



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Big Things Happening at Wilson SDA Junior Academy!
- Many Hands Make Light Work
- Max Eulogy
- A Letter from Andrea and Emily Walechka
- Announcements and Classifieds



Wilson SDA Junior Academy

February has been a packed month of blessings for Wilson Junior Academy!

- Dylan McWilliams spent a week with us for a special emphasis on the topic of prayer, sharing stories and inspiring us to fully rely on God.
- 6 students from Mrs. Hakes' classroom have submitted artwork for the Youth in Art competition at the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba. You are welcome to

go view theirs and other students' from all over the area on display from February 29 - March 28. Open Houses are from 3-6 pm on March 13 and 14. Winners will be announced via video on Facebook on Tuesday, March 12.

- Also in Mrs. Hakes' room, Pastor Jim is coming three days a week to go over what Adventists believe, studying in Scripture with in-depth discussions. The students are learning and having fun while doing so.
- For our monthly Bible Lab, students performed a mini-concert for residents at Pinecrest, sharing their talents through leading songs and playing handbells. Walking the halls, we also passed out handmade cards of encouragement. It was an excellent experience performing and bringing the joy of Christian music to the residents!
- February 29th we braved our annual ski day at Ski Brule. Despite the icy conditions, families enjoyed bonding time and students enjoyed a physical, outdoor day break from the books.
- Our new webpage has launched! Check it out at wja-sda.org.

Exciting things keep happening at WJA! We love our students and our church family.

--Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes

Principal, Wilson Junior Academy

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Don't forget about our ongoing Rada fundraiser. They have a great selection of knives and kitchen utensils that are a great gift or just a great new addition to your own supply!

If you shop online please use the link above, or you may search for **Wilson SDA Jr. Academy** at https://radafundraising.com/pages/select-your-fundraising-group. If you prefer a catalog, please contact Brandee Groleau! She is also willing to help you with your orders.

The funds raised will go directly towards finishing our school gym project so that our school can function at its greatest potential for our students and teachers. Please help us meet this goal!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser for the WJA School Expansion https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1820058.87e8e7 or call Brandee Groleau (906) 399-9247 (call or text)

Many Hands Make Light Work

The little red teacher house on County Road 551 received some TLC recently. It's old and worn-out roof was torn out and a brand-new roof was put on – all in one 8 hour day! The Wilson SDA Church family members who made this happen were:

Kevin Boerschinger and his sons Solomon, Elijah, Zeb and Ezra; Dave Thoun; Steve Whittington; Brian Castle; Tim Groleau; Russ Berger Sr., Russ Berger Jr., Cole Berger; Jerry DeGrave; Aaron Berger; and neighbor Bill St Ceir who brought roofing tools so the work could get done faster.

Lunch was provided by Collene and Cortney Berger; and Char Moon. Danielle Berger made fresh cookies for the crew.

Instead of hiring out the job for \$13,000, the Wilson SDA Church was able to save approximately \$9,000.

Again, thanks to all who participated!

Aaron Berger









MAX

Max is a good dog. Max was, a good dog. Dog. DAWG - dog. If you looked up what a dog is you would see a picture of Max's smiling face, mouth open, tongue hanging sloppily out the side of his mouth, with a look on his face saying "Hey, how's it going?" Not some ankle-biter yipper dog, a real dog.

Max was ever present at our home. He lived outside, but felt it was his duty when anyone else was outside either coming or going that he was to assist them, greet them, or keep them company. Every morning and evening no matter the weather, whether raining or snowing or windy, Max would come out of his dog house and stand nearby as I put wood into our furnace. Nothing could deter him from that obligation. I know that if he had arms like me he would have assisted in moving wood into the firebox. But since he didn't, he would stand by giving company to me as I completed my work. Whether someone was on the patio, or on the front porch, or getting out of their car, Max would be there wagging his tail and providing companionship.

He was also a really good dog. He didn't jump on people, and didn't lick or sniff them excessively like many are prone to do. He didn't put his paws up on cars, and didn't bark unless there was something different in our environment. Stray animals, strange vehicles, or something unusual would often elicit a low bark or two, but not the incessant barking that irritates everyone around them. And Max was friendly. He always had that eager dog smile on his face looking up to make sure you were having a good day. And if you weren't, he was there to listen and let you know that no matter what happened, he was still your friend.

Friendly, kind, always thinking of others - do these attributes remind you of anyone? Someone who is always looking out for *your* best interests rather than their own? Someone who has promised to always be with you, never leave you, and no matter whether you had a good day or a bad day is eager and happy to see you? Bring anyone to mind?

Isaiah 53:5 says - but *He* was pierced for *our* transgressions, *He* was crushed for *our* iniquities; the punishment that brought *us* peace was upon *Him*, and by *His* wounds *we* are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on *Him* the iniquity of *us* all.

Today, and forever, you and I have that everlasting friend. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, and the one who's going to eventually bring us home. We are so blessed to look at the beautiful nature that God has created and provided for our enjoyment everywhere we look. In the stars, the woods, the rivers, plants, flowers, and in all the interesting and unique animals we see how wonderful our Creator has made this terrarium that we live in. And everywhere we look, we see nature serving the needs of other animals, other plants and other parts of creation. Always giving, always giving, always giving. In all of nature it is only the sinful human heart that goes against this natural order. And yet, each and every day our Friend gives us life, health, and freedom, Even though we don't deserve it.

By Allan Priser



A Letter from Andrea and Emily Walechka

Dear Wilson Family,

I am writing to you to ask for your support. Emily and I are going on a mission trip through the ministry of Maranantha. This group helps churches world wide to build schools, churches, and ministry centers. They dig wells in countries that lack water and provide the support in keeping those wells working long after the volunteers are gone.

We are going to Kenya in March through this agency. We are the help a girl's orphanage by painting their buildings that previous groups had helped to build. This orphanage is unique because it saves girls from being married off at very young ages and rescues girls who are intended to have the tribal custom of female genital mutilation done to them. Once a girl runs away or refuses to go through these traditions their family is "disgraced" and throws this child away. This orphanage is a tremendous help for these young ladies. It gives them a home, good food, education, and a spiritual upbringing.

As most know the cost of so many things have gone up the past several years and mission trip expenses are no different. This trip is \$1650 a person plus \$1124 a person for airfare. There are also several hidden costs that I am not mentioning.

If there is any way that you can help defray some of these costs that would be greatly appreciated. If you would be willing to pray for us while we are on the mission trip, we would love that as well. The trip is March 11-21. If God places it upon your heart to help us financially, please sent it to:

Andrea Walechka N12905 County Road 551 Carney, MI 49812

Thank you so much for your support in whatever form you are able to help, financially and prayerfully.

In Christ's Work Emily and Andrea

Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads



Boerschinger Boy Baking

Making bread to order call 906-639-3632 Ask for Zebulun



In search of clean gently used sofas and chairs for juniors sabbath school room. Please contact Brandee 906-399-9247. Text or call



Girls age 10 to 13 (about) are invited to a party at Grace Zinke's cabin

When: March 15th, 11 am - 2 pm eastern Where: Cabin at W1166 Maple Ln #31.25 RSVP Grace at 906-236-0451



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Last meeting for the season of the Gourley Township Historical Society will be Thursday, April 4th at the Township Hall. We will be discussing the Farmers Market. Contact Ivy at (906) 639-2979 or ivynetzel@gmail.com for info.

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