

# The Kootenai Journal

## Home Visits Grow in Popularity as Local Facilities Struggle to Handle Growth



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In 2020, Brooke Kane was an ordinary nurse. But Covid-19 transformed Brooke's work into something unique and perhaps old-fashioned: a traveling nurse.

While Brooke works for herself now, she is still a registered nurse. That means she is allowed to

give IVs with various medicines and treatments, take vital signs, and do basic assessments. She does this under the guidance of her medical director—nurse practitioner Jessie Peters. (Peters operates her own health care service: Druthers Health Care). This allows Brook to give prescription medicine to patients under a standing order which limits the amount she can decide to give.

Sometimes, Brooke's patients are more than she can handle. In those cases, Brooke either works with a doctor via the internet or recommends them to a

provider she trusts: often Druthers Health Care or Hope Health in Sandpoint.

Brooke started doing house calls when friends kept bugging her about help with Covid-19 they weren't finding elsewhere: "[I] started out as strictly COVID care. That's what brought this business up in the first place. People were having a hard time getting care anywhere, for various different reasons. back in 2021 and people who knew me and knew that I was a nurse were calling me constantly and saying, 'my dad has COVID and he's super sick. We tried getting him

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# Keep Right: CREEPING THIRD WORLDISM

**I**ncreasingly, mainstream Democrats are calling for reparations to be paid to the descendants of African slaves who were owned in the antebellum Southern United States. From hand-wringing to high dudgeon, our Democrat leaders emote that only cold, hard cash can assuage our collective guilt. "We" all owe "them", they assert. The time is now, they say, to face up to the American Original Sin that is Slavery!

Speak for yourselves, you willing descendants of John C. Calhoun and Jefferson Davis! Perhaps, as Democrats, you keenly feel the guilt that your party earned by being America's Party of Slavery for its first fourscore and seven years. Maybe their party's legacy of supporting a century of Jim Crow Laws, backed by Ku Klux Klan terrorism, has provoked a moment of reckoning with conscience for Democrats.

I would have no problem at all if today's Democrat Party paid reparations to the descendants of their victims. However, like every other Democrat "solution", they do not limit responsibility for crimes to those who are personally culpable. Today's Democrats claim that every American owes money and an apology to every black person for slavery.

This perverse irrationalism, a fever dream of shared shame and collective guilt, is a pretext for a redistribution of wealth that would make Karl Marx proud. It is racism, repackaged for the 21st Century.

No, I do not owe anyone a blessed thing! I never enslaved anyone, nor have I ever directly benefitted from that

"peculiar institution". No living American has ever owned a slave. No living American has ever been a chattel slave.

This is a long-dead issue. Our nation fought its bloodiest war to be free from sea to shining sea. A century later at the height of our Golden Age, we literally ripped the guts out of our cities to right the wrongs of Jim Crow and establish the legal guarantee against official legalized racism: the Civil Rights Law of 1964.

American Progressives are obsessed with collective identity. Democrats have always deemed individuals to be mere representatives of their group identity. The Democrat Coalition used to be urban party bosses, working class people, newly-arrived legal immigrants, and southern white elites. It is now composed of single women, Black people, Native Americans, welfare recipients, homosexuals, newly-arrived illegal aliens, and college-educated internationalist elites.

Never in its history did the Democrat Party identify itself with "Middle America". It still does not. Middle America consists of culturally-assimilated descendants of immigrants from all over our world. Those of us in the cultural mainstream, who identify ourselves as American individuals rather than as members of variant special interest groups, are Middle America.

Believers in collective identity argues that structural racism exists which defies individual solution. For example, Reparations advocates complain that, "Too many young Black men are incarcerated!" This statistical disproportion is understood by the Woke to be a result of sys-

temic racism and White privilege. Racism is so deeply ingrained into American society, Progressives argue, that black people haven't a chance of earning their own success.

This is a self-serving delusion. The reason why a much larger proportion of young Black males are in prison, relative to their proportion of the population, is because too many young Black males commit serious crimes. Personal choice, not group identity, is the cause.

Reasonable people then fairly ask precisely why so many young Black men are prone to crime. The answer is not, and never has been, racial. The failed culture of today's dystopian inner cities is what dooms so many residents of all races to live utterly wasted lives.

Black people are the primary victims of those demagogues who claim to speak for, "the Black Community". Their Federal Welfare Programs have made generational poverty a way of life. Unproductive men have no place in families where Uncle Sam provides for and protects legions of single mothers and their fatherless children.

Boys grow up wild, in failed schools, without learning from men the self-discipline that is at the core of being a civilized man. Women cannot easily teach this to boys. Such males become cultural cannibals, preying upon their neighbors and relatives. Anarchy beckons seductively with the examples of the rich drug dealer and the smooth-talking grifter. Functional men, providers and protectors, are almost unknown.

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... in somewhere else and nobody is doing anything. Do you have any tips? Do you know anything about COVID or what people can do?"

And I was getting so many phone calls like that, that my husband told me you should just start some kind of business and so I did. People could have a tele-health appointment with me where I would give them holistic interventions that they [could] do that were very effective. And then I got oxygen concentrators and nebulizer machines and got myself Jessie as my medical director and we just went into people's homes and we put them on oxygen, we gave them breathing treatments."

According to Brooke, the

response was fantastic: "People were really happy with it."

These days, Covid related work has died down, but that hasn't kept Rooted Home Healthcare from staying busy: "People liked the home visit stuff so much that a lot of those patients we took care of were saying, well, what else can you guys do?"

Brooke is always looking to add new services to the Rooted Home Healthcare lineup. However, Brooke is focusing cultivating the home health care community in Coeur d'Alene: "I work with a lot of people, doctors and other businesses in the area. And all of us together are working on growing the home care community. We like doctors and nurses that take care of people at home. It takes a lot of the load off of

our hospital. The area has grown and we have outgrown the size of our hospital here. So, taking care of people in their homes helps reduce that load a little bit and people feel safe and in control."

Because there is so much need, Brooke doesn't see the market as especially competitive. In fact, Brooke often recommends people to other IV infusion clinics. Nevertheless, she tries to fit her patients in within 24 hours.

Brooke also says that her work has managed to steer clear of pushback: "It's gone pretty smoothly. It's, it's really just been people that are really excited about it. The people that don't like this kind of stuff. Well, they just don't reach out to us.

~Daniel W. Newman

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## Sheriff to Speak at Memorial Day Celebration

According to a release from the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Bob Norris will be speaking at a Memorial Day celebration:

"Please join Kootenai County Sheriff Bob Norris as he gives his Memorial Day speech at the Marine Corps League Detachment 966 Memorial Day Ceremony.

Sheriff Bob Norris is grateful to be a part of this Memorial Day celebration, to honor and remember all the brave heroes who sacrificed their lives for our country."

While the Sheriff will be speaking, most government services will be unavailable.

Specifically, the Coeur d'Alene City hall will be closed, along with

Additionally, the Sheriff's business office will be closed.

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Generations have been wasted because Democrat politicians leech parasitically off of the misery of the "Black Community". Without an isolated and failing "Black Community", what need would there be for the middlemen who dole out the government cash of political patronage to the desperate and hopeless?

The last thing that young Black men and women need is more Liberal compassion, and the "free money" it provides. Instead of Reparations, poor people need a new system of social welfare; one that is not designed to kill the souls of its recipients and keep them eternally dependent.

Poor people need not be perpetual victims! Poverty can be a temporary ordeal which hard-working individuals can overcome.

No one should accept their so-called group identity. Every single human being has a

capacity to achieve success and independent self-sufficiency. This is what Democrats fear most; that their victims will take heart and make their own way in the world.

Welfare should be contingent on work, not guaranteed as an "entitlement". We would need no illegal alien labor if those on welfare had the chance to earn a living doing those jobs which no one else wants. Recipients should be willing to move with their work.

American schools should not be warehouses for the uneducable. The children of poverty deserve schools where successful students are not demonized as being "Uncle Toms". In the toughest neighborhoods, the savagery of the streets used to stop at the schoolyard gate. So we should make it once again.

Chattel slavery and Jim Crow are not merely crimes against Africans and African-Americans. Like the Final Solution to the Jewish

Question, they were and are crimes against humanity. Every human being shares kinship with the long-dead victims of these crimes. Every one of us has an interest in giving truth to the words, "NEVER AGAIN!"

Only by reviving genuine hope in the capability of each free individual to successfully overcome the limits of the universal human condition will we reach MLK's Promised Land of a color-blind meritocracy. Only when we see each other as fellow members of the same human race will we all be free at last.

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## Top Five in Kootenai County

- Art Macomber Resigns as NIC's Lawyer
- Overdose at Lakes Middle School Restroom
- Drunk Driver Sends Man to Death Down 400 Foot Ravine
- Coeur d'Alene Marathon to Draw 2,000
- New Technology Leads to Rise in False 911 Calls

# The Head Rat



**P**salm 75:2 says, “When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.”

My cousin, Jerry, came to visit me after I became the pastor of a church in Ritzville, Washington. As we visited in the front room he asked me, “So, are you the head rat here?” “Yes, I guess you could say that,” was my answer (the only rat).

I have respect for the ministry and all church leaders. I take my calling as an assignment from God. Yet I wonder how often I have tried to elevate myself and seek promotion. It is easy to see it in others, but we each need to answer for our own motives. If we have a little bit of success, we can begin to think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

The twelve disciples had trouble with this. Peter said that the others might deny Jesus, but that he would not. We have the detailed account of Peter’s denial. The other disciples did no better. They all fled.

I want us to look at Peter for a moment. Was he the “head rat” in the Church? The Roman Catholics consider him to be the first pope.

In John 21, beginning with verse 15, we see Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. The thing we often miss is that Jesus gave Peter three commands: feed my lambs, feed my sheep, and feed my sheep. I believe these were three calls to ministry—three specific churches where he was to be the “head rat.” I don’t know if Peter understood it all at the time. The first thing he does, seeing John, is asks, “Lord, and what shall this man do?” Jesus basically answers, what is that to thee?

Church number one was the lamb feeding. This was the great Spirit-filled church of Pentecost. Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, stands up with the eleven, and becomes its first preacher. During his “altar call” 3,000 Esenes join the church. Great days followed. The church grew, even in time of persecution. By Acts chapter nine, Saul was converted. Slowly the recording of Acts turns from Peter to Paul.

Paul wrote in Galatians 2:11, “But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.” I guess Paul felt the need to put down Peter, and then announce it to the Galatians. Paul does elevate himself

over and over in his writings. In II Corinthians 16 Paul says, “that I may boast myself a little.” He then goes on in the rest of the chapter and boasts a lot. Dr. Luke, that proclaims himself to have “perfect understanding of all things from the very first” (Luke 1:3), and is also the writer of Acts, leaves off writing about Peter. He goes with Paul on his missionary journeys, and records many details of Paul’s work in the rest of Acts. Peter’s “lamb feeding” assignment was over.

In his second church, “The church that is at Babylon” (I Peter 5:13), he fed the sheep that may have remained there after the captivity. It doesn’t seem like promotion. We know very little about this church, because Peter didn’t write about himself.

The third church was the area where Paul did his missionary work (I Peter 1:1). Peter wrote two letters to them to strengthen them. He speaks highly of Paul in I Peter 3:15-16.

Bottom line: “But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another” Psalm 75:7. There is no need for a head rat!

# Jokes

## Spill Proof

The Boss always insisted that only Abdul should serve his coffee, but

yesterday, this conversation happened.

Boss: "Abdul, since the last 8 years you have brought me coffee filled to the brim without spilling even a drop. How do you manage that over these stairs?"

Abdul: "Sir, just before I climb up the stairs, I take a big sip. As I get upstairs, I put it back."

Today is Abdul's farewell party.

## Perfect Memory

A man and his family walk into a bar.

Inside the bar, the man's youngest child sees an Indian sitting under a sign stating "World's longest memory".

The child walks up to sign and decides to test if this sign is true.

The child asks, "What did you have for breakfast 30 years ago?"

The Indian states, "Eggs."

The child states that the Indian could have just made that up, and then later leaves the bar.

Years later, when the child returns with his own family, he sees the same Indian at the bar.

Walking up to the man, he states a stereotypical, "How!"

The Indian replies, "Scrambled."

## Onion Emergency

A mother, father and daughter onion are out for a walk.

They get to the streetlight at an intersection and as the walk sign lights up, they begin to cross but a careless driver catches the daughter onion and she rolls to the side of the road, horribly injured.

She is rushed to the hospital and after a few hours the doctor comes to the waiting room to speak to the parents, "Sir, ma'am, I have good news and bad news."

"Okay, give it to us, Doc, we want to know how she's doing."

"Well," says the doctor, "the good news is your daughter is going to live."

The parent onions feel a huge relief, then ask for the bad news.

"The bad news is, she's going to be a vegetable for the rest of her life."

## Caesar Salad

A major produce organization is reeling after multiple reports of tainted lettuce.

We may soon witness the falling of the Romaine Empire.

## Rest Room

A colleague was planning a trip to my business office and asked if I could find him a hotel with exercise facilities.

I called several hotels, with no luck. Finally, I thought I had found one. I asked the receptionist if the hotel had a weight room.

"No," she replied, "but we have a lobby, and you can wait there."

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This publication exists to bring glory to God and to Jesus Christ His son by finding and printing objective truth.

In God's Word, John 1 points us to Jesus Christ as the "word" and "light of the world." Later Jesus says that He is the way, the truth, and the life. There is a right way, and a wrong way; and the right way is found in Christ.

The Bible teaches explicitly that Jesus Christ will return to judge the world for its sinfulness. Throughout scripture we find people reacting to that pronouncement in a number of different ways.

Some sought to defy God, while others attempted to pacify His wrath. Paul told the truth to a prison warden when he said that salvation comes

only by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ having already defeated the forces of rebellion, now reigns by His Father. In time, Christ will bring all things under his dominion, last of all death. Now, God is commanding all people everywhere (and that means you!) to cast themselves at the mercy of His Son Jesus Christ.