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*A* happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

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## NORTHWEST GROUPS GARNER SIX COMMUNICATION AWARDS

The North Pacific Union Conference *GLEANER* received two Best in Class awards during the 2013 Society of Adventist Communicators convention held Oct. 24–26 in Salt Lake City, Utah. These awards, selected by peer review from all entries submitted across North America, gave special recognition to the weekly *GleanerNOW!* as best electronic newsletter. They also selected the September 2012 issue of the *GLEANER* featuring the interview with Wayne Blakely, “A Question of Identity,” as the best magazine feature, with that issue’s cover gaining an Honorable Mention. Walla Walla University’s *Westwind* magazine and *The Collegian* student newspaper also won Best in Class awards, as did KEEH Positive Life Radio 104.9 FM for its *Truth* audio spots.



## ADVENTIST ELECTED NATIONAL NATIVE LEADER

Brian Cladoosby was elected Oct. 17 as the first Seventh-day Adventist president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Cladoosby is an elder in the Ferndale, Wash., district and a member of the Lummi Adventist Company.

Cladoosby is now the 21st elected president of the NCAI and the first person from his tribe to head up the organization. He has served as the chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate — the official governing body of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community — since 1985. In 2012 he was the top honoree for Ecotrust’s Indigenous Leadership Award.

“[God] chooses leaders,” says Cladoosby. “I’m a firm believer in that. I give Him the credit for allowing me to have an opportunity to do this.”

*Jesse Sacdalan, Ferndale, Everson and Lummi District pastor*

## Letters

### WE NEED MORE GRACE

I read, with great interest, the article on GraceLink (“Introducing the New Grace-Link,” October 2013). Using the Internet to reach folks is a great idea. To reach children is very important in any way possible. Focusing on grace is fabulous. The more we hear about that, the better, in my opinion. Leading folks to the foot of the cross is what we all should focus on.

I do have an issue with one part of the article, however, because of my history with the Adventist Church. I cannot remember anyone talking to me about relationship — Sabbath School, school, home or church. So, when the article says things like “leading our children to the foot of the cross and helping them become lifelong Adventists,” the hair on the back of my neck stands up. In my study now, I assume that it won’t be “Adventists” that are saved, just like it won’t be “Catholics” who are lost. It is an individual walk with God — a personal relationship that will be the key. I would guess that there are going to be many Adventists on “Resurrection Morning” who will hear “I never knew you” from Jesus. What a terrible disappointment that will be — after paying so much attention to the “details” of salvation to be among the lost! I would hope that the true objective of this site is to foster relationships with our Savior — not any particular denomination.

*Ranell Machado, Chiloquin, Ore.*



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# He's More Than a Brand

The clues were all there, written down for everyone to read. But time had obscured their meaning. Like accumulated layers of sediment, expectations had built up that no longer resembled the original inscription. But the people were ready. When the time came for all to be fulfilled, they were ready. They just weren't ready for ... Him.

Scripture says simply that "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came unto His own, and His own did not receive Him" (John 1:10, 11).

Perhaps we still don't.

We like the brand, the image of a rebel against the religious stagnancy of His day. We enjoy the sound of a gospel message of good news. We resonate to the tender image of the babe in a manger, of a shepherd searching for his sheep, of a Savior calming the storm. We pick Christ off the shelf like a box of laundry detergent or pair of pants. We choose Him because of the brand.

Branding can be helpful. Grocery shopping is a cinch as you cruise down the aisle, pulling a box or container off the shelf by the familiar appearance. But what if it were not so? What if you were to open a package of chocolate chip cookies only to discover dog treats inside? To find salt labeled as sugar? Unless the cover correctly prefaces the ingredients, disappointment is inevitable.

What if we've designed a cover for Jesus that is not at all like Him?

Before Jesus came 2,000 years ago, His people had already determined what He would be like. They were ready for an all-out marketing campaign. But when they discovered Jesus the Man was not what they had expected as Jesus the Messiah, they turned away, back to the brand they had built up in their own minds.

Some of us have done the same.

During this Christmas season, let's reflect on the reality of our Savior and the truth of His character. Let's open His Word and rediscover firsthand what He has to say about the past, present and future. Jesus is more than a brand name on a box. He's more than a squeaky-clean exterior. While we're enamored with the outside, He's reading our hearts.

And that's why He came to an unwelcoming world. He saw our hearts. He knew our need. He reached out in love.

We wish for each *GLEANER* reader this year a new and rich experience with the real Prince of Peace. He's more, much more, than just a brand.

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*Jesus is more than a brand name on a box. He's more than a squeaky-clean exterior. While we're enamored with the outside, He's reading our hearts.*



# What Was He Thinking

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Recently I wondered what Jesus' final thoughts may have been during that last hour before He left heaven to come here. Jesus is about to exchange His divine life for one like ours. He's about to become one of us so He can die and we can live.

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## BEFORE STEPPING FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH

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*There is  
nothing  
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know, yet  
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nothing.*

Consider the implications. He is God, Creator of the universe, the self-existing One. There is nothing He doesn't know, yet soon He will know nothing. In less than an hour, Jesus will give up His spectacular heavenly body forever. Soon He will be "God with us" in an amazing way — a fetus in the tummy of a Jewish peasant girl, likely a teenager.

He knows He won't be a Tom Cruise or a Brad Pitt. But at this moment He makes those guys look pretty blah. He is still the fairest of ten thousand, the most striking Being in existence. Here's what Jesus looked like when He appeared to John,

His last surviving disciple:

"His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And His eyes were bright like flames of fire. His feet were as bright as bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice thundered like mighty ocean waves ... And His face was as bright as the sun in all its brilliance" (Revelation 1:14-16).

Keep in mind that this spectacular Being won't "consider equality with God something to be grasped, but will make Himself nothing ... and become obedient to death — even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

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## What Was

The Bible makes clear that once Jesus gets here, He will be quite plain, having “no beauty that we should desire Him.” It will be quite a comedown once His heavenly body is gone, and He will never get it back. You see, God didn’t just loan His Son to the human race, He gave Him to us.

For a few more minutes, Jesus is omnipotent. He can still speak worlds and galaxies into existence. “All things were made by him,” the Bible says. But saving, not creating, is His focus now. He who made everything is just moments away from setting aside His incomprehensible power for a stunning nine-month blackout.

During the next step in the rescue operation of the ages, He will be unconscious in Mary’s womb. It will be a dramatic difference for a Being who at the moment can “fill the whole universe” with His presence. Many scholars believe He won’t even know who He is for the first twelve years after He gets here.

For the moment, however, He’s still omniscient, with the most magnificent mind in the universe. If He chooses, He can launch His awesome intellect forward



# He Thinking!

a hundred million — or a hundred billion — years to consider beings He will one day create. Just now, perhaps He is only gazing thirty-one years ahead as He calls out Peter, James, John, Judas. ... Why in the world will Jesus reach out to Judas? That's the sociopath who will betray Him.

Perhaps it will also be an attempt to reach you and me who may have some of the same tendencies.

Even a year from now He will only have the mind of a cooing, drooling baby needing His diaper changed. A baby born in a barn!

When He is twelve He will understand who He is for the first time and why He's here. But His memories of heaven will remain hidden from Him. In heaven, He's been the center of attention, adored by His Father, worshipped by angels. But soon He will be the focus mainly of His impoverished parents, some shepherds, a few wise men, and of the demons He once created as angels, who will be trying to kill Him throughout His earthly life.

He's the Son of God, but soon He'll become the Son of man. Like us, He will be subject to headaches, colds, the flu, and worse. Far worse! Far worse, of course, will include His ghastly second death, separated from God

the Father while on the cross so that you and I need never know that horror. That's what hell is really all about — eternal separation from God. Who in his right mind would choose that?

As the countdown continues, He sees His life's closing scenes spiraling downward into the six hours of hell He'll endure nailed to a cross. There He'll hang and bleed until His heart breaks and He plunges into darkness.

Jesus sees it all clearly, but He'll leave anyway. He has to. Because, you see, He is God — and God is love. Which means He won't give us up even if it costs Him His life — and it will. Besides, He's known from eternity this moment was coming. After all, He's the Lamb of God "slain from the foundation of the world."

Now the hour is up. Perhaps there's a last embrace with His Father (they've never been apart before) and Jesus steps through the door and makes Himself nothing (Philippians 2:7) so we can have everything. Neither heaven or earth will ever be the same again.

Nor will you or I, if we open our hearts to Him.

*Excerpted from Mike Jones' book, Snakebit: We're All Snakebit, now available at Amazon.com*



*He who made everything is just moments away from setting aside His incomprehensible power for a stunning nine-month blackout.*

# ACCION

## Washington en Marcha

*Reporte de la Obra Hispana en la Conferencia de Washington*

**A**lgo grande está pasando en esta conferencia; ya comenzamos a disfrutar de los frutos del gran programa de evangelismo que se puso en marcha desde el primero de enero del 2013.

Setenta evangelistas laicos y 140 instructores bíblicos fueron preparados, capacitados y luego enviados a predicar en todo el territorio de esta Conferencia de Washington.

Las fechas de las primeras 70 campañas fueron desde marzo a mayo del 2013.

En el Distrito Centro-Norte que tengo el privilegio de pastorear tuvimos 12 campañas con los evangelistas locales,

y hasta el momento hemos bautizado más de 23 personas como fruto de esas campañas.

La segunda ronda será desde septiembre a noviembre, y esperamos bautizar al finalizar otras 30 almas más para Cristo.

En esta segunda parte estamos esperando nuevamente 12 campañas evangelísticas laicas y no dudamos que gloriosos serán los resultados.

Todo ha sido una linda experiencia, el ver a los evangelistas e instructores bíblicos locales de cada iglesia o grupos unidos haciendo las campañas en las diferentes casas, garajes y patios, en algunos casos incluso en salones



Juan Abrego (tercero del lado derecho) se bautizó en el 2012 y en el 2013 trajo a toda su familia a los pies de Cristo.

comunitarios predicando el evangelio de la pronta venida de Cristo Jesús.

Quiero compartir el testimonio de uno de los instructores bíblicos más nuevo al equipo, del grupo misionero número cinco de la Iglesia de Everett. Su nombre es Juan Abrego; él fue bautizado hace un año atrás en el 2012 en la campaña de Alejandro Bullón en Everett. Él se propuso que sería un misionero para Cristo, y fue a recibir las instrucciones y la capacitación para ser un obrero bíblico voluntario, se propuso

un blanco y era ganar a toda su familia para Cristo.

Hoy gracias a su trabajo toda su familia se bautizó y pertenecen a la iglesia; además nueve nuevos miembros de su grupo ya se unieron a la iglesia por medio del bautismo. Hoy Abrego sigue trabajando y ahora tiene un nuevo blanco para el mes de noviembre él quiere bautizar otros nueve más para Cristo. Alabamos a Dios por estas victorias.

*Gregorio Toruño, Conferencia de Washington director del programa de evangelismo*

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## Sitka Sends Missionaries to Hoonah

The village of Hoonah, a Tlingit community of 785 on Chichagof Island, has no Adventist church, and Merry Ann Hall, a Sitka Church member with a strong burden and much experience in literature evangelism, felt impressed to do something about it.

Recently Hall felt God directing her to expand her ministry to Hoonah. Joyce Robertson, who has helped Hall with the distribution of *The Desire of Ages* in Sitka, made plans to join her. When Mary Baer expressed an interest in helping, the group was complete.

By 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 14, the “missionaries” were on a small plane enjoying 45 minutes of breathtaking Alaska scenery en



Sitka members head to the community of Hoonah to distribute literature.

route to Hoonah.

The residents of Hoonah greeted their visitors with encouraging smiles and waves. Robertson says that “the bless-

ing flowed both ways.”

The three missionaries returned to Sitka that evening after leaving packets containing *The Desire of Ages*, Amazing

Facts’ *Hidden Truths Magazine* and a Discover Bible School enrollment card in 300 homes. They were tired but felt blessed to help spread the good news of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Savior.

Baer, not yet a baptized Adventist, has expressed interest in following up with the contacts in Hoonah. Plans are already being made for a return trip. Sitka Church asks for prayers for God’s children in Hoonah. Members praise God for His leading and for the willingness of His people to spread the gospel even in the remote villages of Alaska.

*Judy Evenson, Juneau and Sitka churches communication leader*

## Juneau Reaches Out to Samoan Community

The Juneau Church has been a multicultural church for quite some time, and the church family has recently grown again as the Samoan members of the Juneau Church reached their own community with meetings designed for Samoans.

Oliva Safotu, Oregon Conference pastor, spoke for the event. Safotu combined solid biblical principles and humor to communicate the message each evening.

Each evening featured music, a message and a sit-down fellowship dinner. Safotu, also quite a musician, delighted the group every evening by playing

piano along with Lui Iputi on guitar.

Other church members also attended the meetings faithfully even though they couldn’t understand the language.

Within the Samoan community are strong ties to Mormonism. In the islands, the two largest church communities are the Latter-day Saints (Mormons) and Seventh-day Adventists.

The faiths share family ties. As families reached out to their relatives there were struggles, even within the same family.

The Juneau members praise God that 14 individuals gave their hearts to the Lord and

joined the Adventist Church. More baptisms are expected.

When you come to the Juneau Church you can be assured there is something for everyone. From Sabbath School programs, lesson study and church services to fellowship meals, Sabbath afternoon Bible studies and evening youth meetings, you really can be at church all day and have a wonderful time with the family of God and enjoy a little taste of heaven.

*Steve Evenson, Juneau/Sitka District pastor*



# Kuna Kids Reach Beyond Children's Story

Children's ministries at the Kuna (Idaho) Church is literally in the children's hands as they don headsets and operate the cameras that provide live streaming video of each Sabbath's worship service.

While the children's story remains a staple at Kuna Church, some of the children are becoming the story themselves as they serve the Lord and have fun doing it. "It feels good to do this for the church," says Carter Griggs, 9.

The spiritual development of children has always been a core value at the Kuna Church, as members look for ways to engage young people. But even the pastor was caught by surprise the first Sabbath morning he looked up to see someone under 4-foot-tall running the camera.

"I love doing it," says 11-year-old Ben Johnson. "I saw the camera I run empty for two weeks in a row. I thought, 'That's something I could do.' So



**Ben Johnson offered to help as a camera operator during church service.**

I offered to help"

The Kuna Church launched its own live streaming "Kuna Cast" ministry in 2011 as an outgrowth of its Community Conversations evangelism programming. Today Kuna's online ministry includes viewers from as far away as Australia. The ministry's crew chief is 21-year-old Joshua Fieldstad. Michael Whitson, 16, does everything from switch operator to graphics and sound mixing.

The church had three cameras, and some Sabbaths they didn't have enough adult camera operators, so they left one or two in a fixed position. The kids weren't having it. They've stepped up and are doing a fine job. The church family is proud of what these children are doing.

"I feel like I'm helping spread God's Word," says Emma Carrick, 10. "I hope Jesus is proud of me."

Emma's brother, Vincent, says, "Even though I'm 9, I can still do the things God wants me to do. I think Jesus is glad that I'm helping"

Eight-year-old Jocelyn Yeager enjoys running PowerPoint slides for the online viewers. "I love being part of the service," she says.

Sean Carrick, Emma's and Vincent's father and a camera operator, says, "If kids are involved and stay involved, they are more likely to stay in the church when they are older"

Ellen White once wrote, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!" (*Education*, p. 271). At Kuna Church, this training is clearly in focus.

*Randy Maxwell, Kuna Church pastor*



The "Kuna Cast" kids provide multimedia support in Idaho's Kuna Church.



By operating the camera during church service, Emma Carrick helps spread God's Word.

# Montana Conference Convocation Sabbath

Church members from throughout the state of Montana attended the Conference Convocation Sabbath, held at the Great Falls Church on Oct. 5 to emphasize the need for reclamation ministries that reach out to the former and inactive members.

Paul Richardson, North American Division reclamation ministries director, presented statistics that show many former or inactive members are in our communities and needing to be reached by our churches in loving and thoughtful ways. He described four personality types that

respond to and relate in particular ways to the world around them and discussed how to reach them.

Richardson further described nine habits of effective church reclamation ministry to those who have slipped away from our midst. These habits include aspects such as effective greeting at the church doors on Sabbath morning and the importance of that first, fleeting impression that either welcomes or turns away.

The importance of listening well to the stories of those disillusioned or questioning

their past experience of faith is a key skill to be developed within our church membership. Being intentional about establishing relationships with others and having a relaxed, kind and accepting presence was also encouraged.

An awareness of the importance of reaching out to those who have slipped away was achieved as a result of being together. We pray that the flame of love and a desire to reclaim others will continue to grow throughout our constituency.

*Barry Taylor, Montana Conference church ministries director*



BARRY TAYLOR

Paul Richardson, North American Division reclamation ministries director, shares how to reach those who have left the Adventist Church.

# Montana Men Blessed by Annual Summit

The 11th annual Montana Men's Summit, held Sept. 27-29, blessed and strengthened the many men who attended. Speaker Dick Duerksen recounted the story of Barnabas and the lessons taught by his life and his relationship with John Mark and Paul. He explored what it means to be a polished arrow in God's quiver (Isaiah 49:2) and challenged the men to follow the instruction found in Colossians 3 and reap the blessings that result.

Men were inspired by the stories of how God is reaching out to people all over the world through miraculous manifestations of His love and power, and they were reminded of what He

wants to accomplish in their lives.

Enthusiastic singing was accompanied by four or five guitars, an autoharp, a recorder and a keyboard. Each song service featured a solo or duet, and the men learned a theme song composed for the event.

**Dick Duerksen shares God's Word during the Montana Men's Summit.**



LEO BEARDSLEY

The accommodations provided by Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman worked very well. The food was excellent, and the ski lodge provided an ideal setting to remind all of their loving Creator.

Those who attended experienced a powerful and inspiring weekend. Wonderful, supportive fellowship is always a hallmark of this event. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all, and the men are already anticipating the next summit, scheduled for the last weekend in September 2014.

*Leo Beardsley, Havre Church communication leader*



BARRY TAYLOR

Many men enjoy a blessing during the 11th annual Montana Men's Summit.

# Portland Church Creates Waterless Garden

**W**hat does a church do when it owns nearly an acre of land behind the church? At Your Bible Speaks Church (YBS) in Portland, Ore., where Louis Turner Jr. is the senior pastor, that question was up for debate.

Recently the members of YBS decided to grow a waterless garden on the land. Its arrival was welcomed by previously skeptical church members, and the garden was readily embraced by an onlooking, unchurched community as well.

According to Jean Ewell, YBS community services director, the request to plant a garden at the church was first made to the board several years ago as a way to meet the needs of the YBS community. Some of the common objections to the idea of planting a garden were the intensive labor required to till and prepare the soil, and there were costs associated with watering the plants.

These objections stood in the way until Tom Hall, local elder and farmer, arrived at YBS and found a solution at the website [backtoedenfilm.com](http://backtoedenfilm.com). There he learned about Paul Gautschi and his waterless garden in Sequim, Wash. Hall thought that, if the waterless garden worked for Gautschi, it might also work for YBS.

Hall proposed a waterless garden to a skeptical church board, which reluctantly gave approval. Hall formed a gardening subcommittee as a part of the church's community services. In early 2013, Hall

contacted tree servicing companies and got them to dump wood chips on the back lot at no cost. Then the gardening committee spread 40-pound craft paper on the ground and topped it with mulch to provide a nutrient-rich covering for seeds and to hold much-needed moisture.

Skeptics of the garden became believers as they tasted the harvest. Rain that fell on the garden during the spring provided sufficient water to keep the garden growing during the relatively dry summer months.

When the garden was first started, neighbors asked what the church was doing. People are amazed at how the garden grows without topical water application. One woman, attracted to the garden, said she would visit the church during the Sabbath services.

As members of the gardening committee worked in the garden one Sunday, a woman came by and said that she was from New York. She said she had heard about the garden by word of mouth and came to see the waterless garden for herself.

As YBS members testify to their community of God's goodness to them, they will continue to rely upon the Lord to provide a bountiful harvest of souls, a direct result of their utilization of the waterless garden that God has given to them.

*Mike Bishop, Your Bible Speaks Church elder*



The waterless garden's harvest is displayed by the Your Bible Speaks Church gardening committee, including (from left) Edward Muliro, JoYvonne Shaw, Jan Bishop, Flora Lewis, Tom Hall and Pattric Parris.



The sign posted in front of the Your Bible Speaks Church waterless garden explains about the project.



(From left) Edward Muliro, Your Bible Speaks Church pastor Louis Turner Jr. and Tom Hall put up a sign explaining the church's waterless garden.

# Three Sisters School Hosts Bike Rodeo

**O**n a blustery September morning, excited students wrangled their bikes to the first Three Sisters Adventist Christian School (TSACS) Bike Rodeo in Bend. In response to the North American Division's Shape Up Day, held Sept. 22, Ruth Anderson, TSACS home and school leader, coordinated the event for all community kids and their parents.

Rodeo participants completed a rotation through four stations to test their agility, balance, knowledge of correct safety procedures and determination. Station One inspected all bikes to see that they met current bike safety requirements. After passing the safety inspection, rodeo

participants rode to Station Two, where bikes were correctly fit for height and helmets properly adjusted.

Moving on to Station Three, bikers learned the rules of the road and had fun practicing hand turn signals. At Station Four, bikers were able to test their skills on a variety of fun and challenging obstacles to test stopping distance, aim and accuracy. Bikers got off-road action with a technical timed obstacle course — complete with balance beams, jumps, rocks, hills and thrills.

Travis Littman, a trauma surgeon at Riverbend Hospital in Springfield, Ore., gave a bike safety talk. After watch-



Students from Three Sisters Adventist Christian School participates in a Bike Rodeo in response to the North American Division's Shape Up Day.

ing Littman demonstrate what happens to a watermelon both with and without a bike helmet, the safety lesson hit home.

The festivities ended with a ceremony to reward bikers who excelled in various categories with prizes ranging from water bottles to gift cards for local bike shops. In all, thanks to the tireless efforts of Ruth Anderson and plenty of hearty volunteers, the first TSACS Bike Rodeo was a success.

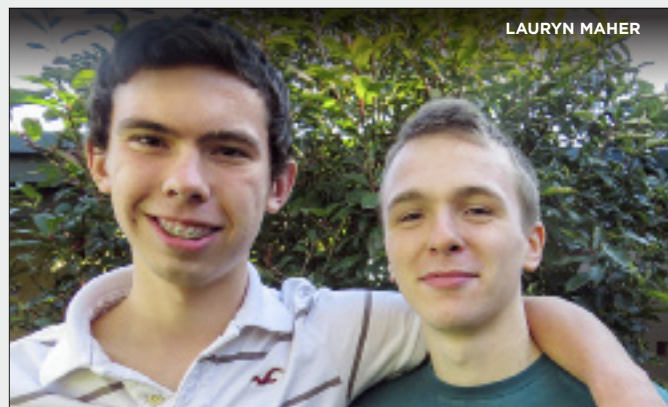
*Shelly Griffin, Three Sisters Adventist Christian School parent*

# NMSC Honors Two PAA Students

**P**ortland Adventist Academy (PAA) seniors Will Johnson and Keith Zimmerman were named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for scoring in the top 3 percent on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

More than 1.5 million students took the PSAT last year. Only 34,000 students scored in the top 3 percent and were named Commended Students by the NMSC.

The PSAT not only qualifies students for the National Merit Scholar Competition, but it also serves as a practice



Will Johnson and Keith Zimmerman were named Commended Students by the NMSC for scoring in the top 3 percent on the PSAT.

test for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which many colleges and universities use as an entrance exam.

In an all-school assembly,

Dan Nicola, PAA principal, recognized Johnson and Zimmerman for their commendations by the NMSC. "It's rare for schools to have students

reach this level of academic excellence," said Nicola in his presentation.

Academic achievements like these are a positive reflection of Adventist education. "These students represent a valuable national resource," says Michelle Cicirello, NMSC executive director. "Recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."

*Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent*

# Riverside Christian School Hosts 24th Annual Apple Festival

The 24th annual Riverside Christian School Apple Festival was held in Washougal, Wash., on Oct. 13. Church members and school families volunteered for weeks to prepare for the largest school fundraiser of the year.

More than 1,000 people enjoyed food, sweet treats and checking out 26 local vendors. Fun activities for kids included pony rides, a jumpy slide, cake walks, confetti eggs and pie-eating contests.

Among the best-known attractions of the Apple Festival are the apple pies and dumplings. Church and school members made 950 dumplings and 350 pies by hand. The



dumplings sold out, and only 16 pies were left at the end of the day.

The event is the biggest fundraiser and outreach of the year for Riverside Christian

School. The money raised will go toward many projects during the year, including a new school sign and sports equipment.

As part of the community

service outreach program, students visited local businesses and handed out 150 posters advertising the upcoming Apple Festival. They followed up by distributing pies to the sponsors as a thank you.

“This event is amazing. The coming together of the church and school families in a community-impacting event is inspiring,” says Heidi Kruger, Riverside Christian School principal. “The Lord truly blessed the efforts of many to reach out in a fun and tangible way to our community and for our school.”

*Julie Natiuk, Riverside Christian School home and school leader*

# Grants Pass Pathfinders Attend Oregon Camporee

Five staff and 17 Pathfinders from the Grants Pass Pathfinder Club joined more than 850 other Pathfinders and staff for the 2013 Oregon Pathfinder Camporee, themed “Calling on Jesus” and held Sept. 13–15 at Cove Palisades State Park, north of Redmond.

The program included early morning flag-raising, camp inspections, and worships by Robert Hogan, who captivated his young audience with exciting stories of God’s protection.

A representative from the High Desert Museum in Bend brought two owls and a raven for kids to see up close. One

Grants Pass Pathfinder, Allen Foster, learned all the memory verses and knots offered for the weekend, including the difficult eye splice knot.

Pathfinders practiced teamwork and leadership skills as they worked in units to pitch tents, get ready for inspection and decide who would ride in which vehicles on the trip home.

Sabbath afternoon the Grants Pass group hiked in Smith Rock State Park. Afterward, the Pathfinders enjoyed a nice veggie hot dog supper waiting at camp when they got back.

Sunday morning raindrops inspired the group to pack in a hurry before enjoying games and lunch. On the way home, some of the Pathfinders worked on the camp safety honor.

Also this fall, the Grants Pass club did 10-mile bike rides

and a 50-mile Bike-a-Thon fundraiser for their trip next August to the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

*Melissa Derfler, Grants Pass Church Pathfinder director*

**Pathfinders Grace, Cambria, Taylor and Tessa enjoy friendship and fun.**





# 'Global Warming' Hits CAA Campus

Just as the days are shortening, the clouds graying and the leaves changing color, change has also hit Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) in Battle Ground, Wash., as three of the school's four new instructors have come from the "sunbelt states" of Arizona, Florida and Texas.

After 21 years as an English teacher at CAA, Virlyns Moller

Former chaplain and headmaster Matthew Butte left CAA after 17 years to be part of the Oregon Conference education department. The chaplain position has been filled by Andrew Perrin, whose wife, Jaci, was also a chaplain before becoming a full-time mommy to their 8-month-old daughter, Isla. Also a sun-drenched teacher, Perrin has

been teaching theology and religion at Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Fla., for the last three years. He brings with him a love for "all things outdoors," photography and music.

retired. The new English teacher, Stacy Knight, with her husband, Scott, and their 1-year-old daughter, Alana, moved to the liquid sun of the Northwest from the plasma sun of Arizona, where she taught at Holbrook Indian School. Knight spent the summer moving, taking workshops and getting settled into her new classroom. She enjoys reading, traveling and photography and says she is looking forward to "getting to know her students and not being the 'new teacher' on campus."

The new principal, Gerald Coy, is no stranger to CAA, as he graduated there 52 years ago. He chose to come out of retirement to share his best friend, Jesus, with the students and staff. He is readily identified "in the field" by his Texas Stetson and cowboy boots. That may have something to do with his sunny Texas residence of late. This distinct apparel is quickly removed, though, when he gets down to his hobby of rebuilding his '60 Chevy Corvair.

CAA's other "New-bie" is Jeremy New, married to Yulia, a local with minimum sun exposure. In addition to teaching English Language Learners (ELL) and history at CAA, New enjoys his other job teaching at Washington State University as well as photography, music and art.

The CAA school family is glad that "global warming" has come to CAA and welcomes the warmth each new faculty member brings to the school.

Larry Hiday, CAA GLEANER correspondent



CAA's other "New-bie" is Jeremy New.



CAA's new staff includes (from left) Andrew Perrin, chaplain; Jerry Coy, principal; and Stacy Knight, English instructor.

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# SonBridge Receives Murdock Grant

**R**ecently SonBridge Community Center in College Place, Wash., was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. This will be used to expand the SonBridge facility.

The main goal of SonBridge, created in 2004, is to connect people with resources, to find gaps where there is no resource and to create programs to fill these gaps. One big need, completion of the Education Center for Better Living, will be met with this grant.

In spite of lack of space, there were 3,200 visits to edu-

cational classes during 2012. The classes range in topic from healthy choices and marriage enrichment to financial planning and more.

Many small rooms are used for more than one purpose. The walls have shelves holding the supplies for two different groups to utilize the space. Other rooms are used by community groups who need an office from which to operate. The current classroom space is in use nearly every evening and afternoon.

The Education Center will alleviate the congestion and will contain additional space to hold classes and meetings, which will translate into more people being helped. The new assembly space will include a large hall with folding partitions, so it will be an expandable multipurpose space.

Having many options for meetings is important for a ministry like SonBridge because it is multifaceted and does not just fill one niche. It houses the SOS Medical Clinic, the SonBridge Dental Clinic,

Blue Mountain Television, KLRN Radio, and a large thrift and gift store. They partner with the YWCA, Helpline, Children's Home Society, Red Cross and other agencies. There are more than 18 other nonprofits that partner with SonBridge.

Eight local Adventist churches sponsor SonBridge. In addition to the ministries housed in the building, SonBridge is the Adventist Community Services building for these churches.

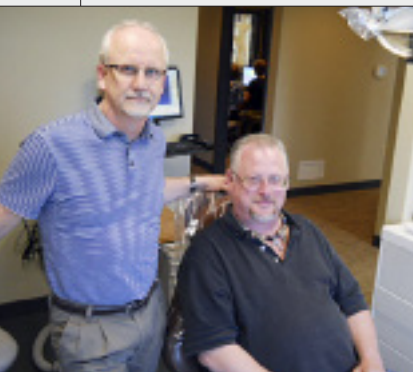
The first phase of construction established a new wing, new parking and a more private waiting room for the medical and dental clinics. It upgraded the thrift store and doubled the parking so there is parking for both clients

and shoppers. The current renovations will incorporate an emergency shelter with kitchen and showers.

The second phase will build the new Educational Center for Better Living. Through all the construction, SonBridge is debt-free, thanks in part to the thrift and gift store's income covering the operating budget.

God's leading has been seen in many ways. Thanks to many volunteers and to organizations who provide funding, SonBridge can continue to expand and fill in the gap for people of the Walla Walla Valley.

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication department administrative assistant*



The first patient to the SonBridge dental clinic visits with the dentist, Ronald Will.

## Pintos Awarded Doctorate

**W**alter Pintos, Upper Columbia Conference's Hispanic ministries coordinator, recently received his doctorate in ministry from Andrews University. His dissertation, which focuses on mobilizing and equipping lay people, is currently being edited for publication.



One wall in the new waiting area for the medical and dental clinic at SonBridge is set aside for a children's play area.

# Outreach Draws Man from Darkness to Light

**W**hen Steve Rogers, Upper Columbia Conference outreach coordinator instructor, reviews his monthly reports they are anything but boring. Rogers says, "I enjoy reading the reports from our churches, especially when I hear about stories like Ben's."\*

One of the Upper Columbia Conference outreach coordinators met Ben about a year ago. He'd lost his marriage, his self-esteem, his sense of self-worth and his direction due to addiction. He needed a change and began Bible studies. The more he studied, the more Ben wanted to give up his addictions to prescription narcotics and tobacco. What a joy it was to see God work in Ben's life and empower him to quit both.

As Ben gained victory over his addiction, his outlook on life began to change. He had hope. He began to focus less on past mistakes and more on being a new creature in Christ.

At first Ben would sneak into church, sit in the back pew, then leave after the sermon before anyone had a chance to talk with him. Ben said he'd like to get baptized someday but he wasn't ready yet. That's when God really began to work.

One week, the church custodian announced he was moving. The church leadership discussed finding someone to take his place. That same week during Bible study, Ben said, "If you hear of any part-time jobs that come available, let me know. I'm looking for more income."

The outreach coordinator told Ben about the janitorial opening. Ben got the job, which enabled him to increase his income plus interact with pastoral staff and gain spiritual support.

One morning while working at the church, Ben rushed in and said he had to go. His daughter needed his help. Historically she'd viewed him as the enemy and pushed him away. The church staff prayed that God would change his daughter's heart and make her willing to be helped.

Later that afternoon Ben called and said his daughter responded like never before. She was open to his help and suggestions and agreed to seek treatment. "This is absolutely a miracle" said Ben. "I believe in the power of prayer. I am ready to get baptized."

The outreach coordinator wrote, "Praise God that He changes lives! He meets us where we are, reaches down, takes our hand and leads us on a journey of transformation, a journey out of darkness into His marvelous light."

**\*Ben is a pseudonym, but he's a very real person. How many Bens are within your sphere of influence?**

*Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication department administrative assistant*



MIKKO LEMOLA

Ben is any person who needs the human touch of friendship to see God's miracles.

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## Upper Columbia Academy Dining Commons Nears Completion

The new dining commons at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., is nearly complete. The project, which broke ground Oct. 3, 2012, is the result of generous hearts and hands.

“Well over \$100,000 worth of labor has been donated by dedicated volunteers to get us to where we are today,” explains John Winslow, UCA principal. Skills in masonry, painting and other construction areas were donated, and some craftsmen even lived on campus for weeks to share their talents.

That volunteer spirit was recently exhibited again when Upper Columbia Conference staff spent a day landscaping around the new building.

The facility will provide a center for students’ physical nourishment, a place for their fellowship and emotional growth, and facilities for camp meeting and other conference events. The academy anticipates moving into the building by mid-December.

Though the dining commons is nearly complete, the academy still needs about \$1.5 million to cover construction costs and additional funds to furnish the facility. Those interested in this project may contact the academy at 509-245-3600.

*Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director*



Work bee volunteers help landscape around the new dining commons at Upper Columbia Academy.

## WWU Church Hosts The Longest Table

Again this year the Walla Walla University Church welcomed incoming Walla Walla University students at The Longest Table on the first Sabbath of the school year, Oct. 5.

Church members set up 180 tables on Fourth Street, from College Avenue to Davis Avenue — 1,440 feet of tables. Each table, covered in white tablecloths, seated eight for Sabbath dinner.

Church members had preselected tables, some taking three or four, others taking only one, and had planned complete sit-down Sabbath

dinners for their guests. Hosts decorated tables and provided food — some ethnic, some traditional, but all in abundance. Hosts planned for leftovers to send home with students after the meal.

Because the University Church exists to serve the students, members hope The Longest Table will bring students quickly into friendships in their new congregation.

*Rosemary Watts, Walla Walla University Church lay advisory leader*

## Richland Walks for Diapers

There’s a dirty little secret in many communities: One in three American families can’t afford diapers for their babies. The Richland (Wash.) Church knows this little secret, and this fall they held a Stroller-Thon to raise awareness.

Richland Church members have staffed a diaper bank ministry since January 2011 to help families and single parents, giving away more than 205,000 diapers in 2012 alone.

This fall members decided to do more. The Stroller-Thon Walk centered around a walk where people could walk for diapers while reading diaper need facts along the route.

“I loved what I learned on

the walk,” said one mother, who didn’t know of the need until she took the walk and read the facts.

Members also offered activities for families and children who attended the Stroller-Thon. Many left inspired to try out some of the ideas and activities in their own homes.

“It’s so nice to know we are making a wonderful, positive impact even in ways we did not imagine,” says Renée Martin, Richland Church member.

To learn more about the need for diapers, visit [tricitieddiaperbank.org](http://tricitieddiaperbank.org).

*Jay Wintermeyer, Upper Columbia Conference communication director*

# Washington Education Leaders Prepare for Transition



**Archie Harris will lead the Washington Conference education team starting on Jan. 1, 2014.**

The Washington Conference Office of Education will be transitioning leaders at the end of 2013. Kelly Bock came out of retirement to lead the education team in western

Washington. He is retiring for the second time at the end of 2013.

“Kelly came out of retirement to serve as education leader in Washington Conference and went above and beyond the call of duty in caring for both the vice president for education job as well as serving as interim principal at Auburn Adventist Academy,” says Doug Bing, Washington Conference vice president for administration. “We are very grateful for his service and wish him the best as he retires for the second time.”

Education leadership will continue in 2014 with Archie Harris, who accepted the invitation to become the new vice president for education. Bock

will assist Harris in education leadership on a part-time basis until a new associate superintendent is selected.

Harris is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest. He first joined the Washington Conference team in November 2012 after teaching more than 18 years in Montana Conference. The last six and a half years of his time in Montana he served as director of education, youth, communication and health. He has additional elementary and secondary teaching experience in Upper Columbia Conference.

Washington Conference operates 20 faith-based elementary and high schools with 1,305 students in grades kindergarten through 12 in



**Kelly Bock is retiring for the second time from education leadership.**

addition to 11 early childhood education centers in western Washington.

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*

# PSAA Service Project Supports Hygiene Training

Female students at Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland adopted an international service project three years ago.

Female students at Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland assemble feminine health and hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. These kits are distributed by Days for Girls, a local nonprofit organization that empowers girls through health and hygiene education.

They partner with Days for Girls, a nonprofit organization based in Lynden, to assemble feminine health and hygiene kits for girls in developing countries.

“Most of these PSAA girls have not thought about what a girl their age goes through with feminine hygiene in another part of the world,” says Jill Clay, a PSAA community volunteer who has seen firsthand the need for hygiene training in developing countries. “They are amazed and saddened.”

During the most recent hands-on service day, 35 PSAA female students assembled 400 tote bags and cut out fabric feminine hygiene products to sew. Completed hygiene kits are sent to Africa, India and Haiti, among other locales.

PSAA’s service day aligned with both the International Day of the Girl and Days for Girls’ first 24-hour sew-a-thon.

Clay hopes to start a service chapter to support this cause and to teach applied skills to students in Kirkland. “I hope girls here will value their education even more as they learn about how girls in third-world countries are driven to obtain an education and a better life,” she says.

*Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director*



# Auburn Students Show Christianity in Action

**A**uburn Adventist Academy (AAA) participated in their second annual Community Service Day on Oct. 14. All students and staff helped improve the community with 14 projects at eight locations.

“Service Day gave the students a sense of what a community is,” says Jennifer Woody, AAA co-chaplain and one of the Service Day coordinators. “They recognized ways to serve in their own backyards and saw the importance of giving up their day to serve someone else.”

Students planted trees to enhance the beauty of neighborhoods, volunteered at a



JESSI TURNER

**Auburn’s community service day also involves seventh- and eighth-grade students from Buena Vista Elementary School and Northwest Christian School.**

local library, picked up trash, weeded, painted and cleaned to benefit the community and show Christianity in action.

“We plan a community service day, first and foremost, because Jesus said to ‘go,’” says Tom Decker, AAA principal.

“It was a good day to connect with our community.”

The day of service also involved seventh- and eighth-grade students from Buena Vista Elementary School in Auburn and Northwest Christian School in Puyallup.

Students left the physical appearance of the community looking nice, and they left an impression on the people with their hard work and kindness. Students worked hard to contribute to the local community by coming together as one student body for a day of service.

“Everyone was working together as one to make the community better,” says Joshua Huh, Associated Student Body president. “This day helped us as students to unite and realize the necessity of service.”

*Ashley Choi, Auburn Adventist Academy student*

# Ferndale Shares Water of Life

**E**very Tuesday for two months, Ferndale Church members have distributed 240 water bottles to the corner of Main and Second Street. To date, more than 2,000 bottles of water have been handed out.

Passersby received 16-ounce bottles of filtered water to quench their thirst and cool their bodies. Each water bottle had a GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tract attached with the church’s phone number and address included.

Mark and Melanie Johnson and their daughter, Nerie, along with Ron and Wiljen Camillo, Roger and Jenny Brown, and their children, as well as many others of the church fam-

ily, participated in preparing the water bottles and handing them out.

These Tuesday sharing times — on warm, dry days or cooler fall days — generated excitement and anticipation during the two hours that this work was being done.

“I feel like the water ministry is a great way to help spread God’s Word,” says Roger Brown, Ferndale Church deacon. “Everyone can use a drink of water and read a little something about Jesus.”

“We hope ... handing [out] water bottles in the community here in Ferndale will be a prelude in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ,” says Jesse

Sacdan, Ferndale District pastor. “The church [members] understand that connecting with our community though a mission-minded attitude is a long-term and costly investment. We are hoping handing

[out] water bottles on a street corner may be a nice attention-getting gesture.”

*LeRoy Brown, Ferndale Church elder*

**Ferndale Church members distribute free water bottles in the community with messages about health and God’s love.**



# Kirkland Kernels Adventurer Club Experiences Popping Success



DEBBIE WILLIAMS

Kirkland Kernels love attending Adventurer Family Camp each fall at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson. This retreat invites all families with children ages 4 to 9 to come and learn more about God in nature. The retreat this year focused on teaching children and families how to pray.

**T**he Kirkland Kernels Adventurer Club is starting its fourth year with 35 children and 10 staff. The club meets three times a month from September to May to learn about “My God, My World, My Family and My Self.”

The club participates in the

annual Adventurer Family Camp at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson. Its community service activities include a toy drive, food drive, cleaning a church member’s yard and Praise Time at Madison House, a local retirement home.

The club was started by

Deborah Raymond and Nita Koh in 2010 with the expectation that there would be about 10 members. God blessed the club’s first year with 34 members and 13 staff, making it the largest Adventurer club in the Pacific Northwest. The club had 47 members the second year and 38 the third.

Anyone can start a club like this. A few tips Kirkland staff found helpful include being enthusiastic and drawing in friends and acquaintances who are involved and enthusiastic, as well as enlisting additional volunteers to serve dinner before the meeting to get everyone there on time, ease parent responsibilities and create a more closely knit group.

This group accepts chil-

dren ages 4 to 9, with parent participation. Adventurers is helpful in preparing children for Pathfinders, which begins at age 10.

*Delray Luce, Kirkland Church member*



DEBBIE WILLIAMS

The Kirkland Kernels director, Nita Koh, has a heart for helping children learn about God, their world and their family.

# Lewis County Adds to School Campus

**L**ewis County Adventist School (LCAS) in Chehalis held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 28 to celebrate the completion of the first phase of its new playground.

This school campus was rebuilt from the ground up three years ago. The school met temporarily in the Chehalis Church while the new school facility was built on the same location as the old facility.

LCAS has been adding to its campus facility as funds are available. To purchase the playground equipment, the school held a dinner auction in May with the goal of raising funds



Students at Lewis County Adventist School in Chehalis are excited about their new playground and appreciative of the donors who helped make it happen.

to purchase two swing sets at \$1,800 each.

By the end of the dinner auction, donors contributed more than \$18,000. The school

had multiple donations from local businesses and stores, parents, and church members. These donations allowed the school — with a few additional

summer garage sale fundraisers — to purchase and install the whole first phase of the new playground and ground cover.

David Glenn, Chehalis Church pastor, participated in the playground dedication. “This is a preview of what Heaven will be, where the city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there,” Glenn said. “We are not playing in the streets [here], but the school’s playground will be filled with children playing.”

*Karen Carlton, Lewis County Adventist School principal*

# Nursing Team Leads Vaccination Program in India



BRUCE THORN

In addition to immunizations, WWU nurses provide education about good health habits.

In September, the Walla Walla University School of Nursing organized its fourth mission trip to India to provide vaccinations for children.

Led by nursing faculty Rosemarie Buck Khng, Everly Batuik, Fred Troutman and Karen Tetz, 15 students assisted with the distribution of hepatitis A and B, typhoid, DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis) and meningococcal vaccines to more than 1,000 people at and near two Seventh-day Adventist schools in the states of Assam and Meghalaya in northeast India.

The group visited Irvine School, which has 150 students, and provided vaccines, facilitated church programs, and educated the students in

habits of good hygiene, such as hand washing.

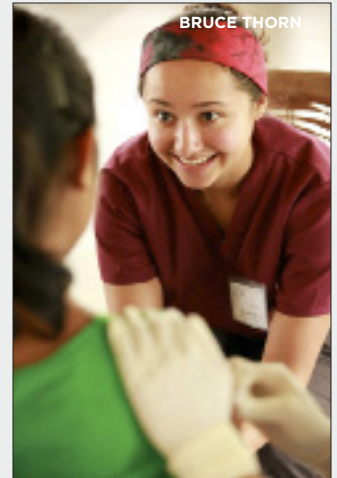
From there, the group traveled to Riverside Adventist School, where they provided similar services to more than 800 students. This school was built by Maranatha Volunteers International about six years ago.

Buck Khng says she witnessed the Lord at work in a young man's life during their mission trip. "During previous India immunization trips, this young professional Hindu gentleman assisted with the logistical needs of the trip. Over time, he has become a personal friend of the team leaders," she explains. "As he became more involved in helping to make the mission trip

possible, he began to ask many questions about Christianity and was interested in finding out why we would travel so far from home to serve others. While riding in the back of his car to gather supplies, the team leaders noticed some Adventist literature in his car. He told them that he was curious about the Adventist religion and went to the Adventist headquarters for more information about the church."

Reflecting on her experiences on these mission trips, Buck Khng says, "On some of the previous trips we have encountered difficult circumstances in which we saw the hand of God at work, such as in the collapse of a bridge or a potentially disastrous car accident. Each time God intervened, and there was no loss of life. This time we wondered what might be thrown at us."

"Fortunately this time there were no life-threatening situations," Buck Khng continues. "However, we learned that there would be a strike for the



BRUCE THORN

Sara Caldwell administers immunizations.

two days following our arrival at the second school, in which all roads are blocked and people are not allowed to be out and about. The timing allowed us just the right window of opportunity to arrive safely at the second school."

For more information about the India immunizations program, visit [facebook.com/india.immunizations](https://facebook.com/india.immunizations).

*Rachel Wood, Walla Walla University relations writer*



BRUCE THORN

A local boy smiles as Andrea Townsend gives him an immunization shot.



# Adventist Health Portland Recognized as Oregon's Healthiest Employer

**D**uring the past year, more than 97 percent of Adventist Health Portland's employees volunteered to enroll in the organization's highly interactive wellness program, designed to help create a continued focus on whole person health. This passion for wellness by nearly 2,000 employees is one of the many reasons Adventist Health Portland has been named the Healthiest Employer in Oregon among companies of similar size by the *Portland Business Journal*. The recognition was based on the hospital's ongoing efforts to improve the lives of their work force and the communities they serve.

At Adventist Health Portland, the quality of patient care depends directly on the health and wellness of the employees who provide care. "That phi-

losophy encompasses not only the physical health of employees, but also their emotional and spiritual health," states Ed Hoover, Adventist Medical Center wellness services manager.

"Wellness through whole person care has been at the core of Adventist Health Portland for more than 100 years," states Dorane Wintermeyer, business relations executive director. "Our employees are enrolled in an active wellness initiative designed to change behaviors and improve health."

LivingWell is transforming lives of employees and their families throughout the organization. For example, one employee lost 70 pounds, dropped four dress sizes and was able to reduce her medication intake as a result of changing her food choices. Nutrition service employee Julie Wilkinson shed more than 200 pounds through lifestyle choices, the support of her colleagues and friends, as well as the guidance of the

**Julie Wilkinson before her dramatic weight loss.**



Six years ago Julie Wilkinson realized her weight was keeping her from the quality of life she wanted to have. Through diet, exercise and lifestyle changes (including participation in the LivingWell program) Julie lost more than 200 pounds and says she feels 10 years younger.



**Healthy employees, helping create a healthy community, at the 2013 Hood to Coast Relay.**

hospital's culture of wellness.

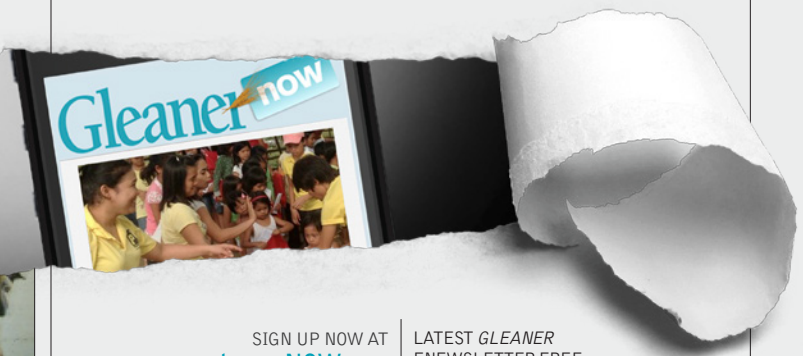
Another employee reports that her employer encouraged her to spend quality wellness time with her family. Today that employee is happier and 80 pounds lighter due to incorporating an active lifestyle.

"We see these types of miracles happen frequently," states Hoover. LivingWell encour-

ages employees to set health goals of learning and doing. Systems have been developed to encourage staff in their journey and then celebrate their success.

*Judy Leach, Adventist Medical Center Portland marketing and communication director*

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## MILESTONES

### Childs 50th

The old tune “The Yellow Rose of Texas” was heard in the Bellevue (Wash.) Church fellowship hall recently as the pastor led nearly 100 guests with his guitar. At this particular event the song was meant for a bride named Emily as she and her husband of 50 years, Duane Childs, celebrated their golden anniversary on Aug. 18, 2013. This celebration with their church family came just four weeks before the church celebrated a big homecoming event marking 50 years as a church congregation.

Duane Allan Childs married Emily Fay Olfers on Aug. 16, 1963, in San Antonio, Texas.

The Childs family includes three grown daughters and three grandchildren. Lynelle Ellis teaches at Southern Adventist University. Her husband, Dan Ellis, is an occupational therapist. They have three children: Garrett, 9, and Lauren and Ashton, 7-year-old twins.

Janine Childs is CFO at NeighborCare Health in Seattle, Wash., and Denise, their youngest, just graduated from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Ga.

### Figgins 90th

Lola Figgins, born July 27, 1923, in Palisades, Colo., had her 90th birthday in Fall River Mills, Calif.

In 1949, while living in Longview, Wash., Lola met and married Joe Figgins. Lola and Joe lived in Bremerton, Port Orchard and Seattle, Wash., where Joe was responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Adventist academy.

They moved to Torrance,

Calif., where Lola received her nursing degree. After graduating, they moved to Newbury Park, Calif., where she and Joe were able to work for Ventura Estates (retirement home and nursing facilities for retired Adventist missionaries). Lola was on the nursing staff, and Joe performed plumbing and repair work.

Lola and Joe retired and moved back to Washington State, where they did volunteer work for the Washington Conference, including for the medical van. Lola performed nursing, and Joe managed the paperwork. Their other volunteer work included working for the Lummi Indians in Washington; working for the Navajo Indian Adventist School in Holbrook, Ariz.; the Sioux Indians in LaVida, N.D.; and the Lakota Sioux Indian Adventist School in New Mexico.

Then Lola and Joe moved back to California to retire, again, and do more volunteer work. Joe passed away in 2000, and Lola is looking forward to seeing him again when Jesus returns. Lola spends her winters in Hollister, Calif., and the rest of the year in Fall River Mills, where she enjoys fairly good health and playing the piano.

Lola has two daughters, Carolyn Mayo of Fall River Mills, Calif., and Nancy McDowell of Hollister, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Birdie Figgins of Yelm, Wash.; 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

### Hyland 50th

Verne and Patty Hyland of Grants Pass, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary by renewing their vows at the Cave Junction Church.

Robert Heisler officiated at the marriage encounter service, during which more than 100 couples exchanged and renewed vows. The couple also celebrated with a trip to Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore., for the annual Better Life Television Network camp meeting and a visit to Crater Lake.

Verne Hyland married Patty Bee on June 2, 1963, in Berrien Springs, Mich. He is a retired pastor, and she is a retired teacher.

They served as missionaries in Sri Lanka and Palau and returned to Grants Pass in 2001. They have two children: Holly Hyland of Portland, Ore., and Stephen Hyland, an Army physician, of San Antonio, Texas.

### Schnibbe 65th

Fred Schnibbe, from Brooklyn, N.Y., met Verona Montanye at Walla Walla College in 1946 after serving three years in the medical field, mostly in Europe, during World War II. After Verona graduated, they were married by Leon Losey in what is now Village Hall, College Place, Wash., on June 20, 1948.

Fred graduated in 1950, and they then moved to Loma Linda, Calif., where he did X-ray work while enrolled in what is now Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He graduated in 1954 and served his internship at Portland Adventist Hospital. Verona was secretary to the registrar at Loma Linda, then assistant secretary to the registrar in Los Angeles — until Christmas Eve 1952. Their

first baby boy arrived on the 26th. Soon after, the new mom was typing book manuscripts at home for physicians and teachers.

In response to an urgent request by the bank president, Fred opened his first practice in the little town of Twisp, Wash., where patients started arriving at the home before the boxes were unpacked. After two and a half years, he was invited to join Harold Stout and Harold Lamberton to form a partnership in Brewster, Wash., where there was a hospital, an Adventist church and school. He retired after almost four decades of “the golden years of medicine” among many dear friends.

Although Fred and Verona moved back to College Place in 2008, they claim “dual citizenship” and enjoy many friends, family get-togethers, inspiring music, lectures, and volunteering at the church and Walla Walla General Hospital.

The Schnibbe family includes Bob (deceased) and DeeAnn (Beckett) Schnibbe of Wenatchee, Wash.; Richard and Winnie (Wied) Schnibbe of Roseville, Calif.; Dale and Ann (Hagerty) Schnibbe of Spokane Valley, Wash.; and 5 grandchildren.

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**BIRTHS**

**NAGELE** — Weston Todd was born Feb. 21, 2013, to Todd and Brenda (Holm) Nagele, Sherwood, Ore.

**SINES** — Tyler D. was born Oct. 16, 2013, to Ron and Jennifer (Price) Sines, Albany, Ore.

**STEINKE** — Andrew David was born Aug. 15, 2013, to Greg and Heather (Spiva) Steinke, Lincoln City, Ore.

**WEDDINGS**

**KAUFFMAN-HOLMES** — Marilyn Kauffman and Lee Roy Holmes were married July 29, 2013, in Milton-Freewater, Ore. They are making their home in College Place, Wash.

**LONG-SERRANO** — Lee-Anna Joy Long and Micael Anthony Serrano were married July 27, 2013, in Tillamook, Ore. They are making their home in Mt. Vernon, Wash. LeeAnna is the daughter of Lee and Sue (Becraft) Long. Micael is the son of Renan and Patci (Ramirez) Serrano.

**WHITLOCK-LATTIG** — Shannon Whitlock and Paul Lattig were married Sept. 28, 2013, in Woodland, Wash. They are making their home in Gresham, Ore. Shannon is the daughter of Dan and Evie Whitlock. Paul is the son of Paul and Josephine Lattig.

**AT REST**

**ABEL** — Lillian M. (Freet), 96; born Dec. 15, 1916, Manila, Philippines; died July 13, 2013, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: son, Bruce, Gresham, Ore.; daughter, Linda Scoumperdis, Sandia Park, N.M.; brother, Bill Freet, Palo Alto, Calif.; sister, Catherine Collins, Portland, Ore.; and 4 grandchildren.

**AKERMAN** — Dorothy V. (Hathaway), 82; born March 13, 1931, Vancouver, Wash.; died Aug. 13, 2013, Salem, Ore.

Surviving: sons, Dan and Dave, both of Salem; brothers, David Hathaway and Jonathan Hathaway, both of Salem; sisters, Betty Eves, Vancouver, Wash.; Esther Ellett, The Dalles, Ore.; Helen Shreve, Beaver Creek, Ore.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**BOWLBY** — Esther Mae (Tofte) Carlson, 88; born April 12, 1925, Roseau, Minn.; died Sept. 12, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Steven Carlson, Portland; daughter, Darlene (Carlson) Marsden, Portland; brothers, Elmer Tofte, Yuma, Ariz.; Merle Tofte, Vancouver, Wash.; 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

**BRUCE** — Gerald Oliver, 88; born Jan. 12, 1925, Salem, Ore.; died Sept. 27, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, James, Dayton, Ohio; daughters, Judy Bruce, Vancouver, Wash.; Jeanie Jura, Yakima, Wash.; stepsons, Dan Wentland and Paul Wentland; and 10 grandchildren.

**BURDEN** — Clarita F. (Kaufman), 84; born Nov. 20, 1928, Beaumont, Calif.; died Sept. 12, 2013, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: husband, Kenneth; sons, Gary, Grants Pass, Ore.; Dan, Kingman, Ariz.; Don, Duncanville, Texas; daughter, Debbie Sasser, Denver, Colo.; 6 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

**BURTON** — George Adrian, 94; born Dec. 13, 1918, Chanute, Kan.; died Sept. 15, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Gladys M. (Crumley) Minden, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; son, John A. Burton, Callahan, Fla.; daughter, Jeanne (Burton) Eggers, Roseburg, Ore.; stepsons, Edward A. Minden, Bonners Ferry; Virgil L. Minden, Dover, Idaho; 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

**CARRILLO** — Iola D. (Williams) Hawkins, 81; born July 22, 1932, Glenwood, Ore.; died Aug. 10, 2013, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: husband, Leeroy, Springfield, Ore.; sons, Danny Hawkins, Eugene; Richard Carrillo and Sean Carrillo, both of Springfield; daughters, Cheryl (Hawkins) Ingles and Jodie (Carrillo) Wize, both of Eugene; and 15 grandchildren.

**CORNELL** — Kenneth L., 68; born Feb. 9, 1945, Palo Alto, Calif.; died Sept. 2, 2013, Kirkland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Smith), Woodinville, Wash.; daughter, Melinda Van Hise, Snohomish, Wash.; son, Geoff, Portland, Ore.; mother, Mildred (Sheffer) Cornell, Redmond, Wash.; brother, Richard Cornell, Redmond; and 4 grandchildren.

**CORNFORTH** — Ardyth Helen (Krause), 81; born March 3, 1932, Innisfail, Alberta, Canada; died Aug. 13, 2013, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: husband, Lyle; daughters, Renee Buell, Gresham; Pamela Greenlaw, Oregon City, Ore.; Tara Sprague and Carla Ringer, both of Troutdale, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**DICKERSON** — LaVolla F. (Kinney), 91; born Oct. 5, 1921, Yakima, Wash.; died Sept. 12, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, College Place; daughters, Rosalie Dickerson, College Place; Carleen Jones, Mossyrock, Wash.; brother, Howard Kinney, Auburn, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**EDWARDS** — Iris M. (Johnson), 86; born May 23, 1927, Crawford, Neb.; died Sept. 20, 2013, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband Oliver; daughters, Angie Bartholomew, Spokane; Diana Anderson, Walla Walla, Wash.; sister, Sara June Coder, Zillah, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**AT REST**

**FOWLER** — Thena Diann (Cemer), 82; born Aug. 1, 1930, Battle Creek, Mich.; died July 30, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Herbert, Salem, Ore.; Robert, College Place, Wash.; James, Walla Walla; daughters, Kathy Hull, Meadow Vista, Calif.; Evie Bishop, Bellevue, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**FRY** — Douglas C., 63; born Feb. 8, 1950, Sanitarium, Calif.; died Aug. 23, 2013, near Multnomah Falls, Ore. Surviving: mother, Margaret (Tinlin) Fry, Hood River, Ore.; brother, Ken, Whitmore, Calif.; and sister, Megan Dalby, Prineville, Ore.

**GEIGLE** — Scott Randal, 48; born June 2, 1965, Everett, Wash.; died Oct. 5, 2013, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: father and stepmother, Ray and Eda (Taylor) Geigle, Gladstone; mother and stepfather, Karen (Richards) and Roger French, Everett; and sister, Lisa Geigle, Mill Creek, Wash.

**GOULD** — Nellie Eileen (Cooper), 80; born Nov. 20, 1932, Grants Pass, Ore.; died July 23, 2013, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: sons, John Gould, Arlington, Wash.; Tom Candy, Battle Creek, Mich.; sisters, Nancy Culver, Puyallup, Wash.; Audrey McRae, Chino Valley, Ariz.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**GREENWALT** — Rose (Rider), 87; born Sept. 9, 1925, Billings, Mont.; died July 22, 2013, Billings. Surviving: husband, Don W., Walla Walla, Wash.; son, Glen G., Seattle, Wash.; daughter, Linda L. Thonsberg, Lander, Wyo.; foster son, Russell Rider, Spokane, Wash.; brothers, Gene Rider, Huntley, Mont.; Walter Rider and Albert Rider, both of Billings; Don A. Rider, Missoula, Mont.; sister, Shirley Smith, Billings; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

## AT REST

**HIEBERT** — Keith Kenley, 59; born Nov. 8, 1953, Wrangell, Alaska; died Feb. 9, 2013, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: wife Jane (Michalek), Boney Lake, Wash.; son, Lorance Hiebert, Des Moines, Wash.; brother, Merwyn Hiebert, Buckley, Wash.; and stepmother, Betty (Johnson) Hiebert, Gresham, Ore.

**HOFFMAN** — Denise R., 58; born Oct. 24, 1954, Henderson, Nev.; died Aug. 13, 2013, Forest Grove, Ore. Surviving: mother, Evelyn (Chaswood) Hoffman, Stevenson, Wash.; and sister, Michelle Hoffman, Santa Fe, N.M.

**IWASA** — George Y., 86; born Oct. 19, 1926, Hood River, Ore.; died June 15, 2013, Payette, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Steve, Weiser, Idaho; Bruce, Payette; Doug, Ontario, Ore.; Dan, Payette; David, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**JEPSON** — Irene Velma (Whitcomb), 91; born May 3, 1922, White River Junction, Vt.; died Sept. 9, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: husband, Clayton R.; sons, Trent, Colton, Calif.; Gary, Pekin, Ill.; daughter, Gail Szana, Broomfield, Colo.; brother, F. Leighton Whitcomb, Cleburne, Texas; 4 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**JONES** — Rodney D., 82; born July 13, 1930, Corvallis, Ore.; died Dec. 4, 2012, Riverside, Calif. Surviving: wife, Dianne (Heyman), Union, Ore.; son, Chris, Dallesport, Wash.; daughter, Susan Rowe, Albany, Ore.; stepsons, Michael Kiel, Seattle, Wash.; Edward Heyman, Everett, Wash.; 3 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

**KIND** — Lois E. (Wachter), 82; born July 21, 1931, Bagley, Mich.; died Sept. 14, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviv-

ing: sons, Chuck, Midway, Ky.; Brian, Silver Spring, Md.; daughter, Cindy Brown, College Place; foster daughter, Gail Kader, New Berlin, Wis.; brother, Delbert Wachter, Pendleton, Ore.; sisters, Ellenor Watkins, Beaverton, Ore.; Arda Blevins, Walla Walla, Wash.; Maureen Zimmerman, Fort Worth, Texas; Sharon Ervin, Strathmore, Calif.; 6 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**KNOWLES** — Lelia Clara (Gibson) Montgomery, 88; born Sept. 10, 1924, Dallas, Ore.; died Sept. 3, 2013, Roseburg, Ore. Surviving: sons, David Knowles, Florence, Ore.; Merlin Knowles, Bozeman, Mont.; Gary Knowles, Dillard, Ore.; Wayne Knowles, Rock Cave, W.V.; stepsons, Lee Montgomery, Underwood, Wash.; Richard Montgomery, White Salmon, Wash.; Dale Montgomery, Forks, Wash.; stepdaughter, Christie Brown, El Dorado, Calif.; brother, Verlin Gibson, Brush Prairie, Wash.; sister, Arletia James, Dallas; 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**MASON** — Dexter Isaiah, 79; born July 2, 1933, Pelly, Texas; died March 26, 2013. Surviving: wife, Linda Rose Tryon-Mason, Phoenix, Ore.; sons, Dexter G., Fox Island, Wash.; Michael, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Doug, Anthony, Kan.; daughters, Linda Christensen, Auburn, Wash.; Teresa Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; Sharla Sowell, Tyler, Texas; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**MCCAIN** — Allen John "Jack," 73; born Nov. 2, 1939, Pennsgrove, N.J.; died Aug. 16, 2013, Shelton, Wash. Surviving: wife, Judy (Hemighaus); sons, Tim and Jon, both of Spokane, Wash.; Kevin, Duarte, Calif.; daughters, Pam McCain and Lori Cramer,

both of Spokane; Patti Logan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

**MCMULLEN** — LeRoy W., 91; born Feb. 9, 1922, Boise, Idaho; died, Sept. 6, 2013, Tillamook, Ore. Surviving: son, Larry, Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughter, Rita Hamilton, Tillamook; and 7 grandchildren.

**OTTO-SAINATI** — Phyllis June (Rohay), 69; born Aug. 8, 1942, Las Vegas, Nev.; died Feb. 11, 2012, Las Vegas. Surviving: son, John, of Idaho; brother, Ralph Rohay, Las Vegas; and 2 grandchildren.

**PATTON** — George W., 85; born Sept. 25, 1927, Columbus, Ohio; died Aug. 21, 2013, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joansine C. (Friis), College Place, Wash.; son, Daniel A., Spokane, Wash.; daughters, Deborah J. Coffey, Whitefish, Mont.; and Susan E. Patton, College Place.

**REUBLE** — Betty (Park) Mayer, 94; born Oct. 5, 1918, Mabton, Wash.; died Aug. 20, 2013, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Jerry Mayer, of Idaho; daughters, Beverly Read and Marcia Dunham, both of Portland, Ore.

**RODMAN** — Lucile (Vaughn), 89; born May 30, 1924, Greensboro, N.C.; died Sept. 13, 2013, Eugene, Ore. Surviving: sons, Don, Eugene; Robert, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dan, Manassas, Va.; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**ROSIN** — Gustav, 95; born Feb. 3, 1918, Pettibone, N.D.; died Sept. 15, 2013, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Evelyn Mabel (Haas); son, Randal M., Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Terri R. Johnson, Battle Ground, Wash.; sisters, Carrie Lealos, Vancouver; Lydia Mack, Hacker Heights, Texas; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**SEIBEL** — Marvin M., 88; born July 31, 1925, Alberta, Canada; died July 31, 2013, Gladstone, Ore. Surviving: wife, Eva (Nelson); son, Paul, Damascus, Ore.; daughters, Marlene Lovenguth, Gold Beach, Ore.; Wendy Williams, Happy Valley, Ore.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**SMITH** — Deann (Rothermel), 48; born Oct. 3, 1964, Portland, Ore.; died Aug. 20, 2013, Happy Valley, Ore. Surviving: husband, Ronald; parents, Vern and Janice (Sweeney) Rothermel, Happy Valley; and sister, Kari Rothermel, Clackamas, Ore.

**SYPHERS** — Kenneth Dean, 90; born May 25, 1923, Milton, Ore.; died Aug. 4, 2013, Sequim, Wash. Surviving: wife, Charlotte (Schlehuber); son, Keith, Lummi Island, Wash.; sister, June (Syphers) Kjellman Kirklin; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**TILLOTSON** — Verna Selma (Ringer), 86; born March 3, 1927, Napoleon, N.D.; died Sept. 2, 2013, Oregon City, Ore. Surviving: husband, Carl; son, Edward, Oregon City; daughters, Carol Lundquist, Crossville, Tenn.; Connie Dahlke, Walla Walla, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**TORREY** — Lucy Lee (O'Dell), 81; born Nov. 17, 1931, Hereford, Texas; died Aug. 24, 2013, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: husband, Keith D.; sons, Jack, Westport, Wash.; Gerald Sr., Tacoma, Wash.; daughters, Connie Renee Spainhower, Sacramento, Calif.; Susan Kitts, Eatonville, Wash.; 9 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

### North Pacific Union Conference Offering

**Dec. 7** — Local Church Budget;

**Dec. 14** — Adventist Community Services;

**Dec. 21** — Local Church Budget;

**Dec. 28** — Local Conference Advance.

**More upcoming events listed at [gleaneronline.org/events](http://gleaneronline.org/events).**

### Walla Walla University

**Dec. 7** — Evensong, featuring organ and spoken word, University Church at 4 p.m.;

**Dec. 7, 8, 12, 15** — *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol* at 8 p.m. in Village Hall. Ticket information at [drama.wallawalla.edu](http://drama.wallawalla.edu);

**Dec. 10** — ASWWU Tree Lighting, Kellogg Hall Lawn at 7 p.m.;

**Dec. 13** — “O Magnum Mysterium,” Christmas Concert, University Church at 6 and 8 p.m.

### Oregon

#### Simply Cooking

**Dec. 5** — Last “Simply Cooking” class at 6:30 p.m. This year of monthly plant-based cooking classes led by Ronni Reinecke has been fun and a wonderful learning experience. December topic is “Great Cakes” and includes an end-of-class potluck to taste and exchange favorite vegan recipes. Castle Rock Church, 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N., Castle Rock, Wash. Please call Wanda to reserve your place, at 360-967-2165.

#### Holiday Concert

**Dec. 14** — A holiday concert featuring Craig King, Carl Parker and other local musicians on Saturday at 6 p.m., at the Stone Tower Church, 3010 NE Holiday St. (off Sandy Blvd.), Portland, Ore. Call 503-232-6018 for more information.

#### Sunnyside Church’s 32nd Annual Musical Christmas Program

**Dec. 20** — The 32nd annual musical Christmas program will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Invite your friends to enjoy an evening listening to some of Portland’s finest musicians.

Bring your music and join in singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” for the finale. An offering will be taken at the door for the ministry that feeds the hungry at O’Bryant Square. We hope to see you there.

#### Missing Members

We want to connect with the following missing members from the Rogue River Church: Kristen Ayala, Kathy Boucher, Gloria Clark, Audrey Derry, Don and Rebecca Infante, Vicki Jackson, Jan MacHette, Tani C. MacHette, Maren O’Malley, Michael and Tammy Owen, Jennifer Owen, Michael Thompson, Mark Tracy, Jessica Violz, and Cody C. Young. If you have any information about these missing member, please contact John Witcombe, pastor, or Linda Barnes, church clerk, at the Rogue River Church, P.O. Box 1287, Rogue River, OR 97537, or call 541-582-1262.

### Upper Columbia

#### Steve Green in Concert

**Jan. 18, 2014** — Grandview Adventist School is hosting Steve Green in concert. The concert will be held at the Sunnyside High School Auditorium, 1801 E. Edison Ave., Sunnyside, Wash. For tickets or more information, call the school at 509-882-3817 or 509-439-1054. Come and enjoy an evening with Steve Green.

### Washington

#### Missing Members

The following are the missing member of the Olympia Transformation Life Center Adventist Church: Terry Bergren, Doris Boggs, Ryan Carroll, Steven Christensen, Mike Damis, Oleta Damis, Libby Faust, Brian Gaver, Barbara Hopkins, Bradley Jordan, Ryan Jordan, Barbara Ladd, Janine Mckown, Patrick Ogilvie, Rani Silva, Scot R. Simmons, Tracy K. Simmons, Corey Sjoboen, Janio Tapio, Ginger Thompson, Roland Zarate, Reina Zarate and Alan Zarate. These members will be listed as “missing.” If “found,” please contact Kim Gorton at the church, 1717 Eskridge Blvd. SE, Olympia, WA 98501, or at 360-943-1370.

### World Church

#### 50th Anniversary Celebration of Adventists in Mesa, Ariz.

**March 1, 2014** — Former members, pastors and friends are invited to this celebration, hosted by Mesa Palms Church the weekend of March 1. King’s Heralds concert Sabbath afternoon at 5 p.m. For information on special hotel rates, call 480-985-3140. Go online to [mesapalmschurch.com](http://mesapalmschurch.com) or search Mesa Palms Church on Facebook.

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Fairbanks	2:51	2:42	2:39	2:45
Juneau	3:08	3:04	3:05	3:09
Ketchikan	3:18	3:16	3:17	3:21
<b>Idaho Conference</b>				
Boise	5:08	5:08	5:10	5:14
La Grande	4:10	4:10	4:12	4:16
Pocatello	4:56	4:56	4:58	5:02
<b>Montana Conference</b>				
Billings	4:30	4:30	4:32	4:36
Havre	4:24	4:23	4:25	4:29
Helena	4:41	4:41	4:42	4:46
Miles City	4:17	4:17	4:18	4:22
Missoula	4:48	4:47	4:49	4:53
<b>Oregon Conference</b>				
Coos Bay	4:41	4:41	4:43	4:47
Medford	4:39	4:39	4:41	4:45
Portland	4:27	4:27	4:29	4:33
<b>Upper Columbia Conference</b>				
Pendleton	4:12	4:11	4:13	4:17
Spokane	3:58	3:58	4:00	4:04
Walla Walla	4:08	4:08	4:10	4:14
Wenatchee	4:11	4:10	4:12	4:16
Yakima	4:15	4:15	4:16	4:20
<b>Washington Conference</b>				
Bellingham	4:14	4:14	4:15	4:19
Seattle	4:18	4:18	4:20	4:24

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*“Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.”*  
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The web of life oft seems tangled, the warp and woof of fate fickle and arbitrary. But sometimes the backstory, forgotten in the bright light of the present, provides an unmistakable glimpse of providence at work. And thus one good story begets another.

The son of an Indiana State governor, Lew Wallace began professional life as a lawyer and state senator. He'd even joined the Union Army during the Civil War, rising to the rank of major general.

And while churchgoing religion was not then part of his life, Wallace was captivated by the biblical story of the three wise men. In fact, he had begun drafting a book about them, when a dramatic conversation changed the course of his topic. As he later described it, agnostic Colonel Robert Ingersoll presented to him “a medley of argument, eloquence, wit, satire, audacity, irreverence, poetry, brilliant antitheses, and pungent excoriation of believers in God, Christ, and Heaven, the like of which I had never heard.”

Ingersoll's vitriolic manner pushed Wallace off the fence of religious indifference. He pondered the colonel's words. “What had I on which to answer ‘yes’ or ‘no?’” he reflected. “He made me ashamed of my ignorance. I was aroused for the first time in my life to the importance of religion.”

And so, Lew Wallace thought anew about that manuscript in his desk, with its closing scenes of the Christ child in Bethlehem. Why not continue that theme, he thought, taking the story of Christ all the way to the crucifixion. “That would make a book, and compel me to study everything of pertinency,” he

reasoned, “after which, possibly, I would be possessed of opinions of real value.”

By now he was a very busy man, serving as governor of the New Mexico territory. Yet in the waning hours of each evening he pressed on with his research and the story itself. In time, his efforts reaped a finished book, and, as he put it, “a conviction amounting to absolute belief in God and the divinity of Christ.”

You may not know that Wallace's statue today graces the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., representing the State of Indiana. But I'm guessing you have heard of his book and almost certainly the film that later flowed from his efforts to understand Christ. You may have seen it yourself: *Ben Hur* — the story of a Jewish business man, with his own journey from disbelief to faith.

Disbelief can sometimes, like a schoolmaster, lead an open mind to faith. “Doubts,” noted author and philosopher Frederick Buechner once wrote, “are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.”

So it was with Lew Wallace and his fictional Judah Ben Hur. Jesus comes to us, even in the midst of our doubts and fears. He comes to us in these uncertain, helter-skelter days with a message that is neither fantasy nor fiction, a message that doesn't grow old. “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,” He says, “and find rest for your souls” (Matt. 11:29).

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