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All the School's a Stage » At Vista Ridge Academy, kids get used to the spotlight at an early age. While the school is also known for its emphasis on instrumental music and other arts-based endeavors at the elementary school level, it also offers well-designed opportunities for young kids to act and sing, as well as learn about production, sound, staging, and costume and set design. These productions provide a wonderful opportunity for parents, friends, and extended family to connect with each other and see how the children are growing socially and academically through performance.




The first and second grade classes performed “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” the evening of Thursday, April 20. This was the third time Vista Ridge Academy has produced this show (each year alternates between Charlie Brown and “The Little Red Hen”). Pulling off a stage production is a lot of hard work for this age group!” Carisa Carr, the classroom teacher, says, “We begin by learning parts—which helps develop reading skills—and music two months before the performance. Rehearsal times are short to begin with, but during the week of the production, we begin full rehearsals figuring out how the whole performance flows on stage with microphones.”

It is clear that the kids enjoy creating something that is their own. They bubble with excitement as they practice their lines after school and discuss costumes, characters, and funny things that happen during practice sessions. Older children who have been at Vista Ridge since they were little have fond

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"The complexity of life in our society has a chance at being helped by modern science. It gives us a chance just to understand where we fit into the continuum of life. We found that the variance in genetic code between any two humans is extremely small. This concept of race is clearly a social construct. There's not a scientific definition of race. It's a social definition. There's only one race, and it's the human race." Craig Venter, humanitarian, scientist, voyager

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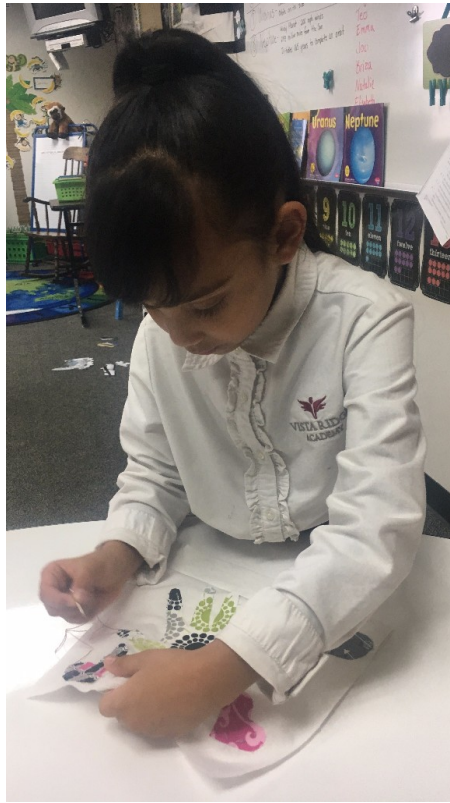
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memories of the productions and continue to be proud of the creative work they put into them.

Performing helps build confidence. Mrs. Carr notes, “There have been many times when I’ve seen kids who struggled a little with reading or other classroom skills really come into themselves when they get the chance to shine in front of an audience. It affects the way they see themselves.”



Vista Ridge Academy aims for students to strengthen each area of development during their time in elementary school. Giving students a voice through drama and music allows them to develop public speaking skills, memorization, and self-confidence. Vista Ridge plans to continue to develop this program, hoping to eventually add another musical to the first and second grade line-up, putting them on a three-year rotation. The school would also like to purchase updated

sound equipment.


Students create a special item—such as a class quilt—to be auctioned off at each production to raise money to fund costumes, set pieces, and other production expenses.

The school’s annual Spring Concert and Art Exhibit will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 17 for all grades, PK-8.

[Becky De Oliveria; top photo of student sewing square for class quilt by Becky De Oliveria; bottom photo of kids on stage by Marsha Bartulec]

Front Range Adventist Community Mourns Passing of Ronald Sackett » Adventist Healthcare giant, Ronald L. Sackett, 86, passed away on April 14 in Louisville, Colorado.

Retired in 1998, Ron Sackett played an outstanding role in expanding Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare and as president of Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and regional vice-president of Adventist Health System, Rocky Mountain Region. His long career in Adventist healthcare includes leadership at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California; Walla Walla Hospital in Washington, and Hinsdale Hospital in Illinois. Ron also served on many denominational committees, including the Rocky Mountain Conference Executive Committee.

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Upcoming Events

Hispanic Marriage Retreat

May 12 -- 6:00 a.m. -- May 14 - 6:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

May 16 -- 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Voice of Prophecy Rally with Shawn Boonstra

May 20 -- 4 - 6 p.m.

Hispanic Men's Retreat

May 26--6 a.m.-May 28--6 p.m.

Memorial Day -- Office Closed

May 28

Staff Meeting

June 6 -- 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NE Camp Meeting

June 8 -- June 9

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)

June 17 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)

June 18 -- 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Those who knew him testify that Ron Sackett's legacy as a healthcare leader is much deeper and more personal than the growth of the hospitals he led. Though he built new hospitals, expanded others, and even expanded hospital systems through acquisition and planting new hospitals in population growth areas, he loved to help people grow and expand their knowledge, skills and ability to serve in larger capacities.

"Ron Sackett was an extraordinary leader whose influence in the church, in our conference, and the Adventist healthcare ministry will be enshrined in Adventist history," said Ed Barnett, RMC president.

"He truly was a giant and someone who leaves a legacy of deep faith and professionalism. He will be missed by the family, by his local church in Boulder, and by scores of professionals who were inspired by his dedication to the Adventist health message," he added.

Ron inspired and mentored three generations of Sackett clan members in a wide variety of healthcare leadership roles, including sons John and Wally, his wife Karen (all hospital CEOs); his brother Allen and nephew Glenn as chaplains and spiritual care leaders; daughters Audrey and Ronda, who have been active on boards of not-for-profit organizations; nephews, in-laws, and grandchildren, some of whom are just now developing their careers.

We would like to share words about Ron's legacy by his family members.

Karen, Ron's wife, recalls: "He always saw things that could be accomplished to improve people's lives, and found ways to create success for others. He was a gentle man, kind, and delighted in God's creation--the clouds, birds, flowers. He fully enjoyed the world God made, hiking, snow and waterskiing, sports, traveling around the world, always looking at people as friends to be made."

In the words of Ron's son, Wally: "He connected with and recognized the value of every staff member in contributing to the mission from the housekeeper to the physician. He had

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RMC CAMP MEETINGS

NE Camp Meeting

Campion -- June 9-10
Contact 970-667-7403

Cowboy Camp Meeting

Silver Jack Reservoir
July 5-9
Contact Adam Smith 303-591-7277

Wyoming Camp Meeting

Mills Spring Ranch
July 11-15
Contact Jodie Gage 307-259-5301

Hispanic Camp Meeting

Glacier View Ranch
September 1-3
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been in the trenches and related to each worker, coaching and inspiring them to improve themselves and the organization. He was equally at home in the boiler room with the maintenance man as he was in the boardroom with the chairman. He was a servant leader.”

Glenn, Ron’s nephew who, like his dad and Ron’s brother serves as chaplain and spiritual leader at Porter Hospital, remembers: “As a medic in the Korean war, Ron saw how much good doctors and nurses could do. As he found ways to support and maximize their impact, they increased his responsibilities. Ron told me that this insight, that supporting the medical team could improve healthcare, was the inspiration that fueled his dedication to the ministry of healthcare leadership. He always remembered the key roles played by the support people on the front lines, looking for those who could learn and grow while enjoying their present responsibilities.”

Ron had an ability to identify people in the organization who weren’t always sure of their own competency and value, and watched him strategically make affirming connections with them at key times, Glenn adds.

Members of the Boulder Adventist Church congregation where Ron and Karen worshiped regularly, will hold a Memorial Service at 2 p.m. May 13.

[RMCNews; photo by Donna Sackett: Ron (front) pictured with nephew Glenn]

Longmont Collective: When a Church Visits Its Members »

Church community-building is behind a pastoral initiative at the Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church. Many, if not most, of the city-setting churches have ceased to be traditional parish congregations. Today, members of congregations do not live within short distances from church buildings and must commute to worship services for miles. Such is the reality for Boulder’s Mapleton Avenue congregation.



The Boulder pastors took note of the predicament of church

experiences of
church members.

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members who commute long distances. “The gist of what a collective is for us is moving away from ‘Would you like to come to Boulder?’ to actually saying, ‘Let’s go where they live,’” recalls Japhet De Oliveira, senior pastor.

Together with Elia King, associate pastor, who coordinates the project, they refer to the initiative as a step to bring new life to their congregation.

“Let’s actually take ownership for God. There must be a reason for you to live in Longmont. Let’s find out what that is and really work on this,” he added.

The first collective event with the church visiting its members brought together 17 Boulder church members who live in Longmont, and travel to worship services and other events at their church some 12 or more miles away.

Apart from a picnic-style food, the meeting aimed at getting to know each other better. “If we leave knowing each other better, we have succeeded for today,” Elia opened a sharing of our Longmont stories. Among the opening questions were: “What brought you to live here? How are you connected to Boulder Church? and What has the church not been able to do for you?”

It was the stories shared by the "Boulderians living in Longmont" which became the obvious outcome of the gathering on May 6, the first of three meetings planned for Longmont. "I think we become strong families together, supporting each other," Japhet commented.

Patti Chamberlain, who together with her husband, Peter, were hosts for the first Longmont Collective expressed her hopes for the initiative. She commented, “My expectation is to create relationships with the Boulder Church members that live in the Longmont area to support and care for each other.” Brigitta Beam, one of the Boulder Church young adults, said she appreciates the opportunity "to get to know my church family outside the church walls. I am really looking forward to exploring what this collective can do for our immediate community and seeing how we can impact the lives of those around us."

Collectives offer opportunities to invite somebody new to the table and fast forward someone else’s dream, the Boulder ministers shared.

[Text and photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]



RMC CAMP MEETINGS

NE Camp Meeting » Held at Campion Church, NE Camp Meeting will take place **June 9-10** (not June 2-3 as previously announced). Ed Schmidt is the speaker. For more information, call Campion Church at 970-667-7403. The church is located at 300 42nd Street SW, Loveland CO 80537.

Cowboy Camp Meeting » Cowboys at heart will meet on Forestry land about a mile past Silver Jack Reservoir from **July 5-9** for Cowboy Camp Meeting. Delinda Hamilton will speak on the *Gospel of the Stars* and Amy Gane, on the *Science of Creation*. For more information, including detailed directions to camp meeting location, contact Adam Smith at 303-591-7277. Silver Jack Reservoir is located south of Cimarron, Colorado, on Interstate 50. Take Big Cimarron Road south into the Uncompahgre National Forest and watch for signs as you near Silver Jack Reservoir.

Wyoming Camp Meeting » Held at Mills Spring Ranch **July 11-15**, Wyoming Camp Meeting will feature Philip Samaan for both the afternoon series, "Dare to be a Daniel" and the evening series, "Jesus is Still the Way." Rocky Mountain president and vice-president, Ed Barnett and Eric Nelson, will present the morning meetings followed by Olivia Gold, teacher at Forest Lake Education Center, who will present "Catching Kids for Christ: Reaching Every Age with the Age-old Truth." To reserve a cabin or RV/tent space, call Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Mills Spring Ranch is located at 8000 Tower Hill Road, Casper WY 82601.

Hispanic Camp Meeting » From **September 1-3**, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting with the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nussy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and

activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481.

Summer Camp » Glacier View Ranch and Mills Spring Ranch camp sessions are filling up. Spots go quickly, so sign up today at rmccamps.

GLACIER VIEW RANCH

| Sessions | Dates | Ages | Cost |
|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Cub I | June 4-11 | 7-10 | \$275 |
| Cub II | June 11-18 | 8-11 | \$275 |
| Junior | June 18-25 | 10-12 | \$295 |
| Family | June 25-July 2 | All | \$140 + Lodging |
| Tween | July 2-9 | 12-14 | \$295 |
| Teen | July 9-16 | 13-17 | \$295 |
| Climbing | June 11-18 | 13-17 | \$300 |
| Backpacking | June 18-25 | 13-17 | \$300 |
| Teen Outpost | July 2-9 | 13-17 | \$335 |

MILLS SPRING RANCH

| Sessions | Dates | Ages | Cost |
|----------|------------|------|-------|
| MSR Camp | July 16-23 | 9-17 | \$210 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Why should anyone believe in Christianity? What role does faith play in an age of empirical reason? Join us LIVE for five conversations about faith, featuring music, presentations and plenty of time for questions and discussions. If you consider yourself a skeptic or a person of deep faith, we'd love to invite you in. Plan to join us in the LifeSource Cafe from 7-8 p.m., **May 5, 6, 9, 12, and 13** or livestream from Facebook or our website and, if you'd be willing to host a viewing party each night, we'll give you a free Roku to livestream the sessions (and you get to keep it!) The church is located at 6200 W Hampden Avenue, Denver CO 80227.

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Wednesday, May 17th
7:00 pm

VISTA RIDGE ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

established in 2016 with the intent of creating a safe place for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible, will present its second series at Boulder Adventist Church, 345 Mapleton Avenue, Boulder, CO, 80304.



Pastor Karl Haffner, senior pastor of Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio, will present a series of lectures on the theme “Jesus Encounters” beginning Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. The series will continue on Saturday with the worship service at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study at 11:00 a.m., and conclude at 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Japhet at japhet@boulder.church.

VOICE OF PROPHECY RALLY Coming May 20 »



Voice of Prophecy Rally
4 p.m. Sabbath, May 20
With Speaker/Director Shawn Boonstra and musical guests
at
LifeSource Adventist Fellowship
6200 W. Hampden Avenue, Denver, CO 80277
Come be inspired as we prepare to evangelize Denver in 2018

Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 » RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

Wyoming: *Seaside Escape—a study of Sarah and Hagar*
Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain
August 26, 27
Contact: Rhonda McDonald: 307-259-8147

Colorado Western Slope: *Falling in Love Again*
Speaker: Darla Sherman

Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)

October 6-8

Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

Colorado Metro, NE/SE: *The Best Is Yet To Come*

Speaker and Musician: Jaclynn Huse along with
her daughter Shelby, age 16

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at Pinehurst Country Club in Littleton

Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

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The Voice of Prophecy is looking for a digital content specialist/webmaster to work at the ministry headquarters in Loveland. For more

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