Pathfinder Teen Snow Outing
by Laurel Gaudin

We started off for Teen Snow Outing on one of the few snowy days that we have had this year. A big thank you to Gaye Hutchinson, who let us borrow her all-wheel-drive vehicle to get up to Camp Au Sable. We made it safely and in good time! We only had minor trouble with radio stations on the way up, and that became the running joke of the weekend.

There were some wonderful presentations made by TLTs (Teen Leaders in Training) for our worships, and, as always at conference events, Dr. Atkins shared some really cool nature nuggets with us. On Saturday night there were groups that went skiing, and at camp the rest of us had a whole list of activities to participate in. There was ice skating on the lake, sledding, snowmobile rides, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, Foosball, and table games. On Sunday we continued the recreation after breakfast, then at noon we made our way home with our sack lunches. The kids all had a great time, and so did I!!

Adventurer/Pathfinder News

The Adventurers started work on their Feathered Friends Award this month! A special thank you to Bruce & Linda Bauer for teaching that for us. Our Family Network Meeting focused on raising kids that care. While their parents spent time sharing ideas and strategies, the kids earned their Wise Steward Award with Fred & Amanda Boothby. A heartfelt thank you to them for their help as well!!

This month, the Adventurers and Pathfinders will be going to a nursing home on February 11 to sing songs and make Valentine’s Day cards with the residents. After that, the Pathfinders will have a party and play table games. We are all anxiously awaiting our newest Pathfinder, as Mrs. “Hutch” [Laura Hutchinson] is due to have her baby this month too! The drill team is hard at work doing extra practices and is looking sharper every week! Look for a tub and progress poster in the foyer at church this month, as we are trying to raise funds for new gloves, berets, braids and shoes by collecting pop cans and bottles. The gloves, berets, and braids alone will cost around $400, and as many of our families can’t buy their Pathfinders hard-soled shoes, we are trying to raise funds for that as well. As always, we greatly appreciate the support of our church family!
A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend. - *The Review and Herald*, February 25, 1902.

Representations have been made to me, showing that the Lord will carry out His plans through a variety of ways and instruments. It is not alone the most talented, not alone those who hold high positions of trust, or are the most highly educated from a worldly point of view, whom the Lord uses to do His grand and holy work of soulsaving. He will use simple means; He will use many who have had few advantages to help in carrying forward His work. He will, by the use of simple means, bring those who possess property and lands to a belief of the truth, and these will be influenced to become the Lord’s helping hand in the advancement of His work. - Letter 62, 1909.

- *True Revival: The Church’s Greatest Need*  
  by Ellen G. White, pg. 15, 16

Facing Love Firsthand

The Bible has a love passage: 1 Corinthians 13. There are many appreciation days like boss’ day, teacher’s day, Labor Day, President’s Day, or secretary’s day. Is there a love day or time? February could be considered the month of love because of “love-day,” Valentines Day, on the 14th. Would that be more important than the day or month, whatever it actually was, that Christ was born or Passover day? Would we say that October 22, 1844, was less of a love-day when Christ moved into the most holy part of the sanctuary to begin the work of cleansing it, even though it was bitter in their stomachs the next day (Revelation 10:8-10)? Fortunately God is not dependant on man’s decision about a day for love!

God’s love envelopes us every single day. To face His love, from the moment our eyes open till the moment they close, is our privilege that we can choose to know every morning and every evening. God is love (1 John 4:8). Is He anything else? No! If God is something else too, then for that moment He is something else, He would cease to be love, and that is impossible if He is the existence, source and Alpha & Omega of love itself. Everything else, like His justice or law, is a different angle of the same picture: a God of love.

If you face God, you face love. God wants us to face love firsthand, not secondhand through someone else. This kind of love is a one-way street as God’s love on the cross was only one-way. When we choose to respond in love, we have a relationship (two-way street). If we are to be love, as God is love, we will also only have a one-way kind of love, experienced by our spouse, kids, family, friends, strangers, and even enemies. This kind of love comes from God, who is love. Therefore we have no excuse not to love, as the greatest power in the universe is love, who loves to enable this kind of love.

When you experience God’s forgiveness, you experience His love. In fact it’s impossible to separate forgiveness and love, as they are the one and the same. When you forgive, it’s because you are love.

Enjoy facing love firsthand as it’s who you can become.

Blessed Blessings,

Pastor Darrel
**Church Family News**

**It’s a Girl!**

**Audrey Amelia**

was born to Janelle & Jamie Bennett, and big brother Andrew, on Monday, January 23, at 5 a.m. She was 5 lbs 15 oz and 19 ½ inches long.

Congratulations to the Bennett family!

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**Pathfinder Dinner Under the Stars**

Sunday, March 4, from 4-6 p.m. in the NAS Gym.

Menu: Mexican Food

Tickets: Ages 5+: $7 by February 26; After that and at the door - $9

Contact a Pathfinder or Staff for tickets and more info.

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**Volleyball & Games Social:** Saturday, **February 4**, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. We will have hot chocolate and snacks, as well as a bonfire outside. Since there’s no snow for sledding, volleyball and ping pong, as well as table games, will be available. Come join the fun!

**Cardmaking Class:** Sunday, **February 5**, at 2:30 p.m. Ladies, come learn from **Sandy Smith** how to make lovely Valentine cards! Bring runner tape if you have it.

**Pastor Bill’s next two studies in the book of Daniel** are **February 11** (Chapters 10, 11), and **February 25** (Chapter 12). Studies in the book of Revelation will begin on **March 10** and continue on March 24. This Sabbath School class meets from 9:30-10:45 in the grades 3-5 classroom at the school. This class always begins with the concerns of those who attend and prayer for those concerns.

**Music by GLAA and Fellowship Lunch:** Sabbath, **February 18** (note date change for the lunch). Pastor Darrel will preach, and Great Lakes Adventist Academy will provide special music for both services. Afterwards we will have our monthly potluck. Please bring extra food since we will be feeding the GLAA students also.

**Leaders’ Prayer Breakfast:** Sunday, **February 26**, at 9 a.m. Save the date! More details to follow.

**Women’s Night Out:** Sunday, **February 26**, at 5:30 p.m. at Blueberry Hill in Niles. Please RSVP to **Kathy Dockerty** (269-782-8567 or kadockerty@yahoo.com).

**Talent Night:** On **Saturday, March 10**, the social committee is sponsoring a Talent Night. We are encouraging children of all ages, youth, adults, and families to consider what talents they may have to share for the enjoyment of all. The Talent Night will take place in two different venues, and categories may include a favorite musical piece, poetry, short story, or skit. We will begin in the church at 6 p.m. and be uplifted by 30 minutes of inspirational talent before moving across the parking lot to enjoy some refreshments and Part II at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Contact **Pastor Darrel** or **Fred Boothby** if you have questions.

**March Mission Trip:** If you are interested in going on the trip to Honduras from **March 14-26**, contact **Roy Kingman** (574-250-8750) or **Bob Benner** (269-684-3478) for more information, even if you can’t afford the full amount of approximately $1,300.

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Getting to Know Mrs. Dockerty
1st & 2nd Grade Teacher’s Aide

Kathy Dockerty was born in Niles and has lived in the area all her life. She grew up on a farm in Cassopolis, and has lived in her Dowagiac home for the past 37 years.

Her mom was a first grade teacher, and some days she was allowed to go help in the classroom, working with the kids, and helping them with reading and math. It wasn’t long before Kathy decided that was what she wanted to do when she grew up. She graduated with a teaching degree from Western Michigan University in 1971, and enjoyed 35 years in the classroom teaching, playing, laughing, and having fun learning.

After five years of retirement, Kathy says it is wonderful to be back in a school environment again. She loves working with the first and second graders at NAS, watching them grow and mature, helping them with their assignments, reading with them, and seeing that sparkle in their eyes when something “clicks” for them. She loves everything about it! Spending time at the school has let her see what a dedicated, caring, and Christ-focused staff NAS has. She says it is a privilege to work with them.

Kathy loves summer, playing golf, working in the yard, tennis, bowling, and game night with friends. When winter arrives, she loves to curl up in a blanket and read, do crossword puzzles, sudoku, and watch Little House on the Prairie.

Thanks for all you do for NAS, Mrs. Dockerty!
**Upcoming NAS Events**

- 5th Graders Perform Music at Buchanan Adventist Church - Sabbath, **February 4**
- Tubing at Five Pines - Wednesday, **February 8**
- Citrus Fruit Orders Due - Sunday, **February 12**
- School Board - Sunday, **February 12** - 11:30 a.m.
- Chocolate Extravaganza & Silent Auction - Sunday, **February 12** - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Teen Bible Camp at Camp Au Sable - **February 16-19**
- No School - President’s Day - Monday, **February 20**
- 3rd & 4th Graders Perform at Niles Westside - Sabbath, **February 25**

I have been driven to my knees many times because there is no place else to go.

- Abraham Lincoln

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**We are looking for**

people to buy fleece material for baby blankets or donate money for us to buy the material. The fleece needs to be 45" or 60" square. NAS students will be making these blankets for a Bible Lab, to be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center.

Thank you!

- Bob & Kristine Horvath

**NAS Yearbook:** If anyone has a business that would like to sponsor an ad in the school yearbook, please contact Mrs. Kidder for more information. Prices:

- $15 business card size, $25 ¼ page, $50 ½ page, $100 full page.

**Christmas Trees Needed:** We are looking for any size green Christmas trees for the Silent Auction. They should be dropped off at the school by Friday, **February 10**. Please label the tree as well as the box before dropping them at the school.

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**Citrus Fruit Fundraiser**

Donations & Proceeds will help the *Niles Adventist School*

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(Mandarins come in 5 lb bags, 6 per case)

**ORDER DUE DATES**

- **February 12**
  - Grapefruit, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, California Mandarins, California Navel
- **March 18**
  - Grapefruit, Tangerines, Pineapple Orange, California Mandarin, California Navel

**Pick up date is usually 11-15 days after order due date.**

To place your order, please contact Gina Meekma at gmeekma@gmail.com or 269-845-8870.

Or call Niles Adventist School at 269-683-5444.

There is also an online order form at www.nilesadventistschool.org. Thank you!
February Calendar of Events

1st  Pathfinders (gym) ......................... 6:30 p.m.
        Praise Prayer Meeting .................. 7 p.m.
4th  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker ....... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Sound of Rain .......................... 5:30 p.m.
        Volleyball & Games Social (gym) .... 6:30 p.m.
5th  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ... 8 a.m.
        Cardmaking Class ...................... 2:30 p.m.
6th  Adventurers (gym) ...................... 6 p.m.
        Baptismal Class (NAS) ................. 6 p.m.
7th  Elders Meeting ......................... 7 p.m.
8th  Pathfinders (gym) ...................... 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.
11th Lester Merkin, Speaker ............... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Sunshine Band at Riveridge Manor ...... 2:30 p.m.
        Sound of Rain .......................... 5:30 p.m.
12th  
        Citrus Fruit Orders Due
        Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ... 8 a.m.
        School Board Meeting .................. 11:30 a.m.
        Chocolate Extravaganza/Silent Auction (gym) 6:30-8:30 p.m.
        Women’s Bible Study .................. 10:30 a.m.
        Adventurers (gym) ..................... 6 p.m.
        Baptismal Class (NAS) ................. 6 p.m.
        Pathfinders (gym) ...................... 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.
16-19th  
        Teen Bible Camp (Au Sable)
18th  Pastor Darrel le Roux; Music by GLAA . 8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Fellowship Lunch (gym) ............... after 2nd service
        Sound of Rain .......................... 5:30 p.m.
19th  Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ... 8 a.m.
20th  No School - President’s Day
21st  Finance Committee ...................... 7 p.m.
22nd  Pathfinders (gym) ...................... 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.
25th  Pastor Darrel le Roux, Speaker ...... 8:30 & 11 a.m.
        Music by NAS .......................... 2nd service
        Couples’ Corner ....................... 4:30 p.m.
        Sound of Rain .......................... 5:30 p.m.
26th  Newsletter Items Due
        Sunday Sunup Runners (Plym Park) ... 8 a.m.
        Leaders’ Prayer Breakfast ............. 9 a.m.
        Women’s Night Out - Blueberry Hill, Niles ... 5:30 p.m.
27th  Women’s Bible Study .................. 10:30 a.m.
        Adventurers (gym) ..................... 6 p.m.
        Baptismal Class (NAS) ................. 6 p.m.
28th  Church Board Meeting .................. 7 p.m.
29th  Pathfinders (gym) ...................... 6:30 p.m.
        Prayer Meeting ....................... 7 p.m.

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Services

First Worship Service
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.
Sound of Rain
Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

Sabbath School
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Second Worship Service
Saturdays, 11 a.m.