

Contessa Wolverton: Okay Robby, what is your full name?

Robby Wagoner: Robin Dwayne Wagoner

CW: Tell me a little bit about yourself? What do you enjoy doing?

RW: I like to play drums, that is my big career.

CW: When did you start playing drums?

RW: Back in 2002. We had a drummer at church and I would tell my parents I was going to Sunday School but actually go sit and watch him play drums! That's how I got the idea.

CW: Oh so you would skip class and go watch the drums in the service huh?

RW: (Laughs) Yeaahhhh I did

CW: What is your favorite color?

RW: Red

CW: Do you have any other hobbies? Do you collect anything?

RW: I like playing video games, YouTube, all that stuff

CW: Are you into anything, or passionate about any characters or people? I have heard you talk about Michael Jackson!

RW: I have a couple singers I like, Michael Jackson, Bruce Springsteen.

CW: Do you have a favorite genre of music?

RW: I like EVERYTHING. Heavy metal, rap, country, opera. I used to lip sync a lot at the house!

CW: Do you play anything else besides the drums?

RW: I play the accordion, a little bit of guitar, but mostly air guitar

CW: I mostly play air guitar too haha! What is your favorite food?

RW: Wow ummm, that is a real hard question! I have a list. Like 1, 2, 3, 4 things. At the top of my list is my mom's PTA chicken.

CW: PTA chicken, explain this to me, I have never heard of this

RW: Well you roll out crackers and top with canned chicken, cream of mushroom soup, watercress, and crackers over the top

CW: Ah I see. What is number two?

RW: Number two is stroganoff.

CW: Beef stroganoff, that is one of my favorites too.

RW: Mhmm. Number three is hot dish. Chicken Kiev is number four. Bisketti - I don't say it right, sorry! - is 5th

CW: Well it's more fun if you don't say it right! What do you like to do outside?

RW: I don't go outside! (Laughs)

CW: You don't like outside?? Even in the summer?

Roger chimes in with a chuckle "He used to stay inside (at the house on Funny River) because he was afraid the bears would get him!"

RW: In the spring I would go outside and take care of some things on the land, watch kids running around, just people watching. I do go outside for work though. (Robby works at Safeway in Soldotna)

CW: You're okay with being outside if you are getting paid for it!

RW: Oh yeah!

CW: How can you see God working around you?

RW: The way how he gave me the gift of playing drums. I see God working in Kenny's life right now. That wedding was fun!

CW: Yes it was! Do you like things to stay planned in your life or do you like to be spontaneous?

RW: What does that mean?

CW: If your parents said “Hey Robby, hop in the car we are going to Anchorage” today without telling you ahead of time would you like that, or do you prefer to know things in advance?

RW: Oh, well, I like to rush. I’ll jump in the car and go.

CW: Cool! Okay tell me a little about this dog, is this your dog or your parents dog?

RW: That’s my parents dog, that’s my dad’s dog.

CW: Haha I see the dog is on dad’s lap there!

Roger: Well it’s actually mom’s dog

RW: But YOU spoil it!! (everyone laughs)

CW: What’s the dog's name again?

RW: Digger

CW: What is one thing that you like about our church?

RW: We have a lot of young people, a great praise band, I teach people to play drums. I’m gonna teach Kenny’s wife to play drums! I try to get more people to play drums, I like to open the door for others to come in and play too, I like to share God’s gifts with other people at our church. Especially if there are kids who want to come up and try playing the drums on stage.

CW: Yeah passing it on to the next generation! Is there anything else we should know about you?

RW: God made me the way I’m supposed to be, I like my job at work-

CW: Oh yeah! Tell me about your job!

RW: Yeah it’s going great, I sweep the floor and do carts most of the time.

Roger: He has been there at Safeway for 24 years.

CW: Wow!

RW: I used to work at Dominics.

Roger: He worked at Dominics in Illinois and Safeway bought them, so when we moved up here he just transferred.

CW: Oh okay I see! I was confused thinking 24 years you haven't been here that long, that makes sense! So you have been working for their company for a long time, that's neat.

RW: Yeah, and I used to work for Wal Mart, when i was in school, but that didn't work out because I have Autism. They terminated me on prom night!!! I went over there and had to put my dancing shoes on and I was like, I am not in the mood for dancing! But I did fine, God gave me the strength to carry on I guess! (everyone laughs)

CW: You persevered and danced anyway! Did you like going to dances a lot in school?

RW: Oh I loved dances! I would go to the dance and go crazy!

CW: I love it. Do you like it when you're at work and see people from church and people you know? I know you love to say hi.

RW: Oh yeah! All the time.

Roger: Everybody in town knows him! We go out to eat and everyone that walks by stops and says hi when they recognize Rob.

CW: That is so fun! Well is there anything else you'd like to share?

RW: I had a really hard time in school, my grades were always pretty low. I don't read, so I would always try to draw pictures. My teachers would tell me that I had to spell something, but I can't spell, so that was tough. I did like PE, but not showering with other guys!! That is a trainwreck! (everyone laughs) But I liked PE.

CW: High school is really rough!! You seem like you have really grown into who you are though.

RW: Yes I have

CW: Thank you for meeting with me Robby!