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NEWS & NUGGETS

NE Colorado Camp Meeting: EGW, Babylon, and Men Sing!

» This past weekend, July 24-26, was the Northeast Colorado Camp Meeting, held at Champion Academy. The

theme this year was “The Mission of Adventism and the Prophetic Writings” with key speaker, Merlin Burt. Having worked as the director of the White Estate Branch Office in Michigan for many years, Burt shared many insights into the writings of Ellen White as well as some fascinating stories involving the early Adventist historical figures.

“Merlin Burt really showed how Ellen White was focused on bringing people into a closer walk with Jesus,” said Jared Henry, a recent Union College graduate and Bible teacher at Rio Lindo Academy. “She really cared about the people she was writing for. Whether she was rebuking them or encouraging them, you could tell from her letters that she wanted the best for them.”

Sabbath school included a lively panel comprised of Pastor Micheal Goetz of the Champion Church, Pastor Wayne Morrison of the Brighton Church, Erik Stenbakken from the Adventure Church, and Carl Divert from the Fort Collins Church. The theme, “Reclaiming the Gospel,” was introduced by Pastor Daniel Birai of the Fort Collins Church, who stood as the mediator of the panel. The congregation texted in questions for the four men to answer and there were some tense moments. [\[more\]](#)



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Upcoming Events

Christian Adventure Outpost

July 29 - August 2

Speaker: Ed Barnett, Craig Carr

Contact: Pastor Bruce Aalborg

Teacher Convention

August 3



Attendance up at Cowboy Camp Meeting » This year's 16th annual Colorado Cowboy Camp Meeting was held on July 22-26 in the scenic Silver Jack Reservoir

area in the Uncompahgre National Forest of Western Colorado. The meeting site is surrounded by rugged 13,000-foot peaks with abundant wildflowers covering the alpine meadows along the nearby hiking trails. Campers experienced good fellowship and spiritual highs with messages by Seth Coridan, pastor of the Cedaredge, Delta, and Paonia Churches, whose theme was "Elijah", and Tom Lemon, newly-elected general vice-president of the General Conference, whose message was on "Reflections of God." This year's attendance was the best ever with an average of 44 during the morning and evening meetings and a high of 95 on Sabbath.

The Grey House is a Black & White Matter on Sabbath Keeping in Estes Park »

When sisters Dena King and Dani Stafford decided to open a

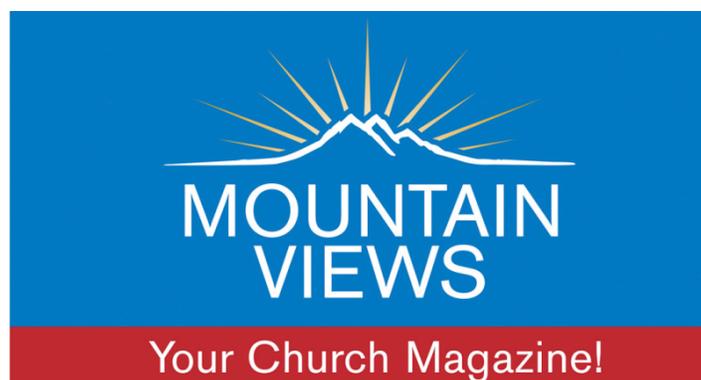


mountain boutique together in Estes Park, Colorado, it was never a question of whether they would be open on Sabbath or not. "It was just what we both knew we wanted to do," says Dani, "Sabbath observance is something we were taught when we were little, but we've truly come to appreciate as adults."

Although their store may look like it's made for hipsters, many touches show that they are a family-friendly business. From the name "The Grey House" (derived from Dani's son's name) to the train table for children to play with while their parents shop, their store is designed to serve shoppers by making them feel at home. They offer a unique selection of clothing, handmade accessories and gifts for men and women and even have a small baby corner.

The location they chose for The Grey House is a second story shop with 1,000 square feet of retail space and an additional 1,000 square feet in the back where their children can play and be with them while they're working. It is located in-between a snack shop and a bar. Soon after moving in, they made friends with several of the bartenders and when one saw their closed sign on Saturday, he told them, "That's our biggest day in this town. You can't be closed on Saturdays. That's [expletive] suicide." [\[more\]](#)

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Pueblo Re-opens Church School » Scheduled for August 24, a "Daystar Christian School" in Pueblo, Colorado will be reopening for the 2015- 2016 school year after being closed for nearly three years.

The new school year will begin August 24 with a new teacher

Korean Camp Meeting
August 7 - 9
Contact: George Hahn
303-756-2809

Conference Staff Meeting
August 12, 8 am - 10:30 am

Grand Opening of Mile High Academy
August 16, 1 - 4 pm

GVR Board
August 18, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

RMC Property & Trust Committee
August 19, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Hispanic Camp Meeting
August 28
Contact: Pastor Ruben Rivera

Men's Advance
September 11
Contact: Wayne Oldham, 9970-209-7911
woldham170@gmail.com
Speaker: Tom Lemon

Women's Retreat: Garden Getaway
September 18
Contact: Ginger Bell

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Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to move away from promotion and towards interaction on all levels of 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

and principal, Michelle Velbis, according to RMC's education department. "She is enthusiastic and honored to have the opportunity to coach the young minds that will be stepping into our school," says Linda Jackson, the communication secretary of the Pueblo First Church.

Michelle Velbis has several years' experience as the teacher/principal, with two years at Spring Creek Adventist School in Montrose, Colorado, and three years as the third through fifth-grade teacher at the Deltona Adventist School in Florida. "Daystar" will be offering an up-to-date curriculum in a Christian environment with a low student-teacher ratio for K-8 students. Three weeks before its first day of classes, 12 students, mostly from Adventist homes, are already enrolled.

An open house will be held from 6 to 8 pm on August 20, at 3912 O'Neal Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81005, (719) 561-9120. [Linda Jackson]



Many churches are experiencing situations, which seem endemic in our society. Bullies are talked about, but their behavior is often swept under a proverbial carpet. Many a pastor, and church board wish it would all go away, that peace and friendship would be restored, and that congregations

simply concentrated on the church's mission. Yet, bullying is a topic that does not seem to go away. Here is the first of two articles by Thom S. Rainer, which we hope will spark a deep conversation, and contribute to addressing the issue in many an Adventist congregation. –Editor

Nine Traits of Church Bullies » Church bullies are common in many churches. They wreak havoc and create dissension. They typically must have an "enemy" in the church, because they aren't happy unless they are fighting a battle. They tend to maneuver to get an official leadership position in the church, such as chairman of the elders or deacons or treasurer. But they may have bully power without any official position.

Church bullies have always been around. But they seem to be doing their work more furiously today than in recent history.

Perhaps this look at nine traits of church bullies can help us recognize them before they do too much damage.

1. They do not recognize themselves as bullies. To the contrary, they see themselves as necessary heroes sent to save the church from her own self.

2. They have personal and self-serving agendas. They have determined what "their" church should look like. Any person or ministry or program that is contrary to their perceived ideal church must be eliminated.

3. They seek to form power alliances with weak members in the church. They will pester and convince groups, committees, and persons to be their allies in their cause. Weaker church staff members and church members will succumb to their forceful personalities.

4. They tend to have intense and emotional personalities.

These bullies use the intensity of their personalities to get their way.

[\[more\]](#)

World Travel for Champion Students » Who says kids have it rough? Champion Academy (CA) sends many of its students abroad to study and see the world. CA's Spanish teacher Nathaniel

– about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

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

Marin and his wife, Honali, provided 27 students from three different academies with the chance of a lifetime -- six sun-drenched weeks near Valencia to learn the language, history, and



culture of Spain. Many of the students enrolled at Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) in Sagunto to earn both high school and college credit. The group traveled to Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Toledo, and Segovia. In order to make the most of this summer learning experience, Marin planned an additional weekend trip to Barcelona over the 4th of July, where they visited the Picasso museum and learned the national dance of Catalonia, "Sardanas," from locals in the square in front of the Cathedral of Barcelona.

This summer's trip is the third Spain trip Marin has organized, in addition to various mission trips to Honduras, Costa Rica, and Bolivia. His passion for travel comes from a love of culture and a desire to learn and see new things. Marin hopes the experience will change the students' worldview by helping them relate to people who are different from them and be more effective at sharing Jesus with those around them.

Even farther from home were two Champion students participating in a student exchange program just south of Beijing, China. Chezney Barry and Gaby Joya traveled with Patricia Torres, CA's English language teacher. Patricia and her husband, Michael, have hosted exchange students in the past, and this summer they experienced the exchange themselves. All four of them stayed at the dormitory at Shijiazhuang #24 High School, which has an enrollment of about 10,000 students.

Over the last couple of years Champion has been intentional about developing international relationships with students from several other countries including China, Korea, Japan, Nepal, and Indonesia with the intent of having those students experience SDA Christianity. CA is hoping to develop a potential sister-school relationship with schools like Shijiazhuang #24 High School, and how very exciting to have met some of them face-to-face. [Jenny Sigler]



Evangelism Proves Fruitful With 65 Baptisms

» Sixty-five baptisms took place after evangelistic efforts were held in eleven congregations at the end of June. Led by eleven visiting evangelists from South

Mexico, the efforts covered many of the Rocky Mountain Conference Hispanic churches from the Denver Metro area to western Colorado and south to New Mexico. Members of these congregations were also involved by giving Bible studies in preparation for these meetings.

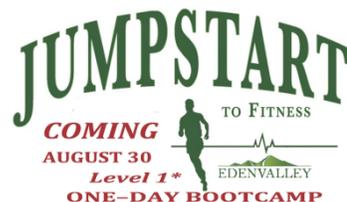
Roughly 300 visitors attended, invited by members of the eleven churches. Several more baptisms will take place in the next few weeks as a result of these efforts. "It was a big blessing," says Ruben Rivera, director of Hispanic Ministries for the Rocky Mountain Conference. "For one week [of ministry], it's very good," he adds. [photo by Cesar Pompa]

Mission Stories from Kathmandu Valley » Devi and David Tamsang from Trips with a Mission will share stories and

inspiration from the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal for the church service at SW Denver Fellowship at 11 am this Sabbath, August 1. The service will be followed by a fellowship lunch.

St. Devi's Academy was established in 1997 as a haven for forgotten children, providing them with a home and a Christian education. Some are orphaned or abandoned and have survived on the streets. Some would have been sold into prostitution. Many have illiterate, destitute parents or caregivers and some have lived at a leper colony.

SW Denver Fellowship meets at Genesis Presbyterian Church, 5707 S. Simms Street, Littleton CO 80127. For more information, call [303-979-8764](tel:303-979-8764).



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HERITAGE in Concert, 7 p.m., LifeSource Adventist Fellowship
FREE

August 7 -- Friday

Mary Grace, 7 p.m. Denver South -- FREE

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