

Glover heads back to mountain

When I last wrote about **Wally Glover**, I was fairly certain his mountain climbing days were over. He was on a trek to summit Mount Rainier last September when he took a nasty fall and had to abandon the climb. Glover suffered broken ribs, but that would not be his biggest concern.

Doctors examining him after the fall found an aneurysm on his aortic arch. Open heart surgery and 12 weeks of medical leave from his job as chaplain at St. Vincent Dunn and Salem hospitals followed.

Given that setback, I didn't expect anymore updates from the cheerful chaplain about an upcoming climb. Time, I thought, had caught up with Glover.

But mountain climbing isn't just about reaching the



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summit. It's about facing challenges along the way. So I smiled when I received the email from Glover last week. As I write this, he is heading back to Washington's Mount Rainier. Now 65 and retired from St. Vincent, he wants to finish what he started.

"Two mountaineering friends suggested Rainier saved my life with the fall. Well, that being the case I think it is important to offer gratitude. So I'm going

back to thank the mountain, and its Creator. And as long as I am there, this time I want — God willing — to get my boots and my bootie up on the summit," wrote Glover.

All of Glover's mountain expeditions have been to raise money and awareness for St. Vincent youth obesity prevention and treatment programs. He also advocates for senior wellness.

Glover has now raised more than \$100,000 from climbs around the world on five of the Seven Summits.

He expects to summit next Monday. For information about Glover, his previous climbs or his fundraising, visit www.2trek4kids.org.



Wally Glover

'Annie' auditions

Little Theatre of Bedford will open its 2013-14 season with the popular family musical, "Annie."

Auditions are set for June 24-25 from 6-8 p.m. at Little Theatre on Brian Lane Way. **Cheri Barnes** is director.

Several parts are available for adults and young girls from age 10 to early teens. Those trying out will be asked to sing something a capella.

Barnes said she's been in love with the show since she first heard the soundtrack.

"I think it will be a good opener for the season," she said.

"Annie" will be performed Sept. 20-22, 27-29.

What will you miss the most?

I will miss the students, faculty, and staff at OMS, and the friendships we share.

What are your plans for retirement?

I will continue to work at the church, and my wife and I plan to do some travelling.

Shannon McGinness

How long have you taught and what grade(s) and/or subjects? Have all of those been in North Lawrence? If not, feel free to elaborate.

This is my 40th year of teaching. I began my teaching career at the old Shawswick School and taught there for 11 years. The remaining years have been spent teaching at Parkview in third grade.

Who or what motivated you to become a teacher?

I always knew I wanted to become a teacher since I was a little girl. My father, Max York, was a fabulous educator, and I wanted to follow his example.

made these past 40 years.

What are your plans for retirement?

Brad, my husband, and I plan on spending more time with our grandchildren, going to our home in Venice, Fla., and traveling. Hopefully, we can do all of these things for several years. A big thank you to all who have shared their children with me these many years.

Nancy Conrad

How long have you taught and what grade(s) and/or subjects? Have all of those been in North Lawrence? If not, feel free to elaborate.

After graduating from Indiana University, I taught physical education and coached three sports at South Vermillion High School in Clinton for two years. I then finished my master's degree at IU and taught health and physical education at Paoli Jr./Sr. High School for one year. I am now finishing 26 years as an elementary physical education teacher in NLCS.

Who or what motivated you to become a teacher?

My best role model in life is my mother, Jane Royer. My education-

joy of watching them grow mentally and physically has been such a blessing. I hope they look back on the safe and structured environment that I provided as a sign of my concern for their well-being.

What will you miss the most?

I will miss the smiles and laughter of my students and I will miss watching my dedicated colleagues provide unending love and much needed attention to the children they are entrusted with.

What are your plans for retirement?

I plan to spend as much time as possible with my mother and the rest of my family. My job was such a blessing but I am looking forward to yard work and family time without the pressure that comes with a full time job.

Janie Jones

How long have you taught and what grade(s) and/or subjects? Have all of those been in North Lawrence? If not, feel free to elaborate.

My entire 34-year tenure has been hired through North Lawrence Community Schools. I was

next eight years, I held of elementary principal. Elementary. Lastly, my f tion for the past nine ye as the director of Joint

Who or what motivated you to become a teacher?

The motivation to become a teacher began early in my life surrounded by many educators in my family who loved teaching at all levels from elementary to college. During my high school years I became a cadet teacher. I needed a classroom which had an interest in the teaching of students with disabilities.

What is the most rewarding part of teaching?

The most rewarding part of teaching was to witness the growth of children academically and emotionally. For many of them growth was an easy task, but for some it took great effort and was an arduous feat. Celebrating all growth, I share and celebrate with those that have finally made that momentous step to the next level, which is a great determination.

What will you miss the most?

Even though my career