Publishing Transition Approval is Final
Constituency members of the Review and Herald and the Pacific Press publishing houses voted Tuesday to approve “the biggest restructuring in Adventist publishing’s 153-year history,” according to Andrew McChesney, Adventist Review news editor. The vote was 153–66 by the Review and Herald group and 42–1 at the Pacific Press meeting. This was the final decision needed to initiate the Pacific Press as the primary North American Division printing establishment. While the Review and Herald equipment and property will be sold, some of its editorial functions will be relocated to the General Conference headquarters. A full transition may take several months to complete. This move also acknowledges a need to move away from a dependence on print material to a greater focus on digital publishing. Read more from the Adventist Review on the restructuring plan, strengths of each publishing house and how the new plan aligns with Ellen White’s advice.

It's Never Too Late to Graduate
Walla Walla University’s (WWU) oldest student ever received an honorary bachelor of arts degree in history at the June 14 commencement ceremony. Effie Pampaian, a 1939 WWU graduate, has been attending university classes since 1999. John McVay, WWU president, presented Pampaian with a diploma, congratulating her in front of an audience of more than 400 fellow graduates and also family and friends attending the outdoor ceremony. At age 104, in
addition to the distinction of being WWU’s oldest student, she is also WWU’s first female theology graduate. Watch a video story about Pampaian from KHQ TV based in Washington’s Tri-Cities.

**Finley Reflects on Ordination Process**

Mark Finley, *Adventist Review* editor-at-large, shares several important thoughts in a recent post. “For the past two years I have participated in the Theology of Ordination Study Committee. In the last three meetings we have especially focused on the subject of women’s ordination. Although I have my own convictions on the subject, I have a different purpose in this editorial. My purpose is to share with you three vital life-changing lessons I have learned in the process.” Read Finley’s complete thoughts in the *Adventist Review* online.

**Attention Pathfinders and Parents**

In less than two months, hundreds of Pathfinders, parents and leaders will make their way across country to Oshkosh, Wis., for the International Pathfinder Camporee. They will join more than 40,000 campers during the week of Aug. 11–16. The *Gleaner* would like to share stories from each club as they prepare for and attend the event. Is your club doing something special? Let us know. You can email stories and photos to us at info@gleanernow.com. Or you can easily use social media. On your Twitter, Instagram or Facebook posts, simply add the hashtag #NWFFIC and we’ll be able to share your info with the *Gleaner* audience.

**Portland to Screen *The Record Keeper* on July 13**

*The Record Keeper* film project was recently shelved by the General Conference due to concerns from influential members that it did not accurately portray some elements of the biblical conflict between good and evil. Many Adventists around the world, however, remain interested in how this project might somehow be rescued and used for its original intent — to draw unchurched people into a serious discussion about eternal matters. The cast and crew of *The Record Keeper* project will be screening the entire series in Portland, Ore., on July 13. Tickets are going quickly, so anyone wishing to attend this screening and view the project for themselves can go online for more information.

**Check Out These Healthy Breakfast Recipes**

Wellsource provides health and wellness training to corporations across the country. They also publish a monthly newsletter of current health tips, called *Making Healthy Choices*. One recent newsletter included three recipes to help make breakfast the most important meal of the day. Find recipes online for whole wheat pancakes, egg and avocado breakfast burrito, and strawberry oatmeal breakfast smoothie.
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Camp meeting season is here and the Gleaner has a complete list of all the camp meetings in the Northwest to help you plan.

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Many Christians feel bullied by a secular culture increasingly at odds with spiritual values and Scriptural principles. They long to reform America as a "Christian nation," but the reality is religious majorities are
often the source of persecution, not the antidote. Read Gregory Hamilton's explanation from "Persecuted" in the June Gleaner. Read the June issue online.
The Alaska Conference is proud to announce the soon arrival of Nathan Stearman and his wife, Gina, along with their children, Abigayle and Gabriel. Stearman will be overseeing the pastoral duties in the district of Juneau and Sitka. Leaders of both churches are excited about this young family coming to their communities. The Stearmans are a tight-knit family with a love for Jesus and His service and have regular family worships with their children, as well as discipling them to love the Jesus that they do.

They were married in December 2002 and began their pastoral ministry in Michigan at the Glenwood Church while Nathan finished his Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University in Berrien Springs. While there, Gina obtained her nursing license and began work as a registered nurse. She has since worked as a recovery room nurse and will be leaving a position working in the emergency room.

Nathan pastored seven years in Michigan before moving to the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, where the Stearmans have been serving at the Three Angels Church in Wichita, Kan. They have fond memories of spending time near the Great Lakes, ministering at summer camp with their young children and relishing the changing seasons in the beautiful countryside.

Both love the outdoors, taking long road trips, great skiing and beautiful mountains and believe that Jesus is the real secret to happiness. This deeply held conviction has led them to prayerfully seek His leading in the decisions they have faced in relocating to a more rural setting. So when the call came to consider southeast Alaska, they felt it was an answer to prayer. Nathan is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry in discipleship and biblical spirituality cohort through Andrews University.

The Alaska Conference is blessed to have this quality young couple come.

Quentin Purvis

Alaska Conference vice president secretariat
Does a homeland mission trip make the same difference as an international mission trip? Twenty-one students from Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) in Kirkland say, “Yes!”

The group of PSAA students spent six days in Portland, Ore., for their homeland mission trip, where they volunteered at Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS). The mission project could be summed up in three words: pray, serve and play.

Throughout the activities, students desired to make prayer a lifestyle and to follow the advice of 1 Thess. 5:17 to “pray without ceasing.” Students frequently prayed together and prayed with people they met in Portland.

Students provided service to PACS through washing the floor beneath all the food bank shelves, spreading bark dust around plant beds, and painting curbs, gutters and storage bins.

“There’s something different about your students — a good different,” said one of the PACS supervisors. “They are really working hard on these projects for us.”

Students also observed the hundreds of people that PACS serves daily through food donations, health care and a thrift store.

One gentleman, while waiting for his food, engaged in a comedy-filled conversation with students that got everyone laughing. Their memorable and heartfelt prayer together made the students feel like they were in the presence of God.

Mixed in with the hard work, students also had time to play. They enjoyed conversations with people from Lents Church, which served as the mission trip’s home base, and seeing the natural beauty of Multnomah Falls and the Columbia River Gorge.

During one of the afternoon activities, PSAA students played bocce (lawn bowling) in downtown Portland. They invited a nearby homeless lady to join the game. She accepted the invitation and ended up playing with the students for an hour.

Though the mission trip was not far from home, PSAA students found it worthwhile as they met people, from all sorts of backgrounds, who exemplified grace and experienced a time of bonding and memory-making as a student team.

Troy Ahrens

PSAA chaplain
The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) Cascade and Columbia auditoriums in Spokane, Wash., were filled with women ready for a FaithWalk presented by UCC women’s ministries.

More than 140 ladies attended this one-day women’s retreat that featured Tammy McGuire, former Upper Columbia Academy teacher who is currently teaching at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. Her presentations included “Lessons From the Good Doctor,” “Lessons From the Unresponsive Bystander” and “Lessons From the Outward Bound.”

Joyce Wilkens, author of *Teacup Art ... and Reflections* and her newly released book *Walking Sticks*, shared stories of faith and adventure. The ladies weren’t sure what to expect when she started with a picture of a tarantula on her forehead but quickly learned this adventurous woman has an incredible faith.

Becky Moreland enriched the day with her beautiful voice sharing songs such as “Come As You Are,” “Better Than a Hallelujah” and “Quiet Place.”

Carla Peavey, Sue Eastman and Tracy Tupper led the praise time, giving participants an opportunity to sing along or just enjoy their music.

Karen Schultz prepared a delicious meal that left many wanting her recipes, and everyone went home with a signed copy of *Walking Sticks*.

“It was amazing, thank you,” Cyndee Anderson Perez wrote on the UCC Women's Ministries Facebook page.

“It was all beautiful. Thank you,” Angela Ford added.

Most were ready for another one next Mother’s Day weekend. One attendee responded it gave her a special event since she wasn’t able to get together with her mother, while others came with their mothers.

UCC Camp Meeting provides another opportunity to keep the women’s ministries opportunities going. Rhonda Whitney, UCC Adventist Community Services (ACS) urban ministries coordinator for Spokane and Kootenai counties and North American Division ACS community engagement associate director, will present “Love Unending and Grace Uncontainable” the afternoon of June 19.

This fall will offer the annual Women’s Retreat at Camp MiVoden in Hayden, Idaho, scheduled for Oct. 24–26 and featuring Jennifer Halverson Woody, a special musical guest, breakouts and more.


**Tamara Terry**

Lewis County Families Raise Guide Dog Puppies

Emily Carlton eagerly came to school on April 17 with a few extra items: a green puppy jacket, a leash and a small dog toy. She was ready for the puppy truck from Guide Dogs for the Blind to arrive.

The eighth-grade student knew beforehand that her guide puppy was a male black lab and had a name starting with the letter “S.”

The puppy truck delivery brought another occasion: a reunion of the first guide dog that was raised in the Lewis County Adventist School (LCAS) family in Chehalis.

The whole school family and a few friends were in the lobby as the puppy truck arrived. Doylene Cook, sixth- through eighth-grade teacher, reunited with Necco, a newly retired guide dog who had been raised by Cook’s daughter Kelia.

After the reunion came the introduction. The puppy truck representatives brought in a 2-month-old black lab for the official introduction. Students tried guessing the name before meeting Schroeder.

Puppy-raiser families have a group leader who answers questions, organizes training meetings and gives advice in raising guide dogs. The volunteer group leader for the LCAS families visited each classroom to talk with students about three types of guide dogs (black labs, yellow labs and golden retrievers), discuss the tasks guide dogs learn and answer students’ questions.

Raising guide puppies is not a new activity for LCAS families. Schroeder is the sixth guide puppy in five years raised in this school community. Necco worked for three years until his client died. Tallis is guiding in Oklahoma. Oak is guiding in British Columbia, Canada. Takoda is finishing his training, while Wilbur and Schroeder are being raised by LCAS families.

“It is hard work [raising guide puppies], and it is quite sad to have to give them up once we have done our part,” says Carlton, “but it is such an amazing experience to be able to help the blind with a guide to be their eyes. I am proud to be a part of it, and I feel so blessed by what wonderful and intelligent animals God created for us.”

Raising guide puppies not only benefits future clients of Guide Dogs for the Blind but also allows school families to interact with their community, integrate home-school students who want to learn about becoming raisers, and share about Adventist Christian education.

Heidi Baumgartner

Washington Conference communication director