

GLADSTONE GAZETTE

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PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH AND LEARNING

BY OREGON CONFERENCE EDUCATION

This year, something beautiful happened. Jaden, a young boy in gardening class, planted his very first seed. At first, he didn't know what to expect—just a handful of dirt, a tiny pot, and a few hopeful instructions from his teacher. But something clicked.... Now, his backyard has become a little jungle of joy—tiny tomatoes, basil, sunflowers, and strawberries. He talks to his plants, pulls weeds like a pro, and lights up every time a new leaf appears. And, with dirt under his fingernails and a smile as wide as the garden gate, he said: 'When I grow up, I want to be a gardener.' It's amazing how one seed, one class, one moment... can grow into a lifelong dream." —Tanya McCombs, Teaching Principal at Grants Pass Adventist School

Jaden's story is just one example of how school gardens across the Oregon Conference are impacting our students. At Grants Pass Adventist School, a hands-on gardening program and began in pots and buckets now includes a full greenhouse, raised beds, and indoor grow tent.

Students plant, transplant, test soil moisture, journal about their "dream gardens," and even sell starts—raising nearly \$300 to fund future projects. "Time in nature improves mental health and relieves anxiety," reflected Linda GPAS volunteer coordinator. "But more than

that, it brings us back to our Creator." The school's greenhouse—now humming with student activity—was made possible through a volunteer-led auction dinner and built entirely by volunteers from constituent churches. Students at Grants Pass are truly getting their hands dirty and their hearts inspired.

Just north at Emerald Christian Academy (ECA) they're cultivating a vibrant agriculture program of their own. Now in its second year, the program, led by Wyatt Johnston, features a greenhouse, outdoor hoop house, growing beds, and fruit trees.

ECA's agriculture program includes a forest component as well. Restored trails and a large clearing have become an outdoor classroom, hosting church groups and community events alike. Looking ahead, the school plans to add classroom-based raised beds so each student group can tend its own garden quadrant. Principal Doug Gaylor shares, "Taking a timeout from electronics and screens is an amazing way to reconnect with God and restore balance to our busy lives."

Across the Oregon Conference, school gardens are planting more than vegetables—they are nurturing joy, curiosity, and connection with God.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

For nearly a decade, the Oregon Conference K-12 Scholarship Fund made it possible for more than 1,000 students to attend Adventist schools—many for the very first time. Thanks to the generosity of donors, churches, and partners, countless young lives were transformed. While that fund, originally launched with a significant donation, has now been fully used to bless families, the need has not gone away. In fact, it has grown.

Today, our schools across Oregon are facing real challenges. Rising costs, shrinking enrollments, and fewer resources have stretched our principals and teachers thinner than ever. And yet, they continue to pour their hearts into their students. With creativity and care, they build academic excellence and nurture faith, often doing much with little. But they can't do it alone.

This evening's offering is not tied to a single scholarship fund. Instead, it fuels hope. Your gift will empower marketing and recruitment efforts and fund needed tuition assistance. It's a practical, flexible investment in the next generation of believers and leaders, one that meets the most pressing needs right now.

Solid research underscores the importance of early faith formation. A Barna report found that about two-thirds (64%) of Christians made their commitment before age 18, with 43% doing so by age 12, and only around 23% after age 21. This tells us that investing in young hearts is essential for long-term faith.

Giving tonight will help keep the doors open to Christ-centered Adventist education. Thank you for partnering with our schools and families. Your generosity plants seeds that will bear fruit for eternity.

IT'S NATIONAL WATERMELON MONTH!

Did you know July is National Watermelon Month? Celebrate in style this Friday afternoon!

Our Watermelon Feed and Social will take the place of our typical afternoon seminar slot, from 3:00-5:00PM near Locations and down near the InfoCenter.

Bring your friends and family, for a fun afternoon of games, great conversation, and, of course, free watermelon! Perfect for a hot summer day!

The Snack Shack and Cafeteria will be open their regular schedules.

GET LOST...FOR A GOOD CAUSE

BY SETH PIERCE

There is a cave on the Gladstone campus. It's a special cave that beckons 8-14 year olds to try their skill at navigating its depths without getting lost. The cost is \$10 for unlimited attempts for the day, or \$20 for unlimited attempts all week. "This activity is a fundraiser," shared Church Ministries director Jason Calvert. "All proceeds will go toward Oregon Youth Bible Camp scholarships. This fund helps both jr. high students and high school attend either Bible camps this September."

The Cave Trailer Maze is located on the hill across from the Children's Tent (former Beaver Tent area). The maze is open Wednesday through Friday, 2:30-4:00PM. You can register and pay online or in person.

Your child's participation not only challenges their navigational skills and sense of adventure, but will also help share God's Word with their peers. So, when a child asks for money to enter the maze, don't be afraid to "cave in" to their request!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Alumni/Reunion Luncheons: Be sure to submit your luncheon information to the Communication department by TODAY at 10:00 am if you would like it published in the Friday or Sabbath Gazette.

Shop the Used Book Sale! Visit Zull Hall to browse through a wide selection of gently used books, then bring them to the ABC for purchase! Hours will be Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM and from 9:00-10:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-6:30 PM, Saturday 9:15 PM-10:30 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Books sell for \$4.00 per inch!

Do you have questions about estate planning or wills and trusts? Visit with a planned giving advisor in the Conference Office this week or call 503-850-3570.

Veterans: Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our veterans and their families on Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Holden Convention Center. Refreshments will be served and fellowship with other veterans and their families will abound.

Attention church treasurers! The Conference treasury team would love to meet you and thank you for your service in your local church at a come-and-go event just for you! Come by the Treasury Building on Friday morning between 10:00 AM-12:00 PM for refreshments and good conversation.

SEMINAR SPOTLIGHT

We have a few seminar venue changes to note...

BRIDGING GENERATIONS: ENGAGING FAMILIES IN YOUR CHURCH by Jana Lee at 10:30 AM Friday, will be held in Holden Center, Laurelwood Room.

BETWEEN KINGDOMS: SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND POLITICS IN AMERICA TODAY by Seth Pierce & Kessia Reyne Bennett on Thursday and Friday at 10:30 AM will now happen in Holden Center, Mt. Hood Auditorium.

TODAY'S CAFETERIA MENU

See the full menu at www.OregonAdventist.org

Breakfast

7:30-8:30AM

French Toast Bake
Hot Cereal
Cold Cereal
Breads & Fruit

Lunch

12:00-1:30PM

Mac & Cheese
Broccoli
Rolls
Salad Bar

Dinner

5:00-6:15PM

Baked Potato Bar
Chili
Cornbread

Gluten-free, Dairy-free and vegan options available.



2025

GLADSTONE FAMILY FUN RUN

Friday, July 25, 7:00 AM

Learn more & register at www.OregonAdventist.org/funrun

Ladies: Have you done the Women's Ministries scavenger hunt yet? Pick up a card from the ABC, the Conference Office, the Holden Center, or the InfoCenter. Then join us Friday morning July 25, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, for a special Women's Ministries get-together in the Conference Office Board Room to be entered for the prize drawings! There will be refreshments too!

Help us keep the Plaza Pavilion area clean by depositing your used bulletins and other paper in the paper recycling containers around the outside edges of the Pavilion.







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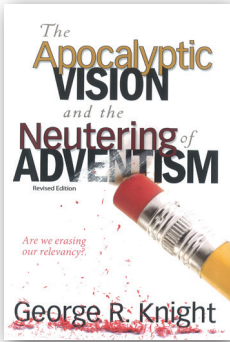


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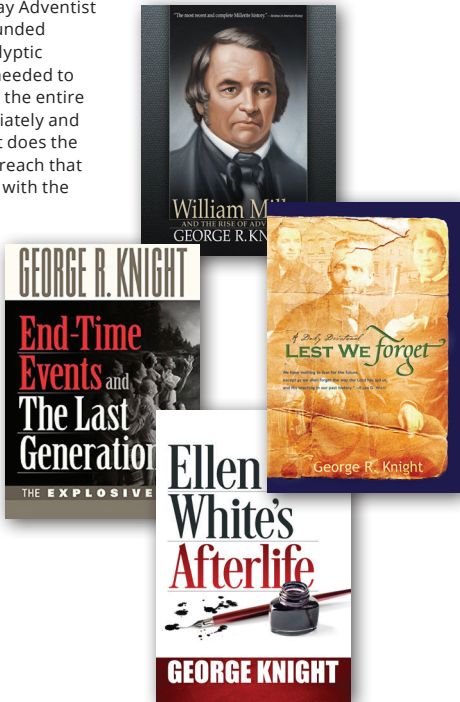
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