of eight teams.

Greenhand team members consisted of Barney Lindsay, Nance Wright, Nancy Bailey, Tami Lindsay, and Ted Schwarz. The greenhand team did well, but did not place.

Other members from Heppner who attended were Jim Clark, Kim Wright, Stacey Kennedy, Scott Davis, Andrea Ball, Dorothy Hays, Cindy Davis, Ed Hamlin, and Tammy Hays.

## Britt festivals announce 1986 season

The Britt Festivals in Historic Jacksonville present world-class artists in classical music, jazz, bluegrass, dance and musical theater. The 1986 season begins June 27 with the soloists of the Royal Danish Ballet, and ends August 24 with B. B. King.

The oldest outdoor music and performing arts festival in the Northwest, Britt is set in a county park. Concertgoers bring picnics (or buy food on the grounds), sit on blankets (or benches or folding chairs) among

huge Ponderosa Pines and Madrones and enjoy concerts under the stars.

Britt has a performer for every taste: Ruth Laredo, Leon Bates, Ransom Wilson in Classical; B. B. King, Al Hirt, Gary Burton, Liz Story in Jazz; Queen Ida, Jim and Jesse, Doc Watson, Tony Rice in Bluegrass; The Soloists of the Royal Danish Ballet, Waves Jazz Dance Company in Dance; Ain't Misbehavin' in Musical Theater - and that is only a partial list of 1986 artists.

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