Geography Comes to Life at SonShine Academy

Students at SonShine Academy in Worland recently experienced a taste of Romania when Pastor Steve and Samantha Nelson provided them with a delicious hot lunch, Romanian style. Much to the surprise of the adults, the kids really enjoyed the traditional Romanian sarmales or cabbage rolls.

In addition to being able to taste Romanian food, each student received a small Romanian flag and a handcrafted toy from Romania.

Wearing outfits handmade by Samantha's cousin nearly 50 years ago from the region of Rustior, Bistrita-Nasaud in Romania, the Nelsons shared photos taken during their trip.

In preparation for the Nelson's return from mission work with The Hope of Survivors in Romania, the students had learned, among other things, about the history, geography, capitol and president of Romania.
Students also enjoyed a video sent by Romanian students. All in all, it was a great geography lesson!

-- RMCNews with Samantha Nelson; photos by Annette Treat

**Campion's Soccer and Volleyball Teams Play Hard at Union College Tournaments**  » The boys' soccer and ladies' volleyball teams from Campion Academy traveled to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska last Wednesday where they competed among 12 volleyball and ten soccer teams in the annual tournaments. All day Thursday and Friday, they fought in the competitions leading up to the championship games held Saturday night.

Coached by Campion's athletic coordinator Mr. Ottschofski, the boys' soccer team earned a spot in the Saturday night championship and played against North Dallas Adventist Academy, winning by two points and taking home 1st place for the third year in a row. Campion junior Giovanni Maldonado remarked, "This tournament was such an emotional roller coaster. Our win was very hard fought."

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Hispanic INTEL Class**
  - November 2 - 3

- **Hispanic Marriage Retreat**
  - July 21, 22

- **Hispanic Pastors Meeting**
  - November 5

- **Hispanic Lay Leaders Training**
  - November 11

- **Staff Meeting**
  - November 20

- **Thanksgiving -- Office Closed at Noon**
  - November 21

- **Thanksgiving Day -- Office Closed**
  - November 22

- **Hispanic INTEL Graduation**
  - Sunday, December 2

- **Staff Meeting**
  - December 17

- **GVR Board**
  - December 18

- **RMC Property and Trust**
  - 9:30 a.m. December 19

- **Pastors Meeting**
  - January 6 - 9

- **NAD Adventist Ministries Convention**
  - January 16

- **Executive Committee**
  - 9:30 a.m. January 22

- **Wyoming Taskforce Meeting**
  - February 19
With Kelsey Cate and Codi Jahnnd coaching, the ladies’ volleyball team took home 9th place, coming in at the top of their bracket. "We played hard and really came together as a team," commented Julia Barber, junior at Campion.
"We are so proud of our players for their hustle, dedication, and good sportsmanship both on and off the field during tournament and throughout this season."
-- Ashley Herber; photos supplied

**VRA Collaborates with Eerie Chamber of Commerce**
Vista Ridge Academy and the Erie Chamber of Commerce joined together to host the first ever Preschool Fair in the town of Erie on October 11. Held at Calvary Bible Church, 13 local preschools were represented.

According to Marsha Bartulec, the Vice Principal of Vista Ridge Academy, many new families are unsure and overwhelmed when it comes to picking the best preschool for their kids. "The Preschool Fair gave parents in the community an opportunity to visit and learn about preschools in the area, all in one place, and allowed each family to decide which institution will provide the best educational environment for their child," shared Bartulec, who sees the importance of the community and the families who live in the Town of Erie.
"I think it’s important that we all work together, get to know our schools and our students and help parents find the best place to fill their educational needs."

**Story Guidelines: We want to share your news!**
News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our 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 -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to nuggets@rmcsda.org so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.
Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.
To learn more about Vista Ridge Academy’s Preschool, visit www.vistaridge.org and attend the upcoming Open House from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30, -- Marsha Bartulec; text and photos

LifeSource Fellowship Holds Another Outdoor Communion » For the fourth year, LifeSource Adventist Fellowship held communion outdoors October 6 on the sidewalk in front of the chapel with a table stretching all the way from the parking lot on one side of the church to the parking lot on the other side.

Close to 180 people gathered at the tables that took organizers all day Friday to set up, including tables, chairs, awning, place settings and decor.
"Eating was an important part of the early church," said Dany Hernandez, LifeSource pastor, "and we just don't do it enough."

Church members love the idea of sharing communion around a table and around conversation, Hernandez explained. When people gather around a table, conversation naturally flows.

With children playing on the nearby lawn, members sang along with guitar music and responded to questions designed to encourage thought and sharing.

"It’s beautiful to see the church engaged in sharing their stories and allowing their stories to be a gift to others," Hernandez expressed.

-- Carol Bolden; photo by Dany Hernandez
ANNUCSTMENTS

HMS Richards School » HMS Richards Elementary school and Campion Academy invite the community to join them for a carnival of food, fun, and games at the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Campion Academy gym. Dress in your coolest tropical attire and get ready to do the limbo (yes, literally)!

Denver West Church » The Women's Ministry at Denver West Church invites you to attend their annual luncheon from 1-3:30 p.m., Sunday, November 4. Our speaker is DeeAnn Bragaw, director of women's ministries for the Rocky Mountain Conference. The luncheon is free. Dress is casual. For more information, contact Mona Fellers at fellers.ma@gmail.com or call 303-903-1526. The church is located at 290 S Quitman Street, Denver.

Brighton Academy » The school's 3rd annual Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 4 at Brighton Adventist Academy gymnasium. It's your one-stop holiday shop for handmade crafts, decor, fashion, jewelry, wood crafts, bakes goods, and much more! Admission is free. Open to the public. Food and drink available for purchase all day. For more information, call 303-659-1999. Brighton Adventist Academy is located at 820 South 5th, Brighton CO 80601.

Vista Ridge Academy » Join us for a fun family evening on Saturday, November 10, from 6 p.m to 9 p.m., as Vista Ridge Academy presents its popular annual Fall Festival. Lots of great food, fun activities for all ages, and quality items at the silent auction. Enjoy yourself and help support the school!
Mile High Academy » Immediate openings are available for substitute teachers for all grade levels at Mile High Academy. Applicants should have experience working with children and be able to maintain a positive classroom environment while carrying out the teacher’s lesson plans in classrooms as assigned. High school diploma required. Bachelors or some college preferred. Days/hours are on an as-needed basis. For more information, please contact Brenda Rodie at 303-744-1069. For an application, send an email request to HR@rmcsda.org.

HMS Richards Elementary » Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ (970) 667-2427.

Vista Ridge Academy » Seeking candidates for a Part-time Extended Care Supervisor (8-10 hours per week). Candidates must be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and available to work after school. For more information, please contact Sandy Hodgson at 303.828.4944 or shodgson@vistaridge.org.

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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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/](http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/)

--Editor

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