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Friday, May 25, 2018

Interest in Wilderness Survival Leads Young RMC Man into Danger »

“If you’re ever attacked by a black bear, fight back as hard as you can,” his grandfather told him as a youngster. Little did he know how appropriate that advice would be the summer of his 19th year.

Dylan McWilliams is an extraordinary young man – one out of 893 quadrillion, according to National Geographic magazine. Within the last three years, he has been bitten by a rattlesnake, dragged by a bear, and bitten by a shark. How in the world could all this happen to one human being?

“I think it’s just ‘cause I’m out in nature so much more than anyone else,” he responds simply.



His first attack happened in the fall of 2015 while hiking at night in Moab, Utah. He thought he had kicked a cactus, but looking down, he saw fang marks on his leg. Survivalist friends had told him that 60 percent of snakebites are dry bites, so he decided to wait ten minutes to see if any symptoms appeared. Ten minutes later, without symptoms, he chalked it up to a dry bite. But he didn’t get away Scott free. Over the following couple days, he felt a bit sick and vomited several times. Still, it could have been worse.

Working at Glacier View Ranch last summer as a primitive skills instructor, Dylan was camping in the open with other staff when he awoke around 4 o’clock in the morning to a

“Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret to spiritual power.”

~Prayer p. 12, EGW

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crunching sound and realized that a bear had wrapped his mouth around his head and was dragging him from his sleeping bag. His instincts responded exactly according to his grandfather's instructions. He fought back, punching the bear in the nose and poking his eyes as hard as he could. The bear dropped him and other GVR staff, awakened by the noise, made enough noise of their own to scare him off.

Dylan received nine staples in his head, a badge of honor for this outdoorsman.

Just last month while body boarding off Shipwreck Beach on Kauai, Dylan faced another attack, this time by what he believes was a tiger shark. He had already caught a wave and paddled back out on the surfboard when something hit his leg. He saw blood in the water and a shark underneath. Kicking at the 6-8 foot shark, he paddled as fast as he could toward shore where a bystander called paramedics. He received seven stitches.



"This time felt like the worst, Dylan said. "It was the scary part of paddling back in," he explained.

Interviewed by more than 100 news sources from all over the world, including Jimmy Kimmel Live, Good Morning Britain, and Studio London, as well as news outlets in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Germany, South America and Hungary, to name a few, Dylan says, "I didn't really want all the publicity, but it's helped me."

He believes it has given him a larger platform for speaking about God, yet whenever he expresses his belief that he wouldn't have made it "unless God had a plan" for his life, he finds that the newscasters edit that part out.

Recently contacted by the Discovery Channel, he was flown to California to explore what might develop. Although Dylan's not 100 percent sure where this will go, he knows the Discovery Channel would like to do a TV show with him. A call to the Discovery Channel went unanswered.

As a child, Dylan's grandfather encouraged an interest in nature. During this time, he also developed an interest in American history, especially the characters of Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett. Admiring the way they lived, he went into the woods to practice survival skills, learning much

Hispanic Public Evangelism

May 20-26

MHA Graduation

May 26, 8:30 p.m.

Campion Graduation

May 27, 10 a.m.

Memorial Day -- Office Closed

May 28

Hispanic INTEL Class

June 1, 2

NE Colorado Camp Meeting

7 p.m., June 1, 2

Staff Meeting

June 4

Executive Committee

June 5, 9:30 a.m.

NW Town Hall -- Grand Junction

June 9

Hispanic Prayer Ministry Training

June 10-12

Hispanic Town Hall -- Denver South Hispanic

June 16

GVR Board

June 19, 9:30 a.m.

RMC Property & Trust

June 20, 9:30 a.m.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Basic Staff/Master Guide Training

Brighton Academy

June 23, 24

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 11 - 15, 7 a.m.

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 17 - 21, 7 a.m.

through his experiences and taking survival courses each year he attended Daystar Academy in Utah.

He loves to go out into the woods to live in a primitive fashion, making his own soap from animal fat and lye from his campfires. He makes candles, also from animal fat, clothing from animal skins, shelter from whatever materials are available, and preserves food. The ability to survive by his own wits is what thrills him.

With his seven-month-old blue heeler puppy Apache by his side, Dylan has traveled to Georgia, South Carolina, Colorado and Wyoming. They plan to go to the Appalachian Mountains in the fall to hike the North Carolina portion of the Appalachian Trail and live in the woods.

Dylan says he will keep a journal and video the experience in order to share his knowledge with others. His long-range plan is to become a deputy sheriff and to teach wilderness survival.

-- Carol Bolden; photo by Dylan McWilliams

Abundant Blessings Committee Brainstorms New Approaches to Church Stewardship »

A dialogue to address stewardship issues and create a program which would be shared with church members in the Rocky Mountain Conference began at the first meeting of the Abundant Blessing Committee May 24 in Denver. Begun after on a request made at the 2017 Constituency Meeting, the committee will examine ways to enhance the giving of tithes by church members among all age groups and will meet twice a year.

"The committee would function as a positive tool to educate and encourage our members in their stewardship journey," said George Crumley, VP for Finance and Abundant Blessing Committee chair. The ministry of our church relies on such funding from tithes and offerings.

Made up of ten members, lay people, pastors and conference office employees, the committee discussed the flow of tithe within the Rocky Mountain Conference and how much is being sent to higher organizations such as, Mid America Union, North American Division and the General Conference.

According to results of NAD worldwide tithe report, in 2015, 47 percent of members were contributing tithe. Today's financial situation requires a much better understanding of how the church uses its funds. Treasurer of Littleton Church and member of the Abundant Blessings Committee, Mindy Philpott, comments, "We need to understand how upcoming generations are motivated to give of both time and money and how their involvement impacts their community."

Hispanic Marriage Retreat
July 21, 22



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The meeting focused on an assessment of the flow of tithe, as well as the brainstorming of ideas that encourage, cultivate, prepare, and inspire church members to give tithes and offerings steadfastly to the Lord. Commenting on his response to the committee, Boulder Pastor Japhet De Oliveira said, “I am very pleased that George Crumley has pulled together a group of people to start this process. I look forward to the collaboration that will take place over the next few months.”

Committee members are working to find a clear message that conveys the mission the Abundant Blessing Committee hopes to accomplish. “The dialogue of this committee will continue via e-mail as we seek to refine ideas into something that can be a blessing for our members throughout the conference,” Crumley commented. The committee will hold its second meeting in November.

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Wyoming Church Reaches Large Community Audience Through Facebook »

To advertise their Mother’s Day sermon, members of the Gillette, Wyoming Church handed out 3x5 cards to almost 400 neighbors with the offer of a free Mother’s Day portrait. On Mother’s Day Sabbath, 6 or 7 people visited the church to hear the sermon and get the free portrait. While that’s a good number of visitors for a church with 79 members on the books, something even more astounding happened.




At the church board meeting, their marketing person said she had spent money "without authorization". In order to boost the Mother’s Day advertisement she normally puts on Facebook, she spent \$15 and clicked on the “Boost” button. Not knowing exactly what would happen, she listed “Christian,” “Bible,” and “religion” as magnet words for “people in the area”.

When she checked Facebook after the sermon, 363 people had watched it. Not much more than a week or so later, 1200 had watched it.

Having gone “live” on Facebook a year ago, they had 100-some people following them from the first day. After its beginning, Gillette pastor Chuck Gadway received messages from people asking to be put on the church’s prayer list.

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“You’re my pastor,” they said, even though the messages came from places like India, Utah, Texas, Florida and any number of places.

While in Florida to do the sermon for his father’s memorial service, a group of people told Gadway they listen to him every week, having been introduced to him on Facebook by his father. “We think of you as our pastor,” they said.

“When I get up to speak on Sabbath, I’m not speaking to 50 or 60 people,” Gadway explains. “There’s a whole congregation out there that I try to recognize”. He’s intentional about using names from his online listeners and making sure they know he’s speaking to them, too.

One week, a glitch prevented them posting the sermon video. “Where’s the video?” one man asked several times. “This is my church. You’re my pastor. I need this video.” He considers himself a Seventh-day Adventist Gadway explains.

Members are working to replicate this experience in each of Gadway’s five churches.

Plans are in the works for a Father’s Day barbecue in Gillette, which will be advertised in the same way as the Mother’s Day sermon. Gadway is preparing his members for an influx of people into the church. “If they start coming, are we prepared?” he asks them.

His churches have grown by 49 baptisms in the two years Gadway has been pastoring in Wyoming. The 258 members in his district of churches could grow dramatically – all due to a providential accident that cost them \$15.

-- Carol Bolden

Mike Goebel Named CEO of Parker

Adventist Hospital » From the office of Ken Bacon, president of South Denver Group and Chair of Parker Adventist Hospital Board comes the announcement that Mike Goebel has been named CEO of Parker Adventist Hospital. Having previously served as Chief Operating Officer for Littleton Adventist Hospital (2006-2010), Goebel will begin his new role on June 5.

He is replacing Sam Huenergardt who recently moved to the Kansas City area to take on the role of CEO for Shawnee Mission Health.

“Mike is a dynamic and results-oriented leader with more than 25 years of robust senior leadership experience,” says Bacon.

Most recently, Goebel served as CEO of Adventist Medical Center, Hinsdale and Adventist Medical Center, La Grange, Illinois.

“We look forward to Mike’s passion and expertise to continue driving Parker Adventist to be a physician facing, top

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performing hospital,” Bacon says.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 20

La Vida Mission	May 11-13	La Vida Mission
NE Colorado	June 1,2	Campion Academy

Speaker: Clifford Goldstein

Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch

Speaker: Mic Thurber

Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
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Speaker: Mike Ryan

Hispanic	Aug 31-Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch
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Wyoming Camp Meeting Update » Multiple dates have been announced for the **Wyoming Camp Meeting**, which requires clarification. The 2018 **Wyoming Camp Meeting** begins Tuesday night July 17 and continues through July 21. Mid-America Ministerial Director, Mic Thurber will be the featured speaker.

Glacier View Ranch Summer Camp 2018 “I AM”

General Sessions

Session Name	Dates	Ages	Cost	Registration Deadline
Cub I	June 10 – 17, 2018	7-10	\$275	May 30 11:59 PM
Cub II	June 17 – 24, 2018	8-11	\$275	June 6 11:59 PM
Junior	June 24 – July 1, 2018	10-12	\$295	June 13 11:59 PM
Family	July 1 – July 8, 2018	All Ages!	\$140 ⁽¹⁾ +Lodging	No Deadline for Family
Tween	July 8 – 15, 2018	12-14	\$295	June 27 11:59 PM
Teen	July 15 – 22, 2018	13-17	\$295	July 4 11:59 PM

Teen Outpost Session

Session Name	Dates	Ages	Cost	Registration Deadline
Outdoor Recreation Teen Outpost	July 8 – 15, 2018	13-17	\$335	June 27 11:59 PM

RMC Town Hall Meetings

March 17—SE Colorado—Colorado Springs Central Church

March 24—Metro—Denver South Church

April 14—Wyoming—Casper Church

April 28—SW—Piñon Hills Church

May 19—NE—Campion Church

June 9—NW—Grand Junction Church

June 16—Metro Hispanic—Denver South Hispanic (6:00pm presentation *only*)



*Format of
each meeting:*

Seminars:
4:00-5:00pm

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5:00-6:00pm

Supper:
6:00-6:30pm

Presentation:
6:30-8:30pm

Seminar Topics May Include:

Giving a Bible Study

A Church's First Impression

Deacon/Deaconess Workshop

Diabetes Prevention

Estate Planning

Communication

Stewardship

Youth Ministry in the Local Church

Elders' Workshop

SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Evangelism Service » Agape H. Seventh-day-Adventist Church is hosting a public evangelism service. May 26-June 16, excluding Mondays and Wednesdays, with Evangelist Jonathas Henry speaking. Gifts, bible studies, songs, and intercession prayers will be included. This event will be held at 14190 E. Jewell Ave. Unit #3 Aurora, CO 80012. For information and transportation called elders at 720-472-8138 or 720-251-0516.

Hispanic Prayer Training » Will begin **June 10** from 9:15-11:45am. Lunch will be provided. The event will take place at the conference office. All prayer coordinators and others from our Hispanic congregations and those interested in deepening their walk with Jesus in prayer are invited!

Campion Academy » Campion's Student Association (SA) Picnic and Pops Concert will be held **May 20** at North Lake Park at Lake Loveland.

Edwin Gallagher Memorial Service » A memorial service for Edwin Gallagher will take place at 3 p.m., **June 2** at Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ed Gallagher held many positions in the Colorado, Wyoming and Eastern Slope Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, and hospitals.

Gallagher passed away in New Zealand in December 2017.

Denver South Church is located at 2675 South Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit » Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

Annual RMC Women's Retreat » Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Voice of Prophecy Openings » Full-Time Bible School Department Assistant. This full-time staff member will operate the *Discover* Distributor Student Record System, manage *Discover* Bible School records, answer telephones and perform general departmental office duties.

Part-Time Bible School Department Assistant. Primary tasks will include grading correspondence Bible lessons, answering phone calls and general secretarial duties.

Learn more at vop.com/jobs or by contacting Carolina De Paoli at 805-955-7656.

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time **Maintenance Coordinator.** The Maintenance Coordinator will plan, direct and control the overall maintenance of the facility's physical plant. This position must perform or oversee electrical, plumbing, carpentry, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and other technical tasks. For information regarding duties, qualifications and how to apply, please visit our website at: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-maintenance-coordinator>

The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a **Field Representative** in its Planned Giving and Trust

Services department. In this position, the employee will visit and fulfill requests for assistance in estate planning, including information gathering and execution of documents. For information about duties/responsibilities, qualifications and how to apply, please visit the job posting on our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-field-representative-trust-services>.

HMS Richards Elementary » Located on the campus of Campion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a **part-time preschool teacher** for the upcoming school year, 2018-2019. To qualify, you must have teaching certification or a director's license. If you are interested, send your resume to hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com or call 970-667-2427.

Glacier View Ranch » GVR has several positions to fill for summer camp, June 3 - July 31 in **housekeeping and laundry**. These are temporary, full-time positions. Qualified applicants will have either completed high school or be at least 18 by the time camp begins. If you know of responsible, interested individuals, please have them contact our summer camp director, Kiefer Dooley, at 870-688-8508 or kieferd@rmcsda.org. Information is also available on our website at <http://rmcyouth.org/>

Delta School » The Delta school is seeking a **K – 8 teacher** for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website: <http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4> or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

Vista Ridge Academy » Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a **part-time aide** for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at shepp@vistaridge.org (303.828.4944).

ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus » Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - **ESL Teacher Needed**

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy's extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the

school: <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish>

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva

at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

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The *NewsNuggets* archive is now online, and can be found at <https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-archive>.

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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