

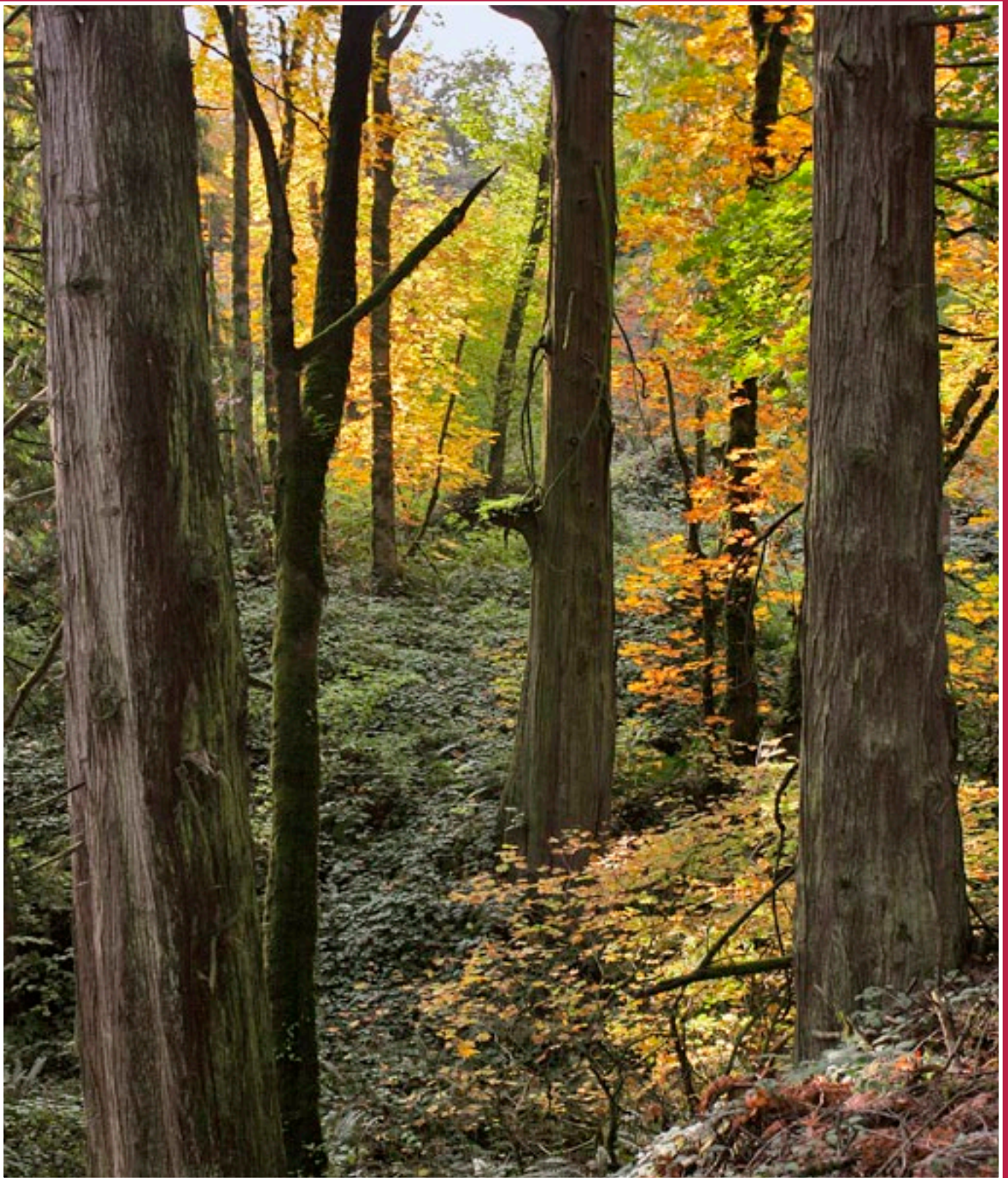
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*Our*  
DISTINCTIVE  
BRAND  
*of* CARE

PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY,  
SPIRITUALLY



*Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*  
JAMES 3:18 (NIV)

“Autumn Trees” by Roger Windemuth of Brush Prairie, Wash.

# ADVENTIST HEALTH: *It's Part of Our Mission*

**D**o you know why Seventh-day Adventists are so focused on good health for themselves and others? Here are a few thoughts.

We believe good communication builds good relationships. God communicates with us through our minds and senses. If we want to know God really well, we will be anxious to keep these channels of communication as sharp as possible. Good health plays an important part in our relationship with God.

We would agree with Paul Tillich who said, “To speak of health one must speak of all dimensions of life which are unified in man.”

Many early Adventists adopted this holistic outlook as our church grew in its spiritual formation. It simply recognizes all factors — mental, physical and spiritual — are inseparable parts of our being.

Ellen White wrote in 1887, “Our Lord Jesus Christ came to this world as the unwearied servant of man’s necessity ... It was His mission to bring to men complete restoration; He came to give them health and peace and perfection of character. From Him flowed a stream of healing power, and in body and mind and soul men were made whole.”

This viewpoint is completely different from what many believe today — that wholeness can be found by looking inward to self. As Adventists, we believe we must look to, and believe in, an infinite reference point outside ourselves — God.

Interestingly enough the Greek words for “health” and “whole” are the same. To be an Adventist is not just to belong to a church but to adopt a new lifestyle which affects every aspect of life. It

seeks to restore us to the wholeness for which our Eden parents were originally designed.

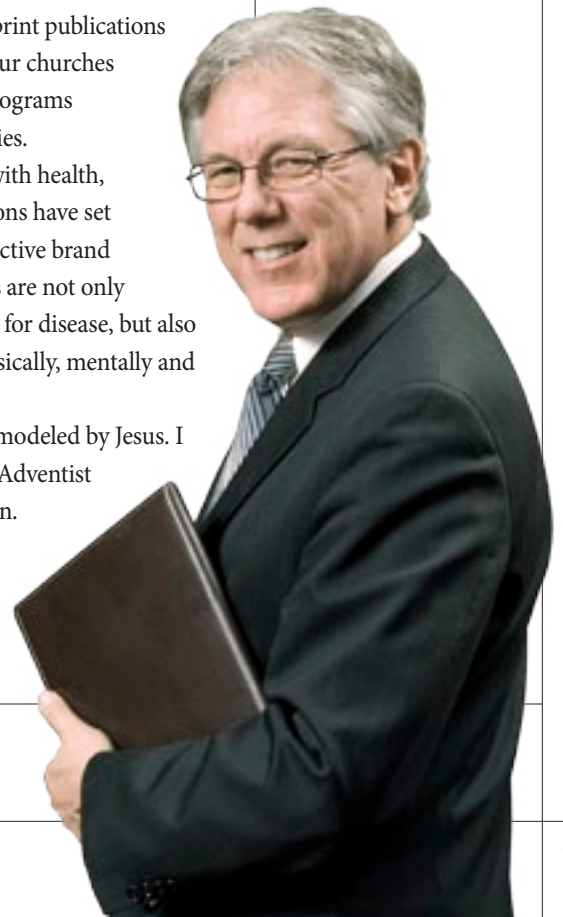
There’s even an element of stewardship to good health. Scripture says, “Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost ... ye are not your own ... ye are bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s,” (I Corinthians 6:19, 20). It is important to care for our bodies and keep them in optimum health because our usefulness to God, and in fact, our very perception of God, is greatly influenced by our physical, mental and emotional health.

For these reasons the Adventist church has been led into a large field of ministry that emphasizes health. We operate hospitals and clinics, train physicians and nurses, and print publications focused on healthy living. Our churches conduct health education programs throughout their communities.

And by integrating faith with health, Adventist Health organizations have set themselves apart. Our distinctive brand of care means staff members are not only interested in finding healing for disease, but also for the whole person — physically, mentally and spiritually.

This was the style of care modeled by Jesus. I believe it will be part of our Adventist mission until He comes again.

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## MAX TORKELSEN II

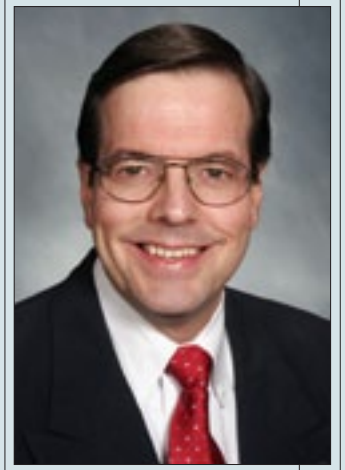
NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT  
AND ADVENTIST HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS VICE CHAIR

**Committee Studies NPUC/Conference Structure**

An NPUC-appointed ad hoc committee held its first meeting Aug. 26 to explore ways to streamline the functions of union and conference leadership within the NPUC. Dennis Carlson, Walla Walla University vice president for university advancement, is chairing the committee, which includes 18 members from around the Northwest. Carlson expects the group to meet several times before submitting observations or recommendations to the NPUC constituency session in September 2011. Here are the members of the committee: Dennis Carlson, chair; Harold Altamirano; Jim Bergland; Sandy Eichmann; Ruth Farnsworth; Gary Fogelquist; Bob Folkenberg Jr.; Russell Gilbert; Ruth Harms; Tanya Huether; Lanny Hurlbert; Steve Libby; Don Mead; Mickey Meyer; Richard Parker; Bob Paulsen; Mark Remboldt; Tom Russell; and Alvaro Sauza.

**New NPUC Executive Secretary Elected**

John R. Loor Jr., has accepted the invitation of the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee to become the new NPUC executive secretary. Loor, who has served as Montana Conference president since 2000, will succeed Bryce Pascoe who retired Aug. 1. He expects to assume these new responsibilities in October.



John R. Loor Jr.

In addition to a master of divinity degree, Loor holds a degree in business administration with an emphasis in management. He has served as a pastor in California, Kentucky and Colorado and has helped to direct church ministries, youth, Sabbath School and community services for conferences in California and Southern New England.

In January 1998, Loor joined the Upper Columbia Conference based in Spokane, Wash., where he worked with Max Torkelsen, then UCC president, as assistant to the president and communication director. He moved to his most current role as Montana Conference president in January 2000.

John and his wife, Susan, have two children: Cindy, who is married, in Loma Linda, Calif., and Rob, a current student at Walla Walla University.

Loor is excited to begin this new role. "I'm truly honored," he says. "Susan and I have had ten wonderful years serving the folk in the Montana Conference, and I feel God has led us in this decision. I'm humbled to be used by Him to forward His work here throughout the North Pacific Union. The neat thing about accepting this call is that we don't have to say goodbye to our current friends. After all, Montana is part of the North Pacific Union!"

**Ooops**

In the September GLEANER, on page 21, the camp meeting audience/speaker picture caption reads that Ron Clouzet was pictured. It's actually Terry Johnson who is pictured speaking before the Washington Adventist Camp Meeting audience.

**Pacific Press Holds Constituency Meeting**

Pacific Press Publishing Association based in Nampa, Idaho, held its quinquennial constituency meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12. Lowell Cooper, board chair, called attention to a management report detailing four areas of recent growth: 1) affirmation of a mission to uplift Jesus Christ; 2) improving the quality of all products; 3) promoting increased efficiency; and 4) reducing costs through new money-saving processes. The report also noted more than one million Magabooks have been distributed since the last quinquennial session, literature evangelists have given more than 28,000 Bible studies and the Home Health Education Services program has reported more than 850 baptisms.

The constituency approved a 28-member board with strong representation from laity with business or publishing experience to deal effectively with challenging trends in the print industry. The board voted to reappoint the management team: Dale Galusha, president; Don Upson, vice president of finance; Chuck Bobst, vice president for production; Doug Church, vice president of marketing and sales; and Jerry D. Thomas, vice president for product development.



Newly reappointed PPPA executives.

### National vs. Local

There were many nice photos of the GC Session in the GLEANER. However, I was disappointed to see it so focused on this event that it missed an important opportunity to minister to the state of Oregon, most specifically to the Portland and Salem areas. The missed opportunity was not including Better Life Camp Meeting/ Convocation in the GLEANER and making [readers] aware of the new [Portland area] TV station and what is needed to get it on the air. But since the GLEANER is supposed to cover the Oregon Conference news, it seems this would be a priority item.

— Gloria Wilson,  
Grants Pass, Ore.

*GLEANER responds: Perhaps a couple articles in the print magazine, as well as numerous blurbs in our weekly GleanerNOW! E-newsletter and the GLEANER website have not been enough. The Portland Better Life television station is indeed a great opportunity soon to be a reality. Read the latest at [www.betterlifetv.tv](http://www.betterlifetv.tv).*

### Remote and Necessary Schools

I enjoyed the recent GLEANER article on the Remote and Necessary Schools (“Remote and Necessary Adventist Education,” July 2010) and was impressed by

how God is leading our educational work in remote locations.

Our K–8 school in Dillingham, Alaska, is remote in the extreme sense of the word! We are approximately 300 air miles from Anchorage and the nearest Adventist school. This is an outreach-focused school fulfilling an enormous need in the community for Christian education. More than 90 percent of our students come from non-Adventist homes.

There is never enough money on the books, but somehow it always stretches to cover our expenses, including the high cost of heating fuel. At the close of the 2008–09 school year, the board faced some difficult decisions as we reviewed the financial reports. Was God calling us to a deeper faith or was He directing us to close the doors?

We chose to move forward in faith and advertised for a volunteer to spend the 2009–10 year in Dillingham with the purpose of beginning a preschool program. It is a hugely successful adventure that has been met throughout the

community with enthusiasm and thanksgiving. Because of this program we’ve grown until we need a full-time third teacher, whom we’ve recently hired.

The money received from the Remote and Necessary assistance is vital to keeping our doors open. Unfortunately, due to our growth and the addition of our third teacher, we are soon to lose this source of funding. The current regulations state that a remote and necessary institution is a one- or two-teacher school. In most cases, a third teacher indicates church growth and an increased tithe base. This is

not true in our situation, where we are adding more students through our commitment to outreach yet not seeing a significant increase in church membership.

While I understand that regulations are put in place for a purpose and that money is scarce in these difficult economic times, please consider giving our school special consideration.

— Debbie Reiswig,  
Dillingham, Alaska



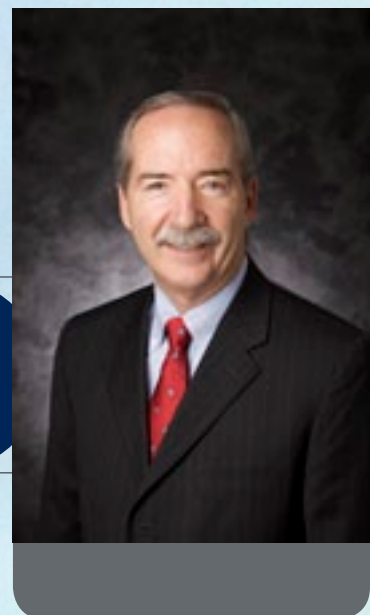
## ANNOUNCING THE 2011 IMAGES OF CREATION PHOTO CONTEST



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### SEND US LETTERS, STORIES, PHOTOS!

Do you have a comment or question regarding something you’ve read in the GLEANER? Or do you have a brief anecdote or photo about your faith or your church? Share it with us on this page. Send your comments, anecdotes or photos to [talk@gleaneronline.org](mailto:talk@gleaneronline.org) or to GLEANER, 5709 N. 20th St., Ridgefield, WA 98642.



# Our DISTINCTIVE BRAND of CARE

As a health care organization, it's a given that we focus on care. You might automatically think of physical care — how well we treat and minister to the body. What you might not realize is that at Adventist Health, our distinctive brand of care is more comprehensive than that.

In fact, like our three-pronged mission, “Sharing God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing,” we dedicate ourselves to caring for the whole person — body, mind and spirit. This means in practice that we care, deliberately, for patients, their families, community members and ourselves.

Throughout this special edition of the GLEANER, you will read stories from across our system — remarkable tales of healing, sacrifice, love and hope — all focused on the distinctive ways we provide care.

Our most obvious brand of care revolves around quality and safety. You’ll read about the many achievements our hospitals have earned, including Adventist Medical Center receiving the Community Value Index® (CVI) Five-Star Hospital Award for the fourth consecutive year. Additionally, you’ll learn about initiatives we have in place to further improve our care through technology.

In addition to quality and safety, we pride ourselves on the way we take care of each other. You’ll read about a nurse at Walla Walla General Hospital who went out of her way to help an elderly gentleman spend some cherished last moments with his wife of almost 60 years. You’ll also read about exceptional care given by doctors and nurses in blue at Tillamook County General Hospital.

As part of our sacred work approach, we must care for caregivers, because so often they busy themselves with their patients and forget to take time for themselves. You’ll read about a group of employees at Adventist Medical Center who banded together to show love and construction skills when a coworker and her home needed some TLC.

I hope you enjoy this spotlight on Adventist Health. If you wish to know more about us and our sacred work, please visit [www.adventisthealth.org](http://www.adventisthealth.org).

*Robert G. Carmen, Adventist Health president and CEO*



## Facts about Adventist Health

- Headquartered in Roseville, California
- 17 hospitals in California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington
- Approximately 30 rural-health clinics
- 14 home-care agencies offering home health, hospice, personal care, medical equipment and infusion therapy services
- Four joint-venture retirement centers
- More than 18,300 employees
- More than 2,500 beds
- 118,940 admissions in 2009
- 446,818 emergency department visits in 2009
- 2,207,849 outpatient visits in 2009
- 211,544 home-care visits in 2009
- 89,854 hospice days in 2009
- 700,000 rural-health visits in 2009
- Provided nearly \$3 million in free and low-cost services to our communities in 2009



CARING FOR CAREGIVERS

*AMC Employees Give Coworker Home Makeover*

**F**or Adventist Health staff, providing compassion and a gentle touch comes with the territory. However, some acts of love and compassion from employees aren't aimed at patients but toward each other. The experience of one employee at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, is a testament to this mission.

Betty Tamerius works in the intensive care unit, and has been at AMC since 1965. Quiet and hardworking, she has never been one to bring her troubles into work. But the person beneath that hardworking façade needed help.

After an incident at home that threatened Tamerius' safety, she moved in with Holly Freshour, an ICU charge nurse with whom she has worked since 1977. One day while returning home to get her mail, Tamerius discovered her husband dead. She called 911 and then called Freshour, who came over immediately.

In the midst of this tragedy, Freshour noticed that Tamerius' house was in a state of neglect and disrepair.

Her 1940 era home had never been updated because her husband, who suffered from mental issues, wouldn't allow anything to

be repaired. Freshour had no idea about Tamerius' home prior to that day, but knew that she, with the help of coworkers, had to do something.

"We are the ones who should help her," says Freshour. "After you work with people for a long time they become family. You take care of family."

Holly rallied coworkers from the ICU and respiratory therapy, and set up "Betty's Home Makeover Fund." She was shocked when people who didn't even know Tamerius donated money and services. Coworkers came forward who were willing to help with electrical, plumbing and contracting needs. Siding for the house was donated, as well as new kitchen cabinets. Freshour was touched to see people sacrificing so that Tamerius could have a safe place to live.

Crews from AMC put new siding on the house, sanded the woodwork and the walls inside, installed drywall, painted, gutted and replaced everything in the kitchen and bathroom, put in new light fixtures,

installed new windows, and painted the front door red.

"To me," says Sharon Crosby, coordinator of the employee assistance program at AMC, "the red door is symbolic of all the love that has gone into this house."

Tamerius, who is now filled with hope over her new home, feels this love. She says, "Deep down it means a lot to me and I want to thank everybody who donated something or their time."

*Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*



From left, Sharon Crosby, Betty Tamerius, Holly Freshour and Leon Cheney all spend their day off painting Betty's house.



Betty Tamerius, left, and Holly Freshour have worked together for many years in the ICU.



HOLLY FRESHOUR

Sid Dhone and Brian Donahue working in the old kitchen.



HOLLY FRESHOUR

Betty Tamerius stripping wallpaper in a bedroom.



SHARON CROSBY

Leon Cheney spent his day off painting Tamerius' house.

## NOT YOUR ORDINARY CONCEPT OF CARE

# Quality and Technology Come Together



Imagine you're in the emergency room. After seeing the doctor, orders are written for your treatment. Maybe you need labs drawn, an x-ray taken or medications dispensed. But what if the person processing the order can't read the physician's handwriting and you receive the wrong prescription or a test you didn't need? While transcription errors are not the norm, they can happen.

## Steps to Enhance Care

This fall, Adventist Health will launch computerized provider order entry across its system. The next phase of Project IntelliCare — Adventist Health's clinical information system — CPOE is an electronic process allowing direct entry of medical orders by physicians and other health care providers, enabling patient care to be managed completely online.

Adventist Health is implementing CPOE to help reduce patient harm and save lives. Promoting safety and quality, CPOE will also streamline care for patients, making stays in the hospital easier.

"CPOE will enable us to more effectively meet our goal of being the best place to receive care, to work and to practice medicine," says Robert Carmen,

Adventist Health president and CEO. "It will enhance our overall quality of care and further our distinctive mission."

## Quality the Norm across System

Central to our mission, emphasis on quality is evidenced by our commitment to new and better processes and technology and by the many awards and accolades our facilities receive.

Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Oregon, was recently recognized with the Community Value Index® Five-Star Hospital Award for the fourth consecutive year. This national recognition means AMC is consistently meeting the health care needs of the community in a financially responsible, efficient and effective way.

In addition, The Oregon Healthcare Acquired Infections Report recently compared infection rates at 58 hospitals, with AMC showing some of the best results in the state for eliminating central line-associated bloodstream infections in the ICU.

Walla Walla General Hospital, in Walla Walla, Washington, has been named one of the top-performing hospitals in the nation for treating patients with pneumonia, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. To increase awareness about this prestigious standing and other quality initiatives, the hospital recently released its first-ever quality report, complete with a companion website, [www.wwgh.com/quality/2009Rep](http://www.wwgh.com/quality/2009Rep).

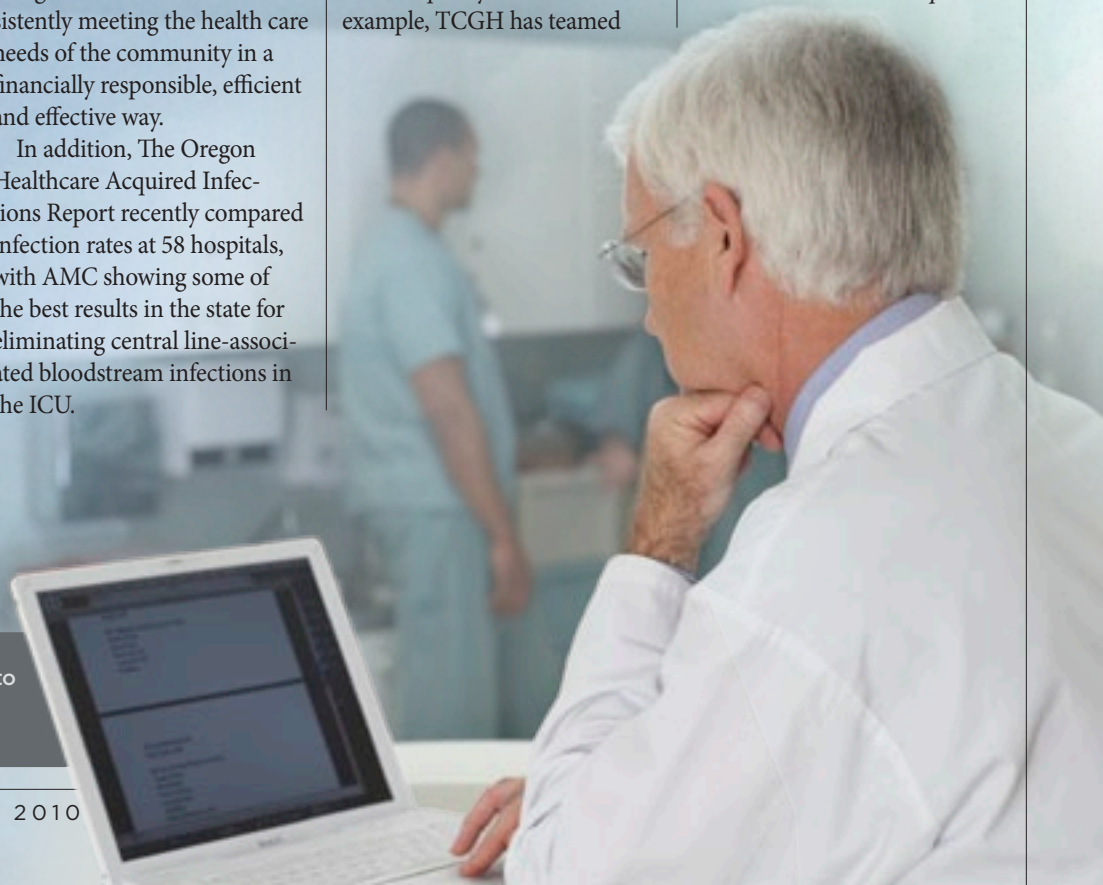
Across Adventist Health, facilities like Tillamook County General Hospital, in Tillamook, Oregon, participate in various quality initiatives. For example, TCGH has teamed

up with Bryan Sexton from Duke University Health System on a groundbreaking quality initiative, A Culture of Teamwork and Safety Survey. The project uses a survey, filled out by frontline staff, to identify concerns and recommend improvements.

At Adventist Health we're continually looking for ways to enhance the care we provide to our communities, always aware that we're not only saving lives but touching hearts along the way.

*Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*

Using CPOE, doctors will be able to place orders directly through the computer.





## NOT YOUR ORDINARY CONCEPT OF CARE

# Our Mission Still Sets Us Apart

**A**dventist Health has a long-standing history of caring for the whole person. The mission of sharing God's love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing has been with us in theory since 1866 when early church leaders opened the first sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan. Since then, we've evolved in knowledge and technology, but our focus on the whole person has remained. This legacy continues at Adventist Health today.

### Uniqueness Is in the Mission

Working to maintain our heritage is Paul Crampton, Adventist Health mission and spiritual-care assistant vice president. While new to this role, Crampton is very familiar with our mission and has previously served as the director of chaplaincy at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Crampton stresses the importance of our Christ-centered care as an extension of the ministry of the church. Since our hospitals

provide countless opportunities to interact with non-Adventists, it is important for employees to own the sacred-work philosophy.

"If patients experience the love of God at our hospitals, we've helped prepared them for the evangelistic efforts of the church," says Crampton. "Our mission drives everything we do, and without it we have nothing that sets us apart from other health-care providers — it promotes the uniqueness of the care we offer."

### Initiatives Ensure Effectiveness

At Adventist Health, several initiatives have been put into practice to ensure our distinctive brand of caring is carried out effectively throughout our institutions. To that end, Spiritual Life Councils have been chartered in all 17 Adventist Health hospitals. These multidisciplinary teams meet quarterly to discuss each facility's vision for mission and how to achieve it strategically.

Another important program is Caring for Caregivers, which focuses specifically on employees. The philosophy behind this endeavor is to care for employees so they can, in turn, adequately care for others. If employees are healthy physically, spiritually and mentally, they will be more capable of healing those who aren't. Chaplains play a key role in this program by promoting the spiritual needs of the staff so they will be able to respond better to the needs of patients.



Paul Crampton is Adventist Health mission and spiritual-care assistant vice president

### From Mission to Movie

In an effort to make our distinctive brand of care even more persuasive, Adventist Health recently released a film about mission and faith in health care. *God's Fingerprints* focuses on true stories of real employees going the extra mile to touch people's lives in significant ways. The film showcases seven stories woven together that encapsulate Adventist Health's mission, and it will be a key component of our mission education program.

To learn more about the organization and our mission, visit [www.AdventistHealth.com](http://www.AdventistHealth.com).

*Brittany Russell*

SHARING GOD'S LOVE  
HAS OFTEN GONE UNNOTICED  
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## God's Fingerprints



A NEW FILM BY...

Adventist  
Health

Adventist Health's new  
film, *God's Fingerprints*

## mission

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'TIL DEATH DO US PART

*A Nurse's Compassion Gives One Man a Gift He Will Treasure*

**T**he med/surg unit at Walla Walla General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington, was quiet except for the hum of the ventilator. It was late and most patients were asleep — but not Dale.

As he lay on the cot next to his wife's hospital bed, he reached through the bars to stroke her hand and whisper softly in her ear. Even though the patient was slipping away, he believed she could still hear him and wanted to be near him.

When Suzanne Timms, a registered nurse, saw this gesture of love and tenderness, she knew Dale and his wife of almost 60 years, needed to be closer.

"It was like he was in a jail cell, separated from her, reaching through the bars to hold her hand," recalls Timms. "He had slept beside her for all these years and I could tell he wanted to that night."

With this thought, Timms had an idea. After moving Dale's cot out of the room, she made a spot for him next to his wife.

As Timms helped him into the bed, Dale's grin

showed he knew where he was supposed to be.

The railing on the bed had to be kept up so Dale wouldn't fall off, but according to him it was perfect because he was able to stay next to his wife for the entire night.

When Timms came in to check on them, she witnessed something beautiful. Dale was lying on his side with one arm around his wife and the other above his head. He was gently running his fingers through her hair and whispering to her.

"That is how I spent my last night with my wife," says Dale. "It was a gift from Heaven — inspired."

Timms adds, "It was the most beautiful thing. God knows what we need; maybe He sent me to be their nurse because He knew Dale and his wife needed to spend their last night together."

Dale's wife died the next morning and he was there beside her. Even though he lost his wife, Dale received a priceless gift in the last moments he was able to spend with her.

"What a treasured memory that kind nurse gave me!" says Dale. "I am so grateful to her and can't ever repay her."

According to Dale, the quality care his wife received at WWGH kept him strong in the days that led up to her passing. He felt Timms' care especially went above and beyond the call of duty.

"Everybody deserves the best care possible," says Timms. "Even if they are only here for a day, or on their last day, I want to make them feel comfortable."

*Brittany Russell, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent*

Nurse Suzanne Timms treats all her patients with the same love and compassion she showed to Dale and his wife.

*compassion*

"GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED; MAYBE HE SENT ME TO BE THEIR NURSE BECAUSE HE KNEW DALE AND HIS WIFE NEEDED TO SPEND THEIR LAST NIGHT TOGETHER."



## BLUE ANGELS

# A Gentle Army Working Together

**D**anny Parada received a call to report to the labor and delivery department immediately. As the hospital chaplain hurried down the hallway, he saw a patient gurney headed toward the elevator.

“We have to get her into surgery,” said the doctor who, with a team of nurses, pushed the gurney into the elevator at Adventist Health’s Tillamook County General Hospital, a 25-bed hospital situated in a rural town on the Oregon coast. “You and your baby are going to be alright,” he said to the patient. “You are in good hands.”

The fear on the patient’s face was evident as her baby’s life lay in the hands of the doctor and nurses in blue. However, she felt better knowing that she was in the care of what Parada calls the “Blue Angels.”

Witnessing this very serious situation inside the elevator, the chaplain focused on his surroundings. “I wasn’t in the elevator for five minutes, but I saw angels in action for that brief time,” says Parada. “As mother-to-be closed her eyes, I asked if I could pray for her and she said, ‘Please.’”

Parada pondered this encounter in the following days, and he reflected on the fact that these doctors and nurses in blue are very much like angels. As he watched them working together, he witnessed a quiet resolve to do whatever it took to give this patient the healing she needed.

“The Blue Angels are like a gentle army where each member of the team is working together, yet they all know their individual roles,” says Parada. “This gives their patients a feeling of safety and confidence that TCGH is the right hospital for them.”

Several days later, Parada visited the patient in the ICU where she and her baby were both doing fine. She was holding her husband’s hand as she expressed her gratitude for the care she and her newborn received. It was clear to Parada that she’d been touched by angels.

The woman isn’t the only patient who has been treated by the Blue Angels. Based on TCGH’s mission to share God’s love by providing physical, mental and spiritual healing, every patient is treated with compassion and gentleness.

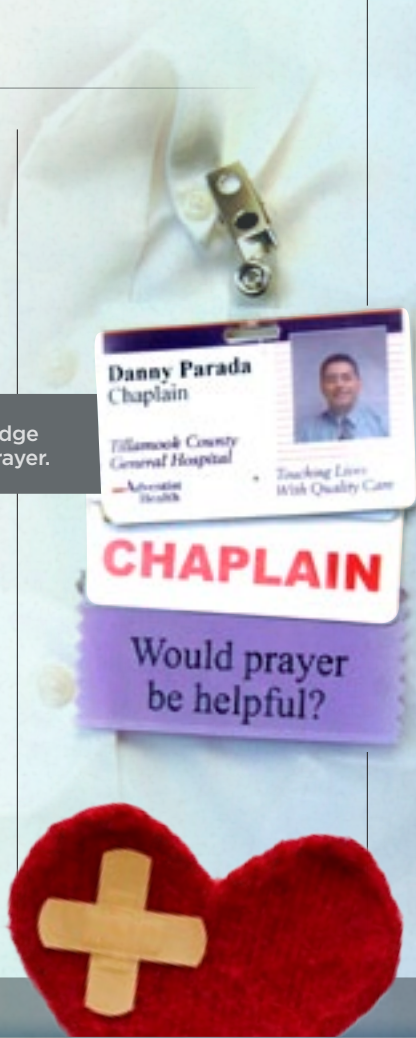
“Our doctors and nurses are very caring and committed to mission,” says Parada. “They know that caring for people is all about compassion. The patients agree and feel proud to have a hospital that values compassionate care.”

Chaplain Danny Parada’s badge asks patients if they need prayer.

Even if the doctors, nurses and other employees aren’t wearing blue, you can be sure they have been an angel to someone in the past.

“I have never seen an angel,” says Parada. “But I have seen people with compassionate hearts trying to help other people and taking care of other people. That, to me, is an angel.”

*Brittany Russell*



## love

“BASED ON TCGH’S MISSION TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE BY PROVIDING PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALING, EVERY PATIENT IS TREATED WITH COMPASSION AND GENTLENESS.”



This team of Blue Angels gives exceptional care patients can trust, day in and day out.

# ACCION

## Verano Activo Para El Ministerio Hispano De Upper Columbia

**N**ormalmente el tiempo de verano se caracteriza por abundancia de sol, mucho calor y sobre todo, vacaciones. Tiempo para gozar de la naturaleza. La naturaleza que nosotros, quienes vivimos en el noroeste de los Estados Unidos



disfrutamos. Sin embargo, aunque muchos hemos tomado tiempo libre para gozar de estas cosas, el ministerio Hispano de la Conferencia de Upper Columbia reporta numerosas actividades durante el verano. Por ejemplo el distrito de Sunnyside, Mattawa y Grandview estuvieron de fiesta evangelística desde Julio 24 hasta Agosto 7. Tres semanas de énfasis espiritual tituladas “Eventos de los Últimos Días”. Algunas de las actividades que se realizaron fueron seminarios sobre diferentes tópicos y fuerte

énfasis en la necesidad de orar y no desmayar. Disfrutaron de buena música, predicación de la Palabra de Dios, compañerismo, sabrosos alimentos y sobre todo la presencia del Espíritu de Dios. El pastor Walter Pintos comenta, “Sentimos la presencia de Dios en las iglesias y entendimos que ahora es el tiempo de prepararnos para recibir la lluvia de bendiciones del Espíritu Santo para que podamos terminar la obra que se nos ha encomendado.” En realidad es precioso cuando los hermanos se unen en oración y estudio de la Biblia para pedir la dirección del Espíritu Santo. Es en esas reuniones donde la presencia de Dios se hace palpable. Este distrito no solamente se ha preparado espiritualmente para el recibimiento de la lluvia tardía, sino que también se han

preparado para recibir a su nuevo pastor Gerizin de Peña quien comenzó a trabajar en el distrito el primero de Julio. Le damos una especial bienvenida al pastor Gerizin y a su querida esposa Molly a nuestra conferencia y Unión. El pastor Gerizin es un hombre de Dios y sabemos que Dios lo usará como un poderoso instrumento en sus manos para llevar adelante la obra de alcanzar a las almas con el evangelio de la gracia de Cristo.

### VERANO EN EL VALLE:

El pastor Félix Maijub del distrito de Central Valley también reporta serias actividades de verano las cuales indican que ellos tampoco se quedan atrás cuando se trata de seguir adelante con la obra del Señor. Nos dice Maijub, “Verano no tiene que ser siempre calor,



Oraciones que suben como un incienso agradable delante de Dios.

sed y fatiga; puede ser también alegría, fiesta, compañerismo y adoración. Disfrutamos de un verano muy lindo enfocado hacia nuestros niños y jóvenes. La iglesia hispana de Wapato nos llevó a un viaje a Egipto lleno de colores y tradiciones en su Escuela Bíblica de Verano. Por su parte nuestra iglesia en Toppensish se enfocó en sembrar valores para una familia feliz en los más pequeñitos en su escolita de verano, mientras que los jóvenes en su semana especial reconsecraron sus vidas al Señor. En ambas iglesias tuvimos más de 100 niños y unos 70 jóvenes.” Maijub concluye diciendo que el verano no tiene que ser aburrido, en realidad hay muchas actividades que podemos realizar para ayudar y servir a la humanidad.



Escuela Bíblica de Verano en Toppensish.

*Escrito por el Pastor Ramon Canals*

# Truth for Youth Gains Siberian Yupik Teens in Alaska

**B**ill and Elouise Hawkes, a daring missionary couple serving St. Lawrence Island west of the Bering Sea, were deployed to the village of Savoonga. St. Lawrence is an island that lies closer to Siberia than it does to Alaska.

The Hawkes, along with volunteers Dwight and Jacqi Shull, presented a ShareHim outreach to the Yupik youth of Savoonga from March 25 to April 10. The Shulls arrived four days early to establish friendships and develop relationships among the natives. They sang at the grocery store every day and, as a result, were invited to provide music at the Presbyterian Church during its Easter holiday program. The Shulls also collaborated with the youth organization Youth With A Mission, who also attended the ShareHim meetings at the Adventist Mission.

Bill Hawkes' daughter, June,

and grandson, Joseph, arrived from North Carolina four days later to conduct the Truth for Youth Program designed by Doug Batchelor. In spite of the whaling season, both the ShareHim and Truth for Youth programs were able to inspire four teens to commit their lives to Jesus and be baptized.

The Hawkes are a missionary couple supported by the Arctic Mission Adventure program of the Alaska Conference. The Arctic Mission Adventure is a community outreach program supported by Adventist Community Services and by the Division of Behavioral Health of Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services.

*Jacqi Shull, Alaska Conference mission volunteer*



## Alaska Men's Retreat 2010



Guest presenter Jim Ayres, Adventist World Radio, speaks passionately about his calling at the Alaska Men's Retreat.

**T**his past July 23–25, more than 70 or 80 men traveled through a remote Alaskan goldmine for a spiritual feast. The 20-mile trip into the retreat is through “some of the most scenic, rugged country in central Alaska,” says one attendee. “There is no other men's retreat like this annual Alaskan event. Experienced bush pilots fly in to the 800-foot dirt strip, but even for them, it's a challenge.”

This year's speaker was Jim Ayres, Adventist World Radio

director. Ayres inspiring stories of miracles around the world motivated men to be more faithful in giving themselves completely to God for His leading in His service.

Other items presented during the retreat were ministry highlights, Sabbath afternoon hikes, Sunday gold panning and target practice.

*Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president*

# Magabook

## *It's More Than Literature*

**T**he Magabook program is doing much more than distributing good literature or helping Idaho students earn funds for school. It's training leaders.

Lindsay Nelson, Gem State Adventist Academy senior, says the Magabook program has helped her do "lots of growing!" As she walked the streets, Nelson would ask God to meet a specific need for each home. Often He would impress her with just the right book or words to say when she approached a specific house.

Nelson remembers one particular experience. On her

final street of the day, the last house was secluded down a long, long driveway. Thinking of her aching feet, Nelson really didn't want to go, but she went anyway. The middle-aged woman who opened the door didn't seem interested in Nelson's first offer — a cookbook. But when she pulled out *Peace Above the Storm (Steps to Christ)*, tears began falling from the woman's eyes. Her son had been murdered the day before, and she had prayed that God would send someone to give her something that she needed. Nelson was the answer to that prayer.

Another day, Nelson approached a man as he was getting into his car. She assured him she would be quick, and showed him *The Great Controversy*. He told her he had just lost his job, which was very hard on his young family. Because of the stress, he and his wife were separating, and he was moving cross-country to live with his parents. The man told her if she had come a few minutes earlier, he would have been inside packing, too busy to stop and any later he would

have been gone. Nelson says of that experience, "God is rarely early, but He's never late."

Would she do it again? Nelson says "yes." And when asked if she has any advice for someone deciding whether to get involved in Magabook, she says: "In life, Satan will always put things in your path to distract you from God. You just stick with God, no matter how hard it seems."

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication assistant*

**Pictured here: the Idaho Conference Magabook group. Lindsay Nelson is on the front row, second from the left.**



# Montanans Learn to Cope with Disaster

**E**arthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, famine, pandemics, floods, fire and other disasters are just a part of life on this sinful planet. While we can't stop disasters, there are things we can do to mitigate their effects on our families, friends and neighbors.

On Aug. 7-8, Joe Watts,

North American Division Adventist community services/disaster response coordinator, gave a presentation at the Montana Conference office to train Montana constituents on what they can do to be prepared for disaster.

The Sabbath afternoon presentation focused on family preparedness. It takes time to mobilize coordinated disaster response, so if families have emergency supplies to carry them through the first 24-72 hours, they will not only be better off themselves, but they may be able to provide care and assistance to others too.

On Sunday, Watts spent the time sharing what is needed to assist in a larger way during or following a disaster. The training was designed to acquaint constituents with how to set up and operate community



ARCHIE HARRIS

Members from around Montana attend the ACS/Disaster Preparedness seminar at the conference office.

collection centers, multi-agency warehouses, and emergency distribution centers for donated goods. Each person completing the training could get certified to work in centers or warehouses in the event of a disaster.

The mission statement of ACS/Disaster Response is "Serving Communities in Christ's Name." Jesus said when we bring aid and comfort to the

hurting and lonely, we are doing it for Him. Anything we can do to ease the suffering brought about by sin will open opportunities to share the Gospel with hurting people and give them hope for a future free from disaster and pain.

*Ruth Stanton, Montana Conference administrative assistant*



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David Prest Jr., presents a book about Montana to Joe Watts as a gift.

# Havre District Annual Campout

**T**he weekend of July 31 found folks in the Havre, Mont., district enjoying an annual campout in beautiful Beaver Creek Park in the spectacular Bears Paw Mountains. Attendance was the highest ever with friends and former members gathering from Virginia to Washington for a feast of worship, fellowship and fantastic food. Jim Jenkins, former pastor, and his family returned to lead the vespers and church services. Several former mem-

bers of Praise Strings assembled to lead the music. The highlight of the weekend was the baptism of Christian Thomas by his

father, Richy Thomas, current pastor. All rejoiced as Christian gave his testimony and was immersed in the bracing waters of

Beaver Creek. It was special to have Christian's grandparents, Marilyn and Jerry Thomas from Auburn, Wash., on hand to witness this event and be part of the weekend. The messages, weather, setting and fellowship produced a wonderful weekend. Everyone is looking forward to the event next year.

Richy Thomas, pastor, baptizes his son Christian during the Havre, Mont., district's annual campout.



SHANNON THOMAS

*Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader*

# Sidewalk Kids Hour Wraps Up Sixth Season

Several rows of children scrunch together on the front edge of a tarp in Orchards Park in Vancouver, Wash., waiting for the weekly Sidewalk Kids Hour to begin.

Greg and Shelly Hillman, “pied pipers” from the Orchards Church, have led a growing team in this summertime venture for the past six years. It began with their vision that Pathfinders needed a way to put leadership talents to use.

The seasonal effort now harnesses gifts of more than 20 young people — several of whom are paid summer staff. Many more volunteer church members (teens through senior citizens), set up, run the public address system and serve food. One awning covers a sno-cone machine, which provides refreshing treats. Depending on



Gail Spreadborough, Columbia Adventist Academy food service director, provides a daily dinner for these events. “I just love being part of this outreach,” she says. “Some of the children say this is ‘going to church’ for them.”

the day and park, attendance ranges from 80–120 children and parents from surrounding neighborhoods.

Young people, many from Columbia Adventist Academy in Battle Ground, Wash., con-

now costs more than \$20,000 to fund the annual outreach — an amount shared this year with the Riverside Church in nearby Washougal, Wash. But Wesslen believes it’s money well-spent. “It would be worth it,” he says, “just for the growth we’ve seen in our student leaders.”

One day a little girl tugged at Wesslen’s sleeve and asked, “Where did you get all this stuff?”

“A lot of people have given it to us,” he said. “Well, I used to have \$42,” she replied. “And if I still had it, I’d give it to you to

Greg Hillman, program founder, enjoys a moment with some of the children before beginning his role as the King.



Parents keep watch from the rear while their children press to the front as the Sidewalk Kids Hour begins in Orchards Park.

ceived and wrote this year’s program. It involves the children in a story with biblical truths and music while providing a context for the afternoon’s games and activities.

John Wesslen, Orchards Church pastor, says the budget has grown with the vision. It

help kids like me.”

Stories like this keep the Sidewalk Kids Hour as a vital part of local church ministry.

*Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication*



# PAA Welcomes New Staff Members

**P**ortland Adventist Academy welcomed eight new teachers and staff members for the new school year.

Shawna Irvine is the new administrative assistant. Irvine was recently the administrative assistant to the development department at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

Tami Bozeman is the English department chair. Bozeman came from Tualatin Valley Academy where she taught English and computers and helped coordinate the junior high program. Bozeman is a

PAA alumna.

Susan Fontana is the new library and career center coordinator. She has experience working in previous schools and has been an active PAA parent volunteer.

Joseph and Jonny Long are brothers taking on media arts classes while Mark Kooy takes a year sabbatical. Joseph Long owns a video production company and has taught classes at the university level. Jonny Long recently graduated with a mass communication degree and photography minor from

Walla Walla University. Jonny is a PAA alumnus.

John Carter joins PAA as the interim orchestra director while Cindy Petty takes a year sabbatical. Carter has been serving as interim director at Lewis and Clark College.

Roberto Dovald and his wife, Ester Luxen, are the new food service directors. They are also opening their home to a PAA international student.

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent*



This year's new PAA Staff members are (from left): Susan Fontana, Tami Bozeman, Shawna Irvine, Joseph Long and Jonny Long. Not pictured are: John Carter, Roberto Dovald and Ester Luxen.

# Jaci Velasquez in Kelso-Longview

**O**n Friday, July 24, Jaci Velasquez, multi-Grammy award nominee, was at the Kelso-Longview (Wash.) Church for a benefit concert for the local Community Service Center. The community-focused event highlighted a ministry that has served the community for 80 years, and everyone was invited to support its continuation. Velasquez has sold more than four million albums, produced 16 No. 1 Christian radio hits and won seven Dove awards. She has also performed at a White House reception for Hispanic Heritage Month.

The uplifting concert raised more than \$2,500, and more than 1,000 cans of food were collected for the Community Service Center.

*Linda Wilson, Kelso-Longview Church communication leader*



# Baptisms at Mill City Church

**O**n Aug. 7, Dale Cardwell, pastor, baptized three people at Mill City (Ore.) Church.

Erin Elliott, Bob Fike and Ernie Wall dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ on this day. Church members gathered to witness the baptisms after a delicious Sabbath potluck prepared by many loving hands. These three people, all different ages and

from different walks of life, are now united as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Mill City Church members have been volunteering their time and effort to renovate the growing church and are hoping to witness more baptisms and see new visitors.

*Erin Elliott, Mill City Church member*



Dale Cardwell, pastor, stands with Ernie Wall, Erin Elliott and Bob Fike.

## CAA Leadership *A Continuing Tradition*

**L**eadership has played an important role at Columbia Adventist Academy, in Battle Ground, Wash.

Greg Hurlbert, math instructor and CAA alum, has seen changes in leadership — first

to contained units of spiritual emphasis.” Other teachers agree. Ed Tillotson, CAA teacher for the last 16 years, adds, “While all schools take pride in the fact their students fill roles of leadership, the administration at Columbia determined to place an intentional focus on developing student leadership, allowing and encouraging students to be as active as possible, especially in the area of spiritual activities.”

Students also see the advantage. “Opportunity [for leadership] is definitely given here for everyone,” says Melody Morales, CAA senior. Tyler Hillman, SA president and senior, adds, “Leadership at Columbia is cool because it’s based on the spiritual atmosphere and teachers support that.” His words echo those of J.F. Kennedy when he said, “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

Thomas Reed, junior and former Week of Prayer speaker, says “I see a lot of upperclassmen taking initiative and

encouraging freshmen. Leadership here isn’t always the upperclassmen. Everyone is involved and shares ideas that make for a good atmosphere and positive student-teacher relationships.”

Susan Byers, band and English teacher, sums it up: “Leadership at Columbia changes everyone and always for the better.” At the beginning of a

new year, please pray students and staff will work together as a cohesive family to provide leadership that results in men and women “whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole ... and will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”

*Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent*



Boys’ and Girls’ Club presidents, Thomas Reed and Natasha Breakey, plan for a great year.

as a student and then as a teacher. “With the development of a strong chaplaincy, there has been intentional focus on spiritual leadership and has, in turn, impacted the Student Association and individual class organizations,” he says. “It’s a holistic approach as compared



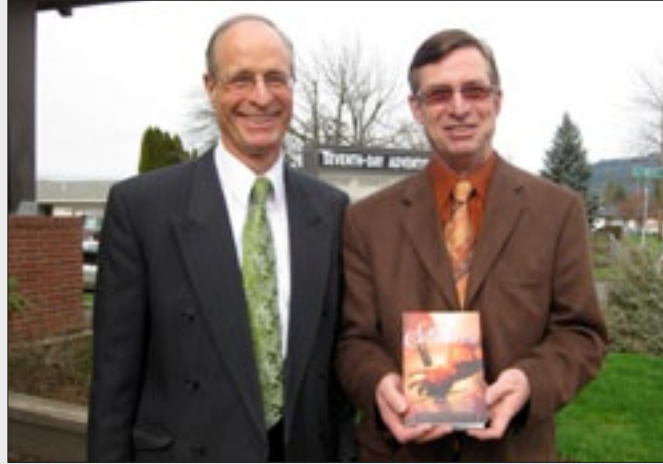
CAA SA officers are from left: Shelly Fry (sponsor), Nikki Holm, Lisa Reeves, Sharman Bowes (sponsor), Natasha Breakey, Mikaela Mills, Alex Smith, Tyler Hillman, Thomas Reed and Cody Wilson. Missing are Reavis Belin (sponsor) and Brithny Ochoa.

# Changed Lives in Springfield

The first time Willie Kumle came to church he said, “The Bible says the seventh day is God’s Sabbath. We’re looking for a Sabbath-keeping church.” After the service, Kumle met Lutz Binus, Springfield (Ore.) Church pastor. Binus found Kumle and his extended family had been studying the Bible for months. He joined their group, and church members rallied to welcome them.

Kumle’s cousins, Ron and Krystina Holliday, and Kumle’s brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Jovonna White, were baptized Feb. 13. Earlier, Ron had been flipping through TV channels and found Steve Wohlberg talking about Revelation. “He opened my eyes,” says Ron.

Patrick says, “I resisted at first, but finally prayed ‘what direc-



Lutz Binus, pastor, with Randy Stone, holds the copy of *The Great Controversy* he received in the mail.

tion shall I take for my family, not just for myself?” Now, each week he and Bob Biggs, Springfield Bible worker, go door to door sharing the good news.

Kumle and his wife, Carrie,

were baptized April 24.

Randy Stone had been coming to church for 14 years after marrying his Adventist wife, Darla, yet he had not made a decision. Stone was attending a

men’s group when Binus asked him what was keeping him from taking this step. “I can see clearly everything — except I have a big question about Ellen White,” Stone answered. Later Stone shared: “Out of the blue we got this book in the mail, *The Great Controversy*. I started reading and couldn’t put it down.” He was baptized Jan. 30.

Randy Peck, a Bible student from Biggs, Ore., joined in baptism after coming to church for two and a half years. He says, “I am eagerly looking forward to the new life Jesus has for me.”

The Springfield Church baptized 11 people between January and April.

*Cheryel Whitsell, Springfield Church communication leader*

# Milo Jumps Into a New School Year

Milo Adventist Academy has kicked off the new school year with the theme: “We Will Remember,” based on Psalm 20:7. It says, “Some trust in chariots and horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”

They welcome five staff members to campus.

Jacob Whitson, Southern Adventist University automotive technology major, is assistant boys’ dean. Coming from Thayer, Kan., he believes Milo is where God wants him to be and is looking forward to bringing students closer to God.

Devin Timms from Owasso, Okla., is assistant chaplain. A pre-med major from Union College, Timms comes to Milo with a desire to serve.

Dani Hutton, SAU social work major, feels God has led her to minister as assistant girls’ dean.

Terrance Baltazar from Gresham, Ore., brings his 19 years in hotel and restaurant management to the position of head chef.

Steve Behrmann is Milo Church interim pastor/school chaplain. He and his family are looking forward to getting to know the students and community.



Part of Milo Academy’s new staff members are, from left: Jacob Whitson, Devin Timms, Terrance Baltazar and Dani Hutton.

*Nancy Starr, Milo Adventist Academy administrative assistant*

# ‘SunnyCity’

*Educational, Entertaining and Uplifting Community Outreach*



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Jonathan Russell, pastor, at the Sunnyside Church booth, shares great stories and prayer requests with its visitors.

On Sunday, Aug. 8, a crowd of more than 350 children plus adults came to the second-annual, highly visible “SunnyCity” Ventura Park in Portland, Ore., providing outreach to the Portland Metro area. The event was sponsored by the Sunnyside (Ore.) Church.

Natalia Gramada, leader, and a volunteer cast turned the park into “SunnyCity” with nearly 30 stations. Participants were welcomed at the “visitors center” and received a pen, shopping bag, passport and a brochure about life in “SunnyCity.”

A knowledgeable, friendly guide then answered questions. A “bank” provided money (tickets) to use. At the end of one’s visit to “SunnyCity,” money had

to be paid back with interest. Children earned more tickets by investing smartly. Remain-



NORM HENRY

A sheriff and his deputy dog from the K-9 Division made friends with the children.

ing tickets could be used to buy souvenirs.

Portland’s Police Bureau provided a “police station,” allowing children to pet a dog from the Canine Unit, take pictures and sit on a real police motorcycle. The horse patrol allowed children to pet, ride and have their picture taken on a horse. Police educated children and parents about safety issues.

A “fire station” had a fire engine and firemen providing close-up, hands-on experiences.

There were a variety of activities at each station, including a “hospital” sponsored by Adventist Medical Center, which used trivia games with health-related questions; a “travel agency,” which provided artifacts and trips to Bible lands; a Sunnyside Church booth, which featured great stories and prayer requests; a “museum,” which

gave an eye-opening, brief presentation of the Tabernacle; a “library,” where *Steps to Christ* and *Planet in Rebellion* were given away; the “art gallery” provided a place to create paintings and origami; and a “music hall” provided music played on



NORM HENRY

The “bank” issues “money” and “passports” are stamped at each booth.

a variety of interesting instruments.

At the end of their visit, children received a certificate of citizenship.

Volunteers heard parents calling others, on-the-spot, urging them to come over to the “fun, interesting and free” event.

*Phyllis Foster Woods, Sunnyside Church communication leader*



## Remarkable VBS Attendance Surprises the Deer Park Church

Nearly half of the children's population in Deer Park, Wash., attended the Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School this summer at the Deer Park Church. The 63 children who attended were estimated to be nearly half of the community's residents ages 5-12.

"Over half of our church members, including a lot of teens, are involved in running the program," says Bethany Bitton, VBS director for the church. "I think they help so enthusiastically, even during their busy work week, because they



know they are part of a powerful outreach for Deer Park."

Kaylynn DePue, church member, spent 84 hours painting gigantic pictures of the planets for the impressive backdrop.

Galactic Blast is a cosmic adventure of faith and fun. Children attending discovered outer-space secrets in the black-lighted science lab, created tie-dyed shirts outdoors and listened to the creation story. Two other Upper Columbia Conference churches will recycle the props used this summer by Deer Park for the Vacation Bible School, saving dozens of hours of work and expense.

*Patty Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference Sabbath School and community service director*



## Baptisms in Kettle Falls

Candidates declared their faith by baptism on July 17 at the Kettle Falls (Wash.) Church. Three sons of Larry and Bonny Page: Richard, Erick and David, studied the Bible with Ron Reeves, head elder, for several months and were baptized.

Ray Hegney has an Adventist background but never joined the church. His then-fiancé, Kathy Olson, who is now his wife, helped him make his decision.

The other two new church members have had a rather interesting journey.

Mike Wagner did not have a Christian background, did not believe in God and wanted nothing to do with the Bible. About a year and a half ago, he scanned radio stations while truck driving in the Republic, Wash., area, and he happened to hear a sermon about end-time prophecy on the Adventist KEIT radio station. It sparked his interest because he could relate to the message. The more

he heard about the Bible on the radio, the more he wanted to learn, so he bought a Bible and began studying.

Anna married Wagner in July. She had gone to Vacation Bible Schools as a child and a youth group as a teen. When she moved to Seattle, Wash., she worked in a Christian bookstore, but later lost all interest.

Then she met Wagner while in Colville, Wash. Wagner started studying the Bible and reintroduced her to it.

Anna says, "I was absolutely thrilled." The two read the Bible every night and realized from their reading and the radio, they should worship God on Saturday. So one Sabbath in February, they walked into the Kettle Falls Church.

As they learned, their life-style changed, they also married and decided to be baptized.

*Marilyn Morgan, Kettle Falls Church clerk*

Candidates declare their faith, from left: Richard, Erick and David Page; Ray Hegney; and Anna and Mike Wagner.



ROD HALL

# New Name, Same Family

## A Spokane Church Moves

**A**ug. 14 marked a high Sabbath for the West Central Multi-Cultural Church. Members and visitors gathered for the official opening of their new building.

The celebration featured music and special guests, including Alphonso McCarthy, North Pacific Union Conference vice president of multicultural affairs. Members recounted 25 divine blessings making the new church a reality.

The journey to the new church began on April 6, 2009, when Colin Dunbar, Spokane (Wash.) East Central Church pastor, received a letter from the City of Spokane saying church land was slated to become part



**West Central Multi-Cultural Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 1201 W. Spofford, in Spokane, Wash.**

of the new North Spokane, Wash., corridor freeway. They were given a year to relocate.

Finding a new place was a daunting prospect for Dunbar. In January, he received an unexpected visit from Vince Schutt, All Nations Christian Center pastor. His church had outgrown their current facility.

“Schutt told me he was convinced God wanted us to have their church,” says Dunbar. He was rather surprised by the visit and didn’t take immediate action on the offer until a few days later when Schutt paid him a second visit. “He told me he was so sure we were supposed to have their church, their board was willing to reduce the asking price by \$120,000 and donate all their chairs and audio-visual equipment.”

Much prayer and discussion ensued. They eventually purchased Schutt’s church in March. Even though the move was unexpected and challenging, Dunbar emphasizes how God’s hand was evident throughout the process. Today, visitors find a welcome sign out front, displaying a new name and slogan for the church family: “West Central Multi-Cultural Seventh-day Adventist Church, a warm and friendly place for every race.”

*Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director*

# Singles Gather at Camp MiVoden

**M**ore than 60 singles gathered from all over the Northwest on Memorial Day weekend for the annual Adventist Singles’ Adult Ministries Retreat — a weekend, filled with opportunities to interact in games and worship services.

Lloyd Perrin, Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho pastor, was the keynote

speaker for the event and encouraged attendees to renew their relationship with Jesus. Perrin was also available throughout the weekend to counsel and minister.

Adventist Singles’ Adult Ministries of the Upper Columbia Conference sponsors the event annually throughout Memorial Day weekend at Camp MiVoden,

Hayden Lake, Idaho. This is a retreat where singles can come and meet other single adults in a safe environment with spiritual emphasis. For more information, e-mail Terrie Leen-Griebel, coordinator, at [tleen@msn.com](mailto:tleen@msn.com).

*Terrie Leen-Griebel, UCC retreat coordinator*



**Singles MiVoden leadership from left is: Del and Terri Griebel, Gary and Linda Morgan, Shirley Anderson and Valerie Bass.**

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# Moses Lake Church Walks Like Egyptians

**E**very night during the week of July 12–16, costumed figures gathered in the Moses Lake (Wash.) Church yard to take children back in time to ancient Egypt. Together, in family groups, they became a part of history as they saw, heard, touched and even tasted what it was like to live in Bible times during the time of Joseph.

The hands-on adventure allowed children to explore marketplace shops where they made crafts like sandals, baskets, wooden boats and barley bread. They visited Joseph as he

journeyed from prison to palace and shared his struggles to learn forgiveness. In the Pyramid Playground, they played games, such as hula hoop lasso, chariot races and fishing in the Nile. During celebration times, they sang and danced to lively praise songs with an Egyptian twist.

As they lived the Bible, children learned through experience how God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom, forgiveness and family.

For both children and staff, Joseph's journey brought God's word to life with new meaning.

Each night families wrote down God sightings — things they had seen or experienced reminding them God was in their lives — on special stones. These stones were used to build a pyramid monument to God's interaction with his children. Each family also helped make a "God Loves Me" blanket for Operation Kid to Kid. These blankets, along with felt hearts with each child's name, will be sent to Africa to comfort AIDS orphans.

*Marta Beaubien, Moses Lake Church VBS director*



The Moses Lake (Wash.) Church takes children back in time. Joseph and his guards are from left: Brooks Bentzinger, pastor, David Olson and Matt Roberts.

## Under The Big Tent

### Republic's Outdoor Camp Meeting

**M**ore than 400 hardy people enjoyed camp meeting under a new big tent at Sheridan Meadows Adventist Retreat Center near Republic, Wash., July 27–Aug. 1. A new bathhouse with showers and restrooms was completed this year by camp meeting organizers.



Several families enjoy lunch under the shade of forest trees at the Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting.

have been involved in the Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting and the purchase of the property since 2006. Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting was formerly Lost Lake Camp Meeting, which began meeting 25 years ago.

*Jon Dalrymple, Upper Columbia Conference communication assistant*

A new bathhouse with showers and restrooms was completed this year by the Sheridan Meadows Camp Meeting organizers just before the event began.



"The new tent is wonderful," says Lisa Mandigo, of Republic. "It's much cooler and will hold a lot more people than the old parachute we used to meet under."

The tent seats up to four hundred people. Sections can be added to the tent to accommodate larger crowds as the

camp meeting grows.

"We had about 15 people for a work bee to do the framing on the bathhouse," says Bob Cain, who was involved in the construction. "Since then, it's been three or four of us that have been putting on the finishing touches."

Four churches in the area



More than 400 people enjoy camp meeting under a new big tent at Sheridan Meadows Adventist Retreat Center near Republic, Wash., July 27–Aug. 1.

# Churches Engage in Summertime Ministries

If you think summertime ministry is stagnant, think again! This summer, western Washington churches engaged in relational outreach and revival activities.

Auburn City and North Hill Fellowship held outdoor church; Shelton Valley, North Creek Fellowship and Puyallup hosted Christian car shows; Bremerton-area churches and Auburn Adventist Academy organized benefit golf tournaments; Winlock presented a religious liberty camp meeting; and Spanish churches gathered for an Adventist heritage-themed camp meeting.

“Evangelism at its core,” says Bruce Koch, Washington Conference ministerial director, “is about developing relationships



More than 50 children attend VBS in Lacey, Wash. Staff lead the children through a simple prayer near the end of the week as they accept Jesus into their lives. They all respond “yes.”

with people and pointing them to Jesus.”

Vacation Bible School is a staple of summertime ministry. At least 16 churches in western Washington presented VBS programs where children ages 4–12 learned about Bible heroes, communicating with God, firing up their faith, exploring the high seas of God’s word, blasting into space, traveling to Egypt and suiting up with the armor of God.

“Vacation Bible School is intended to plant seeds for Christ that will be harvested over time,” says Karen Fedak, Lacey, Wash., VBS leader.

A six-year-old boy with autism attended Bellevue’s VBS along with 130 church and community children. It didn’t take long for the children to accept this little boy, and his mother tearfully told VBS staff, “We’d like to start

coming to your church.”

Auburn Spanish Company hosted their first VBS this summer where a community father brought his two daughters after he heard a radio announcement about a VBS in Spanish. The girls are now planning to join the church’s new Adventurer Club.

In Graham, Wash., VBS attendance swelled to 60 after a local daycare brought 20 children each day. “Our goal is to

make VBS a great week for our church kids while also making it an evangelistic tool to share Jesus with our neighborhood,” says Kristi Candler, VBS leader.

Read more VBS stories at [washingtonconference.org](http://washingtonconference.org).

*Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director*



ROBERT SCOTT

Six years ago, members in Shelton, Wash., decided to develop a Christian car show as a summertime outreach ministry. The success of the Shelton Valley Show n’ Shine inspired additional Adventist churches to host car shows.

At least 16 churches in western Washington offer Vacation Bible School programs this summer including Grays Harbor where children learn about the armor of God.



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# New Radio Ministry Launches

Three years ago, the Federal Communication Commission opened a one-week window where nonprofit community groups in the United States could file for a noncommercial broadcast license.

Glenn Gately, a fisheries biologist from Port Townsend, Wash., heard about this once-in-a-generation opportunity and felt God prompt him to take action.

“I’m not a radio person, but I know Jesus is coming soon,” says Gately. “A lot of things happen provisionally, and I had no real plan except to start a radio station.”

Gately began networking with radio ministry experts, engineers, lawyers, church

leaders and anyone who would listen, give advice or provide support. Gately worked with Don Martin, an attorney who specializes in helping Adventist radio stations, to complete an application for 91.1 FM, the only available frequency in the area, and continued casting the vision for KROH: Radio of Hope.

Radio of Hope will broadcast from the Olympic Peninsula to northwestern Washington to reach an estimated 300,000 fixed listeners and 99,000 commuters. A sister station, KACS 90.5 FM in Chehalis, targets Southwestern Washington.

“We may have the opportunity to reach a half million listeners a day,” says Joe Mann,



Joe Mann, Radio of Hope general manager, shows Glenn Gately, Port Townsend member and station visionary, the new radio station’s equipment.

Radio of Hope general manager. Explore [radioofhope.org](http://radioofhope.org) to listen to an online stream and to learn more about this ministry.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

# Port Angeles Music Teacher Honored



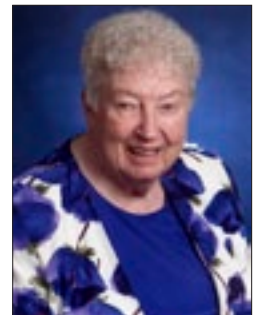
Helma (Johnson) McCoy, a Seventh-day Adventist from Port Angeles, Wash., was inducted into the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame in June.

McCoy, 85, is a state- and nationally-certified piano teacher who, during her 65-year career, taught music at Walla Walla University, Laurelwood Academy and Gem State Adventist Academy, in addition to teaching in California, New York and Washington.

She graduated from Walla Walla University in 1946 and attended The Juilliard School on a four-year scholarship. In her career, McCoy organized the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Washington State Music Teachers Association, served as a board member for symphony and community concerts, and launched the Monday Musicale Club in 1968 to provide music scholarships for high-school seniors.

For more than 30 years, McCoy and her husband, Richard, played cello and horn, respectively, with the Port Angeles Symphony.

McCoy frequently plays the organ and piano for church and public events. She continues to teach piano and many of her students are featured at state conferences and contests.



Sharon L. Mathiesen, Port Angeles member

# Students Develop Love of Literature

**P**uget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, Wash., presented its first Student Art Exhibition in late May to highlight integrated art and literature projects of 76 students, from freshman to seniors.

The interdisciplinary project was inspired by the work of Tim Rollins, a Detroit, Mich., inner city teacher and activist, who incorporated art-making with reading, writing and analysis. Individually or collaboratively, students creatively embedded book pages taken from used copies of chosen literature into sculptures, collages, painted artwork and photography.

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PSAA Art Exhibition participants, freshman through seniors.

of each work of art — the various sizes, colors and mediums used — merely hinted at the diversity and talent of the student body.

The art exhibit, featuring interpreted and illustrated liter-

ary themes, was made possible by the Don Keele Excellence in Education Award presented to Anika Clark, English teacher. The award program is designed to encourage teachers and students to explore new ideas in

creative ways.

Karen Schwartz, Kirkland Adventist School Kindergarten teacher, also received a Don Keele Award to implement a reading and technology project. Schwartz purchased five iPods, downloaded children's story audio books and created reading packs to combine audio books with hard copy books. This allowed students to begin experiencing independent reading through following along in selected books while listening to the story.

*Linda Taber, PSAA/Kirkland principal*

# AAA Continues Spiritual Emphasis

**T**hrough competent, compassionate teaching, Auburn Adventist Academy in Auburn, Wash., endeavors to guide students that they may become of Christ convicted, to Christ committed, for Christ compelled.

As a new academic year begins, Auburn's new administration team continues its commitment to a thriving spiritual atmosphere.

"We realize the importance of prayer," says Samir Berbawy, AAA principal, "and the role it plays in the success of our campus."

Before the school year even began, school leaders spent time praying for God's guidance in the lives of faculty, new and returning students, and parents. In addition, faculty and community members are forming prayer groups that are meeting



The faculty and staff at Auburn Adventist Academy are committed to nurturing a thriving spiritual atmosphere on campus from the classroom to the dormitories, from the church to the ball field and everywhere else in between.

on a regular basis.

"When faculty are spiritually fed, we are better equipped to nurture the spiritual lives of our students," Berbawy says.

Throughout the school year, faculty find creative ways to kindle the students' appetites for a personal relationship with God through

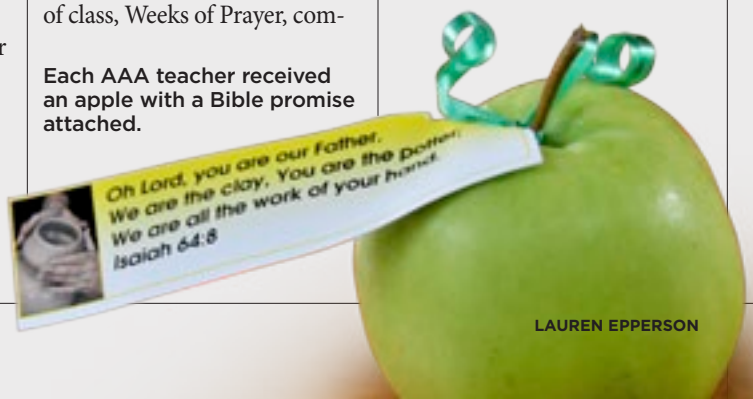
dorm Bible study groups, worship thoughts at the beginning of class, Weeks of Prayer, com-

Each AAA teacher received an apple with a Bible promise attached.

munity service opportunities and more.

"Every student comes here from different places with different experiences," says Mark Weir, AAA chaplain. "We want to give students a chance to see and serve and share in ways that will make a difference in their lives and the lives of others."

*Cyndee Broder, AAA GLEANER correspondent*



# Meeting Them Where They're At

*Students Know Outreach Begins at Home*

**W**alla Walla University students are determined to make the world a better place — starting at home.

High Five, launched in the mid-90s, is an outreach to junior high students in the Walla Walla Valley focusing on five themes: service, spiritual growth, missions, leadership and social. Weekly meetings include discussing scripture, meeting with returned student missionaries, delivering care packages, or fellowship.

“The leadership piece has really proven to be an important part of High Five,” says Adam Newbold, one of several High Five student leaders. “We’ve seen kids become more comfortable up front just by the small things they do here. It’s a great place to get out of your box and build your skills in a

safe environment with your friends.”

FaceOff, the high school version of High Five, focuses on providing a safe and positive atmosphere for students to socialize and respond to opportunities for experiencing God in ways they may not at school or home.

“We do our best to meet the students where they’re at,” explains Newbold. “No matter who they are or what they believe, we want to foster positive relationships with the youth that expose them to healthy, balanced Christian lifestyles.”

Other ways include:

**Amnesty International** — an organization that campaigns for internationally recognized human rights. WWU’s club has partnered with other local groups to sponsor fundraising



PADDY MCCOY

A student leads the music at the Awakening, a weekly student-led Sabbath worship service that regularly fills beyond the capacity of the auditorium.

events for things such as a local women’s shelter.

**The Awakening** — a student-created, student-led worship service with a mission to “fight apathy and grow as disciples of Jesus.” This group has raised several thousand dollars over the last two years for causes, including supporting Project Patch in Idaho and sponsoring a young student in India through high school.

**Engineers Without Borders** — the WWU chapter of this international organization has earned national grants and organized fundraisers allowing them to tackle a three-part project to expand and improve an elementary school in Honduras. WWU students do all research, design and on-site management.

For more information, contact the chaplain’s office at 800-541-8900, ext. 2010.

Becky St. Clair, WWU  
GLENER correspondent



High Five leaders are, back row, from left: Kris Loewen, Adam Newbold, Bryson Bechtel and Jared Anderson: Front row, from left are: Kandice Bolster, Krystal Dressler, Bridget Bechtel and Arla Herbel.

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# Educators Hold Origins Workshop at Rosario

**M**ore than 30 educators delved into faith and science issues at the 2010 NPUC Teachers' Workshop on Origins, held Aug. 13-16.

Seeds for the weekend were planted some months ago at a North Pacific Union Conference education council. A principal mentioned it would be helpful if Northwest Adventist teachers had more training in how to prepare academy students to deal with earth origins. He noted not all graduating seniors go on to Adventist higher education, and many find their faith severely tested in non-believing environments. The education council voted to request WWU provide a workshop for secondary science teachers and academy administrators.

With support from the NPUC education department, Northwest teachers converged on the WWU Rosario Beach Marine Lab along Washington's Puget Sound for a weekend of seminars, labs and heartfelt discussions — all with the purpose of learning positive ways to ap-



Joe Galusha, WWU professor, leads out in a Sabbath School discussion during the Rosario Beach weekend.

proach the topic of origins from a solid Adventist perspective. Workshop goals were simple: To give each teacher something tangible to take back to their classrooms and to develop a better understanding and trust between them and WWU biological science professors.

The entire WWU department of biological sciences faculty led out. Bob Cushman, department chair, says the event gave them a chance to clarify their first priority in the classroom: a relationship with God above and beyond a scientific data set. "We want to provide a safe place for our students to address their personal faith along with defining a distinctive world view," he says. "We're

clear about our own faith in God and His Word, but we want to help our students make that choice for themselves."

Weekend activities included plenary sessions, panel discussions, breakouts and hands-on workshops, as well as campfire vespers, beach gatherings and a church service presentation by Dave Thomas, WWU School of Theology dean.

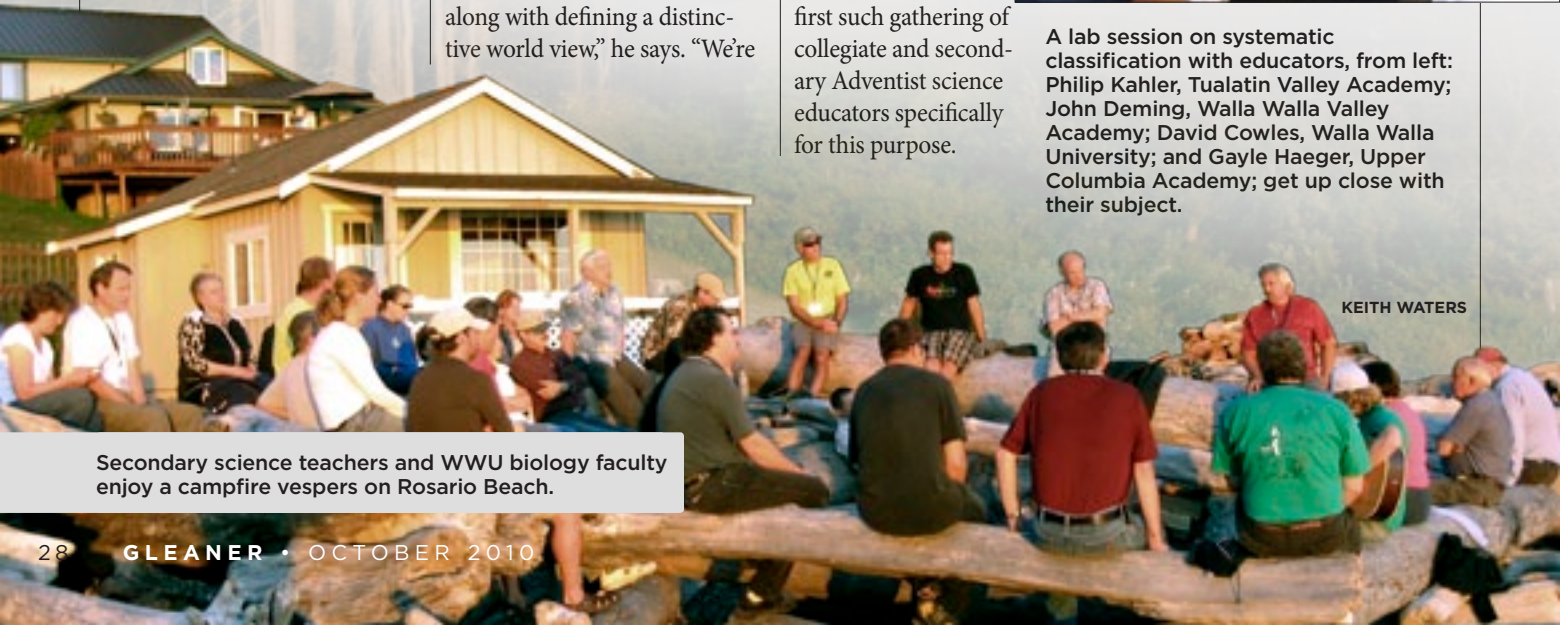
Ginger Ketting-Weller, WWU vice president for academic administration, says, to her knowledge, this is the first such gathering of collegiate and secondary Adventist science educators specifically for this purpose.

"The presentations were excellent, with a strong spiritual emphasis," says Keith Waters, NPUC associate director of education. Craig Wiley, Gem State Adventist Academy science teacher, agrees. "We have a far greater sense of community now among our science educators," he says. "The WWU biology staff present a unified front on issues of origin that I can feel comfortable with. The time to exchange ideas clearly promoted friendship, sometimes clearing up misconceptions."

*Steve Vistaunet, NPUC assistant to the president for communication*



A lab session on systematic classification with educators, from left: Philip Kahler, Tualatin Valley Academy; John Deming, Walla Walla Valley Academy; David Cowles, Walla Walla University; and Gayle Haeger, Upper Columbia Academy; get up close with their subject.



Secondary science teachers and WWU biology faculty enjoy a campfire vespers on Rosario Beach.



Elvin and Mary Jean Carter

**Carter 60th**

Elvin and Mary Jean Carter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Geiser Grand Hotel.

Elvin Carter married Mary Jean Jones June 1, 1950, in Baker City, Ore. They've lived in the Baker City area the majority of their married life where they remain active in their church. All three of their children graduated from Gem State Adventist Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, just as Mary Jean.

Elvin was a logger for 40 years. After retiring from logging, he has farmed their home place. Mary Jean worked as a nurse's aide for 13 years and as a bookkeeper for 35 years.

The Carter family includes Tom and Dawn Carter of Baker City; Jeanie and Wayne Ryder of Baker City; Tony and Juls Carter of Kent, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**Dressel 90th**

Paul Dressel celebrated his 90th birthday on June 6 with family and friends at the home of his son in Yakima, Wash.

Paul was born at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., on June 11, 1920. At age six, he moved to Yakima. On Feb. 22, 1941, he married Margaret Dodge, who died in 2008. Paul became an Adventist

in 1945 and farmed until 1948, at which time he went into the roofing business with his father Paul Dressel Sr.

When Paul was 50 years old and his wife, Margaret, was 49, they took up scuba diving. Margaret couldn't swim. On one of their 25 trips to Mexico, they drove their Datsun 240 to Belize and back — 16,000 miles. During a diving trip with a group from Walla Walla College, a member of the group found a 500-foot fishing net. Because they were not allowed to take it out of Mexico, they took it to an Adventist school that was able to sell it for a considerable sum.

Paul and Margaret did much more than just dive when they went to Mexico. They started an Adventist school in Merida and financed a hospital in Loma Luce. Through a series of miracles, Paul was also instrumental in finding property on which to build the current Yakima Church in the 1960s. He still works on the church grounds and is well known around the neighborhood. A few years ago, he started giving away religious literature and Bibles to the food bank clients. Each Tuesday he faithfully sets up the tables and spreads out the literature — most of which has been donated by church members. As a result of Paul's literature giveaway, more than 33 people have been baptized.

Paul's family includes Paul Jr., and Sharon Dressel of Yakima; Linda and Wayne Mollett of Yakima; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Lang 90th**

Carrol Lang celebrated her 90th birthday on July 3, 2010, with a family dinner in Seattle, Wash.

Carrol Mandel was born July 2, 1920, in Walla Walla,

Wash. After attending business college, she worked for Federal Communications department in Washington, D.C., then for the Department of Horticulture in Portland, Ore., and Yakima, Wash.

Her family includes Mitzi and Peter Sturzu of Port Ludlow, Wash.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



Margarete Petersen

**Petersen 95th**

Margarete Petersen celebrated her 95th birthday on June 27, 2010, at a reception hosted by her daughters and sons-in-law at Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Wash., where she now resides. At the reception, her family granted her long-time wish to publish her original poetry by presenting her with an attractively bound and illustrated volume of selected poems from the many she has penned.

Margarete Seilaz was born June 29, 1915, in Knoxville, Tenn., where she spent her childhood and youth. She attended Southern Junior College (now Southern Adventist University) and completed a degree in French at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). She taught school for a few years and also served as assistant librarian at Pacific Union College. After her marriage in 1946 to Lewis

Petersen, Margarete and her husband settled in Corvallis, Ore., and she devoted herself to her family and church. She was very active in the Corvallis Church, serving as pianist, Sabbath School superintendent and in many other roles. She shared her artistic talents with the church by creating flower arrangements, designing an annual Thanksgiving display for the front of the church and presenting live chalk drawings to musical accompaniment. Throughout her life, she has also expressed her artistry in numerous other ways, including dress design, murals, oil paintings, calligraphy and flower gardening. In 1996, she and Lewis moved to College Place, Wash., and joined the College Place (Village) Church. They moved to Wheatland Village in 2004. Lewis died in 2005.

Margarete's family includes Beverly and Martin Scott of College Place; Glenda and Marshall Merklin of Bonney Lake, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**Robinson 50th**

Bill and Velma Jean Robinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2010, with a garden dinner reception at their home.

William W. Robinson married Velma Jean Knauss on June 12, 1960, in Los Angeles, Calif. Bill is a physician, still working in a family practice. Velma Jean is a registered nurse and worked in Bill's clinic as the office manager for 30 years.

The Robinson family includes Brett and Susan Robinson of Salem, Ore.; Greg and Lois Robinson of Gresham, Ore.; Lisa Lachelle Robinson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and 7 grandchildren.

## MILESTONES



Tom and Doris Thurman

### Thurman 60th

Tom and Doris Thurman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Tebo's restaurant, enjoying strawberry shortcake and ice cream with their family. Afterward, they attended the Rivergate Elementary School

graduation at the Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church.

Thomas J. Thurman married Doris Metcalf in Eureka, Calif., on June 10, 1950. They lived in Eureka for several years and then moved to Redding, Calif., where they raised their two children, Michael and Lanette.

In 1956, they became Seventh-day Adventists and joined the Redding Church. Tom worked in the lumber industry in Redding and they owned a nursery and Tom did landscaping design and yard work. In October 1968, Tom was called to Pinecrest Camp to be the assistant ranger; he worked there until February 1975, when he

was called to work at the Northern California Conference office. From there, they moved to Gladstone, Ore., so Tom could work at the campground owned by the conference.

Later he was called to the Oregon Conference office and then to Portland Adventist Academy where he worked for 11 years. His final years of denominational work were back at the Oregon Conference office and he retired from there in 1993.

Doris was a homemaker, then church secretary in Redding. She also volunteered at the Adventist elementary school. While at Pinecrest Camp she

worked in the camp store and taught beginners swimming. When they moved to the Northern California Conference office, she worked in the print shop and in the personal ministries and health departments. While in Oregon, she worked in the personal ministries, stewardship, risk management and auditing departments, retiring in 1998. She does volunteer work at the Oregon City Public Library.

The Thurman family includes Michael and Rossilyn Thurman of Gladstone, Ore.; Ladd and Lanette McGowan of Portland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

## BIRTHS

**BLAIR** — Natalie Donna was born May 4, 2010, to Nicholus and Erin (Sadler) Blair, Pendleton, Ore.

**HARTNETT** — Silas Lambertson was born June 9, 2010, to Jeremy Hartnett and Jill Lambertson, Crawfordsville, Ind.

**NOBLE** — Laila Jaden was born July 14, 2010, to Ben and Ashley (Wart) Noble, Damascus, Ore.

**PAHLS** — Beckett Christian was born May 25, 2010, to Brent and Heidi (Apuy) Pahls, Coquille, Ore.

**TURNER** — Cole Allen was born July 12, 2010, to Ken and Nicki (Duncan) Turner, Mount Vernon, Wash.

**WENTZ** — Colton Randall was born June 14, 2010, to Joshua and Katrina (Klein) Wentz, College Place, Wash.

## WEDDINGS

**BARNETT-MAYNE** — Sara Barnett and James Mayne were married Aug. 7, 2010, in Umpqua, Ore. They are making their home in Walla Walla, Wash. Sara is the daughter of Richard and Candi Barnett. James is the son of Tim and Bonnie Mayne.

**CHROWL-ENDERS** — Heather Chrowl and Matthew Enders were married June 27, 2010, in Lacey, Wash. They are making their home in Olympia, Wash. Heather is the daughter of Larry and Joanne (O'Farrell) Chrowl. Matthew is the son of Steve and Jan (Affolter) Enders.

**CORDES-DEDERER** — Katie Cordes and Jered Dederer were married July 11, 2010, in Happy Valley, Ore. They are making their home in Portland, Ore. Katie is the daughter of Dale Cordes. Jered is the son of Jim and Johnette Dederer.

**EKLUND-PARDEE** — Megan Eklund and James Pardee

were married May 23, 2010, in Milton-Freewater, Ore. They are making their home in Gig Harbor, Wash. Megan is the daughter of Jim and Shirley (Johnson) Eklund. James is the son of Stan and Rocki (Wolcott) Pardee.

**KRAVIG-WILLIAMS** — Alice Kravig and Steven Williams were married June 11, 2010, in Spangle, Wash. They are making their home in College Place, Wash. Alice is the daughter of Dean and Lorrie Kravig. Steven is the son of Grant and Cindy Williams.

**LLOYD-BROWN** — Sara Lloyd and Andrew Brown were married July 25, 2010, in Ferndale, Wash. They are making their home in Mount Vernon, Wash. Sara is the daughter of Jim and Linda Lloyd. Andrew is the son of Ed and Diane Brown.

**LUTZ-PONCY** — Brandi Lutz and Joseph-Paul Poncy were married June 27, 2010, in Walla

Walla, Wash. They are making their home in Sandpoint, Idaho. Brandi is the daughter of Dorothy Lutz. Joseph is the son of Michael Poncy and the late Catherine Poncy.

**SAFSTROM-HAINEY** — Leah Safstrom and Brian Hainey were married July 18, 2010, in Burlington, Wash. They are making their home in Lynnwood, Wash. Leah is the daughter of Fred and Diane Safstrom. Brian is the son of Herb and Dawn Hainey.

**VICKERS-GEESEMAN** — Opal (Denton) Jenkins Vickers and Gordon Geeseman were married May 21, 2010, in Medford, Ore. They are making their home in Ashland, Ore. Opal is the daughter of the late Harry and the late Aubrey (Carter) Dunlap Denton and the late Ruby (Holt) Denton. Gordon is the son of the late William and the late Leona (Smith) Geeseman.

**CLEVELAND** — Donald E., 83; born Aug. 8, 1927, Craig County, Okla.; died Aug. 17, 2010, Kirkland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Altha (McFarland); sons, Mark, Redmond, Wash.; Stacy, Dallas, Texas; brothers, Johnny, Tuwanda, Kan.; Eugene, Bonnie Lake, Wash.; sisters, Irene Harris, Welch, Okla.; Leta Webb, Bellevue, Wash.; and a grandchild.

**HEITZMANN** — Ruby Lee (Stephens), 78; born Sept. 24, 1932, Fort Worth, Texas; died Sept. 24, 193, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Ron and Ken; daughter, Cynthia Rogers; brother, Jim A. Stephens; sister, Joyce Timmerman; and 7 grandchildren.

**JOHNSON** — H. Marion, 92; born Jan. 8, 1918, Logan, Utah; died June 25, 2010, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: sons, Don and Boyd, both of Battle Ground, Wash.; daughters, Betty Adams, Battle Ground; Shirley Eklund, Mattawa, Wash.; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**KENYON** — Aleda Irene (Carlson), 96; born Nov. 6, 1913, Fairfield, Calif.; died Aug. 8, 2010, Sandpoint, Idaho. Surviving: son, Russell, Corning, Calif.; daughter, Carol Truby, Sandpoint; sister, Helen (Carlson) Wakefield Neely, Napa, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**LANHAM** — Victor "Max," 93; born Nov. 30, 1916, Nora, Neb.; died April 8, 2010, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Wilma (Robinson) Wolverton; son, Robert, Lincoln, Neb.; stepsons, Terence Wolverton, Tacoma, Wash.; Lee Wolverton, Kirkland, Wash.; Dennis Wolverton, Centralia; Cable Wolverton, Elma, Wash.; daughter, Ricky

Lynn Romer, Kansas City, Mo.; stepdaughter, Valletta Schallig, Port Orchard, Wash.; 5 grandchildren, 14 step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

**MANLEY** — George Harold Sr., 87; born June 15, 1923, Gaston, Ore.; July 19, 2010, Myrtle Point, Ore. Surviving: wife, Genevieve (Sedgebeer), Coquille, Ore.; son, George Jr., Beaverton, Ore.; daughter, Joy L. Manley, Pasco, Wash.; brother, Wesley, Hebo, Ore.; sisters, Joy Stuienga, Hood River, Ore.; Melissa Mathes, Winston, Ore.; Verna Manley, Portland, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**MASON** — Marion F. (Jones), 83; born April 23, 1927, North Bend, Ore.; died June 22, 2010, Coquille, Ore. Surviving: son, Thom, Coos Bay, Ore.; daughter, Susan Stell, Coquille; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**MATHEWS** — Chester R., 90; born July 31, 1920, Aberdeen, Wash.; died July 24, 2010, Richland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lula (Kelly); son, Richard, Kennewick, Wash.; daughter, Lois Ginter, Burbank, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**MELTON** — Melvin F., 91; born Sept. 28, 1918, Chillicothe, Mo.; died May 30, 2010, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Larry, Walla Walla; Gregory, Hebron, N.H.; brother, George; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**MILLER** — Helen V. "Ginnie" (Dinsmore), 84; born Dec. 18, 1925, Cogan Station, Pa.; died April 11, 2010, College Place, Wash. Surviving: sons,

Leverett B. "Bud," Sherwood, Ore.; William P. "Bill," Anchorage, Alaska; Richard A., Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Janet L. Moore, College Place; Rebekah L. "Becky" Daniel, Port Angeles, Wash.; sister, Harriet Johnson, Avon Park, Fla.; half sister, Carol Ravenscroft, of Connecticut; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**NICHOLAS** — Howard Raphael, 77; born Jan. 15, 1933, Orlando, Fla.; died May 12, 2010, Days Creek, Ore. Surviving: wife, Patricia (Stumph); sons, Kevin Miller, Gresham, Ore.; Tom Nicholas, Days Creek; Dave Nicholas, Vancouver, Wash.; daughters, Rosalie Alderman, Winchester, Ore.; Melody Vorce, Vancouver; brothers, Charles, Norman, N.C.; Roger, Gallatin, Tenn.; Barry, Gainesville, Fla.; Norman, Monroe, Ga.; and 3 grandchildren.

**REGAN** — Kenneth R., 85; born April 2, 1925, Alhambra, Calif.; died June 30, 2010, Yountville, Calif. Surviving: sons, Leonard, Nampa, Idaho; Gary, Sonora, Calif.; daughter, Janice Kirby, Modesto, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**ROBERTS** — Franklin "Les" Leslie, 88; born Dec. 1, 1921, Puente, Calif.; died June 7, 2010, Pasco, Wash. Surviving: wife, Norma (Kirklin); son, Bob F., Sentani, Papua, Indonesia; daughter, Verna (Roberts) Canaday, Pasco; brothers, Floyd W., College Place, Wash.; Harold, Loma Linda, Calif.; Richard, Brier, Wash.; Ralph, Rio Dell, Calif.; sisters, Barbara Carnahan, Bend, Ore.; Catherine Larrabee, Clarkston, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**RYCKMAN** — James P., 67; born March 2, 1942, Colville, Wash.; died Feb. 19, 2010, Buckley, Wash. Surviving: wife, Janice (Blake); son, Mitchell, Tacoma, Wash.; daughters, Christy Sheppard, Buckley; Patricia Craft, Tacoma; Tammy Gaines, Palm Springs, Calif.; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**SARGEANT** — MayBelle A. (Tanner) Cornell Rice, 95; born Aug. 6, 1914, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; died May 24, 1910, Medford, Ore. Surviving: stepsons, Jeff Sargeant; Steven Sargeant; stepdaughters, Bonnie (Sargeant) Colson; Elaine (Rice) Brasuell; Cathy (Rice) Bechtel; 13 step-great-grandchildren and 14 step-great-great-grandchildren.

**SEXSMITH** — Beverly A. (Wood), 74; born March 27, 1936, Rapid City, S.D.; died July 25, 2010, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: sons, Michael, Post Falls, Idaho; James A. and Scott, both of Centralia; daughters, Laura Morris, Olympia, Wash.; Tammy Shannon, Centralia; brothers, Clarence Wood, College Place, Wash.; Robert Wood, Centralia; sisters, Teresa Glasgow, Redlands, Wash.; Edna Wagner, Eugene, Ore.; Wanda Foss, Centralia; Clara Lewis, Walla Walla, Wash.; Betty Wood, Anchorage, Alaska; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**SHOENBERGER** — Vincent H., 84; born June 11, 1926, Santa Barbara, Calif.; died Feb. 16, 2010, Everett, Wash. Surviving: sons, John, Everett; Phillip and Brian, both of Arlington, Wash.; daughters, Janet Maupin, Arlington; Patti Jones, Oak Harbor, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### North Pacific Union Conference

#### Offering

- Oct. 2** — Local Church Budget;  
**Oct. 9** — NAD: Voice of Prophecy;\*  
**Oct. 16** — Local Church Budget;  
**Oct. 23** — Local Conference Advance;  
**Oct. 30** — Union Conference Designated: Walla Walla University.

\*Special materials provided.

#### Special Days

Curriculum Focus for the Month — Adventist Heritage+

- Oct. 2** — Children's Sabbath;  
**Oct. 3-9** — Health Education Week: *Vibrant Life*.\*  
**Oct. 16** — Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath\*  
**Oct. 23** — Pathfinder Sabbath.\*

+Curriculum resource materials are published in NAD church resource journals — *Sabbath School Leadership*, *Celebración*, *Célébration*, *Kids' Ministry Ideas* and *Cornerstone Youth Resource Journal*.

\* Special materials provided.

### North Pacific Union Conference Association Official Notice

Official notice is hereby given that a **Regular Membership Meeting** of the **North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists** is called for 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, at Walla Walla University in College Place, WA. The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee. The purpose of the Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports

and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

*Max Torkelsen II, President*  
*Gary W. Dodge, Secretary*

### Walla Walla University

- Oct. 7-9** — Fall Classic academy volleyball and soccer tournament.  
**Oct. 28** — Public Preview Day. Do you attend public school but still want to know what WWU is all about? Come to Public School Preview Day and find out! Call 800-541-8900 to reserve your place today.

### Oregon

#### Mike Bishop Concert

- Oct. 23** — Mike Bishop will sing with his sister Marlynn Bishop at a concert at Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy., Castle Rock, WA, at 6:30 p.m.  
**Nov. 6** — Mike and his sister will also be at the Bellingham Church, 910 N. Forest Street, Bellingham, WA, at 6 p.m. concert. His CDs "Not On My Own," "Rise Again" and "My Hymnal: The Fourth Generation," will be available for purchase after the concerts. For more information, call 360-274-6090.

### Laurelwood Academy Alumni Weekend Postponed

Laurelwood Academy Alumni Meeting for this Oct. 2 is not happening. It has been postponed to next year for Oct. 8, 2011. Any questions contact Penny at 503-647-5868 or Penny-Gil@FixAuto.com.

### Sunnyside Church Services Streaming Live

Sunnyside Church is now streaming live on the Net the Church services. Please visit [www.sunnyside-sda.org](http://www.sunnyside-sda.org) to learn about our

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### Missing Members

The Canby Church is looking for the following people: David Aguayo, Angel Alvarado, Miguel Avilla, Rosa Bautista, Betty Camacho, Juan Covarrubias, Gregory Davis, John Elliot, Hector Garcia, Roberto Gonzales, Analilia Gonzalez, Melissa Gonzalez, Nadia Gonzalez, Sara Gonzalez, Brent Hartwig, John Hults, Daniel Kelly, Maria Montesinos, Alfonso Morales, Sharon Morales, Darrell North, Noemi Ocampo, Steve Ocampo, Tina Padron, Peter Portney, Halden Ritz, Edgar Rosales, Hemeregilda Rosales, Laura Valentin, Anna Williams, Dan Williams and Robert Youngberg. If you have any information about these people, please call 503-263-2529, e-mail [vimath@web-ster.com](mailto:vimath@web-ster.com) or write Canby Church Clerk, 2180 N.E. Territorial Rd., Canby, OR 97013.

### Washington

#### SAGE Mission Trip to San Cristobal, Chiapas, Mexico

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### World Church

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**Oct. 8-10** — Alumni Weekend in Lincoln, NE. More events this year! We have lined up two great speakers and the basketball



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The eighth annual Andrews University Music and Worship Conference is coming up very soon. Next year's event will be take place **March 24-26, 2011** on the university campus and is sponsored by the NAD

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## IMAGES OF CREATION PHOTO CONTEST

The GLEANER is pleased to announce the immediate opening of its 2011 Images of Creation Nature Photography Contest. Winning entries will be selected to 1) appear on page 2 of the GLEANER magazine next year or 2) be featured for one week on the front page of the [www.GleanerOnline.org](http://www.GleanerOnline.org) website during the year. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010.

The GLEANER will be accepting digital photos as well as slide transparencies, but several contest rules will apply to both media:

1. Photographers may submit a maximum of 15 vertical images.
2. Only images of nature scenes taken within the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington will be considered.
3. Photographers should be prepared to supply model releases for any recognizable people appearing in winning entries.
4. Winning entries from past years are no longer eligible for submission.
5. Twelve contest-winning images will be used in the print edition of GLEANER, with payment of \$100 per photo.
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7. Entries should be mailed to or delivered to 5709 N. 20th St., Ridgefield, WA 98642, during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### DIGITAL ENTRIES

1. If submitting photos taken with a digital camera, ensure that your camera captures at least three megapixels. Further, make sure that your camera is set to its highest resolution mode and the image is recorded at the largest JPG size. The file should be several megabytes in size.
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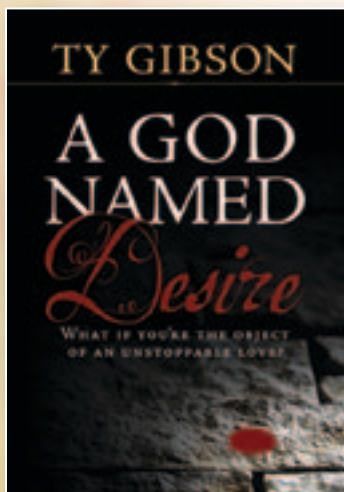
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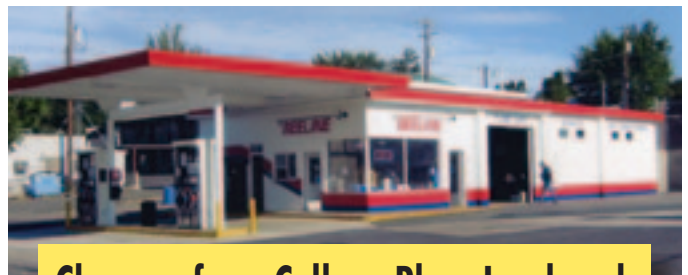
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*“While we root for the hero who steps into the gap when nobody else has the guts, who we REALLY like is the one who confirms what we already believe.”*

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So it was one day, as I sifted through the mail of bills, fliers and unwanted catalogs, I made individual piles — for me, my wife, File 13 and the almighty shredder.

An official-looking letter from the mayor’s office brought sorting to a halt. The impressive logo on the envelope was in marked contrast to the other items in my stack. It begged to be opened first, and I could not object — it’s not often I get a personal letter from the mayor. With anticipation I carefully slit it open.

Inside was a formal-looking page, signed by both the mayor and, as a bonus, the police chief. And, like good old Ruskets, they even tucked in a prize — a photo, which portrayed me unmistakably gripping the steering wheel of my car ... going 45 mph ... through a 20 mph school zone.

The photo-radar lighting was not flattering; neither was the fine. I had no excuse. I’d been automatically driving along with a pack of cars — all of us in excess of the speed limit — and the good-hearted radar singled me out for the prize. I meekly paid my debt to the court, and have been remarkably good ever since — nearly all the time — for the most part.

Following the crowd has seldom been a good idea. Yet, somehow, inexorably, we are drawn like sheep to crowds of like-minded individuals. Our self-esteem is pampered there with messages that insinuate we are right and everyone else is wrong.

And while we root for the hero who steps into the gap when nobody else has the guts, who we REALLY like is the one who confirms what we already believe. Our tendency is to watch a program, listen to a talk show, read an article — not to broaden our understanding or consider another viewpoint, but simply to affirm our cherished opinions.

The simple wisdom of Proverbs 14:12 cautions us, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end is the way of death.” Proverbs 11:14 encourages us to step outside of our own conceit to admit we don’t know it all: “Where there is no counsel, the people fall. In the multitude of counselors, there is safety.”

Ignoring the speed limit — especially in a school zone — not only costs money, but imperils the safety of all around us. Abrogating good judgment for even one moment may reap results that can never be erased.

So, in the future, in my car, in my church, in front of the television ... wherever I am, I’ll think twice before I join the crowd.

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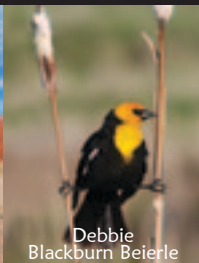
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