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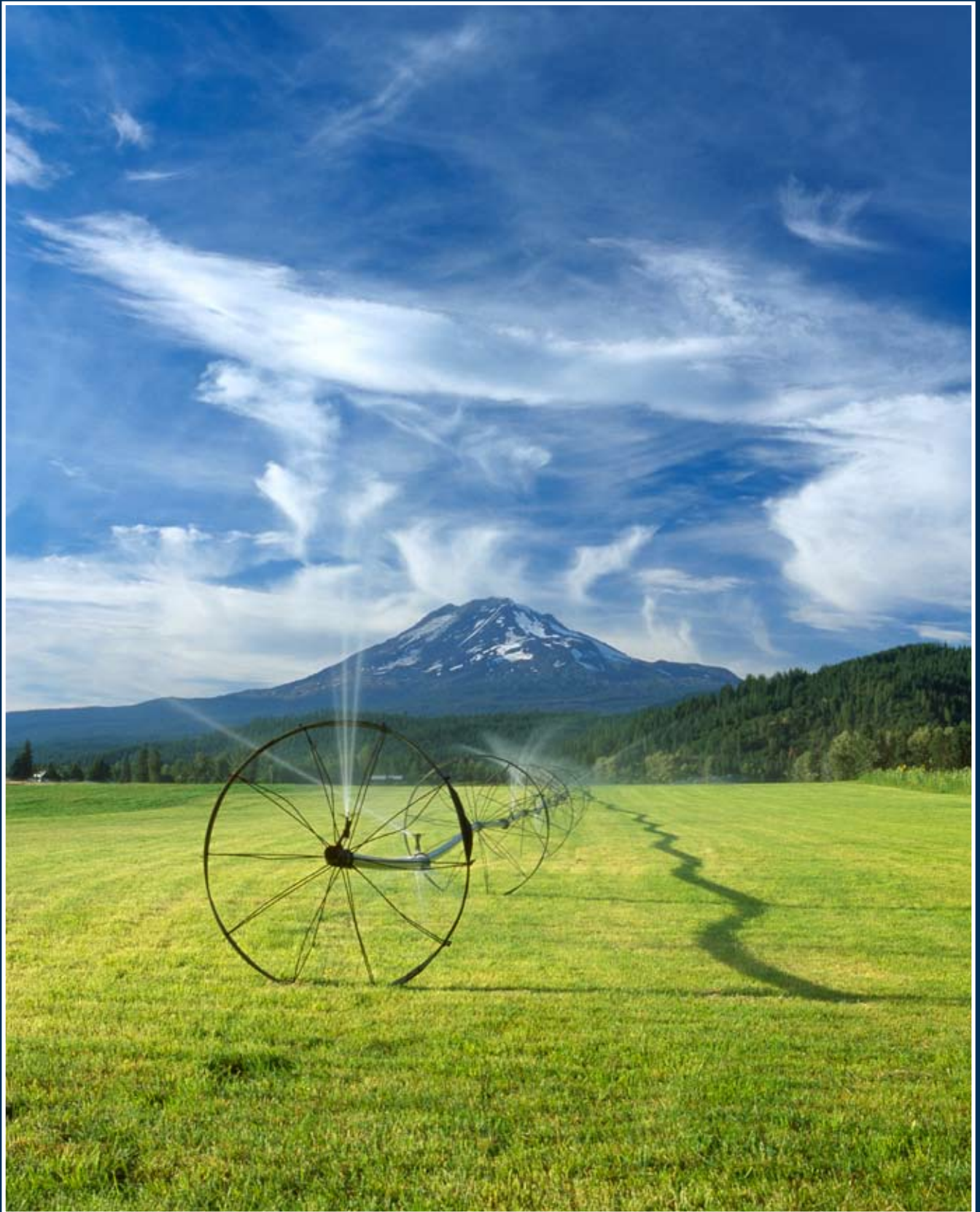
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*He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.*  
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# Proof in the Pudding

*“In fact, the more years in an Adventist school, the ‘smarter’ you get.”*

I started my church school experience in a one-room school in the basement of the Jamestown Church in North Dakota—twenty-one kids representing six of the eight grades available. And I don’t feel one bit persecuted. I, “Maxie Carle” Torkelsen, loved school and learned a lot that first-grade year. Mrs. Esther Rau probably didn’t call it that, but it was individualized learning, progress-at-your-own-rate at its best. She was a pioneer.

And I grew up to be valedictorian of my academy senior class and graduated cum laude from college—so much for the disadvantages of small one-room church schools.

And now what we all sort of intuitively knew or at least hoped, has been demonstrated through *CognitiveGenesis*, a scientifically designed study. Adventist education does its job very well. In fact, the more years in an Adventist school, the “smarter” you get. It doesn’t matter if it’s a one-room school or a single-grade classroom in a large school—the outcomes are almost the same—off the charts.

You’ll read more about that in this issue’s feature.

The results are dramatic, but that in itself is not the genius of Adventist education. It’s

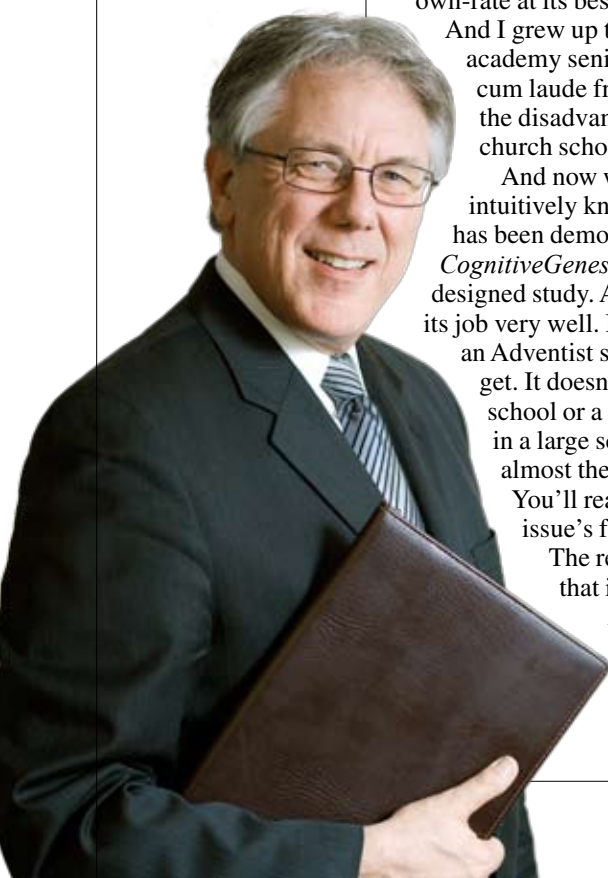
a wonderful bonus for what really makes our schools special. It’s as if God is saying, “If you put first things first, I’ll add the other as well.”

So what comes first—even before cognitive excellence? Let me take you back to Jamestown. I didn’t just learn to read, write, spell and do arithmetic. I sat on Mrs. Rau’s lap once in a while, and she hugged me and told me Jesus loved me and God had a special plan for my life. And sure enough, “Maxie Carle” grew up and found all the things Mrs. Rau told me to be true. The value of Adventist education was indeed proved in the pudding.

My own experience confirms Ellen White’s wise counsel about our teachers partnering with the Holy Spirit in Adventist education. “Every teacher,” she said, “should know and welcome this heavenly guest. If the teachers will open their own hearts to receive the Spirit, they will be prepared to co-operate with it in working for their students; and when it is given free course, it will effect wonderful transformations. It will work in each heart, correcting selfishness, molding and refining the character, and bringing even the thoughts into captivity to Christ.”<sup>1</sup>

I am so grateful for the Holy Spirit, and for teachers like Mrs. Rau who make Adventist education worth the cost with eternal results. •

1. Ellen G. White, *Special Testimonies on Education*, p. 51.



*Max Torkelsen II*

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# Did You Know?

## JULY

### OH WHAT A DAY

Looking for extra reasons to celebrate? Aside from Independence Day, here are some other unique holidays observed in July:

- 1: Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day
- 3: Compliment Your Mirror Day
- 7: Chocolate Day
- 11: Cheer up the Lonely Day
- 19: National Raspberry Cake Day
- 20: Ugly Truck Day
- 24: Cousin's Day
- 27: Take Your Plants for a Walk Day



### ADVENTIST EDUCATION: UNUSUAL EDUCATORS

Joy Duerksen, Redlands (Calif.) Academy PE, health and geography teacher is also a champion mountain bike racer. She rides up to 200 miles per week and races as a professional for Trek Bicycles.

Mike Copithorne, Napa (Calif.) Christian School junior high teacher, refused to let a snowboarding accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down get the best of him. Read more about these stories and the value of Adventist education at [www.nadeducation.org](http://www.nadeducation.org).

### FOR THE WIN

The 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee took an abruptly Christian turn when Kavya Shivashankar, a participant from Olathe, Kan., was asked to spell Laodicean in the 16th round. Shivashankar correctly spelled the word and won the event. Read Revelation 3:14–22 to find out more about the Laodicean Church.

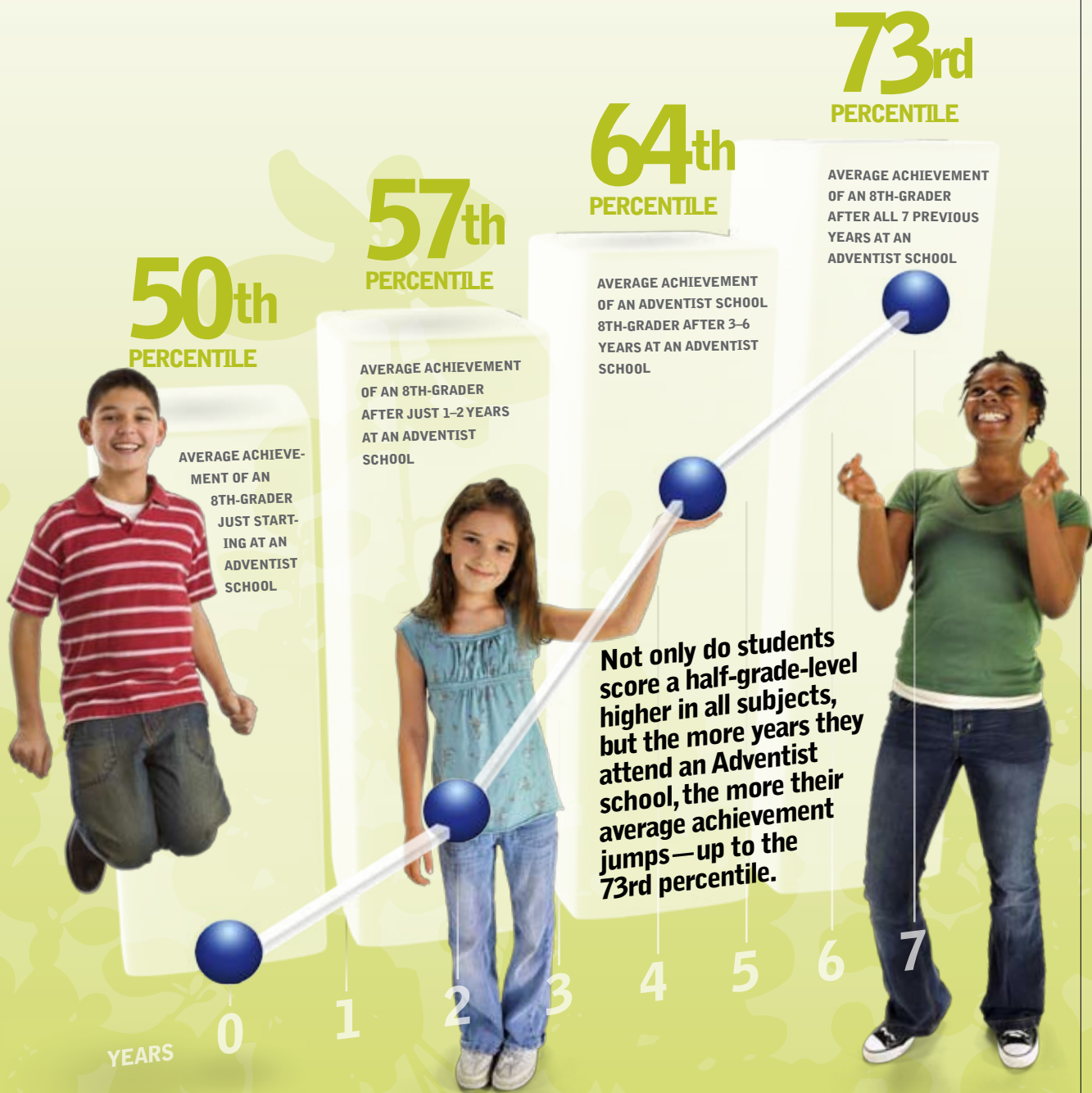
### Adventist Education, Personal Value

After school my grandson, Gage, and I walked across the pasture to see a friend that had just arrived with her horse. The horse bumped his head getting out of the trailer, and it was bleeding a little. We helped put medication on it. On the way back across the pasture, Gage stopped and said, "Grandma, we should pray for Majesty so he will get healed." I was so surprised and pleased. In the middle of the pasture, we stood with hands folded and Gage prayed for the horse and its owner.

This is one of the reasons we do anything we can to keep him in an Adventist school. Even though we have prayer at home, it works better when children learn about it in school.

*A letter shared by Holley Bryant, Hood View Junior Academy principal. Read more about the comprehensive value of Adventist education in this month's feature.*

# Cognitive Genesis The Adventist Advantage



**You've overheard the comments: "It would really strap us to send our kids to church school, and they'll get a better education in public school, anyway. They'll get their religious training at home and at church."**

Or perhaps this sentiment: "The teachers at our little church school are doing the best they can—bless their hearts, but my girls need a quality education to be competitive with those applying to good universities. That's why we're sending them to the private school in town."

They represent many Adventist parents within North America who have serious questions about the academic competency of Adventist schools.<sup>1</sup>

### Challenged by Rising Costs

Does the money we pour into Adventist education offer K–12 students an advantage or disadvantage? Is the high cost worth it, even during economically tough times?

My parents thought so. I remember my father working overtime during the week, and putting in long hours of yard work on Sundays, to pay the school bills. And, I have a pretty vivid recollection of my own sweat equity going that direction as well. Many families had more, but no one had it better.

Decades ago, Adventist parents considered church schools a priority, almost an automatic decision. Sacrifice? Yes. Worth it? Yes!

Adventist education, which many describe as the largest Protestant school system in the world, has never been better organized; more effectively marketed; had more comprehensive curriculum, than today.

But in spite of all the hype, today's Adventist parents are less likely than ever to choose an Adventist school.

During the past three decades, while Adventist membership throughout North America grew by nearly 80 percent, enrollment in Adventist elementary and secondary schools decreased by more than 30

percent. George Knight observes the ratio of students in Adventist schools to church members shrunk from 25 per 100 in 1945 to only 9 per 100 in the year 2000.<sup>2</sup>

During a recent 13-year period in a large NAD union conference, church membership rose by 17 percent, while school enrollment dropped 18 percent.<sup>3</sup>

Lower enrollments mean lower income to counter rising costs, maintenance projects put on hold, and staff reductions. Never before has the future of Adventist education been so dependent on the decisions of Adventist parents.

### Teaching Spiritual Values

Research studies over the past two decades have measured many of the spiritual goals of Adventist education. Two ValueGenesis studies revealed students grow in faith as a result of three things: 1) attending Adventist schools, 2) being raised in an Adventist home, and 3) being fostered in an Adventist church. In addition, a number of research studies have demonstrated students who attend denominational schools

are much more likely as adults to remain members of the Adventist Church.<sup>4</sup>

Adventist parents have increasingly responded to these important confirmations with "Yes, but..."

And the often unspoken question has been academics. They have never before received a definitive answer...until now.

### Superior Academic Achievement

The CognitiveGenesis study—results being released paint a definitive picture of academic superiority within the Adventist school system—based not on anecdotal stories, but on solid empirical research.

Researchers found, compared to public school norms, average achievement for students in Adventist schools was well above average—in fact, students in grades 9 and 11 scored at the 71st percentile.

The goals of CognitiveGenesis, as first discussed in the October/November 2006 issue of *The Journal of Adventist Education*, were to provide answers to three vital questions: 1) What is the academic

# CognitiveGenesis

## RELATIONAL FACTORS CONNECT TO ACHIEVEMENT

As researchers continue to assess relational and environmental factors connected to achievement, they have been interested in several preliminary findings.

## STUDENTS EXHIBIT SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT WHEN:

- They attend an Adventist school for multiple years.
- They have a healthy diet and get adequate sleep.
- They do not spend a lot of time participating in sports.
- They have a lot of interaction with their parents.
- There are many good books and magazines in their home.
- Their parents control time and content of television watching and Internet use.
- Their parents are involved in school activities.
- The church and pastor support the school.

Further information on the CognitiveGenesis study is available at [www.cognitivegenesis.org](http://www.cognitivegenesis.org).

*Material adapted from Kido, Cruise and Thayer, "A Mid-Point Update on CognitiveGenesis," Journal of Adventist Education, Dec 2008/Jan 2009, 10.*

achievement of students in NAD K–12 Adventist schools? 2) How do students in NAD schools compare to national norms? and 3) What student, home and school factors are associated with achievement?

Since the fall of 2006, CognitiveGenesis, sponsored by the North American Division and La Sierra University, has collected data from more than 30,000 students in Adventist schools throughout North America in grades 3–8, 9 and 11. Under the leadership of Robert Cruise and Elissa Kido from La Sierra University, and Jerome Thayer of Andrews University, researchers have collated results from standardized tests such as the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Ability Test. Standard Canadian test data was used for schools in Canadian provinces.

In addition, CognitiveGenesis surveyed students, teachers, administrators and parents to discover relational connections to learning.

The statistical results (see graphics throughout this feature) are in most cases encouraging, with student achievement well above what is expected in the public school environment. Adventist students exhibited less stellar results in two areas—math computation and social studies. An NAD ad hoc committee is already seeking ways to bolster these areas.

### Relational Connections

Several relational factors are indelibly connected to superior academic achievement. Preliminary findings are no surprise. Students: The more time a student spends watching television, the lower he or she scores on composite achievement relative to their ability scores. Teachers: The more help teachers give in mathematics, the higher students score on math computation relative

to their ability scores. Parents: The more families are involved in school activities, the higher children score on composite achievement relative to their ability scores. Pastors: Student scores in reading are directly proportional to the support of their pastor for the local school and its activities.<sup>5</sup>

### Adventist Parents Decide

Granted, it's not an easy or automatic equation. Many dedicated, passionately active Adventists have gained their education through public schools. And scattered throughout the Northwest in formidable numbers are some who participated all the way through the Adventist school system but no longer consider themselves even Christian.

There is no indictment here of parents, who choose public or alternative education over organized Adventist options.

Yet, as we near another school year, CognitiveGenesis confirms Adventist schools and institutions of higher learning are positioned to give measurably superior results in spiritual values and academic achievement. And many schools are creating positive partnerships with hundreds of Adventist home-schooling families.

The Adventist mission emphasizes educating the “whole person,” the mental, physical and spiritual balance so critical to success, not only in this world, but in God's eternal kingdom.

The statistics seem to say we're on the right track.

Adventist parents must now decide if it's all worth the cost. •

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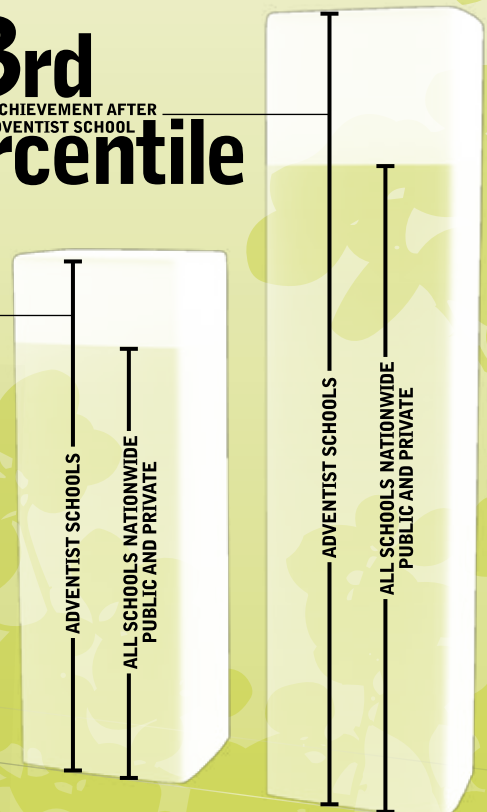
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**73rd percentile**  
AVERAGE 8TH-GRADER'S ACHIEVEMENT AFTER ALL 7 PREVIOUS YEARS AT ANY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

**1/2 grade level above**  
ADVENTIST SCHOOL STUDENTS ON AVERAGE ACHIEVE THEIR PREDICTED ABILITY IN ALL SUBJECTS—NO MATTER WHAT THE SCHOOL SIZE





# Weighing Our Options

**I**t was hard enough on my dad when my mother joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but now she was asking him to move our family to another town so their kids could go to an Adventist school. This was more than he could take. He stormed into their bedroom, yanked the suitcase from under the bed, and began stuffing it with his clothes.

BY CHERI CORDER



## His Journey

My dad had been raised in a home by deeply devoted Adventist parents and had attended Adventist schools all the way through his first year of college. Though all his siblings and cousins remained strong Adventists, he left the church in his early 20s. He married a girl who wasn't particularly connected to any church at all, and he was quite happy with that. Had it not been for his mother, things would have stayed that way. But his mother had been witnessing to his wife, and now his wife had been—he shuddered to think of it—baptized.

was used to things going according to his plan. My mother is a peace-loving woman who would go to just about any length to avoid a conflict, let alone a flat-out confrontation.

However, this was no ordinary circumstance. She took a deep breath and consciously softened her stance, her voice, the look on her face.

"I believe you're the man you are because you had a Seventh-day Adventist education," she said quietly, "and I want our children to be like you."

Somewhere between the dresser and the suitcase, my dad froze. He and my mom

Mom doesn't remember that they ever discussed the matter again. Dad's only answer was to put his clothes back into the dresser and begin making arrangements for a move. All six children were soon enrolled in Adventist schools, and they continued in Adventist schools as long as they wanted to, several of them into college.

## And Mine

I was the seventh child, born shortly after that move. My father's business began to prosper, I believe, in answer to my mother's prayers about our tuition. Daddy

"I believe you're the man you are because you had a Seventh-day Adventist education," she said quietly, "and I want our children to be like you."

"I never wanted a religious family," he reminded my mother as he stuffed more clothes into the suitcase, "and I still don't!"

Though a generous man, known for his fairness and honesty, my dad was a strong leader who

stood looking at each other for a long, immeasurable moment. She knew he was reviewing his own childhood, evaluating the future, picturing his own kids one by one, wondering if he was willing to pay for something that just moments before he would have paid to avoid.

paid my way through the local church school, helped my mother run the Home and School organization, and cooked for the annual school picnics.

When the pastor came into my elementary classroom for a Week of Prayer, I had the opportunity to meet with him privately in the little school kitchen. "Jesus came into my heart today," I told him. "I could feel the doors opening for Him!" I'm not sure he fully appreciated that sun-splashed, glowing moment, but I've never forgotten it.

By the time I was in academy, I had done some spiritual drifting and had some heart-hardening experiences. But Week of Prayer came along and once again the Lord used it to get through to me. After a brutal struggle in the dormitory prayer room, I recommitted my life to serving God.

During my tumultuous years of college, I worked on campus for a saintly old Bible teacher whose encouragement kept me growing. A science teacher gave me good reasons to believe in creation when I had begun to wonder. The Righteousness by Faith movement of the 1970s reaffirmed the "Jesus Loves Me" doctrine I had learned at home and in elementary school.



## All Aboard

I realize, of course, that nothing is perfect, including Adventist education. From growing up through the system, raising my children in it, being married to a conference administrator, and serving on an academy staff, I have a fairly intimate understanding of Adventist education. When it comes to the negative side of things, I've seen it all, and have personally survived some soul-wrenching scenarios. Tell me any horror story from the Adventist educational system, and I will join you in your grief and outrage. If it's within my power to do so, I will work long and hard to bring about God-honoring changes. But I will not be surprised. I am beyond being surprised. (Where else would the old devil rather do battle?)

And yet I marveled when I walked down the hall of the academy where I worked and caught a glimpse of an entire classroom of students bowed in prayer and realized that on that campus alone it happened dozens of times every day. I was privileged often to spend the first hour of faculty meetings in a season of prayer for

students and their families. I know more than one teacher who was up half the night (again), talking with or praying for their students.

I was there when a trouble-making student finally gave his heart to the Lord and became a spiritual leader on campus, and when a young woman caught the vision for the global mission of the church and determined to be a part of it. Public schools can teach math and English, but they can't come near this, and this is what education is all about.

## Priceless

Yes, the financial sacrifice required to pay tuition to an Adventist school can be staggering. Our two children were in an Adventist college at the same time, so I know the cost of investing in Adventist education. Would I like to drive a nicer car? remodel the kitchen? buy more clothes? go on a great vacation? You bet! But would I accept that Lexus in place of my son having had teachers who prayed with him?

Could the relief of trading in my avocado-green stove (yes, I had one for

many years) really overshadow having our children in an environment where most people seek to know and serve God? Could a week on Maui every year replace having my kids with me in Heaven?

Of course, there's no guarantee my kids will choose Heaven. But I can guarantee I'll do everything within my power to increase that likelihood.

My dad never officially reclaimed the Adventism of his youth, but he lived out the principles of the Scriptures he had learned in the 1920s and 1930s—the same ones I learned in the 1960s and 1970s.

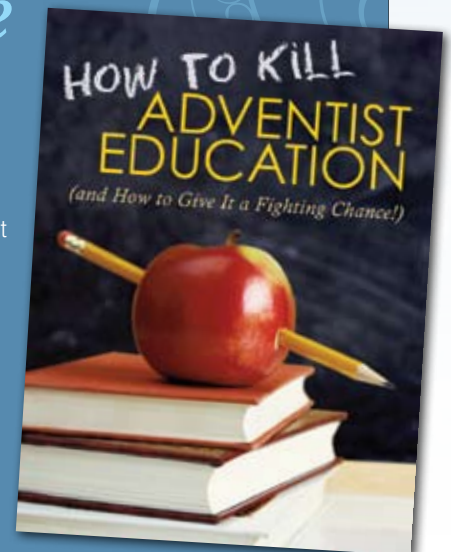
Our kids learned them in the Adventist schools of the 1980s and 1990s, and now in this new century. Those scriptures remained deep in my father's heart, they are deep in mine, and I pray they will remain deep in the hearts of our children. •

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# How to give Adventist Education a fighting chance

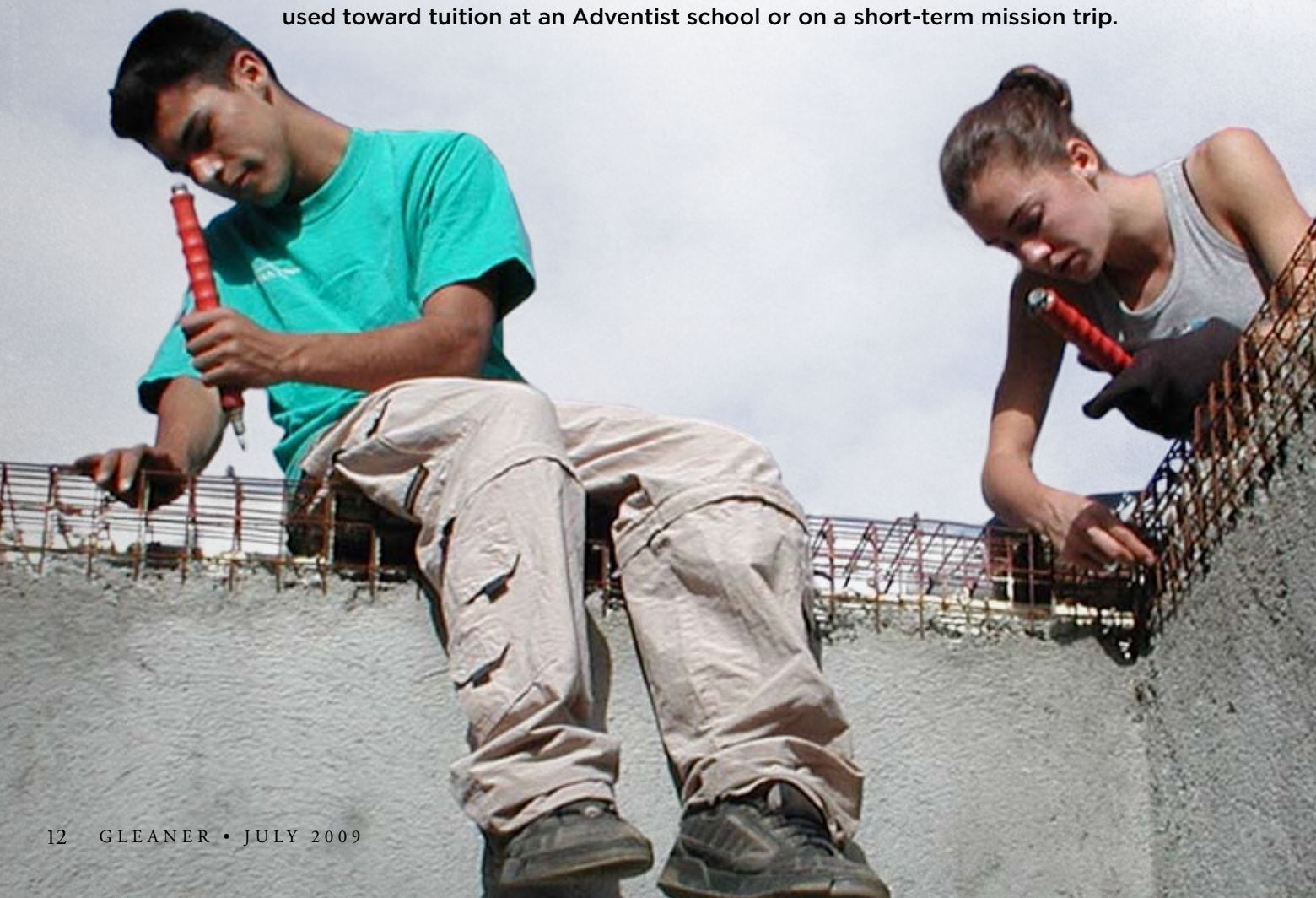
Shane Anderson, former Northwest pastor and author of *How to Kill Adventist Education*, takes a hard look at the root causes of the challenges plaguing Adventist schools. Anderson proposes a simple strategy for change and several schools who have successfully turned downward spirals into thriving centers for Christ-centered education.

From the Review and Herald Publishing Association, this book is available through your local Adventist Book Center.



# 2009 Caring Heart AWARD WINNERS

**F**ourteen Northwest academy students were recipients of the 2009 Caring Heart Award made possible through funding from a private foundation and the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Students were selected by schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart—a willingness to serve others. Each student received a plaque, an engraved Bible and a \$500 scholarship which may be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.





**Brittany Wachter** consistently modeled a caring heart at Orcas Christian School. She has participated in service trips to New Jersey, New Orleans and Mexico. Whether tutoring inner-city children or building homes for families needing shelter, she has been willing to leave her comfort zone and reach out to her global community. She has served as a student leader and is known by all as the person anyone can turn to for support and comfort. Brittany plans to attend Northwest University with an emphasis in Youth Ministry. Her parents are John and Diane Wachter.



**Felicia Vazquez** is an active member of the worship team and youth group at Cascade Christian Academy. A real spiritual leader on campus, she leads out in ministries and shares her testimony. She has been on numerous mission trips including Fiji and Mexico. Felicia plans to study both theology and psychology at Walla Walla University or LaSierra University. Her mother is Geneva Vazquez.



**B.J. Colvin** exemplifies one willing to help regardless of the task. He served as the IT tech on the school annual staff and volunteers in the Walla Walla Valley Academy IT department. He served as a Pathfinder counselor, was part of the UCC Pathfinder teen mission, participated at the Mountain Leadership NW Institute and volunteers with the sound system at his home church. B.J. plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in English or history, and eventually earn a master's degree in library science. His parents are Traci and John Colvin.



**Gabriella Fernandez** strives to make every student feel welcome at Rogue Valley Adventist School. Known as a very solid "spiritual base," she has shared her testimony at a community event she helped organize and has led Bible studies for the non-Adventist students. Gabriella plans to attend Andrews University in the fall. Her parents are Rogelio and Maria Elena Fernandez.





**Charles Dunlap** has been active in service projects for all four years at Skagit Adventist Academy. He has served in leadership roles in his class, as well as worships and has spoken for church services. He was part of the North Pacific Union Conference mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March. He also helps in the local Pathfinder club and is active in the youth group at the North Cascade Adventist Church. Charles plans to attend Walla Walla University next year. He is the son of Larry and Teri Dunlap.



**Elizabeth Beddoe** consistently puts others first and is considerate of other people's feelings at Puget Sound Adventist Academy. On a Mexico mission trip, she spent time with orphans to help make them feel special. With a cheerful and enthusiastic attitude, she never misses an opportunity to serve others. Elizabeth plans to attend an Adventist college. Her parents are Bart and Sandie Beddoe.



**Hannah Klingler** is very involved at church with Pathfinders and Sabbath School. At Columbia Adventist Academy, she was involved with mission trips and started a Headstart project that the Associated Student Body directed. A pet lover, she owns several animals such as terrapins, tortoises, guinea pigs, peafowl, ducks, pigeons and fish. She also volunteers at the Humane Society and Animal Rescue. Hannah plans to attend Walla Walla University this fall and plans to become a science teacher. Her parents are Jim and Ruth Klingler.



**Ian Bilinowich** is known as a student who always gives of himself. He is academically motivated and is a leader at Portland Adventist Academy. He is committed to his family, friends, school and community. Ian plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in education with an emphasis in administration. He is the son of Kelli and John Bilinowich.



**Athena Teresa Smith** was elected spiritual leader of her class as well as the Associated Student Body this year at Livingstone Adventist Academy. She organized a program sending Christmas toys to children outside the U.S. and care boxes to soldiers in Iraq. She has participated in annual mission trips to the Wapato Indian Reservation and has spoken at the student-led Week of Prayer. Asked about her future career, she states, "I am waiting for God to show me what to do." Athena plans to attend two years of community college and possibly Walla Walla University. Her parents are Louis and Rosemarie Smith.





**Eric Wagner** has shown great leadership and care for those around him at Milo Adventist Academy and during his time as a Pathfinder, earning master guide status. He possesses a can-do spirit that continues to grow each day. Whether it is helping out teachers or students, he is always cheerful and willing to lend a hand. He has helped organize several outreach days and participated in mission trips. Eric plans to study engineering at Walla Walla University. His parents are Ed and Linda Wagner.



**Katelyn Campbell** is very active with campus life at Auburn Adventist Academy. She is involved with the music department, has worked in campus ministries, succeeds academically, and has held several office positions, including Associated Student Body spiritual vice president. Not afraid to show her love for God, she is often seen in the hallways praying with or for a fellow student. Katelyn has been a speaker for student Week of Prayer and has been involved in several mission trips. Her parents are Terry and Julie Campbell.



**Danielle Shull** is involved with feeding the homeless. Recently she started the "Cheery Little Card Company" and sells her cards to help raise funds for mission trips and tuition. She went on the Borneo mission trip last year and has stayed in contact with the people there. She was chosen by the Associated Student Body to be the student Week of Prayer speaker. She always has time to pray with fellow students. Danielle plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in English. Her parents are Dwight and Jacqueline Shull.



**Jeffery Meador** started a daily morning prayer group in the cafeteria at Mount Ellis Academy. He also started a program for the guys called "Wild at Heart" to discuss religion, world conflicts and engage in outdoor activities. Jeff is very helpful to all the faculty. He likes to be busy and doing for others when there is a need. He is still deciding on which college to attend. Jeffery's career interests include national relief and rescue, youth counseling, ministry and diesel mechanics. His parents are Donna and Perry Meador.



**Justin Hansen** demonstrates strong and dependable leadership skills at Gem State Academy. He held the offices of senate representative, class sergeant-at-arms, class president and Associated Student Body sergeant-at-arms. He exhibits a positive spiritual and social attitude in his interaction with others. He is truly "other focused" and helps his peers with homework. He participated in a mission trip to Chili in 2008 and currently assists on out-of-town recruitment trips. Justin plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in engineering. His parents are Jeff and Cherie Hansen and Sheri Malakhova.

# WORLD NEWS



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Thousands Attend Religious Freedom Festival

Religious liberty leaders from 13 Latin American countries gathered in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during April to discuss religious freedom trends in the region. Following the conference, 13,000 people attended the first Festival of Religious Freedom on May 2. Church leaders praise the events as a sign of the value placed on religious freedom in a region which has been historically dominated by Catholicism.

*Source: Adventist News Network*

## MEXICO

### Adventist Church Responds to Swine Flu

In response to the swine flu outbreak in Mexico during April, the Seventh-day Adventist Church suspended worship services in 2,571 churches and classes in 230 schools. The measures were part of a federal mandate to shut down large gatherings and all public and private schools through May 6. In addition, camp meetings, conventions and church-sponsored trips outside the country were cancelled.

*Source: Adventist News Network*

## BRAZIL

### ADRA Provides Flood Relief

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is providing food baskets to hundreds of families affected by severe flooding in northeastern Brazil. Nearly 270,000 people were forced to leave their homes during the May floods. High waters have destroyed thousands of homes and left many rural farmers without a source of income. ADRA is providing food aid and personal necessities throughout the region, focusing on the elderly, children and struggling farmers.

*Source: Adventist News Network*





# W S BRIEFS



## UNITED KINGDOM

### **BBC Names Muslim Head of Religious Programming**

The British Broadcasting Corporation, the world's largest broadcaster, has appointed a Muslim as head of religious programming. The position is considered one of the most influential religious roles in the United Kingdom. Aaqil Ahmed has been serving as an executive at another channel and has 10 years of experience in religious broadcasting. His appointment is receiving mixed responses among British Christians.

*Source: christianpost.com*



## CHINA

### **Paulsen Makes Historic Visit**

In May, Jan Paulsen, Seventh-day Adventist World Church president, became the first person in his position to visit China in more than 60 years. Paulsen met with church leaders and worshiped with local congregations. "I am often asked, 'How are our brothers and sisters in China?' Now I will be able to say, 'They are well and vibrant,'" says Paulsen. Nearly 400,000 Adventists worship in thousands of locations throughout China.

*Source: Adventist News Network*

# ACCION

**EL EVANGELIO ES COMO UNA 'ENFERMEDAD' QUE CUANDO SE CONTAGIA NO RECONOCE ANTIBIÓTICO**

La iglesia de Vancouver, Washington es una iglesia especial. Hace apenas 4 años, se reunían menos de 20 personas en el culto del Sábado. Bajo el liderazgo del pastor Juan Francisco Altamirano,

encontrar un lugar de reunión disponible, hacen el culto divino y escuela sabática en la tarde en el templo, pero usan las horas de la mañana para convertir 16 hogares en iglesias. Cuentan hasta el

momento con 16 Células Evangelizadoras, y el pastor nos dice: "Las células no crecen, se multiplican". De la misma manera, el propósito principal de sus grupos pequeños no es que crezcan, sino que se multipliquen. En Febrero de este año, Dios trajo a la iglesia 18 nuevos miembros, a través de una campaña

de evangelismo familiar. Es interesante que hace 4 años, el total de la asistencia de un culto, se bautizó este año en una campaña. El pastor Altamirano pide oración para sus líderes de células ya que ellos son el motor que impulsa a la iglesia hacia el futuro que

**Pastor Altamirano con la hermana Margarita Rangel, sonrientes después de su bautismo.**

la iglesia de Vancouver ahora cuenta con una asistencia de más de 150 personas. ¿Cuál es su secreto? "las células" nos dice el pastor. Formada como una iglesia celular, la iglesia de Vancouver se reúne en las casas el Sábado de mañana. Por la dificultad de



**El pastor Altamirano bautizando a nuevos miembros de la iglesia de Vancouver, Washington.**



**Pastor Roger Hernandez, coordinador de la obra hispana para la conferencia de Oregon predicando en la iglesia de Vancouver, Washington**

Dios tiene preparados para ellos. Para más información de lo que Dios está haciendo, contacte al pastor Altamirano

directamente a su email: [aplantar@gmail.com](mailto:aplantar@gmail.com) •

*Roger Hernandez, pastor*

# Dillingham Experiences a Pizza Miracle

The Dillingham Adventist School is a mission school in “bush” Alaska, located about 300 miles southwest of Anchorage in Bristol Bay. Only two students come from Adventist homes, and almost half the students are sponsored by local church members, on top of the regular church subsidy.

Winters are cold, and heating fuel is very expensive.

The school was only three months into this school year when board members realized there would not be enough money to pay the bills through the year. But Dillingham members firmly believed God’s promise that with faith as small as a grain of a mustard seed He would move mountains! They discussed ideas and decided to make pizzas and sell them to raise money.

A week before Super Bowl Sunday (prime pizza

time), they ordered enough ingredients from Anchorage to make 50 pizzas. By midweek, they had orders for 35 pizzas with a promise to deliver them on Friday. But the supplies hadn’t come. Members started praying God would supply the need.

Thursday morning one of the parents said, “We can do this! I’ll get my wife to make the crusts today, and we’ll just have to buy enough stuff from the local store for these pizzas.” He got in trouble with his wife later, but she worked like a trooper all day, carrying on her normal job and making batches of pizza dough in between. They had plenty of dough, but nothing to put on it once it was rolled out, and the pizza boxes had not arrived from Anchorage. So they headed for the local store.

When they explained their project and their dilemma

to the store manager, he said, “We had a bunch of donut boxes come in the other day that we didn’t order. Let’s see if they’ll work for you.” But what he discovered in the storeroom was not donut boxes at all, but pizza boxes! And

not only that—exactly 50 of them, all the perfect size! Talk about goose bumps!

But that was not the end of the surprises. When asked how much money he wanted for them, he said, “Oh, you can just have them.” Then he asked, “Where are you getting the rest of the stuff for the toppings? Why don’t you just send someone down with a list, and we’ll donate everything you need to finish them off? You guys are doing a great job up there at the school, and we want to help out where we can.”

That evening, several people showed up at the school, and set up an assembly line. Crusts were rolled, vegetables were chopped and cheese grated. Boxes were constructed, and what 24 hours before had seemed like an impossible mountain, was soon a pile of pizza-filled boxes ready for pick up the next morning.

“Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet



**When God even supplied the Dillingham members with the pizza boxes to benefit their school outreach members got goose bumps.**

speaking, I will hear,” Isaiah 65:24.

It still brings tears to their eyes, when members think how much God cares for a little struggling school, way out in the middle of nowhere.

The financial challenges Dillingham members face for next year seem almost too big to comprehend. Even if they can sell fifty pizzas every week all year long, it will not begin to scratch the surface. They have received six new enrollments for next year, all of whom need sponsors. Despite the hardships, members are making plans to start a pre-K program. They can’t wait to see how God is going to move their mountains. •

*Judi Thompson, DAS teacher*



**Dillingham members create the miracle pizzas in time for the Friday morning delivery.**

# Kodiak Church Launches Fishers of Men Ministry

**K**odiak, Alaska, is a wild, scenic and unspoiled island, known locally as “The Hawaii of Alaska.” Members of the tiny Kodiak Seventh-day Adventist Church recently launched a ministry to plant a church in each of the five native villages on the island.

They plan to use mass

mailings to establish contacts and then begin Bible studies using the Native New Day Bible series. They will travel by sea to bring public seminars to remote villages, using a recently retrofitted boat appropriately named the Devocean.

Kodiak members call her

“the boat the Lord provided.” She is a 40-foot-long v-hull that has been refurbished in dry dock over the last two years with a new diesel engine, all new electrical, steering and hydraulic systems, along with new railing and windows. Captain Gregory “Gor” Cox, an ex-biker, has become a

dedicated Christian and is a walking miracle. The boat will begin runs around the island this summer. •

*Butch Palmero, Alaska Conference correspondent*



Pictured from left in front of the refurbished boat “Devocean,” are Daisy Schuamcher, treasurer, Gregory “Gor” Cox, captain and a native of Kodiak, and Dan Lesch, Kodiak lay pastor.

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# Amazing Adventures

## Attracts Salmon Children

**T**welve-year-old Miranda didn't know what to expect. When Lorraine and Eddie Hamilton showed up to invite her to Amazing Adventures she wasn't sure. But she came the first night.

The first night's topic, The Treasure Map, left Miranda listening so closely she was able to answer a question Anthony Thomsen, pastor, posed at the end. The next evening she arrived with her completed Bible study guide and a friend.

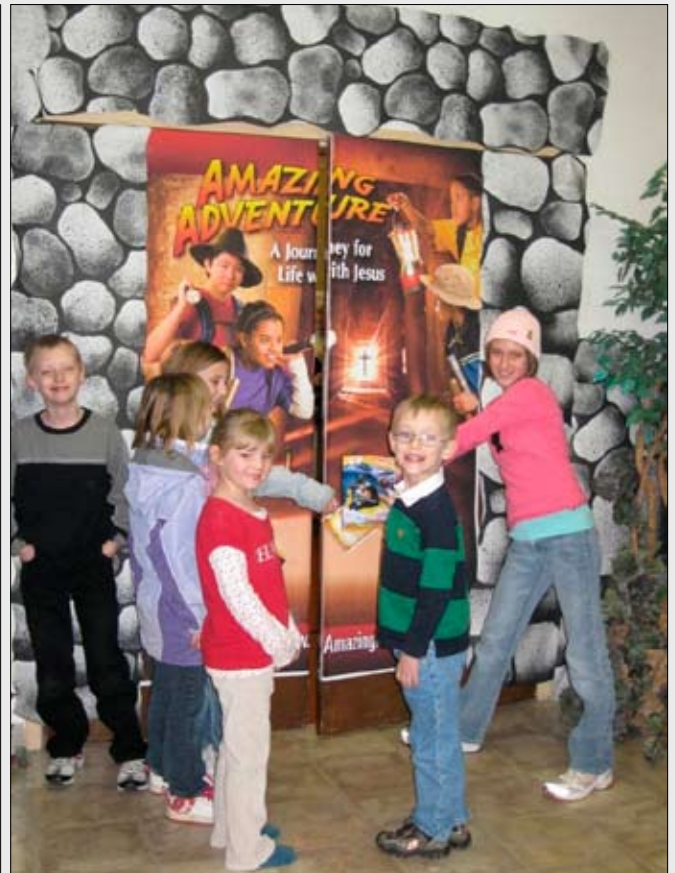
During the course of the series, twenty-seven children registered. Betty Axtell, church member, had so many grandchildren she had to borrow a Suburban. Each night before the program began, John and Cathy Cranney met to pray for God's Spirit to bring children and hearts to Him.

The 10-part series, presented twice weekly (originally aired as a live satellite broadcast

in September 2008, from Richardson, Texas) featured Doug Batchelor, pastor/speaker, via DVD. Brightly illustrated Bible study guides and compelling titles like "Whistling through the Graveyard," "A Day with the King," and "Slaying the Dragon" kept the audience learning. Batchelor called on children in his live audience to reach into his treasure box for some surprising illustrations each night during the Bible study.

Following Saturday night presentations, attending children were served refreshments with games in the gym. Since the Bible studies were geared for ages 8–12, Jakki Huston prepared Bible activities for younger children in a separate classroom.

As the final day of the series approached, the children and their families were invited to the church for the ninth



Children enjoy entering the adventure zone during Amazing Adventures in Salmon, Idaho.



Attentive listening is rewarded with the choice of a polished stone from the treasure box at Amazing Adventures in Salmon, Idaho.

meeting. Before the Bible study at 11 a.m., Thomsen invited all who had committed their lives to Jesus or expressed a desire for baptism to come forward for a faith affirmation service. As they knelt, the pastor and elders prayed for and laid hands on everyone.

After the last evening's presentation, Thomsen presented 14 beautiful hardback New King James version Bibles to the children who came to at least seven of the ten nights.

Miranda is presently taking Bible studies with three juniors in preparation for baptism. Though the meetings were intended for children, six adults made a decision for baptism. Since Amazing Adventures, Miranda has enrolled in the Adventist school and plans to continue her "journey for life with Jesus." •

*Cathy Law, communication leader and Cathy Cranney, church member*

# Spiritual Renaissance Builds Momentum

The 2008–2009 spiritual renaissance at Gem State Adventist Academy continues this summer as students fan out across the conference and beyond to share Jesus.

Samiu Moala, senior, will be a speaker for the Revelation of Hope meetings held in Phoenix, Ariz., prior to the ASI convention. “I’m so glad I ended up at GSAA this year because it gave me the opportunity to discover my passion—preaching!” he says.

Approximately a dozen students will be involved

in the Magabook program distributing Adventist books door to door in multiple cities. Led by four trained literature evangelists, the students are staying in churches and schools.

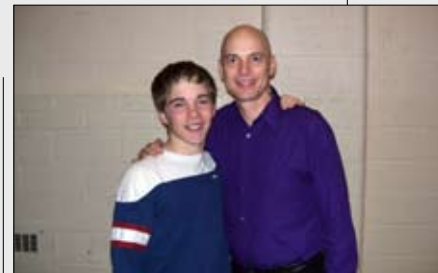
Thanks to a grant from Versacare, Inc., three students will earn scholarship money leading out in VBS programs and youth rallies around the conference. Under the direction of John Bryson, youth coordinator, and Kathy Iwasa, assistant dean, students will build friendships with public school teens at

each venue and encourage service involvement.

Twelve Gem State students are working at Camp Ida-Haven. These teens will witness while leading out in various camp activities.

Josh Hester, sophomore, will work with Jim Berglund, Caldwell (Idaho) Church pastor. Berglund saw Hester’s potential while working on the Revelation of Hope meetings. Subsequently he will be the church youth ministries coordinator.

We praise God for providing so many



**Josh Hester, GSAA sophomore, and Jim Berglund, Caldwell (Idaho) Church pastor, plan to work together this summer.**

meaningful avenues for students to earn scholarship monies and at the same time advance His kingdom. •

*Linda Klinger, GSAA GLEANER correspondent*



# Renaissance man

# Timberline Students Win Poster Awards

Three Timberline Adventist Elementary School students were winners in the 11th-annual poster contest for the Fair Housing Council of Oregon. Cody Davis, third-grade student, received first prize and \$75 in the first-third grade division. Dinah Thomas, fourth-grade student, won second place and \$50 in the grades fourth-fifth division, and Fritz Heid, eighth-grade student, won first prize and \$75 in the sixth-eighth grade division. In addition, all the school's students received

certificates of participation. The school was pleased such a high percentage of its students were awarded prizes.

According to Nicole Edner, administrative project manager in Portland, Ore., "The contest this year was very competitive with over one hundred sixty entries." She relates, "The contest judges were impressed with the artistic quality and creativity of all our students' entries."

Prize-winning entries were selected on: originality, content, design, appeal,

technique and craftsmanship. The judging panel was composed of individuals with backgrounds in art, education and/or fair housing. The theme for this year's contest was "From Dream to Reality; Fair Housing for Everyone."

Timberline is a multi-grade country church school near Vale, Ore., with an enrollment of five students. Teri Bonson, teacher's aid, teaches weekly art classes at the school. •

*Nadine Messer, Timberline principal*

Nadine Messer



Three students at Timberline Elementary School show the checks they received as prizes in the 11th-annual poster contest. Teri Bonson is their helper.

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# Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Speaks at Mount Ellis Academy

Archie Harris



Greg Mortenson signs his book, *Three Cups of Tea*, for Mount Ellis Academy students.

During the month of April, Greg Mortenson, best-selling author of *Three Cups of Tea*, spoke to the students and church community of Mount Ellis Academy and Elementary Schools. Mortenson has dedicated the last 16 years of his life to building schools and improving living conditions for impoverished villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan. His book tells of how one impulsive promise to build a school for a small village in Pakistan grew into the Central Asia Institute, which has 78 schools throughout remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, educating more than 28,000 students including 14,000 girls.

Before he came, Mortenson gave the school a great gift: a copy of *Three Cups of Tea* for every student. The book's title reflects what he has learned working to build schools: Taking time to

build relationships with the people. When people drink tea together in that part of the world, they drink the first cup as strangers, the second cup

as friends and the third cup as family.

Mortenson's mission has encouraged Pakistan's government to build more schools. From 2000 to 2008, the number of children in schools rocketed from 800,000 to 7.2 million, over 2 million of which are girls. Educated men and women are becoming teachers, and women return to their villages with basic medical training to drastically reduce the infant and maternal mortality rate.

Mortenson's story inspired MEA students. Kayla Grussling, sophomore, says, "When Greg Mortenson made a promise to build that first school, he couldn't foresee it would lead him to his life's work. It's like that in our

lives. We don't know what impact our choices, promises or decisions will have on someone else or even on ourselves for the rest of our lives."

Joellyn Sheehy, MEA senior adds, "Mr. Mortenson didn't start out with an agenda to achieve peace and end war by helping the countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan. He met real people and helped them simply because he cared about them. His story inspires me to think about how much God can accomplish through one regular person when they love Him and are willing to serve Him by loving other people."

Kaytie Knight, MEA senior

James Stuart



Mount Ellis Elementary and Lamotte students enjoy the time spent with Greg Mortenson, Nobel Peace Prize nominee.



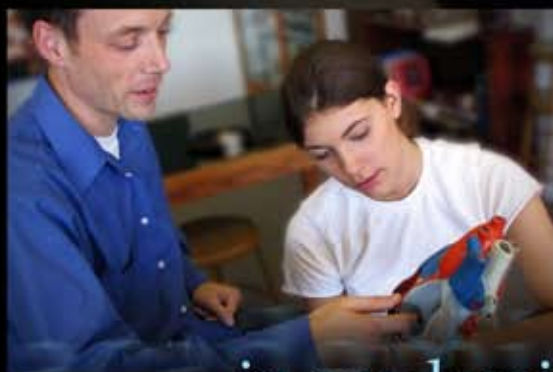
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## PAA Students Find Service Impacts Hearts

Before graduation, Portland Adventist Academy held its first all-school service day. The entire student body, staff, parents and community members participated in the event.

Volunteers were divided into 25 groups and sent to various locations and organizations around the Portland area. They pulled weeds for a cancer patient on chemo, sorted food and clothing at Portland Adventist Community Services, painted a deck for an elderly woman, built a wheel chair ramp for a neighbor and much more.

In total, it's estimated 1,750 hours of work were completed



Gale Crosby

From left: Lindsey Ashlock, Naomi Ojiro, Sierra King, Julie Grimstad and Sara White split and stack firewood during PAA's service day.

during the day. "That is the equivalent work of one person working full time for an entire

year," says Greg Phillips, PAA chaplain. But it was more than that. "There was a real

energy on campus when we got back and talked about our experiences. We've already picked out a date for next year's event."

The hard work made an impact on people's hearts as well. "For two hours I didn't even think I had cancer," says an anonymous recipient of the event. "The kids were just such a joy to be around, and I actually felt normal again. The guys did a good job on my house. It hasn't looked this good since my diagnosis. It just makes me feel good to have a house that looks pretty again." •

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

## PAES Welcomes Pastor Pat Milligan

Portland Adventist Elementary School welcomed Pat Milligan, pastor, to the campus for a Week of Prayer April 27–May 1. Milligan arrived this past school year to assume pastoral leadership of the Lents Adventist Church in Portland, Ore. This was his first series of presentations on the campus.

Milligan's theme was Destination Heaven. He inspired students to view Heaven as a place to live forever with their friend Jesus. They will romp with the

animals, be re-created with new bodies, and experience everlasting joy. They do not have to be afraid. Their "ticket" to Heaven is the acceptance of Jesus as a personal Savior.

Students responded favorably to his presentations, and to his invitation to join him in Heaven. Nathaniel says, "I will do everything to tell and warn everybody I know. I'm already getting a good start with my friends on our street. Nothing will keep me away from God." Several



Pat Milligan, Lents (Ore.) Church pastor, speaks for the Portland Adventist Elementary School Week of Prayer held April 27–May 1.

students are planning to be baptized. •

Bob McDonald, PAES principal

## Livingstone Student's Testimony *Impacts Classmate*

When Michelle Collum's aunt first suggested she attend Livingstone Adventist Academy for ninth grade, Collum was skeptical. She had always attended public school and knew nothing about Adventists. She was afraid a church school would be very strict and would offer no fun activities.

Despite her initial reluctance to attend a Christian high school, Collum was tired of the bullying she witnessed every day at her public school. After talking with her cousin, who had attended Livingstone since kindergarten, Collum decided to give it a try.

Within a month, Collum's opinion of Christian schools had changed completely. She began thinking about the role God should play in her life, but felt she knew too little to consider it seriously.

That changed in February when the students went for a two-day spiritual retreat to Silver Falls State Park near Silverton, Ore. One evening at the retreat, Blake Houser, a

senior, felt impressed to share his testimony. Houser talked about how he struggled in his own spiritual life. He recalled when he was spiritually flat on his back, feeling lost and at a crossroads. Houser attended a youth group and found a connection to God. He realized God was always there for him, unconditionally, just because He loved him.

Collum felt God speaking to her through Houser's words. His experience paralleled her own. For the first time, she sensed a purpose for her life. That evening, she gave her life to Jesus. She is planning to be baptized. •

*Jon Dickerson, LAA principal*

**Michelle Collum, a Livingstone Academy freshman, decides to be baptized after hearing Blake Houser's testimony on a school campout.**



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## PAA Credits Feeder Schools for High Test Scores

Portland Adventist Academy administrators attribute high test scores to Portland area Adventist elementary schools and families committed to Adventist education.



**Carolyn Green, sophomore, is one of many PAA students scoring in the top 1 percent of the nation.**

Gale Crosby, PAA principal, thanked Portland Adventist Elementary School, Hoodview Junior Academy, Rivergate Elementary School, Scappoose Elementary School and Tualatin Valley Junior Academy during several church visits and in school publications. Crosby says, "PAA is deeply indebted to our Adventist elementary and junior high schools for the high scores of our incoming freshman. These scores reflect the dedication and hard work shown from our elementary teachers."

Scores from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills for grades nine, ten and eleven were compared on a national level.

PAA incoming freshman were in the top 20 percent. PAA sophomores scored in the top 12 percent, and the junior class scored at the top 9 percent. Seniors participate in the SATs at a later time.

The scores confirm a recent report from CognitiveGenesis, a four-year study of 30,000 students in Adventist schools throughout the North American Division.

"We are proud of our students," says Crosby. "We're thankful for the high quality of our elementary schools and ultimately the families and homes our students come from. All of us working together, with Jesus as our Leader, guarantees success." •



**Ryan Robin, sophomore, is one of many PAA students scoring in the top 1 percent of the nation.**

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent*

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## Milo Student Discovers the Greater Good

When Milo Adventist Academy announced plans for a mission trip to Mexico this year, I was excited. It would be my last mission trip as a high school student. A group of my friends and I planned to go help children in El Oasis, Mexico.

But then problems arose. With concerns surrounding the political situation in Mexico, the trip was canceled. When I heard the news, my heart sank.

As we considered options, we were invited by Roseburg Junior Academy to go on another trip. From the start, I wasn't interested. It didn't involve the international flair a trip to Mexico promised. The Roseburg Junior Academy plan involved flying to San Diego, Calif., then driving all the way to Holbrook, Ariz., to our final destination—Holbrook Indian School.

Jeff Deming, Milo pastor, discussed the opportunity with us and told us we had five minutes to decide whether or not to join the alternate trip.



Milo students conduct a mission outreach at Holbrook Indian School. From left: Philip Duclos, Robert Deming, Al Andrieux (sponsor), Eric Wagner, Evan Smith, Kim Bartholomew and Lauren Baker.

The more I heard about the trip, the less I wanted to go. It didn't fit my picture of a mission trip. However, my friends and I decided to pray together, and

an amazing change took place. By the time we said, "Amen," I knew I was going to Arizona!

The next few minutes were a whirlwind of phone calls to parents and flight changes. Yet, in spite of my commitment, I continued to feel a nagging disappointment. Why hadn't the Mexico trip worked out?

As the Holbrook trip flew by, I felt moments of frustration. I wondered if I had really felt God telling me to go on this trip. Then I realized something: God was using the annoying moments and frustrating circumstances to help me grow.

Once I accepted I was just along for the ride and God was in charge, I felt better. We accomplished a lot. We were

able to gravel the parking lot, paint bathrooms, strip and wax a gym floor, pull weeds and clean up brush on the school grounds. On Sabbath we drove to Canyon De Chelly and hiked down the trail. At the bottom we met Native Americans who live there and sell their handiwork to support themselves.

When I think about the mission trip during my senior year at Milo, I think how I almost let my desire to control life get in the way of an experience God wanted to give me. I'm glad I accepted, and let Him lead. •

*Lauren Baker, MAA senior*



Eric Wagner and Kim Bartholomew clean the playground area at Holbrook Mission School.

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## Bald Butte Survives Close Shave for Worthy Cause

**M**atthew Butte, principal and Jay Pierce, athletic director, both very important people around Columbia Adventist Academy, have been showing off their new looks around campus.

At a dinner auction and fundraiser for the senior class of 2009, both men agreed to have their heads shaved for the seniors' cause.

As reported in the *Columbian* (a newspaper serving Clark County), Pierce brought some clippers and offered his hair as an auction item. The bidding topped out at \$165.

At that point, Pierce turned



**Matthew Butte, principal, and Jay Pierce, athletic director, show off their new looks.**

to Butte and suggested: "How about Mr. Butte, with a two-for-one?"

"Sure," Butte replied. "If it's for five or six figures." That's when one of the

guests asked Butte if \$50,000 was good enough.

All Butte could say was "Okay."

The winning bidder, who preferred to go unnamed, took the clippers and went to work.

"I didn't expect anybody to take me up on it. I've never had it this short," Butte says. "My 5-year-old daughter won't speak of it."

Total funds raised during the night totaled just over \$60,000. Thank you to all for your generous support! •

*Lara J. Dowie, CAA GLEANER correspondent*

## CAA Selects Students-of-the-Year

**A**t Awards Night 2009, Columbia Adventist Academy seniors Brett Jackson and Kelsi Williams were presented with Student-of-the-Year awards.

Every spring, the faculty and staff vote on the senior boy and girl who most exemplifies what the school stands for during their four years. Qualities considered include love and concern for fellow students, leadership, academics, mission trip and community service involvement and overall attitude and standards of Christian living.

Larry Hiday, CAA teacher, worked with both Brett and Kelsi as a Student Association sponsor this year. He says, "Brett's musical talents and willingness to share them as a



**Brett Jackson and Kelsi Williams are CAA students of the year.**

guitar instructor, praise worship leader and composer will leave holes that can only be filled by those he influenced at CAA.

Kelsi's active participation in all aspects of student life, her leadership and organizational skills and her academic

excellence place her in a class all her own. Her leadership will be missed next year."

Jackson is the Student Association public relations officer this year. Other class offices he has held include: freshman class chaplain, sophomore class president and Student Association spiritual vice president.

Williams is the Student Association president this year. Other offices she has held include: freshman class vice president, sophomore class secretary and Student Association girls' club president. •

*Lara J. Dowie*



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## WWVA Reaches Out to the Community

Walla Walla Valley Academy reaches out to the community in multiple ways.

One outreach this year included Cliff Dolph's



Jordan Steffanson and Kara Dougherty are part of WWVA's interactive curriculum.

freshman English class. Dolph had students visit and interview senior citizens at a local assisted living facility. Students then wrote life sketches for these residents. The stories were compiled, printed into book format and shared with the residents. It was a meaningful experience for both students and residents, helping each side understand the other's generation.

Keith Wells, WWVA mathematics and physics teacher, brought creativity into his conceptual physics class. For 24 months, WWVA students shared their science experiments with junior high students at Rogers Adventist School. Wells shares his

goal for this project—to help students understand their science concepts well enough to explain them. Hope Fry, WWVA senior, says, "Teaching others gave me a better understanding of the concepts I was sharing."

Junior high students from Rogers responded very positively to these science presentations. Wells comments "This is another great way to connect and build relationships with students in our community."

More projects of this nature are part of WWVA's class offerings. •

Angela Oetman, WWVA  
GLEANER correspondent



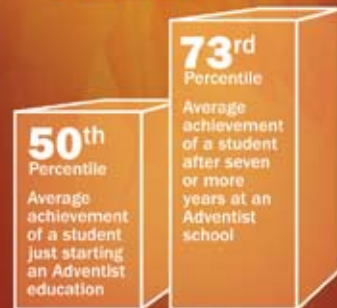
Jessica Felice and Herb Sweezey, WWVA students, share their science experiment with Rogers Elementary School students.

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# Coeur d'Alene Hosts Streams of Light Education Rally

L. Roo McKenzie, Loma Linda Academy's head principal, captivated those attending the Streams of Light education rally in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Sabbath, April 18, 2009.

Streams of Light, the Upper Columbia Conference capital campaign to raise money for KEEP, Camp MiVoden, KidsBibleinfo.com and church



L. Roo McKenzie, Loma Linda Academy principal, captivates the audience during April's education rally in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

planting, sponsored the event with the UCC Education Department.

"Satan is desperate to get our children," says McKenzie. "Let us form a godly coalition against the devil!"

"Our homes, churches and schools must unite in providing a godly environment for children to grow up in. If one fails, a child is wide open to spiritual attack.

"The wrong environment can mean the difference between life and death, whether for a sweater (shrunken in the dryer), a Bible (doused in water), or a child. But only about 50 percent of Adventist children are in Adventist schools and home schools. They are daily exposed to things that could permanently damage their faith.

"How can we go back to our Father, in the judgment, if the children He gave us are not with us?" says McKenzie. "Every child that opens the



Students from Lake City Junior Academy and St. Maries Christian School provide special music during the April Streams of Light rally.

womb has the price tag of Calvary around him or her."

McKenzie's sermon finished an inspiring morning of testimonies and music by area children and their families. Following potluck, McKenzie, Gary Hopkins and Barbara Frohne presented afternoon seminars while children enjoyed activities geared for them. A concert featuring musicians from Upper Columbia Academy, Walla

Walla University and Coeur d'Alene ended the day.

UCC has approved the second three-year cycle of education rallies for 2009-2011. McKenzie will join the next event in Yakima, Wash., on October 17, 2009. For more information, visit [www.uccsda.org/development/Education-Rallies](http://www.uccsda.org/development/Education-Rallies).

Heidi Corder, UCC administrative assistant

# Merritt Receives Student-of-the-Year Award

Stephanie Merritt, Walla Walla Valley Academy senior, is the recipient of the Walla Walla Valley Exchange Club's Student-of-the-Year award. She has attended WWVA the past three years. Merritt has been a student leader on campus. She has traveled on tours to Washington D.C. and Jamaica. She enjoys volunteering in the children's classes at her church

and at the Christian Aid Center. This past year Merritt was nominated as executive vice president of her senior class. Merritt plans to attend Walla Walla University in the fall. She is interested in studying nursing and Spanish. •

Angela Oetman, WWVA GLEANER correspondent



Stephanie Merritt is the recipient of the Walla Walla Exchange Club's Student-of-the-Year award.

## Spokane Valley Portrays *Journey to the Cross*

Nearly 3,000 people attended Journey to the Cross, an outdoor Easter pageant presented by the Spokane Valley Adventist Church, April 10–12. In its second year, the pageant attendance more than doubled that of last year.

Many miracles took place. One miracle occurred when Larry Johnson, a newly baptized Valley Church member, cut off his finger making props for the program. He was rushed to the hospital with little hope of saving it. The next day, blood was circulating through the finger and it was pink and healthy.

Groups of 25 to 30 people were escorted by two church members who explained the scenes the guests were about to witness. Carol Bryan, an escort, told of several people who asked her if these events had really happened. They had never heard of such a thing. One lady from Moses Lake was astonished at what she was hearing and came back the



Palmer Halvorsen

Spokane Valley Easter pageant visitors view a reenactment of the last supper.

next evening bringing several friends.

The owner of the company where the Journey to the Cross t-shirts were made was intrigued by the pageant and encouraged his employees and his customers to attend.

Under the direction of Richie Brower, the program involved nearly 200 individuals. Members from seven Adventist churches (in addition to the Valley Church) and several non-church members participated. Musical numbers were performed every evening in the church sanctuary while people waited to take the “journey.”

Advertising on 21 Spokane city buses helped promote the program, and 400 personal

invitations were mailed to Spokane area pastors as well. But the majority of people came as a result of personal invitations. Plans

are in progress for next year’s pageant. •

*Marilee Thomas, communication leader*



Palmer Halvorsen

Spokane Valley Easter pageant actors portray the wedding at Cana.



Fawn Schutt

Visitors walk along the Jerusalem road with the people shouting, “Hosanna to the son of David!”

# East Wenatchee Health Classes Draw a Crowd

Tantalizing aromas greeted each participant enrolled in the Live Longer, Live Better classes offered at the Valley View Adventist Church in East Wenatchee, Wash. From Jan. through Mar., Brenda Mandelis and a support team took 65 eager participants through 14 evening classes. Each class featured a full dinner, vegan recipes and cooking tips. Video lectures featuring Jim Brackett and other physicians taught health concepts.

The class had the pleasure of meeting Brackett and his wife, Neva, in person during one presentation. The Brackett's newest cookbook, *Seven Secrets* provided many of the

recipes used during the classes.

Mandelis enjoys this positive outreach ministry. As she puts it, "Is there a better way to get to know people than sitting around the dinner table visiting with them? We have developed many personal relationships over the years by presenting health classes and the people keep coming back. Health programs presented in this way are a great way to connect your church with your community." Over half the participants were non-members.

She and her support staff have previously led C.H.I.P. programs. The next class is scheduled for October. For



Wenatchee area residents enjoy the Live Longer, Live Better class.

information, call Mandelis at (509) 888-2247.

Jim Anderson, pastor, is offering an eight-week series entitled What's the Connection? He will be

teaching health principles derived from the book of Daniel as a follow up. •

*Shannon Fisher, communication leader*

# Orofino Holds Gardening Seminar

David Stottleymer, former La Sierra University agriculture instructor, shared with more than 70 gardeners and potential gardeners how to maximize the gardening experience Sunday afternoon, April 26, at the Orofino (Idaho) Adventist Church fellowship room.

Drawing from his research, teaching and experience, Stottleymer shared how gardening is an extension of his walk with God and part of being a steward of God's resources.

Stottleymer dealt with the topics of getting started, soil fertility and pest control along with the concept of intensive

spacing of garden plants. This method not only keeps the weeds down but allows for more plants in the same plot. He also shared the concept of "double digging"—a method of preparing the soil for greater production. Those attending enjoyed a soup and salad supper prepared by health ministries. Each person left with tomato plants for transplanting.

Stottleymer, his wife, Cheryl, and daughters, Jolene and Kayla, reside in Kooskia, Idaho, where they maintain a flourishing garden for personal enjoyment as well as a surplus for sale. If you want



Participants at the gardening seminar in Orofino, Idaho, pause for a light soup and salad supper.

to know what is meant by "double digging" go to [www.harvest4life.com](http://www.harvest4life.com). •

*D. Reid McCrary, Orofino Church member*

## Students Learn Art of Service

As educators teach academics, they also strive to mold young people for ministry and service. Here's a report of service activities in Washington Conference schools:



Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Buena Vista Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School assemble kid-friendly activity bags for guests at Auburn Academy Church's Journey to Bethlehem community outreach.

At Baker View Christian School in Bellingham, Wash., students and teachers engaged in a week of service along with their Week of Prayer. "We did various service activities each day and had different presenters talking about service at home, school, community, country and church," says Anthea Lindsey, Baker View principal.

Students at Cypress Adventist School in Lynnwood, Wash., and Lewis County Adventist School, in Chehalis, Wash., make a difference through presenting full church services

for constituent churches. Lewis County students are preparing to give Bible studies by participating in a Bible marking class.

Third- and fourth-grade students from Kirkland Adventist School recently presented an entire church service. Shelton Valley Christian School students presented a Week of Prayer for their peers.

A volunteer chaplain at Sky Valley Adventist School in Monroe, Wash., offers student baptismal classes.

Kirkland Adventist School packaged food for the Feed the Nations project, provides gifts and gift cards for the Giving Wishes charity, and grades five and six regularly visit assisted living centers. Lewis County Adventist School students are becoming adept at disaster response cleanup, and ninth- and tenth-grade students work monthly at a local food bank.

Forest Park Adventist Christian School in Everett, Wash., makes a difference through monthly themes of service. Mountain



Multiple grades at Buena Vista Adventist Elementary School collect and sort food donations for the Auburn Food Bank.

View Christian School in Sequim, Wash., has an annual community outreach with food drives and community cleanup.

Several schools—Baker View, Buena Vista, Olympia, Orcas Island, Shelton Valley—collect toy-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Baker View served as a drop off location for Whatcom County, and processed 1,200 shoeboxes. Olympia also collects socks for the homeless Sock-It-To-Us program.

Service-oriented curriculum is also reflected at Cedarbrook

Adventist Christian School in Port Hadlock, Wash., where students have adopted a road in the community to keep clean, raised money for the People of Peru Project instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, and sent notes of encouragement to church members.

Service is a bedrock value at Orcas Christian School in the San Juan Islands. Students in grades K-12 write letters to senior citizens, host community dinners, deliver 1,400 holiday cookies, deliver 1,400 Mother's Day flowers, engage in an annual mission trip, assist at a clothing bank, clean a beach, participate actively in a Big Brother Big Sister program, and adopt an inner city school in Seattle to provide homeless children with school supplies, clothing and personal hygiene items. "We have received many letters of thanks from the community who appreciate the fine qualities of our children and the art of service we are striving to instill in them," says Tom Roosma, Orcas principal. •



Five upper-grade students at Shelton Valley Christian School experience the service of ministry through presenting their school's Week of Spiritual Emphasis.

Washington Conference Office of Education

## Auburn Cooks Up Innovative Education

Chef hats, white aprons, bright smiles and delicious foods. Culinary Arts is one of Auburn Adventist Academy's newest innovative education programs—offered to prepare students for their future.

“Our goal is to encourage education beyond high school by equipping students with job-ready skills to assist in the cost of higher education,” says Keith Hallam, principal. “With 95 percent of AAA graduates continuing on to college, we hope students will not only be academically prepared, but that they will have practical skills to sustain them as they move forward in life.”

Part of Auburn's five-year master plan is a focus on innovative curriculum development including

certification programs such as computers, construction, welding, auto mechanics, health care (CNA) and culinary arts.

This school year, AAA began a culinary arts program through which students receive a certificate after two years of classes. “The program has been an enormous success,” says Shelley Kilgore, family consumer science teacher and director of the program. “Seeing the kids developing new recipes for the cafeteria, serving the Hearts of Gold Auction dinner, and interacting with professionals in the business have been just a few highlights this year.”

“I really feel that taking Culinary Arts has helped to prepare me for my future

education,” says Alicia Greuter, senior, of Auburn, Wash. “I am planning to go to the Kitchen Academy next year, and I definitely feel this class inspired me to consider a culinary career for my future.”

AAA is building upon a foundation of excellence, all the while looking to the future to empower students with a unique educational edge. Through innovative education,



Through Auburn Adventist Academy's culinary arts two-year program, students receive certification and preparation for a culinary career.

Auburn has created a recipe for success! •

Jondelle D. McGhee, AAA  
GLENER correspondent

## White Earns Doctorate

Denise White, Washington Conference associate superintendent of schools, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at La Sierra University in May, and received her degree in education administration and leadership in June.

Her study of CognitiveGenesis data evaluated the academic achievement of students in grades 3–8 in the context of school size and teacher, student and parent interaction. She found students in one-,

two- and three-teacher schools achieve at the same rate as students at schools with four or

more teachers.

White also developed the first teacher-mentor program



Denise White, Washington Conference associate superintendent of schools, seventh from right, developed the first teacher-mentor program in the Northwest and recently earned a doctorate in education leadership.

in the Northwest, now in its second year, where first- and second-year teachers, plus teachers new to the conference, are paired with experienced teachers.

“Our program is organic in that each session builds on the previous session,” White says. “We address the changing needs of teachers and cover relevant topics to help our educators in the classroom.” •

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director



## School Campuses Improve Learning Facilities

School facilities across Washington Conference are expanding, moving and improving.

“How we keep up our schools says a lot about Adventist Christian Education,” says Lon Gruesbeck, Washington Conference vice president for education. “Well-kept schools demonstrate that we value our students learning environment and are committed to educating the whole person.”



**Skagit Adventist School is growing from an elementary school into a twelve-grade school and expanding their Burlington, Wash., facility to accommodate an increasing school family.**

Six years ago, conference administration set a goal to have school facilities represent the quality of education offered inside, identified schools to be upgraded, and invested in school facility improvements through regenerating bridge loans.

**Poulsbo Adventist School**, which previously met in the church basement, is settling into their new, mostly volunteer-built school

building behind the church, and **Skagit Adventist School**, in Burlington, Wash., is established in their expanded school facility. **Buena Vista Elementary School** in Auburn, Wash., just paid off the mortgage on their campus expansion.

**Northwest Christian School**, in Puyallup, Wash., moved into their brand new campus in the middle of the school year, and knocked down their previous, problem-ridden facility next door.

After years of patching up their school, **Olympia Christian School** is finalizing their purchase of a new, readymade campus in a better location. **Lewis County Adventist School**, in Chehalis, Wash., drew up plans this year for a new, expanded facility to better meet the needs of their growing school. **Kirkland Adventist School** and **Puget Sound Adventist Academy** are exploring plans to upgrade their combined campus.

**Auburn Adventist Academy**, in response to suggestions from Washington Conference constituents, is installing attractive security fencing, a campus alert system, and surveillance cameras to help improve the security of the campus and the safety of students.

**Shelton Valley Christian School**, on the verge of closing a few years ago with only four students attending, decided to expand their campus to include a community childcare center. “Our strong commitment to Christian education compelled



**Volunteers gave thousands of hours and skills to build a brand new school facility for Poulsbo Adventist School.**

us to keep looking for ways to increase our numbers,” says Margie LiPique, Shelton Valley board chair. “Our enrollment this year is 28 students. This increase can be credited to adopting marketing suggestions, word-of-mouth advertising, referrals from our newly opened childcare center, and lots of prayer.”

Now, Shelton Valley is remodeling their school campus to provide more classroom space. The

burgeoning campus, though, is not what brings school leaders the greatest satisfaction. “Two students have been baptized this year, and at least two more are preparing for baptism,” LiPique reports. “Students themselves conducted a spring Week of Prayer and this is what brings us the greatest satisfaction.” •

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference associate communication director*



**Olympia Christian School is in the process of buying an established school campus with ample classroom space, a gymnasium and room for a daycare center.**

## Northwest Women's Ministries *Announces New Directors*

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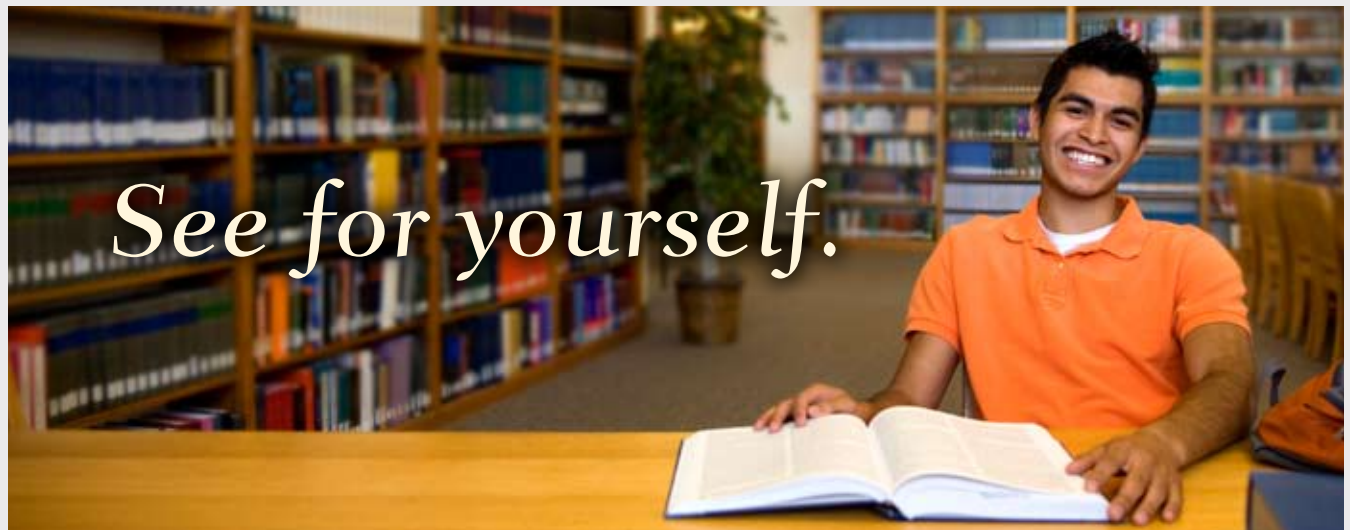


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# A Life of Learning

## WWU's Oldest Student Turns 99

Most people count down the days to graduation from college with excitement and impatience. Desires to get out into the “real world” and experience life as an adult with a degree—getting a job, starting a family—overshadow everything else.

For Effie Pampaian, graduation was simply the end of one more chapter in what would prove to be a very long book of her life—a life focused on education.

Nearly 75 years ago, Pampaian enrolled in her first class at Walla Walla University. Five years later, in 1939, she became WWU's first female theology graduate.

Though she moved away from the valley after graduation, Pampaian returned to College Place, Wash., in 1999. She enrolled in classes at WWU once again. Auditing one at a time, Effie has completed 14 classes since

then, including just about every single theology course.

Two years ago, at age 96, Pampaian reached the point where she could not drive herself to class. When fellow students heard this, they worked out a schedule to pick her up before class and take her home afterward. The professor's wife also offered Pampaian a ride occasionally.

On May 12, WWU recognized Pampaian as its oldest student in honor of her birthday. Pampaian turned 99 on May 16. At the university's Tuesday morning CommUnity, a weekly campus worship gathering, Darius Fleck, WWU estate planning services director, and John McVay, WWU president, presented her with a certificate and a bouquet of flowers.

Lured secretly to CommUnity by Fleck and his predecessor, Allan Fisher, Pampaian was excited to



*Alyssa Stanley*  
**Effie Pampaian signed up for her first class at WWU in 1934; now at age 99 she is WWU's oldest student.**

hear one of WWU's theology professors speak. When, at the start of the program, her name was called from the front, she playfully shook her head at Fleck and Fisher. They merely grinned and helped her to her feet.

Making her way with her walker to the front of the University Church, Pampaian was given the opportunity to say a few words in response.

“Even though things are difficult and don't seem to be getting any better,” she advised the audience, “we must remain faithful and trust in the Lord.”

The church filled with applause as Pampaian returned to her seat. She later told Fleck she was “overwhelmed with joy and honored” to be recognized.

Later that week, WWU's associated students printed a giant birthday card for

Pampaian. The inside of the card was filled with signatures from students, staff and faculty, and on her birthday, Fleck visited Pampaian and presented her with the oversized card.

“Effie is a marvelous example of enthusiasm for lifelong learning,” says Ginger Ketting-Weller, vice president for academic administration. “I suspect that if more among our elders followed her example, they, as well as our students, would find their lives enriched by classroom interactions between generations at WWU.” •

*Becky St. Clair, WWU GLEANER correspondent*



*Alyssa Stanley*

**During a campus program in May, John McVay, WWU president, presents Effie Pampaian with a certificate in honor of her 99th birthday.**

### more **WWU** news

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# ADVENTIST HEALTH

## Defining Moments, Touching Lives: Pre-med Students Help Hospice Patients

In the face of death, volunteers at Adventist Medical Center seek the meanings of life. Their purpose is to honor the dying and comfort the surviving, but in the end, all are blessed.

By taking part in Defining Moments, a program capturing the lives of hospice patients via recorded interviews, pre-med students learn to be better doctors and above all, better human beings.

“They [the students] will face death whether in medicine or in personal experience,” says Tanya Stewart, M.D., medical director of Adventist Health/Hospice

at the Portland, Ore., facility. “Defining Moments preps them for life. Learning how to ask sensitive and thoughtful questions and to delve into delicate topics eloquently is a difficult skill and task for anyone.”

In her third year of overseeing the program, Stewart acknowledges the difficulties pre-med students face in finding hospital experience prior to medical school. Defining Moments

allows them opportunity to have a physician mentor and to practice crucial communication skills needed to survive in health care.

In order to participate, students volunteer at least one hour a week to spending time with hospice patients, visiting and interviewing them. As patients review their lives, CDs are created for them and their families.

“It’s a fantastic program,” says Barbara Crane, RN, Hospice manager. “For families, it helps the legacy of their loved one live on. It is a great way to help them work through their grief. And it adds a level of compassion for students to remember what it is like to be a patient.”

As part of the program, students are mentored by Stewart, who begins by orienting them to what a patient might go through when diagnosed with a terminal illness. “I take them through being diagnosed with cancer. It has a great impact on them

because they are able to understand what patients are going through,” says Stewart.

As a result of this training and experience, “Students have a dramatic increase in confidence in interviewing strangers,” she says. “The biggest theme with students is their improved ability to talk with people who are dying—using real words to talk about death instead of euphemisms.

“There is so much more to disease and patient care than science. It’s learning how to be the best possible physician through communication,” says Stewart, who believes her pre-med students will be favorite doctors as a result of their experience.

To learn more about the program, hospice care or other medical services, visit AMC online at [www.adventisthealthnw.com/hospice](http://www.adventisthealthnw.com/hospice) or call (503) 251-6192. •

*Shawna Malvini, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*



**Tanya Stewart, medical director of hospice services at AMC, mentors pre-med students in the Defining Moments program.**

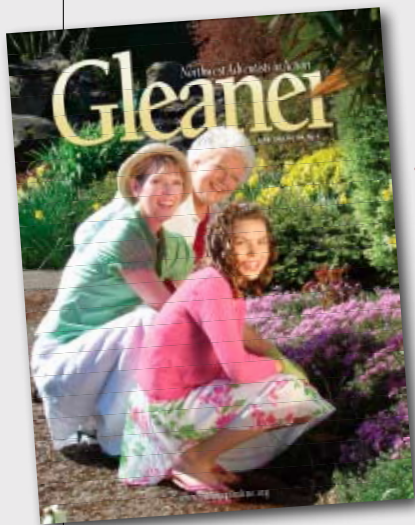
### Bereavement support and education

As a complement to hospice care, AMC offers many bereavement support and education classes, available to anyone who wishes to attend and often free of charge.

“Grief is quite isolating,” says Debra Schneider, Hospice volunteer coordinator who worked as a bereavement coordinator for eight years. “It’s an emotional rollercoaster ride. People withdraw. People get in the car and forget where they’re going. Statistics show you’re 600 percent more likely to end up in the ER while grieving. It’s physical and emotional.”

To learn more about grief and bereavement services available at AMC, visit: [www.adventisthealthnw.com/hospice](http://www.adventisthealthnw.com/hospice).

# FYI



## June 2009

We forgot to identify our lovely models from the June 2009 cover and feature article. They are Bonnie Rhodes, NPUC association accounting clerk, Lisa White, Rhodes daughter and Brooklyn White, her granddaughter, all of Woodland, Wash.

## Montana ABC Closes

Pacific Press® retail closed its Montana Adventist Book Center on June 21, 2009. Service will continue at camp meetings, through mail order, and through book mobiles that visit churches on a regular basis.

Betty Britton, Idaho ABC manager, will be responsible for coordinating all services to the area. She says, "I look forward to getting to know everyone and I consider it a privilege to be asked to serve the members of the Montana Conference."

Online services are available at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) and [Vegefood.com](http://Vegefood.com), and phone orders can be processed at (800) 524-2665.

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## Gleaner Blog

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Readers trying to locate Cindy's Gleaner Garden were unable to access the address directly. They may access the link through the GLEANER Blog at <http://gleanerblog.mcmmds.com/>.



## THE ADVENT MOVEMENT

**Dave Allen** became the Oregon Conference vice president of administration in May, leaving his post as Sunnyside Church senior pastor.

**Blaine Fults** left his position as Springfield (Ore.) Church pastor to serve as Rockford/Freepport (Ill.) district pastor, beginning in May.

**Jóse Galvez** left his position as Prineville (Ore.) Church associate pastor, and became the Brookings (Ore.) Church pastor in May.

**Pedro Pozo** has accepted the call to serve as a pastor for the newly created Bellevue and Renton (Wash.) Spanish Church district. Pozo will be serving under the direction of Omar Grieve.

**Aaron Payne** left his position as Meadow Glade Church (Battle Ground, Wash.) associate pastor to become the Palmer (Alaska) Church pastor in May.

**Beihl 50th**

Paul A. and Olive Beihl celebrated their 50th anniversary with a romantic weekend in Harrison, British Columbia, Canada.

Olive Barranoik was working as a nurse at White Memorial Hospital when she met Paul Beihl at a wedding in Indiana. They were married on Sept. 25, 1958, in Pasadena, Calif.

Paul graduated from Purdue University with an electrical engineering degree and worked in that field for 25 years. Since then he started his own consulting business. Olive has been right by his side working hard to help out. They have lived in Arlington, Wash., for the last 40 years and enjoy their 50 acre property, gardening, traveling, mission work and their grandchildren. Their families came up to visit and spend time with them the summer prior to their anniversary.

The Beihl family includes Gary and Penny (Hill) Beihl of Saluda, S.C.; Ken and Mary (Dickerell) Beihl of Temecula, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.



Clay and Violet Brown

**Brown 60th**

Clay and Violet Brown celebrated their 60th anniversary in the spring of

2008, with a trip to Panama to bird watch.

Clay Brown married Violet Stephens June 28, 1948, in the school chapel of Laurelwood Academy, from where they had both graduated. Clay had served in WWII and Violet had just graduated. They soon moved to McMinnville, Ore., where they have lived and raised family in the same home since 1952. Clay worked in the logging business and Vi was a bookkeeper and homemaker.

They wanted to raise their family to love the Lord so they spent a lot of time studying nature and traveling. For about 40 years, they were involved in church work, Pathfinders and volunteering at youth camp during the beginning years of Big Lake Youth Camp.

Clay and Vi supported their daughters' education through Laurelwood Academy and Walla Walla College, Karen in nursing and Sharon in Office Administration. They then adopted Mary and Joe, two Mexican teenagers. They stay involved in the lives their children and grandchildren.

They are also involved with their McMinnville Church. Violet works on genealogy and Historical Society records, and Clay enjoys his daily bicycle ride and working on coins. They continue to have a productive garden. They both like to travel and bird watch. They traveled to Costa Rica for their 50th wedding anniversary, then to Trinidad and Tobago a couple years later, again to bird watch and meet the locals.

The Brown family includes daughters, Karen and Mike Baumgartner of Molalla,

Ore.; Sharon Anderson of Buckley, Wash.; adopted daughter, Mary Guerrero and Ramon Villa-Nueva of Tualatin, Ore.; and adopted son Joe and Anna Guerrero of Gaston, Ore.; and 9 grandchildren.

**Cusic 90th**

Alvesta E. Cusic turned 90 on June 1, 2008. She was born on June 1, 1918, in Clatskanie, Ore., and grew up in and around Astoria, Ore. During her high school years, she attended Columbia Academy, developing many lifelong friends.

She met and married George R. "Tommy" Thompson, a Naval officer based on Astoria, Ore., in 1942. While married to Tommy, they traveled with the Navy recording music for the troops during the Big Band Era, such as Tommy Dorsey, Glen Miller, Tex Beneke and others.

The Thompson's were stationed at the Pearl Harbor Naval Base from 1953-1955. Tommy and Alvesta adopted a baby boy, and named him David. Tragically he was killed in a motorcycle accident at the age of 21. Because of this loss, Alvesta has a deep longing to be reunited with David when Jesus returns.

During her lifetime, she worked as a secretary for the late Oregon State Representative Walter Norblad, as a part-time employee for the public health department and as a telegrapher for Western Union, often receiving the five bells, which was the code for a death notice. Upon Tommy's retirement, Alvesta received her real-estate license and began a career in

real estate for over 50 years. Tommy died in 1979.

In 1982, she married Howard Cusic. Alvesta and Howard, were very active in the Columbia Academy reunions, up until his death on July 17, 2007.

Alvesta is now residing at Canterbury Park Retirement Center in Longview, Wash.

**Johnson 100th**

Alberta Rose (Nix) Johnson was born in Puyallup, Wash., one hundred years ago. She is a granddaughter of Rhonomons



Alberta Rose Johnson

Nix who homesteaded in the Puyallup Valley in the 1850's. She is an active member of the Daughters of the Pioneers in the Chehalis (Wash.) Chapter. Her family moved to Chehalis in her early childhood. Her father was a farmer and dairy man. Her family joined the Adventist Church in the early 20s. She is the longest member of the Chehalis Church.

She graduated from Columbia Academy in 1928 and attended Walla Walla College. In 1933 she married Vernon Johnson of Winlock, Wash. She was a homemaker and piano teacher in the Chehalis area for many years. After retirement she traveled with her husband, friends and relatives to many countries,

including mission trips to help work on churches. Vernon died in 1995 after more than 60 years of marriage.

Her centennial party was attended by many friends and relatives.

Alberta Johnson's family includes Truman L. and Dee Johnson of Chehalis; Donna and Eugene Gennick of Chehalis; Doreen and Samuel May of Bonney Lake, Wash.; Katrina and Richard Kurtz of Walla Walla, Wash.; 3 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

### *Kurtz 100th*

Gladys (Searle) Kurtz celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, with a reception at her home in Boise, Idaho.

Born on Dec. 29, 1908, in Dickey, N.D., to Mini (Amelia) and Guy Searle,



**Gladys Kurtz**

Gladys grew up in North Dakota and Minnesota. She worked as a secretary in the Minnesota, Illinois and Kansas Conferences. She met her husband, Harold, in Hinsdale, Ill. At that time he was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Harold called Gladys and announced,

"Well, if we are going to get married we had better do it." So Gladys rode the train for three days, arriving in San Antonio on Jan. 1. Harold went AWOL to meet her. As a result he had to do KP duty for a week.

After the war they settled in Lincoln, Neb., where Harold completed his ministerial degree at Union College while Gladys had their two children. Then the War Service Commission of the General Conference asked Harold and Gladys to establish a service center in Frankfurt Germany.

While in Germany, Gladys worked at Rein Main Air Force base for the OSI. Returning to the U.S. in 1960, Gladys worked at Fort Ord, Calif., in the chaplain's office, while Harold worked with new inductees.

They joined the Oregon Conference where Harold served as minister to the Kelso-Longview, Newberg, Lakeview, and Reedsport Churches. They retired in Reedsport and Harold died August of 2001.

The Gladys Kurtz family includes her son James and Diane Freeman of Henderson, Nev.; daughter Joanne Kurtz, Boise, Idaho; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

### *Libby 90th*

Vern and Lorene Libby of Walla Walla, Wash., both turned 90 in 2008. Vern, born on June 25, 1918, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was the fifth child of nine to an Adventist evangelist who held meetings in the Pacific Northwest and Canada. Lorene, born Dec. 12, 1918, in Seattle, Wash., was the second child in a family of nine also. Both

Vern and Lorene lost their mothers very young and their fathers remarried.

Vern and Lorene both attended Yakima Valley Academy in Granger, Wash. Vern has always loved his summers fishing in Alaska and at the age of 16 had a dog team and ran a trapping operation in the winter.

On Oct. 5, 1941, the Libbys were married in Naches, Wash. Vern was drafted into the army soon after and served in a hospital in Australia for three years. After arriving home he attended Walla Walla College and received a teaching degree in June 1951. The family moved to Hood River, Ore., where Vern had his first teaching job. In later years he taught in Bellingham, Cedar Home, Buena Vista, Federal Way, Ellensburg and Quincy (Wash.) church schools. He and Lorene also spent one year as caretakers of Camp MiVoden in Idaho.

Lorene worked in many different jobs, including childcare, housekeeping and clerking. She worked in several hospitals and spent 15 years working in the x-ray department of Auburn General Hospital. They moved from Ellensburg in 2003 to be near family. They are members of the Walla Walla City Church.

The Libby family includes Verdene and Mickey Meyer of Indian Valley, Idaho; Ralph and Joan Libby of Burlington, Wash.; Wayne Libby of Palm Springs, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

### *Schoepflin 65th*

Barney and Roeberta Schoepflin celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary

with a weekend at the beach in Lincoln City, Ore.

Barney Schoepflin and Roeberta Grove met at Yakima Valley Academy in 1937. Barney graduated in the class of 1940, and Roeberta in the class of 1942. After graduation they both attended Walla Walla College.



**Roeberta and Barney Schoepflin**

Barney entered the Armed Forces in 1942 during World War II. He served in the 30th Division at Jacksonville, Fla., took officer candidate training at Camp Barkley, Texas and then was sent to the 42nd Infantry at Muscogee, Okla.

Roeberta attended WWC and then joined Barney in Oklahoma, where they were married on Dec. 21, 1943. In 1944, Barney went to Europe and Roeberta returned to Endicott, Wash., staying with her parents. They were gratefully reunited, Feb. 1946, after the war.

They farmed the Grove family wheat ranch for 32 years in Endicott, retiring in 1982 to Dallas, Ore.

The Schoepflin family includes Cheryl Kiger (deceased); and son Gayle and Judy Schoepflin of Corvallis, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

*Family*  
**B I R T H S**

**BECKER**—Payton Halia was born May 14, 2009, to Andrew L. and Heidi M. (Gaje) Becker, Boring, Ore.

**BOBBITT**—Ellie Mae was born May 11, 2009, to Matthew and Shana (Blumenberg) Bobbitt, Walla Walla, Wash.

**BREAZEALE**—Casey Gunner was born Feb. 24, 2009, to Bretton and Julie (Carter) Breazeale, Merrill, Ore.

**COURTNEY**—Kyle James was born April 12, 2009, to Mitch and Lisa (Carey) Courtney, Yakima, Wash.

**ARNOLD**—Floyd Odell “Dell,” 72; born May 1, 1936, Elko County, Ill.; died March 15, 2009, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Beulah (Vickers), Milton-Freewater, Ore.; son, K. Aaron, Otis Orchards, Wash.; daughter, Renee Tomczek, Chehalis, Wash.; sisters, Debbie Everett, Pendleton, Ore.; Theresa Frederickson, Boise, Idaho; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**BARRERE**—Violet (Joles), 91; born Sept. 27, 1917, Pittsville, Wis.; died March 1, 2009, Miles City, Mont. Surviving: husband, Irvin “Spike”; daughters, Gladys Branson, Billings, Mont.; Charlotte Mason, Dublin, Ohio; brother, Dick Joles, Eau Claire, Wis.; sister, Irene Patrow, Eau Claire; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**BOLTON**—Marjorie Elsie (Gerking), 91; born May 21, 1917, Pocatello, Idaho; died April 10, 2009, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robert Earl; son, Bob, Vancouver, Wash.; daughters, Erlene Lau, Sun Lakes, Calif.; Alice Joy Brown, Redlands, Calif.; brother, Duane Gerking, Prosser, Wash.; Darlene Prusia, Walla Walla, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**BREWER**—Yvonne Kay (Brewer) Overholser van den Dikkenberg, 49; born July 24, 1959, Palm Springs, Calif.; died March 2, 2009,

**GAILEY**—Iain Sven was born April 28, 2009, to Chad J. and Sandra L. (Vedvick) Gailey, Anchorage, Alaska.

**REESE**—Gwyneth Jane was born Oct. 12, 2008, to Benjamin and Kacie (Downer) Reese, Portland, Ore.

**SAMUEL**—Kaiden E. was born April 21, 2009, to Chad and Alison (Hanney) Samuel, Lincoln City, Ore.

**UNIAT**—Audrey Brooke was born Aug. 6, 2008, to Brooks and Alisa (Bowker) Uniat, Meridian, Idaho.

Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Timothy van den Dikkenberg, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Kyle Overholser, Eureka, Calif.; Bryan Overholser, Wesley Overholser and Justin Overholser, all of Arcata, Calif.; daughters, Jennifer van den Dikkenberg, Milton-Freewater; Wendy Montgomery, Spokane, Wash.; parents, Bud Brewer, Milton-Freewater; B. Elaine (Hochstetler) Brewer Garvoux, San Bernardino, Calif.; brothers, Michael Brewer, Milton-Freewater; Duane Brewer, Portland, Ore.; sister, Leslae Brewer, Milton-Freewater; half-sisters, Connie (Brewer) DeGeorge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Theresa (Brewer) Garvin, San Bernardino; and 2 grandchildren.

**CAIN**—Jenna Lee (Blankinship), 75; born Aug. 17, 1933, Morton, Wash.; died March 1, 2009, Onalaska, Wash. Surviving: sons, Keith E., Onalaska; J. Mark, Olympia, Wash.; J. Brian, Chehalis, Wash.; Kyle R., Woodbridge, Va.; daughter, Laura L. Guest, Auburn, Wash.; sisters, Bobbie Johnson, St. George, Utah; Louie Ann Fugate, Randle, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**CALVERT**—Juanita June, 91; born June 16, 1917, Tulsa, Okla.; died May 12, 2009, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Donald, Chatsworth, Ga.; Phil, Reno, Nev.;

*Family*  
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daughters, Nita Vining and Nancy Lindsay, both of Salem, Ore.; sister, Rose Emmert, Salem; 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**CANADAY**—Lloyd R., 92; born Nov. 11, 1916, Chadron, Neb.; died Jan. 13, 2009, Rochester, Wash. Surviving: sons, Russell, Eddyville, Ore.; Stanley, Rochester; daughter, Edith Shannon, Centralia, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

**DENMARK**—Elaine Marie (Pellymouter), 87; born Sept. 20, 1921, Mountain View, Calif.; died April 8, 2009, Salinas, Calif. Surviving: sons, Tom, Redlands, Calif.; Steven, Hollister, Calif.; daughters, Susan Morton, Hollister; Cindy Carpe, Apple Valley, Calif.; Denise Yancey, Kelso, Wash.; and numerous grandchildren.

**DUPPER**—Hazel Aldean (Thorp), 91; born Jan. 26, 1917, White Clay, Neb.; died Jan. 11, 2009, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: husband, John; sons, Gilbert, Redlands, Calif.; Lee, Tucson, Ariz.; Robert, San Bernardino, Calif.; daughters, Aldean Warren, Cleona, Pa.; Lavenia Casey, Hermiston; brother, W. Earl Thorp, Magalia, Calif.; 25 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

**FARRIS**—Erma M. (Caudle) Hayden, 92; born Aug. 31, 1916, Idaho Falls, Idaho; died Dec. 12, 2008, Shelley, Idaho.

**FULLERTON**—Victor H., 84; born Aug. 11, 1924, Vancouver, Wash.; died April 18, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Harriet (Danner), College Place, Wash.; son, Kevin, Walla Walla; daughter, Linda Lesueur, Roy, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

**GLENN**—Richard D. “Dick”, 73; born Dec. 17, 1935, Weiser, Idaho; died April 30, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ronald and Rick, both of Walla Walla, Wash.; brother, Robert, Flagstaff, Ariz.; sister, Rosene Blakey, Walla Walla; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**HAAS**—Arthur Ellis, 78; born Sept. 23, 1930, Orange, Calif.; died March 26, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Janet Haas and Melissa Haas, both of Grants Pass; Vivian Tomecko, Fowler, Ind.; brother, Daniel, El Cajon, Calif.; sister, Marjie Potter, Lakeside, Calif.; and 6 grandchildren.

**HASSIG**—Anna Margaret “Peggy,” 89; born Sept. 20, 1919, Pendleton, Ore.; died Nov. 8, 2008, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: son, Ron Smith, Parma, Idaho; daughters, Margaret Trueblood, Caldwell, Idaho; Karen Kelly, Bellingham, Wash.; Phyllis Webb, Eagle, Idaho; sister, Mary Lou Mullen; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**HUNT**—Esther C. (Klein), 83; born Dec. 20, 1925, Mobridge, S.D.; died March 27, 2009, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Verland; brother, LeRoy Klein, Portland, Ore.; sisters, Ruby Seivers, Seattle; Eleanor Bowen and Irene Casteel, both of Portland; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**HUTSON**—Madaline B. (Knight), 95; born June 15, 1913, Bull Run, Ore.; died Nov. 24, 2008, Prosser, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Chari Price, Lebanon, Ore.; Rebecca Mohr, Prosser; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**KING**—Jack George, 87; born July 29, 1921, Sacramento, Calif.; died April 9, 2009, Drain, Ore. Surviving: wife, Marcie (Anderson); daughters, Carol A. E. King, Roseburg, Ore.; Jennifer M. Rhodes, Yoncalla, Ore.; Elsa Anderson, Drain; brother, Marvin, Oakland, Ore.; sister, Princess “Pat” Dunkhorst, Fort Collins, Colo.; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

**KREYE**—Arbutis “Arbie” R. (Cowley), 76; born Dec. 25, 1932, Lake City, Mich.; died April 12, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Eric; daughters, Linda Cowles, College Place; Nancy Lucas, Napavine, Wash.; brother, Lon Cowley, Lake City; sister, Carol Smalley, Lansing,



Mich.; 4 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

**LESTER**—RaeLee (Cain), 56; born Nov. 7, 1952, San Antonio, Texas; died Feb. 6, 2009, South Bend, Ind. Surviving: husband, James G.; son, Eric D., South Bend; daughter, Hilary B. Wilson, Devon, Pa.; parent, Jenna Lee (Blankinship) Cain, Onalaska.; brothers, Keith E. Cain, Onalaska, Wash.; J. Mark Cain, Olympia, Wash.; Brian Cain, Chehalis, Wash.; Kyle Cain, Woodbridge, Va.; sister, Laura L. Guest, Auburn, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

**LOPEZ**—Ila May (Alexander), 77, born Nov. 29, 1929, Detroit, Mich.; died May 30, 2007, Lake Stevens, Wash. Surviving: son, Harvey, Lake Stevens; daughters, Geneva Martin, Tacoma, Wash.; Rita McGinnis, Olympia, Wash.; brothers, Chet Alexander, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada; Victor Alexander, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; Arlo Alexander, Langley, British Columbia, Canada; Irving Alexander, Squamish, British Columbia, Canada; sisters, Joy Mitchell, Oliver, British Columbia, Canada; Dolly Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; 4-grandchildren and 5-great-grandchildren.

**LOVELL**—Marie M. (Shaffer) Ferguson, 70; born Aug. 20, 1938, Laramie, Wyo.; died March 14, 2009, Springfield, Ore. Surviving: son, Dale Ferguson, Cleveland, Ohio; daughters, Sue (Ferguson) Vickers, Eugene, Ore.; Mickie (Ferguson) Lam, Sheridan, Wyo.; brothers, Richard Shaffer, McMinnville, Ore.; Zane Shaffer, Cave Creek, Ariz.; and 5 grandchildren.

**MCCHESNEY**—Rose M. (Blatt), 88; born April 29, 1921, Pine River, Minn.; died May 1, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, John, Escondido, Calif.; Robert, Keene, Texas; daughter, Dianne Larsen, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Ernie Blatt, Chehalis, Wash.; sister, Ruby Yost, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchildren.

**NESBITT**—Hilda W., 82; born Feb. 21, 1926; died Feb. 20, 2009, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ernie Oliver; James Oliver.

**OCHS**—LaVern Alby, 67; born Feb. 25, 1941, Colfax, Wash.; died Oct. 30, 2008, Colfax. Surviving: wife, Velma Ochs, Colfax; sons, Craig, Oakesdale, Wash.; Brian, Las Vegas, Nev.; stepson, Sirrel Maldonado, Richland, Wash.; brother, Duane, Mesa, Ariz.; and 6 grandchildren.

**PAGE**—Letha M. (Bruce) Schwandt, 91; born March 24, 1918, Dixie, Wash.; died April 26, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: son, Carroll Schwandt, Walla Walla; daughter, Diane (Schwandt) Grabner; brother, Elmer Bruce, Walla Walla, Wash.; 6 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**PORTENIER**—Donald L., 82; born Dec. 6, 1925, Phillips County, Kan.; died Sept. 6, 2008, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Etta (Crow), Milton-Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Beryl Wagner and Rebecca Van-Hee, both of Hood River, Ore.; brother, John, Caldwell, Idaho; and 4 grandchildren.

**REYNOLDS**—Lawrence R., 78; born June 26, 1930, Corvallis, Ore.; died May 9, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sally (Pennington); son, Larry, Walla Walla, Wash.; brothers, Emil and Clarence, both of College Place; sister, Irene Monroe, Corvallis; and 3 grandchildren.

**RITER**—Alma Darlene, 86; born Jan. 7, 1923, Garden County, Neb.; died Feb. 14, 2009, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: brother, Elmer, Hastings, Neb.; and sister, Eloise (Riter) Friesen, of Colorado.

**SCHLAGEL**—Hazel Marion (English), 97; born March 1, 1912, Culbertson, Mont.; died April 8, 2009, Yakima, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Barbara Ritchie and Bette Rogers, both of Yakima; brother, Herman English, Auburn, Wash.; 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

**SHEPARD**—Margaret I. (White), 82; born Sept. 12, 1926, Hawarden, Iowa; died March 30, 2009, Rieth, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Lorrie Townsend, Kingman, Ariz.; Shirley Bruner, Pendleton, Ore.; Pearl Younker, Juneau, Alaska; Nancy Freeland, Goldendale, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**SPROUL**—Deanna May (Wilson), 69; born Dec. 28, 1939, Lebanon, Ore.; died March 16, 2009, Lebanon. Surviving: son, Doug, Salem, Ore.; daughter, Debbie Scott, Lebanon; brother, Gilbert Wilson, Salem; sister, Donna Beska, Troutdale, Ore.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**STANCIU**—Churby (Densley), 78; born Feb. 6, 1930, Richland, Ore.; died June 10, 2008, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: son, John, College Place, Wash.; daughter, Marion Ross, Coeur d'Alene; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**STEWART**—Irma Kathryn (Kimsey) Erickson, 80; born June 17, 1928, Breen, Colo.; died Feb. 6, 2009, Grants Pass, Ore. Surviving: son, Glen Erickson, Medford, Ore.; daughter, Marcene (Erickson) Moore, Cordova, Alaska; brother, Ralph Kimsey, Medford; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**TALL**—Myrtle R. (Egelhoff), 89; born Dec. 19, 1919, Fort Collins, Colo.; died March 13, 2009, Moscow, Idaho. Surviving: son, Jim, of Idaho; daughter, Joyce Jordan, Fairview, Ore.; 2 step-grandchildren and 2 step-great-grandchildren.

**TEMPLIN**—Ruth Virginia (Gloor), 88; born Sept. 4, 1920, Stoneham, Mass.; died April 21, 2009, Redmond, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Janice Templin-Weller, Delta Junction, Alaska; Patricia Templin, Redmond; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**TYM**—Doris E. (Pashniak), 87; born May 15, 1921, Beauvallon, Alberta, Canada; died April 2, 2009, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Peter C., Gladstone, Ore.;

daughters, Bonnie Corson, Oregon City; Sharon Foley, Kelseyville, Calif.; Ardythe Price, Yuba City, Calif.; Berne Tym, Modesto, Calif.; brother, Daniel Pashniak, Spokane, Wash.; sisters, Sylvia Gabrys, McMinnville, Ore.; Tolks Eliuk, Two Hills, Alberta, Canada; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**WEBSTER**—Charles Lee, 53; born May 24, 1955, West Point, Neb.; died March 25, 2009, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Kerri (DePiero), Tenino, Wash.; son, Charlie Webster, Duvall, Wash.; daughter, Sarah Webster, Spokane, Wash.; parents, Bill and Jean (Sharp) Webster, Shelton, Wash.; sisters, Beth Jordan, Stafford, Va.; and Bonnie Klupenger, Shelton.

**WICKWARD**—Roger Zane, 74; born April 11, 1934, Moscow, Idaho; died Nov. 10, 2008, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: wife, La Vera (Baldwin); sons, Wendell, Clarkston, Wash.; Randy, Signal Hill, Calif.; Eddie and Stan Howard, both of Spokane; daughter, Karen Smith, Spokane Valley, Wash.; brothers, Bruce, Portland, Ore.; David, Caldwell, Idaho; sister, Paula Jean Riederer, Juneau, Alaska; 8 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 9 step-great-grandchildren.

**WILLIAMS**—Minnie B. (Adams), 83; born July 25, 1925, Spearsville, La.; died Jan. 5, 2009, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Raymond; son, Willie Ray, Oregon City; daughters, Linda Sims, Oregon City; Sheila Williams, Kennesaw, Ga.; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**ZICKUHR**—Rueben H., 89; born April 9, 1920, Burt, N.D.; died April 9, 2009, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gertrude (Sanders); brothers, Victor "Chuck," Milton-Freewater, Ore.; sisters, Pat Mock, Milton-Freewater; and Delores Cowgill, College Place.



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## NORTH PACIFIC UNION

### Offerings

July 4—Local Church Budget; July 11—NAD Budget; Women's Ministries; July 18—Local Church Budget; July 25—Local Conference Advance.


### Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month—Adventist Lifestyle+

July 11—Home Study International Promotional Day.

## WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY

July 17—“Striving for Social Work Excellence: Approved Supervision, Licensure and Ethic.” Continuing education program with six credits available for practice and ethics. Full day (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) includes catered lunch: Students \$10; Field Instructors and Alumni \$45; General Public \$85. For more information, call Kerry at (509) 527-2763.



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## MONTANA

### Montana ABC Closed

June 21—Pacific Press® retail division announces this difficult decision, made with deep regret. Constituents will now be served out of the Boise, Idaho, ABC through bookmobile visits and at camp meeting. Online services are available at [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) and [Vegefood.com](http://Vegefood.com), and by phone at (800) 524-2665.

## OREGON

### Adventist Single Adult Ministries

July 3—Friday Vespers sponsored by the Beaverton Adventist Social Committee at 6 p.m. at a Lincoln City home. Sabbath Church service at Lincoln City Adventist Church followed by a day at the local beach. For food item options, directions and information, call Charlotte Miles at (503) 579-9449; [www.beavertonsda.com](http://www.beavertonsda.com) then to Church Life and then Adventist Singles Webpage.

July 10–11—Lake Chelan Boat Tour. For information and to purchase your boat ticket go to: [www.LadyOfTheLake.com](http://www.LadyOfTheLake.com) or call (509) 682-4584.

July 18—Camp Meeting Potluck/Fellowship Lunch at grassy area just down the steps from the Holden Center after the main Church service. Please bring a friend and a dish to share. Evening Ice Cream Social at Zull Hall after last meeting. Gladstone (Ore.) Camp Meeting, 19800 Oatfield Rd., Gladstone, OR 97027, starts Tuesday, July 14. [www.oregonconference.org](http://www.oregonconference.org). July 30–Aug 2—Tent Camping and Bicycle Ride on San Juan Island. Two tent sites and two large tents are provided. Or bring a small tent. We have a trailer for transporting your bike. Space is limited so get in your check right away. For map and park information, go to [www.co.san-juan.wa.us/](http://www.co.san-juan.wa.us/)

parks/. For reservations, information and food items to bring, call Charlotte Miles (503) 579-9549; or Tom Terry (503) 684-7971, [tom.te@verizon.net](mailto:tom.te@verizon.net). [www.beavertonsda.com](http://www.beavertonsda.com) then to the Church Life, then to the Adventist Singles Webpage.

### Fun Run/Walk at Gladstone Camp Meeting

July 17—Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to enter the second annual 5 K (3.1 miles) Gladstone Camp Meeting Fun Run/Walk on Friday, July 17, at 7:30 a.m. Pre-register at the InfoCenter in the Plaza and gather by the big banner near the Snack Shack at 7 a.m. Enjoy the beauty of nature throughout the grounds, get acquainted with new friends, and enjoy delicious snacks at the end of the race. This is a free event coordinated by your conference Community Outreach department.

### Union College Alumni Gathering

July 18—Union College Alumni gathering at 5–6:30 p.m., Gladstone Convention Center during Oregon Camp Meeting. Place of meeting: Zull Hall. Alumni, family and friends of Union College are invited. A light meal will be provided. An offering will be taken for expenses. For information, contact Glen or Marybeth Gessele (503) 985-7759.

### Oregon City/Gladstone Park Church 100 Year Celebration

Sept. 18–19—Save this date to join us for the Oregon City / Gladstone Park Church 100 year celebration. Previous members please e-mail names and addresses to [Memberinfo@gladstonepark.org](mailto:Memberinfo@gladstonepark.org).

### Oregon Conference Regular Session

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-sixth regular session of Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Sept. 20, 2009, at the Portland Adventist Academy auditorium,

96th and S.E. Market in Portland, Ore. The session will begin Sunday morning at nine o'clock. This regular session is called for the purpose of electing officers and members of appropriate committees for the ensuing term, and for transacting other business that may properly come before the Conference. Each organized church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate. An additional four hundred (400) delegates shall be apportioned among the churches of the Conference, prorated on the basis of the third quarter membership report of the preceding year.

*Al Reimche, President*  
*Dave Allen, Vice President/ Administration*

### Glide Missing Members

The Glide Adventist Church would like to reconnect with the following missing members: Annette Bovee, James C. Bovee, Lossie Breeden, Mary S. Dabovich, Hye Glassford, Sharon Kirkham, Melinda Mann, Debbie K. Smith. If you have any information regarding these missing members, please contact Michelle Panches, church clerk, at (541) 957-5461; [panches@rio.com](mailto:panches@rio.com).

## UPPER COLUMBIA

### UCA Class of 1950 Looking For Classmates:

In preparation for their 2010 reunion, Upper Columbia Academy's class of 1950 is looking for the following individuals: John Carlson, Walter Davis, Pat McKinney, Gordon Moore, Donna Currie Stott and Crystal Clymer Wood. If you can help us locate these friends, please e-mail [alumni@uccaa.org](mailto:alumni@uccaa.org), or call (509) 245-3692 with contact information.

## WASHINGTON

### Car and Bike Show

Aug. 16—Car and Bike enthusiasts are invited to the 5th annual Shelton Valley Christian Show N' Shine held from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on the



## Exercise Lowers Risk for Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer for women, with about 182,000 cases each year and over 40,000 deaths annually. A new study suggests it may be possible to prevent up to half of these deaths.

Researchers found women who exercised enough to reach “moderate fitness” had one third (33 percent) fewer breast cancer deaths compared to low-fit women. Highly fit women had 55 percent fewer breast cancer deaths compared to low-fit women. Those who had below-average fitness levels were three times more likely to die from breast cancer compared to women with peak aerobic capacity.

The researchers pointed out most women can reach moderate to high-fitness categories by getting moderate exercise, such as brisk walking, for 30 minutes or more, five days a week or vigorously exercising for 20-30 plus minutes, most days of the week.

The American Cancer Society encourages women to exercise briskly for at least an hour daily for best results in preventing cancer.

The only side effect from using this kind of medicine is that you will probably look better, feel better and live longer!

## An Outgoing Personality Could Help You Live to Be 100

Researchers recently studied the children of people who lived to age 100 or more to see if they could find a common personality trait. These offspring were well on their way to old age themselves. They were all around age 75 and had 60 percent less heart disease, stroke and diabetes than their contemporaries.

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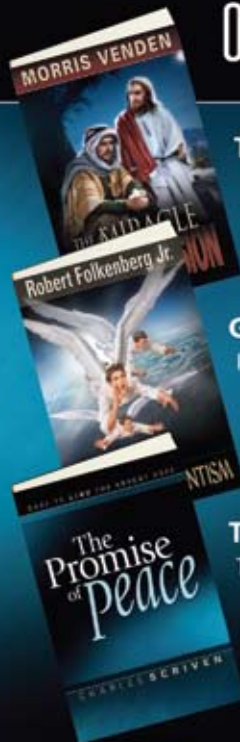
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Juneau	10:04	9:57	9:46	9:34	9:19
Ketchikan	9:29	9:24	9:15	9:05	8:52
<b>IDAHO CONFERENCE</b>					
Boise	9:30	9:27	9:22	9:16	9:08
La Grande	8:43	8:40	8:36	8:29	8:21
Pocatello	9:12	9:09	9:05	8:59	8:51
<b>MONTANA CONFERENCE</b>					
Billings	9:07	9:04	8:59	8:52	8:44
Havre	9:23	9:20	9:14	9:06	8:57
Helena	9:24	9:21	9:16	9:09	9:00
Miles City	8:59	8:56	8:50	8:44	8:35
Missoula	9:33	9:30	9:25	9:18	9:09
<b>OREGON CONFERENCE</b>					
Coos Bay	9:01	8:58	8:54	8:47	8:40
Medford	8:52	8:49	8:45	8:39	8:32
Portland	9:02	8:59	8:54	8:48	8:40
<b>UCC CONFERENCE</b>					
Pendleton	8:48	8:45	8:40	8:33	8:25
Spokane	8:50	8:47	8:41	8:34	8:25
Walla Walla	8:47	8:44	8:39	8:32	8:24
Wenatchee	9:01	8:58	8:54	8:45	8:36
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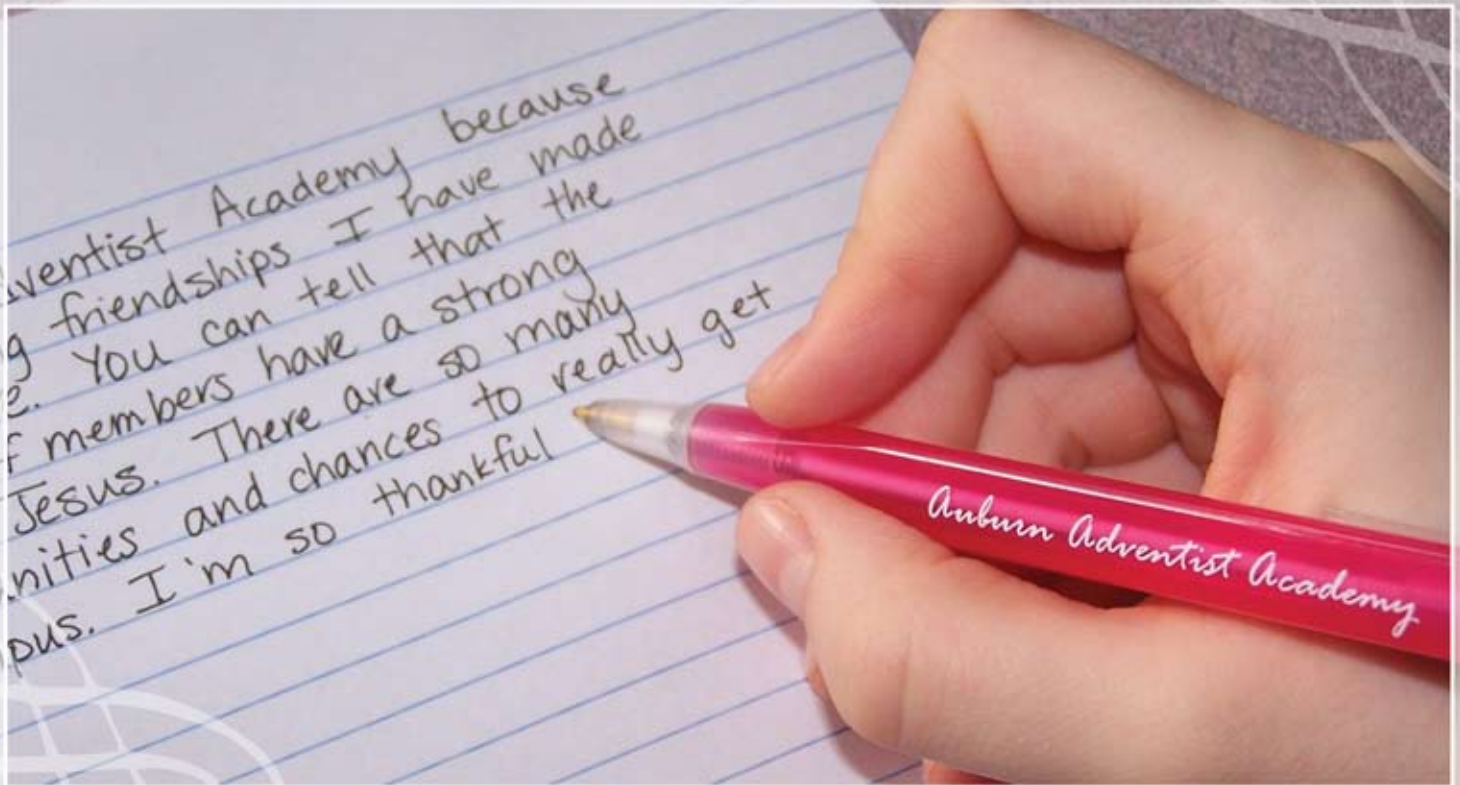
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