Leadership Change at Campion

Graduation of the 2015 class at Campion Adventist Academy on May 24 will be the last for its principal, Spencer Hannah. He leaves his position after three years of service.

"Under his three years of leadership at Campion he developed many friendships with students and constituents alike," said Lonnie Hetterle, Education Director for the Rocky Mountain Conference. "As Spencer and his wife, Eva, transition to the next chapter of their lives and service, on behalf of the education ministry and church leadership, we express our gratitude and wishes of God’s continued blessings."

The Board of Campion Academy voted on May 19 to appoint Donavan Reeder, Campion’s vice-principal, as the school’s new principal as of July 1.

Donavan, who was born in Loveland, Colorado, is no stranger to Adventist education. His father, Merlin Reeder, was a teacher at HMS Richards School. “We then moved to Campion where my dad also taught and was assistant boy’s dean. When I was four, we moved to Utah where I grew up,” says Donavan. His college education took him to Andrews University and to Walla Walla University where he graduated with a BA in Communication Media and a minor in Religion.

His service in education has been connected to Campion for 31 years, as he served for two years as assistant boy’s dean and 29, as head dean. His teaching experience included sophomore Bible class, as well as several communication-related subjects, among them videography, and speech. "Like my grandfather, Clarence Reeder, I was also a sponsor of the school newspaper," he adds.

Donavan and his wife, Donna, have a daughter, Jessica Reeder, who teaches at Mile High Academy.

As he steps into his new leadership role, Donavan says that in his service he will “seek God’s leading and communicate the..."
values, mission, and vision at Campion to the staff and students. It is important to hold each accountable to these ideals.” [Rajmund Dabrowski]

RMC Executive Committee Appoints New Personnel
Meeting at the Rocky Mountain Conference headquarters in Denver on May 19, the conference Executive Committee heard reports from the officers on recent activities in the region, including a report from Ed Barnett, president, on what he said was a “wirlwind Town Hall schedule” conducting six meetings within one week. The events attracted similar attendance when it was organized on weekends, as in previous years. George Crumley, vice-president for finance reported a steady increase in tithe and offerings for the first quarter of 2015.

Information on recent pastoral placements was given by Eric Nelson, vice-president for administration, including: Michael Morss – Cortez district; Wayne Nazarenus – Trinidad; Calerbe Aguy – Agape Haitian; Nester Soriano – called to be a Campion assistant pastor; Joseph Nesbitt – called to Castle Rock plant; within days there will be a call issued for an associate pastor for Boulder church.

The committee also approved The First Denver Indonesian Company to be recognized in a full church status.

Several personnel actions were also taken at the meeting, among them:
- Barbara Parrott as RMC director for property and trust services; the committee recognized exemplary ministry and service of Gerry Chapman. He passed away on January 31 after 18 years in that position.
- Patty Rivera is being asked to serve as RMC children's ministry coordinator.
- Craig Carr was asked to serve as the personal/adult/church ministry director for RMC.
- The committee voted to invite Morre Dean, CEO Porter Adventist Hospital and president of the South Denver group, to become a member of the RMC Executive Committee; this position replaces the vacancy created by the departure of Randy Haffner.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for July 21 in Denver. [RMCNews]

Young Entrepreneur Creates Lip Balm Business in Grand Junction
Meeting Madelyn Swelstad at an after-church potluck in Grand Junction was an unexpected treat. There was an aura of “making a difference” about her. She is a student in the Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA), an extracurricular program through the Chamber of Commerce in Grand Junction, Colorado. This young entrepreneur presented her business plan and asked for startup funding in front of a panel of 14 investors in March (including the city mayor).

At age 11, she is this year’s youngest Saunders Scholar recipient in her area. Using beeswax from her family’s bees, she has created a line of lip balms with interesting flavors such as Lemon Pound Cake, Mint Mojito and Mocha, which she markets through her company, Mad Lips. Each flavor includes organic coconut oil,
How the project started is explained on Mad Lips website madlipslipcare. Growing up on a hobby farm with her parents and bees, Madelyn stumbled on the idea to start her own lip care business. The idea was developed as she joined the YEA to start and grow her business. The YEA program helps middle and high school students start their very own business.

Madelyn’s family owns four active bee hives. To get the beeswax to make the lip care, the honeycomb is first harvested from the hives and put in a machine called a centrifuge. This machine separates the honey from the beeswax. The wax is then boiled down to get pure wax. It floats to the top and hardens when cool. The beeswax and other ingredients are put together and melted. It then is poured into the tubes and the labels attached," Madelyn explains on the web.

She recently returned from Phoenix after competing in the regional semi-finals. The Daily Sentinel “Biz Buz” quoted the officials with the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Western Regional competition that Madelyn “returned with renewed dedication to growing her customer base and increasing the sales of her lip care products.”

“It is an awesome achievement of one of our young people,” commented Randy Mills, Grand Junction Church pastor. “She is an inspiration,” he added.

After receiving one of her products – a Lemon Pound Cake lip balm - and a business card, one can imagine that Madelyn will be in the news again, and again. [Rajmund Dabrowski with Kathy Swelstad; photo by Kathy Swelstad]

Colorado Springs Central Continues Baptisms  » Six new members were added to the Central church in Colorado Springs on May 9, continuing a time of growth which started with the new year and bringing the total to 15.

Central members and their pastor believe that every Sabbath is an evangelistic opportunity and work to connect others with Jesus Christ and His church through friendship evangelism.

Eight more candidates are preparing for baptism in June.

The Adventure Church is on the Move  » After 16 years of renting various facilities in northern Colorado, The Adventure Seventh-day Adventist Church has officially purchased its permanent home. "The Lord prompted many hearts and more than $1 million has been raised toward the purchase of the five-acre, 30,000 square-foot former Nazarene church," says Pastor Mitch Williams. "The Lord appears to be bringing The Adventure back to its roots and to a city that will be its primary ministry target."

The new church is located at 4100 W 20th Street in Greeley. Williams adds that "ironically, the new location was previously a favorite rental location for The Adventure in its early years."

The inaugural Grand Opening worship service is planned for June 6. Pastor Williams is extending an invitation to believers from the region. "We are excited to move to our new home, and it will be a joy to welcome our believers from the region to join us," he says.

Franktown Church To Host Nutrition Seminar  » Food for Life is coming to the Franktown Church at 7 p.m. Monday,
During this free community seminar, Dr. Sharmini Long, endocrinologist and metabolic specialist will explain how you can use plant-based nutrition to reverse metabolic syndrome, conquer diabetes, boost heart health, jump start your immune system and protect against cancer.

Jamie Santa Cruz, MA, freelance health and medical writer will discuss high-fat/low-carb, gluten-free and Paleo diets and how they stack up against the plant-based diet.

Weight specialist Dr. Josh Long will explain the importance of micronutrients and how to get them.

Franktown SDA Church is at 905 N. Highway 83, Franktown. For more information, call 303-888-8687.

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**Graduation Schedule Around the Conference**

- Campion Academy: May 24
- Columbine Christian School: May 28
- Mile High Academy: May 23
- Mile High Elementary: May 21

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**Attend Church in Yellowstone This Summer**

A church service is held at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Look for the signs and join them at 10 a.m. in Old Faithful Lodge to worship our Creator in the beautiful surroundings of Yellowstone National Park.

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**Upcoming Concerts:**

- **June 4 -- Thursday**
  David Phelps, 7 p.m., Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley

- **June 5 -- Friday**
  The Kings Heralds, 7 p.m. Friday, Fort Lupton Church

- **June 6 -- Sabbath**
  The Kings Heralds, 11:15 a.m. Sabbath, Franktown Church

- **June 8 -- Monday**
  The Kings Heralds, 7 p.m. Monday, Pueblo First Church

- **June 30 -- Tuesday**
  JJ Heller, 6 p.m. June 30, Glacier View Ranch -- FREE

- **August 1 -- Sabbath**
  Heritage, 7 p.m. LifeSource Fellowship -- FREE

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