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DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

A team from a Beaverton church hosts Portland homeless for Thanksgiving-time dinner.

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WINTER TRANSPORTATION A BLAST at Big Lake Youth Camp

By John Rivera

They only go about 7 miles an hour, but the thrill of it can make your heart race.

Nine months in advance. That's how far ahead Big Lake Youth Camp books for its winter season. For those of you unaware, besides offering a five-star summer camp program, Big Lake Youth Camp is open for rentals in the fall following Family Camp, and then opens up again for an extremely popular winter rental program in December. By far the most talked about and beloved tradition of Big Lake's winter program is the tube ride in.

During the winter, Big Lake gets snowed in by upwards of 20 feet of hard pack and powder. Guests park their cars at Ray Benson Snow Park and are greeted by Bob Palmer or Ross vonPohle, Big Lake's Head and Associate Rangers, driving one of our three snow

cats ready to transport groups three miles into camp to start their retreat experience. However, at Big Lake, the journey is part of the fun.

Behind a specially designed metal sled that carries guest luggage and other supplies are towed a dozen or so fully covered recreational inner tubes, a practice that dates back to Carlyle Mason. "Even the safety talk is fun," said Ashley Newman about her tube ride experience. Riders can either relax and take in the picturesque views of Mount Washington, Three Finger Jack, and Hayrick Butte, or engage in a snow ball battle with each other or

their fellow group members on the sled. It's a short 3 mile ride into camp, lasting about half an hour, but time after time guests report how the ride just speeds by because of how much fun the tube ride is. And after a great weekend retreat

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NOTE WORTHY NEWS

Bits of news from around the conference and around the world that we thought you might find interesting.

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a look at some of the announcements and events coming up that might be of interest to you or your church.

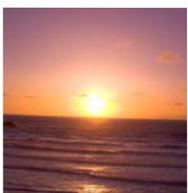
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SUNSET CALENDAR

Spring is approaching! Use this easy-view sunset calendar to help you keep track of the sun as it sets later.

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WINTER AT BIG LAKE

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at camp, groups sad to leave are treated to one more fun tube ride experience back to the snow park.

Where else is the transportation to the event as fun as the event itself?

"Groups have come just for the ride," says Bob Palmer, affectionately called 'Ranger Bob'. A youth group out of Bend didn't need to use the facilities, but wanted the great tube ride experience and so have come up more than once, just for the fun of being transported. "It's good because it's appealing to a wide range of people. It's good family time, ages 4 to 45," continued Bob. "Some people think 30 minutes is a long time, but as long as you're wearing clothing that's appropriate for the weather, you'll enjoy yourself," added Tammi Palmer, Bob's wife and Big Lake's Horsemanship Director.

If you'd like to learn more about Big Lake in the winter, want to learn more about making a winter reservation, or just want to see photos visit www.biglake.org.



BEAVERTON HOSTS HOMELESS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

By Bhagyam Moses

The Feed, Evangelize, Teach, Clothe, Heal team, or FETCH, at the Beaverton English Adventist church has been working with the homeless for the past several years.

Every third Sabbath of the month, the team heads out onto the streets of Portland with hot soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and fruit. They also take clothes, personal hygiene items and Gospel Literature. Typically, more than 200 people are fed each time.

Personal relationships have been formed during the visits. People started requesting prayers for addiction, evil spirits taunting them, and for help in getting out of poverty and living on the streets.

The goals of the team went through a change over time – from providing a hot meal to trying to help them see that there is a power that can help them physically and spiritually. Presenting them with Jesus became pivotal to this ministry. The Teach Them How to Fish program now has several participants.

There was a woman who was left destitute on the streets of Portland by her family. She didn't know English which further complicated things. The team took an interest in her and started trying to help. They helped her collect her belongings from various places, and by filling out the right forms, she was able to get an apartment this past October.

For several months afterwards, they prayed that things would work out, not knowing what would happen, but God gave her peace and

happiness and she is currently working to get her life back together. We praise the Lord with her. The team started thinking about bringing the homeless to the church and thought that bringing them during the Thanksgiving season would make it very special. So they began praying about it and the Lord began providing the resources to make it happen.

They needed a bus for transportation, and two buses were offered to them. They needed a bus driver, and Pastor Keith Bowman volunteered. They needed kitchen help and people from the church volunteered all day to help prepare a 6 course meal. Volunteers decorated the fellowship hall for a beautiful sit down dinner. Two church members hosted each table to make the guests feel welcome. Pathfinders dressed as

waiters and waitresses served the meal. While dinner was served, live music could be heard.

Pastor Keith spoke, giving them hope and inspiring them to focus on Jesus. Special prayer requests were solicited from the guests and

prayers were offered on their behalf.

They closed the program with the song "Go Light The World", presented with pictures that provided hope for the future with Jesus.

Through the generosity of the church members, the Lord provided new blankets that were handed out to each guest as they left.

It was certainly a night to remember. The Lord makes dreams come true. We were touched by the kind words, love and the embraces from God's people that live on the streets. Please pray for the homeless ministry at the Beaverton church as it is a ministry that truly matters!

THE TEACH THEM HOW TO FISH PROGRAM NOW HAS SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS.



NOTE WORTHY...

NAD YEAR-END MEETING AUDIO CDs AVAILABLE

You can now purchase audio only versions of the devotional messages presented during the 2010 North American Division Year-end Meeting. Speakers include Elder Mark Johnson, president, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada; Elizabeth Talbot, co-host, Voice of Prophecy; Elder Dan Jackson, president, North American Division; Elder Roscoe Howard III, vice president, Adventist Health; and Elder Jose V. Rojas, director, Volunteer Ministries. Order online at www.adventsource.org. To order a specific devotional message, type the catalog number (listed on the order form) in the search bar at the top of the AdventSource website.

ADVENTIST 2011 WORLD BUDGET

Mission and administrative work outside of North America will take the largest portion of the \$160 million 2011 Adventist world budget. The second largest portion will fund operation of the world headquarters building in Silver Springs, Md. While appropriations to the world field increased slightly, two of the 12 receiving world divisions will get less compared to last year. These small adjustments are based on need. "We are budgeting for 2011 in an economy that's giving us less money than we need, but it's a balanced budget," says Juan Prestol, Adventist Church undertreasurer. Read more at <http://news.adventist.org/2011/01/-continuing-traditio.html>.

ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER EXPANDS CARDIAC CARE

Portland residents experiencing life-threatening heart attacks will no longer have to be transported to other hospitals. The Northwest Regional Heart Center at AMC has begun open-heart surgeries with a team that includes Thomas Molloy, a highly respected heart surgeon. The facility includes state-of-the-art technology, including new operating rooms and robotic equipment, critical-care nurses, and other support staff, including a cardiac case manager. Read more on Adventist Health's website at: www.adventisthealthnw.com/Cardiac%20Care.asp

A NEW RESOURCE FROM ADVENTSOURCE

7Day Wear Design Studio is a new source for creating t-shirts featuring Seventh-day Adventist designs and graphics. Choose from an extensive artwork selection or upload your own for a truly customized shirt. 7Day Wear is a potential resource for Pathfinder clubs, mission trips, youth groups, Adventist Community Services, women's ministries, special events, and more. 7Day Wear is a service of AdventSource. Check out the website at www.7daywear.com.

THE ADVENTISTS GOES INTERNATIONAL

The critically acclaimed documentary film, *The Adventists*, now airing on PBS stations in the United States, will soon begin airing internationally. Broadcasters in Romania, Italy, Poland, the Ukraine, Russia and Asia (China, Japan, Korea) have licensed the film for translation, broadcast and distribution on DVD. Several other licenses are pending. *The Adventists* tells the story of Seventh-day Adventists and their unique health care ministry that has made them some of the longest-living people in the world. The film has been a best selling DVD on Amazon. Discover for yourself at journeyfilms.com.

DODGE TO BECOME NEW GC PLANNED GIVING DIRECTOR

Gary Dodge, current NPUC Planned Giving and Trust department director, has accepted a call to fill the same responsibilities on a worldwide level for the General Conference. Dodge has worked within the NPUC office since 2001. Before that he served the Idaho Conference as treasurer for nine years. He will stay in the Vancouver, Wash., area, performing his work for the GC from his home office.

NAD PRESIDENT DAN JACKSON ISSUES STATEMENT ON SHOOTINGS IN AZ

"We join with many across the United States in extending our deepest sympathy and prayers for those who were victimized by the tragic shooting in Tucson, Arizona, on Saturday, January 8. The shooting is yet another illustration of the fact that we are living in dangerous times. Let's continue to pray for the families of those who were slain, for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and for those who, along with her, are battling for their lives. Let us unite our thoughts and prayers with all people during these solemn hours."

HISTORIC CHURCH REOPENS

The 114-year-old historic Fruitland, Wash., church recently reopened its doors. Three Adventist couples that have moved into the Fruitland Valley are inviting friends and neighbors to worship with them each week. This is a project sponsored by the Davenport, Wash., church. Keep this new effort in prayer.

NPUC TITHE GOES UP IN 2010

Amidst the continued economic challenges, Northwest Adventist members continue to respond with a faithful tithe. Total tithe contributed throughout 2010 increased by 1.35 percent compared with the previous year. Montana Conference tithe showed the largest increase at just above 3 percent. Oregon Conference had an increase of more than 2.6 percent. If you have questions about how tithe is distributed throughout the NPUC and the world church, check out the feature "Your Tithe Dollar: Where in the World Does it Go?" in the February issue of the GLEANER, coming soon to your mailbox.

WILSON CHALLENGES ADVENTIST YOUTH

In a one-hour message given Jan. 1 before a crowd of 7,000 at the Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) convention in Baltimore, Md., Ted N. C. Wilson, world church president, exhorted young adults to lives of faithfulness and Christian service. During the sermon, also streamed live on the Internet and broadcast on cable and satellite channels, Wilson placed special emphasis on practical Christian living, including habits of Bible study, prayer, witnessing and reading of the writings of Ellen G. White. Heather Braman, tenth-grade student from Canby, Ore., says of Wilson's message, "I thought it was awesome, I've never been so blessed before." A key take-away for her, she said, was that "each person has an influence, [and] if we all work together, it's amazing what can happen." Read the full story from the Adventist News Network at <http://news.adventist.org/2011/01/no-turning-back-is-w.html>.

NORTHWEST NATIVE COMPLETES MARATHON AT 92

Gladys Burrill, La Center, Wash. native, is not only 92 years old, but she may be the world's oldest woman to complete an official 26.2-mile marathon. Burrill finished the Dec. 12 Honolulu Marathon, power-walking across the finish line at 9 hours, 53 minutes and 16 seconds. If her time is confirmed by the Guinness World Records company, she would surpass the current record holder who completed the London Marathon at age 90. Burrill, who walked four miles the day after the race and 10 miles two days later, regularly walks 30 to 50 miles a week. Her time this year might have been two minutes less, but she stopped to pray a few hundred feet from the finish line. Read the January 26th Oregonian story at <http://bit.ly/FTIF2B>.

GETTING READY FOR NET 2011

It's time to get Board and Outreach Committee approval for Prophecies Decoded and its pre-NET seminars. Plan ahead for the best impact and the best results. The early bird gets the worm, so they say, and it is true with NET 2011 registration. Visit <http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/> to learn more on how you can get involved in NET 2011!

For additional news visit www.OregonConference.org/news_entries



Events

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

When: February 1-3, 7:00 PM

Location: Vancouver, Gladstone, & Bend

Anyone is invited to attend the Town Hall meetings. You will have the opportunity to hear from the Oregon Conference Administration and likewise they would like to hear from you. We are all Members in this Ministry.

SCHEDULE:

Vancouver Community Adventist Church - February 1

Gladstone Holden Convention Center - February 2

Bend Adventist Church - February 3

FAMILY LIFE SERIES: RELATIONSHIPS

When: February 5-26, 2011

Location: Bend Adventist Church

You are invited to a free Family Life Series by marriage and family educators, Harvey & Kathy Corwin, on "Relationships".

February 5: 9:15 a.m. "Love Takes Time"

1:30 p.m. "Spiritual Intimacy"

February 12: 10:45 a.m. "5 Love Languages"

February 13: 4:30 p.m. Valentine's Banquet for Couples & Singles – RSVP by Feb. 9

February 19: 10:45 a.m. "LUV Talk - Creative Communication"

February 26: 10:45 a.m. "Emotional Road Map – Conflict Management"

The Bend Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 21610 NE Butler Market Road, Bend, Ore. For more information call (541)382-5991. Childcare programing will be provided. See calendar information at <http://bend.adventistnw.org>.

SUBSCRIBE TO NAD NEWSPPOINTS

When: Now

Location: North American Division

If you are not receiving NAD NewsPoints (formerly Friday Facts), you will miss out on news from the North American Division. NewsPoints is the official news source (newsletter) of the North American Division. If you are not receiving it, take a moment right now to sign up at <http://bit.ly/h5ZCXx>.

S.N.O.W. PARTY

When: February 6, 9:00 AM

Location: Lents Adventist Church

Lents Adventist Church is having their annual Spiritual Needs of Women – S.N.O.W. Party, Sunday, February 6th. Registration is from 9:00 - 9:30 AM. The Theme this year is "Life on Purpose – Living with Purpose in the Last Days". Guest speakers include: Tami Milligan on Purposeful Relationships, Jessica Bailey on Purposeful Parenting, Linda Tereau on Purposeful Healing, Margaret Olson on Purposeful Health, Renee Geppert on Purposeful Changes, and Cheri Corder on Purposeful Ministries. In addition, one free scholarship to the next Oregon Conference Womens Ministries Retreat will be given away! A delicious vegetarian luncheon will be served. As always, this is a free event, but donations will be gratefully accepted. There is ample free parking. Child care, however, will not be available. To register, phone 503-774-7290.

SOUTHERN OREGON WOMEN'S RETREAT

When: June 3-5, 2011

Location: Milo Adventist Academy

Our speaker will be Tawny Sportsman from Sweet Home, Ore. Her presentation is called "Out of the Pit, Onto the Rock, Singing a Song". The "Pit" = Depression, discouragement, despair, hopelessness, and pain, but God is ready to reach down into that awful pit and lift you out! You don't want to miss what happens when He rescues you! There will also be 3 workshops, all different presenters. More information will be available closer to the event.

FINAL EVENSONG CONCERT

When: March 12, 4:30 PM

Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church

Dr. Melvin West and Dr. Loren Dickinson have collaborated for the last time to do one more Evensong. This final program will be on Sabbath, March 12, at 4:30 p.m., at Sunnyside Church in Portland. You won't want to miss this opportunity to pause and quietly reflect as Sabbath comes to a close. Following the Evensong there will be a reception at the church for Walla Walla University alumni.

CALVIN TAYLOR LIVE IN CONCERT

When: March 26, 6:00 PM

Location: Sunnyside Church

Calvin Taylor, pianist and recording artist, will appear in a live concert of sacred music on Saturday, March 26 at the Sunnyside Church, located at 10501 SE Market St., Portland, at 6:00 p.m. Taylor has toured throughout the world, performing in North and South America, Europe, Ukraine, and the Far East. He has also authored several music books, including Spirituals for Piano, The Patriotic Piano, and Spiritual Suite for Organ. Movements from his Sunrise Symphony have been performed by several orchestras. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for admission.

EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY

When: Currently Available

Location: Portland Adventist Medical Center

Adventist Medical Center in Portland has a rare opportunity! The Administration Department is seeking an Executive Assistant who must be: Team-oriented, detail-oriented, with a customer service emphasis. Highly motivated & organized. Mission-oriented, and proficient with Microsoft Office Suite. The applicant must also possess excellent multi-tasking and communication skills, project management orientation, and the ability to manage multiple calendars and schedules. In addition, you must possess the demonstrated ability to type 60wpm. Recent Executive/Administrative Assistant experience is required. Prior healthcare/hospital experience is preferred. If you are interested in and qualified for this demanding, exciting opportunity, please send your resume to Kim Williams, RN at amcjobs@ah.org.

TROMBONE CHOIR CONCERT

When: March 19, 4:00 PM

Location: Sunnyside Church

The Advent Trombone Choir will have an afternoon concert at Sunnyside Church in Portland on March 19, 4:00 p.m. The Choir will also feature a brass choir playing dramatic arrangements of some familiar hymns.

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Events

NAD EDUCATION WEBINARS

When: April & May, 2011

Location: Your Computer

Two exciting and useful webinar series have been designed for Seventh-day Adventist Educators, the Pathways Series and the Technology Series. The Pathways Series (held the first Tuesday of each month, through April, 7–8 p.m. EST) focuses specifically on different components of the Pathways program. The upcoming topics are Multi-grade 5–8 Strategies, Principles of Classroom Assessment, and Literacy Records/Progress Reports. The Technology Series (held the third Thursday of each month, through May, 7–8 p.m. EST) features a variety of topics of interest to educators with all levels of technological expertise including topics such as Visual Thesaurus, Marketing Your School's Website and more. Learn more by visiting www.nadeducation.org/tdec.

FREE ADVENTIST APPS

When: Available Now

Location: Download online

Three Seventh-day Adventist apps are available for you to download to your iPhone/iPad or Android. The White Estate has a searchable app featuring all 412 books written by Ellen G. White! A companion app, called EGW Lite, features content from 10 of White's most popular books. (The Android version is under development.) The Sabbath School app is available for iPhone, iPad and Android platforms in English, French and Spanish. This app features Sabbath School content for all age groups. The InPrayer app is designed to facilitate a global prayer chain. This is available for both iPhone and Android platforms. Learn more by visiting <http://bit.ly/f0B5VE>.

MINISTRY FEST SOUTH

When: April 9, 3:00 PM

Location: Grants Pass Adventist School

Have you asked, "What can my church do to reach out to others? What can I do?" This is your opportunity! On April 9 come to Ministry Fest South at Grants Pass Adventist School, at 2250 Heidi Lane, Grants Pass, Ore. See live demonstrations, review program materials, and ask questions as you visit dozens of interactive ministry displays and booths. Be sure to enter the drawings, experience the InfoBlitzes, and pick up lots of free resources and handouts. After sundown visit the Adventist Book Center and enjoy veggie hotdogs, salad, brownies and a great Saturday night social. Doors open at 3 PM. Free childcare for ages 0-9!

All links are clickable here and elsewhere in the eCommuniqué.



WAITING FOR THE WAVE

By Phil Kahler

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26	Mar 5	Mar 12
Bend	5:19 PM	5:29 PM	5:39 PM	5:48 PM	5:57 PM	6:06 PM
Eugene	5:27 PM	5:37 PM	5:46 PM	5:56 PM	6:05 PM	6:14 PM
Hood River	5:18 PM	5:28 PM	5:38 PM	5:48 PM	5:58 PM	6:07 PM
Longview	5:22 PM	5:32 PM	5:43 PM	5:53 PM	6:03 PM	6:13 PM
Medford	5:30 PM	5:39 PM	5:48 PM	5:57 PM	6:05 PM	6:13 PM
Newport	5:29 PM	5:39 PM	5:49 PM	5:58 PM	6:08 PM	6:17 PM
Portland	5:22 PM	5:32 PM	5:42 PM	5:52 PM	6:02 PM	6:11 PM

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