Our Adventist Heritage - God Would Not Allow Failure

by Alvin Kibble, NAD vice president for Media Ministries and Media Evangelism, and Communication

It was impulse he simply could not shake. He clearly must obey. It concerned a character trait: Leadership.

James Edson White, his best friend, Will O. Palmer, both their wives, and a crew of six young single males, on January 10, 1895, would finally achieve safe harbor in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Eventually, that is.

But they faced a sobering fact: For a huge “leg” of their journey, The Morning Star, their handsome paddle-wheel schooner, lacked the precisely right leadership at its helm.

The man contracted to that job simply did not appear. He was a “no show.” They thus were deep in a quandary. Yet adverse circumstances often summoned “the innate best” in that era’s Seventh-day Adventist youths.

They thus often became persons whom destiny taps upon the shoulder, whispering in effect: “The readiness is all,” Shakespeare says. He is correct. I am Destiny, God’s eldest and least often summoned servant. Much here now hangs in the balances. Special opportunities here await us. Precious souls for whom Christ bled and died here eternally at stake.

“You, I know, will not fail. For this assignment you are my special choice. Believe that God’s angels will accompany you. Come, arise. Go instantly to the mighty Mississippi River. There present yourself.”

He obeyed. His name was Finis Parker. He was a Black
American Seventh-day Adventist youth with a stunning gift: He knew The Mississippi River, “that ole Man River,” as other folks, all far older and licensed to sail its full lengths and who knew it like the palms of their own hands, likely to call it.

In Finis, God would send deliverance out of this quandary to the praying duo. God would not allow failure to beset this great missionary trip by Northerners to evangelize the Black Americans in the southland of the great United States. He would solve their quandary.

Tennessee State recognized seven ACS DR members of the team that helped manage the Bradley Resource Staging Center at the Cleveland, Tenn. multi-agency warehouse for their service during the April 27 tornado outbreak recovery.

Each official present made appreciative remarks about the high degree of organization and professionalism displayed by everyone connected to the response of the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) team.

Jerry Johnson, the Bradley County Emergency Management Agency official who worked most closely with the Tenn. Emergency Management Agency, said that their volunteer hours, coupled with those of the Southern Baptists, paid for nearly all of the county's costs for the disaster. For this disaster, FEMA paid 88 percent of the costs, while the county was responsible for 12 percent. The combined volunteer labor from the Adventists and the Baptists reduced the county's share of the cost to less than 1 percent.

“Our training pays!” says Terry Haight, disaster response coordinator for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and special assistant to Allan Williamson, Southern Union ACS/DR Director. “Several members of our team were relatively new to the warehousing business, yet they performed well, due in main to the training they had received. We have a good system that has become the standard for donations management here in the southeast.”

They have now been asked to write the Donations and Volunteers Plan for the state of Georgia.

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Andrews University is mourning the loss of Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz, assistant dean of women for Lamson Hall and a beloved mentor, friend and colleague to those who knew her.

On Friday, Oct. 14 around 4:30 p.m., Esperanza was driving with her mother, Lidia Duran, to go pick grapes in the countryside. According to the police report, Esperanza was driving east when she failed to yield at the intersection of Dean’s Hill Road and M-140 in Berrien Center. A vehicle traveling south struck on the driver’s side of Esperanza’s car.

Esperanza died at the scene. She was 41-years-old. Her mother,
Lidia, received non-life threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital. The other driver, a 49-year-old Berrien Center resident, was not injured.

The funeral will be held this Sabbath. A memorial fund has been established.  MORE

Plan to attend the 7th International World Congress, April 24-26, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, sponsored by the International Religious Liberty Association. Sign up by December 31 for the early bird discount.

Themed “The Secular Challenge to Religious Freedom,” the congress will provide three days of stimulating presentations from some of the world’s leading experts in religious liberty. It will be the first such congress to be held in the Dominican Republic and the largest congress to date. And the venue itself is unique—the Barceló Bavaro Beach Resort and Convention Center is one of the Dominican Republic’s most beautiful, all-inclusive, beachside resorts. By attending, you will be standing in solidarity with the millions of people around the world who face daily discrimination and persecution for the simple reason that they have chosen to be true to their conscience and to their God.

This international event features a world-class line-up of speakers and experts, including Ambassador Robert Seiple, former U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; Dr. Neville Callam, Baptist World Alliance General Secretary and leader of 100 million Baptists worldwide; and GC President Ted N. C. Wilson. The plenary sessions and breakout groups will offer both practical resources and a deeper knowledge of some of today’s most pressing religious freedom challenges.  MORE

“we can hardly wait for the next meeting and look forward to each new message,” reports one West Virginia church, once reluctant to be a downlink site for Prophecies Decoded. Similar reports have come from satellite host sites and from those viewing online.

Attendance in Nashville has continued at unusually high levels, even to the point of slight increases over previous nights. There are indications that the same is true across the division.

Over 60 guests attended the first Sabbath seminar at Madison Campus Church on October 15, to hear “How to Keep God’s Day Holy.” At the first invitation, 38 guests indicated their desire to keep the Sabbath holy and 20 have said they want to be baptized. As of Saturday night’s meeting, baptismal classes have started all over North America.

As the series comes to a close on October 29, host sites are encouraged to send reports of NET activity to
Try out the new Family Ministries Store. Visitors to the Family Ministries website can now click on that link and see all of the family ministries resources that AdventSource carries.

A Dramatization of October 22 can be found on the Pastor's DVD #19, along with other resources on topics such as church growth. Get it at AdventSource.

Helpful Adventist Heritage websites and resources are listed under October in the NAD Calendar of Special Days on the NAD website. Included in the resources is a link to a list of some special AdventSource resources on the topic.

My 4M Philosophy

By John Mathews, Stewardship Director
North American Division

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10-19-11 Chesapeake Conference Elects new Executive Secretary

Feitosa comes with great talents and background

The Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee elected Kleyton Feitosa conference executive secretary today. After taking a few days to make a final decision, Feitosa accepted the position. The position opened when Rick Remmers became conference president this past August. “After a time of prayer, the committee considered several candidates who could serve as executive secretary,” said conference president Rick Remmers. “The discussion revealed a number of talents that Kleyton Feitosa would bring to the position, and the committee expressed strong support for his candidacy. Elder Feitosa will bring many assets to the officer group.”

Feitosa served for five years as pastor of the Waldorf, Maryland, church before coming to the conference office in 2009 as director of ministries development and evangelism coordinator. His 15+ years in ministry includes working as a senior, associate and youth pastor, as well as a teacher and school chaplain in Brazil and the United States. A native of Brazil, Feitosa enjoys ministering to different cultures and is fluent in Portuguese, English and Spanish. He holds a bachelor's degree in theology, a master's degree in religion with an emphasis in mission and ministry studies from Andrews University, and is currently finishing requirements for a Doctor of Ministry degree in evangelism and church growth.

Feitosa is married to Delma (Garcia) Feitosa, who is an educator and counselor, but currently a full-time Mom. The couple has two boys, Derek (7) and Malton (5).

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Students help to feed the hungry

Students at Pleasant Valley Christian Academy take part in the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Food Bank Drive earlier this month. The students, in kindergarten to Grade 9, collected 429 bags of food.

photo submitted

By Staff Writer - Vernon Morning Star
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The 23 students at Pleasant Valley Christian Academy (PVCA) gathered more than 400 bags of food as a result of their Annual Food Drive the week before Thanksgiving.

As part of an emphasis on community service, students leave grocery bags with an attached note on front doors in the morning and return to retrieve filled grocery bags the next afternoon.

This year, 750 bags were delivered to residents in the neighbourhoods surrounding the school, with
429 full bags being returned.

“Vernon residents have been generous year after year in responding to the students’ food drive, said PVCA principal Shannon Gerber. “PVCA appreciates the support of Save-On-Foods in Vernon, as they donated all of the grocery bags for the food drive.

Gerber said teaching students to serve humanity is a key part of the mission of the school, which educates students from kindergarten to Grade 9.

“Students enjoyed the opportunity to meet with some of our neighbours, help those in need, and get out of the classroom,” she said. “One young student remarked that this was his ‘best day ever,’ while another was thrilled to be called back to a house where the resident had forgotten to put the bag out but still wanted to contribute.”

Working in cooperation with Neighbour Link, the Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church, which owns and operates PVCA, is frequently called upon to supply food hampers to needy families in the community.

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Atlantic Union College insists it still has plans to reopen

By Karen Nugent TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

LANCASTER — While a planned merger with a fellow Seventh-day Adventist college fell through, Atlantic Union College will not close, according to church and college officials.

Donald G. King, president of the South Lancaster-based Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, said talks have recently concluded with the state Department of Higher Education for plans to reopen. The plan has not yet been approved by the state agency.

Mr. King said there are no plans to sell the campus.

"Instead, we intend to continue to improve the campus even as we prepare to restructure and reopen at a later date," he said in an email.

Earlier this month, trustees of Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., voted to suspend further negotiations after the two colleges were unable to reach an agreement about operating a WAU branch campus on the Lancaster site. The vote followed months of talks.

After that vote, AUC trustees also voted to discontinue plans to form a partnership.

The decision to merge with the larger Maryland university was made last year, after AUC learned its accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges would end as of July 31, mainly for financial reasons.

A branch campus was scheduled to open for the fall semester, but was put on hold after the state Higher Education Department did not approve the satellite plan by September. College officials were told approval of the plan could take up to nine months.

A spokeswoman from the state Department of Higher Education said yesterday AUC's application is pending before the board and is still under review.

She said a date has not been set for when it will be discussed or a decision made.

Some AUC staff and faculty were offered jobs at Washington Adventist University, but many employees were laid off in July. Students were allowed to transfer to the Maryland university, and a WAU newsletter said those arrangements will continue to be honored.

Atlantic Union College, which was founded in 1882 and drew approximately 450 full- and part-time students, is under the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Union Conference, which includes New England, New York, and Bermuda.

College President Norman L. Wendth said in July that if the state did not approve the merger, the college would likely close.

He said its property, which includes several buildings and acreage in South Lancaster, the historic seat of New England Adventism, would revert back to the Adventist Church.
La Grange, IL — In honor of its 90th anniversary this month, Community Nurse Health Association of La Grange recently received a $90,000 gift.

Mary Murphy, chief nursing officer and Rick Wright, CEO of Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital, presented Angela Curran, CEO of Community Nurse, with a 90th anniversary gift of $90,000 to fund the Family Practice Clinic at the 90th anniversary event. It took place on Thursday under a tent in the Calendar Avenue parking lot.

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Church launches food drive for needy families

Elder James Landy, surrounded by members of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist church, addresses the media about the church's Operation Five Loaves and Two Fishes food drive programme. (Photo by Glenn Tucker)

By Owain Johnston-Barnes

The Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church is calling for the community to come together in an effort to feed needy families.

The church formally launched ‘Operation Five Loaves and Two Fishes' yesterday — they hope it will provide enough food to help more than 150 struggling families.

Elder James Landy said: “We are hoping to reach at least that number, but we can only do this with the help of the community.”

He explained that the church has for several years offered food to the needy twice on Wednesdays and Sundays, but recently the volunteers began seeing new faces.

“It was originally intended for the homeless, but right now there are a lot of people who are out of work and who are struggling,” he said.

“For them, it's one meal that they don't have to worry about.”

The increased demand made it clear that more needed to be done.

Elder Landy said the church needed to reach out to the community in order to help more families.

The church is now collecting food items until Saturday — canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, flour, peanut butter and other non-perishable items.

“We are looking for the main staples that we can give out to the community,” Elder Landy said.

The drive has just begun but Elder Landy said the results have already been surprising.

“We had a Butterfield & Vallis truck pull up with two pallets of food. I was totally blown away,” he said. “I was just overwhelmed by seeing that.”

Volunteers will meet at the Hamilton SDA Youth Centre at 10am on Sunday to organise the food for distribution.

They will give out the food from 12pm to 2pm that day; teams of volunteers will make deliveries to persons who have difficulty reaching the church.

Elder Landy said the initiative is just one of several by the church in an effort to assist the community. A seniors programme and a GED programme are also in place.

“It is our church's goal to be a reflection of Christ's love and to meet our community where the need is,” he said.

For more information contact Elder Landy on 534-9600, or the Church — hamiltonsda@northrock.bm or 292-4276.
Mechanics at Mark Martin's Auto World in Waynesboro were working hard, giving free oil changes to single moms like Rita Allen.

"It is stressful, and being a single parent, it's not easy, you know you're trying to pay bills and raise a child and everything, it's hard," said Allen.

That's why church members like Will Johns of the Seventh Adventist Church in Waynesboro are pitching in to help.

"For a single mother, it's just the long to-do list that they have each day that they can't get to, and this is just one less thing for them to worry about, one less expense for them to try and find money for," said Johns.

After the oil change, the youth group of the church volunteered to help out by washing the cars on the outside and inside.

While helping these busy parents, Pathfinder Youth Group Director Shelby Cosgrove says these kids are learning too.

"We go to nursing homes and stuff and that's important too, but sometimes these things that we take for granted don't get done a lot of times and it's something that really shows them that what we're doing can make a difference in somebody's life," said Cosgrove.

"I think it's a great program in today's economy it's really tight on you know single mothers and it really helps out on your budget and every penny counts," said Allen.
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"You put together seniors and free food, and it’s a winner!" Mic Cagney exclaimed. "You can’t help but win!"

Cagney, the director of the Western Springs Senior Center, was promoting the Eat For Your Health Expo, a first-time event that will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Grand Avenue Community Center first-floor gymnasium.

With a combination of free food, flue shots, coupons for local businesses, recipes and a variety of exhibitors, the event aims to educate older adults about healthy nutrition for better living.

"It’s striking how, based on the way people eat, they can be in less pain, they can have less need for medications," Cagney said. "If you eat a lot of sugar, your arthritis is going to be worse, it can cause you to have some memory issues… [The event] is really about educating the older adult in how to eat healthy."

The expo will feature exhibits from a number of Western Springs, La Grange and Hinsdale businesses such as Trader Joe’s, Casey’s Market and Whole Foods, as well as two guest speakers, dietetic technician Joe Miks’ "Why You Should Care About What You Eat" and AgeOptions’ Ellin Learned’s "Understanding Food Labels."

Adventist La Grange Hospital, Meadowbrook Manor, Wellness House and Aging Care Connections will also all have exhibits.

Cagney said that she hopes to make the expo an annual Village staple event.

"It’s about making the senior lifestyle a better lifestyle," she said.
Health Expo for Seniors Will Feature Free Food and Education - Western Springs, IL - October 21, 2011

http://westernsprings.patch.com/articles/health-expo-for-seniors-will-feat...
BERRIEN SPRINGS - The woman who died Friday in a two-car crash in Berrien Township was an assistant dean at Andrews University, the university announced.

Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz, 41, was assistant dean of women for Lamson Hall. She was "a beloved mentor, friend and colleague to those who knew her," the university reported in a news release Saturday.

The university has established a grief support and pastoral counseling outreach in response to the incident, the university reported.

The university reported that Muniz was driving with her mother, Lidia Duran, to pick grapes in the countryside.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department reported that Muniz was driving east on Dean's Hill Road at about 4:30 p.m. She failed to yield at the intersection M-140. A vehicle traveling south struck the driver's side of Esperanza's car.

She died at the scene.

Duran suffered non-life threatening injuries, the university announced, and was taken to Lakeland Community Hospital, Niles. The other driver, Frank Simko, 49, of Berrien Center, was not injured.

Muniz's husband, Paul, was in Maryland when the accident occurred, the university reported.

After he and Muniz's family were notified, the university immediately released the information to the Andrews community.

Muniz worked as a student dean at Lamson Hall while a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. In 2007, she graduated with her Master of Divinity degree, but there were no positions available locally, so she went to teach in New York City. In 2008, Muniz married Paul, whom she met while they were both students in the seminary. That same year, Muniz received an invitation to return to Lamson Hall as assistant dean of women.
Chinese Protestant leaders visit Adventist church world headquarters

Silver Spring, Maryland/USA, 15.10.2011/ANN/APD

Leaders from the official Protestant church in China paid a courtesy visit to the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters on October 4, the second time in two years.

The visit of representatives of the China Christian Council and the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) Committee precedes the visit of the denomination's president to China next year.

Adventist Church President, Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, and a small delegation from the church's headquarters is scheduled to visit China during March and April 2012 to strengthen relations with Adventist believers in China.

Leaders from the council previously visited the Adventist Church's headquarters in July of 2010.

"We are grateful to have contact and visit Adventist believers in China through the official organization, the China Christian Council," Wilson told Chinese officials during a protocol lunch yesterday. He thanked the leaders for helping to facilitate the visit.

The China Christian Council (CCC) is a post-denominational organization of Protestants in China. There are some 23 million Protestant Christians in China, said Reverend Shen Xuebin, chairman of Shanghai Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Church.

"Christians are a minority in China. Most people in China are atheists," Shen said.

Adventist believers in China fall under the China Christian Council and are recognized as a special group for their worship services on Saturday. It's estimated that there are some 400,000 Adventist believers in China.

In the past few years, Adventist believers in China have built several large churches in agreement with authorities.

Next year's trip would be Wilson's first visit to China. His predecessor, Jan Paulsen, visited China in 2009.

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I have something to admit: I’m not a huge fan of meat.

People often oppose meat due to health, environmental, animal cruelty, or religious convictions; other times it’s a cultural thing. For me, I just never liked it.

When I was growing up in the 70’s, my mom didn’t force me to eat meat until the doctor diagnosed me with anemia. Back then, there was one prescribed cure for that: meat, and lots of it. She managed to get me to eat it by spicing or saucing it up, and gradually I got to the point where I ate it. But to this day, I don’t enjoy the taste of meat itself. Garlic? Yum. Smoky flavors? Yes. Herbs and Spices? Bring ‘em on. A naked steak or pork chop? No thank you. Could you smother that in something, please?

Despite my innate distaste, and despite all the good reasons to NOT eat meat, I still find myself serving meat-centric dinners a few times each week. It’s a cultural thing, I think; it’s just what I’m used to. Also, even though I don’t enjoy meat, I dislike other substances masquerading as meat even more. One of the good things about having a thyroid condition is being able to say I can’t eat tofu for health reasons. If I don’t like meat, why would I like a squishy meat-like vegetable?

It’s easy to abstain from meat and avoid tofu, however. While my mother didn’t have a great deal of information available to her on how to get enough iron, B vitamins and complete proteins from an all-vegetable diet when I was a tiny herbivore, there are countless information sources easily accessible to anyone today. Like the helpfully titled The No Tofu Vegetarian Cookbook, for example. If you’re looking for reliable vegetarian information in Downers Grove, you can always talk to the folks at the Downers Grove Seventh Day Adventist Church.

I’m not an Adventist, but I’ve known they subscribe to vegetarianism since my two daughters were born in Hinsdale Hospital. (My husband strolled into the delivery room with a vegetarian Rueben sandwich just as I was entering the transitional phase of labor, with disastrous results.) When I was looking for vegetarian experts in Downers Grove, I naturally turned to a group with more than 150 years of experience in the matter.

Luckily, I came to the right place. I was excited to learn that Elvis Rodriguez, a church member, actually produces his own online vegetarian magazine called Vegetarian Spotlight. One of the articles, Feeding Your Vegetarian Toddler, would’ve helped my mom quite a bit those many (sigh!) years ago. Ditto the one titled Non-Meat Sources of Iron.

The October issue is due to come out October 14 (hey, that’s today!) and I can’t wait to take a look. While I know what to do with ingredients, I found myself learning a great deal about the ingredients themselves on Elvis’s site. For instance, I’m wondering if I could successfully grow some sprouts.

Although I don’t know if I could commit to a vegetarian diet absolutely, 100 percent (especially on Thanksgiving), I’m thinking I can easily become a 98 percent vegetarian. With recipes like this to try from Vegetarian Spotlight, it would be pretty easy:
Ingredients:
1 and 1/2 cup of dry bulgar (makes 3 cups after combining with liquid)
2 cups of boiling water (or vegetable broth)
1/2 medium onion, minced
2 small cloves of garlic, pressed and chopped
3 cups fresh parsley, minced
2 medium tomatoes, chopped
4 TBS extra virgin olive oil
2 TBS fresh lemon juice
sea salt and pepper to taste

Directions:
1. Place bulgar, salt and pepper in a bowl.
2. Pour 2 cups of boiling water or vegetable broth over the bulgar. Stir once and let sit for 15-20 minutes (according to package instructions) until liquid is absorbed.
3. Let minced onion and chopped garlic sit for 5 minutes to bring out their hidden health properties
4. Combine all ingredients and mix well.

Tips:
- For added flavor you may want to add more olive oil and lemon juice.
- Consider adding fresh, chopped mint
Susan Carroll
9:54am on Friday, October 14, 2011
I was thinking about the meat stuff I'd miss if I were vegetarian all the way. I like chicken broth; I'd miss that. Also, gravy on mashed potatoes (maybe I'd just add more butter.) And the thought of Thanksgiving without turkey doesn't fill me with joy... I'm interested to hear how it's going for you.

Kelly H
1:51pm on Friday, October 14, 2011
Well, we were going to try a completely all-plant diet but found quickly it just won't work. My husband likes yogurt too much and I LOVE cheese. (Also love the gravy with potatoes as you said.) We're making a few exceptions so it works for us and we're still giving our daughter dairy milk so that we don't have to worry as much about her nutrition. Like Nick said, it does take a lot of planning for a novice; you need to make sure your pantry's always stocked with things that your mother's pantry was not stocked with! And eating out becomes a whole new experience...

David Kamedulski
5:04pm on Friday, October 14, 2011
I think vegetarianism is un-American.

Barb Kilpatrick
5:22pm on Friday, October 14, 2011
David, really UN American?
That's pretty UN educated sounding to me........It's a choice....and CHOICE is AMERICAN. Eat whatever you like. Personally, Meat doesn't mix very well with my system and from what I'm learning that's what a lot of people are finding out too. What I never understood is, Isn't fish or seafood Meat? and isn't that in a Vegetarian's Diet?

Susan Carroll
5:33pm on Friday, October 14, 2011
He is JOKING, Barb. Don't take his bait! He IS a vegetarian. And my smart-aleck neighbor, to boot.

David Kamedulski
6:10pm on Friday, October 14, 2011
I stand by my statement.

No, fish is not in a vegetarian diet. Why would you think that?

**Kelly H**
7:37pm on Friday, October 14, 2011

David and Nick, I'm curious. Did your parents raise you to be vegetarian/pescetarians or was it a choice later in life? If the latter, how did you make the transition? What foods do you feel made it easier (if you experienced difficulty)? Looking for any tips!

**Susan Carroll**
6:39pm on Friday, October 14, 2011

Barb, people who choose to include fish refer to themselves as pescetarians. Like Nick.

**David Kamedulski**
7:41pm on Friday, October 14, 2011

Well some people eat fish and refer to themselves as vegetarian. People can say whatever they want, but it does cause confusion. Nothing worse than when the "vegetarian option" is seafood.

**David Kamedulski**
7:44pm on Friday, October 14, 2011

I was raised eating meat. I've been vegetarian for many years now. My entire family of 5 is veg. I don't recall much about the transition. For me the challenge was more about the inconvenience rather than craving flesh. Once you get used to being veg in a meat based culture it gets easier.

**Robert Bykowski**
9:41am on Saturday, October 15, 2011

I don't acknowledge pescetarianism! It's my own narrow viewpoint, but you're either vegetarian, vegan, or you eat meat. That's it.

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Plans scrapped for AUC branch campus

By Karen Nugent TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF

LANCASTER — A fellow Seventh-day Adventist college has voted not to establish a branch campus at Atlantic Union College next semester, as originally planned.

The trustees of Washington Adventist University in Maryland voted to suspend further negotiations, after the two colleges were unable to reach an agreement about operating the branch campus, according to a statement published in WAU's newsletter.

Telephone calls to Atlantic Union College, which is closed this semester, were not answered and there was no voice mail service there.

The decision to merge with the Maryland university was made last year, after AUC's accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges was discontinued, mainly for financial reasons.

Students who were attending AUC were given options to transfer to Washington Adventist University, and those arrangements will continue, according to the newsletter.

Atlantic Union College, which drew approximately 450 full and part time students, is under the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which includes New England, New York, and Bermuda.

Donald R. King, conference president, did not immediately return phone calls or emails today.

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Food distribution for low-income residents

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Federal surplus commodities like mixed vegetables, cranberry apple juice, applesauce, 1-percent milk, peanut butter and corn will be distributed to low-income Napa County residents in October.

Recipients may receive food once a month, and must sign a form certifying that they meet the following maximum income limits: $1,361 for one person, $1,839 for two people, $2,316 for three people, and $2,794 for four people.

Food will be available at the following Upvalley locations:

• St. Helena: 2:30 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, at the St. Helena Food Pantry, 1777 Main St., behind the St. Helena Seventh-Day Adventist Church;

• Calistoga: 10:30 to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Community Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Third and Washington streets;

• Angwin: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Angwin Community Services, 275 Clark Way;

• Yountville: 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 20. Call 253-6128 at least 24 hours ahead of time for delivery;

• Lake Berryessa: noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Community Church of Lake Berryessa, 6008 Steele Canyon Road.
When we were in Herron Hill Junior High School, we thought we had what was the meanest teacher in life -- ever! She was known to swing a mean paddle and by today's "standards" could be brought up on child abuse charges.

She taught math and once told me, when I made a stab at correcting her, that "it doesn't matter if I say your name wrong. What matters is that you learn this math." Well, OK then.

Mamie Wadkins (now Mamie Wadkins Clemons) was a strict taskmaster. But because we were young and foolish, we couldn't see how dedicated she was and how much she really cared about her students.

What I remember more than anything else about eighth-grade math class was the day Mrs. Wadkins stood at the board with a piece of chalk in her hand and commenced to draw a squiggly line across the slate, moving slowly and crossing this seemingly endless line over and over in different directions.

By the time there was more line than board, she explained, "This is what happens when you tell a lie. It just gets bigger and bigger and more complicated and more twisted every time you tell it." The squiggly line continued to take over the blackboard. You could have heard a pin drop in there, but the message was received loud and clear.

To this day, whenever I have reason to believe I am not being told the truth, I have flashbacks to Mrs. Wadkins and the lie that got away from whoever is telling it. I always used that memory in my own life, not that I would ever tell a lie, of course.

About a year or so ago, I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Wadkins (she said it was OK to call her that) with my best bud since Herron Hill, Lydia Payne Scott. Somehow being in her presence made me feel like a little kid again, but with grown-up eyes that could really appreciate the blessing this woman was to us and remains so today.

A much-loved and devoted elder of Hillcrest Seventh-Day Adventist Church, this outstanding woman is a bright light in my life that will remain so forever.

Thank you, Mrs. Wadkins. We love you.

ARDELLE VIVIENNE ROBINSON

Schenley Heights
In the library of Reserve Primary, Ms. Wilcox nurtured our hearts and minds.

Normally, when people think of a school memory, they think of a teacher, a classmate or a school dance. I do have good memories of teachers, but mostly I think of my school libraries. (Does that make me a nerd?)

I went to Reserve Primary, a small school in Shaler Area School District. There were only about 200 kids there, and the teachers seemed to know all of your relatives. The Reserve Primary library was small but comfy. The tallest shelf could be reached by tiny little kindergartners if they stood on a stool and reached waaay up.

I loved walking around and finding new books while scanning through old favorites. (I don't read books twice.) The thing I remember most, though, is the librarian. On one of those paste-eating kindergarten days, she picked me up and plunked me on her lap. Thus began our friendship.

Ms. Wilcox is the opposite of the stereotypical librarian. She's this young, athletic, exciting, strong-willed, wonderful person. We're still friends to this day.

When it was time for me to move on to Shaler Area Elementary, a much larger school than Reserve, I was freaking out! I longed for the security of my small primary school. Most of my friends weren't even in my class, but I made new friends quickly.

The library was soon our favorite hangout. The tall, dark wooden bookshelves creaked and groaned and whispered secrets among each other. I adored every moment!

One of my favorite memories happened close to the end of my sixth-grade year. Some of my friends and I entered a reading competition called "Battle of the Books." To help us out, the school set up an extracurricular class right after lunch, where we'd meet with our team and discuss the books.

We didn't win, but when the competition was over, we still met in the library after lunch and had the class! So for 30 minutes we played hide-and-seek in the library.

I wouldn't trade these memories for the world. Because of these memories, my love of libraries is stronger than ever.

KIMBERLY YURASITS

Reserve

The "Back to School" series is winding down, but Portfolio always welcomes reader essays. Send your writing to page2@post-gazette.com; or by mail to Portfolio, Post-Gazette, 34 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Portfolio editor Gary Rotstein may be reached at 412-263-1255.

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“Logos was a natural choice for helping us obtain an efficient and user-friendly way to make the ‘Andrews Study Bible’ available for the new generations of Bible students who are comfortable with — and even demanding — digital resources,” said Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University.

The digital version is available in a package with the New King James Version of the Bible, which retails for $39.95. It is also available separately for $29.95.

“At the beginning of the ‘Andrews Study Bible’ project, we promised Adventist church leaders, who helped make it all happen, that we would produce a retail edition, an outreach edition and a digital edition,” Andreasen said. “We’re pleased to report that with the release of this digital edition we have delivered on all three promises.”

In the Tuesday story about Fun Treasure Maps in the Tuesday Star, the saleman gave the name “Edward Zapencki” to business owners.

The Star regrets the error.
Breadline Bermuda
Islanders line-up for free meals in growing numbers as recession tightens its grip

Raymond Hainey
Senior Reporter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19: Churches are being flooded with pleas for help in ‘breadline Bermuda’.

As the recession bites hard, congregations are assisting with everything from free meals to rent and power bills — in ever-increasing numbers.

Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church yesterday launched a public appeal to help its Operation Five Loaves and Two Fish campaign as the number of people seeking help mushrooms.

The AME church told us yesterday that its feeding programme has expanded by at least 10 per cent. And the Catholic church has seen a massive five-fold increase in the number of islanders seeking free meals.

“...We targeted homeless people originally but we’re now seeing the working poor,” says Catholic aid worker Joanne Judd.

“That’s people who have perhaps lost their main job, are working part-time and using all their money for rent and power.”

The Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist congregation runs a twice-weekly meals programme which has seen huge increases in demand. James Landy, an elder at the church, said:

“We’ve swollen from numbers in the 20s to as high as 110 on any given night — that has extended us quite a bit.”

Mr Landy added that the church now wanted to extend the programme to giving away boxes of food to those with nowhere else to turn.

He said: “We are looking to feed at least 100-150 people this Sunday. The only way we can do that is by partnering with the community.

“By doing that, we will be able to meet more of the demands and needs we’re seeing.”
Mr Landy added: "The programme was initially for the homeless, but we’re seeing people now who don’t have a job and can’t provide for themselves.

“It’s not just one section of society who are in need now, if you will. We’re seeing people with families who maybe don’t have a job, we’re seeing older people coming, we’re seeing children coming.

“What we’re seeking is for the community to partner with us – this work has become very heavy and we can’t do it alone. I’m sure it’s not just us – other churches and community groups will be feeling the same strain as us.”

But Mr Landy promised: “We will be able to sustain this as long as long as the Bermuda community works with us. It’s not a one-off – we’ll do it as long as we can.”

Joanne Judd, Bermuda president of the international Catholic aid organization, the St Vincent de Paul Society, said numbers at the Loaves and Fishes weekly free meals programme had jumped from 10-15 when it was founded three years ago to 75 or 80.

She added: “We’re experienced the same sort of demographics the Seventh Day Adventists are – we targeted homeless people originally too, but we’re now seeing the working poor.”

St Vincent de Paul volunteers also work with other aid organisations to coordinate help and provide food vouchers for use in the MarketPlace chain.

Ms Judd said: “We work together with other agencies, who can, for example, provide non-perishable goods, so the vouchers can be used for fresh food like bread, milk and vegetables. There are a lot of people out there, churches out there, who are doing things people have never heard of, but who are feeding people now. This upsurge is a direct result of people losing jobs. A lot of the people who are contacting us now are people who have lost their jobs.

“We’re very fortunate in that we’re supported by parishioners across the island, financially, with food and with their time as volunteers, so we’re managing at the moment.”

Reverend Betty Woolridge, presiding elder of the AME Church in Bermuda and pastor at St Philip’s Church in Smith’s, confirmed demand for AME programmes has also increased.

She said: “All of our 11 churches are doing some sort of community programmes. I know the feeding programmes have increased – perhaps by ten per cent or more. But all of our churches are involved now, which they weren’t before.”

Rev. Woolridge added that in her former parish, Allen Temple in Somerset, a meals delivery programme targeted at seniors had swollen from 24 recipients seven years ago to as many as 80 today.

And she said the Heard Chapel, Pembroke, free clothing programme had also seen increases in demand as more families fall below the poverty line.

Rev. Woolridge said: “We do things a little differently in that we cook and deliver to people and we get boxes of canned and boxed food together so we can deliver them too. The increases are from people who are now affected by recession and the elderly are being affected more.”

Hamilton Seventh Day Adventist Church, King Street, is accepting donations of both non-perishable and perishable foods until Saturday.

The food will be used to make up boxes of food, which will be available to the needy from noon to 2pm at the church’s Youth Centre. The church will also have a team of volunteers to deliver to those unable to get to the church.

To donate food contact Mr Landy on 534-9600 or the church at 292-276 or at HamiltonSDA@northrock.bm. The St Vincent De Paul Society’s Loaves and Fishes programme operates on Sundays between 5.30pm-6pm at St Theresa’s Hall, Laffan St, Pembroke.
Oakwood University president plans pastoral approach to campus leadership

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Kay Campbell, The Huntsville Times

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama -- He's an English professor, author and college administrator with an MBA and a background in health care administration.

He's an Oakwood University alumnus, husband to another and father to two more, and former pastor of the campus church.

But Dr. Leslie N. Pollard, who was inaugurated Oct. 16, 2011, as the 11th president in the 115-year history of Oakwood University, says his most important qualification is that of chaplain-in-chief to the 2,006 students from 40 countries.

"I suggested, and the Trustees approved, adding 'Chief Spiritual Officer' to the official description of my duties," Pollard, 55, said last week in a wide-ranging conversation with The Huntsville Times in his modest office.

That conversation included his wife, Dr. Prudence LaBeach Pollard, a former nutritionist who holds a doctorate in educational and group assessment. She teaches in the business department and is an associate vice president for faculty development.

Since the couple's arrival in January, she developed and administered a campus-wide poll of students to get a clearer picture of their personal spiritual practices and how the university helped support those.

Dr. Prudence Pollard.JPG
"I felt someone has to be responsible for keeping this faith-based institution on mission," said Pollard, who succeeded Dr. Delbert Baker, who was called to be a general vice president for the world church. "It's a new paradigm."

Pollard's re-alignment of duties will shift the campus chaplains so that they answer directly to him. Pollard will also add two new chaplains, bringing the chaplain's staff to three full-time chaplains on duty for the students and staff.

Oakwood was founded by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the post-Civil-War period for the education of former slaves. The college itself is laid out on land that includes the plantation that the slave Dred Scott worked before his master took him to Missouri and into the swirl of events that would lend his name to a divisive court decision about the agency of slaves in a free state.

Pollard's duty as a Christian leader and, as a Seventh-day Adventist, one who believes without question in the soon and literal return of Jesus, is not to retreat from the world, he said, but to work harder to lead the campus community toward God's ideal.

"People who believe in the End Times have a great responsibility to help people find meaning, to serve others and to make the world a better place," Pollard said. "Part of the power of the apocalypse is to re-cast reality, to take you back to the Book (the Bible), and to inspire you to live your life forward with the perspective of God's vision."

Growing the university to his ideal of about 3,500 students with a worldwide online presence will take both, Pollard said.

"Our 70 Days of Power are about returning us to our roots," Pollard said, referring to the 70-day prayer emphasis on campus and also to Oakwood's role in educating black students, who still graduate in the U.S. at a rate half that of whites, and centrally to Oakwood's role in training Adventist Christian leaders.

"We have to ask: 'Why are we here? What are we doing that no one else can do? Can we do it better?'" Pollard said. "If we keep the identity of the institution central, I have to believe that has value and people will want to participate in that experience."

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Vegetarian food outlet returns to West Plains

Seventh-day Adventists’ reopened store offers books, specialty foods for health

If you go

ABC Christian Bookstore and Vegetarian Food Outlet, 3715 S. Grove Road, is open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From Spokane, head west on Interstate 90 and take exit 276 (Geiger Boulevard). Turn left, cross over the freeway and turn left at the first driveway. Call (509) 838-3168.

At the end of a long driveway tucked away in the woods just west of downtown Spokane, the ABC Christian Bookstore and Vegetarian Food Outlet has reopened. The store is on the campus of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, headquarters for the administrative offices of the church. In 2008, the whole campus burned down and the store had been operating at a temporary location in Spokane Valley for the past 2 1/2 years.

“This is our new store in our old location,” explains store employee Candy Minden. “Even though we’re an Adventist store, we are open to anyone that wants a healthy lifestyle,” she says. The ABC store is one of about 50 or 60 stores nationwide operated by the church, according to store manager Herman Schreven. The store closest to Spokane is in Walla Walla.

The majority of the store’s footprint is dedicated to books, but for its modest size the vegetarian food outlet offers an impressive selection of items.

One wall is dedicated to refrigerated and frozen vegetarian foods, with over a dozen flavors of meatless burgers, entrees, cold cuts and sausages. Morningstar Farms, Gardenburger and Quorn are a few of the brands represented, and products are available individually or by the case. You’ll find frozen pizza and “chicken” cutlets alongside more unusual items like vegetarian tuna and imitation duck, which is one of the store’s best-selling products.

Dry goods include vegan seasonings and soup mixes, alcohol-free wine, cereals and vegetarian entrees. Bakers will find bulk supplies of organic wheat and oats, as well as gluten-free cake mixes and packages of vegan carob chips and marshmallows. There’s a good selection of healthy snacks, including dried fruit, trail mix, Barbara’s cookies, 12 kinds of meatless jerky and several flavors of carob cookies.
Often new shoppers come in after seeing a movie like “Food, Inc.” or reading about an event like mad cow disease that challenges their thinking about the foods they eat, says Schreven. Some suffer from food allergies, others want to make a change in their diets and don’t know where to start. The ABC store carries a wide assortment of cookbooks and other books helpful to anyone interested in pursuing a vegetarian diet or learning more about eating for optimal health. There’s also a section of nutritional supplements like brewer’s yeast and activated charcoal, which is known for its healing properties.

One shopper, Ron Roush, shops at the ABC store for its unique selection of products. “It’s so trendy to be healthy, but most places focus on mainstream products,” says Roush, who likes the selection of vegan and vegetarian goods at the store. Some products, like Clear Jel thickening agent used for canning, Roush just can’t find at any other retail store in the area.

“We try to have the best price, or have something that no one else carries. That’s our niche,” says Schreven. The store is a nonprofit mission of the church and prices can be significantly lower than other retail stores. “If you buy a case, it will be 30 percent to 40 percent less than retail,” says Schreven. Lentils, split peas and rice are all available in 25 pound bags at prices substantially lower than smaller quantities purchased at the supermarket and items like tofu milk and vegetarian chili are available at discounted case prices.

“Basically, the food appeals to a wide spectrum from conservative Christian vegetarians to new-age ultraliberals – we get them all,” says Schreven. He estimates that 60 percent of the shoppers are Seventh-day Adventists, and the rest are not affiliated with the church but just interested in pursuing a healthy lifestyle. “There’s a connection between your health and your ability to absorb spiritual things,” he says. “The church encourages a vegetarian diet for health reasons.”

The store is having a fall sale through the end of October with discounts on cases of selected canned and frozen items.

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Three years after the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the move of Washington Adventist Hospital from Takoma Park to White Oak, the hospital system still waits for approval from the state.

Washington Adventist wants to build a bigger facility on a 48-acre plot near the Food and Drug Administration’s White Oak headquarters. Hospital administrators told the Washington Post that the current location doesn’t have enough private rooms. Narrow roads into the campus make it difficult for emergency vehicles and cars to share the street.

The new campus in White Oak would offer 249 private beds, a faith center and a lake for “natural healing.”

The hospital is waiting on a decision from the Maryland Health Care Commission, a governor-appointed board of 15 citizens. The commission recently completed a series of evidentiary hearings in Baltimore where three nearby hospitals officially registered their opposition to the move. The next step is for the presiding commissioner, Randall Worthington, to issue a recommendation.

Laurel Regional Hospital, located about six miles from the proposed hospital site, Montgomery General in Olney, about 10 miles away, and Holy Cross in Silver Spring, about seven miles south of the proposed site, have all become interested parties in the case, according to Paul Parker, acting director of the center for hospital services at the commission.

According to the Post, the hospitals are concerned that the new location would cut into their customer bases.

An interested party has the legal right to present during the hearings, to comment on the commissioner’s recommendation, along with Washington Adventist. Both Washington Adventist and the interested parties may then comment on each other’s comments.

The full commission will take Worthington’s recommendation, comments from the four hospitals and other information about the case and render a decision. The entire process is likely to be lengthy, given the amount of material that has been submitted, Parker said.

“We’ve got a lot of disagreement out there and it’s a major project,” Parker told Patch.

There are supporters of the hospital’s move. County Executive Isiah Leggett issued a statement in August that tied the hospital’s move to economic growth in East Montgomery County. Last March, the East County Citizen’s Advisory Board wrote a letter in support of the move and Prince George’s County Councilmember Mary Lehman, who represents Laurel, told the Post that she is also in favor of the move.

“More access is better than less,” Lehman said.
Health Care Commission to Issue Decision on Washington Adventist Hos...
Missionary injured in mo-ped accident needs money

By Meg Mirshak
Staff Writer

For decades, Phillip Tweety traveled around town on his bicycle -- and most recently, a mo-ped distributing his own money to needy people.

Now, friends are seeking financial help for the 74-year-old man after he was hit Oct. 8 by a truck on Deans Bridge Road while riding a mo-ped alongside his wife. The two, who are affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, were returning home after a regular Saturday of missionary work.

“He didn’t see me go over this time,” Janie Tweety said of how they try to move from lanes when traffic speeds behind them. “He got hit, and I just screamed and hollered.”

Her husband is still in critical condition at Medical College of Georgia Hospital. He had neck surgery Thursday and needs breathing and feeding tubes because he’s in a coma, said his wife, who received minor scratches from the incident.

The Tweetys give 10 percent of their income directly to people. They approach shoppers at Walmart stores in Augusta, North Augusta and Aiken who seem to have little in their shopping carts and might need more. Some turn them down; others graciously accept the gift.

Annie Powell, a mobile home park owner who employed Phillip Tweety in 1989, set up a fund to cover medical expenses for the couple who never asked for anything in return.

Powell described Tweety as a “devout Christian man” and frugal spender. Health issues, possibly from a simple vegetarian diet, forced them to stop riding bikes last spring. The couple owned a car but knew gas money lasted longer when they rode mo-peds.

“When you see one, you see the other one. Always,” Powell said.

They also frequented Diamond Lakes Regional Park and downtown areas, passing out CDs and pamphlets with the writings of Ellen G. White, a 19th-century Christian writer who was instrumental in Seventh-day Adventist theology.

Janie Tweety said she will never ride a mo-ped again, but prays she will ride bikes with her husband someday.

“I don’t want to go home without him. I’ve been praying. Sometimes, I get downward and think he’s not going to make it,” she said.

How to help

Make a donation to the fund at any Queensborough National Bank and Trust branch in the name of Phillip Wayne Tweety.
Egan resident Elaine Goodspeed circles sedimentary rock dug up on her property embedded with oyster shells and other signs of marine life in Johnson County. Matt Smith/Times-Review

A replica of a fossilized Protohadros byrdi, or duckbill dinosaur, jawbone Egan resident Elaine Goodspeed found on her property. Goodspeed donated the actual jawbone to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Matt Smith/Times-Review

Elaine Goodspeed shows off a vertebrae unearthed on her Egan property believed to belong to a Mosasaur, a marine lizard-like creature, which lived during the time of dinosaurs. Matt Smith/Times-Review

Egan resident Elaine Goodspeed checks out one of many dinosaur bones in Southwestern Adventist University’s collection. Matt Smith/Times-Review
Dr. Art Chadwick, geology and biology research professor at Southwestern Adventist University, inspects teeth and other items Egan resident Elaine Goodspeed discovered on her property. Matt Smith/Times-Review

Unearthing prehistoric Johnson County

By Matt Smith/msmith@trcle.com

Pointing out oyster shells embedded in layers of sedimentary rock unearthed on her Egan family spread, Elaine Goodspeed suddenly realizes that she’s long held a penchant for digging around in the dirt.

“I never thought of that until now,” Goodspeed said. “But I grew up in Fort Worth, near the Trinity, and I was always fascinated by fossils and stuff. My brother used to joke that I liked digging in the dirt as a kid. I remember finding a big sand dollar and taking it to school to show my teacher. But then I dropped it on the school bus and it broke.”

Later, in the mid to late ’90s, while her husband, Eddie Goodspeed, dug a pond on their land, Elaine stumbled across an interesting fossil, which she initially thought to be the ribs of some animal.

“I just thought it was neat and basically kept it at the house for about three and a half years,” Goodspeed said. “Then I took it to [Fort Worth Museum of Science and History]. The guy took it, flipped it sideways and said, ‘This is a jawbone.’ Then they sent it to SMU to confirm it.”

Goodspeed’s find, according to a display placard at the Fort Worth Museum, was identified as the lower right jaw of a “new dinosaur” and as such represents an exciting new find.

“As it is only the second known specimen of Protohadros byrdi,” the placard reads. “The first was a skull found in Denton County. Protohadros means first duckbill. At 95 million years old, this is one of the earliest duckbilled dinosaurs ever found.”

The Goodspeeds, after receiving a replica cast of the jawbone, donated the original to the Fort Worth Museum in 2000 where it sat displayed for several years.

Although not presently displayed, the bone remains part of the museum’s permanent collection, said Aaron Pan, curator of science.

The discovery thrilled Goodspeed to no end and she’s since — much to her husband’s chagrin, Goodspeed laughed — spent many a day poking about her land. She hasn’t found the rest of that duckbill just yet. But she has uncovered numerous arrowheads, teeth (shark teeth, Goodspeed figures), the aforementioned oyster beds and other possible finds of interest.
Several months ago, Goodspeed uncovered part of, depending on whom you ask, a second dinosaur, or at least a prehistoric beast that roamed the county roundabout the same time as the dinos.

The three-inch long fossil appears to be the vertebrae of a Mosasaur, a large marine lizard-like creature, according to Dr. Art Chadwick, geology and biology research professor at Southwestern Adventist University and others.

Johnson County it turns out was at one time a marshy area and at other times beneath the ocean while areas around Glen Rose and Fort Worth were more coastal, according to several experts.

While Mosasaurs no doubt resembled a swimming dinosaur it was actually a different animal altogether, Pan said.

“More closely related to lizards,” Pan said. “Their closest relatives now would be something like the Nile monitor or Komodo lizards. They [Mosasaurs] were probably anywhere from a meter in length to 15 meters.”

Everyone Goodspeed consulted agreed that the Mosasaur is not an animal one would ever hope to encounter.

“These were wicked animals,” said Ron Frithiof, an Austin-based fossil collector. “I’m sure they gave the sharks a run for their money.”

Duckbills on the other hand although large, were probably relatively harmless, being herbivores.

A third unexpected dino discovery comes courtesy of a recent visit with Chapman at SWAU. Several of Goodspeed’s suspected sharks teeth are just that. Others, Chapman said, are stingray barbs. One tiny tooth, because of its serrated edge, appears to have once belonged to a dinosaur, Chapman informs Goodspeed. Either a baby or a grown, albeit small sized dinosaur, he said.

The experts agree that dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures once roamed Johnson County but differ when asked to what extent and how long ago.

All dubbed Goodspeed’s discoveries significant.

“A big deal? It is,” Chadwick said. “The [jawbone] is probably one of the earliest duckbills ever found. A lot of people come here thinking they’ve found dinosaur bones, which is usually not the case. But, in her [Goodspeed’s] case I about fell out of my chair because she did have something from this area. All I know of is her and a fellow digging a house foundation who found a beautiful vertebrae.”

Although Frithiof said dinosaurs were probably plentiful in the area, he’s unsure how much evidence remains.

“Unlike Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, there was probably a lot of stuff in Texas, but the problem is fossilization,” Frithiof said. “It’s not as predominant or good as in other areas so a lot has deteriorated or never fully fossilized because of soil conditions and other factors.

“What’s interesting about [Goodspeed’s] place is she’s found a good variety of stuff, the Mosasaur, the duckbill, which is very fascinating; the shark’s teeth, and she has a real love and passion for it, which makes it all the neater.
“So it’s worth doing some looking. There’s no telling what could be just inches below the ground there.”

Layland Museum Director Julie Baker, who has visited Goodspeed’s land, agreed.

“We know this used to be an inland sea so it’s not unusual to find shells and sea life,” Baker said. “There seems to be something unusual about her area composition-wise though. There are no maps from back then, of course. But I don’t know if the [sea] was deeper there, or the land higher, but some little finger of the sea seems to have done something there.”

Goodspeed said she’d love a full-scale dig or at least to have researchers to check her land out to a larger degree. More would need to be done, several said, however.

“One vertebrae or random bone might lead to a complete animal, but you never know,” Frithiof said. “You’d need to find more than the one vertebrae to start a full expedition.”

Jimmy Smith, regional archeology steward for the Texas Historical Commission, agreed.

“Considering it from her point, there’s probably more than one thing there,” Smith said. “Probably more needs to be found before someone would be interested in coming out though. It’s too much dirt to move for isolated finds and a bit like finding a needle in a haystack.”

On the other hand, Smith said he’s been involved in excavations of several mammoths between Cleburne and Covington and that a huge excavation of “dino-aged” material is ongoing along the Trinity River near Arlington.

The discovery of dinosaurs in Texas is also fairly recent, Smith said.

“It’s still kind of a new field in Texas,” Smith said. “Knowing where they are and to what degree they were here.”

Goodspeed said she’s hooked, and intends to keep digging.

“I was just blown away to see dinosaurs here,” Goodspeed said. “I figured Glen Rose was the closest, but I’m betting that as the things start developing more out here, people are probably going to find more stuff.”
Holding a vial bigger than her hand, filled with what appeared to be sugar, Nakita Tobias, 7, could not believe her eyes Sunday.

“Holy moly!” she exclaimed. “I’m not drinking soda ever again.”

Inside the vial was the amount of sugar found in a can of regular soda.

Together with her family, Nakita perused the table Sunday at the first community health fair at Hagerstown Seventh-Day Adventist Church that was topped with vials showing how much fat, sugar and salt were in commonly consumed foods.

“My head is starting to burn up,” Nakita said. “I’m never drinking Pepsi again.”

“I was surprised,” said her sister Joy, 9, noting how much fat was in her favorite food, french fries.

“I like this,” said her mother, Katrina Tobias, as she held daughter Brianna, 16 months. “It’s important for them to see it like this, visually. It’ll stick with them.”

“I hope it helps them make better choices,” said father Michael Tobias.

The table covered with vials of fat, sugar and salt — and even globs of “fat” — was just one of many set up Sunday at the church’s health fair.

Viann Johnson of the health committee said Seventh-Day Adventists have a strong belief in the importance of physical health, as well as spiritual and mental health.

Pastor Chris Holland said the importance of physical health was emphasized by one of the church’s founders,
Ellen White.

Posters filled the room detailing what Holland called the “eight laws of health”: nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest and trust.

Hoping to fill a need in the community for additional health resources, Johnson said the church hosted the public fair and invited numerous vendors.

Vendors provided information on topics including disease prevention and treatment, smoking cessation, exercise, nonmedicinal treatments, therapy, hospice care, healthful foods and mental health, and offered cooking demonstrations.

Children could have their faces painted, jump in an inflatable bounce, try hula hooping and take a quiz about the nutritional contents of cereal.

Johnson said she had not estimated how many people would come to the fair, which ran from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but from the crowded room, it appeared to be a success, a success Holland said he would like to see grow into an annual, or even semiannual, event.

Holland said the fair was the capstone of a health-centered weekend hosted at the church. On Saturday evening, the church showed a documentary titled “Forks Over Knives” that examines the claim that most degenerative diseases can be controlled or even reversed by what people eat.

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Health Expo for Seniors Will Feature Free Food and Education

The Grand Avenue Community Center will host an "Eat for Your Health" event on Tuesday focused on nutrition for adults 60+.

By Darren McRoy  Email the author  October 16, 2011

"You put together seniors and free food, and it’s a winner!" Mic Cagney exclaimed. "You can’t help but win!"

Cagney, the director of the Western Springs Senior Center, was promoting the Eat For Your Health Expo, a first-time event that will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Grand Avenue Community Center first-floor gymnasium.

With a combination of free food, flue shots, coupons for local businesses, recipes and a variety of exhibitors, the event aims to educate older adults about healthy nutrition for better living.

"It’s striking how, based on the way people eat, they can be in less pain, they can have less need for medications," Cagney said. "If you eat a lot of sugar, your arthritis is going to be worse, it can cause you to have some memory issues… [The event] is really about educating the older adult in how to eat healthy."

The expo will feature exhibits from a number of Western Springs, La Grange and Hinsdale businesses such as Trader Joe’s, Casey’s Market and Whole Foods, as well as two guest speakers, dietetic technician Joe Miks’ "Why You Should Care About What You Eat" and AgeOptions’ Ellin Learned’s "Understanding Food Labels."

Adventist La Grange Hospital, Meadowbrook Manor, Wellness House and Aging Care Connections will also all have exhibits.

Cagney said that she hopes to make the expo an annual Village staple event.

"It’s about making the senior lifestyle a better lifestyle," she said.
Black boarding school’s alumni remember MLK’s influence

By Avis Thomas-Lester, Published: October 15

Cynthia Poole graduated from college the same year that Martin Luther King Jr. led the March on Washington. Jaki Bethea came out of high school the same year that King pushed for passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Rocky Twyman tried to go to jail for protesting racism as a child growing up in Atlanta. He was bitterly disappointed to learn that even the most brutal police generally didn’t lock up 12-year-old boys.

Each grew up aware of the civil rights struggle waged by men such as King. Each knew of the sacrifices of others for the privileges they enjoyed: graduating from boarding school, attending college and moving up from the blue-collar occupations that segregation had forced on their parents.

On Friday, Poole, Bethea and Twyman visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial as part of their alma mater’s annual reunion. They are graduates of Pennsylvania’s Pine Forge Academy, one of the nation’s few black boarding schools, and they went to pay homage to the man who had cleared their way.

“We grew up knowing about the struggle,” said Twyman, 62, of Rockville, owner of a public relations company. “At school we learned about Dr. King and sang the songs of the struggle. We’d be in class singing the same spirituals that people were singing as they staged marches and sit-ins. That was part of our education.”

Bethea, a business owner who lives in Silver Spring, learned about the civil rights movement and King as a child growing up in Groton, Conn. She saw it played out, though, during annual trips to see relatives in North Carolina.

“I remember that I thought it was wonderful that all the black children got to go to school together,” she said. She went to integrated schools in Connecticut and could sit anywhere she wanted on the public buses. But she was also called names by white children and sometimes treated poorly.

She participated in her first sit-in as a middle-schooler in Southport, N.C., near Wilmington. “Blacks had to go upstairs in the movie theater. I remember marching with the young people in the church” to integrate the movie house, she said. “It was hard for me to learn that they had no choice, because in Connecticut we always had the choice.”
Poole, of Pottstown, Pa., lived in Washington for 40 years after moving to the city in 1967 to teach in D.C. public schools. Her biggest regret is missing the March on Washington in 1963, when blacks from all over the country answered King’s call to converge on the capital to demand equal rights.

“I felt that the crowds would be massive, so I stayed home and watched it on television,” she said. “I was glued to the TV. The thing that impressed me most was the peace. It was the largest, I’m sure, crowd that had ever assembled in Washington, and there was such a peace that day.”

Twyman recalls watching from the sidelines as Julian Bond and Andrew Young worked in Atlanta to help King fulfill his goal of integration.

“The thing that was different about Atlanta was that these were prominent citizens, members of the black middle class,” he said. “They had means, so they could take the risk. The bonds they set after people were arrested were sometimes thousands of dollars. These people could put up their houses as collateral. They didn’t stand aside. They were on the forefront.”

The three remembered where they were when they learned that King had been assassinated. And each remembered the despair and desperation that spread.

“My classroom was on the back of the building, but I remember looking out the front and seeing smoke coming from 14th Street,” said Poole, who began her career at Garrison Elementary School at 13th and S NW in Washington. “They closed school early. I was living in Takoma Park. As I headed up 16th Street, the National Guard was standing at the D.C. line on Aspen Street. They were not letting anybody back into the District. It took most people hours to get home that night.”

Bethea was a student at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., a historically black Seventh Day Adventist college.

“The blacks were so angry,” she said. “They wanted to go into town, but the president did not allow it. He put the school on lockdown, and we had to stay inside. I remember that we had a white teacher. Someone threw a rock at his classroom window.”

The Pine Forge alumni have had a reunion each year since 1975 as a way to reconnect. Several toured the offices of U.S. Senate chaplain Barry Black, a Pine Forge alumnus. Saturday, they attended church together and then gathered in Clarksville for a reunion dinner.

The visit to the memorial had been special, they said. They sang, and they prayed that Congress would unify to pass legislation that would help improve the nation’s economic picture.

“I was more impressed with the symbolism than the likeness,” Poole said of the monument. “It isn’t as striking as the statue at the U.S. Capitol, but I like the idea of him coming out of a mountain of hope at the memorial. That really characterized for me what he was all about.”
Indianapolis Returns as 2020 Adventist General Conference Session Location

Thirty years after last hosting, Indiana's capital celebrates 'quality' convention

12 Oct 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Mark A. Kelner, Adventist Review

Thirty years after its last stint at hosting a Seventh-day Adventist Church world business session, Indianapolis, capital of the state of Indiana, will welcome the 61st General Conference Session in 2020. The Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts football team, and the Indianapolis Convention Center, will host the event.

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Members of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau celebrate after being selected by the Adventist Church's Executive Committee to be hosts of the 2020 General Conference Session. Their signs read "Back to Indiana" in several languages. [photo: Ansel Oliver]
9 Comments

I went to the 1990 GC Session when I was 14 years old. I thought it was a neat city to be in. I wonder what it will be like 30 years later? As for the session itself I wasn't all that interested, being a young teen at that time. But I did go to the one in St. Louis and enjoyed the session, especially the Division Reports.

Sean Boundy | October 13, 2011 8:55 PM | Reply

Ever since becoming a Christian Seventh-day Adventist, I have been amazed at how there is an overwhelming tendency for so much to revolve around America when it comes to Adventism. For example, in 150 years, only 2 or 3 GC presidents have been non-Americans (and none have ever been anything other than American or Nordic). Then, there's the fact that the GC Session has always been held in America with the exception of Utrecht and Toronto (albeit the latter still in North America!). I can remember the sheer delight of those years (which not by accident were around the time of our youngest GC President in a long, long time). Since then, GC Sessions can seemingly only happen in America. What are the reasons we are given for this?

"To have a successful GC Session, she said, it's important to have a stadium staff that is fluent in English; a location where food safety can be assured; a nearby airport large enough to handle delegate travel; hotels close to the convention venue, and an enclosed stadium with seating for 70,000 adjacent to a convention center. Very few venues can meet all those requirements, Clemmer said, and they tend to be in the United States."

Try telling that to the sophisticated, fully integrated cities of many western democracies, particularly in Europe. Given that capacities have only increased since Utrecht and Toronto and that some of these considerations were unnecessary back in previous decades when attendances were far smaller, but that all GC Sessions were nonetheless held in America, such claims as made in this article ring particularly hollow.

Complex logistics play a part, but if World Cups and Olympic Games can be held successfully elsewhere in the world, what makes us think that GC Sessions can't?

Additionally, many would like to know when GC Presidents (and the majority of General Vice-Presidents) will reflect the face of the world church and no longer be simply an older, male caucasian American.

I am a deeply loyal Seventh-day Adventist, but on these and closely related issues, I have gone from amazed to appalled. We are a world church, aren't we? On issues like these, let's act like one.

Hugh Heenan | October 14, 2011 5:23 AM | Reply

Hello

Greetings from Sydney, Australia. It is a shame that other countries are not considered which would also mean cheaper costs for many Adventists living outside of the USA. The reasons given for having the meeting in the US are not entirely convincing.

Possible venues would be: Sydney Olympic Park, South Africa which hosted the World Cup very well, London which will have major infrastructure setup for their Olympics, Brazil where we have a major Adventist presence or even New Zealand who are hosting the current Rugby world cup.

Each of these would provide an ideal and suitable venue and meet the requirements for such a meeting. As I said earlier, it is a shame that Adventists in these countries do not get the chance to host the general conference meeting.

Robin

Robin H | October 14, 2011 6:51 AM | Reply

Back to Indianapolis again? Can't we find another place even somewhere out of north america. After all, the church is global, not north American.
Hi,
I do think that other countries have definitely been passed by in favor of America again. Melbourne cricket ground in Australia has a capacity of 100,000, and Webley stadium UK can house 90,000, old trafford 75,000. Obviously Holland speaks Dutch, with English as a second language, so surely other countries with English as a second language can also be considered in the future. Such as: Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, India can house 120,000, Estadio Azteca in Mexico, 110,000, Bukit Jalil in Malaysia, 102,000, Camp Nou 99,354 in Spain (could be dicey with the language I admit for the last 3), and FN stadium with 94,000 in Johannesburg.

By having it in a location outside America, I think it shows that we are a global church, and are really serious about being missionaries. The expense of big American shows can be done for a fraction of the cost in India, for example, and we will soon see who is serious about doing evangelism there, by how many people come.

I am glad that the Indianapolis team is spiritual and open to Adventism though, and after doing my research I agree that most large stadiums that have English are all in USA. Kind of sad I think...the world needs to be salted.

Stephen de Bruyn | October 16, 2011 4:42 PM | Reply

I am very sad because I know a few Adventist people here in Brazil who are very poor and do not have money to pay a trip to the US and go to the GC. Brazil is the country with the most Adventists in the world. Very dedicated people are here and the only thing they know about the GC is when the pastor preach in the church and say that they went to the US, made some shopping, got know very nice places and enjoyed the GC. Why is that only in US? Is it just about money and tourism in US? Or is that something about the remnant people? I really do not know. I am Adventist since I was a child and I will always be one. It is the church which is the closest to the truth. But I am so sorry because the Leadership seems to me to think just about money and development and pride, but do not think about the million of people who can not attend this event. I am one of them. In 2005 I was so sad coz I saw a few friends from the college going to GC and I could not go to have fun together. It is very sad that we can not make any 45 million dollar to anywhere and I am glad that I depend only on Jesus to have life and not the unfair GC. Please, do not take that as personal or heretic, it is just to think about it. I love our Adventist community, I just think that something is not right.

Wendel | October 17, 2011 1:50 AM | Reply

Hi folks,

I appreciate that you're reading ANN and that you're passionate enough to offer feedback. I'd like to clarify and highlight a few things.

While we would also like the General Conference Session to be held in various world regions, it's just not an option now because of the requirements of the Session Planning Committee, which is comprised of people from around the world.

I am aware of various venues you mentioned in your comments, but as we highlighted in the story, there aren't many cities that offer the committee's requirements -- specifically, the most critical one: a venue that features indoor seating for 70,000 that is adjacent to a convention center.

While many cities offer a covered stadium and a large exhibit hall, most don't offer both within a reasonable walking distance. A few divisions' presidents from regions mentioned above have previously commented on possibilities in their region, but after learning of this requirement, they withdrew their requests.

Several cities that have hosted the Olympics do not have an adequate number of hotel rooms within a reasonable distance of the meeting venue.

Also, two cities that could meet requirements said they are unable to fit the GC schedule because of ongoing sports team schedules -- both in Melbourne (football/soccer) and Toronto (The Blue Jays baseball team isn't interested blocking off 17 days of days off and road games as they did in 2000).

At ANN, we know this is a sensitive issue. We wanted readers to be aware of these details. That's why we highlighted in the story the Planning Committee's rationale and requirements.

Whether or not Sessions need to be as big as they are or have a large exhibit space is another...
story. Literally. We covered this issue earlier this year and many readers offered helpful and thoughtful comments. Here's a link: http://news.adventist.org/2011/02/reexamining-session.html

It remains to be seen if administration will choose to continue with the present large format for 2025, should the Lord not have returned by then. That might open the possibility of holding the event in mid-sized arenas instead of stadiums, which could allow for cities outside the U.S. to host Session. Session has only been held outside the U.S. three times -- 1975 in Vienna, 1995 in Utrecht, and 2000 in Toronto.

For now, though, the world denomination has made this decision and I wanted you to be aware of these details that led to the decision. Our goal at ANN is to help build trust among groups of people (church leaders, church members, community members) by sharing accurate information. Please let us know if there is anything else we may share to further enhance this trust.

Thanks for reading.

Ansel Oliver
Assistant director for news
Communication department
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

I find it difficult to comment on the destination for the 2020 GC session?
I wish to suggest that the venue must be rotated just as the FIFA World Cup is being rotated in the various continents. The entire world saw how South Africa hosted the rest of the world. People thought nothing good could come out from Africa since there are several negative perceptions about Africa.
I hereby suggest that, after Indianapolis, the next venue must be Johannesburg in South Africa. Followed by Sydney in Australia, then London in UK, followed by Brasil in South America etc.
America should not be Mecca for Adventists or Rome for the Catholics. Sorry, I am not criticising anybody.

Frank Kwadwo Boateng
Ghana, West Africa
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I am somewhat amazed at the underlying accusations that are inherent in some of the comments about the location of the 2020 GC session. I would simply like to remind us that the group who made the decision was made up of leaders from around the world. If I am not mistaken that group has a majority of members from outside North America. If there are concerns about the decision why not contact the leaders from your area and ask them why they voted the way they did? I too would like to see the pleasure and responsibility for hosting the session spread around. However, it isn't always as easy as "want to" and "we should". Hendersonville, North Carolina - US

Gary Strang

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Indianapolis Returns as 2020 Adventist General Conference Session Loc... 
About 80 teenagers from five Southern California schools will converge on La Sierra University in Riverside next week for three days of intense rehearsals topped off by performances that will showcase their hard work.

The students will arrive from five Seventh-day Adventist academies to participate in this year's Invitational Band Festival, a four-day event that will begin Wednesday and run through Oct. 22. The students' schedule is interspersed with seven full band rehearsals, two instrument sectional rehearsals, volleyball, a movie, meals and time for hanging out.

The teens will perform a Vespers concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 in La Sierra's Hole Memorial Auditorium and a band program at 4 p.m. Oct. 22 at La Sierra University Church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside. They also will perform for church services on Oct. 22. Admission is free to all performances.

 Participating schools are San Diego Academy, Newbury Park Academy, Glendale Academy, La Sierra Academy and Loma Linda Academy.

The group is directed by Ken Narducci, La Sierra's director of wind and percussion studies and director of the university's Wind Ensemble and Big Band. La Sierra University is at 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside.
Students at ISU have the opportunity to join many different organizations. Of these organizations, several are faith or religion-based.

The Adventist Students Fellowship is one of these faith-based organizations. Chief executive officer Kofi Wagya stated ASF was created to "provide programs designed to meet and enhance the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of all the students on campus."

The group's programs include Musical Nights, Bible Bowls, Talent Shows, Discussion Nights with other organizations and Presentations from Seasoned men of God, which is open to the entire ISU community.

All of these programs are based on the principles of the Bible and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. ASF meetings are normally held in the Sycamore Lounge, located in HMSU, every Friday evening from 7:30-9 p.m.

They also have meetings on Saturday evenings occasionally. These meetings are usually game nights, and they are also held in the Sycamore Lounge.

There is no membership fee or other requirement needed to join Adventist Students Fellowship. For more information, contact asfisu@hotmail.com.

Another faith-based organization found on the ISU campus is the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is a non-denominational Christian organization.

Kristen Hodge, a junior mathematics and mathematics education major at ISU, is a member of ICF.

She said, "InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an organization that works on getting into the Bible and building relationships. By being non-denominational, we are more open to everybody. We don't discriminate."

ICF meetings are held weekly on Thursday nights at 9 p.m. in room 102 of Stalker Hall. During these meetings, the group reads from the Bible, and they frequently have small group sessions, where members of ICF can build more personal relationships with one another.
These meetings are open to any ISU student or faculty who is interested.

The Latter Day Saints Student Association is just another organization found on the ISU campus.

LDSSA meets weekly for spiritual learning and fellowship at the LDS Chapel at 1845 N 6½ St. at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. On Sundays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., worship sessions are held at the same chapel.

Olivia Goulding, chief executive officer of LDSSA, said "Every month is filled with activities such as service, sports, crafting, eating or just having fun together. Even though this group is based off the LDS religion, all are welcome and encouraged to join us."
The Department of Communication & Journalism at Washington Adventist University will put on its first Breast Cancer Awareness Walkathon this Thursday.

The event, which will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., is meant to draw attention to breast cancer for students and the community. All are invited to participate in the walk or simply come to show support.

Participants will circle the university’s baseball field four times, according to Jarilyn Conner, a WAU professor who is planning the walkathon. Afterward, they will walk around downtown Takoma Park.

“It’s basically going to be a fun event for everyone to come,” said Mytiaria Berry, a WAU student who is helping with the walkathon. “We’re providing lunch and refreshments.”

The school is partnering with nearby Washington Adventist Hospital, which is providing T-shirts and educational pamphlets.

This is the first walkathon held by the university, and Conner said she would consider 30 attendees a healthy turnout. She plans to hold more walkathons, especially next October, which, like this one, will coincide with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As time goes on, Conner would like to see 200 people participate, which she said would be “phenomenal.”

“We’ll see how big it actually gets, but at least we started something,” Conner said. “It doesn’t matter how big it is, as long as I’m spreading the word positively.”

For more information, reach Mytiaria Berry at mytiaria@gmail.com. Washington Adventist University is located at 7600 Flower Ave.
Washington Adventist University to Promote Breast Cancer Awareness w... http://takomapark.patch.com/articles/washington-adventist-university-to-...
A look into Mountain Home's past

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
by Tomas Hiler

This article is the third in a series prepared by Hiler that focus on the background of several parks located in Mountain Home.

Commodore George Jackson was a true Idaho pioneer and considered one of Mountain Home's founding fathers who left a lasting legacy that continues to benefit people today.

He left the midwest in 1864 and reached Virginia City, Mont., after an arduous train journey. Jackson worked for several different contractors as a stage driver including the Wells Fargo & Company Express. The stage stations were located 12 miles apart where the horses were changed. Every 50 miles, a home station was located where travelers and drivers could find refreshments and lodging.

In 1872, he bought a quarter of land section eight miles north of what is now Mountain Home. He ran his own stage stop known first as Rattle Snake Station with the U.S. Postal Service making deliveries to this site. He later changed the name to Mountain Home since it was located at the foothills of the mountains.

Coming to Mountain Home

Under the desert-claim act, the commodore also took up land where Mountain Home currently stands and built a large range where he and his family lived. He sold part of the remaining land to the railroad and another section to a land company.

When the Oregon Shortline Railroad came to the area in 1883, they established a stopping place here to replenishing water for their steam engines. Access to water near the surface made Mountain Home an ideal place to put a train station.

Since the mail now came by rail, Jackson moved his post office down from the mountains and the developing village was later named Mountain Home.

He married in 1868 and fathered three children. For many years, he carried on his many industrious enterprises as the territory that would become Idaho continued to grow.

Jackson is still honored as one of the most esteemed citizens of the southern half of Idaho. In fact, Jackson Street that divides Mountain Home's northern and southern sections of Mountain Home was named after this veteran. People can see Commodore Jackson's headstone in the Mountain View Cemetery on the city's east side.

David Dodge

Shortly after the Oregon Short Line Railroad arrived in Mountain Home, another of the city's prominent citizens arrived. David Dodge, a Civil War veteran, had married Jennie Steers in 1872, and she taught him how to read and write. They had four children: Willis, Frank, Mamie and Lillie.

Dodge was a farmer that also dug wells and operated sawmills. He built his own mill in 1879 in Elmdale, Wis.
The family moved to Shoshone, Idaho, in 1884 where he worked for the Oregon Shortline Railway and built a roundhouse and machine shops. In 1885, they moved to Mountain Home and filed on a 160-acre preemption claim.

Jennie Dodge died in 1892, and David felt his world crushed. He resigned from the railroad and turned to his faith. He served as a traveling missionary traveling for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He was the one that gave Mountain Home the land for its cemetery. He planted the first trees in Mountain Home and served on the jury of the city's first murder trial.

Dodge died Dec. 27, 1926, in the city that became his home. But his legacy doesn't end there.

A final wish

In August 1962, local government officials were very familiar with Dodge's wishes and had donated his land for the city's present cemetery.

As the city cleared additional land to expand the cemetery, officials were forced to acquire the whereabouts of their deed for the property. The deed was officially granted to the city with just one condition: Dodge's heirs would receive 10 cemetery lots for their descendants.

David and Jennie Dodge's headstone remains a visible landmark in the cemetery with their descendants replacing the original headstone in 1993.

A look back at history

A tour of the Mountain View Cemetery uncovers additional information on the community's history and a few mysteries as well. One of these mysteries is the date of some burials on this land, some of which includes dates of death as far back as 1828 -- 47 years before Dodge donated the land in 1885.

The reason? He donated the property for a cemetery knowing it was a necessity for the growing community. Once the land was donated, most of the existing burial sites scattered around the area were dug up and the remains moved to the present cemetery, giving the community a centralized cemetery.

Noted headstones

A death of date from 1828 shows how long people had lived in this area. Robbie Porter, the son of J.A. and C.A. Porter, died in Mountain Home on June 25, 1882. The headstone of the 10 year old remains the oldest erected headstone in the cemetery.

Our cemetery includes several war sections for Civil War and Spanish American War veterans. Those laid to rest include Cpl. Joseph Dean, Company F, 15th Illinois Infantry and George W. Smith of Company H, 51st Missouri Infantry. Other veterans include Hector A. Beach, who fought in the Spanish American War with Company F, 14th Minnesota Infantry.

There are sections of the cemetery dedicated to veterans that wish to be buried in the American Legion section. In addition, it includes memorials dedicated to each of the wars, including a large bell and flagpole erected in 1963 by the American Legion in memory of veterans of all wars.

Other local celebrities
One of the more popular men buried in the cemetery is John McKeown, better known as "Johnny-Behind-the-Rocks." He was originally a placer miner by trade.

Before coming to the Mountain Home vicinity, he worked in Silver City, Idaho City, North Idaho and Rocky Bar. He finally homesteaded near Dixie and spent the rest of his life raising cattle and horses.

In many ways, he was a very odd individual, although he was generous to those he liked.

He was a very dirty man at the time of his last sickness. When brought to town, he wore parts of six suits and several pair of underwear with approximately $1,500 in his pockets.

McKeown needed medical care, but the first order was to have him bathed and cleaned up. As the story goes, "He just couldn't take a bath after so many years without one."

He was buried in the Mountain Home Cemetery, and his monument was purchased with the money found on him when he died. Meanwhile, a newly erected sign along the Highway 20 at the base of Bennett Mountain marks the closest location by the highway where Johnny lived.

Another noted person at the cemetery is Charles Sprittles, an Idaho pioneer who lived in the Rocky Bar and Featherville area. Born in 1881, Sprittles would deliver the U.S. mail on foot between Featherville and Rocky Bar.

Charlie went missing in the winter of 1963 and was found dead the following spring, having frozen to death.

Take a tour

Those interested in learning more about the city's history should take time and visit the cemetery. While there, spend a few minutes chatting with Cemetery Sexton Steve Roberts. He's worked there since March 1980.

Roberts has a near-perfect mental index of almost everyone buried in the cemetery, and it's not uncommon for people in town to stop him and ask questions on where certain people are buried there.

Note: Hiler is a recreation coordinator with the Mountain Home Parks and Recreation Department. More photos and history of the cemetery are available online at www.pr.mountain-home.us. Those interested in learning more may also call the parks and recreation staff at 587-2112.

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10-19-11 Car Crash Claims Life of Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz, Assistant Dean of Women

Andrews University in Mourning

Berrien Springs, Mich.— Andrews University is mourning the loss of Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz, assistant dean of women for Lamson Hall and a beloved mentor, friend and colleague to those who knew her.

On Friday, Oct. 14 around 4:30 p.m., Esperanza was driving with her mother, Lidia Duran, to go pick grapes in the countryside. According to the police report, Esperanza was driving east when she failed to yield at the intersection of Dean’s Hill Road and M-140 in Berrien Center. A vehicle traveling south struck on the driver’s side of Esperanza’s car.

Esperanza died at the scene. She was 41-years-old. Her mother, Lidia, received non-life threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital. The other driver, a 49-year-old Berrien Center resident, was not injured.

Esperanza’s husband, Paul, was in Maryland at the time of the accident. After he and Esperanza’s family were notified, the University immediately released the information to the campus community. Moments after the announcement was sent, Campus Ministry chaplains shared the sad news with the hundreds of students attending Fusion, a campus worship service. Within seconds, dozens of online tributes to Esperanza and messages of comfort and support to Paul and her family were posted to an online message board (https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/event/22789) for Esperanza and flooded Facebook newsfeeds of those in the Andrews community.

Her Time at Andrews University

While a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Esperanza worked as a student dean at Lamson Hall. In 2007, she graduated with her Master of Divinity but there were no positions available locally, so she went to teach in New York City. In 2008, Esperanza married Paul, whom she met while they were both students in the Seminary. That same year, Esperanza received an invitation to return to Lamson Hall as assistant dean of women.

Jennifer Burrill, dean of women at Lamson Hall, describes Dean Muniz, or “Espi” as she was affectionately called, as “A genuine, compassionate, resilient, strong and courageous woman of God. Her faith was palpable.”

Esperanza often went out of her way to do those little things to show she cared. A tribute posted by a Lamson Hall resident says, “I didn’t interact with Dean Muniz on a regular basis, but she was someone who you could tell loved God very much, and loved taking care of His girls here in Lamson. Just last evening she was walking around [the] third floor writing messages on dry-erase boards hanging on some of the doors. I remember thinking, ‘She must care for us.’”

Grief Support and Pastoral Counseling

Grief support is available 24 hours a day with counselors and campus chaplains. A memorial has been set-up in the hallway leading from the main Lamson Hall lobby. Strips of paper are available to write a message on and create a paper memory chain. The chain is draped on a wooden cross sitting outside of DeanMuniz’s office. It will be given to her husband Paul as a keepsake.

Visitation and Funeral Services

Funeral services will be held this Sabbath, Oct. 22, at Pioneer Memorial Church. The funeral service will begin at 6 p.m. in the main sanctuary. A visitation will precede the service, starting at 5 p.m., in the PMC foyer. Allred Funeral
In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions be made to a memorial fund in honor of Esperanza. Contributions can be made to Andrews University and sent to the attention of the Office of Development, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-0660. Put "Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz" in the memo line.

More Information about Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz
Esperanze was featured in the October 2010 issue of the Lake Union Herald.

Founded in 1874, Andrews University is the flagship institution of higher education for the Seventh-day Adventist church, located one-half mile east of the U.S. 31 Bypass in Berrien Springs, Mich.

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