

November 2023



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fall Fest
- Wilson SDA Junior Academy
- Christmas Box Bible Lab
- "Tell the World"
- Pathfinders Update
- Misc Announcements and Classified Ads

Oct. 12th Board Meeting Notes

- * Jan LaCount has removed the stumps from the yard of Rental House 2. Earlier he had removed the tree struck by the lightning that triggered the burning of the old church. He offered to exchange this service for a cemetery plot. The board accepted with thanks.
- * The Walk Through Revelation meetings currently in progress were discussed. Evangelism plan for 2024 will include those Pathfinders working Master Guide requirements which include giving Bible studies.
- * *It was agreed that we would reach out to all other churches in the UP about working together to extend the reach of Strong Tower Radio so that the whole of the UP is covered.
- * The Supper Club is being revived with Grace Zinke and Lucia Messersmith leading out. The first supper of the season will be Nov. 7th.
- * Approval was given for a group of young to middle-aged adults to form a Sabbath School class that will meet in the gym during regular SS time.
- * All inspections of the gym expansion project are now in hand so that work can go forward.

Next board meeting: Nov 9th

Changes at the Lay Advisory

Sandy Miller reports that she has resigned from the Lay Advisory Board vice chair for Area A, because she has been asked to serve on the Conference Committee and the Conference Association Trustee Committee. In her place on the LAB (MAP), Russ Berger Jr has agreed to serve. These are five-year terms.

Fall Fest

This year at the fall fest we had our annual Home and School bake sale. I would like to thank everyone that donated baked goods for this fundraiser event. We made over four hundred dollars this year!! The pie auction is always a great time! It is so fun to watch people keeping an eye on the pie that they wish to claim at the end of night. The funds raised go towards events at our school for our students and teachers such as teacher appreciation week and Christmas. Every year is a blessing and we are so very thankful for the support of our church and school families.

Brandee Groleau





Wilson SDA Junior Academy

October raced by for WJA! The 7th graders with Mrs. Hakes enjoyed four days at Camp Au Sable for the LIFT event (Life Improvement for Teens). Bible journaling, team building activities including getting 11 students over a 10 foot wall with no assistance from adults or items,

kayaking, learning about self-perception and how God views us, and so much more filled the days (pictures on the next page). Evenings and mornings blessed us with corporate worship with over 200 people led by Pastor Craig Harris. Despite the rainy weather, it was truly an enriching experience for our students!

For our monthly Bible labs, we covered the area of Powers and some of the Wilson area with students dropping off empty paper grocery bags at homes, requesting non-perishable donations. The collected donations will be used for Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need.

And the crowning event of October for WJA was our Education Sabbath, October 21. What a blessing the sparkling handbell performance and student developed skits and sermonettes were! Our young people are AMAZING!

--Blessings,

Ginnie Hakes
Principal, Wilson Junior Academy

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Christmas is coming!

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 me! I am 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)



An encouraging thought by Marge Schmit

My Hope

The last mediatorial work of Christ before laying off His priestly robes is to present the prayers of parents for their children. I saw a mighty angel sent out and thousands of children will remember their early training and be brought back just before probation closes.

Ellen G. White in the Review & Heralds, 1890



Home and School did you know....

Did you know you can be a part of our Home and School Association too? If you have a special interest in one or more areas such as fundraising, organizing events, hot lunch program etc. and would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Brandee Groleau.

(906) 399-9247 (call or text)



Coops!

This note from the Farm Stew director was missed in last month's newsletter:

"Thank you all at Wilson SDA! I hope Sandy will share the story of what an incredible blessing your gift and the timing of its arrival is! Bless you all! God is at work."

Joy Kaufman, Founder and Executive Director

Christmas Box Bible Lab

Here is a list of items the church can donate towards the bible lab. Each student is responsible for 1 shoebox. It can get pricey when a parent has more than one child attending, so I will have a box at church to put items in. They need to be brought in by Nov. 11th at the latest.

- * Coloring books or pads
- * Dry watercolor set
- * Puzzles
- * Playdough
- * Stickers
- * Chalkboard and chalk
- * Binoculars
- * Jump rope
- * Craft
- * Clothing and undergarments
- * Wristwatch or jewelry
- * Flip-flops or shoes
- * Hats
- * Sunglasses
- * Bags, backpacks, or purses
- * Hair accessories
- * Flashlight
- * Cold weather items
- * Pencils, erasers, sharpener, pencil case
- * Pens, crayons, markers
- * Notebooks
- * Index Cards
- * Calculator
- * Scissors
- * Ruler
- * Glue stick, small adhesive tape
- * Comb or brush, toothbrush
- * Washcloth
- * Fun adhesive bandages
- * Reusable eating utensils
- * Nail clipper and file

U.P. State legislator oppose federal takeover of U.P. land

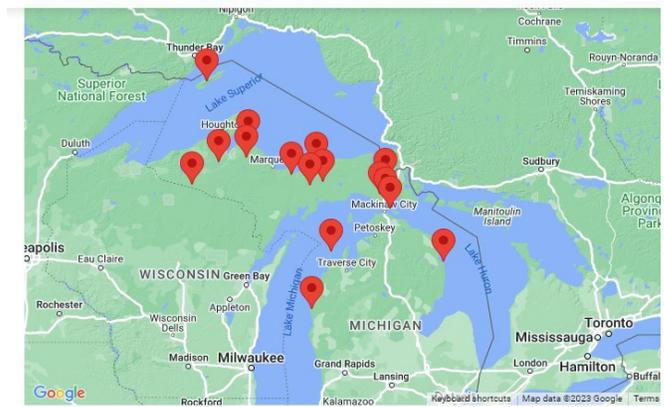
(summarized from MCJ article)

State Representatives Markkanan and Prestin have taken issue with a downstate effort to dictate the future of land in the U.P. as federally protected wilderness areas. Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 urges Congress to designate areas of the U.P. as federally protected wilderness areas. The proposed area includes the Ehlco Area, Trap Hills, Norwich Plains, and a 2,000-acre addition to the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness for a total of 51,000 new restricted-use acres.

Of particular concern are the potential prohibitions and restrictions:

- * No cutting live trees
- * No moving dead trees
- * No removing anything from a cave
- * No constructing or maintaining a road or trail
- * No handing out flyers
- * No using a loud-speaker
- * No dogs on leashes longer than 6 ft
- * No possessing or using a motor vehicle or bike
- * No using a helicopter to pick up or drop off any person or supplies
- * And potentially a prohibition on the possession or use of a firearm.

In response, Reps. Markkanan and Prestin have introduced a pair of resolutions, House Resolution 153 and House Concurrent Resolution 7, urging Congress not to issue the Wilderness area declaration and instead ask Congress to declare the entire city of Ann Arbor a federally protected wilderness area.



The State of Michigan has a total of 16 federal Wilderness areas that cover nearly 300,000 acres, most of which are in the U.P.

“Tell The World”

By Andrea Walechka

On Oct. 21, 2023, Tracy Anderson along with Emily and Andrea Walechka took the time to watch the 3-hour documentary on how the Seventh Day Adventist church was born. The DVD is called “Tell the world.”

It begins with the farmer William Miller studying his Bible for two years and coming to the conclusion that Jesus was going to return in 1843. That began a series of events that involved thousands of people which still touches us today.

Even though the farmer/preacher had the event wrong in his day- Jesus obviously has not returned, he did encourage countless numbers of people to read their Bibles, and surrender their hearts to God. That alone is a huge accomplishment. And because of that the Sanctuary doctrine was discovered and the true event of Jesus moving into the most holy place was discovered. This is a major pillar teaching in the SDA church now. One that sets this church apart from all other denominations.

Obviously, there are lots of details concerning the movie that this space does not allow for further comment. My suggestion is for you to watch the movie yourself and rediscover why you are a Seventh Day Adventist today.



Don't open unsolicited seed packages!

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is warning everyone not to plant unsolicited packages of seeds. Some Michigan residents are reporting receiving seeds mailed from China that they did not order, similar to an event in 2020. Don't plant them and don't throw them away, MDARD advises. Instead, contact MDARD at 800-292-3939 or via email at MDA-info@michigan.gov.



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Pathfinder Update

Our Pathfinder year is going well and we have been busy learning new skills, serving others, and working together.

Recently, the Pathfinders have participated in the Revelation meetings at the church and the TLTs (grades 9-10) traveled to Camp Au Sable for a weekend of leadership training. We also had a camping skills day where we practiced building fires, chopping wood, and cooking our dinners over the fire. In our regular meetings, the Pathfinders have been learning skills such as knot tying and first aid.

We appreciate of all the volunteer jobs the church members have provided to help our Pathfinders raise money for International Camporee. So far, the Pathfinders have raked leaves, stacked wood, cleaned out gardens, and helped with all kinds of other tasks as part of their fundraising efforts. If you still have work for our Pathfinders, please let Sarah or Bryce Onjukka know.

Thanks again for your support for our club!

Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads

Gourley Township Historical Society meets the first Thursday of the month, October through April. Meetings are held at the township hall and at member residences. Come have a good time talking about old times in Gourley! Contact Ivy at (906) 639-2979 or ivynetzel@gmail.com for info.



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