

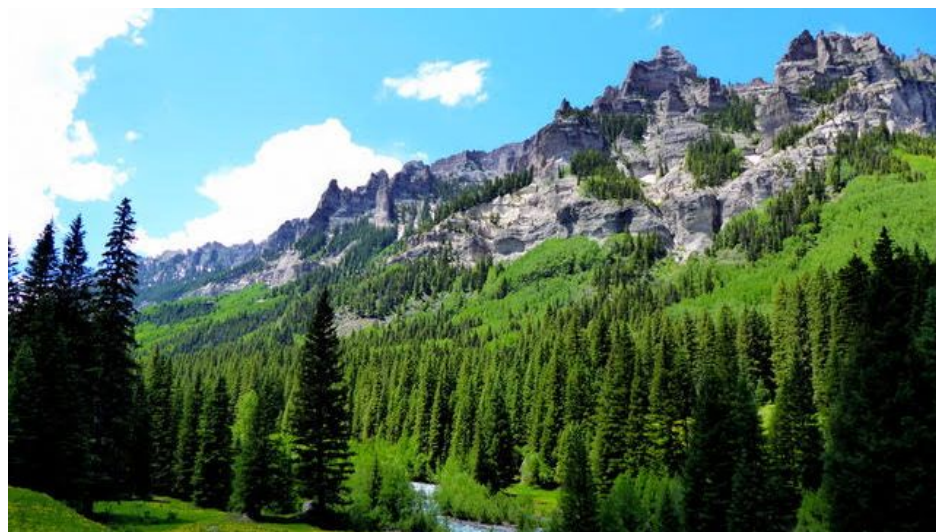


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Friday, July 26, 2019

Cowboy Camp Meeting Highlights Grace » Nearly

100 worshipers met July 10 - 14 in this scenic valley surrounded by majestic peaks near Silver Jack Reservoir in the Uncompahgre National Forest for the 20th annual Colorado Cowboy Camp Meeting. Morning messages on grace were presented by RMC president Ed Barnett with personal examples of experiencing grace. Members of the audience responded with testimonies of grace in their lives.



President Barnett, who has attended and spoken at several past Colorado Cowboy Camp Meetings said, "This is my favorite setting for any camp meeting. I love the laid-back atmosphere."

Ron Price, a motivational speaker and family mediator from Farmington, New Mexico, presented the evening messages titled, "To God Be the Glory". Ron cited many experiences where God directed events in his life for unexpected blessings to God's glory. Many of the attendees enthusiastically shared similar experiences in their lives as well.

"If God were to snatch us out of trials, we would then be tried in ways that would be endlessly deeper and greater than all the trials that we must endure in human circumstances. But, dear friends, even in the deepest trials, the sound of His voice is perceptible, blowing over us like incense."

—Ernst Lohmeyer



Healthy Nugget

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

-- W.A. Ward



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Grand Junction Church member Viki Carrick stated, "I especially appreciated the personal testimonies...it strengthens my faith in God's intimate care for me no matter what is happening around me."

Jeremey and Layla, a couple camping in the area, had attended several meetings last year and came back this year specifically to attend Colorado Cowboy Camp Meeting. Jeremey said "my life has been changed by your friendship and the Gospel shared in these meetings. I have overcome my anger towards God that has been a dark cloud over my life for the past 20 years after my brother died in my arms at age 17."

Following the Sabbath morning service, chairs were placed around the perimeter of the tent, tables were set out and a variety of tasty food was presented, including delicious frozen creme fruit desert made by Viki in her Champion Juicer.



Music for each meeting, including a Sabbath afternoon concert, was provided by Don and Donna Mohl of Folk Mountain Gospel, Leroy Archer, Alisha Moody, and Lloyd Wenzel, joined at times by musicians from the audience.

Between morning and evening meetings, attendees rode horses and ATVs, hiked, rested, or visited in camp enjoying the scenic, snow-capped mountains, flowering meadows, sunny weather, and mild mountain temperatures.

-- Ron Johnson, text and photos

Wyoming Camp Meeting is the Real Deal » For

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Upcoming Events

Western Slope Camp Meeting

July 31 - August 3

INTEL Class

August 2 - 3

Staff Meeting

August 6

NAD Pathfinder Camporee -- Oshkosh

August 12 - 17

GVR Board

August 20

Property & Trust Committee

August 21

Pastoral Couples Retreat

August 23 - 25

Executive Committee

August 27

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 30 - September 1

Gordon Henderson, a church member from Casper, Wyoming the Mills Spring Ranch annual camp meeting event is the real deal. He has been attending this event for 19 years. “In the past, we had real camp meetings and this one is a real one, not just a weekend gathering. We come to the camp and stay in tents, RVs and cabins,” he remarked. This camp meeting is perhaps the last such event left in our churches in America, Henderson believes.



There are similar camp meetings in Colorado, such as Cowboy Camp Meeting, with a large tent, not often seen elsewhere (see *above*). The 2019 convocation of Seventh-day Adventists in Wyoming brought about 300 believers from nearly every church in the state.

The 2019 meetings, July 16-20, were coordinated by ministers who currently look after 24 congregations in Wyoming and its theme was, "We Shall See Him."

“We love coming to these meetings, even though we have to drive several hours to Casper,” said one attendee who is seen at MSR year after year. Many come to renew their friendships and revive their spiritual lives by listening to inspiring messages and attending topical seminars. “It’s worth coming to this camp meeting in Wyoming,” said Ed Barnett, president of the Rocky Mountain Conference.



Ron Halvorsen Jr., featured speaker and a well-known pastor to many participants, is frequently invited to Casper. Today, he serves as president of the Ohio Conference.

Staff Meeting <i>September 3</i>
TAC Committee <i>September 4</i>
GVR Board <i>September 10</i>
RMC Women's Retreat <i>September 13-15</i>
NAD Women's Retreat, Florida <i>September 26-29</i>
Staff Meeting <i>October 1</i>
TAC Committee <i>October 2</i>
Hispanic Marriage Retreat <i>October 5-7</i>
Executive Committee <i>October 8</i>
Hispanic Women's Ministries <i>October 12</i>
GVR Board <i>October 15</i>
Property & Trust Committee <i>October 16</i>
Hispanic Youth Congress <i>October 25-27</i>



“I’ve attended and preached in several camp meetings here at Mills Spring Ranch. It’s nostalgic to be coming here,” he told *NewsNuggets*.

He reminisced about coming to MSR as a student with his future wife. “We worked at the camp and got engaged here, and later married in the Worland church. In many ways, it’s like coming home. My wife, Buffy, was writing wedding invitations here as we were watching over archery,” he recalled and shared some hearty laughter. As Barnett Introduced Halvorsen, he noted his focus on Jesus Christ. “I have known Ron for 30 years,” he said. “The way he makes Jesus come alive has blessed many of us,” he said.

According to Shayne Vincent, pastor of Casper Seventh-day Adventist Church, organizing the gathering under the direction of Steve Nelson, a pastor of four churches in the Northwest Wyoming district, required months of preparation. The organizers relied on the experience of a former Northern Wyoming district pastor, Chuck Gadway. “It takes a good six months to get everything ready, but everything went smoothly. Chuck did a good job of setting us up ahead of time,” Vincent added. Looking ahead, Shayne said that camp meeting participants “would like to have more evening meetings for the kids. We’ll have to work on that for next year.”

As in previous years, though the camp was mostly attended by “seasoned church members,” as described by one of the attendees, the 2019 meeting recognized a need to provide a program for youth and children. Joe Martin, former literature ministry leader for RMC and now pastor of the Loveland Church, provided activities for the youth. Alongside him were Cynthia Pedersen from Wheatland, and Cara Jagitsch from Cheyenne, who provided programming for the younger children.

Pedersen shared her comments on the camp meeting. “Everybody is very friendly, and it’s a beautiful setting up here and it always smells so good with the pine trees. The food has been great this year,” she shared.

During the day, Cynthia was busy teaching the young attendees, so she was only able to attend the evening meetings. “We’ve been taking our kids, and [Ron Halvorsen Jr.] has been very dynamic, even keeping the little one’s attention.

Through applause, attendees expressed their gratitude to Suzanne Hafar for her relentless efforts toward providing direct access to literature and foodstuffs offered by the Adventist Book Center. The Denver-based ABC will close at the end of 2019. On behalf of RMC, Ed Barnett expressed appreciation for the service Suzanne has given to the

Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »

News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information – about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.

Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

churches in the region.



RMC ministry leaders and church pastors presented seminars during the week, among them DeeAnn Bragaw, who gave morning worships, Eric Nelson and Mickey Mallory who talked on spiritual life, and Jim Burr, an astronomer based in Colorado, who gave a special feature on astronomy.

On Sabbath, a mid-afternoon special feature included testimonies by participants in literature ministry, an invitation to engage in prison ministry, and a presentation on how local church communication can benefit from a relevant approach.

Attendees were touched by the witness given by Teresa Morlan, provider of quality meals, along with husband Derek, during the camp meeting, who witnessed to a Walmart bakery employee as she purchased baked goods from her for camp meeting. The Walmart employee brought her family to one of the meetings and was impressed by what she heard. "Now it's your turn to nurture the contacts here in Casper," Teresa said, appealing to local church members.



Before the camp meeting ended with a powerful sermon by Halvorsen, participants were treated to a concert by The King's Heralds. Loved by many for decades, the Voice of Prophecy media quartet offered a mix of "Adventist oldies" and favorites for many a church member.

Regarded as a success, the Wyoming Camp Meeting at MSR will bring church members again next year, motivating the believers for mission and preparing them for Jesus'

return.

--Rajmund Dabrowski, text and photos

Wyoming Woman Rides to End Human

Trafficking » Riding sometimes a mule, sometimes a donkey from the border of Montana across Wyoming to the border of Colorado, Karen Fettig's goal was to raise awareness about human trafficking. As founder of the non-profit, Beneath Our Wings, an organization dedicated to ending human trafficking in Wyoming and elsewhere, Fettig began her journey of more than 1,000 miles, no small venture, on June 30.

The challenges she faced added to the once-in-a-lifetime adventure. She was rewarded by many divine appointments and the promise of a morning radio program to highlight the plight of trafficked people.

"It was unnerving to be riding a donkey on the side of the road with hundreds of vehicles going by at 70 miles per hour," said Fettig, and the donkeys and mules presented their own obstacles during the ride. like when they had to stop and ponder things or just decided they were done for the day. She faced severe weather, illness, wind, and injury, but Fettig and her team persevered.



Feeling called to Medicine Bow, but not knowing why, Fettig discovered there that a plan is in place for more than 1,000 workers to descend on the town to build a wind generator

field next year. These little communities, Medicine Bow and Hanna, will be overwhelmed, sadly providing opportunity for human trafficking. Now, following Fettig's visit, there is a community of people who know how to identify human trafficking and what to do when they see it.

Other opportunities arose to educate the people of Wyoming on human trafficking. She participated in the Ten Sleep Fourth of July parade, distributing information wherever she could. In one town, she gave brochures to the medical clinics, libraries, law enforcement, and recreation center.

On the last day of the ride, Fettig describes a beautiful

Friday morning with flowers in full bloom on the mountain south of Laramie, glowing in colors of blue and purple. The air was crisp and clean. Horns honked in recognition or appreciation and Sheyenne, an older molly mule, led April, who was bearing a banner draped over a pack saddle that stated, "Stop Human Trafficking!"

Sheyenne covered ground in a fast stride reaching the Colorado/Wyoming border and the waiting horse trailer bearing four flags. Waving proudly in the breeze was the flag of the United States, the Wyoming state flag, and the Wyoming Against Human Trafficking and Beneath Our Wings ministry flags.

Praying about the next step, Fettig is currently training motel, hotel, and convenience store clerks to recognize signs of human trafficking.

If you would like to help, you can contribute to

Beneath Our Wings, a nonprofit organization dependent on your support toward raising awareness of and fighting to end human trafficking in Wyoming and elsewhere. To donate, go to <http://beneathourwings.com/donate/>.

RMCNews with Karen Fettig and Samantha Nelson; photos supplied



Mile High Academy Teachers Continue Their Education During Summer Months » "Making my students a priority means I need to go out into nature and enjoy adventure to really come back refreshed," said Brian Howard, MHA teacher.



It's only to be expected that the teachers take time off to refresh themselves for the new year after a busy school year.

That may be Mr. Howard's way of getting back into the school spirit, but we've noticed that each of our teachers has a different way of making sure they are ready when school starts again in the Fall.

Mr. Christopher Morris, new middle school teacher, spent part of his summer packing and moving to Denver, along with visiting the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia to refresh his skills and gain inspiration for the new year. Taryn Clark, 4th grade teacher and Jesica Gleason, 2nd grade teacher, spent time with their families but also made sure to do training sessions with mindSpark Learning®.

Esther Aviles, music teacher, went on a mission trip to Dangriga, Belize where she worked with 60 kids from the community, creating a choir and teaching other instruments. "They had never sung in a choir or had any formal music training," she explained excitedly, "so it was fun seeing their reactions as they tried to mimic my vocal warm-up exercises."

Each of our teachers has a story to tell about how they spent their summer.

-- RMCNews with Agape Hammond; photo by Agape Hammond

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES . . .



The Communication and IT departments are working on a major upgrade of the RMC web page. We are changing the design and the way the information will be shared on the Web. This involves changing the server.

The *NewsNuggets* will be web-based and its weekly release will have a new look. This requires our eNewsletter to go on ... **vacation**.

After the release of *NewsNuggets* on Friday, August 2, the new-look edition will appear on Friday, September 6. But

please, continue to send your stories to
nuggets@rmcsda.org.

The August 2 *NewsNuggets* will also be the last edition for **Carol Bolden** as assistant editor. At the Rocky Mountain Conference since 2002, with contributions hard to list, she will take a deserved leave and her plans include travel. Thank you, Carol! Travel well. You will be truly missed.

A new assistant, **Becca Brown**, from Firestone, Colorado, will join the Communication Department in August. A Post-Millennial, she comes with natural online skills.

-- The Editor

EDUCATION CHANGES

Whether you are new to Rocky Mountain Conference or are assuming a new position at one of our schools, we welcome you.

The following are new assignments for the 2019-20 school year.

New to RMC:

Mina Gravatt, head teacher grades 5-8 at Discover Christian School

Carey Jordan, grades 7, 8 at HMS Richards

Gabriel Mendez, grades 1-8 at Lighthouse Christian School

Jessica Gleason, 2nd grade at Mile High Academy

Chris Morris, middle school at Mile High Academy

Michael Gann, boys dean at Campion Academy

Changing Roles in RMC:

Jodie Aakko, head teacher at Brighton Adventist Academy from Lighthouse Christian School

Michelle Velbis, head teacher at Springs Adventist Academy from Daystar Christian School

Paul Bragaw, moving to the role of head teacher at HMS Richards School

Penny Wredberg, moving to head teacher at Lighthouse Christian School

Susan Messeraud, K-2 at Discover Christian School from Columbine Christian School

Jessica Eubanks, moving to K/1 at Springs Adventist Academy

Taryn Clark, grade 4 at Mile High Academy

CAMP MEETINGS

Western Slope -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

Hispanic Camp Meeting--Glacier View Ranch --August 30-September 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Leadership
Forum**



Rocky Mountain Conference is hosting its **first** Seventh-day Adventist leadership forum

Local Church Leadership for the Future

Are you asked to be a leader in your church?

Presenters are Seventh-day Adventist leadership professionals

who will provide beneficial practical information.

When: **October 20**, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration 9– 9:30 a.m.

Opening of Session - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Porter Place, 1001 E Yale Ave, Denver, CO 80210

Next to Denver South Church

Register by calling RMC office – 303-733-3771

Cost: \$75 per person (includes lunch, materials and gifts)

This conference will change your view of leadership

Knowing that the Lord is returning soon, we must be “adequately equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

RMC Youth Department Summer Hours » The Youth Department will be out of the office during the following dates this summer:

GVR Summer Camp: June 1-August 2

Vacation: August 5-10

Oshkosh: August 11-18

Please feel free to reach out to them through email.

Kiefer Dooley: kieferd@rmcsda.org

Jessyka Dooley: jessykad@rmcsda.org

Brent Learned: brentl@rmcsda.org

Their phones forward to summer camp and they check their voicemail on a regular basis.

Springs Adventist Academy » Come meet the staff, take a tour, enjoy refreshments, join in the activities and the fun at Springs Adventist Academy from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, August 8. This return reception features a "Spectacular Scavenger Hunt." For more information, call 719-597-0155. The school is located at 5410 Palmer Park Blvd. in Colorado Springs.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Vida Mission Needs » La Vida Mission still has the following needs for the upcoming School year:
Little girls dorm parents
Big girls dorm parents
Maintenance worker
Please contact Steve Gillham by calling 505-786-5539.

Vista Ridge Academy » is hiring for the 2019-2020 school year. We need a **Part-time ECE Aide** (20-24 hours/week) to assist in our Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten classrooms. State licensing requirements a must; however, we are willing to help update the employee with the necessary classwork/paperwork.
Part time Extended Care Supervisor (10-12 hours/week) to supervise students, ages 5-15, after school Monday-Friday. Candidate must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and possess current U.S work authorization. For additional information regarding duties, expectations and how to apply, please contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to share your news -- Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday.** Please send all your submissions to nuggets@rmcsda.org.

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

NOTE: Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines,

see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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