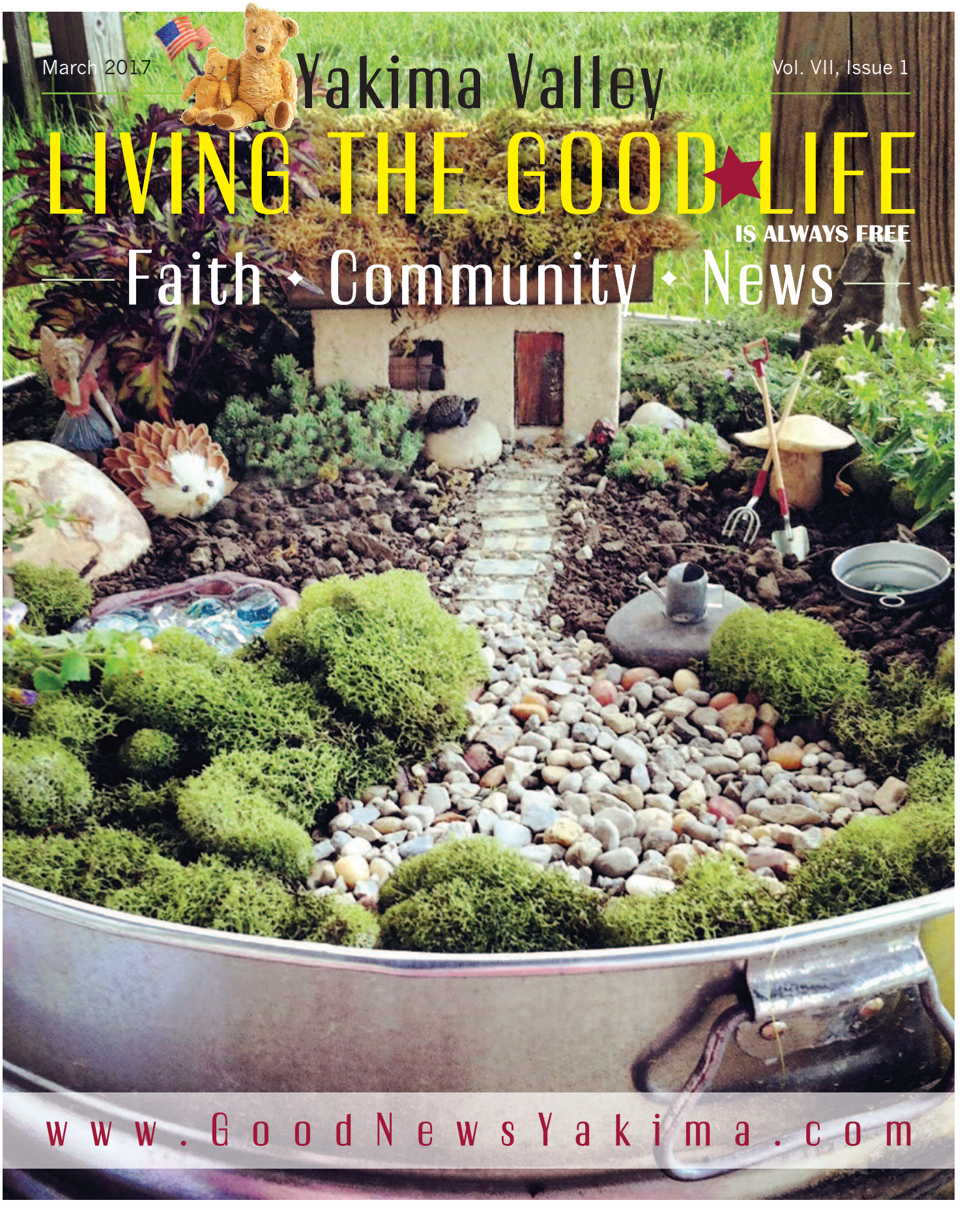

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WAG MORE

Life can seem more like a dog fight. And sometimes the tail does appear to wag the dog more than the other way around.

There's a tale that has been quoted by Billy Graham almost 40 years ago and many others but history lends itself to a Native American tale, perhaps even a Cherokee Indian turned Sunday school teacher. At any rate, the story goes roughly like this, "*An elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner: 'Inside of me there are two dogs (or wolves). One of the dogs is mean. The other dog is good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time. When asked which dog wins, the elder reflected a moment and replied, 'The one I feed the most.'*"

There it is…a dilemma to 'chew' on.

But as anyone who has tired—at simply trying to decide what to eat for dinner, the decision may seem more challenging than it should be.

> *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."*
> ***(Matt. 26:26 NIV)***

The Apostle Paul reveals direction after encouraging thanksgiving, prayer and petition to God.

"*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*" (Philippians 4:8)

Any exceptional success, reward, or achievement in life takes effort. You do have the power to change the menu options.

Oh, to just be a happy dog!

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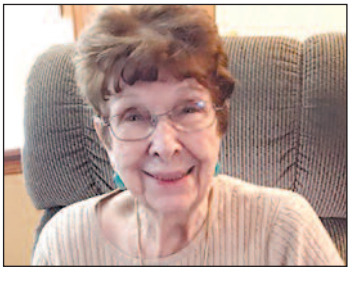

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

We'd like to say 'Thank You!' to those who wrote us recently.

Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body! ***Proverbs 16:24***

HAND MADE CARD WITH SURPRISE!

Dear Living the Good Life,

Happy Valentine's Day,

Living the Good Life Magazine!

I pray you will lead us (this community) forward in surprising ways and what I pray I see each and every day…

Signed,
Anne

(Enclosed is a couple of bucks) Thanks, Have a tea or coffee on me—it's all I have.

ENJOYING 'THE GOOD NEWS'

I really enjoyed the article *Feeding Winter Birds From Your Garden* by D. Jameson. Besides watching birds feed, I saw several taking a bath in some melted snow. I didn't know birds would bathe in winter.

I also got a good laugh at the article *Sledding with Elk*. It reminded me of the stories James Herriot wrote about his experiences.

Sincerely,
Marie

THANK YOU

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to thank whomever is responsible for sending me two of your beautiful angels at Christmas time and I am sorry I'm so late in doing so. I'm 92 yeaars old and my memory seems to be getting worse all the time about what 'to do' and 'not to do' each day.

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Pat R.

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Prayers & Thanksgiving

By V. Braten

Could you pray for my children and myself because our family is broken right now. I am also starting a new business and really need that to succeed. Plus I need prayers to reach my educational goals.
– S.T.

For your readers, can we pray that our country stays peaceful.
– L.

Prayers for me to find work that will help me support my family.
– L.T.

I need prayers for my son who has a chronic illness and he is very disconnected from our family and friends.
– L. P.

Please pray for the Living the Good Life Magazine!

My family needs healing for my daughter and granddaughter. For their emotional and physical health and also for my daughter as she is going back to college.
– A.P.

Please pray for peace and unity between the political parties.
– Paul

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VALENTINE'S DINNER SUCCESS

Photo provided by: Ameer Velazquez & Elijah Martinez.

New Harvest Fellowship Toppenish gives thanks for a successful Valentine's Day dinner. Couples had great food and a lot of fun with games that challenged the couple's skills!

ANNUAL TOPPENISH WINTERFEST & MISSION WORK

Photo: V. Braten

The Toppenish Church of God 7th Day held its annual Winterfest youth convention for the Northwest church youth. Winterfest is every year on President's Day weekend, starting on Saturday and finishing on Sunday. The theme this year was "Respect" and in spite of the weather there was a great turn out. Jonathan Hicks was their speaker and he spoke from Jeremiah highlighting that respect of God grows with our obedience. After the Sunday program was finished, the youth assembled 100 bags of food and school supplies to distribute in the Wapato and White Swan area Native American Housing Projects. They include fliers for when they come back to do mission work including Vacation Bible School for the kids.

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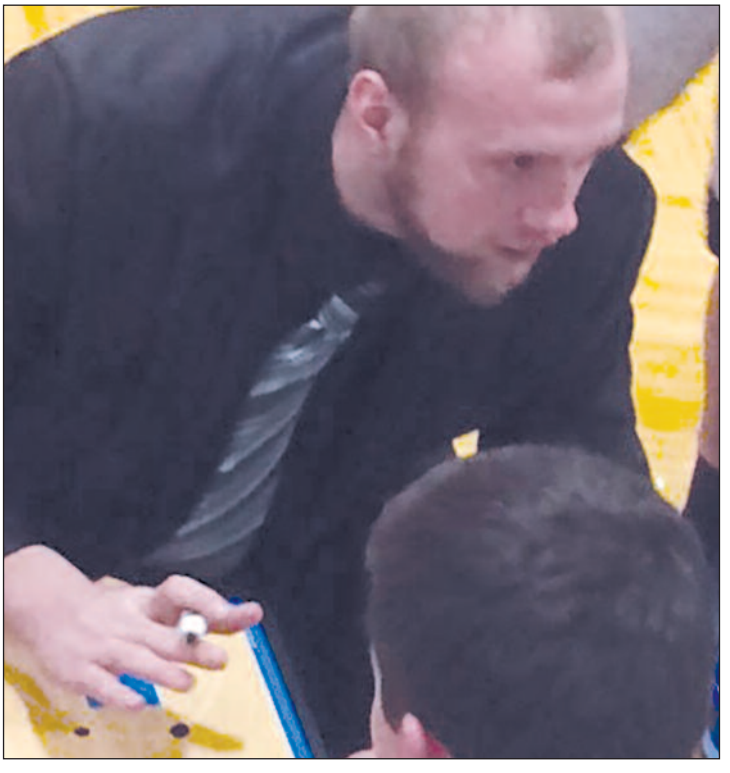
Riverside Coach Seeks to Share "GOOD" SPORTSMANSHIP

By B. Morgan

Give any teen-ager a big, orange ball and regardless of what color their skin is, what country he or she resides in, they'll probably learn very quickly how to bounce it. This basic formula— that children love games and sports— transcends religion, poverty and culture worldwide.

Riverside Coach Isaiah Gefre is taking the love of basketball and leaping with his faith to India this year as he accepts an offer to teach youth how to play the sport. But it's not just all fun and games; Coach Gefre says that he hopes to instill some life lessons along the way. Beginning in June, Gefre plans to leave for Bangalore, to work with another coach there as they train locals the finer details of the game.



Coach Gefre delivers direction to the youth.

Growing up from Kindergarten through six-grade, Isaiah says he was the "slower chunkier kid on the team." With his dad acting as coach during those years, the training was not only of the game of Basketball, but was a time when his father could encourage Isaiah's personal strengths. That's when the young lad learned quickly what he lacked in agility, he could make up with smart thinking. He says his ability in learning defense, "to get steals and lock down players" is what gave him an edge on the competition. He excelled with this philosophy, working as his dad's "Assistant Coach," until he got to high school.

Then you might say he sort of dropped the ball along the way somehow. As he progressed through those challenging years, he started getting more and more involved in drugs and alcohol rather than basketball, particularly his senior year. Then came one night when he had nearly overdosed on alcohol and suffered a physical attack with his body responding with severe sickness. It was another one of those painful lessons that Isaiah says he had to learn with his parents, Mark and Carolyn by his side. Even a youth leader from Central Assembly of God chuckles with relief at the changes he has made since then, saying, he was a "…stinker in those days."

Later at a Senior High camp, he says, "There was this guy who came up to me and started to pray for me. We didn't know each other because he had mistaken me for some one else and realized this later. On our second meeting, he asked if he could pray for me again. This time, he prayed more specifically for me and revealed during the prayer an understanding that really hit home with everything that I had been going through personally. He asked for God to release me and heal me." This was the game changer for Isaiah, and from there he turned over a new leaf. Giving up the drugs and alcohol he devoted himself to his former love of the game, getting himself back on what he calls

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These churches are opening their hearts and doors to the community with a special invitation to join them in worship.

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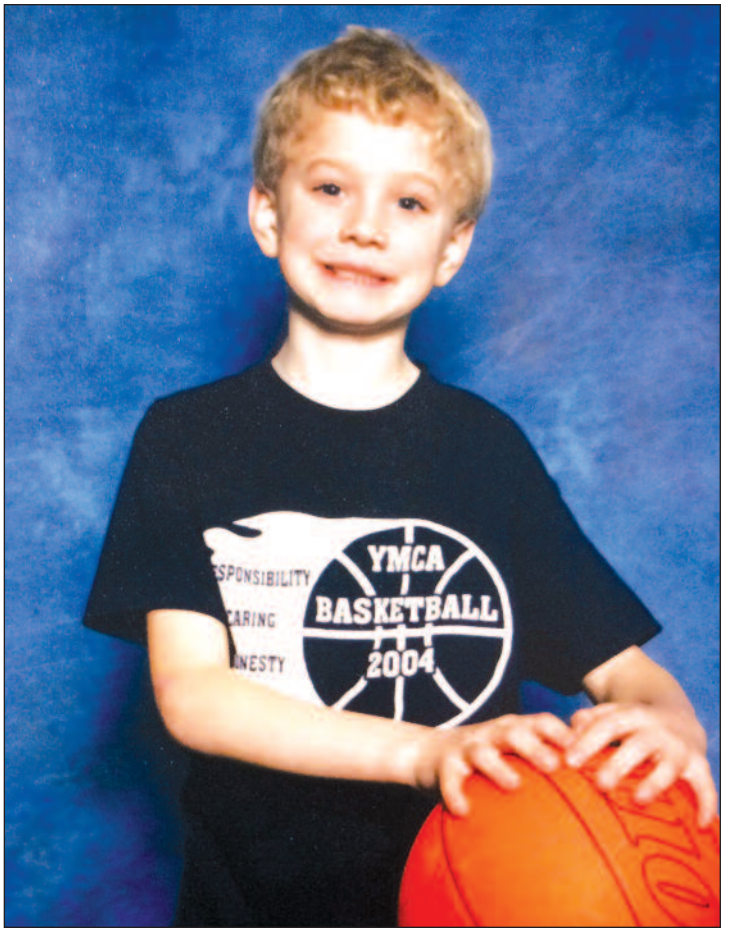
On the court in high school, Isaiah goes for a basket.



As a youngster, learning the love of the game.

"the good road."

With a new found wisdom from his personal struggles, a spark to make changes in the youth around him began to take shape. He began coaching Basketball as the Assistant Head Coach for Varsity at Riverside Christian School as well as their middle school Head Coach. He says he wants to really reach out to other teens who might be struggling in life and share what he has been through. When the opportunity arose to go coach a team of youth in India, he jumped at it with both feet.

He holds to making a difference saying, "Each of these young men comes from different backgrounds, but they all have the potential to become world changers… I believe I can make a difference in the lives of these young men."

Isaiah says, "Through the years I learned from a lot of different coaches and so many different approaches to motivating the kids. I want to take the best from what I've learned to get these kids to respond."

He says that one of the goals aside from winning a basketball game is to help mentor the players to become men of integrity. "I want them to know that they exist, not by mistake, but for a purpose. Every young person needs someone who believes in them, wants to see them realize their potential, and never gives up on them…I can be that person."

Coach Isaiah Gefre is hosting a dinner auction to help raise support for his trip at Central Assembly of God on March 31st. The church is also accepting tax-deductible donations on his behalf. For more info. 509-853-7650 or Gods007Servant@gmail.com.

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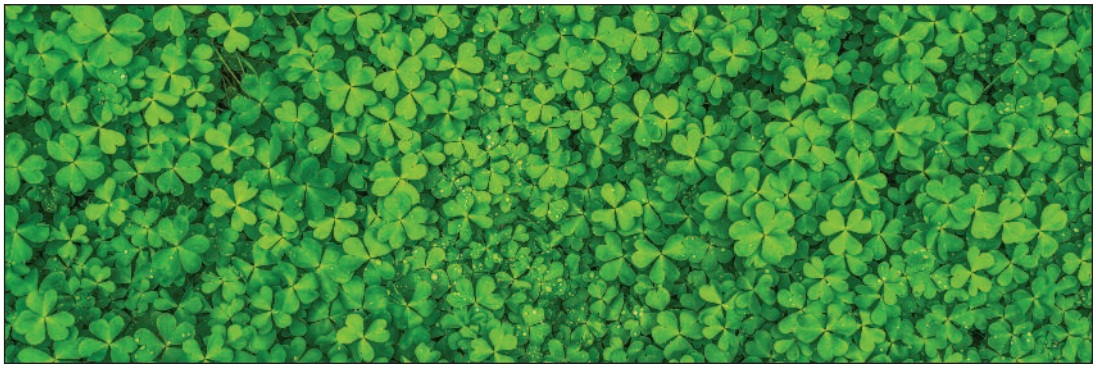
"Lucky" Plants Baffle Biologists

Plants like Clover, Crocus and the Prayer Plant close their flowers at night, a behavior known as "nyctinasty." You might think they are 'sleeping' in a way, as they, like humans are preserving their nutritional strength resting through the night until morning sunshine appears. From their ability to survive cool night time temperatures, to preserving their fuel source activated by photo synthesis under the sun's rays during the day, there are some plants that seem to be blessed being on the 'smarter' side of things.



A field of clover.

Why God designed it this way is an interesting challenge and ongoing debate for biologist who try to understand the 'thinking process' of plants. Speculation includes how the plants are able to preserve pollen for bees in the daylight to providing a clear area for scavengers like owls to have a clearer landscape to forage for food sources. It's not unlike God to have a multitude of interlinking components happening in daily life.

> *The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the* LORD.
> ***Proverbs 16:33 NIV***

The plants seem to have an internal 'circadian rhythm' associated to light and dark as well as temperature sensitivity. Utilizing their plant bodies "electolytes" in a way, they actively alter their potassium ions which affects the water of the cells of the leaves so that they actually curl up or fold to rest at night.

Crocus flowers in the spring.

Just another amazing example of God's awe-inspiring, creative handiwork.

Prayers & Perserverence

CHURCH BURNS FROM POSSIBLE ARSON SEEKS PRAYERS

By V. Braten, Photos by V. Braten

Pastors Maribel and Pedro Guierrez appreciate your prayers.

The Templo Pentecostes Church in Buena was burnt to the ground on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

The Fire Department was dispatched around 3:00 a.m. and arrived to find heavy smoke and flames coming through the roof. By the time the fire was out, the structure had collapsed. While the building is a total loss, they hope the church bell can be reconditioned and saved.

Pastor Maribel and Pedro Gutierrez say they appreciate all the prayers and support from the community. Maribel says, "The Buena First Baptist Church has opened their doors to us. We are holding services: Sunday at 2 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m.. The Church is located at 81 Cron Rd, Zillah, WA 98953. This is just off Buena Road."

The church had housed the Hispanic radio station, Monte De Sion, 100.3 FM. Maribel said, "The station is still broadcasting. We have moved it to our home." They are rebuilding at the original site. The ground has been cleared and is being prepared. They hope to be open in about nine months.

They say the fire had multiple ignition points and it is being investigated as an arson fire.

A $5000 reward is being offered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for information on the fire. The ATF has fire investigation experts that are working the case and are working with the Yakima County Sheriff's office. If you have information you can call Sheriff's Detective Sargent Mike Russell at 509-574-2561 or the ATF at 888-283-3473. You can remain anonymous.

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3 John 1:2 (ESV)

BOOK REVIEW

"The Noticer" by Andy Andrews

"Don't worry about me, go and enjoy yourself. I'll stay here and be miserable." – Eeyore

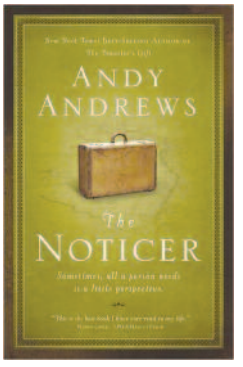
By M. David

Every spring I begin to think this year is going to be different. I am going to notice more, do more and fall more in love. Maybe it is the optimism of coming out of a long winter. Maybe it is the belief that the new growth on plants begins a new life cycle. Or, maybe, just maybe I know how much I love the little things in life and the days will soon get long enough to let me play after work.

Author Andy Andrews wrote a wonderful little book that still holds a place on my bookshelf called "The Noticer" (Sometimes, all a person needs is a little perspective). It is funny how one little word like *perspective* holds so much of what we value in life in it. We have heard it said in our lives, that one man's trash is another man's treasure - Perspective! Or was it Goldilocks that taught us as children, "this porridge is to hot, this porridge is to cool and at last this porridge is just right" - Perspective. Or yes, even Einstein that said "one minute with a beautiful woman or one minute sitting on a hot stove" - Perspective (or in his words *relativity*). So how do we look at the life and the world we see today. As Andy Andrews says it only takes a little "perspective" to recognize the miracles in our moments.

What would you think if a stranger (*The Noticer*) showed up in your town and started to change your perspective? As I read this book and look at my notes I still agree with the pearls of wisdom and hope I still have time to work on my perspective. Andrew's 'character' often links wisdom to the intangible, "…here's a word to remember *value.* It's a concept not often understood. Most people equate value with money, and money does have value - the most important value - is the value you create with your life and how you use it for others."

Maybe it is because I personally love the philosophy of looking with a new set of eyes at old problems and situations. Especially now as we begin the gentle awakening of



spring or those few minutes of extra sunlight as the days tease us with a few extra rays of glorious warm sunshine. Sure the book is filled with lots of things we know and have forgotten. Like don't forget the little things because it is funny how often these little things turn into big things. Or could it be one of those life lessons he sneaks in on you with an important fact… "every single day for the rest of your life, somebody is going to push you in the pool, and you'd better decide now how your going to act when it happens." The Noticer asks, "Are you going to come out of the water whining? Maybe crying or complaining? Will you come up mad or defiant, threatening everybody? Will you throw fists or worse? Or will you come out of the water with a smile on your face? Looking to see what you can learn…who you might help? Will you act happy though you feel uncertain?"

And let's always recall these lines from Andrew's book, "No unfinished business, he answered simply. "No good things left unsaid. Wrap folks in your arms. Express your gratitude. Always say, "I love you," then he shrugged, "That's how you avoid regret."

So yes, you have found me out. Even with everything that happens in the world I am an optimist, but I still love pessimists (like Eeyore) to death. Perhaps it's that duality in the challenges that the Noticer makes, drawing the reader to consider if the glass is either half full or half empty that I find so tempting.

Like me, I hope it might inspire you to be a little kinder, share a little more, love a lot more, and always remember to help others when you can.

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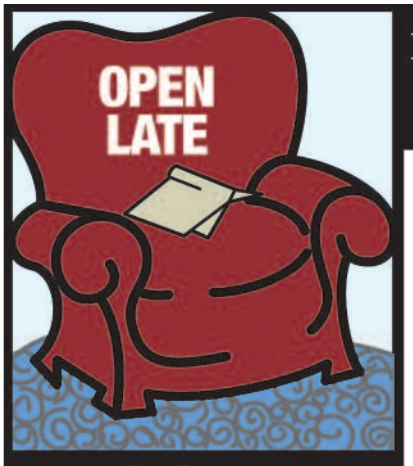

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God's Little Engineers

By L. Stream

As the winter snows turn to water in the annual melt, attention is drawn to the possible events of flooding like we've seen recently in the Cottonwood housing addition in West Valley. Yakima and the surrounding communities have seen their share of these through the years and with this winters accumulation of snow at higher than previous levels, concern is directed to what will happen in the weeks ahead. Man's engineers have built many dams in part to control flooding, but do you know that beaver can play a big role in flood damage as well? Some folks call them "nature's engineers" but I know God created them, so they are really His engineers by design.

Laws were passed to protect the demise of the population while allowing controlled harvest that allowed for a sustainable population to exist. With the passage of trap controls in the 1980s and the public opposition to fur being used for garments the methods of damage control were diminished and the populations were allowed to increase in the absence of historical trapping methods.

When I was hired by the State Game Department in 1974 my job was as a "Wildlife Control Agent" which meant where people and animal conflicts existed, I was sent out to do something about it. Now the interesting thing was I had never seen a beaver before because I grew up in the Snake River country of Eastern Oregon which was semi-arid. I graduated from Oregon State University, which by the way has as its mascot the beaver, and my home state of Oregon has as its official state animal the beaver so you would of expected me to have some relationship with them but alas I had to learn on the job. Schooling can only prepare you so much but hard knocks can teach you a lot.

I was stationed in Deer Park north of Spokane and took the place of two veteran employees both of who had just retired but one died the day of his retirement party. The remaining retiree was extremely quiet and any advice I asked of him just wasn't forthcoming so files became my starting point in solving damage control problems and then asking advice where ever I could find it. I quickly learned to trap beaver with leg holds as well as live traps. They both had their drawbacks and I used these as a last resort. If the problems could wait until the trapping season I preferred to let someone who could benefit from it handle the problem but when it wasn't going to work that way I had to jump in and do something. Now I mentioned they were good engineers and could build great dams that would hold back floodwaters for the most part but they sometimes built dams where it would cause problems. My first winter I got a call from the county road department that beaver had plugged a culvert next to a road above Springdale and they were worried about the road washing out because of backed up water in the spring.

I drove up to the place about 20 miles from town to inspect it and parked along the side of the road and waded through three feet of snow to the dam to see what could be done. The water was frozen behind the dam except for one small hole where beaver would access to the dam and downstream. I walked across to look at it from the other side and was thinking it would be better to wait until winter was over so any control measure wouldn't kill the beaver or its family members but I had to talk with the county about it first.

As I was crossing back over the dam I noticed sticks below the water surface were encased with ice and would be slick if I stepped on them. In the next instant I was plunging down the open hole of water and below the ice in the pool of water. I was able to break through the ice as I surfaced but could not crawl up the dam because of the ice on the sticks. The south side of the bank was more level but it would put me on the wrong side of the water so I broke the ice away to the north bank

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where fir trees and shrubs were growing about three feet up the bank. It took some effort to get a hold of the tree limbs and pull myself up but eventually I made it.

Now the three feet of snow and the wet from the pool adhered together to form this giant walking snowman but there wasn't anyone around to see me so no evidence of Bigfoot could be broadcast! When I got to my truck I realized I had a problem. The truck handle was the push button type and I found out my fingers weren't working nor were my hands. After several minutes of effort I finally managed to get the door open and quickly confronted the next problem which was turning the key in the ignition. With fingers that wouldn't bend turning the key became a major effort. Using two hands I finally got the truck started and turned the heater on but I was still a giant icicle and I realized my wet clothes were going to work against me.

I started thinking I had to get out of my clothes or I might have a bigger problem so out the truck I went and started stripping down. When I got to my shorts with my clothes piled on the ground I climbed back in where the heater was going full blast and I started feeling the tingling sensation coming back into my hands, feet, legs and every where else. I begin to feel pretty good

about it until I looked up and here came a station wagon down the road with a family of mom, pop and two kids, a girl and boy. Now you would of thought they would have stopped to see what in the world a guy was doing sitting naked in a pickup in the middle of the winter but no they just had these gaping wide eyed open mouthed looks staring at me as they went by and on down the road.

My embarrassment was full fledge and I figured I had to do something about it so I got back out of the truck and went to the canopy and rummaged around until I found this stiff set of rain gear to put on and quickly picked up my clothes and threw them in the back and got back in. A half hour later I had warmed sufficiently to start driving home. When I walked in the door I told my wife Mary to get a hot tub of water flowing and I soaked for over an hour. The event had taken all my energy and took awhile to get back to normal. The next day when I left the house I had two sets of dried clothes that never left my vehicle for the rest of my career. As it turned out, the county agreed to wait until spring and when it came high water washed the dam away without damage to the road.

Times have changed, the jobs have changed and the methods of damage control are often controlled by legislative mandates and budget problems and the good old days aren't the same as they use to be.

When I retired there were no control agents but the beaver keep on building where they can and that's a good thing. They create wetlands in areas where water is lacking; provide fish and aquatic habitat in addition to a myriad of other wildlife habitat.

Many days of come and gone and needless to say, I've gotten to see plenty of beaver now. They are one of my favorite wild creatures because of their amazing uniqueness in providing natural remedies to habitat development and I think they are cute to boot. I hope you think so to and I challenge you to 'chip away' at learning more about these wonderful creatures. To start look for evidence, the easiest being a stick in the water with tooth marks where they have chipped it from a tree to supply them with food or homebuilding material. The Yakima Greenway is an easy place to look and there's lots of other wildlife to see while you're out there.

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CREATING A
Miniature Secret Garden Mentality

For one farmer's wife, memories of having a rake in hand and sand to play in, has brought some chuckles and a constant reminder of a life well lived on a farm, that is no longer in existence.

Louise Biggers, a long time member of Summit View Church of Christ, says that her husband Harold, who passed away in 2006 made her the miniature sand garden square as a memento years ago, of her hard work and toil— that she often did— in the small garden plot behind their rambler home, located on a 10 acre apple farm in Cowiche.

It was there that she canned over 100 quarts of green beans, countless jars of grape juice, pickles and a variety of all things worth canning. She shared that bounty from time to time as neighbors do. But during those days, the orchard rarely earned its way financially, she says, so they coordinated a plan with her son Michael who attended a church in Seattle to ship the last crop of fruit to Magadon, Russia.

"Apples were like gold to those people," she says. Harold and Louise donated their final apple crop before the lot was to be cut down, to a Russian church in Seattle who gathered people together and came for a weekend. The group picked a shipping container full and facilitated the delivery overseas. Louise coordinated with local packing houses that graciously contributed boxes. When the apples arrived in Russia, Michael says that missionaries reported how the children there didn't want to eat their apple because they had never seen one before and they wanted to save it.

Bringing nature indoors in inspiring ways.

Louise with her little sand garden.

With many miracles along the way, and a few places where sharing apples paved the way for transportation, the best part of the story was that many of the apples that were going to simple fall to the ground, landed in a child's hand, thousands of miles away.

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TIPS ON MAKING A MINIATURE GARDEN:

Choose a container, other than metal and that has drainage ability. You may be able to drill some small holes in the bottom if it is a non-traditional container.

You can put some drainage rock at the base, but use sterile potting soil that doesn't contain fertilizer preferably.

Using herbs or very small plants is a great way to start your landscape. Water weekly and mist in between watering of your living plants.

Incorporate small stones, sand or bits from your yard in to your design.

Thrift stores, children's toys, gardening shops and fabric shops can provide interesting little elements to add the furniture and whimsy you are seeking.

Finish off with some moss on edges, experimenting which moss species thrives in your environment.

Take time and enjoy accessorizing your miniature garden, and change with the seasons. Make it your own!

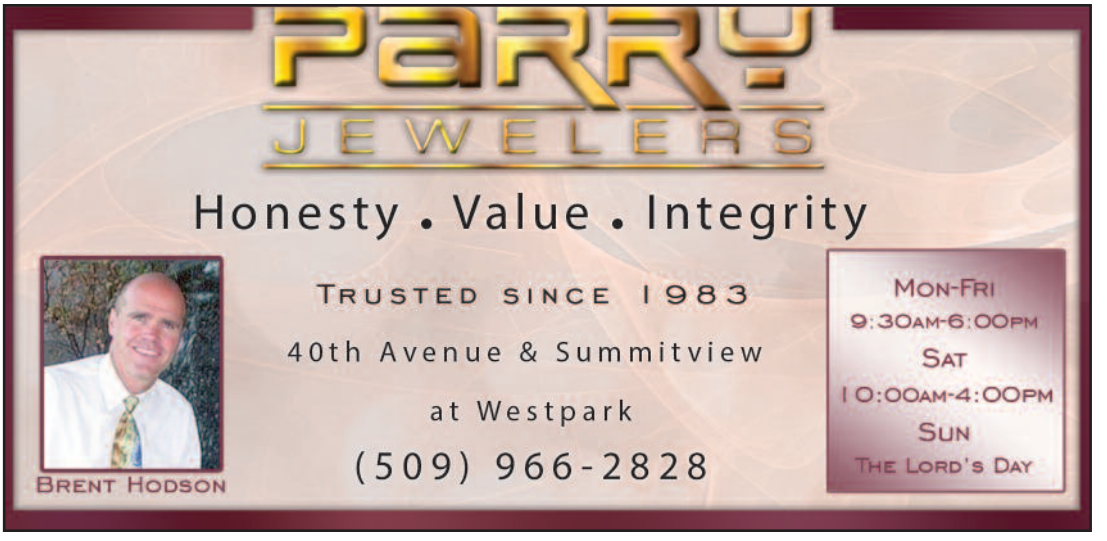
Putting together some baskets for upcoming gifts.

A gardener's mentality gets in your blood, especially when you've grown up most of your life having one. At over 80 years old, Louise misses those days, but her little sand garden that her husband made, always makes her smile.

Capturing that tranquility of meandering through those garden gates and dreaming of the fruits of one's efforts hanging on vines or waiting to emerge from a bloom is like a child waiting for Christmas. Eventually Louise's daughter whom she lives with now in Walla Walla, took the idea to another level and created a miniature 'turtle' garden about 3' wide in the backyard. Complete with pea gravel grounds, miniature travel trailer and tiny sun chairs; it's a spot to take notice and dream.

One of the first losses that aging folks often miss when moving in with extended family or an assisted living facility, is the lack of a space to toil in. Sometimes leaving the home is magnified by losing the ground it's sitting on. Who hasn't had a family member help plant a rosebush or tree to on a birthday or mother's day? It's those accessories associated with the garden that tie it to one's heart. Miniature gardens are a way to bring a little piece of the garden indoors and back to life. A place to fiddle with rock, benches and a small plant or too on a very small scale. But perhaps the most enjoyable part of a miniature garden is the memories that they rekindle.

Dorothy Frances Gurney once wrote, "*One is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth.*" Of course most Christian gardeners can attest that God must've known the secret when He began life and placed man and woman, right from the beginning in the midst of a garden.



New Hispanic Church Forming in East Valley

There's nothing like trying to "plant" in the middle of winter. Especially this winter! But this isn't your typical cultivating the land and sowing of seeds, although there are many gardeners who are anxiously waiting for spring despite the harsh winter.

For Frank Menesis, his wife Judith and kids Josiah and Cesia, moving from the Phoenix area to the Terrace Heights area to "plant" a new Hispanic church is certainly not without challenges, on top of the weather!

It may seem like a daunting task to "Start from nothing," as Pastor Franks says. "But it is much easier in the rural area of Yakima Valley than other places." He notes that larger cities like Seattle can be quite a challenge, saying that the "American church has been great about sending out missionaries to third world countries, but that there are plenty of opportunities right in our own backyard that are getting missed, particularly metropolitan cities."

Pastor Frank Meneses utilizes congregants Bob Vander Sluis (l) and Mark Van Kommer (r) at each of his sides, during a message he delivered to the church.

Establishing the Spanish speaking church in the East Valley area, Pastor Frank says it will be the second in Washington (other than Renton) under the Reformed Church of America's leadership. Their goal is to plant 7 new Hispanic churches in the Northwest and 50 nationally. Frank realizes that not only do they need to build the core of the ministry team, but also be able to minister to the people that they are working on reaching in a variety of ways, including a class on how to learn English.

Pastor Frank isn't new at church planting and has worked primarily in Arizona in ministry, having last helped start a new church in Chandler, Arizona. Reaching out to the Terrace Heights and Moxee elementary schools in the area, and working on getting a Bible Study group going, Pastor Frank is accustomed to the work it takes in getting the church established. He says, "We need about 35 to 40 people who would be interested in helping us start this church. With a launch date for the first services in October, the East Valley Reformed Church will host the Sunday services, sharing their sanctuary at a separate time. The East Valley Reformed Church has also stepped up and offered their church parsonage as a home for the new family, while the national organization provides staff support.

With winter hanging on longer than usual, breaking weather is always a relief. The first bloom of a crocus or signs of green buds appearing or new churches being planted. Pastor Frank says the new church will be called "Life Church" or "Iglesia Vida".

We welcome one of the first signs of spring in the Valley…

For more info. contact Pastor Frank at 602-303-1445.

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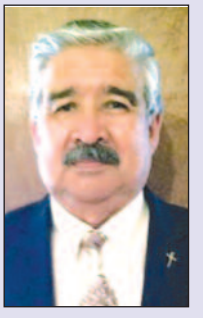

Pastor Manuel Luquin, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Yakima

Dear Pastors,

My sister and I support different political parties. With the change in the presidency we seem to fight now rather than talk. There are plenty of great lines from the Bible to support an argument from either side. Both parties really only seem to support part of biblical teachings. Now it has happened that we had a bad fight and aren't talking to each other. Both of us normally don't even care about politics and now it seems that the politics has separated us and is even separating America. What is going on and how do we survive both as a brother and sister divided and in a country divided?

David in Despair

dear, DAVID IN DESPAIR

I am sad to hear that you have allowed the enemy to divide you and your sister. Jesus said in Mark 3:25, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." This has been Satan's desire from the beginning, to divide. The sad part is that we use his method to accomplish this. Satan has used Scripture to deceive man and mankind, like he did with Eve, and tried with our Lord during His temptation in the desert.

What we forget as Christians, is that in God's divine plan, He can choose whom He wants to accomplish His will (Isaiah 46:9-10; 14:24; Romans 13:1). So who are we to say who is the best candidate? I am not saying that we should not get involved in the political arena, but to remember, that it is God's choice, and do the one thing that the Bible tells us to do, and that is, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence…."

Please, choose to do God's will. Family is a precious thing to have and cherish, it is a gift from God. I will be praying for both of you, to not be defeated by Satan, but to defeat him, and join God in His will (1 Corinthians 10:13). All this will pass, keep looking up.

– PML

Love comes to my mind as I read your letter... You and your sister should be loving each other. You need to be able to get together and not talk about what is going on if it causes discourse between you two. Jesus said to love one another. Go and ask forgiveness and try to work things out... Life is too short to have strife in your family. It not only affects you but your whole family... Work to get your relationship back. Love... Remember in the Bible we know who wins. You two represent Christ... If you two can get back together, then there is hope for America

– PBB

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WHERE TWO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Noah's Ark in Wapato

By S. Torres

Two "sisters in Christ" from Templo Manantial de Vida have just started reaching out sharing God's word at the Noah's Ark shelter in Wapato.

For Silvia and Lucy, this is a labor of love and a way to demonstrate to those in need what God's love is all about. Working upon the scripture of Matthew 11:28, *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest*. Silvia says being able to serve directly in their community is something that many of the church members work towards doing and the two felt "called to do something there."

Noah's Ark has long been a beacon of hope for the homeless and down and out in the Wapato area. Serving predominately the Hispanic and Native American people from the area, they minister to their daily needs of food, shelter and spirit. The two ladies who have taken the lead to study the Bible around a table with anyone of those, sometimes just two

David Hacker (Noah's Ark Administrator) with Evodio Reyes and Armando Maciel, two of the center's case managers.

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Silvia and Lucy from the Templo Manantial de Vida in Wapato.

or three, who are seeking spiritual nourishment, Silvia says, "We have hope that the homeless people that we are serving may some day choose God's path." With alcoholism and drug addiction at the doorstep, she says that their goal is that they will consider God's direction as they work to rebuild their lives. The two are hoping that the seeds that they have planted will take root.

Noah's Ark is named after a Presbyterian minister, Shari Noah, who dedicated her life to meeting the needs of the homeless. The shelter serves upwards of 140 meals per day and provides shelter for about 150 people through out the year.

Historically, "The Rev. David Hacker purchased a large building in a commercial part of Wapato and with the help of Yakima County, the Yakama Nation, the Yakima Valley Community Foundation, and many others brought it into code compliance so it could operate as an emergency shelter…" Their website, GeneratingHope.org also shares that it is the only shelter on the Yakama Indian Reservation and therefore open year-round.

Noah's Ark says, "Collaborative partners, such as Northwest Harvest, Yakama Nation, Yakima Neighborhood Health, and churches such as Wapato's St. Peter's Claver, Zillah's Christ Episcopal Church, and Yakima's Wesley United Methodist all continue to help" as do many others.

Here, these "two sisters in Christ" taking time every Wednesday afternoon, to open a Bible and a discussion with a prayer that *together* we can make a difference when we look to God for the answer.

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With God's Garden Clock, time is *"March"ing* on...

By D. Jameson

Much of our late winter gardening enthusiasm is guided by our environment of the day's length, temperatures, and yes, the natural breaking of winter dormancy.

With March upon us, the snow will be greatly receding and anxious spring perennials will suddenly show their green spikes emerging from the winter insulated soil. No severe winter kill of sensitive bulbs predicted this year. The long snow cover does bring up a question I've heard several ask about –how will my lawn grass be affected from months of cover and no sunlight?

Watch your lawn in March, as early greening growth develops. A possible problem is spots of several inches wide or more caused by Typhula blight, or commonly called "Gray Snow Mold". It can develop after extended periods of snow cover especially while the ground isn't frozen. Upon snow melt the disease, if present, shows up as bleached spots of 3-6 inches or larger in diameter. Within the bleached areas the blades of grass are usually matted together and maybe covered by a fluffy white to gray mass of fungal growth around the spots edges. Often these infections are only of exposed leaves and not the crowns and roots. Hence, the lawn will likely recover as temperatures warm and new growth begins. Thus, fungicide treatments are usually not necessary. Another lawn disease you may hear of is called Pink Snow Mold or Fusarium Patch, but this one is more an issue in Western Washington.

Most importantly, lawn owners should avoid over watering early, and can often benefit diseased spots by raking matted areas to aerate. When fungicides have been used, the preferred application time is preventative during late fall, or prior to snow cover. Marianne Ophardt of the WSU Extension had some technical advice on managing snow effects several years ago under similar circumstances and has said that lawn health in the spring can be improved by fall management practices of mowing at 2.5-3 inches until growth stops early in November. She says that this protects the health of new tillers forming below the surface. Having residual growth shorter at the onset of a long, and snow covered winter, means less fungal disease problems in the spring. This is definitely something to keep in mind if we happen to begin a cycle of long winters. Also adequate nitrogen in late fall will help the grass stand as it goes dormant. If lawn color is a faded green in October from N depletion; this would signal the need for a light N application in latter October of 3 lbs of Am-Sulfate product, or 1.5 lbs of urea product per 1,000 square feet. This feeds developing tillers that grow laterally to fill in a denser lawn.

Since the duration of snow cover is a risk factor, there are reasons to not pile excess snow in lawn areas. Unfortunately this is not always possible as driveways, or walkways must be kept clear. We will all observe and learn this spring.

Soon the lawn and gardening activities will burst forth as each day ticks by and on March 20th, the first official day of spring with a gift of 12 full hours of daylight! Are you excited yet?

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HISTORY 101:

Harvard and the *Minister* that founded it

By D. Jameson

According to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni's *'A Crisis in Civic Education'*, "There is a crisis in American civic education. Survey after survey shows that recent college graduates are alarmingly ignorant of America's history and heritage. They cannot identify the term lengths of members of Congress, the substance of the First Amendment, the origin of the separation of powers. They do not know the Father of the Constitution, and nearly 10% say that Judith Sheindlin—"Judge Judy"—is on the Supreme Court." According to EducationViews.org, "Nearly 30 of the nation's top-ranked liberal arts colleges do not require students take a survey course in U.S. history."

But it's not just American History that is disappearing from campuses; it's the Christian heritage of the some of the finest Ivy League educational institutions that is also being erased.

Among great long standing Ivy League universities, those started before the Revolutionary War was exclusively founded with a Christian world view and mission. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, and Dartmouth, owe their origin to the Gospel. Some might be surprised to learn these schools were established primarily to train ministers of the Gospel, and to evangelize the Atlantic sea board.

Harvard was started in 1636 by a Puritan minister John Harvard who willed his library and one-half of his estate. Early leaders insisted there could be no true knowledge and wisdom without Jesus Christ and had there not been passionate Christian convictions there would have been no Harvard. During the remaining school years of the 1600's, it was documented that 52% of the graduates became ministers.

Chelsen Vicari of the Institute of Religion and Democracy has written on Harvard's Motto – "Truth", and founding mission statement which read, "To be plainly instructed and consider well that the main end of your life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ."

Now, the University only expresses its charge as "To educate the citizen and citizen readers of our society. We do this through our commitment to the transformative power of a liberal arts and sciences education." While much anti-Christian attitude does exist among students and professors at Harvard, Vicari writes that God is still working within Harvard and other Ivy League universities.

In brief, mention can be made of the ministry Ignite Ivy America. Vicari highlights campus Ivy leaders Jerry and Judy Bell, who are burdened upon a statistic that in eight Ivy league universities only 5% of the students are believers, while 50% of the world's leaders graduate from these schools. Despite overt hostility to Christ on campus, the Bells are determined to keep "igniting the lives" for Jesus Christ. Let us all watch for ways to pray for this and like ministries on college campuses (Christian Fellowship of Athletes, Young Life and others.)

Promoting our knowledge of historical Christian influence on our institutions, laws, and leaders is my aim. When we know this, we are better prepared to refute the voices seeking to deny our unique history and drive a complete exclusion of Christian minded input in the public square.

You can not erase Christian influence on America, because history itself will reveal the 'VERITAS.'

For more on the ACTA, an independent, non-profit watchdog of American institutions and their excellence: www.goacta.org/publications/a_crisis_in_civic_education

Harvard University's 1962 seal and motto: "Truth (Veritas) for Christ (Christo) and the Church (Ecclesiae)." Harvard has since altered the seal to just the words "VERITAS" (Truth) and the name Harvard.

Ask the former generation and find out what their ancestors learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing, and our days on earth are but a shadow. Will they not instruct you and tell you? Will they not bring forth words from their understanding?
Bildad the Shuhite (Job 8:8-10 NIV)

(Gluten Free) Cheese Strata

Send your church supper favorite recipes and photos to yvccn@juno.com or 5808 Summitview Ave., Box 333, Yakima, WA 98908. Contact us at 509-901-9292.

By V. & J. Braten (photos by V. Braten)

INGREDIENTS:

8 Slices (Gluten Free) Bread
8 Ounces Sharp Cheddar Cheese (Shredded/gluten-free)
1 Pound Lean Hamburger or Sausage
½ Cup Chopped Onion
3 Cloves Garlic
4 Large Eggs
2 ½ Cups Low Fat Milk
1 Teaspoon Processed Mustard
1 Teaspoon Salt
½ Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper

You can vary the recipe, leaving off the meat for a vegetarian or you can use regular bread (with gluten instead of the gluten free.)

Use a 9 x 9 or 8 x 8 square pan and spray with nonstick spray.

Trim crusts from 5 slices of the bread; cut in half diagonally.

Use trimmings and remaining 3 untrimmed slices of bread to line bottom of baking pan.

Cook meat with the onion and crushed garlic.

Spread cooked meat, onion and garlic over bread. Spread (shredded/gluten-free) cheese over meat.

Arrange triangles of trimmed bread in 2 rows with points overlapping bases of preceding triangles.

Mix beaten eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper; pour over bread.

Cover; let stand 1 hour at room temperature or several hours in the refrigerator.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until a knife inserted at the middle comes out clean.

Let stand 5 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

A special invitation from these community churches

Afraid to go to church?

SEEKING ONE THAT FEELS JUST RIGHT?

These churches are opening their hearts and doors to the community with a special invitation to join them in worship.

IT'S TIME TO GIVE CHURCH A TRY!

If your church would like to be featured among those who want to share more information with the community, **please contact us at 509-901-9292 or yvccn@juno.com.**

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KPCA

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509-388-0099 or 509-571-3593

Zillah Community Church of Seventh-day Adventist

Pastor John Stafford
202 5th St, Zillah, PO Box 418

You will be welcome to our church service, held on Saturdays. The worship service is from 9:25 to 10:50 am. It is a small congregation with a weekly average attendance of 30. The service begins with hymns and choruses accompanied with piano / organ. There is a time to share praises and prayer requests with one another. There is usually a children's story. There is special music by either local musicians or recorded musicians. The sermons are Bible based and prepared to meet the common needs of those who attend. There is a potluck dinner every 2nd and 4th Sabbath of the month. At the end of each quarter of the year we have communion using individual cups and unleavened bread. At 6:30 pm on Friday evenings through the fall, winter and spring there is a waffle feed in the fellowship hall followed by a season of prayer. All are welcome.

From 11 am to 12:15 we have Sabbath School. The adults study the Sabbath School lesson in the overflow room upstairs. The children have their programs downstairs. There is a new believers' class and also a Spanish class if needed.

Though this congregation is small it wants to grow as a vibrant Christian family. Our vision is to be empowered with the Spirit of God. The sermons focus on a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. We are a caring community with a passion to meet the needs of our community.

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The congregation of Peace Lutheran Selah would like to invite you to join them for Worship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

We are a friendly, family oriented church and welcome you to check us out. We offer Children's Church during the Worship Service for kids Kindergarten through 6th grade. We have an adult Bible Study class each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., as well as a Wednesday evening Bible Study class at 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY SERVICE: 10 AM
- Modern Worship
- Relevant Biblical Teaching
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- Water Baptism (*Upon Request*)
- Average Sunday Attendance: 200
- Transportation Available on Sunday Mornings. *(Schedule a Pick-up at 972-1895 by Fri. at 12PM).*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7 PM
- Worship & Bible Study
- Pursuit Youth Ministry (6-12 gr.)
- Children's Ministry (0-11yrs.)

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Busca un lugar para adorar a Dios,
lo invitamos a que se una a nosotros.

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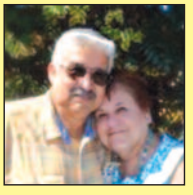

CHURCH SERVICES:
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
in suite 119

SERVICIOS DE LA IGLESIA:
Servicio de Adoración a las
9:30 a.m. en el local 103

WORSHIP SERVICE:
10:45 a.m. on the side of suite 101

ESCUELA DOMINICAL:
10:45 a.m. en el local 119

PASTOR Rev. Manuel Luquin

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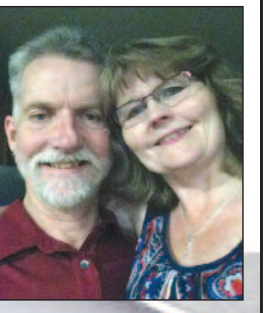
Welcome to

Central Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church

We meet every Saturday for worship at 11:00 am, with Sabbath school at 10:00 am.

Join a smaller congregation of around 30 who recently completed a new church. We observe individually served communion on the first Saturday of each month, and baptism by immersion. You'll find our worship music to be a gentle mix of traditional hymns, with contemporary styled praise and special music. Coffee and cookies follow each service.

Wednesday evening bible study is at 7:00. We also have monthly luncheons and family indoor/outdoor game and food nights. Discover us on Facebook at CWSDB.



Pastor Glenn and Karen Denman

10200 Summitview
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509-965-7660

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

Love God Love People Share Christ

LEAD PASTORS: *Pastors Gerry & Mindy Galbreath*
SPANISH SERVICE: *Pastors Edward & Diana Maradiaga*

SUNDAYS:
Sunday School
9:45am
AM Service
10:45am
Spanish Service
1:30pm
PM Worship & Prayer
6:00pm

TUESDAYS:
Youth
7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS:
Family Night
7:00pm

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SABBATH SERVICES:
Saturdays 9:30–10:25(Spanish & English)
Sabbath School Classes
10:45 – Noon Worship Service
3:00 Spanish Service
Weds. 7:00 Spanish Service

Worship Service choruses and hymns. Bilingual Services with translation to Spanish and Spanish to English. Attendance is between 80 and 100. Potluck follows our Worship Service. All are welcome. Lord's Supper Service with communion and foot washing. Full Immersion Baptism.

Life WITH Drew

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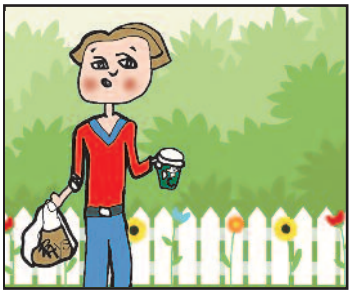
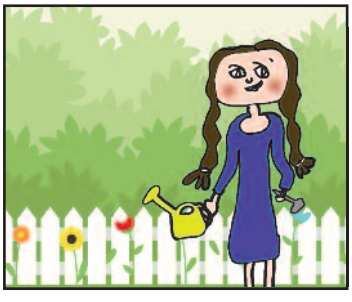


Hey Mom, what kind of flower do you give a sick frog?



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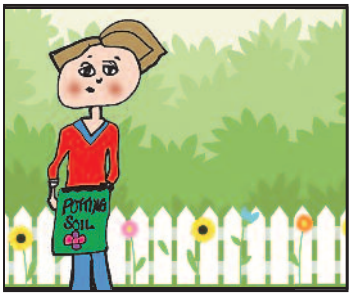

A "Croak" us...

MEMORY VERSE:

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

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KIDS CORNER

Cool Verses on Frogs from the Bible

1. Whose land swarmed with frogs even in the chambers of their kings?

2. Who stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt?

3. He sent among them swarms of ____ which devoured them, and frogs which destroyed them.

4. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the _____ and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs...

5. The _____ did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

1. Egypt
2. Aaron (Exodus 8:6)
(Psalm 105:30)
3. Flies (Psalm 78:45
4. Dragon
(Revelation 16:13)
5. Lord (Exodus 8:13)
(NASB)

THE "GOLIATH" FROG

'The Goliath frog is the largest living frog and can grow up to almost 13" and weigh more than 7 lbs. With a small habitat range in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea, it's numbers are dwindling due to habitat destruction and its collection for food and the pet trade.' (Wikipedia)

Can you guess why they call it Goliath?

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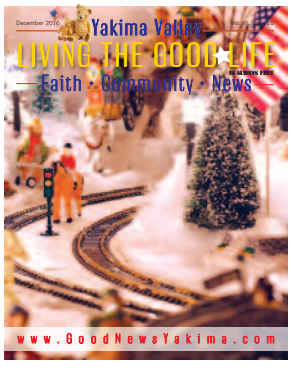

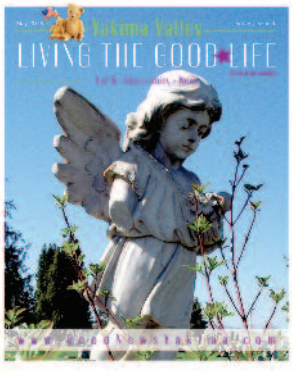

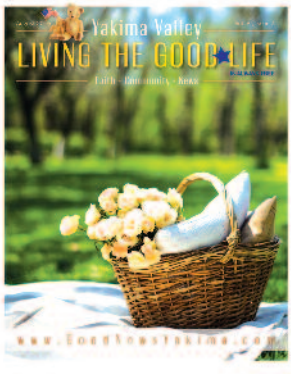

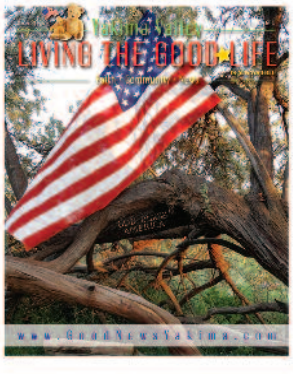

We would like to say a "HUGE THANK YOU" to our AMAZING ADVERTISERS!

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Our Heavenly Lord knows our needs

We still are in great need of several quality businesses that reflect integrity and superior customer service to join us in advertising. We have a few pages open to sponsor and if you know someone that has a wonderful business in the Valley, please refer us to each other! Please support their businesses in the coming year! Thank you Lord for bringing them to us!

In May 2016, Christian Community News upgraded the newspaper format to the Living the 'Good' Life magazine. With help from local donations through the Sacred Messengers foundation, along with many amazing advertisers, we were able to expand.

Pray for our Church Directory & Advertisers

We still are in need of churches for our Church Directory. Church congregants can also underwrite the very nominal cost for a church ad. Thank you to the churches that have risen up to support local Christian news. May you be blessed!

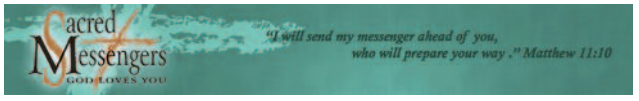
Blessings to the Businesses & Churches

Thank you businesses who are putting the magazine out on the counter and in the foyers for people to be able to find this magazine! Thank you to you, our Yakima Valley readers. We love your letters to the Editor and to the Dear Pastor's column. Keep those story ideas coming our way, too!

For all of this and more, we give thanks to the Lord God Almighty and hope to keep on, keeping on in 2017!

IN JESUS NAME,
Amen.

LIVING THE 'GOOD' LIFE every day of the month



Submit your items of interest to the Christian faith community by the 20th of each month prior to the event to the contact page at www.GoodNewsYakima.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1st

Starting the 40 days of preparation before Easter.

FIGHT CLUB

Beg. March 4
Saturdays, 8-9am
North Town Coffeehouse

Men's Support Group
Warriors for Sexual Purity
32 North Front Street,
Downtown Yakima,
A support group for men who are serious about pursuing sexual purity in their lives and becoming the courageous and valiant warriors God intended. Short message from the group facilitator on a specific topic, sharing, prayer and encouragement. No cost. Contact Isaac Johnson 509-3885118

FREEDOM FOURSQUARE FRANKLIN HILL CHURCH

Final Service
Pastor John Walden
March 5th, 6pm

An open invitation to anyone who has attended over the years to come and join us for the final service.
16 S. 6th Ave., Yakima

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 17th

VICTORIAN TEA PARTY

Sat. March 11th,
9-11am or 2-4pm

Harrah Grace Brethren
In the Drawing Room
Speaker Jaurane Traub, 3701 Harrah Rd. The Mug and Muffin requests the pleasure of your company for a Victorian Tea Party. We'll be wearing our "Sunday Best" or Victorian-style clothes, so we hope you will too. (Hats and gloves are encouraged.) Muscians: Sue Day, Gisela Pechtel and Donna River of Yakima. Food, fellowship, music, game and speaker time. FREE Reservation event, but please RSVP by March 6th, through Cleo Riche again! 509-848-2412. Parking attendants, sorry no childcare. Bring a mug or tea-cup and a friend of two.

AGLOW MEETS

Speaker Jim Ford
Coming from England!
March 18th, 10am

Le Chateau Fireside Room
No charge, free will offering, more info. 728-1452
Visit www.aglowyakima.com.

EV COUNTRY TREASURES

March 25th, 9am-3pm

Grab a friend and tour the area for great handmade gifts. Info: Becky St. John 961-8848 Facebook: EastValleyCountryTreasures

RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN'S 33RD ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

March 11th,
doors open at 4pm

Celebrating God's Gracious Provision. Ticket sales and donation links available at the school's website: riversidechristianschool.com
Info: auction@riversidechristian.net
509-965-2602

YOUTH DIRECTOR WANTED

We are the Korean church in Wiley City. The person doesn't need to be bilingual. Salary negotiable. Contact Pastor Lee at 509-833-9037 or by email: byounglee123@gmail.com

CHURCH SECRETARY WANTED

Christ Lutheran Church, Part-time. Email resumes to christlutheranyakima@gmail.

ON-GOING HAPPENINGS

Alcoholics Victorious,
Tampico Church,
Tuesdays 7pm
Joel: 509-945-1228

Toddler Storytime
Tuesdays 10am
Inklings Bookshop
Geared at 18 mo.-4years.
5629 Summitview Ave.

Ladies Bible Study Outreach
Bethel Nazarene,
Wed. 9:00am
All are welcome to attend.
452-0391

The HANG-OUT
Church of the Nazarene
Wed. 2:30-4:30pm
For middle schoolers.
Food, fun, homework help.
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Celebrate Recovery
Fridays 6-9pm
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H.O.P.E. Fridays 7-9pm
Helping People Overcome Addictions.
Bible Baptist Church
6201 Tieton Drive

Transform Yakima
Saturdays at 8:30am
Upper Room, UGM.
Open to anyone who wants to unite the Valley in prayer.

Complimentary listings to the calendar page are provided by the Sacred Messengers as a community service for Yakima Valley. For more information about Sacred Messengers, log onto www.SacredMessengers.com