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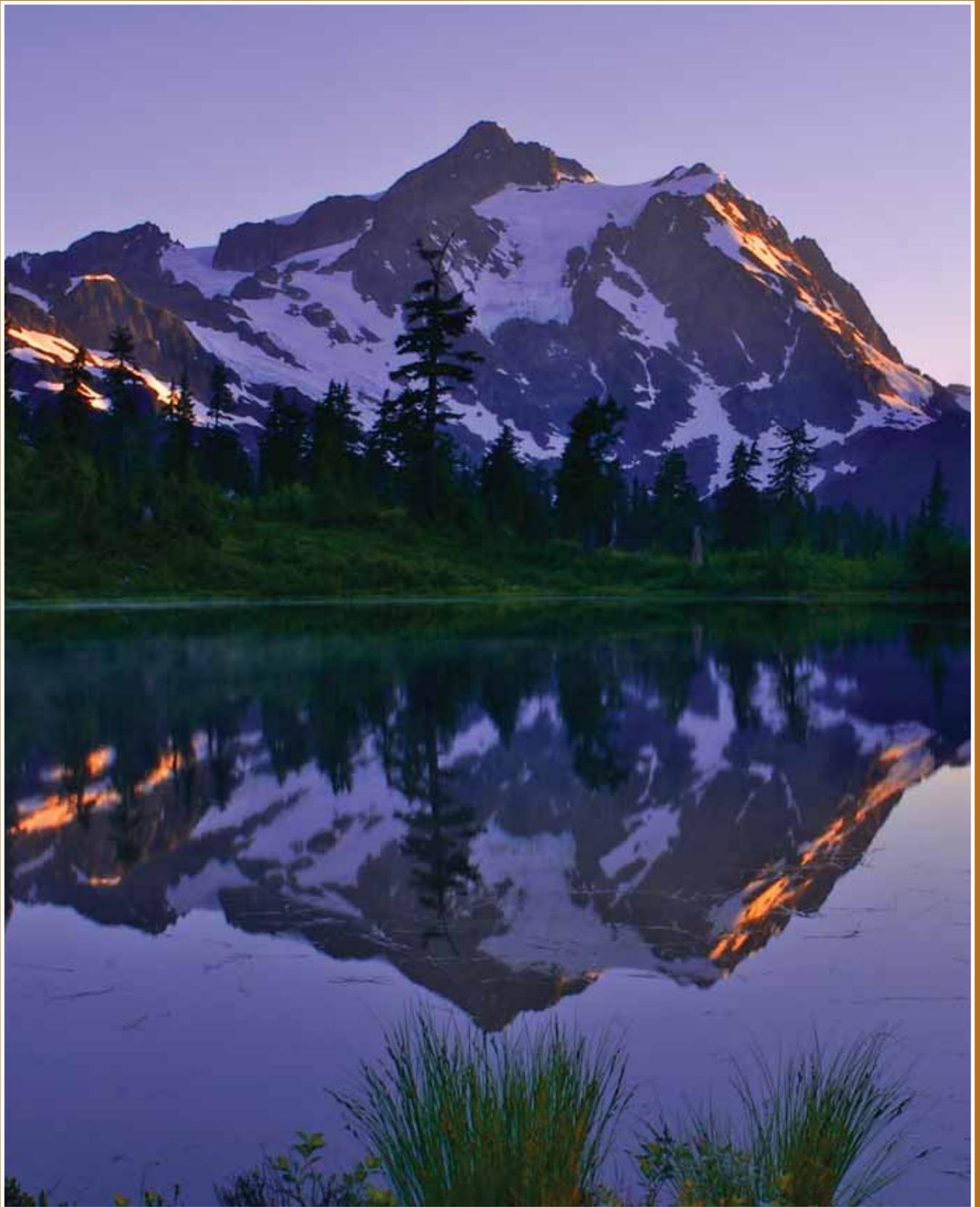
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*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace... who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

ISAIAH 52:7 (NIV)

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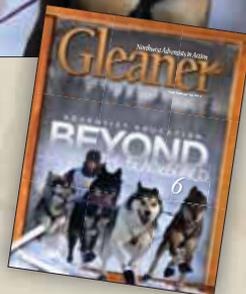
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The excitement of the Alaska Iditarod race portrayed by Adventist musher Melissa Owens and her dog team captures the essence of Adventist teachers who, like Tonya Wessman, Don Keele Award recipient, seek to push the boundaries of learning for themselves and their students beyond the classroom blackboard into real life experience.

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What's the Difference?

OUR PERSONAL RESPONSE

*“Adventist
Christian
education, without
question, does
make an eternal
difference.”*



My wife, Sue, was not raised in an Adventist home; but as a young girl her mother did on occasion take her to the local Adventist church. It was enough to whet her spiritual appetite.

The fall after she was baptized she begged her father to allow her to go to the little 10-grade Adventist school. “Four grades in one room—five students in one class?” he mused.

But after what I sincerely believe was the prompting of the Holy Spirit, he consented, and Sue began experiencing Adventist education—secular background, preconceived ideas and all.

She still remembers her teacher kindly and patiently telling her it would probably be better if she didn’t bring all her movie star magazines to school.

Another shock for her was the realization that all these Adventist kids weren’t ready for translation. There was a “missionary or two,” but most were definitely “mission projects.” And she never forgot that fact even years later as a successful elementary teacher.

Notwithstanding the imperfection of that little Adventist school, the students who attended or the teacher who taught, it made for a life-changing, life-guiding experience.

The Research Indicates

George Barna, the highly respected national survey authority, says, “A person’s moral foundation is generally in place by the time they reach 9 years old.” He goes on, “A majority of Americans

make a lasting determination about the personal significance of Christ’s death and resurrection by age 12... In essence, what you believe by the time you are 13 is what you will die believing.”

And finally, according to Barna, “78 percent of decisions made for Christ are made between the ages of 10 and 17.”¹

And, of course, for our young people it is still a known fact that a huge bonus of Adventist education is many find their life companions on the campus of one of our colleges or universities.

So, as parents, Sue and I decided we couldn’t afford not to offset the impact of a sick, secular and seductive society with the influence of Adventist education, despite any foibles it might have.

Three Distinct Choices

I like to challenge educators with this thought. There is education. There is Christian education. There is Adventist Christian education. What is the difference? Let me challenge you by saying if you want a good education for your children or the children of your church, send them to a good public school. If you want them to receive a good Christian education, then send them to the Christian school across town. If you want them to get a good Adventist education with a distinctive Adventist world view and make Adventist friends for life, then the choice is simple.

Adventist Christian education, without question, does make an eternal difference. •

¹ Barna Update, Nov. 17, 2003 (www.barna.org)

Jere Patzer

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Did You Know?

If we could tap into just 5 percent of the geothermal energy under the United States, it would provide enough steam to generate electricity for 250 million Americans. Currently, the U.S. uses less than 1 percent of its available geothermal energy.

SOURCE: Discover magazine

JULY

GOOD LEARNING

59% of parents with children in private/home school say they are completely satisfied with the quality of their child's education.

28% of parents with children in public school expressed the same level of satisfaction.



SOURCE: Gallup

GOOGLE EARTH SPOTS REFUGEES

Internet search engine Google's map service, Google Earth, has expanded to a program bringing satellite images of the entire globe straight to your computer. Google has teamed up with the United Nations Refugee Agency to provide regionally specific information on refugees around the world. Using an add-on for the Google Earth program you can locate specific refugee camps. The add-on also provides photos, videos and information about the status of refugees at each location. Find out more by visiting www.unhcr.org.

ADVENTIST STUDENTS ACHIEVE

According to the preliminary results of the CognitiveGenesis Study, students in Adventist schools score above the national average in all tested academic categories. In addition, Adventist students from the North American Division, at all levels of ability, earned achievement test scores that were about half a grade level above the level predicted by personal ability tests.

SOURCE: www.cognitivegenesis.org

QUOTES ON EDUCATION

"A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions."
Anonymous

"The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts."
C.S. Lewis

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."
Mark Twain

Mark Twain

GOING GREEN

The Environmental Protection Agency can help you calculate your greenhouse gas emissions and show you simple changes to help reduce your impact on the environment. For more information on greenhouse gas and to calculate your personal emissions, visit www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION BEYOND THE BLACKBOARD



Don Keele

“THESE TEACHERS ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE MANY **UNSUNG HEROES** THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOLS WHO MINISTER EVERYDAY TO OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.”

Don Keele was the consummate educator and administrator. He led with vision and by example. When he succumbed to a bout with cancer in 1996, the North Pacific Union Conference received significant memorial funds in order to benefit elementary and secondary education goals.

Upon the recommendation of educational administrators, and with the approval of the Keele family, the NPUC K-12 Board of Education established the Don Keele Excellence in Education Award. Special donations from private individuals and other appropriations have been added to continue the financing of these awards, which have now benefited Northwest teachers for the past decade.

These awards are given based on the merit of applications made by the teachers themselves. They apply for funding in order to gain experience or resources that will raise the level of their programs in ways that directly benefit their students.

In this 10th year of the Don Keele Award presentations, the GLEANER provides this overview of those who have won the award throughout the past decade and offers just a few vignettes that illustrate the energy and passion these educators bring to Northwest Adventist classrooms.

These teachers are symbolic of the many unsung heroes throughout our schools who minister everyday to our children and youth. They set the pace, raise the vision and prayerfully partner with God in transitioning boys and girls into young men and women of faith. They deserve our thanks, our collaborative support and our daily prayers. •

The Editors

TONYA WESSMAN 2007

Meet Tonya Wessman, first- and second-grade teacher at Rogers Adventist School in College Place, Washington, and recipient of the 2007 Don Keele Award. With the money she received, Tonya attended the 2008 Iditarod's Winter Conference for Educators in Anchorage, Alaska. Here she learned how to connect the Iditarod race to the states' cultural and educational standards and to get firsthand information and pictures of the Iditarod for the mini-unit curriculum she uses in her classroom.

During the four-day workshop in March, educators went on multiple field trips including visiting the race dog kennels, interviewing mushers, touring veterinarian clinics, visiting the studios of the race's official artists, attending book conferences from race authors, and attending Teacher on the Trail (a presentation showing how to combine curriculum planning with race elements in classrooms). The workshop culminated with Tonya attending the Musher's Banquet and opening ceremonies, taking a sled ride and helping with several of the 16-member dog teams at the start of the race.

Tonya applied for the Keele Award because she has followed the Alaskan Iditarod for some 10 years after being introduced to the race by a student. She says the race offers character-building traits that children can relate to including: caring for animals, sportsmanship, teamwork, responsibility, and doing one's personal best. In addition, the race also offers practical skills such as math development, map skills, time-use and strategy. Tonya's goal was to meet the mushers and bring back real-life materials. Besides bringing back a plethora of experiences, race pictorial books and memorabilia for her 21 students, she created a Read to Nome program where students create their own race and check off map points with books.

Attending the race was a dream come true for this Alaskan-born educator. She says, "the Keele awards make it possible for teachers, like myself, to do the extras we likely otherwise would not spend the money on, and then share them with our students." •



Tonya took a dog sled ride and volunteered to help with several of the 16-member dog teams at the start of the race.



KEELE AWARD RECIPIENT

TOM ROOSMA 2000

Orcas Christian School has operated for nearly 10 years on the San Juan Islands in Washington with an enrollment of nearly 80 students. Tom Roosma, now principal at Orcas, received a Don Keele Award in 2000. The money was used to refurbish a telescope, and purchase computer equipment for the school's observatory.

"Our telescope is really four scopes in one," says science teacher Ron Claus. "The smaller scopes on the sides are used to locate a specific area in the sky and then the main telescope is used to view the area at high magnification."

Ron explains, at such high magnification, numerous factors can make it difficult to get a clear view of the heavens. Even under perfect conditions the constant rotation of the earth on its axis means stars will quickly move through the field of view on a stationary telescope. Viewing the same portion of sky for an extended period of time requires slight, but continuous, adjustments to the telescope.

Once an object is identified, the telescope's computer takes over, making the necessary movements follow it through the sky. In addition, the computer contains a database of celestial objects and can automatically align the scope to locate points of interest for amateur astronomers.

Thanks to the added technology, Ron and his students are able to maximize the capabilities of the telescope. "I'm not an astronomer," says Ron, "but the computer allows us to easily locate various stars." The computer system also gives Ron the opportunity to connect the observatory to a variety of science classes. "The computer can also detect the luminosity [brightness] of a specific star and locate other stars with the same luminosity," he says. Since the chemical composition of stars is one of key factors in its luminosity, chemistry students can use this process to study the presence of various chemicals in the universe.

The observatory is available to the community as well. Each year, Orcas Christian School holds a sleep-over for students. One of the activities offered is stargazing at the observatory. In addition, the facility is available during monthly open house programs. •

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Aimee Saddler says that when she unearthed a tibia, everything suddenly became real to her.

AIMEE SADDLER 2005/2008

Aimee Saddler, seventh- through 10th-grade teacher at Tualatin Valley Jr. Academy in Hillsboro, Oregon, was awarded a 2005 Don Keele Excellence in Education Award, allowing her to participate in a three-week excavation and research project at a site near New Castle, Wyoming.

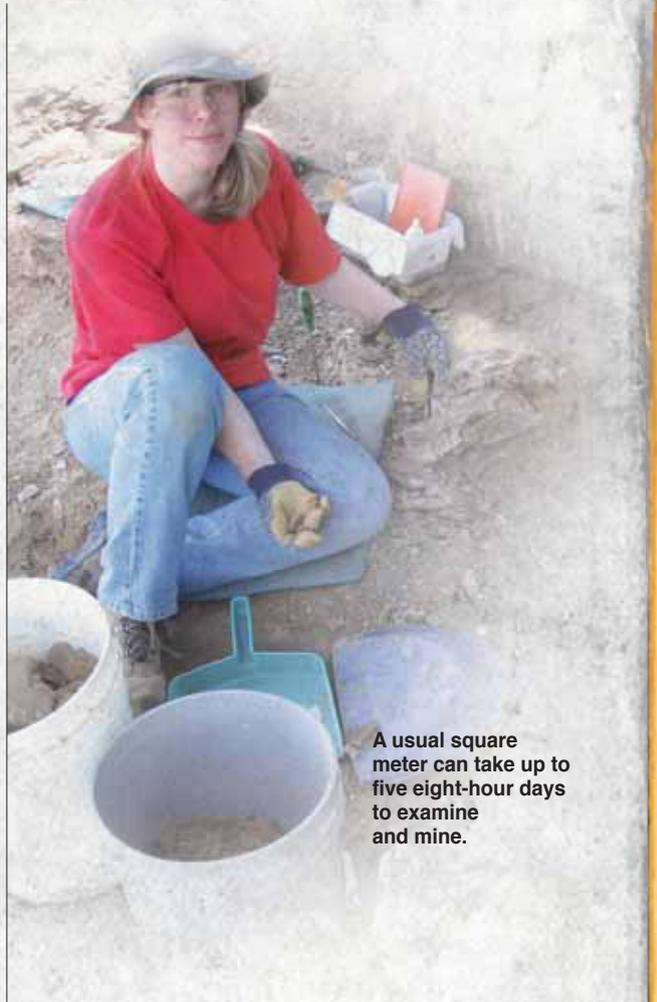
On the trip, she and some 20 other paleontologist participants learned about excavation and preservation of fossils, received a box of “dental” tools, and were assigned a square meter of land to unearth. A usual square meter can take up to five eight-hour days to excavate. The

“THESE OPPORTUNITIES ALSO HELP YOU TO REMEMBER *WHY* YOU BECAME A TEACHER IN THE FIRST PLACE.”

Wyoming site is plentiful enough to yield up to at least five medium-to-large-size bones per square meter along with many small ones, and all participants are guaranteed to unearth relics. Aimee herself found some 60 to 70 bones on the excursion.

The Wyoming site is a tremendous asset to those with a creationist world view because of the way the fossils are laid into the mudstone. For instance, relics in this site support a theory that they were likely washed into the site with great force. Also, the bones are deposited within one meter-graded bed and layered from smallest to largest within a one meter point, supporting a quick and rapid catastrophic death, rather than years of random death in various increments of the earth’s layers and formations. “Researchers are fairly certain that bones in this site were washed in by water,” says Aimee, thus supporting a flood theory.

Aimee says that when she unearthed a tibia, everything suddenly became real to her. Because the trip yields time for professionals to glean from other veteran researchers, she says her goal would be to take students with her to experience this. “I have always had a keen interest in geology and paleontology since I was a teenager,” says Aimee. “With money from the Don Keele Award, it was possible for me to go out into the field with trained professionals and other teachers who have a passion and interest in the same things that I do. It was wonderful to get out of the classroom and become the student again. These opportunities also help you to remember why you became a teacher in the first place.” •



A usual square meter can take up to five eight-hour days to examine and mine.



Aimee Saddler, seventh- through 10th-grade teacher at Tualatin Valley Jr. Academy in Hillsboro, Oregon, received a Don Keele Award, allowing her to participate in a three-week excavation trip at a dinosaur bone site near New Castle, Wyoming.



Most students are already interested in technology.

DOUG VIXIE 2001

Watching Doug Vixie at work reveals the essence of a good science teacher—an irrepressible delight at learning something new, and sharing it with someone else.

Although he has always loved the great outdoors, Doug found additional inspiration from his own academy science teacher, Joe Young, at Walla Walla Valley Academy. While he originally planned to specialize in research or teaching at the collegiate level, he has found a home in Adventist elementary and secondary schools, and has spent the past 11 years as a science teacher at Cascade Christian Academy in Wenatchee, Washington.

A few years back he saw firsthand how computer interfaces could accelerate and enhance the process of gathering certain kinds of scientific data. His application for a Don Keele Award was honored in 2001 and enabled him to purchase a LabPro interface, three sensors and a laptop computer.

The relatively simple-looking interface translates complex data gathered by a sensor and, once inputted into a computer, allows both teacher and student to immediately see graphs or other visual readings.

For instance, a CCA student can hook up a light sensor and instantly measure and graph the change of intensity as a light source is partially blocked; or use a photo gate to accurately pinpoint the velocity of an object; or insert a probe into water to discover the percentage of dissolved oxygen.

“Most of our students are already interested in technology,” says Doug. “It’s as natural for them to use it in learning as we used to feel in opening a book.” Right now, the science lab has several different types of sensors for measuring light, sound, force, velocity, etc., but only one of the LabPro interfaces. Doug hopes to raise additional funds to acquire multiple interfaces so that several students can do measuring experiments simultaneously.

“Our emphasis is on ‘active learning,’ emphasizing a hands-on approach,” says Doug. His students will be using very similar devices when they go to college, and he’s proud to have had a part in teaching them that learning about science can be fun. •

GAYLE HAEGER 2001/2005

Gayle Haeger is a cauldron of bubbling enthusiasm. Since a small child, she has been passionate about science and the excitement of discovering new things—a passion she passes on every day in her Upper Columbia Academy classroom and wherever she might be in the world.

In 1993, an Alma McKibben Award funded a field trip to Beth Shemesh in Israel, where she worked on a “dig” for two weeks.

In 2001, a Don Keele Award provided the means for an exploratory trip to Peru’s Manu Park, a biological reserve deep in the western Amazon basin. There she climbed through a cloud forest on the eastern slope of the Andes and canoed through river channels.

Gayle received another Keele Award in 2005, and in August of that year, went on an expedition to the huge Masai Mara preserve in Kenya. While there, she witnessed firsthand the incredible diversity of wildlife, including an immense wildebeest migration.

“The awards have enabled me to personally see, hear, touch and smell the unique flora and fauna of the world in ways I could never have done on my own,” says Gayle. “As a result, I have much more to share that inspires my students and broadens their own outlook on our natural world.”

Gayle believes that a healthy curiosity about the world around us is vital to her students. “My greatest enemy is apathy. I want my students to love learning something new, to balance their world of video games and television with the fabulous world God created. And learn to love Him in the process.”

And she’s not anywhere near slowing down in that aim. Gayle just returned from a field trip spent exploring the Puget Sound with 72 students. One of the most important elements of each day was evening worship around the fire. In the great outdoors, learning about the Creator seems the most natural thing in the world. •

Gayle Haeger loves exploring with her students. Here she rides a ferry across the Puget Sound with students (from left:) Fletcher Wilkens, Troy Breakie, Nick Lauren, Justin Davis, Sasha Bothe and Laura Dick.



DON KEELE

AWARDS A DECADE OF WINNERS 1999-2008

ALASKA

Leroy Bovee (2000)
Tami Burrell (2000)
Lorraine Carpenter (2000)
Laurie Cummings (2000)
Ken Nelson (2004)

IDAHO

Ann Ferguson (1999)
David Goymer (2001)
Cathy & Mark Law (2008)
Ben Pflugrad (2006)
David Pitcher (2003)
Allan Sather (1999)
Judith Shaner (2004)
Carrie Tow (1999, 2005)

MONTANA

Luana Knable (1999)
Ed Starkebaum (2003)
James Stuart (2007)
Darren Wilkins (2004)

OREGON

Marit Aldrich (2000)
Al Andrieux (2004)
Donna Bauermiller (2003)
Ann Campbell (2004)
JoAnne Carlisle (2003)
Rebecca Caswell (2005)
Jerry Corson (2001)
Gale Crosby (2008)
Randy Cummings (2002, 2007)
Sandra Degree (1999)
Barbara Houghton (1999, 2003, 2008)
Brad & Tami Hunter (2008)
Jeanne Johanson (2004, 2005)
Bob Johnson (2003)
Phil Kahler (1999, 2006)
Mark Kooy (2002, 2005)
Tom Lee (2002, 2005)
Lincoln City School (2001)
Carrera Lizzi (2003)
Lynda Logan (1999)
Greg Madson (2002)

Bob McDonald (2008)
Carol McLeod (2000)
Fran McVicker (2005)
Michelle Northam (2005)
Joan Oksenholt (2001, 2006)
Dorothy Pearson (2008)
Philip Rand (2003)
Jim Robertson (2002)
Shauna Rustad (2000)
Aimee Saddler (2005, 2008)
Chris Sequeira (2004)
Mark Smith (2004, 2008)
Beverly Stout (2006)
Carol Sumerlin (2002)
Ed Tillotson (2004)
Terry Verlo (1999)
Linda Waagen (2000, 2004, 2008)
Cindy Wade (2000)
Kathy Westermeyer (2000, 2005)
Angela White (1999)
Linda Wilson (2005)
Naomi Woods (2006)
Les Zollbrecht (2003, 2008)

UPPER COLUMBIA

Donivan Andregg (1999)
Karen Birney (2008)
Earl & Ginger Brockman (2002)
Twila Brown (2005)
Verna Canaday (2002)
Debra Conwell (2007)
John Deming (2001)
Bobbie Fleck (2005)
Pat Frey (2001)
Tom Graham (1999)
Gayle Haeger (2001, 2005)
Charles Hartman (2006)
Brian Hays (2006)
Margo Honner (2004)
Laurie Hosey (2003)
Jerry Lange (2004)
Karen Mann (2006)
Sherol Mershon (2006)
Palouse Hills School (2000)
Phyllis Radu (2008)

Val Ramos (2002)
Gail Redberg (2001, 2005)
Lloyd Redberg (2005)
John Shafer (2007)
Gary Thayer (2002)
Douglas Vixie (2001)
Tonya Wessman (2007)

WASHINGTON

Jamie Abbott (2003)
Tom Allen (1999)
Jim Beierle (2007)
Colleen Brundula (2003)
Taryn Dillon (2008)
Lowell Dunston (2006)
Stephanie Gates (2008)
Adria Hay (2008)
Carleen Jones (2001)
Rachel Jordan (2008)
Shelley Kilgore (2001)
Javier Krumm (2008)
Terry Lee (2005)
Howard Munson (2002)
Gail Orr (2006)
Colleen Radke (2008)
Richard Rasmussen (2002)
Greg Reseck (2001)
Vivian Richards (2002)
Tom Roosma (2000)
Vicki Rutherford (2001)
Susan Schilt (2008)
Duane Shabo (2001)
Kerry Tretheway (2008)
Cary Ursino (2003)
Rob Webb (1999, 2002)
Doug White (1999, 2003)
Ila Zbaraschuk (2005)



CARING HEART

AWARD WINNERS FOR 2008

Fifteen Northwest academy students received the 2008 Caring Heart Award made possible through funding from a private foundation and the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Students were selected by their schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart—a willingness to serve others. Each received a plaque, an engraved Bible and a \$500 scholarship, to use toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.

SAMANTHA HAMILTON & HEIDI SCHOSNIG

Portland Adventist Academy



Samantha Hamilton and **Heidi Schosnig** were both selected to receive Caring Heart awards at Portland Adventist Academy. For their senior project, Samantha and Heidi coordinated with Providence Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, and raised \$16,000 for children's cancer research at Emmanuel Children's Hospital. They learned how to do nonprofit fund raising and presented Providence with the money last December. They say this experience has changed their lives forever and still volunteer time each week at the children's cancer ward. Both Samantha and Heidi have exhibited initiative and responsibility, representing well PAA's "Christ-Centered-Character-Driven" motto. Samantha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linden Hamilton and Heidi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Schosnig.

ZACH GATELY

Auburn Adventist Academy



Zach Gately from Auburn Adventist Academy is well known for his considerate and warm-hearted way with people. He has worked as an R.A., volunteered for community outreach, led out in Bible studies, spent vacations on mission trips, served as the Casa Loma boys' club president, and been an active participant in the Student/Faculty Council in addition to assisting students with studies. He has a willing spirit and genuine Christ-like character. The son of Stewart and Joan Gately, Zach plans to attend Southern Adventist University after graduation.

ART



HEIDI LARSEN

Cascade Christian Academy

Heidi Larsen is from Cascade Christian Academy. She has been on many mission trips and, if the opportunity is available, both her and her guitar will be part of it. She is involved with the school praise band and youth group. She attends Bible conferences and youth rallies whenever she can. She leads out in praise music, such as at the fall retreat at CCA. She is a kind-hearted individual and always looks for the good in everyone. She is the daughter of Jack and Shauna Larsen.

MEGAN HENDERSON

Columbia Adventist Academy



Megan Henderson attends Columbia Adventist Academy. She is an outgoing, compassionate and caring young lady. She is involved in numerous campus activities such as music, sports and outreach. She makes time to minister to students and staff alike. She is recognized for her ability to come to the aid of fellow students and faculty at a moment's notice and with a willing spirit and attitude to serve. Daughter of David and Ada Henderson, Megan plans to attend Chico State University and major in kinesiology as preparation for a degree in physical therapy.

KELLI JACOBS

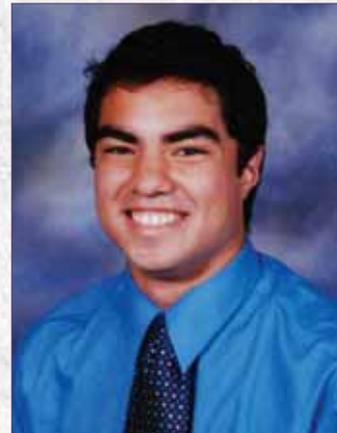
Skagit Adventist Academy



Kelli Jacobs graduated from Skagit Adventist Academy. She was selected for this award because of her enthusiasm and interest in mission trips and community service projects. She has been involved in the Mexico, Katrina Relief and Thailand mission trips as well as community service projects in Chehalis, Washington. Daughter of Vicki Jacobs, she plans to attend Walla Walla University.

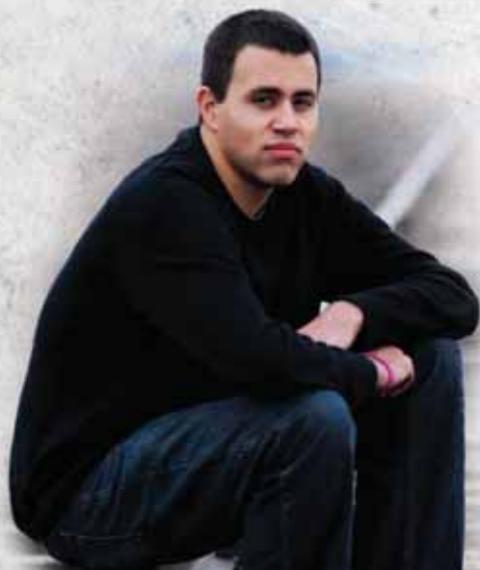
ROBERT HOGAN

Walla Walla Valley Academy



Robert Hogan is the type of young man who looks after other people. He willingly helps whenever asked and often volunteers to assist. At the Walla Walla University Church, he works with High-5, a group for junior high students, and serves as a deacon. He participates in singing groups and visits area senior care centers. While at Walla Walla Valley Academy, he led out in a daily prayer band for the senior class after chapel. He plans to attend Walla Walla University, majoring in physical education and biology.

CARING HEART WINNERS



ARMANDO ZARABIA

Puget Sound Adventist Academy

Armando Zarabia was chosen by Puget Sound Adventist Academy for his positive attitude and for encouraging others to be accepting of all. He was a leader on the school's Dominican Republic mission trip last year. On the trip, he could always be found laying blocks during the day and leading out in Vacation Bible School in the evening. When the school plans community service days, he is the first to sign up and works hard on the site. He has helped build a spiritual atmosphere on the PSAA campus. Son of Armando and Carmen Zarabia, he plans to attend Walla Walla University to study aviation.

LUIS QUINTERO

Livingstone Adventist Academy



Luis Quintero is a leader in the youth praise team that conducts weekly chapel at Livingstone Adventist Academy. Additionally, he conducted a week of prayer at another school and shared his testimony at various churches involving how he was instrumental in bringing his parents into the church. He is the class pastor at LAA as well as a youth leader in his church. He is the son of Jose and Celestina Quintero.

THANE SWEET

Orcas Christian School



Thane Sweet possesses a wonderful wholesome attitude for service to others at Orcas Christian School. Thane is always one to encourage other students to pursue positive ways to solve challenges in academic and social situations. Thane has participated in all of his school's mission trips. Son of Leonard and Elizabeth Sweet, he looks forward to attending college.

JOE TUA

Upper Columbia Academy



Joe Tua has been an inspiration to the guys in his dormitory hall at Upper Columbia Academy. As a leader, he prays with them at least once a week and strives to pray daily with them. His hall is known for the highest participation and cleanliness. He helps the guys realize their potential and encourages them to step up. He is seen encouraging fellow students between classes and while in the dorm. Son of Lualima Mataafa, he plans to attend Walla Walla University to study theology.



CHELSEA WOLD

Rogue Valley Adventist Academy

Chelsea Wold has participated in many mission trips, including India and Mexico. As part of the drama group, she visits public schools to talk about teen issues. She invests many hours with elementary students assisting them in baptismal classes. She is always willing to help support her classmates and works to make new students feel welcome. Daughter of Troy Wold and Donna Torres, she has been a wonderful blessing to the Rogue Valley Adventist School.

ALDEN WEAVER

Mt. Ellis Academy



Alden Weaver has provided thought-provoking worship talks as both the ASB chaplain at Mt. Ellis Academy this past year and as student speaker for week of prayer the last two years. Alden focuses on helping and putting others first. His favorite activity is going on mission trips to different countries and helping build classrooms and summer camps. Son of Gerald and Shelley Weaver, he is undecided on his future plans, but looks forward to working for God, in whatever career field.

BRADEN WAY

Gem State Academy



Braden Way is a spiritual leader both at his home church and at Gem State Academy. He has been involved in numerous service projects and outreach activities. He has provided worship services for churches in the Idaho Conference. In February he accomplished a personal goal of developing and presenting a weeklong series of meetings focused on putting on the whole armor of God. Son of Roy and Heather Way, he plans to attend both Walla Walla University and Loma Linda University to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

KYLE PERRIN

Milo Adventist Academy



Kyle Perrin is a warm wind to all who come into his presence at Milo Adventist Academy. He makes it a point to notice, affirm and give his time and attention to those around him who go unnoticed. He does what he can to help them feel significant and worthwhile. Son of Ralph and Patti Perrin, Kyle plans to attend Walla Walla University to study mechanical engineering.

Linda Shaver, NPUC certification registrar

WORLD NEWS



WISCONSIN

Student Failed for Religious Art

The Tomah School District formally agreed to allow religious expression in student artwork to settle a federal lawsuit. The legal action stemmed from a student receiving a zero on a drawing assignment that included a cross and the words "John 3:16 A sign of Love." The teacher cited a class policy that prohibited depictions of religious beliefs, as well as blood, sex or violence. The district has amended this policy, and the student will now receive a grade for his assignment.

SOURCE: Associated Press

JAMAICA

Pastors Called to Train as Drug Counselors

Jamaica's National Council on Drug Abuse is calling Adventist churches to become counseling centers as the nation faces continued social problems. The NCDA suggests a three-day training session for pastors, focusing on addiction counseling. Recent studies revealed as many as 33 percent of Jamaican students have used alcohol before age 10. There are more than 200,000 Adventists in Jamaica, representing nearly one out every 12 people in the country.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

BELGIUM

EU Urges Religious Freedom in Iran

The European Union is urging Iran to release six members of the Baha'i faith who were imprisoned on security-related charges. Baha'i believe in the spiritual unity of all mankind, but Iran's Shi'ite religious establishment considers the religion a heretical offshoot of Islam. EU officials worry the recent arrests represent a shift by Tehran to repress freedom of religion.

SOURCE: Reuters

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IRAQ

President Affirms Christian Presence

Jalal Talabani, Iraqi president, recently invited Adventist and other Christian leaders to a formal dinner to affirm their role in the nation's history and heritage. He acknowledged Christians as some of Iraq's first inhabitants and encouraged them to remain in the country during this difficult time. Talabani also listened to the needs and concerns of the Christian leaders, promising to personally follow up on the issues raised. There are 171 Adventists in Iraq worshipping in three churches.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

CHINA

Quake Destroys Adventist Churches

The 7.9 magnitude earthquake in May in central China has claimed more than 15,000 lives, including several Adventists. The director of the Chinese Union Mission reported eight Adventist churches destroyed in the quake. However, members resumed worship service the following Sabbath and are working to distribute aid supplies.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

PHILIPPINES

New Resources for Mobile Ministry

Adventists in the Philippines are working with a major telecommunications provider to create a cell phone chip with unique Adventist resources. The Subscriber Identity Module is a card which contains a mobile phone user's subscription information, contacts, text messages and other data. The Adventist SIM cards would come pre-loaded with Bible verses, daily prayer requests, Bible trivia, a listing of Adventist churches in metropolitan cities and a list of the church's core beliefs. The Adventist communication director in the Philippines estimates 100,000 of the SIM cards will be distributed by 2009.

SOURCE: Adventist News Network

NEW ZEALAND

Prayers Answered With a Sign

Two pilots are thankful to be alive after what seemed like a literal answer to prayer. During a recent flight their ultralight airplane ran out of fuel. Both men immediately prayed God would provide them with a safe site for an emergency landing. As they glided over a ridge the men spotted an airfield and brought the aircraft down. It came to rest near a 20-foot-tall sign that read "Jesus is Lord — The Bible."

SOURCE: Associated Press

Volunteer Teacher Falls in Love With Alaska

Though being paid nothing, Misty Rowe has been fully responsible for a classroom of kindergarten through second-grade students this past year. She was not even given her own place to live. On top of teaching full-time in the Dillingham Adventist School, she also took on a part-time job at one of the two “everything” stores in town just to keep from becoming bored and to give her some “pocket change.”

Each weekend she joined Rod and Brenda Rau in their small plane for the ride to the village of Ekwok for branch Sabbath School.

Rowe volunteered for this position in Dillingham, a small Alaskan hub town of 2,500, because she loves God, loves

Alaska and loves His kids. She gave up her comfortable lifestyle as a junior education student at Missouri State University in exchange for the opportunity to live with a very supportive family for five days a week, a fellow teacher for the weekend, and various house-sitting opportunities throughout the year. She was dependent on these families for meals and transportation.

“Rowe had a tremendous influence on the kids, who thoroughly loved her,” says Rod Rau, a fellow teacher. “Her youthfulness and endless energy were an asset to both the school and the church.”

Rowe had not done this blindly and only for adventure. For several years, she and her

parents have been bringing a Pathfinder group from the Iowa-Missouri Conference to the Dillingham area to conduct Vacation Bible Schools.

This experience gave Rowe knowledge of the area and the people. However, the only way to understand the long dark winters of Alaska is to experience one. Rowe understands now, but still she has fallen in love with Dillingham. In fact, she has transferred to the University of Alaska and plans to complete her teacher education program through a remote campus program right in Dillingham.

It is because of the generosity and mission-minded spirit of the local church that Dillingham

Adventist School exists. For years, the school’s student body has been more than 85 percent non-Adventist. The school faced a budget that would end in the red; yet, miraculously, will end again in the black. Their latest unresolved challenge is the apparent theft of 800 gallons of heating oil valued at approximately \$5 per gallon. Yet, through all the challenges, God continues to provide people who will step to the plate with their lives and their wallets. •

John Kriegelstein, Alaska Conference communication director

Misty Rowe spent a winter as a mission volunteer and taught grades K–2 at Dillingham Adventist School.



MVAS Museum Project

Brings Historical Characters to Life

Palmer Church members and the community had an opportunity to rub shoulders with Queen Elizabeth I at the Living History Museum presented by Sherry Daily, teacher, and the Mat Valley Adventist School on March 8. Other historical characters represented by 20 students from kindergarten through eighth-grade included: Isaac Newton, Walt Disney, Rosa Parks and the boy David who killed Goliath.

The students wore costumes from the period of their selected historical character, complete with regal gowns,

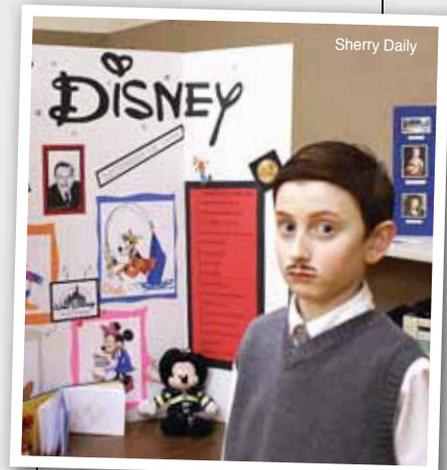
stiff collars, carefully applied makeup and penciled-in mustaches. Each child stood by his or her display, ready to discuss their character with guests and answer questions. Each child also gave an oral presentation as their character, imitating accents, mannerisms and personality traits.

"I wanted to do something different that combined history, English and reading," says Daily. "I gave them this assignment at the very beginning of the year. The students had to do a display table of accomplishments and a timeline of the life of their

character highlighting important events. The older children did formal research papers for English, correctly documenting references. We also had a discussion about plagiarism," she says.

"I believe every student can succeed. They each have their own gift, and it is my job to help them find it. The Living History Museum has been a lot of fun. The kids have been very excited about it," says Daily. •

*Bobbie Grimstad,
Palmer Church member*



Sherry Daily

Cameron Woodward, role playing Walt Disney, stands by his display.



Anchorage Students Collect Money

Anchorage Junior Academy students are responding to the hunger of the children of South Africa by collecting funds for the North American Division "On Their Own But Not Alone" education project. Some students emptied their piggy banks while others donated a part of their own lunch money. A community guest asked about the project and added his donation to the collection jar. In addition, grades K-10 have been taking swimming lessons, and part of the proceeds from the culminating swim-a-thon will be donated to the project. •

Jeanie Kriegelstein, Anchorage Junior Academy teacher

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Gem State Gymnastics Team *Shines for Jesus*

Gymnasts at Gem State Academy use their talents to do more than cartwheels or a bar routine. They use gymnastics to show how Jesus can shine through them.

This spring, they traveled to different schools giving them just a taste of Gem State Academy. Schools visited included Salmon Adventist Elementary, Payette Adventist Elementary, Eagle Adventist Elementary, Boise Valley Adventist School and Caldwell Adventist Elementary.

Every year students alternate between three locations for an annual tour. The locations are Reno, Nev.; Pendleton, Ore., or Salt Lake City, Utah. This year they went to Reno. On the way, students performed two outdoor shows at Fallon Adventist Elementary and Carson City Adventist Elementary. The two final shows were held at Silver State Academy in Reno.

Most of the tours are over a weekend, giving students an opportunity to participate in the

church service. The students have the special music, children's story, praise music and even the sermon.

Stan Nelson, the head of the math department at Gem State Academy, coaches the gymnastics team. This is his 16th year at Gem State and his 14th year coaching the team.

Helping Nelson are several students. Melissa Setterlund, sophomore, is the student coach. Nelson says, "Melissa is just too valuable to not have a title on this team."

Nathan Miller, junior, was nominated by the rest of the team as mens' team captain. Jacquelle Boone, junior, was nominated as ladies' team captain, and Danielle Hagood, junior, is the ladies' team co-captain.

A distinct feature of Gem State Academy's team is that teens coming to school without any special training may join and learn as they go. •

Jacquelle Boone, student and team member

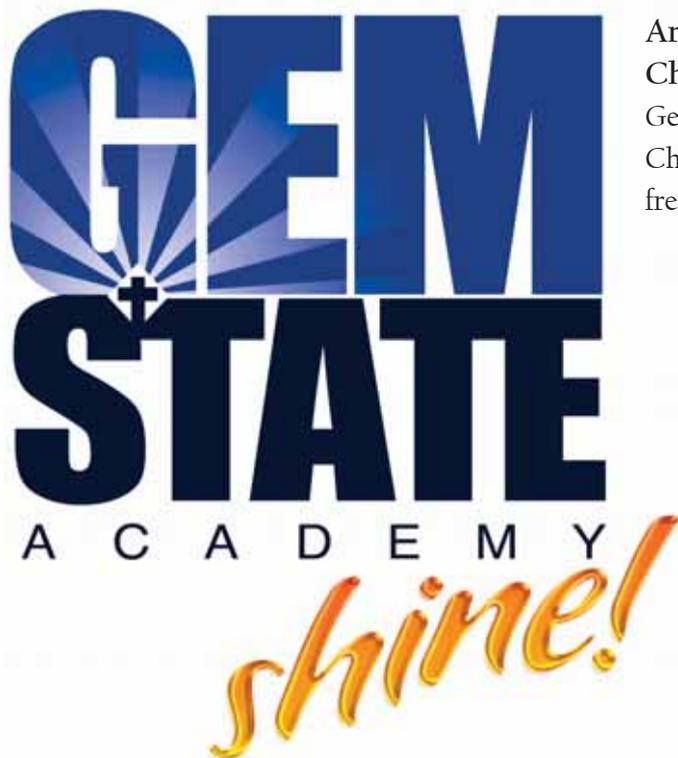


Nathan Miller and Shawn Lawson dive roll over the stack of girls during the final routine of the gymnastics show.



Jacquelle Boone, Gem State Academy's girls' team captain, balances Jordon Boone and Katie Seymour, teammates.

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New Journey for Josh

On that January morning, standing in the church lobby, Josh could not have known the turn his life would take. He and his sister Ka'Lene were in temporary care of a church member because their mom was in rehab for an alcohol addiction. Children's Services was looking for a more permanent home for them.

When Alita Henslee walked into church that morning there stood Josh and Ka'Lene looking dejected. She recognized the children, as their mother Laura was one of her students. She remembered the angelic face, blonde hair and beautiful eyes. She also recalled the pain Laura felt when her parents divorced, the nasty custody battle, and the robbing of Laura's self-esteem. Her heart went out to Laura all over again and now to her children.

All the next week Henslee could not get Josh and Ka'Lene from her mind. She learned the State was having difficulty placing them. The next Sabbath they were in church again. That night and the next Henslee could not sleep. She was impressed God wanted her to be involved; so she mentally

went up and down the streets of Long Creek, home by home, looking for an appropriate foster home. None seemed to be a good fit.

God's plan was becoming clear. Monday she told the Lord, "You know how awful it would be for an 11-year-old and 13-year-old to live out here with me in the country. They are used to town and being with their friends. Besides, I'm busy with my own grandchildren. I

wouldn't have known my mom, and you wouldn't have wanted us."

The next summer while they were moving into the dorm for Idaho camp meeting, Josh exclaimed, "Wow! It would be awesome to go to school here." Henslee continued to pray. She contacted the school and was assured maximum financial aid would be granted. Josh was concerned his mom would not let him go, however she

"That night and the next she could not sleep. She felt impressed God wanted her to be involved..."

am 66 years old, after all."

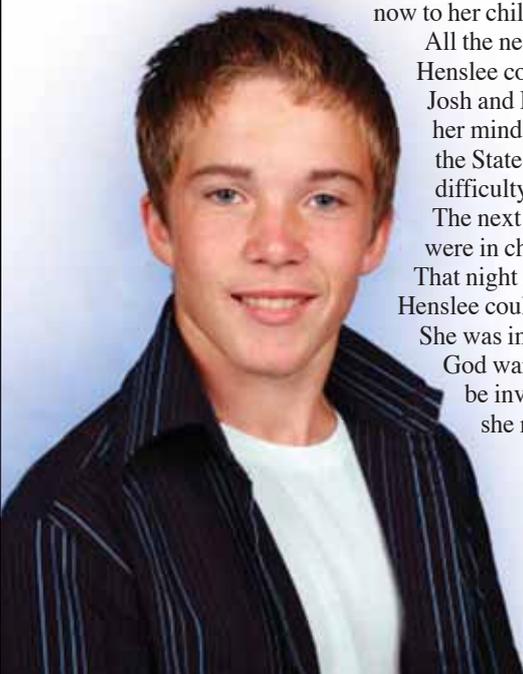
Finally, after three sleepless nights she gave up and said, "OK, Lord, if I'm the one, I have to be able to depend on you to keep me healthy, to give me strength and wisdom. And most importantly, to make me NOT CRANKY!"

The next morning she called Children's Services, and Josh and Ka'Lene came to stay with her. Henslee spoke often with them about God's plan. On one occasion Josh said, "You know, I think your plan is part of our plan. If your husband hadn't sent you back to school to be a teacher, you

thought it would be a fantastic opportunity for him. Everyone pooled resources, and Josh started on a whole new journey.

Josh has finished his freshmen year at Gem State Adventist Academy. He is excelling academically and growing socially and spiritually. He is planning to be baptized. This summer he is traveling with the GSAA Discipleship Team, sharing his love for Jesus. •

Mike Schwartz, Gem State Academy principal



Josh Hester

Great Falls Students

Create Award-winning Letters

Students at Five Falls Christian School in Great Falls, Mont., are required to send portions of their writing to outside sources for possible publication. This fall, Hannah Curtis and Meranie Vercio, both fifth-grade students, entered a letter-writing contest, Letters About Literature, with Humanities Montana, Montana Center for the Book, and Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Choosing an author to correspond with was difficult; however both girls settled on books written by Christian authors who had affected their lives. After writing and rewriting, they sent off their entries. Nearly 600 students participated in the competition.

This March, both girls were notified their letters were among the top 50 in the state. Curtis' letter received honorable mention and Vercio's

letter won first place and will be judged in Washington, D.C., this spring. Not only were the girls able to write well and describe how literature changes their lives, they were also able to witness to the judges who read their letters about what Jesus and being a Christian means to them. •

Pennie Wredberg, Five Falls Christian School teacher



Hannah Curtis and Meranie Vercio, students at Five Falls Christian School in Great Falls, Mont., place in the top 50 in the state.

Sabbath Featured in Billings

Faith in Focus Presentation

The Montana Conference was once again the recipient of a Faith in Focus seminar provided by the North Pacific Union Conference. The purpose of Faith in Focus is to reaffirm truths found in God's Word. This year's focus was on the Sabbath. So more of Montana could be covered, the North Pacific Union sent two speakers.

The speakers were Richard and Joanne Davidson from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Davidson led out in a seminar in Billings and his wife, Joanne, led out in Ronan, with the seminar Sabbath: Day of Exquisite Delight.

During Friday vespers, he described how his family

celebrates in the Jewish tradition. To begin, the *shofar*, the traditional ram's horn, calls in the Sabbath. Flowers, best china used only for the Friday feast, a place set for the Unseen Guest, candles, a special bread and grape juice accompany the evening meal. Prayers, blessings and scriptures follow, interspersed with singing praises and talking of God's work in each one's life.

On Sabbath, Richard spoke about the seven dimensions of Sabbath rest. For example, active rest gives us the responsibility of planning the day as if we were preparing a 24-hour "date" with God, finding activities He would like to do, leading us into a closer relationship. Sanctifying

rest tells us the Sabbath is sanctified by His presence, a gift of Himself to us.

God's intention for the Sabbath is to be an act of anointment, a healing balm poured out on the wounds of our lives. We are called to honor Him on His holy day, making the Sabbath a day of exquisite delight.

For more insights into celebrating the Sabbath, visit www.andrews.edu/~davidson. •

Melodi Drake, Billings Church member

Richard Davidson demonstrates the ancient practice of calling in the Sabbath on the shofar, or ram's horn.



Deanna Harris

Mt. Ellis Academy *It's all about 'Equip-ment'*

When students arrive at Mt. Ellis Academy on registration day, some are shocked to find they will need equipment the first week of school—sleeping bags, tents and other items for a week of outdoor school or senior survival. The flip side is, faculty and staff do their best to equip students—not just for a camping trip, but for a life of service.

When Amy Russell, Greg Jutzy, Mike Unterseher and Michael Lee first enrolled at Mt. Ellis Academy, they didn't realize they would be going through an "equip-ment" process that would shape their career choices and equip them for a life of service. Two of the MEA graduates, Russell, class of '01, and Jutzy, class of '02, attend Loma Linda University, where Russell studies dental hygiene and Jutzy will complete his first year of medical school. Unterseher, class of '02, recruits for Kettering College of Medical Arts, and Lee, class of '01, teaches English at Chiang Mai Adventist Academy in Thailand.

Equipped to Lead

A small school atmosphere at MEA ensures spiritual

development and leadership go hand in hand. "My time at Mt. Ellis was a big step in my spiritual journey," shares Lee. While at Mt. Ellis, Lee served as a student chaplain and senior class president. "I chose my career path at Mt. Ellis—youth ministry."

Equipped to Serve

During the years these young alumni attended Mt. Ellis, the school went on two mission trips to Honduras. All four mentioned these trips as a turning point in their lives—a time when they learned the joys of serving people. "The Honduras trip was monumental in the shaping of my life and faith—answered prayers, opened doors, miracles—they all happened in just this one mission trip," says Jutzy. "It showed me when



Amy Russell

God is in control, amazing things will happen."

Lee agrees with Jutzy about the importance of mission trips—he has been on three trips to Honduras, one to Mexico, one to Curacao, and is currently serving in the mission field in Thailand. "Mt. Ellis mission trips influenced my desire to live a life of service," says Lee. "Otherwise I would not be here in Thailand teaching English as a second language." The trips had another benefit. Lee met his wife during his third mission trip to Honduras with Mt. Ellis.

Equipped by Influence

At Mt. Ellis, teachers play a vital role in shaping the futures of their students. Their influence is strengthened by small class sizes and one-on-one interaction. Unterseher says, "Mt. Ellis influenced my desire to live a life of service. The faculty and staff showed me what a life of dedication means—dedication to the school, to the ministry and to furthering something more than self." •

Anita Strawn de Ojeda, Mt. Ellis Academy English/Spanish teacher



Mike Unterseher and Greg Jutzy



Summer and Michael Lee

Mexico Mission Project *Shares the Light*

Fifteen Oregon Pathfinders and staff, along with Mathisen Mission team members from the White Salmon (Wash.) Church joined together in a mission project at the Mount of Olives Orphanage just south of Ensenada, Mexico.

The ministry was started by Darrell Graham on a hilltop with magnificent views of the countryside, surrounded by olive groves. There are two completed homes and another home is being built on the orphanage's 12 acres.

There were automotive challenges on the trip. Just hours into the trip, the bus transmission went out. The Medford Church loaned the group their van. Within four hours, the group was back on the road.

The next day, in downtown Los Angeles, Calif., during rush hour, the cars in front of the van suddenly stopped. A small car changed lanes to the lane in front of the van creating a space too small for the van to stop safely. Just in time, space opened beside the van, and it stopped—cars on one side and a concrete barrier on the other.

God also protected the group from an adult scorpion found under one tent, ready to sting.

By day, team members worked to finish a large home to hold at least 12 children. In the evening, they were crusaders for Christ, introducing many to Jesus. Besides building a huge septic tank, six Pathfinders, under the leadership of Ralph Staley, led out in an eight-night



Team members gather in front of the Mount of Olives orphanage located just south of Ensenada, Mexico.

evangelistic series in the remote town of Manleadero. During the meetings, Elaina Mathisen and her team held a Vacation Bible School program for nearly 60 children.

Light Bearers Ministry donated 3,000 copies of the Spanish *Steps to Christ* or *Into All the World*, and team members handed these out in nearby villages. Jim Rickenbaugh coordinated the effort.

Curt Mathisen held a free dental clinic, helping many people by pulling teeth and filling cavities. Elaina Mathisen says, "This mission experience will have a ripple effect that will continue for many years to come." •

Ralph Staley, assistant project director and Pathfinder TLT assistant

Daniel Cleghron, Pathfinder, hauling the block. This has to be the only septic tank in Mexico with a view.



Brittany O'Neal in a white hat and Jonaisha Rodriguez on the right play with orphans at the beach.



From left: Lacey Missinne, Daniel Cleghorn, John'e' Kokinos, Rachel Liem and Peter DeWeber were five of the Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training team members that helped build the septic tank.

Milo Takes Its Music *On the Road*

Laughter filled the early morning air as excited Milo Adventist Academy music students boarded the bus on April 23. MAA's choir, band and bell choir participated on the tour. Their first stop was Grants Pass Adventist School. Prior to the tour, Dwight Morgan, MAA music director, invited Jan Hossler, Grants Pass music director, to join the choir and band. They have joined MAA on past tours. After practicing together, they held two concerts, one in the afternoon and one that evening at Cave Junction Adventist Church.

The next day, after a performance at Crescent City Junior Academy, God showed the group He was watching over them. Steve Rae, MAA's marketing director and bus driver, was examining a leak at the rear of the bus when a man pulled into the parking lot and offered assistance. His name was Fred Surprise, and he attended MAA in the 1960s. Surprise works for a company owning a commercial truck shop and told Rae to bring it over. Once there the mechanics found a loose fuel injector and fixed it quickly, free of charge.

MAA's next stop was at Eureka Adventist Church where they performed for the main Sabbath service. Later that evening they did a vespers service for Palo Cedro Church.

On their last tour day, MAA students performed at PUC Prep School. Dwight Morgan and his wife Ellen took extra



The Milo Adventist Academy choir performs for elementary school students in Crescent City (Calif.) Jr. Academy

time to motivate the tired, sunburned students. Afterward, students said they performed their best.

In addition to concerts, the students spent a day at Six Flags Amusement Park. They also visited Elmshaven, Ellen G. White's estate. It was interesting for students to learn about Mrs. White's life. At the end of the estate tour, the choir sang a soft, meditative song in her living room.

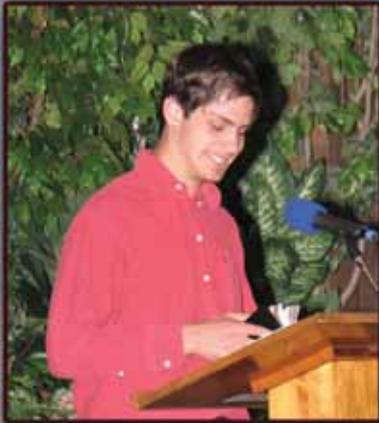
Randy Bovee, MAA principal and tour sponsor, comments, "it was wonderful to see the students grow in their music and also see some California Milo alumni again." •

Ellen Morgan, volunteer



The combined band, choir and bells music groups at the Eureka (Calif.) Church.

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PAA Plans to Offer *College Course Credit*

Beginning in the 2008–2009 school year, Portland Adventist Academy students will have the opportunity to earn college credit. PAA will also offer four additional honors and advanced placement classes.

Digital Broadcasting, Web Page Design, and Introduction to Art are three classes that PAA students will begin receiving college credit for beginning in the coming year. Additional advanced placement and honors classes include: music theory, language and composition, anatomy and physiology, and advanced chemistry. With added challenging courses such as these, students will be better

prepared for their major studies in college.

Students at PAA have already been recognized by state and national organizations for their outstanding achievements in the areas of science and math. The Oregon Council of Mathematics recognized PAA students Ai Hasada and Joe Kim for their outstanding achievements in the 2007–2008 school year. The American Chemistry Society chose to recognize Samantha Hamilton, Nina Nguyen, Morgan Crawford and Chris Terreros for their achievements in the 2007–2008 school year. •

Liesl Vistaunet, public relations director

This coming school year, PAA students will earn college credit for Digital Broadcasting. From left: Seniors Haley Hamilton and Anelisse Johnson.



Students can now receive college credit for Introduction to Art. Danny Brandes polishes a bowl he made from clay.

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PAA Hosts the Public With Education EXPO

Every year Portland Adventist Academy opens its doors to the public to share its students' best work with family, friends and community members.

This year's Education EXPO highlighted work from digital media, chemistry, biology, anatomy and physiology, advanced chemistry and physics students. They displayed projects that offered visitors an interactive visual learning opportunity and demonstrated the students' knowledge and abilities to explain complicated subject matter.

Projects at the annual event are judged for quality, detail and understandability. Winning this year's first place prize was the fourth period anatomy and physiology students. Their nine projects included an interactive electronic game that taught visitors about systems of the body, a computer-animated explanation of a rare sensation disorder, and much more. "The class put an extensive amount of time into their displays," says Terry Verlo, science teacher and department chair. "I was very impressed with their attention to detail and the amount of time they spent making the material understandable."

The EXPO also included a bridge breaking contest. Taylor Lewis, senior, came in first place for his bridge this year. "Taylor's bridge withstood 208 pounds," says Kevin Petersen, PAA teacher. "The parameters for my project are quite specific. The bridges can't



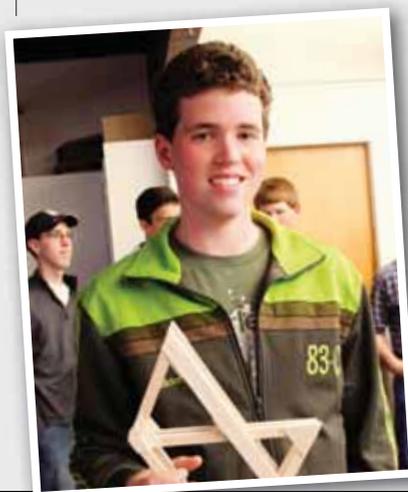
Ann and Alex Olrich stop to watch a computer-animated explanation of the synesthesia disorder.

weigh more than 50 grams and must be built solely with balsa wood and glue," says Lewis.

Digital media students showed film writing, directing and editing skills during a short EXPO Film Festival. Enthusiastic parents and peers watched their work on a big screen. Students created short films, music videos and commercials to demonstrate what they learned throughout the year.

The PAA Educational EXPO is a part of the school's history. Verlo has been organizing the event for 16 years and, according to him, it was a fixture before he came to PAA. "Up until last

year we called it the Science and Tech Fair," says Verlo. Recently, PAA administration and staff decided it was time to showcase all aspects



Taylor Lewis built his bridge out of lightweight balsa wood. This bridge weighed less than 50 grams and was strong enough to hold a 200-pound person.

of academics at the event. The name was changed to incorporate whole academics. Future EXPOs will continue to highlight students' outstanding pieces of work and will give community members the chance to learn "hands-on" about PAA's commitment to academic excellence. •

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A rock collection at the Educational EXPO captivates young Cort Petersen (in red) along with his big sister Josie, and mother Devi.



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Education in 'The Glade' Creates Lifetime Memories

The Meadow Glade community in Battle Ground, Wash., is alive and thriving when it comes to Adventist education.

Meadow Glade Elementary School and Columbia Adventist Academy are across the street from each other, creating a community filled with youth, energy and promise for the future.

Going to school in "The Glade" provides opportunities for lasting connections as students and families grow and learn together. Friendships made in kindergarten can grow for 13 years, providing CAA graduates with lifetime memories.

Kayla Harbold, CAA junior, began attending MGES in second grade and will graduate from CAA next year. She says 10 years is a long time to grow and strengthen friendships. "Some of my friends have gone to other high schools so I



Nita Yueros directs one of her Meadow Glade Elementary School choirs.

don't get to see them as much. It makes me appreciate the friends here with me that I have known so long."

The proximity of the schools allow for integrated education. Academy students share their knowledge with friends still in grade school. Through the peer-tutoring program, CAA students volunteer helping children at MGES during their free period and before and after school.

Shannon Breakey, CAA junior, says, "I like

tutoring because I get to know a lot of the younger kids."

Students also help with science demonstrations and music lessons.

Harbold says, "I like that the schools are so close because we get opportunities to do things for the kids at MGES that we wouldn't if they were farther away."

The two schools participate in an integrated music program. Sharing choral, band and handbell teachers provides a seamless music program for students attending MGES and CAA. Teachers and students build a program from kindergarten through 12th grade. This brings continuity of instruction,

and strengthens the music programs at both schools.

For more information about MGES, visit www.mgeschool.org. For more information about CAA, visit www.caaschool.org.

Lara J. Dowie, GLEANER correspondent



Emily Moor, CAA junior, reads to Josh Bennett, MGES first-grade student.

From left: Chandra Einerson, Miriam Spreadborough and Amanda Haffermann, CAA seniors and friends.





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Goldendale PATCH Project *Praises Pathfinders*

Amazing things happen when Pathfinders from 18 clubs throughout the Upper Columbia Conference converge on a small town. In this case the small town was Goldendale, Wash., and their purpose for being there was community service in town and working on projects at the new PATCH family center.

The group included 72 teen Pathfinders, 16 junior Pathfinders and 34 adult leaders. One of the biggest projects was collecting food for the food bank. One day the group passed out bags to every home in the community and two days later they collected over 2,000 pounds of food. They cleaned yards, swept city streets and gave out cookies for

Jonathan Heinrich, from the Waillatpu Pathfinder Club in College Place, Wash., helps repair a fence on the PATCH Goldendale property.



merchants. People in the town were surprised and excited by the many ways Pathfinders helped.

Pathfinders and leaders also worked on PATCH's developing family center, with some building

gazebos in scenic locations. Others cleaned the woodlands by piling brush and burning it while others built fences. The most arduous task was rebuilding a 100-year-old trail around the 70-foot waterfall which led to the historic generator on the Little Klickitat River.

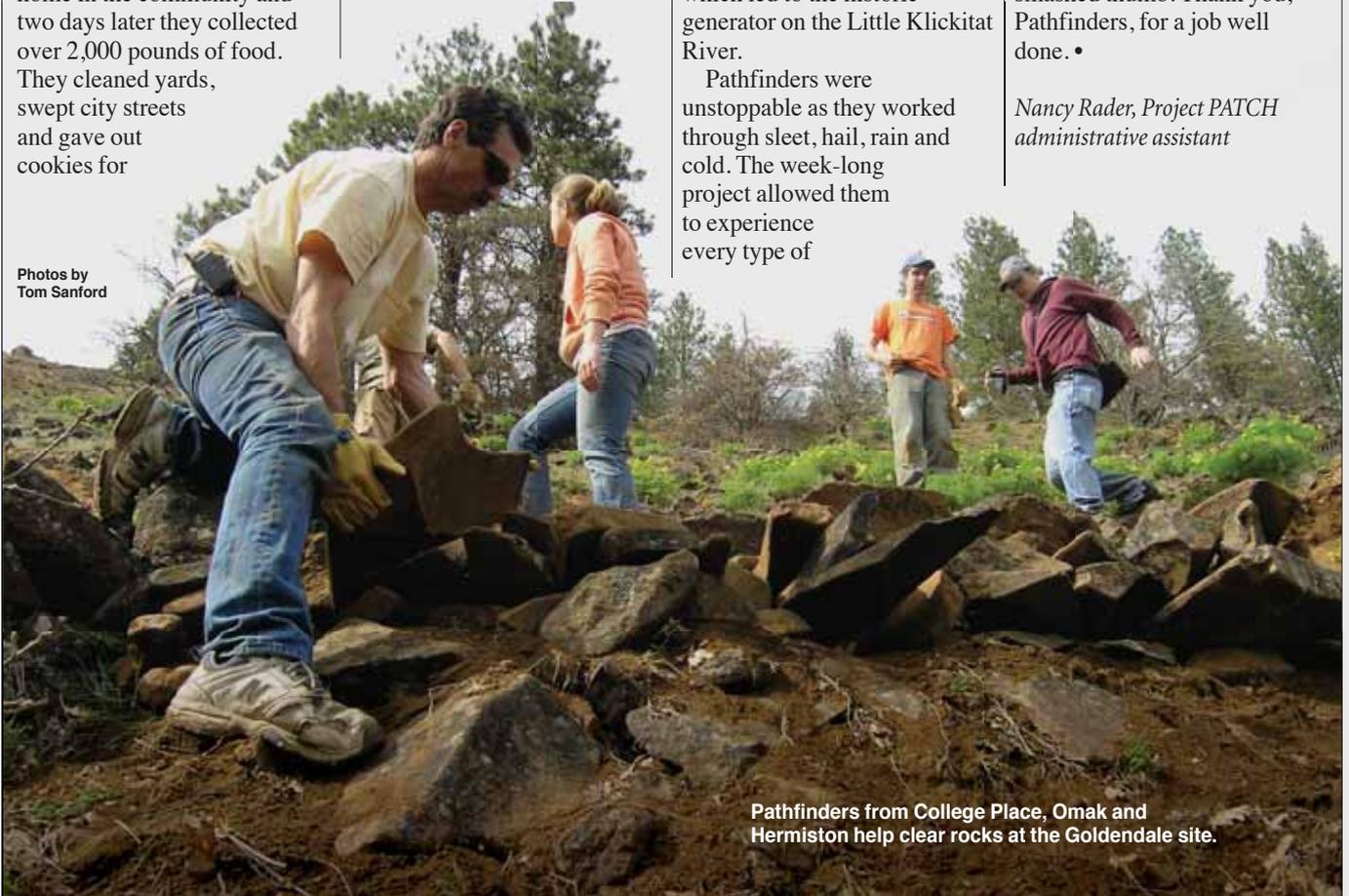
Pathfinders were unstoppable as they worked through sleet, hail, rain and cold. The week-long project allowed them to experience every type of

Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinders help in different ways, including building gazebos.

weather except heat. But there were no complaints and no injuries more serious than a smashed thumb. Thank you, Pathfinders, for a job well done. •

Nancy Rader, Project PATCH administrative assistant

Photos by Tom Sanford



Pathfinders from College Place, Omak and Hermiston help clear rocks at the Goldendale site.

Goldendale Teacher

Awarded Educator of the Year

Lois Potterton was awarded the Goldendale's Community Educator of the Year Award for excellence in teaching and service to students. Potterton is both the principal and a teacher at the Goldendale Adventist School.

Potterton was nominated by Pat Shamek, the grandmother of one of her students. Shamek says, "Mrs. Potterton takes time with each

student that helps them feel important and eager to learn. She never looks for personal gain in her teaching but only looks to reach and teach young people. Her influence will have a lifelong effect on these students." •



Elaine Kubler, Goldendale Church communication leader

Lois Potterton receives the Goldendale's Community Educator of the Year Award for excellence in teaching.

Sandpoint Jr. Academy

Awarded Music Grant

Sandpoint Junior Academy teacher, Kristie Creitz, applied to the Idaho Community Foundation for a grant to expand the school's music department. The award they received was for \$4,000 from the Gladys E. Langroise Advised Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation.

With the money, the school will purchase band instruments and music.

"Creitz is an excellent music teacher, and we are really excited to have this grant to expand the music department," says Charla Suppé, principal. •



Sandpoint Jr. Academy students learn to play hand chimes under the direction of teacher Kristie Creitz.

Mary Van Asperen, communication leader

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Walla Walla Valley's Music Program *Draws Crowds*

Walla Walla Valley Academy's string orchestra uses music to minister to and serve others. This year, the 24-member group learned "music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

In February, they toured the Seattle/Tacoma/Olympia, Wash. area. State representatives from the Walla Walla Valley welcomed them to the State Capitol where they performed in the rotunda. Strains of classical music bounced from marble floor to stone and tile ceiling, prompting busy lawmakers to pause and listen. The highlight of the visit was playing the National Anthem in the House chamber just before the opening



WWVA performs the National Anthem at a Sonics game.

of the legislative session.

Early in April they were in Seattle again, and played on Sabbath morning at the Bellevue (Wash.) Church. Following lunch they headed to downtown Seattle, set up stands and chairs and proceeded to

minister for an hour, in blustery winds, to those coming and going as well as those who stopped to listen.

Sunday morning, April 6, amidst wind and rain, they played for shoppers in the Pike Street Market area.

Key Arena, center court, just prior to the start of the Sonics basketball game, was their next appointment. With houselights dimmed and the glare of spotlights reflecting from their polished instruments, Benjamin Gish, director, led them in a flawless rendition of the National Anthem. The appreciation of those in attendance was evident in the prolonged applause following the performance.

It's true. There are many ways to serve. This year WWVA's string orchestra has again discovered music can make a "dusty life" a bit cleaner and lighter. •

John Deming, WWVA principal

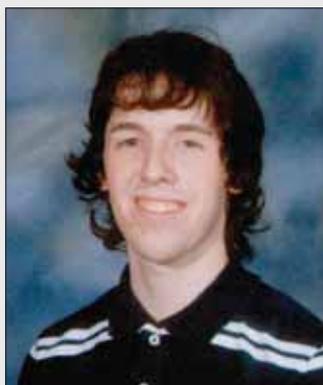
Two National Merit Finalists *Selected from WWVA*

Two four-year seniors from Walla Walla Valley Academy have been named National Merit Scholarship Finalists in this year's program.

Taylor Hermsen

Taylor Hermsen, son of Becky and Randy Hermsen of College Place, Wash., is a member of the Johns Hopkins Talented Youth Program. He represented Washington state at the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. the summer before his senior year. In his junior year, Hermsen traveled to Sasyama, Japan, for two weeks as a member of the Walla Walla

Sister City Student Exchange. He has been invited to, and plans to attend, the upcoming presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. Hermsen plans on attending Walla Walla



University with a double major in electrical and computer engineering.

Alexander Scott

Alexander Scott, son of Julie and Craig Scott, also of College Place, has been involved in class and student government at WWVA. In addition, he is a four-year member of the academy's orchestra and is the principal cellist. He also sings with the choir and plays the piano. Scott was a member of the academy's varsity basketball and soccer teams. During the summer of his junior year he was invited to and attended the Cambridge



College Programme at Oxford, England. Scott plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in history. •

John Deming

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Of all the things she does, Sandy Mason's favorite is outdoor school. Mason works in the Upper Columbia Conference education department and is a teacher. She is responsible for three outdoor school sessions each year at Camp MiVoden.

Approximately two-thirds of the K-10 Adventist schools in the UCC participated this year.

Much of the special training this year was organized by survival school specialists from Fairchild Air Force Base.

Airmen came to each of the three week-long outdoor schools to teach survival skills. Through their coaching, students learned how to get a daily quota of vitamin C while in the woods; how to build shelter from branches; how to start a fire without matches; and how to find things to eat in the forest. Students also worked on honors in scrapbooking, rock climbing,

baking and model rocketry.

"Outdoor school is a great way to watch kids experience learning," says Mason. "When teachers live with students at camp, they get to know their students and can pinpoint the best way to teach them."

To view a news story online about Outdoor School, go to www.upstreamnews.tv.

Kathy Marson, administrative assistant for communications



Survival instincts kick in as one student samples alternative nutrition at an Upper Columbia Conference outdoor school.

UCA Students Make Yakima a Mission Trip

The Native American Reservation, run by the All Nations Center in Wapato, Wash., isn't what one would normally think of for a mission trip, however it proved to be a great opportunity for 18 teenagers and 10 adults from Upper Columbia Academy.

Both groups had different jobs to complete, but the work had the same purpose—reaching out to a part of God's family in need. The projects were repainting an elder's

house in a housing project and building a fence around a basketball court for children in White Swan, a town on the Yuumaash Center Reservation.

"Everywhere we went, kids flocked toward the bus that held their new 'jungle gyms,'" says participants. "The Native American children loved to play anything that they could with you—just as long as they were with you every second of the time. We even got a few extra helpers out of

the deal—they loved to help us out with anything they could—painting, picking up nails and staples, and simply being there to talk."

Participants say, "All together, it was an amazing experience that we all enjoyed immensely. We also got to help the Yakima Nation get a clearer picture of what God can do through us all."

Marinna Kravig, UCA sophomore



UCA students work on painting a house inside the Yakima Indian Reservation during their recent mission trip.



The UCA team takes a mission trip to Yakima, Wash.

Cedarbrook Teacher *Makes an Eternal Difference*

At the end of a school day at Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School, I noticed a note on my desk. After my students left, I read, "I want to thank you for everything you have done for me this year, especially for working on this baptism... I love God, and I want to be a follower of Him for the rest of my life. Thank you so much for helping me through this." Tears of joy welled up in my eyes as I read what Rebekah Proctor, an eighth-grade student, had written.

The note continued, "I think this all kind of started at the Pathfinder Camporee (September 2007). It really dawned on me that God is more than just a superhero who shows up when times are hard. He is always there. And thinking about how He gave up His life for me, it brings tears to my eyes."

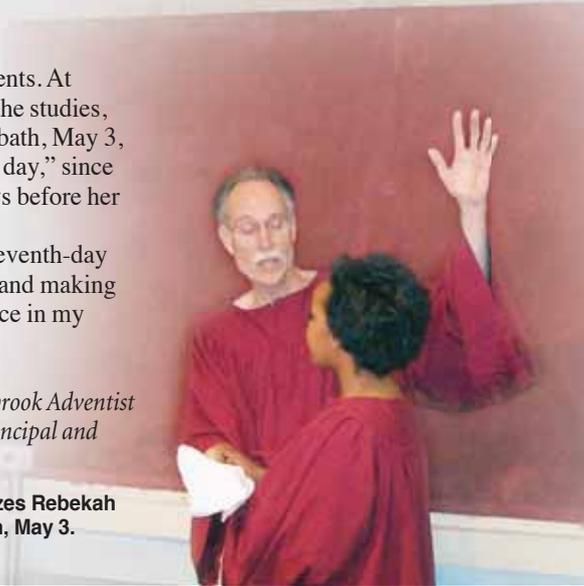
Earlier in the school year, Proctor asked me to give her Bible studies, and she said, "I want you to baptize me." As a result, I taught a series of Bible studies for my entire

class of eight students. At the conclusion of the studies, Proctor chose Sabbath, May 3, for her "new-birth day," since it was just two days before her 14th birthday.

I love being a Seventh-day Adventist teacher and making an eternal difference in my students' lives. •

Greg Reseck, Cedarbrook Adventist Christian School principal and teacher

Greg Reseck baptizes Rebekah Proctor on Sabbath, May 3.



God Illustrates Lives *at Auburn Adventist Academy*

Class vespers, Sabbath School small groups, the Washington Conference youth rally, Journey to Bethlehem, Bible conferences, mission trips, and weeks of prayer all provide a canvas for illustrating student's lives transformed by God at Auburn Adventist Academy.

"The time I spent at Auburn has made me more confident with my faith in Christ," says Kaylah Niemann, graduating senior. "I've learned to not be shy with my faith and to take a stand for Jesus."

"Being a part of worship in the maintenance department every morning has helped me grow spiritually," says Eric Bing, junior student from Lake Tapps, Wash. "It opened my

eyes to some of the realities of life and gave me further backing for my personal beliefs."

In addition to weekly spiritual activities, a group of students decided after fall week of prayer to learn about peer counseling and spiritual leadership skills so they could become better leaders among their peers.

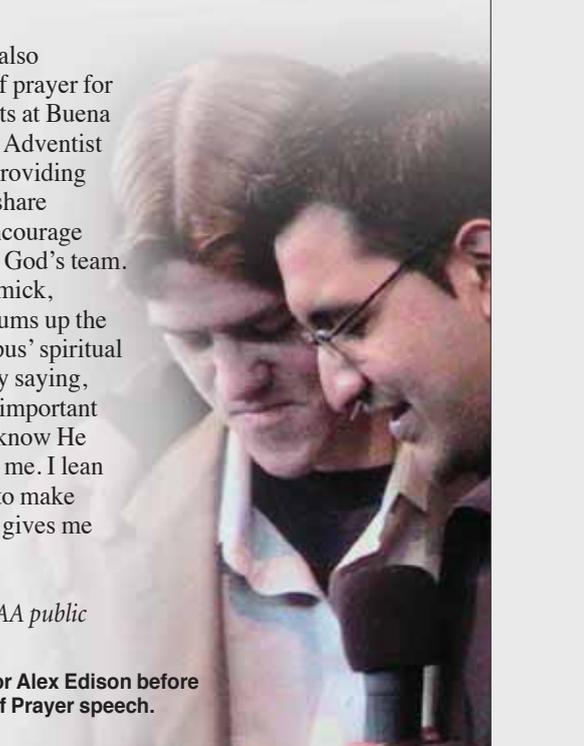
"It was quite unexpected how it came about," says Katelyn Campbell, Associated Student Body spiritual vice president. "We felt compelled to become spiritual leaders on campus. A group of us have been meeting once a week ever since." Mark Weir, campus chaplain, has been mentoring the group of 15 teens.

Several seniors also provided a week of prayer for elementary students at Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist School this year, providing an opportunity to share testimonies and encourage students to choose God's team.

Melissa McCormick, four-year senior, sums up the results of the campus' spiritual atmosphere best by saying, "Jesus is the most important thing in my life. I know He is always there for me. I lean on Him everyday to make it through, and He gives me strength." •

Jondelle McGhee, AAA public relations director

Luis Reyes prays for Alex Edison before his Student Week of Prayer speech.



Puget Sound Academy Fosters Family Feeling

Puget Sound Adventist Academy, founded in 1996, is distinguished by three factors:

Name and Constituency: The name “Puget Sound Adventist Academy” reminds the school who is served—the greater Puget Sound area from Seattle to Gold Bar, from Renton to Arlington—and what the school is about—providing an Adventist Christian education for students in grades 9–12. Each of the 18 constituent churches have equal board vote regardless of subsidy amount, student representation or church size.

Focus on Service: Campus ministries combine three overlapping elements: knowing Jesus, respect for fellow students and community

service. Students participate in quarterly service days with World Vision, Habitat for Humanity, Seattle Operation Emergency Center, and Union Gospel Mission in addition to park and highway clean-up and serving at local food banks. Biennial mission trips for juniors and seniors, with 95 percent participation, include trips to Africa, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Honduras, India, Mexico and Mississippi.

Diversity: Ethnic groups represented at PSAA include African American, Argentinean, Canadian, Caucasian, Cuban, Filipino, Hispanic, Indonesian,



Music performance, academics, and service all contribute to PSAA’s family atmosphere.

Japanese, Korean, Russian and Swiss. Twenty-four percent of the student body is non-Adventist.

Beyond these factors, though, is something more important: David Parks and Andrew Mitchell, students, suggest that because “it’s small,” “united like a family,”

and “super easy to fit into,” PSAA is ideal for learning. Plus, parents—who are frequently involved in the family atmosphere of the school—appreciate how the school’s college prep program keeps the cost of Adventist education within reach.

The values of academic, service, diversity and family result in PSAA students learning every day how to grow in love for God, for learning and for service to the community in a “Journey of Excellence.” For more about PSAA, please visit www.psaa.org.

Anika Clark, Gail Orr and Kathy Fridland, PSAA educators

Poulsbo Puppeteers Provide a Ministry

Poulsbo Adventist School began a puppet ministry this year as a fun outreach program that would involve even the youngest and shyest students.

The ministry began in art class when students made crazy-looking sock puppets. Individual tastes and imaginations had full sway with amazing results. The art project captured the imagination of students who decided to write simple scripts for their new puppets to act out.

The first scripts were simple and specific to the newly

created characters. Working in teams, the students expanded their original concepts, tightened their writing and sharpened their dialogue.

The next phase was to develop an easy-to-transport stage constructed of PVC pipe hung with a flowing curtain to enclose the puppeteers.

As the ministry expanded, the school applied for and received a Don Keele grant to cover the costs of setting up the program with stage materials, commercially made puppets, and a resource library

of books and videos.

Students say they enjoy the opportunity to connect with their community and are very enthusiastic about taking on a puppet’s personality in a performance. So far, the school’s puppet ministry has performed at area preschools and retirement homes, and plans to continue through the summer with Vacation Bible Schools and a booth at the fair.

Kerry Trethewey, Poulsbo Adventist School principal



From sock puppets to commercially made puppets, students at Poulsbo Adventist School have fun learning about script writing and puppeteering.

Olympia Students Raise Funds for Orphans

During a chapel program at Olympia Christian School, students were grouped into “families” with upper grades representing parents and lower grades representing children. The HIV/AIDS epidemic has orphaned many African children, so the “parents” were asked to sit down, leaving the “children” to imagine having

sole responsibility for their younger siblings.

The Nhlengelo Center in South Africa provides orphans with one meal per day each weekday. The center, though, doesn’t have enough funds to operate on the weekend, and children often go hungry.

The North American Division Department of

Education and Hope for Humanity enlisted the help of students in Adventist elementary and high schools in North America to raise enough money to feed 300 orphans. If each young person were to donate \$1.50, the initial goal of \$85,000 would be met.

Students at Olympia Christian School decided

they wanted to do their part. In two weeks, students raised \$1,228 through a school bake sale and by asking friends and neighbors for donations. The school was one of many to participate in the fundraiser. •

Anita McKown, Olympia Christian School principal

Shelton Valley Trains Tomorrow’s Leaders in Service

Shelton Valley Christian School is dedicated to educating tomorrow’s Christian leaders in academic excellence and active service.

Judy McCain and Kelli Sterling, teachers, with Eileen States, school parent, organize service events once or twice a month.

For example, students brought candy kisses to garbage collectors, hospital employees and firemen to say “thank you.” Another time students participated in a fundraiser for the local homeless shelter and assembled care packages for nursing home residents.

A favorite annual activity is helping gather toys, school supplies and personal hygiene products for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse that helps children in third-world countries. Last Christmas, 21 students put together 63 boxes.

These activities, say

educators and parents, show students they do not need to wait until they are grown up to be “God’s hands to serve the needs of others.” •

Margie LePique, Shelton Valley Christian School board chair

Shelton Valley students show off the snack packs they assembled for a local homeless shelter.



Skagit Valley Continues to Blossom

Perhaps the Northwest's best-kept secret is tucked away in the Skagit Valley of Burlington, Wash.

Skagit Adventist School existed for 20 years as a junior academy before expanding into a senior day academy three years ago. The second graduating class of the now K-12 academic program of Skagit Adventist School and Academy marched down the aisle this year.

The transition from a junior to a senior academy brings special milestones: full six-year accreditation approval from the North American Division; new staff and new learning space; an expanded curriculum

with four years of science and math; a college prep program; and foreign language and technology courses.

Underscoring the curriculum is a strong desire to present the gospel as practical for students—and not just in Bible class. “The music program,” says Michael Sandvik, teacher, “is more than just performance, but a ministry, an opportunity to present the gospel, and a tool for outreach.”

The past three years as a senior academy have included mission trips, including a recent one to the Bamboo School in Bongti, Thailand, and another to flood-zoned Mississippi after the wake of

Hurricane Katrina; choir and band tours to surrounding schools and churches including their first tour to the Orcas Islands this past April; and friendship tournaments at Walla Walla University.

From colorful classrooms, to outstanding academic programs and caring teachers, to practical ministry application, the Northwest's best-kept secret won't last long as the ever-expanding campus attracts more and more students. •

Daisie Bartolome, North Cascade Church member



Skagit Academy students work together laying the foundation for a bathroom facility in Bongti, Thailand.



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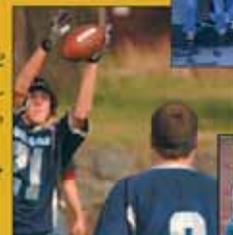


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Northwest ASI Convention *Highlights Youth for Jesus*

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries Northwest chapter leadership chose a compelling theme—About My Father's Business—for their annual chapter convention held May 1–3 in Sun Valley, Idaho.

While a center point of ASI philosophy has been, and continues to be, Sharing Christ in the Marketplace, this Northwest-wide meeting also focused on what has become another hallmark of the organization—evangelism, at home and abroad.

Stories abound at ASI conventions, and this chapter meeting was no exception. Enthusiastic members voted to aid projects for Bible workers in Kazakhstan and Orissa through the Gospel Outreach program, and to publish materials for work in Nepal through Laymen's Ministries.

But the vision that really galvanized the meetings in Sun Valley strikes close to home, and potentially impacts both



ASI Northwest meetings provide excellent networking opportunities for people like Patty Knittel, with Cookies Retreat, from College Place, Wash.



From left: London Lee, Dan Ross, Steve McPherson and Kevin Sears discuss the plans for the new Youth for Jesus program initiated at Gem State Adventist Academy.

evangelism and Adventist education in the Northwest. Youth for Jesus kicks off this summer as an ASI-sponsored program in conjunction with Gem State Adventist Academy, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Youth for Jesus began as a summer experiment 10 years ago and made a powerful impact on communities, the churches and, most notably, young people. In the program, young people are taught how to share Jesus with others through daily conversation, Bible studies, and personally sharing a series of evangelistic meetings. More than 450 youth have gone through the program, with an average of more than 100 baptisms in each effort.

GSAA will pilot this emphasis in the Northwest based on the successful program last year at Maplewood Academy in Minnesota. This is a

collaborative effort based on meetings from the Idaho Conference, GSAA, and the Caldwell(Idaho) Church along with leaders from both the national ASI organization and the Northwest chapter.

Kevin Sears, ASI Youth for Jesus coordinator, will partner with London Lee, GSAA pastor, Bible teacher and campus ministries director, in leading the project. A recent Walla Walla University graduate, Lee is excited about the Youth for Jesus potential. "A lot of youth sit on the sidelines and watch," says Lee. "What we're saying is, 'Get in the game! Take ownership of your own spiritual journey.' It's a great opportunity for us to harness the power of our youth for positive change."

Ron Oliver, Vancouver, Wash. businessman, gathers the Sabbath morning offering which helps sponsor ASI Northwest projects.

"This is the first time anything of this magnitude has been brought to the Northwest," says Dan Ross, ASI Northwest chapter president. "We will be watching and praying with great interest." As will other churches, conferences and schools throughout the Northwest, with renewed urgency to pick up the theme, About My Father's Business. •

Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication



Delegates Make the Choice *At West Coast Youth Congress*



At the West Coast Youth Congress, 17 young people make the decision to be baptized.

Hundreds of delegates from the North Pacific and Pacific unions voiced their opinions on key youth issues and ministries as well as taking part in fellowship, worship and service activities at the 2008 West Coast Youth Congress in San Diego, Calif.

The congress ran from April 9–12 and was themed Decide, emphasizing both personal decisions for Christ, and the agenda-setting decisions made by the delegate body. It was a weekend highlighted by moving sermons from key youth leaders, workshops and community service projects as well as an inaugural series of sessions designed to identify the driving themes of leadership, ministry and

service among Adventist youth.

Delegates worked in groups to draft official positions on a number of issues. They eagerly called for more opportunity to lead and learn from their churches.

“I think the best way to get young people involved in leadership would be by having a mentoring program where youth can shadow church leaders and learn how to lead in the future,” says Albert Bryant, a delegate from the Sharon Church in Portland, Ore., during one of the brainstorming sessions.

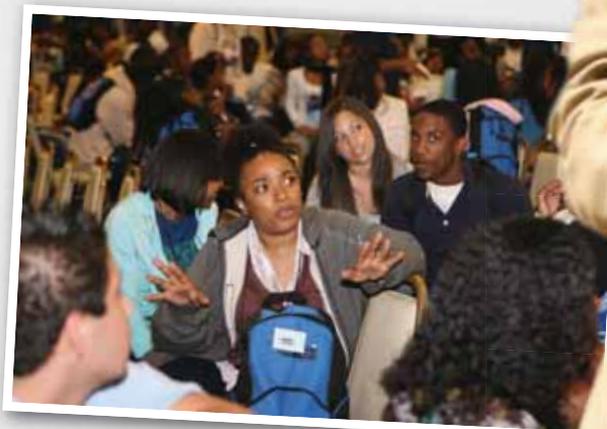
But the delegates recognized involvement in the church means being part of the church

community. “We can have input on the local church by inviting church leaders to be part of our world,” comments Drechelle Larry, another Sharon delegate. The best positions were then debated and approved by the delegate body as a whole.

In addition to drafting positions, delegates attended a variety of workshops and seminars. Topics ranged

from leadership training and incorporating praise into worship services to ministering to gang members and promoting sexual purity.

The weekend also provided a chance for community service in the San Diego area. Groups participated in projects at Balboa Park, St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store, the San Diego Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity and Lutheran Social Services. During his closing challenge session, James Black, North American Division director of youth ministries, spoke to the groundbreaking nature of the Youth Congress, in terms of youth influencing leadership. “This is the first time I can remember our church involving youth in this way,” says Black, who presided over the



Tiffany Lacey, from the Sharon Church in Portland, Ore., discusses lifestyle issues during a brainstorming session. Delegates identified self-image as the most difficult lifestyle challenge facing Adventist youth.

Delegate Decisions from 2008 West Coast Youth Congress:

delegate sessions. "A church that does not involve its young people is a church that is going to die."

And for four days the young people were involved. They clearly identified the issues and ministries which matter to them. They called on their church leaders to empower and mentor them, and they challenged each other to make positive decisions for Christ. •

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

What are practical ways youth can be more involved in their local church?

Establishing a youth board/council in each local church.

How can youth have input on what happens in their local church?

Youth representation on the church board.

What are ways the church can develop young leaders for future responsibility?

Youth serving in every church department/ministry.

What five lifestyle commitments should Adventist youth make for the glory of God?

Be a prayerful group

Worship

Daily Bible study

Commit to respect their body

Commit to witness

What are three outreach projects youth can get involved in?

A neighborhood block party sponsored by church/youth department

A community picnic sponsored by church/youth department

A youth hospital/prison ministry

YOUTH SERVICE

What things can youth do to reach their friends for Christ?

Bring them to church

Share their testimony

Bring them to social events

CJ Anderson, NPUC communication intern

YOUTH LIFESTYLE

What is the toughest lifestyle challenge young people face today?

Self-image.

How should Adventist youth be different from other 21st century teens?

Their relationship with God should set them apart from their peers.

Members of the Maranatha Church in Seattle, Wash., prepare to pick up garbage at San Diego's Balboa Park as part of several community service projects.



Roger Hernandez, Oregon Conference Hispanic Ministries director, challenges listeners to embrace their active role in the church.

Albert Bryant, from the Sharon Church in Portland, Ore., shares his thoughts on the most difficult lifestyle challenges faced by Adventist youth.

WWU Students Help *Community with Cars and Taxes*

One of the greatest commissions we have as Christians is to serve. Walla Walla University students are doing that in unique ways.

Students of the Technology Department and the WWU School of Business have teamed up with a local non-profit organization SonBridge to offer workshops for community members. SonBridge is a community service organization that uses its resources to help those referred to them by the Christian Aid Center, YWCA and other similar organizations.

Wolfpack Auto is an auto shop run by students and is a part of the WWU's Technology Department. Automotive students work on cars and do quality work just like any car shop, but they charge less and learn while they work.

In February, Wolfpack Auto partnered with SonBridge to provide a basic car operation and care workshop for single

mothers in the community. While the moms absorbed information in a classroom setting, and then moved into the shop for some hands-on work, volunteers from the two organizations entertained their children.

This was the first time the Technology Department offered such a workshop, and they felt it was a success. They plan to offer one each quarter.

"Next time we are expecting even more community participation," says Rob Holm, WWU assistant professor of automotive technology. "A number of local mechanics want to take part in the effort, and they will be helping us next time." Holm taught the classroom portion of the workshop and helped with some of the mechanical work, though a lot of the latter was done by WWU automotive students.

And it wasn't just university students getting involved.

Several students from Walla Walla Valley Academy also chipped in, assisting with childcare and cleaning each car after it had been serviced.

In March, students in the School of Business teamed up with SonBridge to offer a tax workshop for community members. All of the attendees were local retired persons.

"They seemed very appreciative of the students' efforts to unfold the mysteries of the Internal Revenue code," says Bruce Toews, WWU associate professor of accounting and finance.

In the past, Toews had his tax students participate in a program sponsored in part by the IRS and AARP to provide free tax help every Sunday in January, February and March to the low-income, elderly, and non-English-speaking community. They typically served 200 to 300 people.

However, over time,

the program fell through the cracks. Fortunately, it is being picked up again, and students in the School of Business are again reaching out with their knowledge to help community members understand the intricacies of filing taxes.

"We feel that these workshops are a concrete form of community service," says Holm. "We just want to be able to do something that makes a difference. Maybe we'll even show the community a glimpse of Jesus while we're at it." •

Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent



Local seniors pay close attention to business students as they explain today's tax forms.



Photo courtesy of Sonbridge

A technology student examines a car belonging to a local single mom.



Rob Holm (with flashlight) and students take a look under the hood of a community member's car.

Photo courtesy of Sonbridge

The Lord Leads *Tillamook Chaplain Follows*

Danny Parada is proof the Lord works in mysterious ways.

An El Salvador native, Parada and his family lived in Portland for 14 years before moving to Mexico in 1998. After completing a theology degree at Montemorelos University, a tragic car accident brought Parada and his family back to Portland in 2002. “We came back, not because we wanted to, but because God had a plan for our lives,” says Parada.

With a degree in one hand and a family to feed in the other, he wondered what God’s plan was. The economy wasn’t good, and the Oregon Conference had no openings for a pastoral position. In desperate need of employment, he went to Adventist Medical Center where he previously worked and was hired as a financial counselor. “It was hard to work with people

who were very ill or dying,” says Parada. But he needed to support his family and care for his wife, who had been seriously injured in a car accident months before.

Eventually, he was asked to apply for a chaplain position at Tillamook County General Hospital. “I did not want to be a chaplain so I didn’t apply,” says Parada, but he was continually pestered about the position. “Many times we feel discouraged, disappointed and negative. But thank God He is always willing to risk and give us a second chance,” says Parada, who finally completed the application. “I mailed it in and forgot about it. I knew I didn’t have the skills or certification to be a chaplain. But I forgot that whomever God calls, he also equips.”

Three months later, Parada received a phone call from the CEO at TCGH inviting him to interview for the chaplain job.

“I couldn’t believe it!” says Parada. “I had no chaplaincy experience, and it was a bit intimidating to meet so many people asking me questions about a topic that I did not always know how to answer.

“When I got home my family was very excited, but I wasn’t. I told them to forget about it. They were disappointed with my attitude, but I thought I was being realistic,” he says.

A long month passed by and another phone call came from the CEO, this time extending the call for Parada to be chaplain at TCGH.

“I couldn’t believe it! I couldn’t believe they chose me,” recalls Parada. He underwent training and eventually became a certified hospital chaplain.

That was four years ago, and Parada hasn’t looked back. “Chaplaincy is a ministry full of wonderful opportunities to do evangelism ‘behind the curtain,’” says Parada. “In my four years of chaplaincy, I’ve been fully involved in pure evangelism all day long when I visit patients in pre-op getting ready for surgery or spend time beside the beds of inpatients or listen to families grieving for their loved ones.

“I thank God for sending me here to TCGH. And I thank the administration for giving me the opportunity to grow in the grace and knowledge of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Him be all the glory.” •

*Shawna Malvini,
GLEANER
correspondent*



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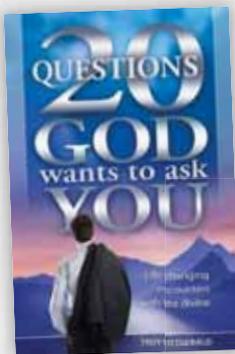
Melita Pujic/ANN

Associate GC Communication Director Dies

Reger C. Smith Jr., a Seventh-day Adventist musician and designer who served as the world church's associate communication director for public relations, died May 8 at his home in Silver Spring, Md., following a lengthy illness. He was 54. Smith spent more than 27 years in service to the Adventist Church, beginning in Battle Creek, Mich. From 1998 to 2001, he was at the church-owned Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md. Since 2001, Smith served at the world headquarters.

20 Questions God Wants to Ask You

Throughout the Bible, God has used questions to reveal truth to people. In his recently published book, *20 Questions God Wants to Ask You*, Troy Fitzgerald, Walla Walla University Church youth pastor, writes about the questions God asks and shares how our responses can lead us into a deeper relationship with Him. You can find this book at Adventist Book Centers or online at www.AdventistBookCenter.com.



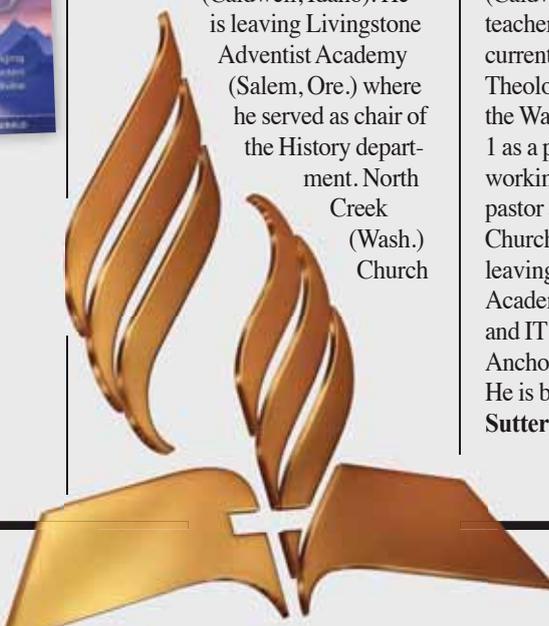
Nevada-Utah President

Larry Unterseher has accepted the presidency of the Nevada-Utah Conference. Unterseher, who previously directed communication and education departments in the Montana Conference, replaces Brad Newton, who was recently elected executive secretary of the Pacific Union.

THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

Tom Decker left Olympia (Wash.) Transformation Life Church June 1 to become the associate pastor at the Auburn (Wash.) City Church June 30. He replaces **Rick Quast**, who retired in 2007. The Love of Life Church was added to the Maranatha Church district in May. **Wally Lyder**, pastor, will now serve both churches. **Myron Iseminger** accepted the call to be vice president for finance of the Upper Columbia Conference. He begins in July, and comes from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division where he was associate treasurer/personnel director. **Randy Lee** will be leaving the Tacoma Korean Church July 1 and beginning a new career. **Suk Bae Kang**, pastor of the Eastside Korean Company in Bellevue (Wash.) will be replacing Lee at that time. **Peter McPherson** accepted the position of principal at Gem State Adventist Academy (Caldwell, Idaho). He is leaving Livingstone Adventist Academy (Salem, Ore.) where he served as chair of the History department. North Creek (Wash.) Church

is being added to the district of the Startup and Snohomish (Wash.) churches under the leadership of **Ron Priest**, pastor, effective July 1. **Troy Patzer** accepted the position of Upper Columbia Academy (Spangle, Wash.) principal for the 2008-2009 school year. Patzer begins July 1, and has served as the vice president for student administration and accountant at UCA. Shoreline (Wash.) Church is being added to the Ballard (Wash.) church district July 1. **Wayne Gayton**, pastor, will lead the district. **Tyler Stewart**, and his wife Vonette, have accepted the pastoral position at Eastside Fellowship (Kirkland, Wash.). They will be replacing Matthew Gamble. Tyler will also serve as half-time chaplain at Puget Sound Adventist Academy. **Robert Wasmer** is retiring from his position as Gem State Adventist Academy (Caldwell, Idaho) science teacher. **Tim Williams**, who is currently at Andrews University Theological Seminary, is joining the Washington Conference July 1 as a pastoral intern. He will be working with **Gary Fogelquist**, pastor at the North Cascade Church. **Aaron Woehler** is leaving the Gem State Adventist Academy (Caldwell, Idaho) math and IT departments to serve at Anchorage Junior Academy. He is being replaced by **Brian Sutterlund**.



PRODUCTS *in* PERSPECTIVE

Editor's Note: Haley Hamilton is a senior student at Portland Adventist Academy. Each PAA student is required to complete a project during their senior year. Many argue that Seventh-day Adventist education is expensive and holds no advantage over public schools. That can be convincing—until you meet a product of it—products like Haley.

God didn't mean a lot to her. And Sabbath? Sabbath—church was expected in her family. However, given a choice, she likely wouldn't go.

Haley turned in her senior proposal (another expectation) and presented it to the academy staff. Although she didn't think there was a way she could do such a project, she needed the grade.

Haley's idea involved Bethany Medical Missionary College in Guyana, South America. She had heard this small, 25-student school had no showers or toilets. Meeting that challenge would require a huge effort with organizational and financial implications. However, Haley had talked the project over with her father,

Lewis, who professionally designs and installs septic systems. Initially they estimated the project would need around \$10,000 U.S. dollars, but as that figure began to climb, Haley raised \$15,000.

Upon approval, Haley and her father made the trip, traveling by air to Guyana, then riding an hour by bus, canoeing for two hours, and then, finally, going 2 miles on foot. At the school they found no sanitary facilities and only a primitive water distribution system. The need was greater than they had ever envisioned.

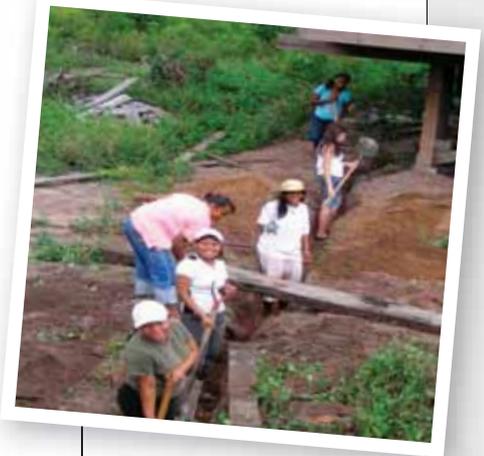
Haley and the young ladies at the school began at once digging holes for septic tanks and drain fields, and creating fresh water lines. The soil was

sandy and the group had to dig out a much greater than normal volume of dirt. While they had originally planned to buy cement blocks for the septic tanks they soon realized the blocks would have to be made by hand. With supervision, the male students made and laid blocks, skim-coated the tanks, installed toilets, and prepared showers.

Haley and her group completed and installed 14 functioning toilets, eight showers, plumbed 12 sinks, and created three septic tank systems, all in heat and humidity.

But beyond the sweat and toil of the project, Haley noticed something else. Unlike her, the Guyana students didn't have many worldly belongings, yet they were happy. And they approached her with requests to study the Bible, talk about God and have prayer. They

had a real passion for God. Haley went to give, with a project much larger than she, on her own, could accomplish, and came back with much more than she ever dreamed: a new appreciation for God and a relationship with Him. She returned with a desire to reprioritize her life's goals and desires—a focus both she and her father now share. •



Dan Patchin, PAA volunteer with Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor



Family
B I R T H S

COLEMAN—Korbin Davin Jon was born Feb. 19, 2008, to Don and Jeannette (Betlinski) Coleman, Tillamook, Ore.

DRAKE—Abrianna Lynn was born April 20, 2008, to Richard and Rachel (Anderson) Drake, Walla Walla, Wash.

GLOVATSKY—Adriana Mila was born April 13, 2008, to Brandon and Bethany (Langston) Glovatsky, Troutdale, Ore.

HOPPER—Sarah Deanna was born April 6, 2008, to Dale and Daniela (Alves de Castro) Hopper, Medford, Ore.

LIBBY—Lyla Rose was born Feb. 27, 2008, to Cameron and Tricia (Carroll) Libby, Anchorage, Alaska.

MUNDY—Mason Masters was born May 5, 2008, to Chad and Ronda (Mason) Mundy,

Mukilteo, Wash.

PALAFIX—Amani Diego was born Jan. 2, 2008, to Jose and Joeika Palafox, Salem, Ore.

PIERCE—Sadie E. was born Nov. 1, 2007, to Trenton and Laura (Constantinescu) Pierce, Erie, Pa.

REESE—Chloe Lynn was born March 8, 2008, to Justin M. and Melissa A. Reese, Sitka, Alaska.

SCRUGGS—Cameron Elise was born May 7, 2008, to Miles and Nicole (Garcia) Scruggs, Walla Walla, Wash.

THORNBERG—Chad Raymond was born Oct. 18, 2007, to Derick and Lisa (Pomerence) Thornberg, Eagle Creek, Ore.

WOODCOCK—Shiloh Elizabeth was born Feb. 14, 2008, to Joe and Erin (Carter) Woodcock, Rexberg, Ore.

Family
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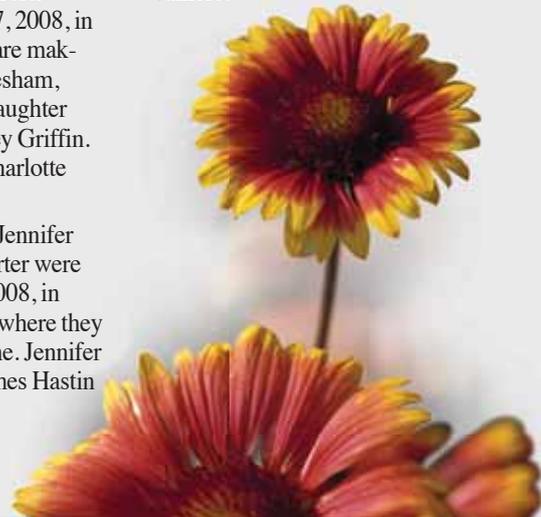
CHINN-GRANITZ—Camille Chinn-Manley and Doug Granitz were married March 21, 2008, in Clackamas, Ore. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore. Camille is the daughter of Stephen and Claudia (Loeffler) Chinn. Doug is the son of Donald and Jean (Huffman) Granitz.

GRIFFIN-ROBERTS—Carman Griffin and Wade Roberts were married May 17, 2008, in Portland, Ore. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore. Carman is the daughter of Delbert and Shelley Griffin. Wade is the son of Charlotte Roberts.

HASTIN-PORTER—Jennifer Hastin and Derek Porter were married March 15, 2008, in Klamath Falls, Ore., where they are making their home. Jennifer is the daughter of James Hastin

and Rita Weber. Derek is the son of Scott Porter and Betty Key.

THOMSEN-VALLIERE—Karin Thomsen and Mark Valliere were married April 14, 2008, in Walla Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Kirkland, Wash. Karin is the daughter of Harry and Lyndell Thomsen. Mark is the son of Richard and Marianne Valliere.



Family
A T R E S T

ANDERSON—DeEtta (Knecht) Olson, 91; born April 6, 1917, Tolstoy, S.D.; died May 2, 2008, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: husband, Phil, Grandview, Wash.; sons, Thomas Olson, Spokane, Wash.; Phil Anderson Jr., Grandview; daughter, Donna Montague, Nashville, Tenn.; sister, Kathryn Smith, Sunnyside, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

ANDREWS—Kathryn M., 83; born Oct. 8, 1924, Eureka, Mont.; died April 23, 2008, Walla Walla, Wash.

AUSTIN—Mary (Hight), 94; born April 9, 1914, Joseph, Ore.; died April 25, 2008, Central Point, Ore. Surviving: son, Joel, Ketchikan, Alaska; daughter, Lynda Currier, Central Point; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BEERS—Elnor M. (Rice), 73; born Feb. 9, 1935, Britton, S.D.; died March 1, 2008, Pilot Rock, Ore.; Surviving: husband, S. F. "Red" Beers, Pendleton, Ore.; sons, Lloyd and Jeffrey, Pendleton; Michael, Pilot Rock; daughter, Holly

Jo Beers, Pendleton; mother, Rachel (Donaldson) Rice, Merlin, Ore.; brothers, Daryl Rice, Madras, Ore.; R. J. "Jim" Rice, Red Bluff, Calif.; sisters, Wanda Rice, Pendleton; Deanna Johnson, Jerilyn LeMaster and Patricia Maupin, all of Merlin; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

COOK—Claire Norman, 73; born July 12, 1934, Colfax, Wash.; died April 12, 2008, Rancho Mirage, Calif. Surviving: wife, Connie (Levy), Palm Springs, Calif., and Seattle; son, Paul Cook, Seattle; daughter, Lisa Hirst, Riverside, Calif.; brothers, Dennis, Kent, Wash.; sister, Darlene Peisley, Kent; and 3 grandchildren.

DEMING—Mary Maxine (McIntyre), 86; born Aug. 25, 1921, Pasco, Wash.; died March 15, 2008, St. Helena, Calif. Surviving: sister, Deltalee M. Gates, St. Helena.

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DUSEK—Belva (Kircher) Crockett, 66; born July 26, 1941, Portland, Ore.; died Jan. 17, 2008, Scappoose, Ore. Surviving: husband, Jerald; sons, Stephen L. Crockett, Scappoose; and Michael L. Crockett, Portland.

KRUGER—Sandra “Sandi” L. (Edwards), 61; born Sept. 22, 1946, Toppenish, Wash.; died Jan. 23, 2008, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Roger, Pendleton, Ore.; sons, Tim, College Place; Todd, Joseph, Ore.; parents, Donavon and Eileen (Bitzer) Edwards, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sister, Twyla Kruger, Walla Walla, Wash.; and 3 grandchildren.

MIRACLE—Max Vernon, 82; born May 22, 1925, Petaluma, Calif.; died May 9, 2008, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jean (Sherman); son, Dennis, Paradise, Calif.; daughters, Janie Jones, Paradise; Janine Lindstrom and Janece Miracle, both of Portland, Ore.; Debi Ragnoni, Gresham; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

PETRICKO—Michael, 78; born Nov. 17, 1929, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; died March 10, 2008, Salem, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ella (Lydie); sons, William B., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Robert M., Albuquerque, N.M.; brothers, George R., Toronto; John Petricko, deceased; and sister, Brenda A. Petricko, Benton, La.

REINER—Robert Lyle, 69; born April 5, 1939, Ephrata, Wash.; died April 25, 2008, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: brothers, Murray and Darrel, both of Ephrata; sisters, June Norris, Ephrata; Marg Thayer, Mesa, Ariz.; and Joie Campbell, Moses Lake, Wash.

SEIBERT—Rachel Ruth (Wendt), 97; born March 15, 1910, Grand Island, Neb.; died Feb. 27, 2008, Toppenish, Wash.

TAYLOR—Dale S., 74; born Oct. 26, 1933, Snoqualmie, Wash.; died March 4, 2008, Deer Park, Calif. Surviving: wife, Diane (Biggar), St. Helena, Calif.; son, Ken, Napa, Calif.; daughters, Karen Taylor, Napa; Teri Stimmel, Loma Linda, Calif.; Sandy Simanton, Sioux Falls, S.D.; sisters, Barbara Schleede, Pendleton, Ore.; Bertie Decker, Angwin, Calif.; Marly Brown, Walla Walla, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

TORRETTA—Louis A., 84; born July 2, 1923, Walla Walla, Wash.; died April 23, 2008, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Erma M. (May) Torretta; sons, Raymond, College Place; Jeffery, La Grande, Ore.; Ronald, Canon City, Colo.; Gary, Yakima, Wash.; daughters, Sherry Keller, College Place; Neva Black, Boise, Idaho; brothers, Albert, Walla Walla; David, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; sisters, Angie Neary, Bellevue, Wash.; Caroline Hickey, Walla Walla; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WOODRUFF—Vergil A., 79; born July 12, 1928, Tremonton, Utah; died March 4, 2008, Wahkiacus, Wash. Surviving: wife, Alyce Mae (Browning); sons, Ed, Goldendale, Wash.; Fred, Deer Lodge, Mont.; Daryl, Wahkiacus; daughters, Tricia Caldwell and Carolyn Putman, both of Tukwila, Wash.; brother, Joel, Pendleton, Ore.; sisters, Ruth Maddy, Wahkiacus; Alice Marsh, Dove Creek, Colo.; Mary Fischer, Falls City, Ore.; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

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Ione Morgan

Longtime GLEANER Editor

July 12, 1908 – May 13, 2008

Longtime GLEANER editor and College Place, Wash. resident, Ione Morgan, 99, died May 13, 2008, at Walla Walla General Hospital, just two months shy of her 100th birthday.

She was born the second of six children, July 12, 1908, in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Rudolf and Francella Walfall Dornier. Following graduation from Indiana Academy in 1930 and work within the Lake Union Conference, she moved to the North Pacific Union Conference in 1937, serving as editor of the

GLEANER from 1942 until her retirement in 1970.

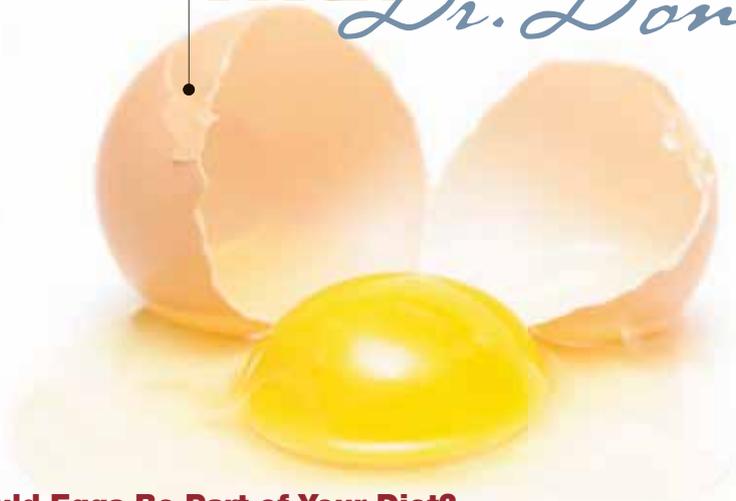
During retirement in College Place, Wash., she enjoyed life as a homemaker. Her hobbies included knitting, growing African violets and roses. She assisted her husband, Austin Morgan, for years in his iris business.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 16, 2008, at Mount Hope Cemetery in College Place with chaplain Walt Meske officiating. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, and two sisters.



HealthyChoices

with *Dr. Don Hall*



Should Eggs Be Part of Your Diet?

Eggs are a traditional part of the diets in most cultures—including the United States. But are they good for us? In a recent study, eating a few eggs per week (two to four) showed no increase in mortality, but eating an egg a day increased the risk of early death—by as much as 23 percent. Diabetics who ate an egg a day doubled their risk of early death. Early results from the new Adventist Health Study show similar results. Vegetarians who eat eggs and milk moderately have no increased risk of mortality when compared to those who eat none (vegans). Diabetics, however, would do well to avoid all eggs for best health. Read more at: www.wellsource.org/handouts/eggs.pdf.

Reduce Your Risk of Cancer

Cancer is a deadly and costly disease. It is the second-leading cause of death in the United States and the No. 1 cause of death for persons younger than 85 years old, which is most of us. But most cancers—at least two-thirds—are preventable. Here are some prevention tips:

- 1 Don't smoke.
- 2 Aim for 60 minutes of moderate aerobic activity daily.
- 3 Achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- 4 Eat a mostly plant-based diet—with a wide variety of whole grains, brightly colored fruits, vegetables and nuts.
- 5 Get regular screenings as recommended by your doctor.

Prepare for an Emergency

You and your family may be without electricity, water or shelter after a natural or man-made catastrophe. It could be a gigantic storm, fire, accident or hostile attack. Prepare for disaster before it strikes. Make an emergency plan and assemble disaster and first aid kits. Read about how to prepare for an emergency: www.wellsource.org/hc/emergency.pdf.

Ask the Doctor

Q: What foods lower blood pressure?

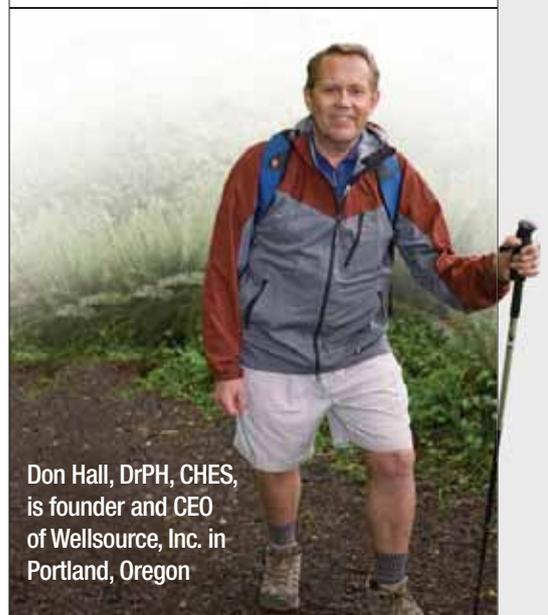
A: Foods high in potassium and low in sodium (salt) are best for lowering blood pressure. Read the entire answer from Don Hall at: www.wellsource.org/ask/bp.pdf.

Reduce the Risk of Superbugs

Have you ever taken leftover antibiotics to keep from getting sick? By taking an antibiotic not prescribed by your doctor for your current illness, you could be contributing to the growing problem of antibiotic-resistant bacteria—a problem that health professionals call one of the world's most pressing public health challenges. Sometimes called "superbugs," these infections can't be successfully treated with commonly prescribed antibiotics and often involved long hospital stays or severe side effects from "last-resort" drugs.

To reduce the risk:

- 1 Don't demand an antibiotic.
- 2 If your doctor does prescribe an antibiotic, take it exactly as directed.
- 3 Take your entire antibiotic, even if you start feeling better—don't save some for the next time you get sick.
- 4 Don't take antibiotics prescribed for someone else.



Don Hall, DrPH, CHES, is founder and CEO of Wellspring, Inc. in Portland, Oregon



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

NPUC

Offerings

July 5—Local Church Budget; **July 12**—NAD Budget: Women's Ministries*; **July 19**—Local Church Budget; **July 26**—NPUC Budget: Walla Walla University

* A postcard containing information about the Women's Ministries offering July 12 was sent, addressed to "Women's Ministries leader" in each church, in June. The same information is also available at www.nadwm.org. Be sure members mark their tithe envelopes "NAD Women's Ministries," so the offering can be allocated at each level for evangelism by women and Women's Ministries leadership training.

Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Adventist Lifestyle+

July 12—Home Study International Promotional Day +Curriculum resource materials are published in the NAD church resource journals—*Sabbath School Leadership*, *Celebración*, *Célébration*, *Kids' Ministry Ideas*, and *Cornerstone Youth Resource Journal*.

Women's Retreat at Sea

Aug. 3–10—An Alaskan cruise with a purpose! Mission outreach at three remote ports of call: paint a church school, assist the Forest Service, clean homes of the elderly and much more! Visit www.npuc.org for more information.

IDAHO

100th Anniversary Celebration

July 25–26—All members (present and previous), family, and friends of the Eagle Church are invited to its 100th anniversary celebration, Friday and Sabbath, July 25–26 (6 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. Sabbath), 538 West State St., Eagle, Idaho. For information, please contact Myrna Ferguson at (208) 939-6568 or e-mail myfer40@msn.com.

MONTANA

Missing Members

The Kalispell Church is seeking information regarding missing members: Sophia Adamson, Jacqueline Armstrong, Steven R. Barnes, Leanna Daugherty, Stacy Denison, Brenda Deshaw, Tanya Deshaw, Cheryl Hanson, Dan Hanson, Russell A. Hill, Jeanine Mettee, David Praye, and Robert Thompson. If you have any information, please contact Danielle Kimbrell, Kalispell Church church clerk, at 1375 Hwy. 93 North, Kalispell, Mont. 59901, or at (406) 882-4891.

OREGON

America at the Prophetic Crossroads

July 2–5—Come join us starting Wednesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at Laurelwood Academy and explore today's religious, political and constitutional trends in America from a Christ-centered prophetic perspective. With speakers Nicholas Miller, Andrews University, Esq.; Lincoln Steed, Liberty Magazine editor; and Greg Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association president. For directions, go to www.laurelwoodacademy.org. For more information, call (541) 726-8340.

Union College Alumni Gathering

July 19—Union College Alumni gathering at 5–6:30 p.m., Gladstone Convention Center during Oregon Camp Meeting. Place of meeting: Watch for signs or inquire at the information kiosk. Alumni, family and friends of Union College are invited. A light meal will be provided. An offering will be taken to cover expenses. For information, contact Glen or Marybeth Gessele at (503) 985-7759.

Legal Notice

Oregon Conference Special Constituency Session
Notice is hereby given by the Oregon Conference Executive Committee that a special

constituency session of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Holden Convention Center at Gladstone Park to begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, **Aug. 24**, 2008. This session is called to review a report from the Oregon Conference Education Commission, to address a 1993 special constituency action limiting conference subsidy for K–10 schools which expand to K–12 status, and to receive a report on the construction of the new conference office and book store. All church-appointed delegates from the regular session on Sept. 18, 2005, will be delegates to this session. Notification will be given to all individuals serving as delegates because of office or employment.

Don Livesay, president

Al Reimche, vice president/
administration

Missing Members

The Oregon Conference Church is looking for the following people: Edgard Araiza, Iris D. M. Ball, Glenda Bassa, Delores Bail, Gary G. Bail, and Nicole Bail. If you have the address or phone number of any of these people, please call Mary Jane Zollbrecht at (503) 850-3571.

WASHINGTON

Benefit Auction

Aug. 10—The second annual benefit auction for the Kent Church will be Sunday, Aug. 10. The silent auction begins at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by dinner and the live auction. Proceeds benefit the church building renovation project. For tickets, call (253) 631-5938, e-mail sally@sallyherigstad.com, visit the Web site at <http://www.kentsda.org/events.htm>, or come to 25213 116th Ave. S.E., Kent, Wash. 98031.

Thinking Ahead

Here are suggested topics for news stories GLEANER editors are seeking for the next two issues. We will fit as many stories as possible in the print edition and publish more at www.gleaneronline.org. Stories should be no longer than 300 words and will be edited as needed for design needs.

AUGUST—Media Outreach Ideas

SUBMISSION DEADLINE—July 7

Are you, your church or school doing something creative to reach out with media such as radio, television, Web site or other public awareness projects? How did you get started, what have you learned, and who has been reached?

SEPTEMBER—Community Connections

SUBMISSION DEADLINE—August 4

What specific ways have Adventists worked together with other civic groups in your community to make a positive difference? How were these partnerships established and what projects have been co-sponsored?

Questions? Ask PJ

Do I have a responsibility to tell a family member or friend if they are doing something wrong?

Wow, what a question. This is a tough one. Two stories come to mind. The first is in Genesis 4 of Cain who had done something wrong. God asked him, "Where is your brother?" Cain responded, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain wanted to avoid responsibility with family.

The second story in Matthew 19 is about the Rich Young Ruler who came to Jesus. When Jesus pointed out to him where he was still lacking, he turned and walked away.

We notice the choices and experiences of those closest to us far more because we are directly affected by what they choose. I like being part of a Christian family who holds each other accountable with love and grace. Proverbs 27:6 says, "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

So I guess if our friends and family really are important to us we would rather hear things from those who care rather than those who don't have our best interest in mind. May God continue to pour out His love to you all and send me more of these great questions. Keep looking uP!

P.J. Deming, Milo Academy youth pastor/chaplain



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Health Screening

Aug. 15—Breath of Life Church is offering a mobile mammography screening for women 40 and over in partnership with Swedish Medical Center and the YWCA Women's Health Outreach. The service is available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available. **NO INSURANCE NO PROBLEM.** For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the YWCA at (206) 436-8666 or Breath of Life at (206) 762-0333. Breath of Life Church, 9807 26th Ave. S.W., Seattle, Wash.

Car and Bike Show

Aug. 17—Car and Bike enthusiasts are invited to the fourth annual Shelton Valley Christian Show 'n' Shine held from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on the Shelton Valley Christian School, 201 W. Shelton Valley Road, Shelton, Wash. This is a family event with door prizes, great food, awards, trophies and games for kids. To register or for more information, call (360) 426-2776.

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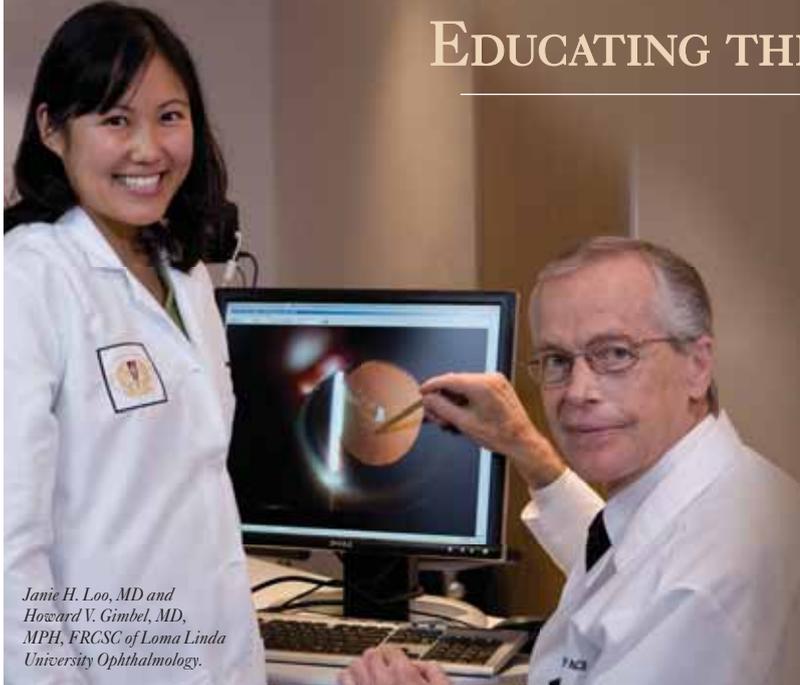


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IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	9:29	9:26	9:21	9:15
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Billings	9:07	9:03	8:58	8:51
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Helena	9:24	9:20	9:15	9:07
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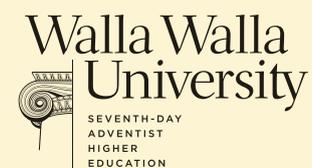
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Feed My Sheep



Today our Adventist teachers stand before rooms full of apathy, and they wonder if their efforts will ever pay off.

The Master gazed at his protege and smiled, remembering how it had begun.

He recalled the bushy-headed, eager, impulsive young man, in which he saw great potential—for good, and for disaster. Along with a strong will there was the unmistakably impulsive, stubborn streak that portended trouble. But past the rough exterior the Master saw a diamond-in-waiting.

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And the torch was passed.

Today our Adventist teachers stand before rooms full of apathy, and wonder if their efforts will ever pay off. But the Master's call burns deep and bright: "Feed my sheep." Thus our Master's torch is passed. It's passed to imperfect people who believe that if the Master can work miracles through a rough-hewn, impetuous disciple, He can do it through them as well.

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