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## HENDRICKSON STEPS IN AS REGISTRAR



eborah Hendrickson, most recently vice principal and registrar at Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., is the new North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) certification registrar. She replaces Paulette Jackson, who is retiring after 38 years of service in Adventist education. Jackson served for more than two years at the NPUC and previously as teacher, school administrator and conference superintendent.

With her own exceptional background of 31 years in Adventist educational leadership, Hendrickson will take over the responsibility of maintaining denominational certification records for all NPUC educators. A 1982 graduate of Loma Linda University, she holds a master's in curriculum and instruction. Before coming to CAA in 1997, her educational service included work in California at Monterey Bay Academy, Rio Lindo Adventist Academy and Pacific Union College.

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# LETTERS

#### An Amen to 'Bread'

[Regarding Let's Talk, 'Bread,' June 2014] Just want to say, "Amen, and right on!" I am so tired of hearing about all that is wrong with our food. Not that I don't believe in eating healthy foods, but people have become [so] obsessed lately I have come to think of the subject as "Righteousness by Veganism." Ellen White says something to the effect of ... secure the best food you can, thank God for it, and don't worry about it. Thank you for addressing this fanaticism in such a tactful way. I love the *Gleaner. — Alice Ray, Gold Hill, Ore.* 

#### Present Truth

Seth Pierce's last paragraph [Perspective, 'Partial,' July 2014] needs to be heard loud and clear: "We need vigorous spiritual dialogue ... ." I find a contingent of folks that treat anything published in the Adventist press of the past as if the articles were rosary beads to be fingered over and over. Just because an interpretation is old and established does not make it a perfect fit for today. The Holy Spirit is alive and continues to grow God's people, thus the expression "Present Truth." Whenever we feel we have "The Truth" we are in danger of becoming rigid and blind, in need of nothing. We need to continue to seek understanding while acknowledging our need of divine guidance in the here and now. Thank you, Pastor Pierce. — Lorraine Wilson, Neuport, Wash.

#### Ellen White on Opinions

[Regarding Let's Talk, 'Opinion,' July 2014] I thought this quote from *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* (p. 124) fit along with Steve's comments: "Do not make your opinions, your views of duty, your interpretations of Scripture, a criterion for others and in your heart condemn them if they do not come up to your ideal." — *Mary Rockwell, Coupeville, Wash.* 

#### A Timely Reminder

Gregory Hamilton's message in the June *Gleaner* was important and timely. Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis are increasingly popular peacemakers. This would be an ideal time to point out the prophecy in Dan. 8:25: "He shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many." — *Phyllis Bess, Longview, Wash.* 

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# ANNUAL ANNUAL ANNUAL ADVENTIST ADVENTISTION

ome come just on Sabbath morning; some stay for the entire event. Some whisk in and out on a whim; others bring the RV or trailer and join a small city. Whatever your experience with the annual conference camp meeting, these gatherings have, for many Adventists, become a summertime staple, an annual family reunion of sorts. Camp meeting is an interesting mixture of the faithful and not-so-faithful who find a common bond in their shared Adventist heritage. Some attend workshops; some volunteer at the snack shop or information booth. More often than not, you'll find groups of families and friends sharing haystack meals around folding-chair circles. Your local pastor may be leading out in a children's program or pounding an evening security beat. Camp meetings have a little something for nearly everyone. They are often the annual anchor point in building local conference community and sense of church vision. They are where we all gather to remember from whence we have come and to reflect on where we ought to be going. Here's just a glimpse of the 2014 Northwest camp meeting experience.



Montana young adults rally for a Habitat for Humanity project during the annual camp meeting gathering.



Karen and RayThornton (pictured in front with Lora and GregThornton) have given leadership in the kitchen at the Palmer, Alaska, campgrounds for the past seven years.



As the Friday evening program draws near, campers begin gathering at the main pavilion at the Oregon Camp Meeting in Gladstone.



It gets crowded under the colorful tent at the Alaska Interior Camp Meeting held at Harding Lake near Fairbanks.



### MORE IMAGES Online at Glnr.in/2014 Campmeetings.

OR

How long have you been coming to camp meeting? Sisters Elsie Payne, 97, and Elva Payne, 99, have been coming to Oregon Camp Meeting since 1951.

Elizabeth Talbot presents a featured message at the Idaho Camp Meeting held at Gem State Academy in Caldwell.

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The dedicated come ready to learn, ready to be inspired, as Bruce Koch leads a workshop at Washington Camp Meeting in Auburn. to the second seco

If you build it, they will come. They did indeed, at the Upper Columbia Camp Meeting in Spangle, Washington.

A long walk through the parking lot brings one of the Oregon Camp Meeting tents in sight.



On the edge of their seats, Washington Conference kids are ready for a good story.



# COMPARTIR A JESÚS ES TODO

ompartir a Jesús es Todo" es el lema de las caravanas de entrenamiento

regional en Upper Columbia Conference durante el 2014. En esta segunda ocasión las jornadas de entrenamiento se llevaron a cabo con el pastor Alejandro Bullón quien presentó nueve seminarios de su libro titulado de la misma manera. Durante los seminarios se distribuyó una guía de estudios bíblicos para ayudar a los líderes a introducir sus amigos a Jesús.

La caravana se desarrolló durante nueve días, en ocho diferentes distritos de la región. Se presentó metodologías sumamente prácticas en el arte de estudiar la Biblia, orar por los interesados, meditar en Jesús y compartirlo efectivamente.

Más de 2,000 personas se registraron para introducir a un amigo o familiar a Jesús en los próximos doce meses, poniendo

Más de 100 personas pasaron al llamado del pastor Bullón aceptando prepararse para el bautismo.





El pastor Bullón fue el orador invitado para la caravana de entrenamiento laico regional "Compartir a Jesús es todo" que transcurre durante el 2014 y terminará en marzo del 2015 con la presencia del mismo orador.

en práctica los consejos y enseñanzas presentados durante la caravana.

El pastor Alejandro Bullón se comprometió a regresar en marzo del 2015 para realizar una caravana de evangelismo de cosecha a fin de que los líderes comprometidos ayuden a sus amigos y familiares a decidirse por Cristo. El presentador recalcó que no es el evangelista, ni las campañas de evangelismo lo que produce resultados para Jesús, sino el trabajo esmerado y armonioso de los creyentes organizados espiritualmente, con el propósito de ser usados con este fin el que llevará a los amigos a entregarse a Jesús. "Los bautismos son resultado del trabajo de los creyentes compartiendo a Jesús, eso es lo que marcará la diferencia". Por otro lado el pastor tomó tiempo para demostrar estadísticamente que el 96% de las personas que llegan a Cristo son traídos por un amigo, vecino o familiar que luego de introducirlos a Jesús desarrollan una relación

creciente con el individuo hasta que la persona se compromete con el cielo en forma personal. La semana de

entrenamiento cerró con una presentación modelo realizada por el pastor Bullón ante más de 1,000 personas reunidas en Walla Walla Valley Academy en la tarde del 24 de mayo, lanzando así el comienzo de un año de siembra y cosecha que finalizará en marzo del 2015. En la misma tarde se realizó un llamado a aceptar a Cristo y más de 100 amigos y visitantes aceptaron prepararse para recibir a Jesús mediante el bautismo.

En el presente las iglesias están envueltas en grupos de oración y testificación con propósito de entrenamiento en el área de evangelismo personal.

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## BAPTISM STALLS ON RUNWAY

ven baptisms can be a little different in Alaska's outback. The junior campers at Camp Tukuskoya, the Adventist youth camp in Big Lake, Alaska, had the special privilege of witnessing three campers get baptized in the lake on the Sabbath afternoon of camp.

The three young ladies, Alex Cline, Cheyanne Cline and Jordan Rolston, responded to an invitation to join a baptismal Bible study with their pastor, Aaron Payne. After studying together for a couple of months they made the decision to get baptized at summer camp, affectionately known as "Camp Tuk." After a time of singing and prayer, with the entire camp crowded around, the girls and the pastor waded into the cold Alaskan lake. After each of the first two baptisms, everyone joined heaven in celebration.

But Jordan Rolston's baptism proved to be a little different. Just as Payne raised his hand to heaven and began to say, "In the name of the Father, and the Son ..." a nearby airplane decided it was time to take off from the water. After initially trying to talk over the loud noise of the engine, Payne paused the baptism and everyone watched as the plane took off. When the floatplane finally lifted off and everyone enjoyed a good laugh, the baptism resumed. Rolston publically proclaimed her commitment to Christ.

Rolston's father, Mike Rolston, who is a pilot with his own airplane, said, "Now that was a true Alaskan baptism!" That's what can happen when you hold a baptism on a runway.

Aaron Payne, Palmer Church pastor

Jordan Rolston's baptism had to pause while a loud floatplane took off.





Pastors Chad Anagsan and Steve Evenson offer their thoughts during Alaska's Interior Camp Meeting.

ALASKA HOLDS INTERIOR CAMP MEETING

laska's Interior Camp Meeting was a blessing to many. "I am going to be chewing on those sermons for a while," said one attendee.

Because of the challenge of distances, the Alaska Conference conducts six regional camp meetings every year, starting in February in the arctic and ending in August on Vank Island in southeast Alaska.

Interior Camp Meeting is conducted for the members in the central interior of Alaska, which includes Fairbanks, North Pole, Delta Junction, Tok and other area companies. Enthusiastic mosquitoes did not keep the enthusiastic campers away. Though record rain washed out the road, record numbers were blessed by excellent presentations and children's programming.

Aaron Payne, Palmer Church pastor, presented a series on the resurrection of Christ and His appearances and



Aaron Payne, Palmer Church pastor, makes a presentation during the Alaska Interior Camp Meeting.

message to his disciples.

Pastor Steve Evenson and his wife, Judy, conducted a wonderful music extravanganza, and Chad Angason, missionary in Togiak, assisted and conducted the children's program.

Ken Crawford, Alaska Conference president



## GEM STATE ADVENTIST ACADEMY **OPENS GARDEN** STAND



A student keeps the irrigation paths clear in the GSAA Gardens

em State Adventist Academy (GSAA) Gardens in Caldwell recently opened the Garden Stand, featuring produce organically grown on eight acres of donated garden space.

Glen Rick, GSAA Gardens manager, had 10 students working the fields this summer. They began planting early in the year and sold more than 30 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Garden-Box subscriptions. From June to September/October, the GardenBoxes feature a wide variety of produce. Already, subscribers have enjoyed kale, beets, onion, tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, green beans and sweet corn. Fresh raspberries and apricots from one of the donated garden plot owners have been included as a yummy bonus. Produce that isn't sold through the CSAs or the Garden Stand is sold to a local ranch market.

The students plant, weed,



The Garden Stand offers fresh, organically grown garden veggies for sale to the public.

irrigate and harvest the crops and are learning how to grow organic food. Volunteers from the surrounding churches have pitched in, doing everything from transplanting, weeding and picking to washing and preparing GardenBoxes. Mentors teach corn cultivation, tomato techniques, pest management and irrigation. Donations of a truck, tractors, rototillers and an ATV have come in, as well as an offer to teach fruit-tree grafting.

Wayne Wentland, GSAA principal, is excited by the great start to the school's agricultural program. "We already have available 12–14 acres of the school's land, which has previously been leased to an area farmer, to plant for the next school year," he says. "As the industry grows, we will be able to add additional acreage. This is a wonderful way to provide employment opportunities for our students, to assist them and their parents in covering the cost of tuition."

The gardens aren't the only evidence of growth at GSAA. A science teacher has been hired for this school year. Keep up with the latest GSAA news at gemstate.org and gemstateacademygardens.com.

*Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director* 

# ENTERPRISE AND ELGIN WELCOME NEW PASTORAL COUPLE



he Enterprise and Elgin churches in Oregon are excited to welcome new pastoral couple Jonathan and Erica DeWeber.

Jonathan has Pacific Northwest roots and appreciates the outdoor opportunities that Wallowa and Union counties offer. He graduated from Andrew's University in Berrien Springs, Mich., with his Master's of Divinity on May 4. Before his graduate studies, he spent two years working as a lay pastor at the McCall (Idaho) Church.

Erica is a registered dietitian and most recently taught nutrition classes at Andrew's University.

Alina Rice, Enterprise Church communication leader



# CAMP PAXSON 2014 PROVIDES **UNBELIEVABLE** WEEK

ven though the weather tried to put a damper on Montana's summer camp this year, 56 energetic campers had an unbelievable week.

As the staff and support crew set up camp on Sunday afternoon, the campers were eagerly arriving at Seeley Lake with great expectations of having a fun-filled week. The bus from Bozeman had a little



hiccup and decided to throw a belt. J.D. Rich, the driver, held down the fort until a caravan was able to pick up the 25 campers and transport them to camp.

The week was filled with water activities, archery, mountain biking, crafts and many more incredible activities. As always, Sandy Jenkins made sure the crew was well-fed with amazing meals devoured three times a day. Staff members were incredibly flexible as many of the activities had to be altered when Mother Nature decided to drop some precipitation on the festive group.

Michelle Boothby, camp pastor this year, told stories



of inspiration that captivated campers and staff alike. Her messages were to the point, and many of the campers expressed a desire to take Bible studies to help prepare them for baptism.

One of the main reasons why camp is so successful is due entirely to the dedicated staff. The counselors were amazing this year. In just one short week, they made a huge impact on these young people's lives. Their worships and skits were loved by the kids, and their genuine care of each child was beautiful. The adult volunteers who went from sunup to sundown were amazing role models for these campers too.

What an awesome opportunity to share Jesus with these young people in an incredible place where God's beauty is ever-present. Start planning for next year because Camp Paxson 2015 will be even more unbelievable.

Phil Hudema, Montana Conference youth director

# LEWISTOWN CELEBRATES BAPTISM

he Lewistown Church had a beautiful baptismal service on Jan. 4 as Hank Slining of Lewistown was welcomed into their congregation. A couple of years ago, Slining attended evangelistic meetings organized and preached by Zeke Kleinsasser. After the evangelistic meetings concluded, Slining decided to continue to attend the worship services of the local church. He also started to share his newfound knowledge with his family. Because of his dedicated witnessing about

Jesus, his brother decided to accept Jesus last year and was baptized as well.

Slining is an integral part of the Lewistown Church, helping to set up the radio station. He is a passionate race car driver and knows more about cars than several other people combined. The Lewistown members are glad to see him dedicate his live to Jesus.

Andrew Raduly, Lewistown Church pastor

Hank Slining is baptized in the Lewistown Church.



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### CAMP MEETING GOERS STEP FORWARD FOR GOD IN GLADSTONE

uly 15 through 19 found the campgrounds in Gladstone buzzing with the 84th year of Gladstone Camp Meeting. Themed "Here Am I ..." the event's seminars and programming were based on the biblical concept of giving ourselves to God in whatever form we are and asking Him to use us as He knows best.

In the Children's Amphitheater, the water slide was a popular attraction amid warm temperatures, as were misters set up to provide a cooling mist to whomever walked near. The Snack Shack did a rousing business in ice cream, sorbet, smoothies, snow cones and everything else cold. And the older kids enjoyed trips to the

The annual Used Book Sale sold more than 1,600 inches of used books, with proceeds going to Portland Adventist Community Services.

NETTE MCLAIN



BOOK

SALE

nearby aquatic park.

Tuesday evening speaker David Asscherick took to the Plaza Pavilion stage for the first night and blessed those listening and watching with his energy and frankness as he spoke on "The Covenant God." The crowds continued to grow as the week wore on, with many of the children's divisions reporting higher-than-usual numbers.

In the earliteen division,



At last count, more than 40 people shaved their heads to show their support to Nick Jones, an Oregon Conference pastor fighting cancer.

Over in the Sandpiper Building, the 7- and 8-yearolds were making pillows for refugees in South Sudan. Under cover of the One-Day Church building, the annual Used Book Sale sold more than 1,600 inches of used books, with proceeds going to Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS).

There also was something rather unusual that happened on



It's not just a craft: Children ages 7 to 8 make heart pillows for refugees in South Sudan. They also collected money for International Children's Care.

Jon Griebel invited the youth to dedicate their lives to God during the Friday evening program. More than 70 earliteens stepped forward and wrote their names on the "Wall of Remembrance" at the front of the tent. campus this year — a dramatic increase in baldness that became more prominent as the week wore on. Age was no discriminator as both young and old, male and female, appeared to have lost their hair during camp meeting.

These dedicated souls lost their hair for a very important and special reason: in support of one of their own Oregon Conference pastors. Nick Jones, Gateway and SonRise churches pastor, wasn't at camp meeting this year. He spent his camp meeting week in chemotherapy for six hours a day. Jones has cancer and is facing it head-on, so others decided to show their support by shaving their heads too. At last count, more than 40 people shaved their heads to show their support.

So many people celebrated this year's theme in special ways. Whether it was dedicating their lives to God for the first time or again, showing support for a friend in need, or giving someone a cold drink, everyone presented themselves and said, "Here am I." Hopefully everyone else will do the same throughout this year, and next year will see them again, or for the first time, at Gladstone Camp Meeting.

Krissy Barber, Oregon Conference communication assistant



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he Romanian Church in Portland welcomed children from throughout the community for Vacation Bible School, held June 15–19. During the five days, kids retraced the Israelites' steps in their "Wilderness Escape" from Egypt to the Promised Land.

As kids took a peek back in time, they experienced liberation from Egypt, ate manna from heaven and watched Moses descend Sinai with the Ten Commandments. They learned that God is with us, He gives us what we need, He gives us strength, He saves us, and He guides us ... so trust God.

Seven "shops" offered 90 children various activities, games and crafts, including sandal-making, weaving and sand art. Kids interacted with the shopkeepers and learned a little bit more about what it would have been like to be living in the wilderness.

After a busy evening of visiting the shops, finishing up crafts, and filling up on tasty bread and other snacks from the bakery, celebration time rolled around. The "tribes" gathered together ready to sing the songs



Sara Moisiuc is excited to be at the games tent.

they learned about trusting in God's guidance and His saving power, about Pharaoh, and even about the camels. Every day was closed with children, parents and volunteers gathering, arms around each other, to sing "shalom, until we meet again."

All too soon it was time to say "shalom" one last time at the closing celebration on Sabbath, June 21. Children, parents and church members eagerly expressed their anticipation of next year's VBS. The time spent together with God's children was truly a memorable "Wilderness Escape."

Carmella Rosu, Romanian Church communication leader

Volunteers from the Romanian Church in Portland provided a memorable VBS this summer.





Registrations for Gladstone Park Church's VBS included community members as well as members of other area Adventist churches.

### THE BEACH Comes to **Gladstone Park** Church

ax Patterson Park was the site of the Gladstone Park Church's Vacation Bible School, held June 23–27. The program was a treasure-hunting adventure in the Caribbean islands. Registration found visitors coming from the nearby Baptist church, the Bridge City Community Church, across the street and Ohana Christian Fellowship.

During registration the children were given name tags and put into three groups: Daring Dolphins, Cool Crabs and Super Starfish. Then they sat down on a tarp with staff who were identified by yellow shirts with a SonTreasure Island

logo. Next a musical skit was followed by a beach Bible story taught by Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park Church pastor, who had memory verses in puzzle pieces for the kids to assemble. Beach snacks, beach crafts and beach races were the last stations the kids explored on a daily basis, and they enjoyed coming back each day for a new adventure.

As VBS concluded, leader Connie Durbin said, "Our focus was on God's love and our reflection of that love in Corinthians 13. It was a joy to watch the 33 kids as they reveled in this love through the music, stories and fresh air."

A copy of this program may be secured from gospellight.com.

Richard Cook, Gladstone Park Church communication leader



Bob Uhrig, Gladstone Park Church pastor, tells the children a story during VBS.



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(From left) Dan Coons, Ken Muller, Sharon Guthrie, Aden Nielsen and Jerry Bandy, Lakeview Church pastor, celebrate a high Sabbath of baptisms.

# LAKEVIEW CHURCH HOSTS BAPTISMS

Devine their commitment to Jesus through baptism on June 14 at the Lakeview Church. Each came to know the Lord by different paths.

Sharon Guthrie worked for Lakeview Church members at their business. The Coles shared their faith with Guthrie and her grandson Aden Nielsen over the years. When her grandson decided to get baptized, Guthrie chose to join him.

Watching 3ABN and Amazing Facts and pursuing personal study led Dan Coons to the local Adventist church, where he began helping with repairs and maintenance and gradually became an integral part of the church family.

After retiring from the Air Force, Ken Muller became a registered nurse and worked at Lake District Hospital in Lakeview with a member of the Lakeview Church. Because of the sharing of this co-worker, the midweek Bible study, personal reading, Bible studies and the friendship of the congregation, Muller made his decision to give his heart to the Lord.

But the glory goes to the Holy Spirit who prepares the heart and reasons with each individual to accept the ways of God.

The team effort of soul-winning is biblically based and a most effective mechanism of God's church.

The following instruction is an equation that cannot fail: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me''' (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

Rosemary Cress, Lakeview Church communication leader

## GRANTS PASS LEARNS ABOUT **HEALTHIER LIVING**

ore than 100 people packed the Bear Hotel in Grants Pass on June 2 to hear Marcel Wiggers, an internal medicine doctor, speak about reversing diabetes naturally. Attendance proved that, as diabetes rates in the United States increase annually, there is growing interest in preventing this disease through a healthier lifestyle.

The event included a low-fat, low-sugar meal that left some guests surprised by how full they felt so quickly after eating only plant-based foods.

Wiggers' discussion focused on insulin, how the body regulates blood-sugar levels and how that turns into diabetes. If a person has increased blood sugar or diabetes, regulating those levels is crucial, and Wiggers stressed there is indeed a time and a purpose for medication. However, he explained, adopting a plant-based diet can often reverse the ravages of diabetes. Many can get off medication with a few lifestyle changes.

Wiggers also couldn't stress enough the importance of exercise, particularly walking. "Every little thing matters," he told the group.

The Simply Delicious Plant Food Cuisine classes resume Sept. 7 with a focus on



Marcel Wiggers speaks in Grants Pass about how to reverse diabetes naturally.

canning, drying and freezing. The Oct. 5 class will cover how to prevent and reverse lifestyle disease. The focus will be on simple meat-free dinners on Nov. 2, follwed by a lesson on edible and healthy Christmas gifts on Dec. 7 (dates subject to change).

Jennifer Burkes, Grants Pass Church communication leader



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# SENIOR S SKI CENTUR



Will Johnson earned a perfect score for the full-length album he produced for his senior project at PAA.

time-management and detailed planning.

One example of such discipline is Jens Nerness, who became a beekeeper. He saw the senior project as an opportunity to pursue his interest in self-sufficiency and survival after natural disasters. Honeybees



Will Johnson used the PAA recording studio to create his senior project.

are a source of food and can be raised in backyards. Nerness learned all he could before he tackled the work of building a hive and colony. His bees will begin producing honey within the year.

Passion, creativity and the pursuit of curiosity are important for a successful project.

An example of outstanding creativity is Will Johnson's full-length science fiction music album. Johnson spent more than 400 hours on his project over a span of nearly two years. He wrote all of the music, including lyrics and music scores for his panelists, recorded the album in the PAA music studio using professional equipment, and mixed and mastered the album.

"This experience was a long journey of personal discovery," says Johnson. "I found out just how creative I can be when I try. I probably could have cut this project a lot shorter, but it never made sense to stop."

Attitudes and passion like Johnson's are what PAA teachers hope students will carry with them into the world. "We are training students now for careers that haven't even been developed yet," says Oksenholt. "The senior project gives them

skill sets that they will continue to use to help change the 21st-century world."

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent

ortland Adventist Academy's (PAA) senior project challenges seniors to use interests like beekeeping and music-writing to develop skills that will serve the 21st century.

"The senior project is an interdisciplinary project and the capstone of a student's four years of high school," says Joan Oksenholt, senior project course creator.

After a semester or more of research, planning, implementing plans, writing a research paper and more, every PAA senior presents a final project to a panel of teachers. It is rare to receive a perfect score.

"We saw outstanding projects this past school year," says Oksenholt.

An outstanding project is more than just a good research



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# PPER COLUMBIA

West Plains current and former members gather at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new church building in Airway Heights, Wash.

# WEST PLAINS Breaks ground

est Plains Community Seventh-day Adventist Church held a groundbreaking ceremony July 20 in Airway Heights, Wash. Attendees wrote their names on rocks that will be placed in the church foundation.

Police chief Lee Bennett welcomed the new church. "We need your help because there are folks who are lost and in crisis, and I've only got 28 sets of eyes to take care of this town, so the more people we have to help us, who are God-fearing and upright, it makes our job easier," he said.

Paul Hoover, Upper Columbia Conference president, offered prayer and commended members for their vision and commitment to build the church. The ceremony was held where the sanctuary will be, and orange cones marked where the fellowship hall and children's divisions will be located.

Don Bryan, now the San Juan Islands (Wash.) District pastor, shared how he was riding his bike through Airway Heights while he was the principal of Spokane Junior Academy (now Palisades Christian Academy) and was impressed there should be an Adventist church there. Bryan heeded God's call and started a Bible-study group.

During the ceremony, the oldest and the youngest members of the church shoveled the first dirt. Funds are still needed, but in faith the church has asked Maranatha Volunteers to come and help build in September.

Roger Martin, head elder, gave a closing prayer that ended with a release of white helium balloons, symbolic of the Holy Spirit flowing through church members to the community.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

FIELD HRISTIAN

thletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever. I don't run without a goal. And I don't box by beating my fists in the air. I keep my body under control and make it my slave, so I won't lose out after telling the good news to others" (I Cor. 9:24–27, CEV).

Spring quarter 2014 marked the first season of track and field at Cascade Christian Academy (CCA) in Wenatchee, Wash. CCA is the



first school in the Upper Columbia Conference to add track and field to its interscholastic sports program. Having students mix with athletes from public schools has been a good way for them to show positive Christian attitudes and sportsmanship in a public setting.

Fourteen middle and high school students comprised the



Although track is considered a team sport, each participant works independently to improve his or her personal goals and records.

CCA Wolverines track team, which participated in local, district and regional competitions.

Greg Ringering, CCA athletic director and physical education teacher, added track and field to keep the students fit. Although it's a team sport, each participant works independently to improve his or her personal goals and records. Training teaches students to care for their bodies through diet and exercise for good health and success.

Ringering also promoted track at CCA's elementary school, which hosted a track and field day on May 9. About 475 kids from six Christian schools in the Wenatchee Valley participated in the nine field events designed for them.

Julie Savino, Cascade Christian Academy chaplain



# SALTY CHRISTIANS

eaching His followers how to live in their communities, Jesus told them, "Be salty and be like a light shining on a hill."<sup>1</sup> Have you ever wondered how one become a salty Christian? Jesus spent more time building relationships and healing than preaching.<sup>2</sup>



Two church members were inspired to help the elderly and began a senior walking group. After walking with the group since April, Earl barely needs his cane.

#### WALKING WITH SENIORS

Merlene Olmsted and Carol Matlock were challenged during the Spokane County Christian Summit in April to make Jesus happy. Inspired, they began a walking group for seniors in Airway Heights, Wash.

The group walks three times a week. When Earl, in his 80s, came on his first walk, he shuffled with a cane. Now after a few weeks of walking, he can walk 2 miles, no longer shuffles and says his legs no longer hurt.

In her mid-50s, Mary was out of shape, shook quite a bit and could only walk three



Theodore Borders pets a goat at the petting zoo during the Spokane Valley Family Fun Fair.

blocks. Last week she walked three-quarters of a mile.

#### **GROWING GARDENS**

Olmsted had an idea that people who could not get to the local community garden might like a 4-by-4 garden box and assistance with planting.

To receive the gardens, applicants had to be low-income, have space with enough sunlight, and be families with children or elderly folks in their homes. Church members mixed the soil in a cement mixer, bagged it, and built and delivered eight boxes, along with 16 kinds of vegetables for each.

"When people learned we just wanted to help them make gardens, this opened up the floodgates," Olmsted says.

Many families in the community are being blessed by garden boxes provided by church members.



# PLAYING AT THE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

A little lad in Four Lakes, Wash., pulled his mother down the street to the Cheney (Wash.) Church's playground equipment. "This," the boy said, "is the happiest place on Earth."

Even though the church had few children and the school closed years ago, members bought new playground equipment a few years ago so neighbors had a place to play baseball and enjoy a parklike playground.

"We want to increase our presence outside," explains Jerremy Foss, Cheney Church pastor. "The neat thing about the playground is that we are focusing on what is already Valley Church outreach coordinator, reports a 10-fold increase in community attendance.

The July event provides a free mini-carnival for kids, complete with food for sale, a petting zoo, free literature and informa-



Community member Fran is enjoying her 4-by-4 garden thanks to one church member's vision for helping others.



Cecily and Eliana Foss hang on the monkey bars at the Cheney Church playground.

happening and where God is intersecting our church with the community."

#### **FAMILY FUN FEST**

The Spokane Valley Family Fun Fest was held for the second time this summer. Organizer Dusty Borders, Spokane

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tion about the local Adventist school. "People loved it," Borders says. "It's a fun way to get in touch with the community." When we

When we treat others as Jesus would, we are the salty Christians He called us to be.

1. Paraphrased from Matt. 5:13–16. 2. Paraphrased from *Ministry of Healing*, p. 143.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant



# UCA FOUNDATION FOUNDER RETIRES

om Stanyer, Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) class of 1950 and a founder of Upper Columbia Academy Foundation, recently stepped down after serving the foundation for more than a decade — first as a key visionary, then as its first vice president, its second president and ultimately its treasurer.

UCA has a legacy of great academic achievement and inspiration. The core of life is centered in a relationship with God and each other. No more vital mission was ever entrusted to humankind than the education of its young.

Despite its vital mission, the school had some serious financial concerns in 2003 that threatened its long-term health. UCA's leaders wisely invited a few of its most loyal, supportive alumni — successful people who cared deeply about the mission — to grapple with the issue and challenged them to come up with a plan to ensure the school's sustainability. Stanyer was honored to participate in that discussion.

Before retiring in 1997, Stanyer was a leading engineer and administrator with Boeing Co. He had a mindset for innovation and extraordinary evaluation and decision-making skills. Stanyer had also served on church and school boards at all levels, including the Auburn (Wash.) Adventist Academy board of directors and the executive committees of the conference, union and North American Division.

"After some discussion, the solution seemed to center around an independent 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization with its own board of directors and an endowment fund managed by a bank," Stanyer explains.



The UCA Foundation board continues to attract great, visionary leaders.

"We all agreed that our sole purpose would be grants and scholarships for UCA students." Stanyer describes how the group further envisioned a separation from the organized

separation from the organized church — not due to any animus, but to assure donors there



Dan Freckle and Luke Kolpacoff are the newest UCA Foundation board members.

was no possibility of the endowed fund being spent differently in the future. The group thought separation might also energize some of the lay people, especially those who were less enthused about church politics and/or policies.

"As we perceived it, UCA would receive a secondary benefit in that the grants and scholarships would help stabilize the school's enrollment," Stanyer says. "This assumption has now proven true, as UCA is the largest conference-owned boarding academy in the North American Division."



Doug Wells (left) presents Tom Stanyer with the Distinguished Service Award.

Since those early days of visioning, the UCA Foundation has been quietly fulfilling its mission. It has \$1.7 million in assets and has bestowed more than 500 awards to UCA students totaling nearly \$500,000.

With Stanyer's resignation, only one board member remains who sat around that brainstorming table in October 2003 — Jaclin Smith. Nevertheless, Stanyer is optimistic about the future of UCA Foundation. "We did our work well," he says. "We accomplished what was needed. Now it is time for the next generation of lay leaders to take the organization to the next level."

Linda Klinger, Upper Columbia Academy Foundation executive director



# THE HEAVENLY TRADITION OF CAMP MEETING

f you take an audience survey at Washington Adventist Camp Meeting, you will discover a large percentage of people who come "by tradition" year after year.

"This is my vacation," says a 90-year-old lady from Port Orchard. "Camp meeting is the nearest thing to heaven."

The heavenly package of camp meeting features 10 days of families camping together, attending inspirational meetings, participating in community-building activities and forming common bonds through friendship.

Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University professor, opened this year's camp meeting experience by sharing lessons from Paul's encounter with the risen Christ. Jerry and Janet Page, from the world church ministerial association, continued the inspirational messages with themes about revival and reformation. Ron C. Smith, Southern Union president, concluded with thoughts about church unity. The discipleship-focused workshops





Jerry Page, from the Adventist world church ministerial association, speaks about revival and reformation.

throughout the week supported the overall theme of "Living God's Mission."

"There is nothing more rewarding than being in the presence of God," says John Freedman, Washington Conference president. "God wants to cleanse our hearts and call us to a greater commitment to Him."

The adults attending camp meeting were not the only ones to hear spiritual revival messages. High school-aged youth learned about looking for divine appointments and praying in God's name. Earliteen youth, ages 13 and 14, discussed how to be disciples of Jesus while juniors, ages 10–12, discovered more about following Jesus and younger children learned about the Creator, nature and missions.



Thirty-seven kids in the junior department, with children ages 10–12, made a decision to be baptized.

Each evening in Rainier Auditorium, individuals shared stories about how God is transforming their lives and helping them live God's mission through evangelism, education, discipleship and service.

"When God's people gather together, we have an opportunity for revival," Freedman says. "We saw Jesus at work in people's lives through their camp meeting experience, and we anticipate what God will do in the next year."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

### **BIG PICTURE OF MINISTRY**

God is doing miraculous things at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson on a daily basis. He has taken a group of young adults who have dedicated their summer to God and is transforming lives in a way seldom seen within other traditional forms of evangelism.



David Yeagley, Sunset Lake director, is sharing story snapshots from the summer online. You'll read about campers who are learning about Jesus for the first time, starting to read their very own Bibles, discovering how to pray, experiencing the presence of God and finding out they are not alone in this journey of life.



Camp gives God the opportunity touch the lives of campers who would never know Him otherwise. This is front-line evangelism. Read the stories at glnr.in/ltyYLbf.







# TOTEM POLE TELLS SUNSET LAKE STORY

onte Church once took a two-year course in Native carving and shared this skill through the years at youth camps where he led young people in carving footlong totem poles.

He had never carved a full-sized totem pole until a year ago, when Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson commissioned Church



Monte Church stands next to the totem pole that he hand-carved for Sunset Lake Camp.

to encapsulate the summer camp story in a totem pole. Church, who serves as North Pacific Union Conference native ministry coordinator, installed the finished totem pole on July 8.

"The overall concept is

that those who attend the camp are lovingly watched over and genuinely cared for by camp administration and staff," says Church.

Each feature of the hand-chiseled cedar totem pole tells a story. The eagle represents the watchfulness of camp leadership. The wings have green circle symbols for the conference, union office and camp counselors.

The black knees of the eagle remind all that camp leadership should be on its knees in prayer. A Sunset Lake symbol at the center is surrounded by feathers representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The base features a camper with a golden crown, symbolizing a child of the King. A canoe paddle with Pathfinder pledge symbols represents the propelling principles of our spiritual lives.

"We are thrilled to have this piece of art as a part of our camp," says David Yeagley, Sunset Lake Camp director. "Our goal is to create a village that is representative of the Native people of the Northwest. Our hope is to be able to teach Native history during outdoor education classes and in our summer program."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

# GRAYS HARBOR STUDENTS EXPAND WORLDVIEW

tudents at Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School in Montesano applied nearly all their senses when learning about Uganda.

Through a presentation by Jean Cader, co-founder of Paradigm Missions, students experienced a "taste" of life in Uganda and the challenges faced by the Karamojong people.

Cader asked students ages 6–14 questions such as: Does the world produce enough food to feed everyone? What are the causes of hunger? What can be done about it?

The students engaged in an insightful discussion as they learned more about food shortage and entomophagy (the human consumption of insects as food).



Grays Harbor students have a heart for Uganda after learning about life in developing countries. By selling their handsewn hearts, students raised \$80 for the brand new Paradigm Missions food bank.

Gathering in the school kitchen, students smelled the delightful aroma of sautéed onions. They weren't so hungry once crickets were introduced to the dish. As the onions and crickets simmered, Cader explained the practice of eating insects and shared how this is a common and acceptable way of life for people living in developing countries.

Students were in disbelief to learn one burger patty made with onions and insects would feed a family of five. The cooking lesson continued as students dipped a grasshopper into melted



Grays Harbor students are eager to learn about entomophagy, the human consumption of insects for food, but not so eager to try a sample.

chocolate for dessert. As for sampling the food? The students declined.

Grays Harbor students applied their mission-focused lesson by sewing a "love heart" to sell for \$5 each. The students were able to raise \$80 for the brandnew Paradigm Missions food bank, and they plan to continue supporting this project.

Marcie Aschenbrenner, parent volunteer



# TEENS IMPACT LEWIS COUNTY

ith hearts for service, 32 western Washington teens and chaperones returned to Lewis County in July for this year's Local Teen Mission (LTM) Trip.

"The people, ministries and organizations our teens served gave high praise for the work that was done," says Ira Bartolome, Centralia Church pastor. "It was a pleasure to serve with our LTM group, and [I] hope they can take the same spirit of service back to their local context."

The teen participants spent the weekend serving the community both at a personal level and at a community level. Besides chopping wood, folding clothes and serving food at local community distribution centers, the dedicated youth also landscaped for the Centralia Train Station, washed windows and

Aby Luna and her fellow teen missionaries bring joy to the elderly residents as they greet each one after singing and sharing stories with them.





Thirty-two teens and chaperones spent three and a half summer days serving in selected communities.

painted rooms for the elderly in the city, spread the gospel through literature evangelism, and more.

"The people's smiles show that they love what we're doing," says Emily Bezman, a teen participant from Renton. "That inspires me and makes me want to help even more."

"It feels good to help people," says Hunter Birdsall, a teen participant from Montesano. "I plan on going to more mission trips so I can help out the community."

This is the seventh Local Teen Mission Trip. The teens previously served around Washington in Friday Harbor and Burlington, plus multiple times in Lewis County. The trip was sponsored by Washington Conference Adventist Community Services, the local churches and Lewis County Adventist School in Chehalis.

Timmy Kosaka, teen volunteer

# ENUMCLAW GIVES BIBLES TO PANAMA

rett Lains loves his Bible so much that, after a serious accident 12 years ago, the first thing he asked for in the hospital was his Bible. He also wants to learn Hebrew and Greek, "the languages of the Bible," in addition to a list of world languages.

It was natural, then, for Lains to notice a special need during a Panama mission trip earlier this year. "We were giving them chairs, but they didn't have Bibles to read," Lains remembers. "I felt like God impressed me [to do something]."

He challenged his fellow volunteers from Enumclaw Church to raise funds to buy Bibles. When the local bookstore heard about the reason for the Bible purchase, they



Brett Lains mixes mortar to help build a Maranatha church in Panama.

contributed a box of hymnals.

While this is Lains' first time to participate in a mission trip, this is Enumclaw Church's fifth mission trip. The church plans a mission trip every 18 months. Enumclaw partnered with Maranatha Volunteers International to build a church for a shantytown in Panama.

"It is awesome serving with people you know," says Lains.

The mission volunteers integrated into the community where they forged new friendships, discovered friendly smiles,



Enumclaw volunteers stand outside the finished church in Panama. Through their time of service, the group integrated into the community and forged new friendship.

offered an invitation to the newly built church and found great appreciation for their service to the community.

After Lains' first mission trip, he says, "I felt enriched and blessed. A mission trip empowers the urge to bring people to Christ."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



# ALUMNUS BRINGS MUSICAL LEGACY TO LIFE

box of reel-toreel audio tapes sits untouched in a forgotten closet. Crisp, typewritten letters read "Pacific Union College, 1962" and "Walla Walla College, 1966," identifying a collection of musical efforts by choir conductor and musician Harold Lickey.

It was August 2013 when Ed Karlow, a 1966 Walla Walla University (WWU) graduate and former student of Lickey, decided to drive to Portland, Ore., to join in the celebrations of Lickey's 89th birthday.

They hadn't seen each other in more than 40 years. Once he arrived, Karlow met Lickey's daughter, Robin Thomas. She took him to see Lickey, and they visited for a while, reminiscing about Lickey's days at Pacific Union College (PUC) in Angwin, Calif., and at WWU.

Karlow first met Lickey at PUC in 1961, and by 1965 they were both at WWU — Lickey as a member of the music faculty and choir director and Karlow as a senior in physics.

Lickey spent 14 years teaching at WWU, conducting the Schola Cantorum (now known as I Cantori), the Concert Choir and the Reunion Choir during alumni weekends. After his arrival at WWU, Lickey worked with Glenn Spring and created the Spring Holiday Concert, an informal musical tour of Europe. Lickey hosted as the entertaining master of ceremonies.

Karlow enjoyed the event, saying, "I still remember the final whoop of excitement as the chorus left the stage after the final curtain call."

Lickey realized the importance of capturing these memories and meticulously recorded every Music Department performance on about 100 reel-to-reel tapes. Thomas mentioned that her father had several boxes of reel-to-reel tapes. They could not listen to them because they lacked the proper equipment. Karlow told her he had the equipment and software necessary to transform the tapes into remastered CDs. He offered to remaster the recordings for her family, and she agreed.

"I undertook this project to transform these reel-to-reel tape recordings into a format that people could use today and provide a way to archive the history of the outstanding and beautiful performances, and preserve the legacy of one of our finest musicians," Karlow says.

If you performed at or attended the 1966 Spring Holiday Concert, Karlow would love to hear about your memories of that concert to include in a special companion booklet with the CD collection. Please contact him at 509-526-5441, edmarilynkarlow@msn.com or 1550 Gray Lynn Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Rachel Wood, Walla Walla University relations student writer

Ed Karlow uses his reel-to-reel tape recording equipment to remaster Harold Lickey's extensive tape collection.



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# HEALTH BY Word of Mouse

more. Visitors to the site will find information that reflects

the mission "to share God's

love by providing physical,

mental and spiritual healing." "Our website is the vir-

tual front door to our hospitals,

important to sharing our mes-

sage of achieving optimal health

and wellness," says Rita Waterman, assistant vice president of

three or more hours

links to other

church resources."

the new website,

Adventist Health facilities have

real-time communication tool

to promote local activities and

events, news announcements,

health tips, inspirational quotes,

and Scripture. "We appreci-

embraced social media as a

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clinics and other services that are

hether you are at the airport, in line at the grocery store or in a hospital waiting room, nearly everybody is focused on their smartphones or tablet-surfing the Web and scrolling their personalized news feeds from a variety of websites and social media feeds. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Pinterest are goto sources of information in the form of photos, videos, stories and more.

Adventist Health launched its first website in the 1990s. The system began engaging on social media sites in 2008 as another opportunity to reach out to patients, volunteers, community members, employees

and church members. Adventist Health's 19 hospitals in Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii launched a new systemwide website

in July that unifies design and functionality for all sites.

The new site features a comprehensive list of physicians, location search, and health library with videos, podcasts, health calculators and ate [that] partners such as the North American Division which shares our posts on their Facebook pages. This increases our visibility and enables us to reach more people around the world," adds Waterman.

Adventist Health

"Social media is important because it allows us to connect with people where they're at," says Adam Lee, Northwest regional Web/digital marketing manager based at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore. "We hope that by providing value to those in our social networks we will be able to positively affect their lives in a small way even when they're not physically with us. It also provides an important platform for feedback from our community. Many people feel more comfortable reaching out online rather than in-person, and if we weren't available online then we wouldn't be able to meet that need."

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Jenni Glass, Adventist Health communications coordinator

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#### FAMILYBIRTHS

**ANDERSON** — Ethan James was born May 9, 2014, to Donald and Ruth (Fitzpatrick) Anderson, Bend, Ore.

**CAMARGO** — Viviana Isabelle was born May 16, 2014, to Marcelo and Rachelle (Bolton) Camargo, Portland, Ore.

**FITZPATRICK** — Isla Grace de Oliveira was born June 14, 2014, to Trevor and Marilyn (de Oliviera) Fitzpatrick, Portland, Ore.

**GILBUENA** — Caroline Claire was born April 18, 2014, to Joseph and Alice (Linn) Gilbuena, Toledo, Ohio.

**HERMENS** — Amber Rose was born March 6, 2014, to Josh and Rose Hermens, McMinnville, Ore.

**KOZIK** — Ella Reese was born May 8, 2014, to James and Brooke Kozik, Kalispell, Mont.

**OLTMAN** — Eleanor "Nora" Saige was born June 16, 2014, to Jake and Crystal (Engelhart) Oltman, Walla Walla, Wash.

#### FAMILYATREST

**BOLSTER** — Lloyd L., 96; born May 30, 1917, Plentywood, Mont.; died May 26, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, R. Gladys (Flakne); sons, Lloyd Jr., Eastlake, Ohio; Gary, Waitsburg, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

**BUTCHER** — Virginia (Mac-Glashan), 88; born Nov. 19, 1925, Pittsburg, Calif.; died May 20, 2014, Prineville, Ore. Surviving: son, Larry, Eureka, Calif.; daughter, Cheryl Gratreaks, Prineville; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**CABRALES** — Dionicia C. (Cabrales-Cacho), 86; born Jan. 27, 1928, Narvaca, Ilcos Sur, Philippines; died April 19, 2014, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: sons, Larry and Nelson, both of Seattle; daughters, Josephine Ramirez, Rosemary Cabrales and Marline Ward, all of Seattle; Hilda Blankenhorn, Riverside, Calif.; Evelyn Lick, Gig Harbor, Wash.; Doris Cabrales, Greenbrier, Tenn.; Terisita Wergeland, Conroe, Texas; 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**DRAKE** — Nelma Laverne (Akins), 89; born Aug. 26, 1924, Felt, Idaho; died May 13, 2014, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: husband, Harold A.; son, Richard, Twin Falls; daughter, Cheryl Knowles, Bozeman, Mont.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**GARCIA** — LeeAnn (Hatch) Cadwallader, 57; born March 2, 1956, Pocatello, Idaho; died July 17, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Guillermo; son, Justin Cadwallader, College Place; daughters, Daphne Cadwallader Duncan and Rebekah Cadwallader, both of College Place; brother, Hugh Hatch, Pocatello; sister, Kathleen (Hatch) Van Hoy, College Place; and a grandchild.

JENSEN — William "Bill" Garman, 93; born April 7, 1921, Tacoma, Wash.; died May 30, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Edward B., Corbett, Ore.; Gary M., Hillsboro, Ore.; daughter, Nancy L. Davis, College Place, Wash.; sisters, Charlyne Wertz, Loma Linda, Calif.; Joyce Way, Gladstone, Ore.; DeNelda Schwartz, Scappoose, Ore.; Delores Brooker, San Jose, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

LINDFORS — Rolf, 91; born May 11, 1922, Oravais, Finland; died April 9, 2014, Ephrata, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Sharon Thompson, Georgetown, Grand Cayman Island; 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**MARTIN** — Robert Lewis, 96; born Nov. 20, 1917, Warba, Minn.; died Jan. 5, 2014, Lewiston, Idaho. Surviving: daughters, Judy Way, Tillamook, Ore.; Sherri Walley, Federal Way, Wash.; Kathryn Anderson and Robin Surprise, both of Lewiston; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. NEWBOLD — Isabel Agnes (Stewart), 94; born Feb. 23, 1920, Battle Creek, Mich.; died March 25, 2014, College Place, Wash. Surviving: husband, Robson S.; sons, Rob, Redlands, Calif.; Dwight, Frederick, Md.; Jim, Chicago, Ill.; Scott, Walla Walla, Wash.; daughters, Jean Newbold, Redlands; Carol Eldridge, Ukiah, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**O'DANIELS** — Wallace Calvin "Cal," 91; born March 31, 1923, Genoa, Neb.; died May 5, 2014, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Anita (Plambeck) Clawson; sons, Gary, Oregon City, Ore.; Tom, Banks, Ore.; stepsons, Rob Clawson, Vancouver; Mike Clawson, Damascus, Ore.; Matt Clawson, Vancouver; 6 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a stepgreat-grandchild.

PHILPOTT — Helen M. (Hill), 93; born Sept. 30, 1920, Pasco, Wash.; died May 20, 2014, Creswell, Ore. Surviving: son, Larry K., Creswell; daughters, Bonniedee Parmale, McMinnville, Tenn.; Venie Osborn, Kettle Falls, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**PRICE** — Louis F., 69; born July 20, 1944, Arlington, Mass.; died May 16, 2014, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Wendy Ortega, College Place, Wash.; Carolyn Arndt, Lame Deer, Mont.; Donna Cook, Huntley, Mont.; stepdaughters, Shannon (McCaslin) Williams; Megan (McCaslin) Gibbard; Erin (McCaslin) Cross; 3 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchild.

**SMITH** — Jerold Wayne, 82; born Dec. 30, 1931, New Plymouth, Idaho; died Feb. 12, 2014, Twin Falls, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Rita (Donahey); son, Jerry, Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Lisa Chernoh, Twin Falls; 5 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

SMITH — Robert A., 65; born

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July 4, 1948, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada; died March 27, 2014, Siloam Springs, Ark. Surviving: daughter, June Ann Brown, Lacey, Wash.; father, Donald Smith, College Place, Wash.; sister, Beverly Daniels, College Place; and a grandchild.

**SOWERS** — Bette, 91; born Aug. 14, 1921, Green Bay, Wis.; died Aug. 22, 2012, Phoenix, Ariz. Surviving: daughter, Sharon Thurman; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**TOWNSEND** — Newton Andrew, 94; born April 10, 1918, Dyersburg, Tenn.; died Aug. 24, 2012, Centralia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Beverly; sons, Dennis and Keith; daughters, Lisa Townsend and Maria Hauser.

WACKER — Geraldine "Geri" M. (VanDevender), 71; born Nov. 15, 1942, Eugene, Ore.; died April 16, 2014, Eugene. Surviving: husband, Wally; daughters, Traci Chrowl, Eugene; Lori Knapp, Tualatin, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

WHITEHOUSE — Ivan John, 91; born June 2, 1922, Toledo, Wash.; died Dec. 20, 2013, Goldendale, Wash. Surviving: sons, Daniel, Warren, Ore.; Timothy, Edinburg, Texas; daughters, Kathleen Hudson, Goldendale; Carol Opitz, Gresham, Ore.; Jo McGuinness, Tigard, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Official notice is hereby given that a Regular Membership Meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 2 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014, at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. 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.

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#### Walla Walla University

Sept. 22–27 — Jumpstart (freshman orientation);
Sept. 29 — Classes begin;
Oct. 4 — The Longest Table community meal;
Oct. 6–10 — Week of worship with Dany Hernandez, pastor;
Oct. 9–11 — Fall Classic soccer and volleyball tournaments;
Oct. 15 — Service Day.

#### Oregon

#### **Depression the Way Out Seminar**

Depression the Way Out is a video seminar presented by Neil Nedley, an internal medicine physician with an emphasis in gastroenterology and cardiology, preventive medicine, mental health, and the difficult-to-diagnose patient. The Castle Rock Church will be hosting this video seminar for eight Tuesdays, starting Sept. 13 through Oct. 18. This seminar will help you identify the underlying causes that bring on depression. For further information and fee, please contact Wanda Whitaker 360-967-2165 or email whitaker.d@comcast.net.

#### **Lincoln City Singles Weekend**

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## TEN FREE WAYS TO APPRECIATE YOUR PASTOR ... WITHOUT MAKING IT AWKWARD

ext month is the 20th annual Pastor Appreciation Month. Lists, like this one, show up this time of year to guilt generous parishioners into forking over vacations, cars and new wardrobes to their pastors in order to affirm their calling.

But here's the problem: A gift card won't heal a year's worth of spiritual beatings sustained in an abusive church. A vacation won't help if the pastoral family has to return to a steaming pile of misunderstandings. And new cars might work only if the pastor can speed away from a dysfunctional district.

Conversely, when congregants have gone through seasons of unemployment, having them give out of their meager savings will make a gainfully employed pastor feel guilty, not

Seth Pierce

blessed. And if the church doesn't reg-

ularly appreciate all its leaders throughout the year, the only thing on your minister's mind will be how many people are annoyed they don't have a month dedicated to them.

Are there ways to affirm a pastor's calling free from

bankruptcy or awkwardness? Even when everyone knows it hasn't been the most evangelistically effervescent year? Yep.

10. Be a Gossip Goalie: Remember how Brazil lost to Germany in this year's World Cup? Don't let people's shots against your pastor get through, or you will lose something far more valuable than a soccer championship. Block trash talk and negative assumptions. 9. Offer Special Prayer: You know how some pastors visit

you, listen to you and offer prayer on your behalf? Reverse roles.

8. Respond in Worship Service: You don't have to be Pentecostal. A gentle "amen," a head nod, bringing a journal to take notes, or even tweeting or Facebooking key sermon points lets the minister know you are connected. Preachers

invest their heart, mind and soul into their messages, and when it is met with cold stares in emotional vacuums, it makes



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7. Hold a Work Bee: Sometimes being on call 24 hours a day means that a few things around the house can fall between the cracks ... or the couch cushions ... or behind the refrigerator ... you get the idea. With many handy souls in the church, a couple hours' work bringing the parsonage up to par can alleviate a ton of stress. 6. Call the

Pastor Who Baptized You: Many of us began our spiritual journey with one of God's shepherds as the catalyst. With so many people leaving the church, receiving a call from a still-faithful disciple can be incredibly meaningful and affirming.

**5. Share Pastoral Post-It Notes:** Platitudes don't encourage pastors — but brief, specific notes about how your pastor's ministry has positively affected your walk with Jesus can. Post them all over the minister's office.

4. Organize a Letter Campaign: This is not a campaign to remove your minister from office or a petition to get them to cancel the evangelistic series. This involves distributing pre-addressed postcards and, after writing specific positive messages on them, mail them to your pastor.

**3. Hold a Vote of Confidence**: Like any who believe, ministers go through seasons during which they question their faith and purpose. For the church leadership to gather, discuss the strengths of their pastoral leadership, and take a formal vote of confidence in their pastor's calling and ability is a gesture that can provide spiritual strength for a long time.

2. Provide Recharge Time: Have the church board set aside two to three weeks each year for the laity to cover church responsibilities — this is biblical and healthy for the congregation. This time is not a vacation. This should be a time where the pastor can catch up on interrupted reading, prayer and planning for the forthcoming year. Both the church and the pastor will benefit from leadership that is prayerfully planned out instead of spending the bulk of the year flying by the seat of their spiritual pants.

1. Do What You Volunteered to Do: Please, I beg of you. The best thing you can do is just follow through on the ministry God has led you to do in your faith community. One of the best affirmations a pastor can have is when the people they are leading are actively engaged in ministry without having to be exhorted, guilted or wrestled into it. To stand on the platform in October and look out over an energetic group of people, using their spiritual gifts with joy and following through on their commitments is simply the best.

Now don't let this list stop you from the usual gifts you may give your pastor each year (I had to put that in there so my colleagues wouldn't sent me hate mail), but consider the items here as deeper gifts that not only impact your pastor — but will also make for a healthier church.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

them feel like throwing in a DVD and letting the church be "Video Pastor's" problem.

# SPIRIT-FILLED JOY GENERATES REVIVAL

**S** ince "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace ..." (Gal.

is love, joy, peace ..." (Gal. 5:22), joy is both an indicator and a vindicator of genuine revival and reformation.

On Pentecost, when our resurrected Jesus became enthroned in heaven's sanctuary, the Holy Spirit came upon praying believers. Life for them became a festival of love, joy and peace. Christ's disciples and their converts "ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people" (Acts 2:46-47). Even when suffering persecution for bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus, their joy was unquenchable (see Acts 5:41).

"The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 13:52). Honestly, does that verse describe our

Martin Weber church's quest for revival and reformation?

Or are we often so wary of emotionalism that we suppress the joy of the Lord — which is our strength in the Spirit?

At this point let's affirm that joyous worship is not a party for hypocrites. All who refuse to repent of sin indulge in their own damnation, even as they fancy themselves as celebrating in the Spirit. It's equally true, however, that nobody who exchanges the world's follies for the riches of Christ's resurrection life needs to fear becoming emotional from the Spirit's love, joy or peace.

Somehow a subdued tone often suffocates our prayers and singing. Many sincere Adventists decry any music with joyful energy as irreverent — even if the lyrics are purely Bible verses. If we thus suppress the joy of the Lord, are we not also quenching the Spirit?

Concern about emotionalism is legitimate and necessary if a celebrating congregation forgets why God has made them glad. But has unbridled caution about emotionalism make some churches celibate of the Spirit? In such a barren and unfruitful context, how could a church ever reproduce as the early believers did? Thousands of their Jerusalem neighbors responded to their vibrant witness to the resurrected Lord.

For us as well, the joy of the Lord is our strength in evangelism. Without it, can we expect true revival and reformation to transform our congregations and awaken our communities?

Joy in the Spirit is not a questionable amusement; it's an indispensible source of spiritual power: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Rom. 15:13). So if we lack joy, we also lack power — no matter how earnest and unceasing our intercessions. Joy, hope and peace are essential ingredients of any revival and reformation capable of transforming God's final remnant into the image of their resurrected Lord.

And joy isn't something we can scold or scare ourselves into experiencing. That's like somebody cloistered in a basement apartment frantically claiming promises for a suntan — a transformation only possible when basking in the sunlight.

Zealous spirituality without joy is like a neutered tomcat determined to be fruitful and multiply. Don't expect kittens, no matter how earnest and enduring his vain pursuit of new birth. Even more pitiful (and



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equally doomed to failure) is a church attempting to love the Lord with hearts cut off from joy. Fear and uncertainty rule.

Some of us seem afraid that emotion in worship must lead us astray. But really - do we Adventists tragically lose many of our children because our churches have descended into emotionalism? Do our teens complain, "The joy I'm experiencing at church is so intense I can't stand it anymore. I'm leaving!"?

That said, I acknowledge once again the possibility of letting our hearts run ahead of our heads. People more interested in being happy than in cherishing Bible truth often slip into emotionalism. They try to recreate God into their own image rather than submit themselves to be conformed into His likeness. Such is self-worship, refusing to love the Lord with all their hearts as well as their minds.

Jesus warned the woman at the well that true worship involves both Spirit and truth. Without truth, emotionalism leads us astray. But without the Spirit of love, joy and peace, churches become hospices

instead of maternity wards.

The prodigal son's older brother resisted the festivities of his Father's homecoming celebration for an undeserving brother. Likewise the Pharisees tried to stop the emotional shouts of "hosanna" at Christ's triumphant procession. They no doubt meant well in quenching the Spirit of joy by turning down the volume of hosanna music. But nothing could stop Christ's parade of joyous grace — then or now.

So let the word go forth from this time and place that the joy of the Lord is our strength in the Spirit. This generates genuine revival and reformation.

Martin Weber, Adventist product manager at Logos Bible Software

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# DISTRACTION

"You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks." - WINSTON CHURCHILL

t's late in the evening, and my attention is wavering. The possibilities lurking on my computer screen are legion. The latest, breaking news continuously pulls my eyes from the task at hand. Sensational tidbits appear infinitely more interesting

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than what I originally set out to do: "Drone Transports Newborn Baby to Hospital"... "Russia Threatens World War III" ... "Britney Spears Shaves Head Again." In the twinkling of an eve I am sucked into the latest fluff on the World Wide Web. Twenty minutes later, I awake from my digital daze and realize with chagrin how far I have wandered.

Every day my to-do list is assailed by a thousand beckoning side trips — phone calls, emails, texts. Some are indeed essen-

tial to my

task, others

important for

Steve Vistaunet

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To be sure, life is not all about drudge and duty. The old prose is right: "Not all who wander are lost." Sometimes unplanned explorations reap a bounty of jeweled memories not to be found along the beaten path. Perhaps God-ordained "distractions" are now and again introduced to help reorient our bullheaded journeys with divinely-inspired course-corrections.

Yet I admire the example of Nehemiah, who carried out the mission to rebuild Jerusalem with single-minded urgency. He refused to become entangled in a politically correct discussion with Sanballat the Samaritan, saving simply, "I am doing a great work and cannot come down." Dallying in debate would have proved the ruin of all Nehemiah had been tasked to do.

The same may be true of your God-given mission, with these words of encouragement attributed to H.M.S. Richards: "So surely as God has given you a work to do, Satan will try to hinder you ... . Keep about your work. Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop

to stone the devil's dogs; do not fool away your time chasing the devil's rabbits. Do your work. Let liars lie, let sectarians quarrel, let corporations resolve, let editors publish, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you."

This counsel is not an endorsement of the narrow-minded, bigoted agendas of folks who have always been among us. Ellen White lamented the "stubborn, self-confident spirit" of gospel workers who refuse to respect the buffering influence and counsel of colleagues.

However, these words do call us to shake ourselves loose, not only from the Sanballats and barking dogs in our midst, but also the digital distractions that imperceptibly steal the minutes and hours of our days.

They call us back to the Word, the source of our mission, the lamp for our feet and light to our path.

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