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GRAND FORKS PATHFINDER CLUB WITNESSES TO MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL & COMMUNITY

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Pathfinders with Grand Forks mayor

Sometimes plans fit so wonderfully together you know they are from God. That is the way the Grand Forks, North Dakota Bison Pathfinder Club feels about their trip to the local City Hall. In making preparations to attend the International Camporee, Pathfinders were encouraged to find pins for trading. Knowing the City of Grand Forks has pins with the city's logo on them, a call was made to inquire if the mayor ever gave them away.

The mayor's secretary apologized, explaining they were only available for sale. After a pause, an invitation came to have the Pathfinders come and lead the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance before their regular Monday night meeting. In exchange for a photograph with the mayor, the club was promised some extra Grand Forks pins plus some for reciting the pledge. Then came the amazing part: "I'm sorry for the short notice, but could you come this Monday?" asked the secretary. Little did she

know that was the only day which would work for the Bison club before they left for Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Dressed in their Pathfinder uniforms, the youth had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Mike Brown and to explain what the Camporee meant to them, as well as the magnitude of the international meeting. In the council chambers the club was introduced, led the group in the pledge, and then were all allowed the chance to introduce themselves and tell their favorite part of being a Pathfinder. Responses ranged from "meeting new people" to "learning more about God," and "attending Bible Bowl." In a farewell, Mayor Brown thanked them for leading the pledge and for representing the Grand Forks community in a camporee of 35,000 other people.

The meeting was shown live on cable access television and also replayed through the week, giving the youth a chance to witness even longer.

ADVENTIST YOUTH BUILD SCHOOL IN LESOTHO

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"At Maluti Adventist Christian School (MACSEM) in Lesotho, students are crowded together in classrooms, some classes are forced to meet off campus, and one class is actually meeting in a converted shipping container. This school is a vital resource for those at Maluti Adventist Hospital. Adventist Education, working through Hope for Humanity, is supporting the construction of a new school building for MACSEM. Adventist students and teachers from North America have joined together as partners with those in Lesotho and southern Africa to raise the funds to build a new school at Maluti."



With ongoing division-wide fundraising, plans are in place to build the new building for the 80 student school. Three Dakota youth will be joining students from across the North American Division on this special mission trip to Lesotho.

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DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

ADVENTIST COLLEGES VISIT DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY

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As another school year begins, a new group of high school seniors must begin to plan their future. On September 15, Dakota Adventist Academy will hold its annual College Fair, with Adventist colleges and universities from around the continent. Representatives from Canadian Union, La Sierra, Pacific Union, Southern, and Union are planning on attending as well as possibilities from five other colleges. DAA's College Fair is open to all high school seniors and juniors who are interested in learning more about Adventist higher education. The fair will be held from 1:00-2:00pm in the library at DAA.

DAA'S ALUMNI WEEKEND APPROACHING

In less than a month, Sheyenne River and Dakota Adventist Academy alumni will flood the halls of DAA's campus for Alumni Weekend on October 2-4. Celebrating 105 years of academy education, this year we are honoring the Classes of 2005, 2000, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970, 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945, and 1940! Over 500 alumni are represented in those classes! Jolene Engelhart, Alumni Association president is working hard with the other officers and class agents to plan the weekend. Meal ticket information should be sent to Larry Stolz and room reservation requests should be sent to Ruthanne Altsman at the academy. Registration begins at 2:00pm on October 2 in the main lobby. Information about the weekend will be in the mail shortly, and you can always check out www.dakotaadventistacademy.org for all the details as well.

ADVENTIST YOUTH BUILD SCHOOL IN LESOTHO *(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE)*

Rebecca O'Hare from Pierre, South Dakota, Logan Rubbert from Reynolds, North Dakota, and Chris Tastad from Rolette, North Dakota, will leave September 13 to join the rest of their work crew for over two weeks of traveling and on-site construction work. However, their crew is only a part of the puzzle. Four different groups of students and sponsors will work with local laborers from August 9 to October 5 on the building, hopefully finishing the building in time for their school to begin in January.

For more information on the project, check out www.hope4.com/maluti or look at our website, www.dakotaadventistacademy.org. Please keep Rebecca, Logan, and Chris in your prayers as well as all of the students and sponsors traveling over the next two months.

Odds & Ends from Around the Conference...



CHILDREN FIRST - CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH DONNA HABENICT

October 10th at Dakota Adventist Academy

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- Evangelism for Children
- Teaching Children to Pray
- Faith Development
- What Does Grace Really Mean?

Contact Anne Wham at annelwham@hotmail.com or 605.224.8868 to register or for details.

DVDs FROM THE 2009 PATHFINDER CAMPOREE are available for US\$75 and include all of the daily programs plus the souvenir DVD. Individual nightly DVDs, Sabbath morning DVD, Souvenir DVD and Baptism DVD are available for US\$15 each.

Contact: 877-721-3900, from US and Canada. For international or fax orders call 269-471-6484. Discount pricing ends September 15th.

CREATION SABBATH – The 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, celebrated earlier this year, has caused increased discussion throughout the world about the origin of the universe, the earth, and life itself. Because of this, October 24, 2009 has been designated Creation Sabbath. Visit www.creationsabbath.net to find sample sermons, children's stories, scripture passages, and hymns focusing on God as Creator.