Immediate and ongoing response to numerous disasters is being faithfully provided by Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief (ACS DR) throughout the Division. The Oklahoma City tornado response involves running a multi-agency warehouse, accepting and distributing donated goods for storm survivors. Many powerful testimonies have emerged from the ruins. One is in the REACH section below. Watch the touching videotaped testimony of a mother whose children attended the Plaza Towers Elementary School in Moore, Okla.

Other areas and disaster relief in which ACS DR is assisting include West Virginia flooding, Alaska’s frozen and flooding Yukon River, Colorado wildfires, Texas flooding, and Hurricane Sandy aftermath. MORE

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Special Days

July Focus: Adventist Lifestyle
July 13, Griggs University and International Academy Promotional Day

Helpful Special Day Websites and Resources: Find a full list on the NAD website

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Sabbath services for the NY13 Revelation of Hope series will be held as a joint camp meeting of the Northeastern and Greater New York Conferences at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y. on June 29. It will be aired live on Hope Channel, 3ABN, AUAM TV and PraizeVision. Sabbath school will be at 9:30 a.m.; Worship service with GC President Elder Ted Wilson at 11 a.m.; baptismal service at 12:30 p.m.; Compassion Ministry to the community, and a Health Expo will be held at 2 p.m.; and a musical program and afternoon service with Mark Finley at 4 p.m. Free tickets are available through local church pastors. MORE

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The call for 2013 Society of Adventist Communicators Awards submissions has been extended. The deadline for nominations is August 26. From the pool of winners, the awards committee will chose an overall Award of Excellence and the Reger Cutting Smith Award for innovation and creativity. If you produce a resource or know a person deserving an award, submit your entry before August 26. Get the submission guidelines, application and MORE

Shalom Adventures Magazine (SAM) website, after only four months of being posted and with a volunteer staff, consistently has had more than 300 visitors per week, who visit often enough for many articles to have been read over 300 times. There are more than 100 articles at any one time for people to choose from and new articles are posted daily, moving old ones into the archives every few weeks. SAM goals are to 1) reach into the homes of...
Jewish people who are not attending Jewish Heritage services, and 2) to be a place where people enjoy visiting often.

Are you getting everything available to you from your Division? Find out at the eNewsletters from NAD page on the NAD website where you can subscribe to newsletters of your choice, or read them online.

Someone tweeted NAD President Dan Jackson at the Michigan Conference camp meeting:

@PMChurch: @NADpres "there is no such thing as a Seventh Day Adventist who is not a minister! We are all called to minister to those around us"

Amen!

REACH: Revival and transformation
Revival happens with a spirit of prayer, Bible study, and warm Christian fellowship.

A volunteer from Ardmore, Okla., with a burden for children, came to the Adventist Community Services Distribution Center in Moore, Okla. to help with distributing supplies. She had made up some gift bags to distribute to survivors. She asked the Lord to help her come in contact with a family who had lost a child in the tornado; she wanted to minister to them. She met two families who lost children, and she was thankful to be of comfort and encouragement to them. The second family was in need of some money, but the volunteer did not have any. She prayed for the Lord to help her to help them. As she went back to the car to get one of the gift bags, she saw something lying by the curb in the dirt and muck. She picked it up and it was a twenty-dollar bill. She was rejoicing and got the bag out of the car. She dropped something and as she leaned over to get it, there was a second twenty-dollar bill! She was so excited! The Lord provided 40 dollars for her to give this family who needed it. [Photo: A child's stuffed animal found in the tornado wreckage. Photo by James Bokovoy]

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6-12-13 Storms don’t diminish NY13’s ‘Revelation of Hope’ opening

More than 500 attend in spite of two inches of rain

Jun 08, 2013 New York City

Mark Kellner, Adventist Review

The drenching rains of Tropical Storm Andrea, which deposited two inches of water on the streets of New York’s Greenwich Village, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of people who attended the initial “Revelation of Hope” campaign meeting on Friday evening, June 7.

Sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the meeting is one of hundreds being held in metropolitan area during June as part of the denomination’s “Mission to the Cities” campaign.

“The Bible is amazingly accurate. The Bible is filled with hope for the future,” said Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, at the June 7, 2013 opening of "Revelation of Hope," an evangelistic series part of the NY13 outreach effort. Wilson spoke at the Historic Manhattan Adventist Church on West 11th Street in New York's Greenwich Village. [photos courtesy Greater New York Conference]

Already, officials of the Atlantic Union and the two area conferences say 1,100 people have been baptized as Seventh-day Adventists during the months leading up to the event. The NY13 campaign – which features 160 different evangelistic events across the region in June alone – is expected to culminate June 29 at the Nassau Coliseum with a rally attended by more than 15,000 people. The overall effort includes the participation of the Atlantic and Columbia Unions, as well as the Southern New England, Greater New York, Northeast and New Jersey Conferences.

Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, served briefly at what is today the Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church some 40 years ago when he first began his ministry. Following graduate education, Wilson also worked for several years as a leader of a city-wide ministry in the 1970s. He returned to the church to open the
three-week evangelistic series, with his wife, Nancy, greeting visitors as they entered the lobby. Calling himself a “New Yorker at heart,” Wilson told the audience he had “started ministry right here.”

In recognition of the event, New York City’s public advocate, Bill De Blasio, sent his assistant Warren Gardiner to attend the opening meeting. Other public officials are expected to attend related NY13 events, said James Richmond, a community liaison for the Church’s Greater New York Conference.

Adventist evangelist Mark Finley welcomes the opening night audience for "Revelation of Hope" in New York City.

Inside the 132-year-old church building, more than 500 people gathered in what master of ceremonies Mark Finley called an “oasis of peace” to hear a message which stretched beyond today’s storms.

Tatiana Featherstone, a 20-year-old woman originally from Barbados, said she attended in part because her father, a Seventh-day Adventist, invited her. She added the meeting met her expectations: “It was all good.”

Visitor David Tan, who called himself “a Singaporean retired and living in Thailand,” said Wilson’s message was a “good and clear” introduction to the book of Revelation.

In his message, Wilson declared: “The Bible is amazingly accurate. The Bible is filled with hope for the future.”

He added, citing Amos 3:7, “Surely the Earth’s events are not going to ‘sneak up’ on God. Unlike the dismal predictions of human beings, the Bible gives us hope.”

Adventist News Network
A major new Bible study resource sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Andrews University is scheduled for release at the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas, according to Andrews University President Niels-Erik Andreasen.

The Andrews Bible Commentary, the church’s first concise, one-volume commentary, is intended as a coordinated resource with the Andrews Study Bible, released by Andrews University Press in June 2010.

Andreasen made the announcement about the new commentary in April to delegates from around the world at the annual Spring Meeting of the General Conference Executive committee, held this year in Battle Creek, Mich., in observance of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the General Conference.

The commentary project is coordinated by Andrews University Press, the world church’s only regularly established academic publishing house, with funding from Andrews and the General Conference, and oversight by a Project Committee of General Conference and Andrews personnel.

Andreasen said that, like the Andrews Study Bible, the Andrews Bible Commentary is intended specifically for the general reader, as well as pastors and church elders providing basic Bible teaching in the congregation.

In making his announcement, Andreasen referred the delegates to a purpose statement for the commentary that had been approved by the Project Committee. It states that the Andrews Bible Commentary “is a concise, one-volume exposition of Scripture written by faithful scholars of the church as a companion to the Andrews Study Bible for lay readers, pastors, students, and teachers living in expectation of the Advent Hope.”

“This commentary is aimed to help the person in the pew. It is written in plain language,” Andreasen said. He told the delegates that the writers had been instructed to write at the same reading level that they would write an article for the Adventist Review, the general church paper of the Adventist Church. “In some parts of the world, these two volumes—the Andrews Study Bible and the Andrews Bible Commentary—will comprise the entire theological library they will have, so we are taking this assignment very seriously,” Andreasen said.

Andreasen also said that 60 writers, all Bible scholars from church institutions and organizations around the world, have been contracted to work on the commentary under the direction of a small editorial team. The general editor is Angel Rodriguez, former director of the Biblical Research Institute at the General Conference. The associate editors are Greg King (Old Testament), dean of the School of Religion, Southern Adventist University; Gerald Klingbeil (Old Testament), associate editor, Adventist Review/Adventist World; and John McVay (New Testament), president of Walla Walla University.

Andreasen said that some of the writers for the one-volume commentary have already completed their assignments. He assured GC President Ted Wilson that a small, printed sample of selected portions of the commentary will be available for the next full meeting of the GC executive committee at Annual Council in October, when Andreasen will give another progress report.

“We’ll hold you to that,” Wilson said.

Andreasen thanked Wilson for the support of the General Conference in the production of both the Study Bible and the forthcoming Commentary. He said that these publications represent one of the many ways that Andrews fulfills its responsibility
to serve the world church.

Staff at Andrews University Press have noted that when it is published and released in 2015, the *Andrews Bible Commentary* will have about 1,800 pages of commentary and helpful articles, about three times the original content of the *Andrews Study Bible.*
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In 2012, Lifestyle Magazine won the top two awards in their division, taking both the Platinum and Gold awards. This year they won the Gold and Silver awards. The Silver award was a Lifestyle Magazine presents Mad About Marriage show, as hosts Mike & Gayle Tucker interviewed authors and marriage counselors Myron and Kay Yerkovich about their book, How We Love. The Gold award was won with an interview of Country Music Star Gretchen Wilson. Gretchen is a spokesperson for adult literacy.

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Faith For Today Speaker/Director, Mike Tucker, says, “We enter our programs at WorldFest in order to insure that our production is of the very highest quality. Since our target audience is a more secular audience, our programs have to be the best. The awards we win tell us that we are producing programs that are actually reaching our target audience.”
Business Briefs: Hospital receives workplace award

Staff report
Published: Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 5:30 a.m.

Adventist Health System, with a network of 44 hospitals throughout the U.S. — including Florida Hospital Flagler and four facilities in Volusia County — has received the Gallup Great Workplace Award for the third year in a row, according to a news release.

The award recognizes the company as having one of the best-performing and most productive and engaged workforces in the world. It was presented to company officials during a summit at Gallup's main campus in Omaha, Neb., in May.

"We are so honored to be part of this recognition," Daryl Tol, president and CEO of Florida Hospital Volusia/Flagler, said in the release. "This award shows that our employees have a deep connection to the mission of our organization, as well as a strong commitment to their colleagues."

The Gallup Great Workplace Award recognizes the best-performing workforces in the world. Applicants' results are compared across a workplace research database composed of millions of work teams in more than 100 countries.

A panel of workplace experts assesses the applicants' results to select the winners.

'Creatives' kick off new organization

A new collaborative effort called Handcrafted in Our Flip Flops has been created in Flagler County to draw "creatives" from behind their computer screens and out to meet and network with each other, according to a news release.

Anyone having an artistic or creative skill such as writing, painting, design, or public relations, marketing and communications, would be considered a "creative," according to the release.

"Just because we live in a beach town, work from our homes, or wear flip flops to client meetings, doesn’t mean we don’t do high quality work," Josh Neimark, local resident and business owner, said in the release.

"Handcrafted in our Flip Flops was launched to bring creatives together to collaborate, share and grow."

The group is set to launch with an open house and customer appreciation event Tuesday at the Oceanside Center, 2561 Moody Blvd., Flagler Beach. Neimark, along with other local businesses, will unveil details surrounding the new effort.

Other local businesses on board include Oceanside Remax, The BeachHouse Beanery, Athletic Guide Publishing and Marketing 2 Go.

For information, visit www.inflipflops.org, email josh@fix8media.com or call 386-451-7179.

Intracoastal Bank receives 5-star rating
Palm Coast based Intracoastal Bank has received a 5-Star "superior" rating from Bauer Financial Inc. based upon its financial condition at the first quarter that ended on March 31, according to a news release.

The 5-Star rating is the highest rating designated by Bauer Financial.

"We strive to excel in our industry, and are always humbled and honored when we are recognized for our efforts," said Bruce E. Page, Intracoastal Bank president and CEO, in the release. "Our rating reflects the strength not only of our bank, but of our entire team."

Bauer Financial has been reporting on and analyzing the performance of U.S. banks and credit unions since 1983. Star ratings are assigned on a scale of zero-to-five stars and are based on the current overall financial picture of the bank or credit union. More information about Bauer Financial ratings methodology is available at bauerfinancial.com.

Intracoastal Bank's main banking center is located at 1290 Palm Coast Parkway, NW. The bank also operates a Lending Center at 1659 N. Clyde Morris Blvd Suite 2 in Daytona Beach.

More information is available online at intracoastalbank.net.

Preferred Management adds new staff members

Preferred Management Services has hired a community association manager and assistant community association manager for its Breakaway Trails property in Ormond Beach at 16 Breakaway Trail, according to a news release.

Diane Harp has been hired as assistant community association manager. Harp previously worked for Grace Manor in Port Orange, then The Windsor in Palm Coast. She was born in Gainesville and lives in Palm Coast.

"My favorite part about working here is the people," Harp said in the release. "I am very customer-service oriented."

Tracy Carter, a licensed community association manager, has been named community association manager for Breakaway Trails. Carter previously worked for an apartment community for three years as a district manager.

"Besides really enjoying my co-workers, I like helping to ensure all the homes in the neighborhood look equally inviting, and maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood," Carter said in the release. "Our job is 'whatever it takes.'"

Preferred Management Services provides community association and commercial management services. It offers home monitoring and maintenance services, and professional maintenance for all types of minor repairs, home projects and property preservation. The company's portfolio includes more than 4,000 residential units and eight commercial parks.

For more information, go online to preferredmanagementservices.net or call 386-439-0134.

Local realty firm adds sales associate

Cheryl Curran has joined Coldwell Banker Premier Properties as a full-time sales associate working out of the Palm Coast, according to a news release.

Curran was born in upstate New York to a farming family who made their living for generations tending their land. With more than 30 years of experience in real estate, mortgage banking, construction and other related areas, Curran brings a depth of
knowledge to the real estate transaction for the maximum benefit of her clients,
according to the release.

"We're happy to have Cheryl on our team," said Tom Heiser, broker/manager at
Coldwell Banker Premier Properties.

Coldwell Banker Premier Properties has been an affiliate of the Coldwell Banker
System serving the Flagler County market for more than 27 years.

Coldwell Banker Premier Properties is at 33 Olds Kings Road, Suite 1, Palm Coast
and can be reached at 386-445-5880.

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Focused on helping others after two near-death experiences

By **Ceola Wilson**

A fight for life as a result of being struck by an impaired driver became a life-changing experience for 19-year-old Shakir Amory. Hit by a car being driven by a woman who was more than two-and-a-half times over the alcohol limit, he is committed now more than ever to help those in need.

That commitment was reinforced following a near drowning incident this year while swimming with classmates when he was overcome by a wave as he struggled to make it back to shore.

On Saturday he will join members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church to host the second annual Youth Outreach Day on Elliot Street in Hamilton.

In an interview with *The Royal Gazette* it was clear that a life threatening experience, not once but twice, has evoked a strong will to focus on paying it forward to help others.

He doesn’t remember the accident that landed him in hospital for four months on March 6, 2010, but it was a day family will never forget.

When the car being driven by Angela Ambrosini on South Road in Devonshire struck him on that fateful night, Mr. Amory suffered severe head injuries, two broken femurs, a broken jaw and collarbone and a collapsed lung.

His broken bones were repaired with metal plates that required more surgery to remove later. He is due for more surgery to repair his teeth. The driver was jailed for a year and has since been released with a three-year disqualification from all vehicles.

On more than one occasion Mr. Amory said she apologised and he has no bad feelings.

“I saw her after the trial, she hugged me and apologises whenever she sees me. But the accident has changed me as a person, I’m a little more cynical with all the pain and suffering I went through.

“Maybe I haven’t let out what I should have way back when the accident occurred, but the accident definitely turned me against alcohol,” he said.

“People who drink and drive don’t think about the damage they can do to themselves or others, it’s been a hard road back for me, it’s terrible and I still have to have surgery on my teeth. But I must say her insurance company has been very good in providing coverage for my medical costs.

“I’m not mad at the driver responsible, even though she hit me with a car I’m not angry, but I’ve had lots of frustration that turned into anger at times; it comes out in different ways.”

At no point did he ever doubt he was going to make it, but the hardest part was not being able to walk without assistance. His strong determination to play football again kept him going.

“My knees still bother me and I’ve been told not to play football but I still play whenever I can. I’m doing physiotherapy and I’m getting better all the time,” he said.

By coincidence he’s bound for Liverpool, home of his favourite football team, in September to take up Hispanic studies. He hopes to become a translator or a teacher, and plans to see his team play more than a few games.

But those hopes were nearly dashed in February when he went on a swimming exercise with his Environment Science class.

“I took in quite a bit of water so I went to the hospital because when I got home my lungs felt like they were on fire. They told me my vital signs were low; the doctor said I didn’t need to stay for observation.
“But I didn’t sleep for the next three days because I know fluid in your lungs can cause you to drown in your sleep. The doctor said I didn’t take in enough water for that to happen but I wasn’t taking any chances. That second near miss convinced me that I’m on this earth for a greater reason and I know my faith has pulled me through.”

On Saturday he will join other youth leaders and members for the second annual Youth Outreach Day from 10am to 2pm outside Bermuda Public Storage. The theme is ‘Compassion’ to help people in need.

“There’s so many young people who are 25 years old and under who are living on the streets, and a lot of it is alcohol and drug related. There will be lots of food and drinks, giveaways, with free medical and dental screenings at the Washington Mall in a community fun day. We’ll have a free clothing drive and we’re looking for ideas for our next random acts of kindness.”

And despite three years of struggle his main goal is to carry the anti-drink and drive message by spreading the word on what he endured to get back on his feet again.
Filmmakers Honored—Newbury Park Adventist Academy seniors, from left, Jon Greaves, Sam Napod and Nina Vallado win an award at the SONscreen Film Festival in April for a documentary about cleaning up after Hurricane Sandy in New York last year.

By Darleen Principe
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At a 100-year-old home in the Rockaway Beach neighborhood of Queens, NYC, students from Newbury Park Adventist Academy worked together to push a broken piano out of the house and onto the curb.

A few of their schoolmates, wearing masks and gloves, swept up shards of broken windows and splintered walls, while still others collected the debris in red plastic buckets, which they emptied onto the mounting piles of wreckage outside.

Hurricane Sandy, at its peak a Category 3 storm, blew through the Caribbean and eastern United States in October 2012, killing more than 100 people and causing roughly $50 billion in damage in the U.S. alone.

On the East Coast, where the storm hit hardest, the cleanup was a massive undertaking.

For about 40 students from the local Seventh-day Adventist high school, most of them seniors, helping in the cleanup during a mission trip to New York last fall was an eyeopening experience they will never forget.

“The crazy thing about it is that we didn’t plan that trip for (Hurricane) Sandy,” said Sam Napod, senior class president. “Originally we had nothing specific to do, just small community service projects here and there. And then one month before the trip, Sandy happens. And we were bestowed upon this new mission.”

Besides helping with the cleanup, Sam and a couple of his friends, Nina Vallado and Jon Greaves—also graduating seniors—captured firsthand footage of the aftermath of the hurricane in an effort to document their experience.

The five-minute documentary film they made, titled “Then Came Sandy,” won the Best Ministry Award for Community Services at this year’s SONscreen Film Festival, an annual event put on by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists that aims to nurture young Christian filmmakers.
Jacob Perrin, principal of NPAA, said the film and the award reflect the school’s graduating class this year.

"I think what's unique about this class is that they're really into the creative type of stuff, especially when it comes to music and arts," the principal said.

NPAA's Class of 2013, a group of 46, is a well-rounded bunch, said 18-year-old Sam, who will pursue a degree in film at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee in the fall.

"We can't say we're all the same," the class president said. "The diversity and uniqueness of that—that everyone has a different talent—is what's special about being part of this graduating class."

The Class of 2013 is Newbury Park Adventist's 65th graduating class.

But the school, despite adhering to the same basic mission of providing quality education and Christian guidance, has come a long way since it opened in 1948.

Tracy Harder, a longtime English teacher at the school, said that in the beginning the academy off Wendy Drive functioned like a tiny village.

The school once owned and operated a small "cash and carry," where residents of the dormitories and surrounding community could purchase fresh eggs, bread, milk and other foods.

All the stock came from NPAA's farm and bakery—which was staffed by students and faculty.

"(The academy) was intended to be a work-study program to just prepare kids for life," Harder said, adding that there was also once an orchard, a vineyard and a community laundry on the school grounds. "If you think about what it was like after World War II, there were some people who went on to college and became professionals.

"But for many, they had to prepare to just step out into the world with common work skills and start a family."

Over the past 65 years, Newbury Park Adventist slowly transitioned from a work-oriented boarding school into a traditional, accredited high school.
Although many of the original classrooms, the cafeteria and the chapel are the same ones students use today, many of the old facilities—including the cash and carry—were torn down to make way for the developing Newbury Park community.

Today the academy teaches about 150 high school students at any given time, with about 85 percent of graduates moving on to four-year universities.

Still, the school has not lost its family feel, even with the modern academic curriculum, Perrin said.

"I think the reason people love this school is because they feel loved when they’re here," he said. "There’s a huge sense of family and community."

The principal said the same mission, values and principles from 65 years ago still hold true at the academy.

"I just think our school has evolved for the time it’s in," he said. "As our culture and country experience globalization, so do we," Perrin said, adding that the students are delving more deeply into technology and creativity.

Tyger Hernandez, another graduating senior, said the closeknit environment is beneficial because of the high level of collaboration between students.

"Everyone knows each other," the 18-year-old said.

"There’s a lot of love going around the campus. It’s really nice."

Newbury Park Adventist Academy

Number of graduates
46

Class Color
Blue

Class President
Sam Napod

Class Motto
"We have come a long way, but not half as far as we will go."


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Controversial quarterback Michael Vick is making a stop in Central Georgia this month, and he's bringing with him a new message.

Vick headlines Ebenezer Seventh-Day Adventist Church's "I Still Have Hope" Campaign, according to a news release.

He'll share his testimony on June 21 at 8 p.m., in Milledgeville at the Walter B. Williams, Jr., Park Gym.

The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback will present "his story of redemption" to kick off a week-long event at Baldwin County Park.

Vick remained in the limelight for controversy involving dog fighting. He served 20 months in prison for a federal dog-fighting conviction in 2007. He then wrote an autobiography sharing what life lessons he learned.

Tickets are free, but the event has now reached capacity and tickets are unavailable.
A documentary on groundwater contamination and its connection to dairies will be filmed this fall on the Yakama Indian Reservation.

Two classes from Walla Walla University are initiating the project, called Yakama Clean Waters.

David Bullock, chairman of the communications and languages department, said the goal of the documentary is to raise awareness among residents about the issue and encourage them to have their well water tested.

“We hope they will take steps to filter their water or get other sources of water if they are close to one of these facilities,” he said.

Bullock is the instructor for a college fundraising class that is using Kickstarter.com, a website that helps people with creative projects find funding. The class hopes to attract $15,000 in contributions by a July 1 deadline. As of Monday, about $1,600 had been pledged. The project will not move forward unless the funding goal is reached.

A documentary film class will develop the film this fall, according to a news release from the university.

Jerry Hartman, associate professor of television, film and culture, will lead the class.

Jan Whitefoot of Harrah, a community coordinator for the filming and an activist on dairy issues, will contact residents to participate.

The residents will do the filming late this summer and the fall film class will assist with production.

Hartman said the community-based approach to documentary film leaves the residents in charge as opposed to someone coming in from the outside to develop and direct filming.

“We will provide the equipment and training and turn over the story to them. They will own the story and the footage. We will help out as much as we are asked,” he said.

Bullock said it is hoped the documentary will premiere on the reservation early next year.

Groundwater contamination from nitrates and the role dairies play has been an issue in the Yakima Valley for several years. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified some dairies as likely sources of well contamination.
Application of nitrogen fertilizers and failing septic tanks also are likely contributors.
Chisholm Trail Academy senior Erin Hopps receives a scholarship of nearly $40,000 from Southwestern Adventist University vice president of spiritual development Russ Laughlin during CTA commencement service May 25 at the Keene Adventist Church. (KEENE STAR/MARISSA NOLASCO)

Chisholm Trail Academy 2013 graduate Erin Hopps has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist and has been awarded a scholarship of nearly $40,000.

The scholarship was presented during CTA's commencement service by Russ Laughlin, vice president for spiritual development at Southwestern Adventist University, where Hopps may attend next year.

Each year, nearly 3 million students take the SAT. Out of that number, 15,000 (0.5 percent) are chosen as finalists for a National Merit Scholarship.

“It has to all be God,” Hopps said. “It's a huge blessing to receive this scholarship. I never expected it.”

The National Merit Scholarship completely covers the cost of full tuition at any college or university. Students are chosen based on their PSAT and SAT scores, as well as academic achievements.

“Erin is a very bright girl,” CTA principal Tommy Simons said. “She's service-oriented and always reaching out to others. I think she found a safe haven for herself, a place to study, to lead, and grow spiritually and academically at CTA.”

In addition to the “regular” classes, honors classes and classes with college credits available, CTA works hard to prepare its students for the SAT, Simons said. CTA offers three opportunities to take the test throughout the year. It also offers a SAT prep class called College Prep Genius.

“I've heard both parents and students say that this class made a world of difference,” Simons said. Hopps is unsure what she wants to study in college, but is considering Southwestern as a place to study. “Keene is my home,” Hopps said. “It feels right to be here. As for what to study, I figure trusting in God is my best option. I know He will reveal His plans for my life.”