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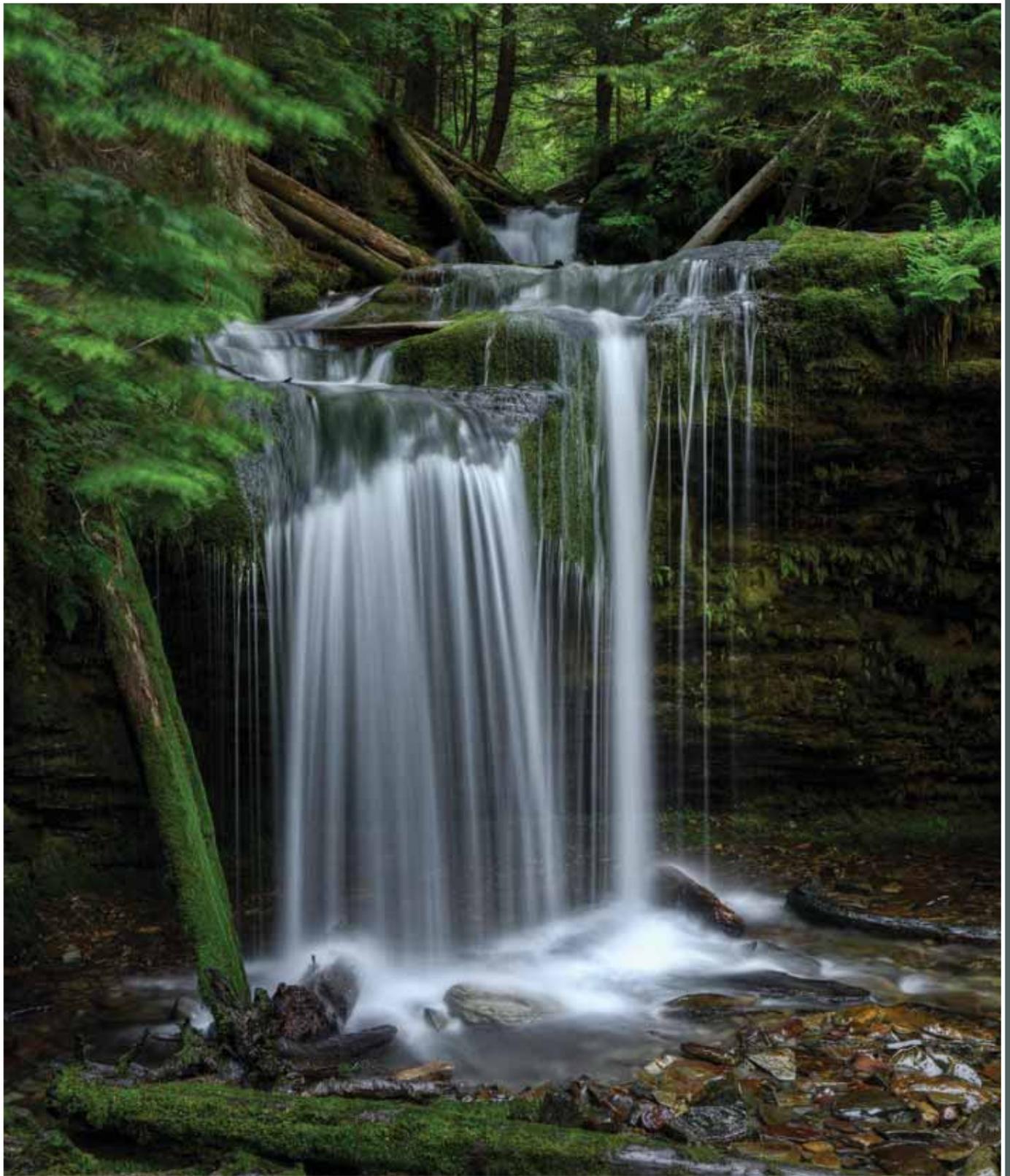
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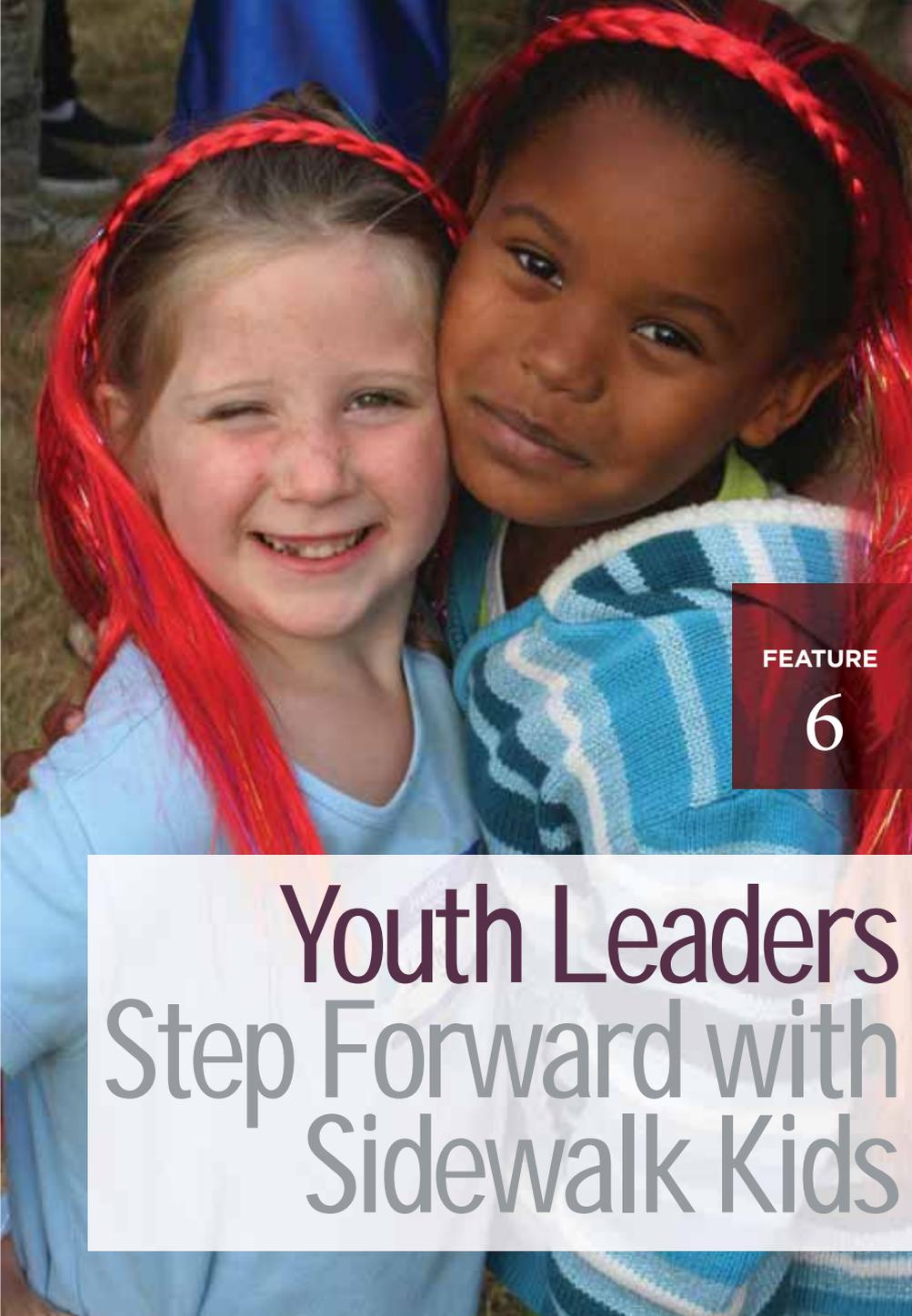
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*Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of
living water will flow from within them.*
JOHN 7:38 (NIV)

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McVay Announces Return to Teaching

John McVay, Walla Walla University (WWU) president, plans to resign effective July 1 so he can return to the classroom.

“It has been an honor to serve as president of Walla Walla University,” he says. “The work has stretched and blessed both me and my wife, Pam. We are grateful for the partnership of such an able and committed leadership team, as well as the support of the wider community of faculty, staff and students.”

McVay and his family will continue to reside in College Place, Wash., where he will serve as WWU theology professor, specializing in New Testament studies. “The opportunity to join the excellent team of professors in the School of Theology is energizing for me,” he says. “I look forward to serving WWU students as teacher, mentor and friend.”

McVay became the university’s 23rd president in 2006, when his first task was supervising the institution’s name change from Walla Walla College to Walla Walla University. He led strategic planning efforts for the university, earning a commendation from accrediting organizations, and instituted long-range budget planning processes. Under his guidance, the university welcomed its largest freshman class in 17 years for the current school year and yielded the highest freshman-to-sophomore retention rate in university history.



John McVay, Walla Walla University president, plans to return to the classroom.

Letters

Still Misses Nature Cover

Every day our mailbox brims with personal bills, business bills, magazines, advertisements. Bills go one place. The ads are easy to dispose of. Then there are the magazines, each with cover picture and design to silently shout, “Read me now!”

Years ago the magazines with the hype covers got set aside, just as now. But when the *GLENER* came, it was different. Its full-cover nature photograph spoke of peace. It drew me in. I’d lay the other magazines aside and, if at all possible, sit down right then and be inspired by the stories of how God was working in our beautiful Northwest.

A few years ago, that changed. The nature photograph went inside. The

GLENER became just another hype cover. It gets set aside with the rest. The difference in reaction went unnoticed for several years. Even after I realized what was happening, I hesitated to bother anyone with my observation — I am only one person. But I’m possibly pretty near your “average” reader. Might others be similarly disposed? I’m realizing I’ve lost some of the closeness I felt to the churches of the Northwest. Could the same thing be happening to others?

*Helen Heavirland,
College Place, Wash.*

GLENER Editors respond: Helen, you are not alone, although the current covers you mention do appeal to others who also consider themselves, we suppose, “average” readers. And some, who used to collect those nature photos, actually appreciate having them on the inside where the GLENER logo does not intrude on top of the pristine image.

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A Lesson in a Casserole

The service is almost over and already the smells from the kitchen are drifting through the sanctuary. It is fellowship meal Sabbath, and the thought of having more of Mrs. Brown's famous casserole adds to the growling of your stomach. When you enter the fellowship hall and glance at the table loaded with salads and breads, you see her dish right there in the middle.

There's a spot saved on your plate for this delicious treat. This time you decide to take a serving from the center, which has always been just perfect, and then on impulse, you reach for one of the corner pieces as well — just the perfect combination of crispy and juicy. Mrs. Brown has done it again — a masterpiece.

Back at your table, it's time to enjoy. As you place that first bite in your mouth, the anticipation builds to a crescendo — but something is wrong. The taste is so flat, the gluten doesn't taste right, the nuts almost taste stale. Maybe it was just that bite, maybe the corner piece will be what you have been anticipating, but that bite is worse than the first. In fact, even though Mrs. Brown is sitting right at your table, you jump up and rush to the bathroom.

What was wrong? As you rinse out your mouth it hits you — all the salt for the whole casserole was in that last bite.

Have you ever thought of the church and the community that way? Jesus described His church as salt, though He described the salt as losing its flavor. In a sense, salt all clumped together is as bad as salt that has lost its flavor. Both are useless and need to be thrown out. But salt used properly makes all the difference in the world.

Many of our Northwest members are provid-

ing wonderful examples. My mind, of course, goes to Oregon Conference communities, like Estacada where Shirley Lippincott coordinates a variety of choirs to feature in a city-wide Christmas Festival of Choirs.

Or Springfield where for years Jim McHan, a doctor, has brought together health professionals from around the Eugene/Springfield community to hold an event called Your Experience in Better Living.

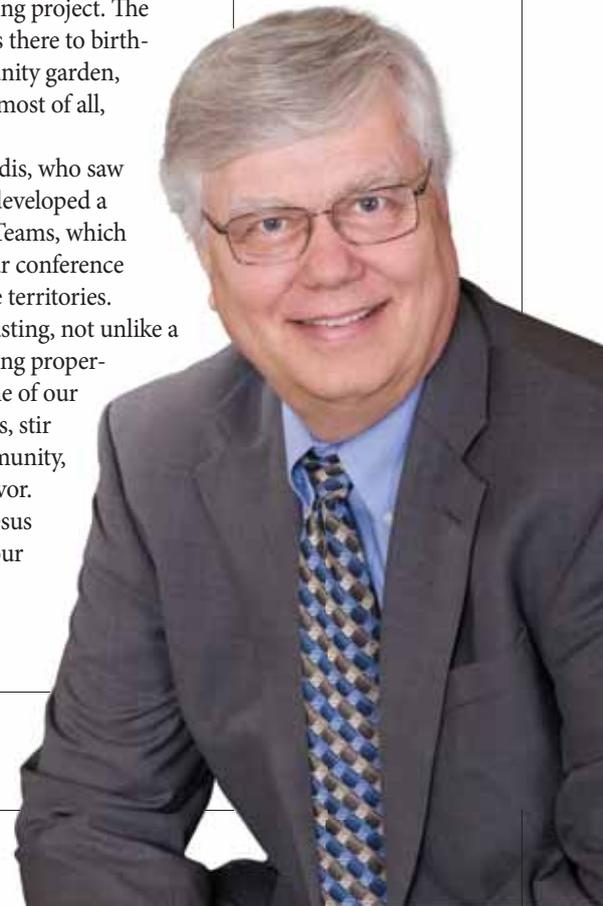
Just this past year, the Meadow Glade Church in Battle Ground, Washington, remodeled a retirement home to create Center Point, a free medical clinic for the northern part of Washington's Clark County.

Portland City Center Sanctuary has also become salt in a local community housing project. The members have treated residents there to birthday parties, help with a community garden, support of physical needs and, most of all, friendship.

And then there is Molly Geddis, who saw a need in her community and developed a ministry called Healthy Heart Teams, which has since spread throughout our conference and into three other conference territories.

Salt, all by itself, can be disgusting, not unlike a church that keeps God's lifesaving properties to itself. However, take some of our enthusiastic Adventist members, stir them thoroughly into the community, and you'll discover a special flavor. It's the flavor of eternal life in Jesus Christ — at the very center of our message and mission.

"Salt used properly makes all the difference in the world."



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OREGON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Youth Leaders Step Forward with Sidewalk Kids



It doesn't officially take the stage this year for another three months, but Greg and Shelly Hillman are already clustered with a group of 10–15 youth leaders, working on plans for their eighth Sidewalk Kids summer season. Similar to a traveling Vacation Bible School, Sidewalk Kids takes the program to the children, rather than the children to the program.

It's not as if the Hillmans need more to do. Greg travels and works long hours for an international technology company; Shelly is the Orchards Church (Vancouver, Washington) secretary. But as they have watched the impact of this special summer ministry grow since its inception in 2005, it's something they cannot afford to let go.

The Sidewalk Kids concept is not original. It has been used throughout the country, developing from its success in the ghettos of New York with Bill

Wilson's non-denominational Metro Ministries. Several years ago the program caught the eye of Oregon Conference members Wynn Kaiser, Chuck Davidson, the Hillmans and others. After some local retooling, it provided an avenue for Greg and Shelly to help their Orchards Church Pathfinder group put leadership talents to use out in the community.

YOUTHTAKE THE LEAD

Year by year, the program has grown. What began as four Sabbath afternoon

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John Wesslen, Orchards Church pastor, is excited to have the youth as the focal point. “The adults have stepped back into supporting roles, while our youth have stepped forward to lead.”

“We work behind the scenes and watch with amazement as these teen leaders exceed our expectations,” says Greg. “It’s truly humbling to see what the Holy Spirit does through their willing hands and hearts.”

Stop by some summer afternoon at Orchards Park in Vancouver and watch what happens as the Sidewalk Kids team arrives and sets up for action. One large trailer unfolds into a mobile stage. Another contains technical support equipment. There is something for every age group. Adults and retired volunteers help set up awnings and tables and run wires for the public address system. They plug in a popcorn machine and prepare snow cones for the coming onslaught of children. Youth workers get into costume

and run over last-minute program adjustments. Back at the church, another group is bathing the event in prayer.

CHURCH COMESTO THE COMMUNITY

And then, it’s time. The crowd begins to filter into the park. Some parents and children are familiar faces — they come each week and consider the Sidewalk Kids crew part of their community. Others approach tentatively, wary of a gimmick or hard-sell program. The arriving children run from the registration table to grab a snow cone and perhaps some popcorn on their way to a seat on one of the tarps on the ground to await the day’s program. Parents and church volunteers mingle in the back. They all want what is best for these children — and this common interest is what builds community beyond church walls.

programs in a park has blossomed to a full-summer ministry, with three events in three different locations each week for six weeks. What was initially an adult-led experience is now planned, designed and carried out by 20–30 Adventist youth representing as many as six local churches. The youth write scripts, help build staging and create the costumes. They are up front, leading songs, enacting plays and sharing a Christ-centered program, working with neighborhood children one on one.

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Building an awareness of Scripture is part of each event. “Our youth have designed some fun and creative ways to help these kids memorize Bible verses,” says Shelly. “They come back each week saying, ‘I remember the one from last time!’ And that’s what it’s all about — putting God’s Word in their minds.”

SUPPORTING THE VISION

The Sidewalk Kids summer ministry doesn’t have to be complex or expensive. But as the Orchards project has grown, so has the budget. The Riverside Church in Washougal, Washington, has now partnered with Orchards to add additional funds, volunteers and other resources. More than \$20,000 from the Orchards Church alone is budgeted each year to help fund summer stipends for full-time youth who consider it a summer job. Funding has, so far, not been a problem, says Wesslen. “This program is not focused on the older folks in our church, but they realize the value of this program,” he says, “and they contribute liberally.”

Middle three photos pictured clockwise are: Volunteers prepare snow cones, a popular item on warm summer days; Greg Hillman (left), is dressed for a rare “adult” part in the program and confers with John Wesslen, Orchards Church pastor; Shelly Hillman gives last-minute instructions to the youth leaders.

Watch this month's *Salt in Our Communities* video at www.gleaneronline.org.



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Besides the special program and activities in the park, the Orchards/Riverside program serves a supper, catered by Gail Spreadborough, Columbia Adventist Academy food service director, who loves being part of the outreach. This dinner may be one of the few square meals some of the children can count on each week. And it's no small feat. Attendance at one of these summertime programs can surpass 120 adults and children.

MINGLING LIKE JESUS

Beyond the rough, ungainly exterior of some who attend is a hunger for something beyond mere physical food. They consider this once-a-week event to be their "church" experience — the only contact they and their children may have with the spiritual side of life. "This program has gotten us involved in the lives of people who would never walk inside the doors of our church," says Wesslen.

Will this summertime project become a better bridge to church attendance or baptism? At least one family has placed their children in an Adventist school because of Sidewalk Kids. Other results are still tentative. One thing is for certain: It follows a model made clear by Ellen White when she described Jesus' ministry

as going into the communities, ministering to people as one who desired their good.

"One special thing has changed through all of this," says Wesslen. "We know our neighbors now, and they know us."

CONSIDER THIS AT YOUR CHURCH

Does your church have an active Pathfinder program? Have you been wondering how to expand your outreach into the community, to take your program to where people actually are? Do you have teens hanging out with nothing to do? Consider visiting one of these summertime programs in Vancouver to see how it is opening doors into the community. Talk to Greg or Shelly, Pastor John, or any of the youth leaders and learn from their experience. You'll find them eager to share.

Shelly says, "It's a lot of hard work. I'm exhausted at the end of the summer. But it's also the best thing I get to do all year!"

It could be for you too, if it helps you and your church step out beyond the four walls to become Salt in Our Communities.

Steve Vistaunet, GLEANER editor



"...the best thing I get to do all year!"

ACCION

El 2012 Comienza con Gran Bendición en la Conferencia de Upper Columbia

Nueva Congregación en Richland

La Iglesia Hispana de Kennewick situada en Tri-Cities, Wash., es una de las congregaciones más jóvenes del territorio de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia. La misma ha demostrado estar determinada a crecer y multiplicarse; es dueña de su propio templo y a su corta edad ya ha decidido dar a luz a su primer hija.

El desafío inspirado por el cielo era plantar una nueva congregación en la ciudad vecina de Richland, Wash. Dicha iniciativa se hizo realidad cuando la congregación Hispana de Richland, se fundó como compañía, el Sábado 14 de Enero del 2012 reuniéndose



Algunos de los miembros de la congregación de Richland, Wash., posando para la foto de los pioneros luego del sermón.

firmaron la foja de los pioneros; entre los cuales se distinguen claramente cuatro grupos bien organizados que interactúan armoniosamente como si marcharan observando un estandarte invisible. Un tremendo ejército de jóvenes de primera, segunda y tercera generación se suma a hermanos de diversas edades y culturas para crear un grupo con tremendo potencial para alcanzar a la mente secular que ignora la verdad del evangelio en esta región del mundo.

El pastor local, Jaime Flores, y su esposa, Diana, recalcan que una de las características particulares percibidas en ambas congregaciones, tanto la madre como la hija, es el número de líderes visionarios y determinados a crecer movidos por un profundo sentido de dependencia divina. Estos se destacan por su sociabilidad y deseo ferviente de llevar adelante la misión del evangelio

en el contexto multicultural y secular que los rodea.

Nueva Iglesia en Granger

Félix Maijub, el pastor del distrito de Central Valley, comenta que a pesar de la nieve, el 21 de Enero del 2012 en la tarde, la administración de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia representada por su presidente, Robert (Bob) Folkenberg Jr., y su director ministerial, Gerald Haeger, se hizo cita junto a un buen número de hermanos para conmemorar la organización de la Iglesia Hispana de Granger (Wash.).

Alrededor de sesenta hermanos firmaron la foja de los pioneros.

La iglesia de Granger milita dinámica y exitosamente en un distrito de tres iglesias, por lo que es mayormente dirigida por un buen grupo de líderes competentes y muy talentosos

que trabajan en equipo con el Pastor Maijub y su esposa, Damaris.

Uno de los líderes declara que en los últimos meses se ha percibido un incremento no sólo en el número de líderes sino también en el desarrollo de los talentos de cada líder y la forma en que estos dirigen sus respectivos ministerios; esto, declara el hermano, ha beneficiado ricamente a nuestra congregación.

Gracias a Dios por los líderes visionarios que Dios nos da en estas ciudades.

La iglesia Hispana de Granger reconoce y agradece el apoyo desinteresado e incesante brindado por los hermanos de la iglesia Anglo de la misma localidad.

*Walter Pintos-Schmidt,
coordinador Hispano de la
Conferencia de Upper Columbia*



El rincón de los niños antes del sermón. Detrás se observa una esquina bien decorada para dicha circunstancia.

por primera vez como tal en las instalaciones del hotel Red Lion situado en la costanera del Rio Columbia en una ciudad cuyo nombre se traduce a la lengua de Cervantes "tierra rica."

Cuarenta y ocho hermanos

Juneau Church Launches 24/7 Evangelist

Anticipation had been running high as the Juneau (Alaska) Church set out to build a Christian radio station, but one major roadblock remained: a suitable location for the radio antenna. More than two years had passed of the three that the Federal Communication Commission allowed for new radio stations to be established. Time was running out.

A possible site nearly a mile's hike up a mountain was suggested. Other towers were visible there, so the site manager was contacted. After many prayers, a site was found.

Questions arose: Where to buy a tower? How to take it up a hill? The mountain's two helipads were unusable — one was strictly for the Federal Aviation Administration, and the other was an old, wooden structure located too close to the other towers.

Looking in the brush nearby, three sections of a tower that had been there for some time were spotted. The tower, in perfect condition and the correct height, belonged to another local Christian station, which gave the Juneau Church permission to use it. God had supplied a tower.

Next the tower needed a pad, along with three anchor pads able to withstand 125-mph winds. Getting the concrete up the hill became the next challenge.



Church members of all ages work together to take concrete and supplies up the mountain to the site of the new radio tower.

Church members from area churches hauled 80-pound concrete bags up the mountain, along with water to mix. Older members hauled concrete up the hill in smaller quantities. In just a day, members hauled more

than 2,500 pounds of concrete, water, chainsaws and tools to clear the ground and dig holes for the foundation.

Equipment for the station was ordered, but the main computer broke during shipping. Brad Imboden, a new

Adventist, knew just who to talk with — a man named Charles. Although not a member, Charles reassembled the computer, installed the software and registered everything. The unit is operating the station today.

The new station, KQQJ, which broadcasts at 90.7 FM in Juneau, went live in October 2011. It operates as a 24/7 evangelist, spreading the good news of the gospel and broadcasting inspiring Christian music. Broadcasts include daily devotionals, and will soon include promotional spots for the Juneau Adventist Christian School.

Steve Evenson, Juneau and Sitka District pastor

ALASKA CONFERENCE LEGAL NOTICE 16TH REGULAR CONSTITUENCY SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Regular Constituency Session of the Alaska Conference will be held in the Anchorage Junior Academy gymnasium at 5511 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, Alaska, on June 17, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Constituency Session is to receive reports of conference activities for the quadrennial ending June 17, 2012, to elect Officers, Departmental Directors, Conference Executive Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committees, do strategic planning and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session.

Ken Crawford, President

Quentin Purvis, Vice President-Secretariat

Cove Church Presents Annual Poinsettia Tree Program

The Cove (Ore.) Church members welcomed the entire community to their 27th-annual Poinsettia Tree Program in December 2011.

Nearly 100 Adventists, community members, and members of the Lutheran Church (currently renting the Cove Church), filled the small building. A “tree” of poinsettias provided a splash of seasonal color. At the end of the program, the poinsettias were given to attendees, some of whom took the plants to members and community members not able to be at the service.

Cove and La Grande (Ore.) Church members presented seasonal music selections. These included the following: Roger Wilkerson played the

piano, and Mike Armayor, Cove Church pastor, gave the welcome and offered prayer. Doris Wareham shared a story, *A Christmas Far from Home*, which encouraged everyone to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

During the Christmas season, everyone loves to hear the talents of children, including the students of the La Grande Adventist School singing and playing bells. They performed one song, “The Virgin Mary,” in sign language. Baker City (Ore.) Church members, Gary and Alice Laabs, and Karl and Ma’Lena Wirth, also shared music.

The program gives church and community members an opportunity to share talents together. Cindy and Sue, non-



The church was full for the Poinsettia Tree program.

members from the area, joined Marguerite Pike and Ora Rollins in performing several songs.

The Poinsettia Tree program gives the Cove Church, with just under 20 people in regular attendance, additional sup-

port in its efforts to connect with the community, showing people can work together, creating something beyond one’s own capabilities.

Leona Garrett, Cove Church communication leader

Long Creek Creates Christmas Community Connections

After years of caroling and distributing holiday treats to various groups in the community, the Long Creek (Ore.) Church members set the “over the top” goal to give a basket to every household in town this past Christmas. There were 91 baskets filled with homemade bread, jelly or jam, sweet breads, oranges, and homemade candy.

A member of another church heard of the project and wished her church could be included, but her pastor was hesitant to accept the invitation. The Adventist mem-



Long Creek (Ore.) Church members gave a basket to every household in their town this past Christmas.

bers began to pray that if this was the Lord’s will, the other church would join them.

One week before the

planned distribution, the other church confirmed its participation. Members from both churches, plus addi-

tional community members, contributed to the baskets and joined in the caroling and handing out of baskets from horse-drawn wagons.

The impact on the community has been evident by continuing positive comments and even more people stopping to say, “Count me in for this year’s project.” It’s a wonderful reminder that God’s sheep are not limited to just one fold.

Alita Henslee, Long Creek Church member

Helena Hosts Vegan Cooking Seminar

As a result of several individuals indicating they would like to learn more about the vegan diet, a cooking seminar in Helena, Mont., was planned for Sept. 25, 2011, from 5–7 p.m. and continued

for the following four Sundays.

Tim Ranalla, from Anaconda, Mont., who has given a number of cooking seminars across the United States, agreed to be the main speaker. A committee of six additional

members helped.

The seminar covered breakfasts, lunches, dinners, desserts and tofu uses. Recipes for each topic were provided.

There were 15 to 20 individuals who attended nightly,

including five non-Adventists. A follow-up cooking class and a Bible-marking class are being offered.

Geri Brusett, Helena Church member



Tim Ranalla presents a vegan cooking class in Helena, Mont.

Mount Ellis Academy Sophomores Excel on Achievement Tests

There are many ways to measure a school. For an Adventist school, there is no more important measure than the evidence that the Holy Spirit is working in the lives of individual students. Some might view spiritual formation and academic excellence as mutually exclusive processes, but at Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) they are considered closely connected. An awareness that we are created by a loving God gives all the educators' efforts a purpose and a reason to excel that goes far beyond a desire for prestige or affluence. These best efforts are an act of worship — an offering to Him.

For this reason they have good reason to set high standards. The recent Cogni-

tiveGenesis Project provided empirical evidence for the outstanding quality of academic instruction in Adventist schools across North America. MEA's fall achievement test scores confirmed the finding of CognitiveGenesis and showed several remarkable things about the sophomore class' scores:

- As a group, the class ranked in the 99th percentile compared to all the other 10th-grade groups in the nation.
- 100 percent of the class scored at the proficient level or above in every tested subject.
- At least 45 percent of the class scored at the advanced level in every single subject tested, with 82 percent advanced in reading and 73 percent advanced in science.



DARREN WILKINS

Taryn Johannes, Mount Ellis Academy sophomore, ponders a question on her achievement test.

The MEA mission statement commits the campus family to “Discover the Reality of Our Creator, Develop Our God-Given Gifts, and Serve in His Kingdom.” For MEA, the purpose of academic achieve-

ment is to make students better able to serve, and with humble and grateful hearts they strive to achieve at the highest level.

Darren Wilkins, MEA principal

Investing in the Future

Former Worthy Student Gives Back to PAA

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) recently received a generous gift from a former worthy student, showing how giving is the greatest investment.

In the late 1920s, Alyce Geiser's family couldn't afford tuition at Portland Junior Academy (later Portland Union Academy and now PAA).

The kindness of worthy student donors supported her education. Geiser graduated in 1929 as vice president of her class and secretary of the Missionary Volunteer (MV) Society.



Former worthy student Alyce (Geiser) Hadley graduated from Portland Junior Academy (now Portland Adventist Academy) in 1929 and recently donated \$360,000 to the school.

Years later, she became a bookkeeper and eventually married Charles Hadley. Together they became active members at the Tabernacle Church in Portland, Ore., where Geiser was the church treasurer for more than 20 years.



TAMBERLY COUCH

The generous gift of a former worthy student is received by (from left) Tyler MacPhee, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) student body president; Ralph Neidigh, Oregon Conference trust services director; Shaun Fitch, PAA school board chairman; and Gale Crosby, PAA principal.

The Adventist community was saddened by the loss of Alyce (Geiser) Hadley last year.

"She was such a kind person," says Tamberly Couch, a friend and former member of the Tabernacle Church. Couch, who also serves as PAA's development manager, says, "I remember Alyce and Charles had a way of making you feel so special and loved."

It was a bittersweet surprise when PAA was told that she left one last gift of love to the Adventist community. When she sat down to write her last wishes, Hadley was thinking of PAA and the donors who blessed her life.

She left \$360,000 to the academy — half to the Journey to Excellence Campaign to support the school's new building fund and the other half for PAA's student scholarship fund to ensure that students just like her could be blessed with an

Adventist education for years to come.

"Knowing this gift came from someone who graduated over 80 years ago and yet still remembered what a difference Adventist education made in her life is truly inspirational," says Gale Crosby, PAA principal. "I know there will be

students today that will make their decision to follow Christ because of the thoughtfulness and generosity of Alyce Hadley."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent



A young Alyce (Geiser) Hadley (left, second row) is pictured with members of the Portland Junior Academy (now Portland Adventist Academy) graduating class of 1929.

Oregon Christian Women's Retreat Leads to Baptism

The long, hard walk that brought DeziRae Mendoza to the baptismal fount has taken many turns. One of them was through the 2011



DeziRae Mendoza proudly shows off her name tag at the Oregon women's retreat.

Oregon Conference Christian Women's Retreat.

Abused and neglected as a child, shuttled back and forth between an alcoholic father and a drug-addicted mother, but with her grandparents for a positive influence, Mendoza never really belonged anywhere. She began to run away and act out, finally leaving home for good at age 13. She got involved with drugs, alcohol, fighting, skipping school, and breaking the law.

About five years ago she met a woman named Angelina Sosa, who became a friend. When Sosa began to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Com-

munity Church of Vancouver, Wash., she invited Mendoza to come too. Mendoza resisted but eventually agreed to visit once. Then she came back for more.

Over the next seven months, Mendoza worked through a Bible-study course. And last October she came to the Oregon Conference Women's Retreat at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Wash., and her life will never be the same.

Mendoza was profoundly impacted by speaker Janice Browne's presentations and by the setting, the fellowship and the music. On Saturday night, when Browne made an appeal,



DeziRae Mendoza is baptized by Jeff Richards, Vancouver (Wash.) Church pastor.

Mendoza went forward. She followed through with her commitment to God by being baptized on Dec. 3, 2011.

Carolyn Karlstrom, Vancouver Church personal ministries director

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Christmas in Springfield

The Springfield (Ore.) Church celebrated God's love in special ways during the Christmas season.

The kindergarten, cradle roll and some primary children, along with adults, played a big part in the Dec. 10, 2011, Sabbath service.



Lutz Binus, Springfield (Ore.) Church pastor, baptizes Jody Wilkinson as a highlight to the Christmas season.

Songs, festive decor and backdrops enhanced the traditional nativity scenes of angels, shepherds and wise men visiting Joseph, Mary and the newborn baby Jesus. One little shepherd brought his grandmother as his shepherd companion to accommodate his special needs.

Lutz Binus, Springfield Church pastor, praised the little shepherds for doing a good job of sitting through the whole program from start to finish with such poise. Many visiting parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends joined the service to get a chance to see their little ones perform, and the event became an outreach as many joined the visitors' potluck after the service.

Additionally, the church welcomed the Greater Eugene Sacred Choir on Dec. 3, 2011, led by Don Corcoran. An ensemble, harp and bell choir accompanied the choir to present an uplifting program during the worship service.

The church elders provided a waffle breakfast to all who attended on Christmas Eve. This became another unplanned outreach as many brought holiday visitors, relatives and friends who are not regular attendees of church. The fellowship hall buzzed with friendly conversation and thankfulness for all that God had done for members throughout the year. A short but inspiring service after the breakfast included instrumental music, sermonettes



The Springfield (Ore.) Church welcomes the Greater Eugene Sacred Choir on Dec. 3, 2011, as led by Don Corcoran.

by Binus, special songs and congregational singing.

The Christmas season had its high point with the baptism of Jody Wilkinson as he dedicated his life to Jesus Christ.

Cheryl Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader

RVAA Elementary Students Share Christmas Cheer

First- and second-grade students at Rogue Valley Adventist Academy in Medford, Ore., had fun making beaded candy canes and bookmarks. Led by their teacher, Michelle Wachter, they then shared these gifts with the nearby Three Fountains retirement community on Dec. 9, 2011.

The students brightened the residents' day with smiles, several songs sung with great enthusiasm, and handmade gifts for all. Residents and students alike shared a fun game of Wheel of Fortune and an exchange of holiday greetings.

This year the students are focusing on how to make a difference in the lives of others and how to make a positive impact on their community.

Laura Mancía, RVAA GLEANER correspondent, and Michelle Wachter, RVAA teacher



Milo Players Use Winning Teamwork to Help Driver in Need

Milo Adventist Academy (MAA) in Days Creek, Ore., lost the basketball game. As students loaded onto the bus, Milo's principal, Randy Bovee, and his wife, Carol, headed home in their car along the remote, dark and slippery highway.

At the bottom of a long hill, they spotted taillights over the bank.

Stopping, the Bovees found a woman shaken, unhurt and very worried about getting her car up the embankment.

Surveying the car with the woman and another man who stopped to help, Randy Bovee said, "Don't worry. We've got a whole team coming along in

our bus — they'll be happy to help you out!"

Calling the bus, he suggested the driver ask the students if they would like to help. The moment the bus pulled to a stop, the doors opened, and the basketball players spilled out and headed enthusiastically for the bank. After checking for safety, the teams pushed and shoved.

The car came up so quickly that the woman and those watching had to scurry out of the way. The players cheered, high-fived the woman, wished her a safe trip home and loaded back onto the bus.

In less than 15 minutes, they were back on the road again.

The woman, as well as the man who stopped to help, brimmed with questions for the Bovees about MAA and the happy, helpful kids who could be so joyful after losing a basketball game.

Teamwork? Unity? Helpful Christian attitudes? You bet.

Grabbing God-moments to help others in need? Absolutely.

Losing? No way!

As Jonah Wilbanks, a junior and varsity center, says, "That was awesome ... way better than winning a game!"

Nancy Starr, MAA administrative assistant



CAROL BOVEE

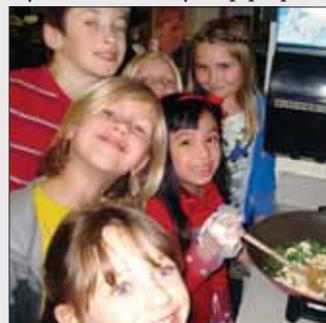
Jonah Wilbanks takes a shot, knowing that helping others is even more fun than winning a game.

Cooking Classes Teach God's Original Diet at HVJA

Delectable scents waft throughout the classroom as children prepare Chinese fried rice in honor of the Chinese New Year. It's all part of their monthly cooking and nutrition learning time — a day in the life of a second grader at Hood View Junior Academy (HVJA) in Boring, Ore.

Under the supervision of their teacher, Fran McVicker, the second graders' cooking experiences are based on a vegan diet and include pizza, pudding and smoothies all made without meat or dairy. In addition to learning valuable cooking skills, they are better understanding God's original diet for mankind.

The cooking activities are based on the Health on Purpose nutrition curriculum for children ages 5–11. So far the children have experimented with recipes like bulgur salad, tabbouleh and hummus. Some reluctant students are surprised by how tasty unfamiliar foods can be and are more willing to try new foods they help prepare.



The students are also learning about the different cultures from which various foods come, including Middle Eastern, Native American and Asian.

Like the prophet Daniel, the second graders are becoming more comfortable eating food as it grows in nature and have begun to realize that their Creator has provided highly nutritious, plant-based foods for their "body temples." And by adopting healthier eating habits, they can be better prepared to meet their life goals.

McVicker, who has taught at HVJA for 38 years, is retiring in June. Her cooking students will participate in the upcoming Community Health Fair



Even reluctant students are more willing to try new foods when they help prepare them. at HVJA on Sunday, April 1, 12:30–5 p.m. This will include a free vegan meal served to the first 150 attendees.

Heather Tourville, Pleasant Valley Church member

UCA Selects Principal for 2012-2013 School Year

Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., announced the selection of John Winslow as its new principal following Troy Patzer's decision to join the Upper Columbia Conference trust department, effective July 1, 2012.

Winslow, currently Campion (Colo.) Adventist Academy's principal, previously served as UCA's vice principal.

"I look forward to allowing God to work through me and the staff at UCA to share the love of Christ, including our unique Adventist message, with young people as well as the amazing and exciting life that comes by walking with Him and sharing Him with others,"



John Winslow and his wife, Allison, have three children: Jonathan, 5, William, 3, and Victoria, 1.

Winslow says. "Simply stated, I pray that, with renewed commitment, we will continue to share the love of Christ with kids in such a way that they can't help but fall in love with Him and be lifelong missionaries for Him."

He also emphasizes how he

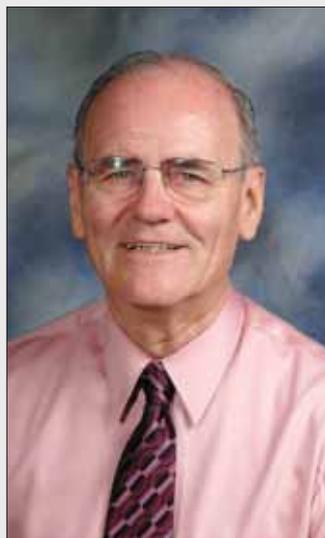
appreciates what Patzer and the current academy staff have done to create a Christ-centered atmosphere that is also strong academically.

Winslow and his wife, Allison, have three children: Jonathan, 5, William, 3, and Victoria, 1.

Patzer says, "Renee and I have been blessed to be a part of UCA these past 13 years and particularly these last four as principal. How rewarding it is to work with such talented young people and their families and an honor to work side by side with some of the most gifted, compassionate and Christ-centered staff members in education. Not only do we believe God will continue to bless UCA, we are also excited for what God has in store for us in our next chapter with the Upper Columbia Conference."

Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

Longtime Northwest Adventist Educator Retires



John Deming, longtime Northwest Adventist educator, retires this year.

John Deming, longtime Northwest Adventist educator and principal of Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) in College Place, Wash., just announced he is retiring at the end of the current school year.

"Working and walking with teenagers is both exhilarating and humbling," says Deming, who has served as WWVA's principal since 1992.

Deming served as principal of Battle Creek (Mich.) Academy before coming to WWVA and as principal of Minneapolis (Minn.) Junior Academy for four years. He received a master of arts in counseling from

Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, Mich.) in 1972 and a bachelor of arts in history from Union College (Lincoln, Neb.) in 1965.

When asked about his years as an educator, Deming says, "It has been both a challenge and a joy to plant, cultivate and water the fertile hearts of students and watch as they move from nervous adolescent to the cusp of young adulthood. Far-reaching and important decisions are made during the four years of high school, and to have had the privilege of helping shape students' decisions has been more than rewarding. A daily morning prayer for my students

is that they lean towards Jesus and choose to walk with Him that day."

Deming and his wife, Joan, a familiar face at College Place's Blue Mountain Credit Union where she has been employed for many years, intend to stay in the Walla Walla Valley. He plans to volunteer, teach by request and do some traveling.

Larry Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference vice president for education, will be working with the academy board to select a replacement.

Cindy Chamberlin, GLEANER managing editor

Kennewick Hosts Pathfinder and Adventurer Induction Ceremony



The Kennewick (Wash.) Nighthawk Pathfinders and Adventurers held their induction ceremony on Oct. 26, 2011. Forest and June Cross, Pathfinder district coordinators, and Anita Leibold, Adventurer district coordinator, gave an inspirational talk and helped hand out certificates.

Shirley Canfield, Kennewick Church communication leader

A Sweet 10th Year at Sandpoint Junior Academy

The smell of homemade hot apple pies once again permeates the hallways of Sandpoint (Idaho) Junior Academy. Several pies are baked and topped with ice cream as just one of the great benefits of being part of the volunteers creating apple pies.

More than a ton of Golden Delicious apples have been peeled, cored, and sliced. Spices and sweetener have been added, and 1,246 crusts have been rolled and edges crimped

to seal in the flavors. A total of 673 pies have been wrapped, boxed and ready for the freezer.

Students had pre-sold 511 pies before they were made on Nov. 13, 2011, and the remaining 162 pies were sold within a week. Over the years, the community has learned they must place their orders early to obtain their pies for the holidays.

To make this happen, countless volunteers worked anywhere from a few hours to a full day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers of all ages create an assembly line for making and baking pies.



At different times, anywhere from 60 to 80 men, women and children of all ages worked together, enjoying fun and fellowship and watching the boxed pies stack up.

The total number of pies has increased year after year. The \$11 price per pie makes it affordable for many people in Sandpoint to enjoy the fruit of the labor of all involved.

Ten years ago the Wheeler family brought the pie fund-raising idea with them when they moved from Fall River Mills, Calif. The church school there had a successful pie program, and they figured it would work well in Sandpoint. The proceeds from the pie sale fund the ski program for every student, which includes equipment rental, a day pass and a ski lesson one day a week for six weeks at Schweitzer Mountain Resort.

As the students see the snow



TERRY LOSS

Lynda Bailey, church member (left), Charla Suppe, Sandpoint Junior Academy principal (second from right), and others prepare pie dough.

falling, they are looking forward to another great year on the slopes — some learning for the first time, while others gain new skills. With the 10th year completed, the students, staff, and parents are thankful to all who had a part in preparing, assembling, and purchasing the pies and making it another great, successful year.

Barbara Loss, Sandpoint Junior Academy communication leader

Youth Rally Helps Teens Grow in Faith

Teenagers stood at the entrance of a classroom building and called out to their peers to “come understand more about the gospel” or “distribute GLOW tracts door to door.”

Classrooms filled up as hundreds of teens, parents and youth leaders selected faith-building afternoon workshop options at Washington Conference’s Youth Rally. All the chairs in the Understanding the Gospel workshop by Patrick Clifford, Auburn Adventist Academy (AAA) boys’ dean, were filled, and teens brought in more chairs from the hallway.

A few classrooms down, more teens learned about holding onto their faith in college and how to effectively lead music ministry. Elsewhere, a group of young people prepared to distribute 1,500 pieces of literature in the community.

“Going door to door passing out GLOW tracts was super fun even in the cold,” says Lynnette



Washington Conference’s Youth Rally brings together hundreds of teens for a day of worship, fellowship and outreach.

King, a teen from Olympia, Wash. “There were no rejections for our group. They were all receptive.”

Seth Jurgensen, a teen from Issaquah, Wash., also liked distributing GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts and prophecy seminar invitations. “I like stepping out of my comfort zone, along with friends, to help spread the word, which I find really rewarding,” he says.

The youth rally, held Jan. 14 at Highline Performing Arts Center in Burien, Wash., annually brings together hundreds of western Washington teenagers, parents and youth leaders for a day of worship, fellowship and outreach.

Japhet de Oliveira, from the Center for Youth Evangelism, shared story snapshots about Jesus. Maria Long, recording artist, shared an original song, “Endeavor,” about seeking after Jesus. She also performed a mini-concert.

“It was really cool to be involved this year and pray with the staff,” says Elliot Fletcher, an AAA junior. “It was a great

experience. Before I was just sitting out there [in the audience] listening.”

Teenagers also had opportunities to learn more about Adventist Christian education,

Youth Rush literature evangelism, summertime youth evangelism at Sunset Lake Camp, and mission service abroad.

Washington Conference plans youth-friendly activities and training sessions throughout the year, including a recent series of parent sessions for helping teens develop “sticky faith” and an associated teen retreat to aid students in forming a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director



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Food Basket Ministry Blesses Community

The North Cascade Church in Burlington, Wash., recently marked its 10th anniversary for providing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for community families.

Members filled and delivered food boxes to a com-

bined total of 71 families in 2011. The boxes also included Christmas gifts from the Giving Tree in the church foyer.

The church features a Food of the Month program all year by asking members to bring specific items each month to build up inventory for the

most-needed items.

Pathfinders hold two neighborhood food drives in addition to a youth Sabbath School class food drive to help fill the food baskets.

The Adventurer Club created gift-wrapped pasta meals that were included in each basket, and another church member created a soup package with all the ingredients and the recipe for making the soup. In addition, each basket included a copy of *Steps to Christ*.

The families receiving these food baskets are grateful. "We don't need to worry anymore because God just blessed us with more food," says a child of a single mother of two who received a food basket.

Church members feel blessed to help families by



Cole Witas loads a box for delivery to the community as part of the North Cascade (Wash.) Church's food basket ministry in Skagit County.

working together to make a difference within the Skagit Valley.

Carol Atkins, North Cascade Church food basket coordinator



Vanoy and Joan Smith help prepare food baskets for families in Skagit County.

Port Angeles Purchases Church Building

The Port Angeles (Wash.) Church purchased a vacant church in September 2011 from the First Church of Christ Scientist. The building includes a larger sanctuary, fellowship hall and parking area but lacks classrooms, handicapped restrooms, kitchen and baptistry.

Committees have been actively working with the congregation's ideas for an addition and remodeling to meet the church's needs. Fundraising plans are also being made.

The fellowship hall in the

new building is already being used for a Financial Peace University seminar, a weekly needlework social, and some committee meetings. The first official all-church activity in the new building was a Christmas program that followed Ingathering and caroling. The new building is much more visible to the public on a main Port Angeles thoroughfare.

The original part of the present Port Angeles Church was built sometime in the early 1900s. Willard Johnson, an en-

gineer on the railroad that connected Port Townsend, Wash., with Port Angeles and who also supported the nearby Sequim (Wash.) Church, was one of the main influences in this project. Over the years, several additions were made, including a separate Dorcas building (connected to the main church building later). At one time a church school operated in the building.

Judy de Chantal, Port Angeles Church clerk



Port Angeles (Wash.) Church members purchase a larger facility to allow additional room for worship, ministry and fellowship.

Tri-school Activities Bring Small Schools Together

Three small schools in the Washington Conference teamed up earlier in the school year to offer tri-school activities.

“[The three teachers] decided it would be good to get our small, one-teacher schools together once a month this year,” says Shannon Whidden, Forest Park Adventist Christian School (Everett, Wash.) principal and teacher. “We wanted our students to have some interaction with other kids.”

Forest Park has 14 students while Cedarhome Adventist Christian School (Stanwood, Wash.) has eight and Sky Valley Adventist School (Monroe, Wash.) has four.

The tri-school activities vary every month. For the first outing, students split into teams for a scavenger hunt at the



HEIDI MARTELLA

Teachers Shannon Whidden, Amanda Kobberstad and Angela Campanello, plan monthly tri-school activities to bring their small schools together.

Evergreen State Fair.

Students next explored the Washington State Corn Maze in Snohomish County to see all the major Washington roads and attractions built into the maze.

A few weeks before Christmas, students cycled through five craft stations to assemble Christmas presents.

Recently, the schools joined for Tri-school Science Olympics, where students designed an egg-drop apparatus, produced paper planes, built a tower of straws to hold a tennis ball, and enjoyed other science activities.

“At first, our students weren’t so sure about interacting with each other,” says Amanda Kob-

berstad, Cedarhome principal and teacher. “Now they have fun learning together.”

The three schools plan to continue their joint learning activities.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Grays Harbor Students Learn to Bless Humanity

Students at Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School (GHACS) are learning to use their time wisely to bless humanity.

The service theme is woven throughout the curriculum for this multi-grade school in Montesano, Wash., where students are encouraged to develop their talents and be a blessing to others.

When the students finish their assignments, they can make gifts to give out at the local food bank, create cheer cards or bookmarks to brighten someone’s day, or knit warm



ADRIA HAY

Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School students sing at a nursing home as part of their community service emphasis.

hats for people in need. Several upper-grade students from the school attended the conference-wide service project in September 2011 in Kirkland, Wash. Before the Christmas

holiday, the students made candy leis to distribute at the Grays Harbor Adventist Food Bank to the children of clients.

In January, the students sang at a local nursing home and

then gave out handcrafted cards and bookmarks with Bible verses on them.

“It gave me a leap of joy to sing to them,” wrote one student in a journal response after the singing outreach service project.

GHACS appreciates the support from its local churches and the Washington Conference for encouraging its youth to learn the joy of service and to pursue a life-work of helping others.

Adria Hay, GHACS principal and teacher

Home Away From Home

Campus Improvements Enhance Residential Life

For many former and current students it's the sense of community that defines their time at Walla Walla University (WWU). Here, small classes, friendly people and a full schedule of academic, social and spiritual programs are all part of a memorable collegiate experience.

Jodi Witzel, senior education major and a resident assistant director in the women's residence hall, says that the relationships she has formed have had a positive effect on her experience in school. "Whenever I'm away, I always look forward to coming back to campus to be with my friends — they've become more like a family," she says.

Recent renovations are enhancing campus life for residence hall students — 39 percent of WWU's 1,831 students. Improvements include:



Additional food stations are giving students, including Kai Kopitzke and Summer Thresher, more menu options at the campus cafeteria.

- Sittner Hall: Several bathrooms in the men's residence hall have been renovated and more will be updated next summer. Also, new washers and dryers are installed in laundry rooms and are free to residents.
- Foreman Hall: The lobby and laundry rooms in the women's residence hall have been renovated, and the new washers and dryers are free to residents.
- Campus Dining Services: Serving stations, which feature all-vegetarian food, have increased from six to nine to accommodate additional healthy meal options, including a soup and wrap bar, an international cuisine station, and a vegan/alternative station.

To improve pedestrian safety and visibility, cars can no longer park on College Avenue, which passes through the main campus. This change and future landscape enhancements are part of an overall physical campus master plan.

And in November 2011, the Association of Students of Walla Walla University opened The Atlas, a new student center where students can study, connect and worship together.

"We have been working diligently to make these improvements," says Ken Rogers, vice president for student life. "Our goal is to provide residence hall students with a setting where they can flourish in all aspects of their university experience."

Rosa Jimenez, WWU GLEANER correspondent

March 31 Offering Assists NPUC Students

If you live in the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) region, it's likely that you or someone you know is connected to Walla Walla University (WWU). Today at WWU, more than 1,800 students are launching

careers and building lifelong relationships, but most importantly, they are learning about God and how to make a difference for Him in this world.

Church members help young people continue their

education through an annual church offering to provide tuition grants to financially needy NPUC students.

Thank you for your gifts to this offering and also for your continuing prayers of support.



Editors' Note:
Richard Dower,
retired *GLENER*
editor, writes
here of his per-
spectives on the
Walla Walla Uni-
versity tradition
of Evensong and
how a new audio
CD recording
of the program
came to fruition.

During the early spring of 1963, while I and my soon-to-be-wife, Nadine Platner, were students at Walla Walla College (WWC, now Walla Walla University/WWU) in College Place, Wash., Melvin K. West, music professor and organist, and Loren Dickinson, speech professor, began a long-running series of Sabbath evening concerts. This monthly sundown interlude in the College Church became known as Evensong: A Sabbath Sunset Reflection. For many, these were appointments not to be missed.

Evensong arose not by mere accident, but from West's desire to endear the new church organ to the students, faculty, staff and college community. He surmised a series of organ programs at the sundown vespers time would be just the right thing.

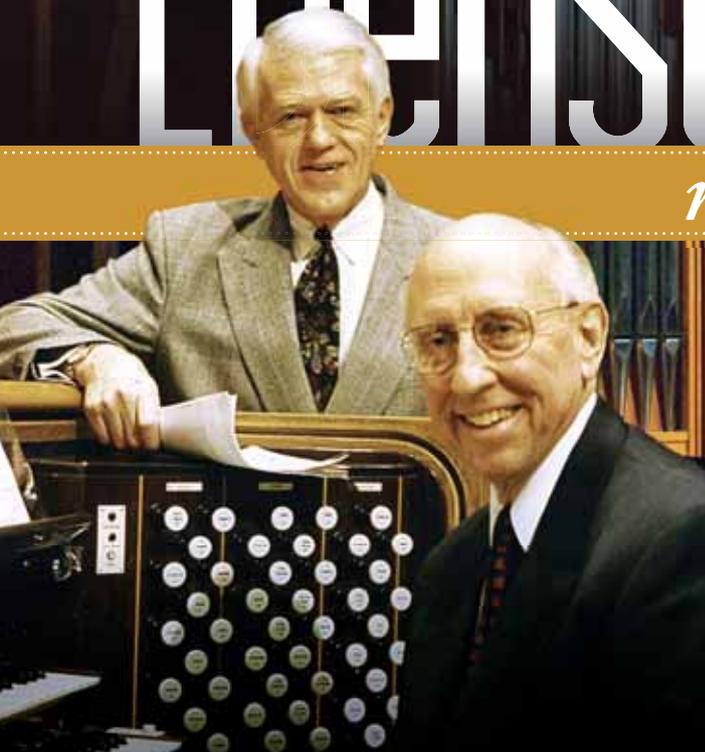
New Neighbors Begin a Tradition

When Dickinson joined the faculty and, with his wife, Carolyn, moved next door to the West's home in College Place, he learned of this dream during their neighborly "gab" sessions. "Why don't you find some poetry, prose or whatever and do it between the numbers I play?" West urged.

"The concept was simple, had elegance to it and was something I could surround," Dickinson remembers. "When we talked the first time, he said, 'I know exactly how we can open this thing.'"

Evensong Tradition

moves to the digital



The *Evensong* CD is the first of a series of Sabbath Time Music recordings.

“I had the piece of music, and I thought, you know, that’s absolutely perfect,” West recalls. Dickinson wrote introductory words meant to help set a mood of meditation and expectancy, all in a setting of “the great chords of harmony.” Those words and the music became the hallmark of Evensong. Two other elements defined Evensong: a guest performer and an improvisation on a hymn.

Evensong came to full bloom right away — almost nothing changed after the first couple of programs. West knew the kind of music he wanted to play, and he knew there ought to be readings interspersed. It was a simple concept that didn’t have to change too much throughout its long life.

Nadine and I left WWC in the spring of 1964 and did

not return to the campus on a Sabbath until Alumni Weekend in April 2000. During that weekend, West and Dickinson did a reunion Evensong, which we attended. It was a wonderful concert and brought back memories of the concerts we enjoyed so long ago. Nine years later, they presented what was billed as “the last Evensong” at Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore., in May 2009.

The CD Project Takes Root

Soon after that, the idea was born to ask both West and Dickinson to record an Evensong for posterity. Quite frankly, these concerts were so special to me and to so many other WWC students that, selfishly, I wanted to hear the opening and closing words and music whenever I wished.

West’s initial reaction was an emphatic “no!” He had never allowed recordings to be made of his concerts or recitals because he did not want the pressure of a recording added to the stress of performance. I persevered, trying to convince him that a recording of Evensong would be a treasure to many WWC alumni.

When West informed me a few months later that he would



Gordon Wildman is the technological brain behind the new *Evensong* CD, which features Melvin West and Loren Dickinson as recorded at the Sunnyside Church in Portland, Ore.

have to have carpal tunnel surgery on both hands, I thought we had forever missed the opportunity to make a recording.

But, just a year later, I learned that another Evensong concert had been scheduled at the Sunnyside Church. I again approached West with the idea of recording the concert.

I told him the story about how Arnold Renschler and James Schoepflin, both of the Upper Columbia Academy (Spangle, Wash.) Class of 1960, put on an Evensong for their classmates during their 50th alumni reunion, which Nadine and I attended. Renschler said, “Evensong was one of the special memories of our years at Walla Walla College, and we want to do this Evensong as a tribute to Mel West and Loren Dickinson.” He read poetry that was meaningful to him, and Schoepflin provided the music on the piano and clari-

net. West was touched, and so he agreed to allow the recording of an Evensong program held March 12, 2011.

This recording is a tribute to Mel West and Loren Dickinson, the men who made Evensong so long-lived and memorable for so many people. The Evensong CD is the first of a series of Sabbath Time Music recordings. For more information, go to www.sabbathtime-music.com.

WWU has continued the Evensong tradition on campus with Kraig Scott and Monty Buell currently doing the honors — a treat to be experienced by anyone who visits College Place on a Sabbath evening.

Richard Dower, former GLEANER editor



In Their Own Words

Transcribed from a conversation with Melvin West and Loren Dickinson and recorded by Gordon Wildman.

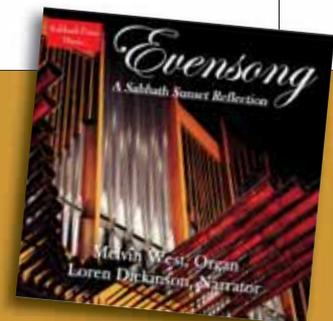
Mel West remembers ...

“We chose a theme song. The theme song was an instant success [and] people very early on grabbed on to that song. I’ve heard people say, ‘All that it took was to have that theme song start and tears came.’

“I have thought this, but I don’t know if I’ve ever expressed it. We could do the opening and the closing, have nothing in the middle ... and we would have satisfied a lot of people. There’s something about that melody we picked years ago that just stuck ... and people want that.”

Loren Dickinson recalls ...

“Mel saw [the new college Casavant organ] was capable of doing things that hadn’t been done before. The church was new, the organ was new, and he saw potential that the rest of us didn’t understand. So, this made it reasonable to hook into some kind of a programmatic idea. And there it was. Providence filled in all the rest as far as I am concerned.”



Adventist Health Sponsors Teams in California International Marathon

To promote a healthy lifestyle and team spirit, Adventist Health recently sponsored the largest corporate participation at the 2011 California International Marathon (CIM). More than 135 employees from across the four-state, 18-hospital system made up 35 relay teams with several full-marathon runners for the Dec. 4, 2011, race. This marked the fifth year Adventist Health has participated in the race.

The CIM is a 26.2-mile race from Folsom, Calif., to the state capitol in Sacramento, Calif. Ranked as the 14th largest marathon in the country, the most recent CIM had 8,000 marathoners and 4,000 relay runners. The course is slightly downhill and is known as a great race to earn a Boston Marathon qualifying time.



BRYAN ROWE



TOM DRIVER

Adventist Health's fastest relay team finished the race in 3:06:46.

Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., had several participants in the race, as did several California hospitals: Adventist Medical Center Hanford, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Howard Memorial Hospital, St. Helena Hospital Napa Valley and Sonora Regional Medical Center.

To get employees excited about running, the Roseville, Calif., based organization offered to pay employees' registration fees for the race. Adventist Health also provided bright yellow T-shirts with the company logo for runners to wear during the race to add to the team atmosphere. Adventist Health runners were known as "Team AHsome" and proudly wore the Adventist Health name on their shirts.

In addition to training regularly several months in advance for the race, participants encouraged each other and engaged in healthy competition for motivation. While some

participants were seasoned runners, others had never done a distance race before.

George Bailey, an employee at the system headquarters, was a first-time runner this year with a remarkable story. Several years ago, Bailey decided to improve his health and lose weight. He has participated in CHIP (Complete Health Improvement Program), Adventist Health-sponsored health programs and daily walks. He

Some of the runners celebrate their success on California's Capitol steps.



TOM DRIVER

wears a pedometer every day to keep track of his steps and spends lunch breaks walking. Since his decision to become healthier, Bailey has lost more than 100 pounds. He initially was nervous about signing up for the CIM and, after doing so, wanted to drop out. His teammates encouraged him to do the race, and, with their support, he was able to run his portion of the relay successfully.

By promoting health among its employees, Adventist Health is working to set a good example for its patients and the communities its hospitals and other facilities serve. For health and fitness tips, quizzes and other online tools, visit AdventistHealth.org and click on the Health Library tab.

Brittany Dobbs, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



Alice Collier

Collier 100th

Alice Collier celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 17, 2011, with a potluck at the Ontario (Ore.) Church.

Alice Foster was born Sept. 21, 1911, in Marshfield, Ore. She is the oldest of five children. She and her siblings attended school in Marshfield and Coos River, Ore. They rode a boat on the Coos River to school.

She married Henry Collier in Coquille, Ore., on Dec. 21, 1929. They had one son and one daughter. Later, they moved to a 120-acre ranch in Ontario in 1951.

Collier's interests are music, gardening and church. She plays the organ, violin, piano and accordion. Her secret to longevity is eating from her garden and playing her music.

Collier's family includes John and Betty Collier of Ontario; Rose Masterson of Twin Falls, Idaho; 7 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Jacoshenk 70th

Ray and Ruby Jacoshenk celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2011, at the graduation of their twin grandsons in Sacramento, Calif.

Ray Jacoshenk was an only child born and raised in Dogden Butte, N.D. Ruby Howell was born in Oakland, Minn., and raised on a farm in Iowa with six brothers and sisters. They met in 1938, during their freshman year at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. After earning their two-year teacher certifications, Ray went to teach in North Dakota and Ruby in Sikeston, Mo. They continued to correspond and each took teaching positions in adjoining townships in Max, N.D. They married on June 2, 1941, in Washburn, N.D.

In 1944, Ray and Rudy, with their daughter, Judy, moved to Portland, Ore. Ray found work in the shipyards with his dad during World War II. Their son, Gary, was born in 1945, and James completed the family in 1947.

In 1955, Ruby began working at the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital and started a 35-year career in the credit and collections department. In 1957, Ray also began working as the head of the laundry for the hospital. He was later promoted to head of housekeeping and then to purchasing, totaling a career of 33 years at the hospital.

Ray played fast-pitch softball from the mid-'50s to 1970. Ruby remained active, volunteering and taking art classes. They are active in the Sunnyside (Ore.) Church.

The Jacoshenks have many friends with whom they regularly play games and travel. They have spent the past 29 winters in Palm Springs, Calif. In 2010, they went to Hawaii with their son

Gary for Ray's 90th birthday, and Ray went snorkeling in the ocean. They have endured the hardship of losing two of their children: Jim in 1992 and Judy in 2004. They have 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Petersen 90th

LuVerne Petersen was honored at a weekend celebration for his 90th birthday in Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 1-4, 2011.

Petersen was born Dec. 1, 1921, in rural Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On Jan. 19, 1944, he married Alice M. Nelsen of Kimballton, Iowa. They farmed near Kimballton for more than 50 years and were members of the Exira Church.

In July 2009, they moved to an apartment in Wheatland Village in Walla Walla. Petersen and his wife are members of the Walla Walla University Church.

His family includes Jane and Larry Dodds of Walla Walla; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

White 50th

Glenn and Sandy White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home with a surprise weekend visit with their family and a gift of a trip to Hawaii in December.

Glenn White and Sandra Haughey met at San Pasqual Academy (Escondido, Calif.) in the summer of 1959. Glenn proposed to Sandy on Christmas Day 1960. They were married on Nov. 19, 1961, in the Santa Ana (Calif.) Church of the Palms, by E. Irwin Lehman.

In 1965, they moved to Pomona, Calif., where their children, Teresa and Scott, were born. They became members of the Pomona Church, where Glenn was a deacon, worked in the youth department, and helped in Pathfinders. Sandy worked in the primary and kindergarten departments.

In 1972, the family moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., where their daughter, Julie, was born. They became members of the Klamath Falls Church, where Glenn served as head deacon, member of the church and school boards, and helped with Pathfinders. Sandy served as head deaconess, church clerk, and a member of the church and school boards. Glenn worked for Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad in the track department and driving/operating a high-rail boom truck. Sandy worked at the Merle West Medical Center as a medical clerk.

In 1990, Glenn was transferred by the railroad to Salem, Ore. Sandy went to work for Kaiser Permanente as a telephone receptionist. They both retired in August 2004.

The Whites enjoy being with their grandchildren, camping and traveling. Glenn enjoys his woodworking shop, while Sandy enjoys sewing and gardening.

The White family includes Teresa and Bruce Price of Walla Walla, Wash.; Scott and Shannon (Hoard) White of Keizer, Ore.; Julie White of Vancouver, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

CLIFTON — Elijah Lynn was born Aug. 22, 2011, to Tony and Sheila (Hammack) Clifton, Sutherlin, Ore.

CONNERS — Jordan Denaé was born Oct. 16, 2011, to Josh and Noelle (Carlson) Conners, Castle Rock, Wash.

GIBSON — Luke Freeman was born Jan. 13, 2012, to Jim and Gena (Stone) Gibson, Camas, Wash.

HERZBERG — Zuri Rain was born Dec. 18, 2011, to Jeron and Emalyz (Agosto) Herzberg, Winston, Ore.

PATZER — Lilia Soléne was born Jan. 10, 2012, to Troy and Renée (Hibbs) Patzer, Spangle, Wash.

PIESKE — Grayson Lee was born Jan. 1, 2012, to Jordan and Chelsea (Hummel) Pieske, Gresham, Ore.

RITER — Levi Wesley was born Nov. 16, 2011, to Benjamin and Janella (McGhee) Riter, Seattle, Wash.

AT REST

ALLEN — Angeline M. M. (Budd), 90; born Dec. 17, 1920, Devils Lake, N.D.; died Oct. 26, 2011, Stevenson, Wash. Surviving: sons, Terry, Parkdale, Ore.; Daryl, Carson, Wash.; daughters, Wanda Salvesen, Home Valley, Wash.; Holly Adderly, McMinnville, Ore.; brothers, Joe Budd, Prescott, Ariz.; Lyle Budd, Moses Lake, Wash.; sisters, Marjorie Weir, Colbert, Wash.; Cleo Forgey, College Place, Wash.; Hazel Burns, Dayton, Ohio; Ruthie Jacobson, Hiawassee, Ga.; Naomi Parsons, Citrus Heights, Calif.; 8 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

BOUCHER — Vera Alice (Bernard), 93; born July 26, 1917, Holly, Mich.; died March 20, 2011, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: sons, Keith,

Grants Pass; Carl, Nehalem, Ore.; daughters, Connie McHutchinson, Meridian, Idaho; Kathy Boucher, Grants Pass; brother, Duane Bernard, Flint, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

CARVER — Robert L., 81; born Jan. 25, 1930, Denver, Colo.; died July 3, 2011, Lake Mary, Fla. Surviving: son, Stan, Sunland, Calif.; daughter, Cathy Slovarp, Longwood, Fla.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

CHURCHILL — Roy C., 84; born Oct. 26, 1926, Utica, Mich.; died Sept. 22, 2011, Cashmere, Wash. Surviving: sons, Mark, Sturgeon, Mo.; Tim, Leavenworth, Wash.; daughters, April Churchill and Kathy Wilson, both of Gresham, Ore.; brother, Byron, Flushing, Mich.; sisters, Vivian Hunt, Lapeer, Mich.; Iva Hainey, Berrien Springs, Mich.; and 2 grandchildren.

COBLENTZ — Margie N. (White) Friesen Manning, 90; born April 21, 1921, Clement, Okla.; died Sept. 9, 2011, Sweet Home, Ore. Surviving: sons, Jerry Friesen, Culver, Calif.; Max Friesen, Sacramento, Calif.; Don Friesen, Sweet Home; stepsons, Lloyd Manning, Sweet Home; Roy Manning, Tigard, Ore.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

DINWIDDIE — Gilbert Meade, 95; born March 12, 1916, Cappon, Alberta, Canada; died Oct. 30, 2011, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Roger, Gresham; daughters, Julia Corrae, Portland, Ore.; Marilyn May, Sequim, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FORBES — Robert M., 86; born March 11, 1925, Minneapolis, Minn.; died Oct. 29, 2011, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: wife, Virgie (Steiner);

son, Robert M., Lehr, N.D.; daughter, Carlotta Yauney, Pendleton, Ore.; sister, Blanch Bitzer, Brainerd, Minn.; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

HANES — Robert, 86; born Feb. 14, 1925, Evansville, Ind.; died July 5, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Delores (Danielson); sons, Ken, Studio City, Calif.; and Darin, Vancouver.

HELM — Kenneth D., 92; born Sept. 26, 1919, Fort Collins, Colo.; died Oct. 5, 2011, Port Orchard, Wash. Surviving: son, Dennis Happy, Port Orchard; daughter, Blanche Kidd, Prosser, Wash.; 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

KEGLEY — Margaret A. (Babcock), 91; born Feb. 3, 1920, Cottage Grove, Ore.; died Oct. 31, 2011, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Richard and Stanley, both of Walla Walla; daughter, Deborah Durland, Portland, Ore.; brother, Keith Babcock, Medford, Ore.; sister, Marian Dewey, Medford; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

NYSTROM — Lenora (Logsbom), 82; born Feb. 5, 1929, Stone Hill, Mont.; died Oct. 26, 2011, Milwaukie, Ore. Surviving: son, Richard, Dupont, Ind.; daughters, Donna Henry, Oregon City, Ore.; Sharon Casey, Portland, Ore.; Ethel Ingram, Milwaukie; sister, Rose M. Nelson, Whitefish, Mont.; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

SAMUELS — Cara, 28; born May 4, 1983, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 7, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: mother, Jeannie (Garcia), Vancouver; brother, Shawn, Vancouver; half brother, Chris Kilmer, Vancouver; half sisters, Charlie (Glen) Sanborn and

Candice (Glen) Frantz, both of Vancouver; and grandparents, Frank and Maria (Alveraz) Garcia, Vancouver.

SIMER — Ronald R., 73; born Oct. 19, 1937, Corpus Christi, Texas; died Feb. 5, 2011, Medford, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lois (Pariani); sons, Steven and Kevin, both of Wisconsin; daughter, Rhonda Martinson, of Wisconsin; stepson, Jeff Mendoza, of California; brothers, Harold Fowler, of Texas; Bruce, of Florida; 6 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WAGNER — Paul, 82; born Dec. 20, 1928, Rapid City, S.D.; died Oct. 20, 2011, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: wife, Edna (Wood); sons, Travis Sanders, Springfield; Joey Sanders, Hood River, Ore.; Dean Wagner, Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Nancy Akland, Anacortes, Wash.; brothers, Donnie Wagner, Rapid City; Alan Wagner, Forest Grove, Ore.; Monte Wagner, Vancouver, Wash.; sisters, LeAnne Johnson, Rapid City; Colleen Burket, Akron, Ohio; Rita Shea, Hemlock, Mich.; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

WARD — Carla J. (Senn), 63; born Feb. 7, 1948, Springfield, Ore.; died Nov. 1, 2011, Springfield. Surviving: husband, Ken; son, Michael, Tualatin, Ore.; daughters, Nicole Bryan, College Place, Wash.; Stephanie Rushton, Eugene, Ore.; brother, Ross Senn, Portland, Ore.; sister, Judy Mende, Lincoln City, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

WATTS — Lois May (Shepherdson), 92; born May 25, 1919, Kirksville, Mo.; died Nov. 13, 2011, Loma Linda, Calif. Surviving: husband, Carl B.; son, Howard T., Grand Terrace, Calif.; daughter, Kit Watts, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

North Pacific Union Conference**Offering**

March 3 — Local Church Budget;

March 10 — Adventist World Radio World Budget;

March 17 — Local Church Budget;

March 24 — Local Conference Advance;

March 31 — Walla Walla University.

Northwest Chapter ASI Convention

April 26-29 — Come join the excitement of an Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convention at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Enjoy spiritual refreshing with speakers Jim Gilley and Kevin Wilfley. Be invigorated as members tell how they share God's love with others. Special programs will be available for children. Treat your family to the rich blessings of an ASI convention and be reminded how "Faith Powers Service." Take advantage of a first-time New Member Incentive: Two-year membership for the price of one. For more information, visit asinw.netasi.org. Make reservations with Marella Rudebaugh at the North Pacific Union Conference office 360-857-7000 and the Boise-Riverside Hotel 208-343-1871.

Walla Walla University

March 1-3 — March University Days;

March 2-4 — Young Writers Conference;

March 3 and 4 — The Festival of the One Acts, 8 p.m.;

March 15-25 — Spring Break;

March 31 — Evensong, 7 p.m., University Church;

April 1-3 — April University Days. For details and reservations, call 800-541-8900;

Various dates — Women's softball, go to athletics.wallawalla.edu.

Portland Campus

March 10 — Ken Rogers, WWU vice president for student life and mission, will be at the Sunnyside Church at 8:50 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

Idaho**Gem State Adventist Academy Homecoming**

March 30-April 1 — All alumni, former students, faculty, parents and friends are invited to the annual homecoming. Honored classes are: 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. The alumni office is looking for addresses for the following honor class graduates. If you see your name listed or know the whereabouts of an individual on this list, please contact Linda Klinger at 208-459-1627, ext. 158 or lklinger@gemstate.org. **1952:** Nancy (Rennings) Meyers, Ruth (Tewalt) Sedgebeer; **1962:** Cheryl Grogan, Shirlee (Maynard) Hansen; **1972:** Mike Anderson, Glen Bowman, Teresa Crain, Debbie Geddes, Lynn Goodman, Richard Gray, Mike Guerin, Jolene Hickman, Fusako Miyaji, Lauren Polson, Judy Reed, Louise Reid, Rita (Lall) Runyon, Sheryl Skinner, Tim Thornton, Terri Zenna; **1982:** Ralph Eastwood, Carolyn (Simanton) Harris, Marlene (Reed) Henry, Tina (Lucas) Iguchi, Helen (Tabor) Lofton, Duncan Macvarish, Daniel Priest, Brent Ringering, Laren Stafford; **1987:** Wanda (Fellows) Browne, Edye Campos, Anita Hardin, Dana McFarland, Michael Nelson, Tracy Olson, Lana (Sundsted) Parra, Vicki (Wagness) Zweigle; **1992:** Brian Evans, Jessie Farley, Sarah (McGill) Curtis, Angie (Heyn) Wakely, Dwight Zitek; **2001:** Stephanie Brister, Michelle DeBard, Sarah Gonzales, Jessica Gross, Jennifer Kramer, Elizabeth (Draget) Stenberg, Rebecca Torske and Holly Wheelock.

Montana**Missing members**

The Belgrade Church is looking for the following missing members: Carol Arnold, Sara Arnold, Diane Burke, Don Clark, Fawn Felker, Rex Hudson, Terry Morris, Tina Morris, Susie Smith, Mary Stromme and Mary Towner. If you have any information about these missing members, please contact Ruth Stanton at the Montana Conference office, 406-587-3101.

Oregon**Health Fair**

March 4 — The community is invited to a Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sunnyside Grange on Cowlitz St., Castle Rock, WA. This event is sponsored by the Castle Rock Church. For more information, contact Jeanne at 360-274-6709.

Tribute Quartet

March 17 — The Seventh-day Adventist Community Church of Vancouver is hosting Tribute Quartet at 7 p.m. This national quartet's tour brings them to our church for a free-will offering concert. www.tributequartet.com.

Ministry Fest South

March 17 — Have you asked, "What can my church do to reach out to others? What can I do?" Come to Ministry Fest at the Rogue Valley Adventist Academy, 3675 S. Stage Rd., Medford, OR 97501. Beginning at 3 p.m. you will see live demonstrations, review program materials, and ask questions while visiting dozens of interactive ministry displays and booths. Be sure to enter the drawings, experience the Info Blitzes, and pick up lots of free resources and handouts. And childcare is provided for ages 4 to 9! After sundown enjoy a delicious haystack dinner and a live concert. Training classes begin at 9 a.m. Sunday morning in the same location. Discovering ministry has never been so much fun.

Stephen Bohr Seminar

March 23-24 — Stephen Bohr will present a seminar at the Riverside Church, 463 N. Shepherd Rd., Washougal, WA 98671. Bohr is the pastor of the Fresno (Calif.) Church and is regularly seen on Hope TV, Amazing Facts TV and 3ABN. The meetings will be held Friday, 7 p.m., and Sabbath, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Please bring toppings for a haystack potluck at noon. For more information, email pmcaviness@msn.com, or call 360-953-1372.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McDougall Cooking Class

March 27 — Free McDougall Cooking Class will begin March 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and continue for six more Tuesday nights until May 8, 2012. Location: Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy., Castle Rock, WA. Please RSVP. For more information, contact Wanda at 360-967-2165.

Oregon Conference Prayer Retreat

March 30-April 1 — It's not too late to reserve your place at the 2012 Oregon Conference Prayer Retreat. If you are looking for spiritual renewal and Christian friendship, this retreat is just for you. Speaker Ty Gibson will focus on the prayer life of the end-time generation. Come experience the power of prayer and the peaceful setting of Grove Christian Camp just outside Cottage Grove, Ore. This retreat is open to everyone so feel free to invite a friend from your community. Register now for only \$100 at www.plusline.org/eventdetail.php?id=1066818 or call 800-732-7587. For more information, go to orgcpersonalmin.adventistnw.org/2012-prayer-retreat or contact Donna Koehn at waldheim1934@hotmail.com.

Community Health Fair

April 1 — Hood View Junior Academy in Boring, Ore., will host a Community Health Fair on Sunday, from 12:30-5 p.m. Come learn about the health benefits of physical activity and a plant-based diet, complete with cooking demonstrations, breakout sessions with local health experts, a kids' jog-a-thon, exhibitor booths and showings of the acclaimed documentary *Forks Over Knives*. A free meal will be served to the first 150 guests (food also available to purchase throughout the day). The Adventist Medical Center Health van will be on site to conduct health screenings. Throughout the afternoon presenters will speak on topics such as reversing diabetes, the 10 best things you can do to improve your health, and the importance of childhood nutrition and physical activity. For more information, or to participate as an exhibitor or volunteer, call Kari Oksenholt-Unruh at 503-750-4730 or email questions to karioksenholt@gmail.com.

OAMC 18th-annual Spring Festival

April 14 — Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus 18th-annual Spring Festival will be at 4:30 p.m., at Adventist Community Church, 9711 N.E. St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, WA 98665. Be inspired by 100 singing men, including Northwest academy students. For information and free tickets, go to www.oamc.org/tickets or call 503-410-6970.

Orchestra Concert

April 24 — The Canadian University College Chamber Orchestra on their Northwest Tour, under the direction of Jennifer Penner, will be in concert at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, OR 97216, on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature talented young musicians and soloists sharing an uplifting evening of sacred classics. A free-will offering will be taken in lieu of admission.

Laurelwood Class of 1962 Reunion

July 27-29 — The Laurelwood Class of 1962 Reunion will be at the Cherrywood Village in Portland, Ore. Plans for our 50-year reunion include golf, sharing, inspiration, meals and an open house. For more information, consult their Facebook page: Laurelwood Academy Class of 1962. Contact information for the following missing classmates is needed: Lola Mae Burns-Worth, Peggy Estberg-Britner, Louise Neuffer-Trotti, Sue Wagner, Peggy Weaver, Sharon Conklin-Taylor, Mary Ann Clifford, Carolyn Hoffmeister, Lorina Abbot-Hopi, Carol Tamerius-Mullian, Jo Ann Schumacher, Doris Snyder-Driver, Kay Spears-Krist, Jack Irvine, Jan Newell, Kathy Haines, Linda Cain, Lexie Vantassel, Richard Tonole, Fred Rassmussen and Lawrence Serl. If you have any information, send a message on Facebook or call 503-641-4110.

Missing Members

The Shady Point Church is looking for the following missing members: Nicholas Aaltonen, Deb Frank, Daniel Hutchinson, Ronald Kay, Joseph Lance and Edwin Redondo. If you have any information, please contact Sandy at 541-826-2839 or sbrown@ccountry.net.

Missing Members

The Albany Church is looking for the following missing members: Morgan Edwards, Barbara Johns, Pete and Debbie Scott, Francisco Mendez, Carlos and Susanna Olivera, Raul and Sandra Rodriguez, and Jonathan Phillips. If you have any information, please contact the Albany Church at 3085 Grand Prairie Rd. S.E., Albany, OR 97322 or call 541-928-9555.

Upper Columbia

Oroville Church Celebration

June 30 — You are invited to the dedication of the Oroville Church sanctuary and the 80th anniversary of the church formation. Bob Folkenberg Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, will speak at the 11 a.m. service and at the afternoon dedication. Help them celebrate at 922 Main St., Oroville, WA 98844.

WWVA Alumni Weekend

Sept. 21-23 — Walla Walla Valley Academy invites all alumni and former faculty to the academy for this special reunion weekend. The 2012 Honor Classes are: 2002, 1992, 1982, 1987, 1972, 1962 and Golden Alumni. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 509-525-1050 ext. 223 or email evanch@wwva.org.

Missing Members

The Kennewick (Wash.) Church is looking for the whereabouts of the following missing members: Sheryle Laubach, John Marsh, Naoma Marsh, Tanya McKean, Rachel Guajardo, Kimberly Melius, Ardelle Montgomery, Earl Montgomery, Kathleen Orht, Arthur Pittillo, Paul Ponzozzo, Twila Ponzozzo, Nancy Rose, Donna Scott, Carol Templeman, Ken Toovey, Alexi True, Robert Wantz, Michael Wisehart and Patricia Wisehart. If you have any information regarding these missing members, contact Fred Christensen at 509-783-8731 or email kennewicksda@frontier.com.

Project PATCH: Family Experience Weekend

March 16-19 — Family Experience Weekend at the Project PATCH

Family Life and Conference Center, in Goldendale, WA, now open for registration. Various dates available, starting March 16-19. Learn effective communication and how to relate better to each other as a family, all in a Christ-centered, family-focused environment. Call 360-690-8495 for more information and to register. For program details and location photos, visit projectpatch.org.

Washington

Sabbath History Seminar

March 23-24 — Jim Wood will present a fresh, new look at the Sabbath in its historical context, drawing from his years of research for *The Seventh Day* television documentary series. Seminar topics are: Sabbath Controversy, Friday at 7 p.m.; Emperors, Popes and Calendars, Sabbath at 9:30 a.m.; Evolution and the Sabbath, Sabbath at 10:55 a.m.; and Sabbath Reformers, Sabbath at 1:30 p.m. Location: Tacoma Central Church, 1301 S. Baltimore St., Tacoma, WA. For more information on *The Seventh Day* series, visit www.the7thday.org.

Vegfest 2012!

March 24-25 — Vegfest 2012, at the Seattle Center's Exhibition Hall from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Taste food samples, see chef's cooking demos, hear the latest nutrition information from physician speakers and choose from the largest collection of vegetarian books in the world. Admission is \$8 for adults (children 12 and under free) or sign up to volunteer and receive free admission and a T-shirt. Details at www.vegfest2012.org.

SAGE Creation Retreat

May 9-13 — There will be a SAGE Creation Retreat at Camp Hope, British Columbia, Canada, "Celebrating God's Creation." Featured speakers will include Adventist scholars and scientists Dr. Timothy Standish, Dr. Doug Newton and Dr. G.T. Ng and Mrs. Ivy Ng, and World Missions speakers. There will be good home-cooked vegetarian meals, plus many nearby tourist attractions. Stay in the comfortable lodge or bring your RV. Call 253-681-6008 or email joan.libby@wc.npuc.org for our reasonable rates. www.washingtonconference.org/sage.

Washington Adventist Camp Meeting

June 14-23 — Washington Adventist Camp Meeting will be held at the Auburn Adventist Academy campus with programming for all ages. Guest speakers include: Bill Liversidge, Gordon Pifher, John McVay and John Bradshaw, with a concert by Charles Haugabrooks. Reservations for on-site accommodations will be open March 1 at www.washingtonconference.org.

Missing Members

The Olympia Transformation Life Center Church is missing the following members: Tammy J. Barnes, Holly Baze, Kimberly Chapman, Michael Chapman, Torrey Chapman, Shirley Garrett, Richard Healy, Karla Hughes, Georgette Janes, Karen S. Klatush, Loyola Davis, George Kulhvi, Jamie Lehew, Eric Lincoln, Sharon Lincoln, Marion McDaniel, Michael McDaniel, Matthew McDaniel, Debbie McPherson, Laurel Meyer, Korina Murray, Mary Parks, Rafael Perez, Rose Perez, Susanna Perez, Summer Perez, Karen A. Prestwood, Larry Rings, Rebeccah Rinke, Adriana Salazar, David D. and Marta Sanchez, Diane Scott, Tad Stephens, Tina Stephens, Kevin Turner, Christopher B. Tyler, Debra A. Ventris and James Zilsdorf. If you have any information, please contact us at: 1717 Eskridge Blvd. S.E., Olympia, WA 98501; call 360-943-1370; or email OlympiaSDA@integrity.com.

World Church

Valley Grande Adventist Academy Celebrates 75 years

March 30-31 — The Alumni Association invites all former faculty, staff and students to a celebration during Alumni Weekend. Come sing with the Sylvan Choir and visit with friends again. For more information, visit the website at www.vgaa.org or email Robert Saldana at eyeguy@live.com.

Thunderbird Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend

April 13-15 — Honor Classes are 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002. The weekend includes a Friday evening reception, Sabbath School at 10 a.m. and church service with speaker Brent Yingling at 11 a.m. All will be held in

the academy gymnasium. For more information, contact Wayne Longhofer at 480-948-3300 or wlonghofer@thunderbirdacademy.org.

Weimar Alumni

April 13-15 — Weimar Center of Health and Education welcomes all Weimar Academy, college and staff alumni to the annual joint Homecoming Reunion for fellowship and spiritual enrichment with several special speakers and events. Honor academy and college classes: 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. For more information, email alumni@weimar.edu or call 800-525-9192.

Orleans Church/School 50th Anniversary

April 14-15 — Former and current members, alumni and friends are invited for special services and activities at the Orleans Church, 240 Ishi Pishi Rd., Orleans, CA 95556. Good quality photos of members/alumni/activities are needed. Please send to Roger Williams, P.O. Box 241, Orleans, CA 95556. Photos will be returned. Email digital photos to orleansadventist@gmail.com. Please RSVP. Call Roger at 530-469-3341 or find on Facebook.

La Sierra University Homecoming

April 20-22 — Celebrate La Sierra's 90th year, 50 years of Student Missions, 40 years of University Honors (Interdip), and the School of Business' 25th year. Reunions include: GOLD, Premium (1922-1961), Latino, SALSU/ASLLU Officers, Soul Church, and Classes of 1972, 1962 and 1952. More information on www.lasierra.edu/alumni.

Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend

May 4-5 — All alumni, mark your calendars to attend the Broadview Academy Alumni weekend. Honor Classes are 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. North Aurora Church, North Aurora, Ill. Attend Friday night vespers, Sabbath School and church. All ideas and information welcome. For communication purposes, the school needs YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, as postage is too expensive. Contact Ed Gutierrez by email at edjulie1@att.net or call 630-232-9034.

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Juneau	5:28	5:45	7:01	7:17	7:33
Ketchikan	5:23	5:37	6:52	7:05	7:19

Idaho Conference

Boise	6:34	6:43	7:52	8:00	8:09
La Grande	5:40	5:50	6:59	7:08	7:17
Pocatello	6:20	6:29	7:37	7:45	7:53

Montana Conference

Billings	6:02	6:11	7:21	7:30	7:39
Havre	6:03	6:14	7:25	7:35	7:46
Helena	6:15	6:25	7:35	7:44	7:54
Miles City	5:50	6:00	7:10	7:19	7:29
Missoula	6:22	6:33	7:42	7:52	8:02

Oregon Conference

Coos Bay	6:07	6:15	7:24	7:32	7:41
Medford	6:02	6:10	7:19	7:27	7:34
Portland	5:58	6:08	7:17	7:26	7:36

Upper Columbia Conference

Pendleton	5:43	5:52	7:02	7:11	7:20
Spokane	5:35	5:46	6:56	7:06	7:16
Walla Walla	5:41	5:50	7:00	7:09	7:19
Wenatchee	5:47	5:58	7:08	7:18	7:28
Yakima	5:49	5:59	7:09	7:18	7:28

Washington Conference

Bellingham	5:54	6:05	7:16	7:27	7:37
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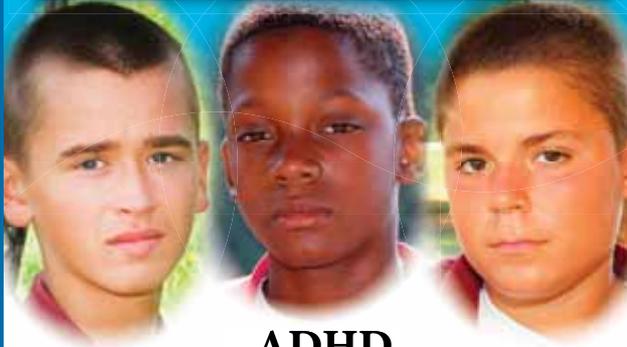
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Fast

“While we decry the unjust caste systems of some cultures, we are not immune here in the land of the free.”

The hard truth hit in fourth grade. Within my little school, I had heretofore owned the fleetest feet, propelling me to the front of every race. First place was an everyday occurrence. The view from the back of the pack was unfamiliar territory.

Then, following Christmas vacation, a new guy showed up in class. With boyish swagger I proposed a race around the bases of the school’s kickball field. I had not yet read Mark Twain’s description of the overconfident mongrel that presumptuously streaks across the desert after a coyote. After granting his pursuer false hope for a couple miles, the coyote turns with a fraudulent smile that seems to say, “Well, I shall have to tear myself away from you, bub ...” and with a puff of smoke and sonic boom leaves the hapless hound prostrate in the dust.¹

My ill-fated race was like a mini Revelation Seminar. I was no longer Speedy Gonzalez. I had been a medium fish in a tiny pond — a pond that would get deeper and broader, with bigger and faster fish, every year to follow.

At some point we all come to grips with the stark inequalities of life on this earth. Not all are straight-A students; not all are captains of the football team; not all immediately bring “hot” or “handsome” to mind. Some surge to the front, shine brightly, win awards, earn the spotlight. Others labor in the rear, behind the scenes, stuck in the shadows, unnoticed, unheralded, unappreciated. And while we decry the unjust caste systems of some cultures, we are not immune here in the land of the free. It is too convenient to mentally categorize those around us into winners and losers.

But are the real winners always the fastest or the brightest? Who gets to determine the leaders or the losers? Who steps to the podium with the announcement?

Our societal paradigm is hampered by an attention span shrinking faster than polar ice. My ancestors toiled for weeks over a rugged trail to reach the Oregon territory. I, on the other hand, get apoplectic if my Internet browser, connecting me to a billion places in the virtual world, takes a few additional seconds.

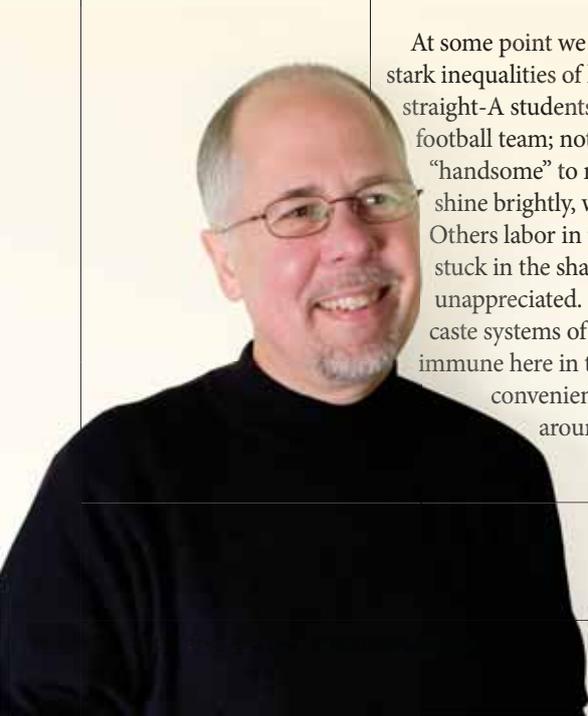
Yet, while speeding along in our daily blur, we may easily forget that “fast” has another, nearly opposite meaning. It denotes a laying aside of status quo, even our daily meals, for the purpose of spiritual focus. To fast is an intentional awareness on our part that God’s plan, in His way and in His time, is paramount, above and beyond all other things.

There is, too, the biblical oxymoron exhorting us to “stand fast” in the Lord. The opposites attract here toward a higher calling that cannot be achieved in a 30-second sound bite.

But it might be a nudge toward the winning strategy of Ecclesiastes 9: For the heavenly race, indeed, is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.

1 Twain, Mark. *Roughing It*. Reprint paperback ed. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California P, 1993.

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