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Friday, May 4, 2018

The U.S. Congress and Brighton City Honor RMC's Rex Bell »

"Pastor Rex Bell has made the City of Brighton a better place to live" were the words expressed by U.S. Congressman Mike Coffman at a ceremony in Brighton, May 1. Coffman presented a plaque, voted in the U.S. House of Representatives, recognizing his "many years of extraordinary work and dedication to the City of Brighton." Bell served the City Council as its Councilman for two terms.



A Congressional Record plaque stated that, "Council Member Bell's dedication to the City of Brighton and his leadership and vision have, among other accomplishments, contributed to the city's growth and prosperity."

"As a Brighton City Council Member, Rex Bell has consistently and effectively guided city policy towards improving quality of life. Council Member Bell has served his community for 23 years as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in the City of Brighton. Council Member Bell has, without a doubt, enhanced the quality of life for every citizen in the City of Brighton throughout his tenure as a City Council Member and as a resident of the City of Brighton."

Signed by Coffman, the plaque stated that, "Rex Bell represents the very best in public service that the State of Colorado and our nation has to offer."

Surrounded by his family and fellow members of the City Council, Pastor Bell commented, "I'm humbled, grateful and

"I had reasoned this out in my mind, there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other."

-- Harriet Tubman

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

-- Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

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kind of empty because it's the passing of a part of my life that has been very important to me, so I feel like I'm moving on to new land and ventures, that I don't know what I'll be, even though I'm still for the city, I don't make policy."

Commenting to *NewsNuggets*, Pastor Bell, who is a retired minister and still serving the Northeastern Colorado churches alongside Pastor Don Lopes, believes "that Adventist ministry needs to be in the marketplace. In Brighton, when we came here, there were 11,000 people and it grew to 31,000 in that period of time, ministry. How are we going to involve and relate to all of that rapid growth unless the Adventist church is in the center of the movers and shakers, the formers of our community?"

Reflecting on his community service, Bell explained, "I do not want to take my religion to the city, but I want to take my faith, and there's a difference. And I want to take Christ to the community and that's what we attempted to do and we got involved and one thing led to another and that's what happened."

He became good friends with many people at City Hall. They asked him to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee, and he said, "I'd be delighted to do so and then an opening came for city council and city council was successful and then I was re-elected and term limited."

"The most important thing is building a team of people that embrace one another, who will work with differences of opinion without offense. That's important because we can't go anywhere unless we work together and we all pull the same horse. Even though we may disagree, it's vital," Pastor Bell



"gratitude for all your hard work and selfless dedication in serving the Brighton staff and community."

said.

He agreed that this should work for the church, too.

"Man, yes, yes, yes.

Profoundly," he said with a smile.

Colleagues from the City Council also presented Rex Bell with a plaque, expressing



Upcoming Events

Hispanic INTEL Class
May 4, 5

Adventure Fun Day
May 6, 7 a.m.

Campion Board
May 7, 9 a.m.

May Staff Meeting
May 15, 8 a.m.

NE Town Hall, Campion
May 19

Hispanic Public Evangelism
May 20

Pathfinder Fair -- Torrington, WY
May 20

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

Phillip Rodriguez, City Manager commented that “to be able to honor Councilman Rex Bell is not only a reflection of his service and all the good things he was able to do for the community, but it was a chance for us, as an organization and as a city, to really just honor and focus in on the good man that Rex Bell is and the family that the Bell family is in our community.”

“If an issue got a little bit off track, a little bit derailed, and overly-politicized, one thing he was able to do was to help us refocus on what our highest priorities are and our calling in public service. And, in doing so, he helped the Council to find a resolution,” he added. “Because Rex really was someone who shared a lot of wisdom with us and the rest of the Council. He helped us aspire to be more as a community,” he added.

Rodriguez will remember Rex Bell’s cool approach to issues as well as his quiet, kind demeanor, which is what many fellow council people will miss “We were having some tension over water rates and water billing and things like that, and one of the things he said that I won’t forget was, ‘The one thing we never want to do is lose our people. If we don’t have a people,’ meaning a community, ‘then there’s no point in anything we’re doing.’ Let’s not lose our people.’ We all just took a proverbial moment of silence and focused back on what it is that we really do,” Rodriguez added.

“It became obvious that he will be missed. It was wonderful to hear the Council members recalling phrases that Rex often repeated as they worked together for so many years. There was an obvious appreciation and admiration of Pastor Bell’s wise and calm presence,” commented Eric Nelson, Rocky Mountain Conference VP for administration who participated at the event in Brighton’s City Hall.

At the outset of the ceremony, Pastor Bell took time to pray for his fellow Council members and Congressman Coffman. Before the event, he “hoped for a moment to pray with him for America and the challenges of Washington currently,” he commented.

The contribution of Pastor Rex’s time and effort as a pastor and community leader “has been a major contributing factor in helping the Brighton Seventh-day Adventist Church be recognized as a church of significance to Brighton and it’s people,” Nelson concluded.

-- Rajmund Dabrowski: text and photo

Denver South Church Readies to Officially Welcome Associate Youth Pastor » The Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church looks forward to welcoming their new associate youth pastor, Pastor Miguel

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.

Hispanic Marriage Retreat

July 21, 22



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news! » News Nuggets is

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Archibeque on Sabbath, May 12. All are welcome to attend and join the special luncheon following the worship service with the opportunity to meet and greet the newest addition to



the pastoral staff.

Pastor Mikey, as he is best known, was born in Wichita, Kansas where he grew up with his parents, two sisters and one brother. He attended Union College, where he also graduated and found his call to pastoral ministry and a passion

to live for Christ. He began working in youth ministry at age 15 at summer camp and has continued to follow this passion.

After graduation, he went to Blue Mountain Academy and worked as an assistant dean and assistant chaplain and worked during the summer as director of the conference traveling camp, "Cool Camp."

He left the East Coast for warm water, beautiful beaches, and volcanoes in Hawaii, where he served for two years as a youth intern pastor and assistant to the youth director. He continues to learn more and more about the deep love of Jesus.

His hobbies include singing, hiking, swimming in the ocean, reading, traveling, talking story, and loving people. His passion is youth and children's ministry.

-- Christian Martin; photo supplied

First Disaster Response Simulation Held in Rocky Mountain Conference »

Rocky Mountain Conference Adventist Community Services held its first Disaster Response Simulation at H.M.S Richards Elementary School the morning of Sunday, April 22. Thirty volunteers from three states gained hands-on experience which prepared them to respond to a disaster.




"The leadership team for RMC's Disaster Response felt that doing the simulation would allow volunteers to have extended

tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

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training," said Cathy Kissner, ACS Director. "Previously, we presented just the theory of donations management," she explained. "Now we are offering the practical side."

The entire leadership team was involved in the training, giving leaders and volunteers the opportunity to meet and interact.

Guest attendees included Marshal and Julie Gonzales from the Texas Conference. Marshall is the ACS/ACSDR Director there.

-- RMCNews with Cathy Kissner

Grand Junction Church Joins* 11th Annual ShareFest »

Members of the Grand Junction Church participated in the 11th annual ShareFest weekend, April 28, 29, an opportunity to "take the church into the community and show the love of Jesus in tangible ways".



One group spent the day doing yard clean-up for an elderly woman in the community. By the end of the day, they had accumulated at least 12 extra large debris bags after weeding, rose bush trimming, mowing, and cleaning up the flower beds, according to team member Nathan Ridgley.

"I will definitely do it again next year," Ridgley said without hesitation. "We had

a good team and everyone served with smiles and a cheerful attitude."

The Katie Obreque family enjoyed working on this project together. One young member of the family, Ehli, asked if they would be doing ShareFest again next week too.



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"I like participating," shared Stacy Murphy, "because it feels good to be servants to those in need. It's also great," she continued, "to show our children that even though they're little, they can still make a difference and help those around them."

"It's great to give unconditional love to our neighbors with ShareFest," said David Klemm.

-- RMCNews; photos courtesy of GJSDA Church

Montrose Church Ladies Hold Tea in Old Events Center »

Almost 90 women from the Montrose Church held their annual women's tea, nearly overflowing the Old Montrose Events Center on March 30.



Wearing traditional hats, the women visited and enjoyed tea and sweet treats at tables set with beautiful bone china and colorful flower arrangements.

The event "takes a huge amount of preparation" according to one guest who explained that Ruth Morgan, Judy Kelley, and Jerilyn Pester made up the team that organized the affair.

Homegrown music was provided by the ladies and they enjoyed a speaker from Marble, along with Kari MacKensie.

The social event gave an opportunity to "meet women from other faith communities," said Leanna Molina.

Since the event grows each year, with the large attendance this year, it looks as though the group will be looking for a new venue for 2019.

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Sterling Man Honored for WWII Service »

A celebration was held for Dale Hurst, at the nursing home in Sterling where he lives, to show appreciation for his service during World War II. The April 5 party "was a joyous occasion" according to Donald Lopes, pastor of the Fort Morgan Church.

Family and friends attended the celebration where Hurst was given a quilt by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). "It's not my birth-day' he quipped, surprised that he was receiving a gift. He had no idea beforehand that the celebration in his honor would take place, nor that he would receive a gift.



"Thank you, Dale, for your military service," remarked Pastor Lopes. "We also want to thank all who have given sacrifice and service for our country."

-- RMCNews with Arcelie Lopes

Prayer Request For Former RMC Pastor Lonny Liebelt »

Lonny Liebelt, who pastored churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference for many years is currently at St Luke's Presbyterian Hospital in Denver where he is battling lymphoma after a two-year remission.

He and his family would appreciate special prayers for him, along with encouraging emails and cards from his Colorado church family. Cards can be mailed to Alonzo Liebelt P/SL Medical Center, [1719 East 19th Avenue Denver, CO 80218](#) Emails can be sent to: liebger@frontiernet.net

-- RMCNews with Mindy Liebelt

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 2018

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
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
Speaker: Mike Ryan		
Hispanic	Aug 31-Sept 3	Glacier View Ranch

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 beginning 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

Boulder Church » Boulder Adventist Church welcomes special guest speaker Sam Leonor this Sabbath, May 5. Pastor Sam will preach during the worship service at 9:30 a.m. and provide an afternoon lecture at 2:30 p.m. A Called men's ministries event will take place in the evening with Sam facilitating an informal discussion.

During the worship service, Pastor Sam will conclude the series Short Stories With Jesus with the sermon "Barn Burner" based on Luke 12:13-21.

Pastor Sam will present "Posture Shift: An Exploration of Attitudes Towards Marriage, Sex, and Relationships" during the afternoon program.

Sam Leonor is the student and faculty chaplain of La Sierra University. His ministry is marked by a call to radical faith in



Jesus. He loves finding ways to engage culture deeply for the sake of the Gospel. He has devoted his ministry to helping young adults bloom into a faith that is growing, mission oriented, and full of love.

For more information about any of our events, contact Senior Pastor Japhet De Oliveira. (japhet@boulder.church

Campion Academy » Sacred Spring Concert will be held at 7:30 on **May 11** at 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. Mr. 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

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>.

Fort Collins School » Fort Collins Christian School will start a state-licensed preschool (ages 3-5) and is seeking a **full-time preschool teacher** for 2018-2019 school year. Candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Family and Child Development, Child Psychology will be considered. Contact Keiko Breese at keikonagasawa821@gmail.com or call her at 970-222-6347 for more information.

HMS Richards Elementary » Located on the campus of Champion 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 SDA 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.

Mile High Academy Needs Third Grade Teacher

» Mile High Academy will be hiring a **third grade teacher** for the 2018-19 school year. We are looking for an individual who is passionate about teaching, a lifelong learner, and has a visible relationship with Jesus.

If interested, contact Diane Harris dharris@rmcsda.org and Toakase Vunileva tvunileva@milehighacademy.org

Student Literature Evangelist Coordinator »

Joe Martin has announced that he will be retiring this June.

"We're sorry Joe is retiring," said RMC President Ed Barnett.

"He has big shoes to fill and we are looking for someone to fill them. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our office at 303-282-3635 and ask for Human Resources.

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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,

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--Editor

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