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From the desk of Gary Thurber

NEWS NUGGETS

Personnel Changes

New Campion Principal Chosen » The search committee has worked very diligently to find a replacement for **John Winslow**, **Campion Academy** principal, who will leave after graduation to lead the Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash.

The committee started with more than 40 names. After much prayer, referencing and interviewing, the search committee submitted to the Academy Board for consideration the name of **Spencer Hanna**. The Board voted unanimously to invite Spencer and his wife, Eva, to come. On Wednesday, he accepted the Board's invitation.



Spencer earlier taught at Campion. Since he left Campion, Spencer has been the principal of Fletcher Academy in North Carolina, Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania, and Shenandoah academy in Virginia.

Not only does Spencer come to our academy with a great amount of educational leadership experience, but he is also known to be a deeply spiritual leader who communicates well with both staff and the students.

Pagosa Springs » Ruben Balaguer has accepted the invitation to serve as part-time pastor for the **Pagosa Springs English and Spanish Churches** in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and the **Bloomfield Hispanic Company** in Bloomfield, N.M. He also will continue to lead the **Hispanic group** he helped organize in Durango, Colo. Pastor Ruben will assume his new responsibilities



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Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meetings

April 14 Western Slope
Grand Junction Church

April 28 NE Colorado
Campion Church

May 12 SW Region
Piñon Hills Church

May 19 SE Colorado
Colorado Springs Central

June 9 Denver Metro
Denver South Church

All meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

April 19 – 22
ASI Mid-America Convention in Denver. Shawn Boonstra and Don Mackintosh will be the keynote speakers. [Info »](#)



LifeSource » Peter Casillas, pastor for evangelism at **LifeSource Adventist Fellowship** in Denver, Colo., has accepted an invitation from the Potomac Conference to join the ministerial team. Pastor Peter will lead Potomac pastors in the areas of evangelism and church planting, which are his areas of expertise. Pastor Peter previously worked as a church planter for the Rocky Mountain Conference in Aurora, Colo., and later as pastor of the Aurora Church.

Peter had these words to share about leaving Rocky Mountain Conference: "I have been blessed by God during my time in this conference in many ways. Leadership that believed in me; Aurora First with their multi-cultural congregation and their awesome youth; LifeSource Adventist Fellowship & LAF Downtown with their creativity and big hearts; and the fellowship with my colleagues here in the RMC—great pastors, awesome people! Last but not least, the staff at LAF—love you guys! It has been an awesome, out-of-this-world ride. Thank you so, so much!"

He will be greatly missed in our field, but we know the Lord will be with him in his new ministry position.

Common Ground » Matt Gal, pastor of the **Common Ground Church**, and youth and young adult pastor at the **Central Church** in Colorado Springs, Colo., has accepted a call to the Potomac Conference. He will pastor a new church plant in Chesapeake, Va. Pastor Matt's and his wife, Oksana's final Sabbath in our conference will be April 15. They will be greatly missed, and we wish only God's richest blessings for them.



Other News



ASI Mid-America Convention » The ASI Mid-America Convention will take place in Denver beginning Thursday evening, April 19, and continuing through Sabbath, April 21. ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) is a lay-driven organization working alongside the Adventist church. It's motto is "Sharing Christ in the Marketplace." The convention, themed "**Practical Evangelism**," will feature testimonies from laypeople who are actively involved in missions both at home and around the world. **Shawn Boonstra**, evangelism coordinator for the North American Division, and **Don Macintosh**, from Weimar Institute, will join our MAUC leadership team in presenting throughout the weekend.

The event will take place at the **Ramada Inn** on the Corner of I-25 and 120th Ave. in **Northglenn**. To register, or for more information, visit www.asimidamerica.org.

Arkansas Valley Baptisms » On Sabbath, April 7, the **Arkansas Valley Church**



family in Swink, Colo., hosted and celebrated two baptisms. **Jeanine Barton** and **Jerry Adair** both made the decision to follow Jesus all the way. [Read their stories »](#)



April 20 – 21
RMC Adoration Teen Prayer Conference

April 21 – 22
Academy Days
Free for all youth at Campion Academy. [Info »](#)

RMC Camp Meetings

Native Camp Meeting
May 4 – 6
La Vida Mission
700 Country Coad 7730
Lake Valley Area, NM
Contact: Dorie or Polly
dorie@lavidamission.org
505.786.5539

Western Slope Camp Meeting
June 1 – 2
Montrose Pavilion
1800 E Pavilion Place
Montrose, CO 81401
Contact: Pastor Seth Coridan
sethcoridan@hotmail.com
970.210.3398

Cowboy Camp Meeting
July 11 – 15
Silver Jack Reservoir
Near Cimarron, CO 81220
Contact: Pastor Steve Gillham
sdgillham@hotmail.com
970.560.3030

Wyoming Camp Meeting
July 17 – 21
Mills Spring Ranch
8000 Tower Hill Road
Casper, WY 82601
Contact: Pastor Weldon Treat
wtrat@bresnan.net
303.277.5733

NE Colorado Camp Meeting
July 27 – 28
Campion Academy,
300 42nd Street SW
Loveland, CO 80537
Contact: Pastor Rex Bell
rexgingerbelle@msn.com
303.886.3099

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Aug. 31 – Sept. 3
Glacier View Ranch
8748 Overland Road
Ward, CO 80481
Contact: Pastor Ruben Rivera
Rivera.ruben710@comcast.net
303.910.1614

GVR Summer Camp Schedule

Glacier View Ranch Summer Camps
June 3 – July 15
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Delta SDA School » Our Adventist school in Delta, Colo., has had an excellent school year even though they operated without conference subsidy this year. The school, however, will return to being a fully-subsidized conference school for the 2012-2013 school year. **Martha George**, from Rosalia, Wash., will continue as the teacher for the school.

Health Outreach in Farmington, NM » This weekend, April 13-14, the SDA churches in San Juan County, N.M., will host a **Community Health Seminar** with **Dr. Tim Riesenberger** at the **Piñon Hills SDA Church** in Farmington, New Mexico. The event is open to the community and has been advertised heavily.



They are also presenting, "**Depression: The Way Out**," a program developed by **Dr. Neil Nedley** of Nedley Health Solutions. More than 60 people are participating in this seminar, and all but 13 are from the community. [Read more »](#)

Soup Kitchen Ministry » On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the **Woodland Park Church** in Woodland, Park, Colo., is a beehive of activity.

Barbara Blummer and her team of volunteers serve soup and fresh bread to 25-30 community guests. Their "soup kitchen" includes an invitation for guests to stay for a Bible study immediately afterward. This past Tuesday four guests stayed to hear a message by Shawn Boonstra from a DVD. One of the guests now attends church and was recently anointed at his request during a church service.



On the Road » This past Sabbath, my wife, Diane, and I had the privilege of being part of a special homecoming Sabbath at the **Ft. Collins Church** in Ft. Collins, Colo.

The church prepared a special program for visitors who walked through their doors.





We enjoyed the warm welcome from the greeters (some of whom were Pathfinders), the music from the Beebe Christian School, a great children's story from **Pastor Paul Eagan**, and special baptisms where **Beverly Fuller** and **Pamela Lewis** stood publicly for Jesus.



After church, we traveled to the **Casper Church**, in Casper, Wy., for the first town hall of the year. It was great to spend that time with our Wyoming brothers and sisters! There was a sweet spirit at the meeting, and it was especially meaningful to me to hear the congregation sing "Because He Lives."

Today, I drive to Gunnison, Colo., and look forward to worshipping on Sabbath with our **Gunnison Church** family. On Sabbath evening, I plan to be at the **Grand Junction Church** in Grand Junction, Colo., for the **Western Slope Town Hall**, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. My wife, Diane, looks forward to these visits with members from throughout the conference, but this week, while we are enjoying fellowship at the Town Hall, she will celebrate her Aunt June's 80th birthday with extended family members in Savannah, Ga.

I pray the Lord gives each one a special Sabbath blessing this week.

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