

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Memories of times past

Dear Editor:

I spent today, June 14, enjoying the McKee Bridge celebration on the Upper Applegate.

I began recalling memories of times past and the joy of living in that area.

This article I wrote years ago came to mind. Life as a child growing up on the Applegate was so different. It was like another world, a world many have never experienced.

We've gotten too busy to enjoy the day given unto us from  
 A friendly smile  
 A cheery word  
 Faith  
 Hope  
 A prayer  
 A song  
 Compassion  
 A listening ear  
 A wisp of time seemingly just a fleeting unnoticed moment,  
 but filling a lonesome heart with sunshine.  
 A time of recalling memories past  
 Turning a day from ho hum into something very special.  
 A heart filled with joy  
 Making today precious, unforgettable  
 That a lasting smile  
 And a heart full of love freely given brings rewards unending.

Clara Faye McKee Pursel  
 Eagle Point, OR

### Brett Claytor Production

Dear Editor

Would you like to be part of a wonderful and inspiring CD album?

Brett Claytor is blind and plays magical keyboards at the Applegate River Ranch House Restaurant on Wednesdays and Sundays. Since September 2007 we have collected more than \$ 3,000.00 for Brett Claytor Productions, creating a gospel album with songs written by Brett as well as a special rendition of Amazing Grace, sung by Brett. Most of the background music for the album has been performed by Brett on his keyboards. The entire amount collected has been spent on Mountain View Productions, a recording studio on Fish Hatchery Road, where Brett is putting together the album.

In addition, several hours recording time has been thrown in for free by Bob Pagano, the owner of Mountain View Productions, his part in helping with Brett's costs for studio time. Brett still needs some 16 hours of recording time to tweak his songs and finish the recordings. Studio recording time costs \$35.00 per hour, a special rate for Brett.

After the songs are finished, an additional amount will be needed for the artwork for the album jacket. I have arranged with my friend, a graphics designer, to put the album cover together. He has agreed to give us a very reasonable price for his work. I will be doing some photography in the next two weeks with Brett, sitting at a Steinway piano for the theme of the cover.

If you would like to participate in Brett's inspiring gospel album, please make a donation to CLAYTOR PRODUCTIONS and send your check to:

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Phil Dollison, Ruch, OR

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