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## W.A.P.I....

By Dick Duerksen

## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

*T*his is absolutely the best, most wonderful and blessed project Karen and I have ever done with God."

I thought. It's just a clear unbreakable glass or plastic tube with a dollop of colored wax inside and a funny wire dangling down the side.

A Water Pasteurization Indicator (WAPI) is a simple thermometer that indicates when water has reached pasteurization temperature and is safe to drink. Since water pasteurizes at 149 degrees, well below the boiling point of water, using a WAPI saves time and fuel for cooks around the world.

Bob took a backpack filled with WAPIs on a school-building mission trip to the African country of Zambia. In each of the villages he walked quickly to the closest hut where a mother was cooking over a low fire. The story was the same in each village. Bob, and his WAPIs, were the hit of the day!

*"Your water is now clean and pure," Bob would say.*

The first time Bob Tait, a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Hood View Church in Oregon, showed me a WAPI, I laughed. It was a crazy idea. "This is not going to help anyone,"

A small crowd of village children and their mothers would quickly gather to see what the American was doing at Grandma's fire.

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## W.A.P.I.

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Bob would kneel down and show Grandma a WAPI. She would smile kindly and laugh, having no idea what this stranger was talking about. The glass, wire, and wax doolidinger was far outside of her experience. So Bob, ever the resourceful missionary, would pick up one of her metal pots, fill it with water, place it over the fire, and then use the wire to hang the WAPI deep in the water.

Then Bob would explain the work of the WAPI again. "When the bright green wax slips down to the bottom of the tube, your water will be safe." Bob would say. "Watch."

It was the same in every village. Children and mothers pushed each other aside to see what the strange contraption was doing in the water pot.

A full minute would pass, then a bit more before the brightly colored concoction inside the tube slipped slowly from the bottom of the tube to the top.

"Wooooo," the women would say.

"Your water is now clean and pure," Bob would say.

Usually a local translator joined Bob to explain it all in the local language. As soon as they understood what had happened in the pot, they all danced and sang their thankfulness for Bob's Gift of the WAPI.

As the celebration settled down, each woman would collect her own personal WAPI and head off to her hut, eager to be sure the water in her pot was pure.

"When you teach a woman how to use her new WAPI, you save a life!" Bob smiles.

Bob, along with scores of volunteers, have now made and gifted more than 17,000 WAPIs to women in 11 different countries.

"At 50¢ each, it's the best gift you can give," Bob says with a big smile.



# NEWS NOTES FROM AROUND THE CONFERENCE

By Al Reimche

## CAMP MEETING 2016

I recently met with a couple of our teams that are beginning the preparations for camp meeting 2016. Once again it is exciting to see those plans come together as various departments develop their focus on the theme "Called by God...Together—Members in Ministry." Mike Tucker (director of Faith for Today) and his wife, Gayle, often hold "Mad About Marriage" seminars all over the globe. We have asked Mike to present his God-inspired thoughts on the "Called by God...Together" theme. He will be an inspiration to all of us this year. Ron Halvorsen Jr. is coming to be our Sabbath morning speaker. He currently serves as the president of the Ohio Conference and shares the same passion for evangelism that his father had. As I have heard from the directors about the seminars planned, I know you will find a full variety of topics throughout each day to inspire you. Put July 14-16 (Spanish) and July 19-23 (English) on your calendars so you can be a part of Camp Meeting 2016.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Just over a week ago we met with our conference executive committee to address everything from budgets and financial reports to personnel and new positions. First we voted a new budget for 2016 which, though it seems delayed, gives us time to receive all the reports from our churches for 2015 and then adjust requests based on funding available. God continues to bless His people and just under \$35,000,000 was given in tithe last year. This was almost a 10 percent increase from previous years.

Following Tracy and Angelina Wood's move to the North American Division, we needed to fill the director position for our Risk Management Department. We have been blessed to have Simona Cardwell serve in that department as the assistant, and have asked her to move into the director's position.

After discussion concerning the growth of our education ministry within the conference, it was

decided to expand the department by adding one more assistant superintendent. This will allow the department to continue to focus on growing our schools and work to connect our churches and schools "Together as One," a theme we developed last summer. Because of this opening we were able to ask Dan Nicola, currently Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) principal to join the office staff as a superintendent. Dan has served our conference very well as PAA principal and will continue that direction of excellence throughout the schools and academies of our conference.

## ORDINATION

March 5th I had the privilege of being in Prineville to take part in the ordination of one of our young pastors. I was blessed to witness the results of grandparents who faithfully took Nathan Hellman to Sabbath School when he was young and continued to pray for him during his rebellious teens. It is exciting to be reminded that, once again, God is not finished with any of us but continues to call even we appear not to be listening. God has blessed Nathan and Emily with an exciting ministry in the Madras/Prineville district as Nathan has opened himself up to the call.



Nathan Hellman was ordained on March 5. L-R from back: Dan Linrud, Al Reimche, Emily Hellman, and Nathan Hellman.



## NOTE WORTHY...

### NPUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS NOTES

During its regular meeting on March 2, the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee voted to invite a new VP for Hispanic ministries and grant the request of 10 Northwest pastors to relinquish their ordination credentials. Eight of those pastors are pastoring in the Oregon Conference. Read more from the NPUC at <http://bit.ly/1P1YfrT>.

### ANDREWS UNIVERSITY SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Andrea Luxton has been chosen to replace Niels-Erik Andreasen as president of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Andreasen is retiring this spring following 22 years at the helm. Luxton has served as the university's provost since 2010. Read more from Andrews University at <http://bit.ly/1RSWcCV>.

### KYTE TO RETIRE FROM ADVENTIST RISK MANAGEMENT

Robert E. Kyte, president and chief executive officer of Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM), has announced his retirement from ARM effective May 31, 2016, a position he has held since 2009. Kyte will retire to Idaho where he was president of Pacific Press Publishing Association from 1989 to 2005. Read more from Adventist Risk at <http://bit.ly/1nzWM5Q>.

### CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR LARRY CAVINESS PASSES

Elder Larry L. Caviness, former president of the Southern California Conference, passed away March 2 in Ohio. Tentative plans are for a funeral service in Chico, California, where his family members are buried. A memorial service will be held in the Los Angeles area, the time and location to be announced as soon as they are confirmed. Friends wishing to send condolences may do so on Facebook (at Lifting Larry Caviness) or by sending cards and letters to: Mrs. Linda Caviness and Family, 137 Beckworth Way, Springboro, OH 45066.

### WWU STUDENTS REACH OUT WITH BACKPACKS

Each Friday, Walla Walla University Honors Program students pick up perishable food items, load them into backpacks and deliver them to Lincoln High School in Walla Walla, Wash. This simple process provides food for the weekend to students who otherwise would have little access to nourishment until they return to school each Monday. Lincoln High School specializes in a safe learning environment for traumatized youth whose home lives are filled with poverty, abuse and neglect. Read more from WWU at <http://bit.ly/24T62UD>.

### ADVENTIST HEALTH NEWS NOTES

Healthgrades has named Adventist Medical Center – Portland, a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence for being rated in the top five percent in the nation with the lowest risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates across at least 21 of 32 common conditions and procedures. Tillamook Regional Medical Center, in partnership with Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, serves dinner to the homeless population once a month. The hospital provides the food and employees volunteer their time. In addition to the meal, free flu shots are offered, and socks, hats, and scarves are given to guests.

### WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Walla Walla University is welcoming Alareece Collie, the new executive pastor for the University Church. Collie grew up in the Bahamas and has bachelor of arts degrees in economics and Spanish, and a master of divinity degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary. Prior to entering full-time ministry, she worked in international banking. Read more at <http://bit.ly/1R9vuB1>.

### ADVENTISTS HELP IN FLINT, MICHIGAN WATER CRISIS

The North American Division (NAD) Just Claim It Prayer Conference, held Feb. 18-20 in Ontario, Calif., concluded with an address from Daniel Jackson, NAD president. Jackson challenged more than 800 youth present to continue the strong spiritual foundation they had built during the meetings, prayer sessions, and recreational activities. During earlier activity times the youth assembled 1,000 toiletry kits for distribution to area homeless shelters. This year's conference was the fifth sponsored by the North American Division. Organizers announced that the next bi-annual event will be held in Toronto, Canada, in early 2018. Read more from the NAD Newspoints at <http://bit.ly/1nzZcl5>.

### 110 YEARS OF NPUC

The North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) was organized 110 years ago on Feb. 19, 1906. On Feb. 15, 1906, the Pacific Union Conference (PUC) began their third biennial constituency session in Portland, Ore., lasting until Feb. 25. At that time, the PUC comprised Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington. During this session it was voted to divide the territory of the PUC, setting apart the northern portion of the field. The motion to divide the PUC carried by 33 to 14 with the new union consisting of Alaska, British Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. When the union formed there were more than 5,000 members in the NPUC and Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) had an enrollment of 200. Learn more Northwest Adventist history from a collection of *Gleaner* articles chosen for the occasion at <http://bit.ly/1QH63U3>.

### SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY CHOOSES NEW PRESIDENT

David C. Smith will become the 26th president of Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Collegedale, Tenn., replacing Gordon Bietz who plans to retire this year. Smith, who was president of Union College in Lincoln, Neb., for more than a decade, also has a long history at SAU, serving as English professor there for 17 years. He is currently the senior pastor for the SAU campus church. Read more online from the *Adventist Review* at <http://bit.ly/1R9Vmqb>.

### CHRISTIAN RECORD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND REDUCES STAFF, PRESERVES MISSION

The Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB) board of directors voted to implement a reduction in force on Thursday, Feb. 11, following a strategic planning meeting in Lincoln, Neb., during January. The board determined to restructure the organization by eliminating certain positions at Christian Record headquarters, ceasing print production — except braille materials which will continue — and ceasing current field operations. While the restructuring reduces the number of Christian Record employees, it also eliminates budget shortfalls, re-allocates funds to upgrade or purchase new equipment and software, strengthens some services, and allows Christian Record to implement new initiatives to reach more persons who are blind. The board also voted to sell Christian Record's current facility and surrounding property and hopes to relocate the ministry to an appropriately-sized facility in Lincoln by early summer. Read more on the Christian Record Services website at <http://bit.ly/1QH73aL>.



# Transitions

**Nathan Hellman** (Emily) was ordained into pastoral ministry at the Prineville Church on March 5th. He will continue to pastor the Madras and Prineville churches.

**David Schmidt** (Donna), will step out of retirement to serve as interim pastor for Gladstone Park church.

**Dan McCulloch** (Mary) will move out from retired status to serve as interim pastor for the Medford church.

**Simona Cardwell** (Dale) has accepted the invitation to move from her position as administrative assistant for Ore. Conference Risk Management to that of director.

**José Agosto** (Zinia) will begin serving as pastor for the Astoria/Long Beach/Cathlamet district on March 15.

**Dan Nicola** (Jane), currently Portland Adventist Academy principal, will begin serving as an education assistant superintendent for the Conference in July.



## BOB THE BOBCAT AND HIS CAMO COAT

By Dick Duerksen

### CAPTURING GOD'S HANDIWORK...

Share your photos that capture our amazing world for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the *eCommunique!*

Email your photos to [krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org](mailto:krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org). All photos are subject to approval before publishing. Digital high quality (200 dpi or higher), please.

# Events

## MICHAEL CARD CONCERT

*When: March 20, 3:30 pm*

*Location: State Fairgrounds Auditorium*

Livingstone Adventist Academy would like to invite you to come and be part of an unforgettable once in a lifetime Easter experience. Gospel singer Michael Card will be performing at the State Fairgrounds Auditorium on March 20 at 3:30 pm. All-time favorites such as "El Shaddai", "Joseph's Song", "The Gentle Healer", and many more. Come and be inspired. Get your tickets at the school's office or online through [www.livingstoneevents.com](http://www.livingstoneevents.com). Download a printable poster for this event at <http://bit.ly/1RaaVhl>.

## HANDS ON GARDENING WORKSHOP

*When: March 20 & May 15, 10:00 am-4:00 pm*

*Location: Adventist Community Church of Vancouver*

Join us for the Hands On Gardening Workshop, Sundays, March 20 and May 15 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm, at The Adventist Community Church of Vancouver. Learn from Lynn Hoag of SunCountryGardens.com (via DVD for March 20, in person on May 15th)! Learn how to grow even better than the best organic healthy, tasty fruits and veggies, using EGW methods and more! Bring your lunch, garden rake and shovel. A bargain at \$25 per person/couple. Free to previous attendees. Bring someone new and get \$5 credit! Email [Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.Puccinelli@gmail.com) or call 360-609-1461. The Adventist Community Church of Vancouver is located at 9711 NE St. Johns Road in Vancouver, Wash.

## KNOW OF AN ADVENTIST RADIO OR TV STATION IN OREGON?

The Oregon Conference is working to compile an accurate list of the Adventist radio and TV stations within the Conference. If you know of an Adventist radio or TV station in your area please let us know by visiting <http://bit.ly/21GalGD>.

## ROSARIO SINGLES' RETREAT

*When: April 1-3, 2016*

*Location: Anacortes, Wash.*

Rosario Singles' Retreat will be happening April 1-3 in Anacortes, Wash. Dick and Brenda Duerksen will present this year, and there is an extended Sunday schedule with options including whale watching, a Deception Pass jet boat tour, and a driving tour of the tulip fields. Register by email at [RosarioRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:RosarioRetreat@gmail.com) or call our registration line at 360-588-3179. The registration deadline is March 23.

## SUNNYSIDE FAMILY SPRING CONCERT

*When: March 19, 6:00 pm*

*Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church*

On March 19 at 6:00 pm, Sunnyside Adventist Church will present its annual Family Spring Concert featuring music from some of Portland's finest musicians. Bring your friends and enjoy our Sabbath evening vespers. Sunnyside Church is located at 10501 SE Market Street in Portland, Ore.

## 2016 OREGON PRAYER CONFERENCE

*When: March 25-27, 2016*

*Location: Rockaway Beach, Ore.*

Attend this year's Oregon Prayer Conference in Rockaway Beach, March 25-27! Our prayer conference this year will feature Randy Maxwell, author of the book *If My People Pray*, and five other inspiring books on prayer. His topic is "Unprecedented: Praying for Unprecedented Results." Breakout presenters include Oregon Conference VP Dave Allen, and Tony and Sayuri Rodriguez from Grants Pass. For more info call 541-367-4913, or visit <http://bit.ly/1TIVCqU>.

## THE LAST DAY OF PROPHECY SERIES

*When: March 21, 7:00 pm*

*Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church*

The Last Day of Prophecy: Discover the Rest of the Story is coming to Castle Rock Adventist Church, Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm! Amazing Facts pastor, Doug Batchelor, will present God's seventh-day Sabbath in a one-of-a-kind outreach series. Please invite your friends and family to learn the beautiful truths about Sabbath. The series will continue each night through March 26, with an additional meeting at 11:00 am on March 26. Visit [www.lastdayofprophecy.com](http://www.lastdayofprophecy.com) or call 360-967-2165 to learn more.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26	Apr 2	Apr 9
Bend	5:58 PM	6:07 PM	7:16 PM	7:24 PM	7:33 PM	7:41 PM
Eugene	6:05 PM	6:14 PM	7:23 PM	7:32 PM	7:40 PM	7:49 PM
Hood River	5:58 PM	6:07 PM	7:17 PM	7:26 PM	7:35 PM	7:44 PM
Longview	6:03 PM	6:13 PM	7:22 PM	7:32 PM	7:41 PM	7:50 PM
Medford	6:06 PM	6:14 PM	7:22 PM	7:30 PM	7:38 PM	7:46 PM
Newport	6:09 PM	6:18 PM	7:27 PM	7:36 PM	7:44 PM	7:53 PM
Portland	6:02 PM	6:12 PM	7:21 PM	7:30 PM	7:40 PM	7:49 PM

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