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New Methodist pastor can wear his cowboy hat again

By Sarah Collier

Keith Brudevold, the pastor of United Methodist church in Heppner, comes from a long line of clergymen. The recently hired minister, who comes from a Norwegian family and grew up in Minnesota, stated that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Methodist pastors.

Brudevold has been here in Heppner since the first of July. "I am very much enjoying it here," he said.

Brudevold started serving Methodist churches in 1973—ten of those years he spent in the music ministry, writing songs, especially for children, and traveling with his guitar all over the United States and foreign countries. "I even had a country western hit on BBC," he said, referring to a song he wrote for his daughter called, "going to Nashville." "I was like #1 in Hong Kong," he said with a laugh.

Brudevold has served churches in Minnesota, Tennessee, South Carolina, Idaho, and now Oregon. "Most churches I've served have been rural or small town churches," said Brudevold, "I've traveled a lot and found that it's not the size of a city but the size of the heart of the people. I've put down roots here, (in Heppner), very fast and it's nice to be able to wear my cowboy hat again."

The friendly pastor said that he has had a lot of cups of coffee at the R&W. "It is very easy to feel like I fit in here. Heppner's Main Street is one of the nicest looking small town main streets I've ever seen. It is very attractive. I can tell that there has been a concerned effort and organization with the banners and hanging baskets."

Brudevold said that he arrived on a Monday evening with his church greeting him at the door. "They had my truck unloaded with one hour," he stated.

Also new to Heppner is Brudevold's black lab, Shadow, who keeps him company in the parsonage next door to the historical Heppner church. "She's very friendly and likes to take long walks around town." Brudevold enjoys his new residence calling it a "wonderful big home."

Brudevold has three grown children and three grandchildren. In fact, his third grandchild, a girl, was born on July 18. Both of his daughters live in Boise, Idaho and his son lives in South Carolina.

Brudevold enjoys going camping and riding horses. "I still have a saddle and will soon be looking for a horse to put under it," he said, adding that he had always wanted to adopt a wild horse.

One thing that Brudevold is very excited about is his birthday. You see, his birthday is on March 20 and he was so excited to hear that the community has a celebration near then. "I am going to pick out a nice, green shirt to wear because one of these years (the St. Patrick's day celebration) has to fall on my birthday," he said.

The United Methodist Church in Heppner has a long and meaningful history. It has been here for more than 120 years and went through all kinds of joys and disasters right along with the city, including the flood. "There is a wonderful diversity of talents here, (in the church), especially musical. I'd love to see the church continue its work in presentations and having special programs," said Brudevold.

"I am thrilled about (the possibility of) working in cooperation with the other churches and in conjunction with the ministerial association to plan a meaningful event for September 11 to remember and recognize that day as a community."

Brudevold says that church growth begins with one major focus: the worship experience, whether it be Sunday or any other day. "Church is an important time for them (the congregation) to realize how interconnected they are—they have support in life situations. Church begins with a feeling of family. For me, I need to develop that. People need to be aware that they are participating in a larger family. Kids need to see that they have many grandmas and grandpas. Then we can begin, through Bible study and prayer groups, things that we do believe in. We can see ourselves becoming more aware of others' needs and hurts. How can we respond to people around the world? I want the church to have that vision. It begins with caring for yourself and feeling good about yourself. The church is a place to celebrate all aspects of life."

Student leaders attend summer leadership workshops

Five hundred student leaders from around the state attended the Oregon Association of Student Council's summer leadership workshops in late July, where they received leadership training in organization and time management, communication, project planning and meeting skills, goal setting and ethical decision-making. The students also shared community service project ideas.

For the past 10 years, the middle and high school workshops have been sponsored by the Independent Banks of Oregon (ICBO). ICBO has 39 member banks around the state serving their local communities.

Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner helped sponsor the workshop.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

"In God We Trust" gave us core values

To the Editor:

In response to Lance Tibbles' July 31 editorial, I want to begin with a reflection regarding your father Doc Tibbles. No memory for me is more poignant and stirring than the memory of growing up in Heppner in the fifties. Doc Tibbles was the epitome of a country doctor. He was more than a doctor. He was minister, mentor, and deeply respected professional. I can still remember most of my visits to his office. I was one of his best customers. I had my head stitched up a half a dozen times at least.

We inherited a different world than our kids are inheriting. The biggest problems I can remember growing up in the Heppner schools of the fifties was running in the hall or getting caught with chewing gum. We respected our teachers, and if we didn't, we usually had a meeting with the 'board' of education. My, how things have changed.

You may wonder, what does this have to do with the Pledge of Allegiance and, 'one nation under God.' Does it also bother you Lance that our money says "In God We Trust"? Do you throw away your money that says "In God We Trust" because that offends you as well? Does it bother you Lance that as a Professor of Law we still use the Bible to swear our veracity on? We inherited these values from our founding fathers. They knew the source of their liberty and freedom. Our problem is, we inherited the world in which we grew up in Heppner in the fifties from our fathers, yet we did nothing to earn the blessing. They paid the price for the value system that "under God" represented. Nobody was forced to worship God. Nobody was forced to pray. Nobody was forced to read or even own a Bible. The value system that "under God" represented gave America a moral and ethical foundation. We honored our parents. That came

from the Bible. We honored authority (and when we didn't, they had the power to discipline us until we got it right). We all owned guns but the thought of shooting friends and teachers was unthinkable. When politically motivated lawyers took God, the Bible, prayer, the Ten Commandments and respect for authority and the sanctity of life out of our schools, a new set of values quickly filled the void; beginning abortion by demand, homosexual rights, guns, gangs, drugs and a wide and growing assortment of maladies that are poisoning our nation.

Lance, you claim that the words "under God" force you and a minority of atheists and contending religions to pay homage to the 'Christian God'. The truth is by removing God from the pledge (and if you have your way from America period) you are forcing all Americans to submit to a new allegiance to the values of a godless society. Let us draw a comparison. The world we grew up in Heppner, Oregon in the fifties is the world that "under God" gave us and that is why Congress added the words. The world that our children wake up to and must contend with in the schools and society of today is the result of removing God from our schools and culture.

Pledging Allegiance to, "One Nation Under God" does not require any American to pay homage to, serve, or worship God. Pledging Allegiance to, "One Nation Under God" is merely honoring our nation and the price our founding fathers and those who served our nation paid in war and peace. "One Nation Under God" was a statement of fact to those that gave us this great land and they warned us in the Declaration of Independence we would not survive without allegiance to our Creator.

(s) Stuart Dick
Pendleton

More students identified in school photo

To the Editor:

My mother, Josie Peck, identified some of the school children in the 1924 Lone School picture published a few weeks ago, (July 17, 2002).

Front row: ?; Gladys Graves; Hazel Padberg Bengel; Gladys Brasher; Eva Stange; Veda Eubanks Brenner; Mae Murray; ?; Mary Musgraves.

Middle row: Teacher; ?; Josie Rowell Peck; Dorothy

Rowell Ledbetter; Hazel Grabil; Ervin Ritchie; ? Swanson; Milton Morgan.

Third row: ? Eubanks; Warren Coole; Clarence Brenner; ?; Daniel Head; ? Murray.

Mother is now 92 and lives at Sun Terrace in Hermiston. She was surprised at seeing herself and her sister and so many classmates that she remembered.

(s) Dorothy Tucker
Turner, OR

Family information needed

To the Editor:

I am doing research on the Nelson and Sarah Best Cumpton/Compton family. Any

information or contact with a descendant would be welcome.

(s) Velma Kuntz
383 Andersen Lane
Ronan, MT 59864

New teachings for the new classrooms?

To the Editor:

It saddens me to see that our majestic old school building has been torn down.

It was probably inevitable though; the building was old, outdated, and needed to be replaced by something that better fits our modern, highly evolved technologies.

Still, when I see long, straight and strong support timbers ripped out, split, splintered and dumped, I feel unease. It seems clear that the site will be refilled by new structures designed by learned persons of architecture from some far place, assembled by faceless firms who specialize in the construction of the latest, and from material that is mined and milled from sites unknown to any here.

More troubling though, is the fear that in the new classrooms, there may no longer be heard the teachings of things that direct the hearts and heads of the young toward certain powerful assumptions which have enabled this republic to maintain a high level of responsible freedom even while under huge internal pressures of the civil war, and to thrive in spite of a never ceasing threat from international enemies.

This worry about the health of the continued cohesiveness of ideas of the citizens of our republic, was sharpened when the Honorable Lance Tibbles, Professor at Law, kindly decided to teach to me, and to all parochial denizens, something of the paradigm of intellectual thinking.

His letter to the editor indicates that he learned, while attending that majestic old school building, that we, as a republic, were one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. He was then introduced to something new. He then learned that we are also under God.

Only after he went away, and was exposed to a higher order of knowledge, did he learn that after the civil war it was decided that we, common man, needed to assume that we were indivisible. The pledge of allegiance was then created. It was purposely crafted to suggest this and other ideas to the great unwashed. Then, when faced with competition with godless regimes, this pledge was altered, slightly, to reflect the assumption that we occupied the superior position of being a nation under God.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Richard Peck, 66, Heppner; criminal trespassing II, \$307 fine.

Leslie Lee Thompson, 40, Lone; speeding 67/55, expired drivers license, \$197 fine.

Jerry Arthur Stefani, 53, Lone; speeding 75/55, \$77 fine.

James Roger Rose, Hermiston; passing in a no-passing zone, \$132 fine.

Cory Alan Grabeel, 29, Heppner; speeding 73/55, \$77 fine.

Erika Dawn David, 28, Yakima; speeding 76/55, \$132 fine.

Teresa Michelle Gaines, 37, Heppner; speeding 75/55, \$111 fine.

Jesse Travis Seigal, 49, Pendleton; speeding 75/55, \$111 fine.

Motel to keep names for rodeo housing

Anyone wishing to rent out rooms, RVs or housing to visitors during the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo may contact Lynda Crane at the Northwestern Motel in Heppner. Call 676-9167 for more information.

Our common ideas and assumptions are of the utmost importance, as witnessed by the fact that they, heretofore, have served us well against predators who labeled themselves as kings, benevolent dictators, socialist regimes and communist states. All shared the common goal of seeking after our demise.

At this time, a large number of powerful governments have banded themselves into an alliance with the common idea that they are, exclusively, the followers of the true God. These many governments refer to their sum as The Nation of Islam.

The admitted goal of Islam is to convert all of mankind. To achieve that goal, they are instructed to first invite others to convert, second to demand those who will not convert to obey the laws of Islam, and third, if there is no obedience to those laws, then the sword must be applied. Although the moderates of these countries claim that they will be tolerant of the religion of others, it is an observable fact that in all places where Islam has gained control, all other religions are outlawed.

Radical elements of this alliance have repeatedly attacked us, most notably in New York City and the Pentagon at a date referred to as 9/11.

Professor Tibbles, before you take your leave from this beautiful valley, could you tell us if we are again facing serious threat? If we are so tolerant of the desires of others, even those who have targeted our end, and they wheel in their Trojan horse, might we, thusly weakened, become a part of The Nation of Islam? Would we not then lose our freedom, even to squabble amongst ourselves about what the meaning of what God is?

If that threat is real, and pressing, then to counter that threat, what changes should be, or can be made in the institutions, which teach the common ideas? In order to counter this threat, must we remove all things of God from our pledge, our coins, or our schools? Or should we be concerned that by removing those reminders, we forget that the power that has made us an uncommonly successful people has come from the common practicing of mores, and the adhering to laws that spring from the Christian way?

(s) F. Green White
Heppner


Slottee Memorial and Lexington scholarships deadline approaching

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust reminds students that the deadline for applications for the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship and the Lexington Voter Precinct Scholarship is Friday, Aug. 16.

The Slottee Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited college who is majoring or minoring in music. If no applicants are found, the award can be given to a student who has been accepted into a school of education. The scholarship amount will be determined by the earnings of the donations of the community and the Slottee family, which totals more than \$10,000.

The Lexington Voter Precinct Scholarship is for \$500 and will be awarded to a college sophomore, junior or senior living in the Lexington voter's precinct.

Applications in disc format can be picked up at Klamath First Federal bank in Heppner. Contact Sharon Harrison at 676-9164 or Del LaRue at 422-7568 for more information.



SIXTH ANNUAL MURRAY'S COUNTRY ROSE



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August 7th

