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Students Meet Medal of Honor Recipients » More than 40 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients were in Pueblo, Colorado during the week of September 11 for the 2017 Congressional Medal of Honor Society Convention. Recipients attended a special breakfast at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library with 2016 and 2017 Home of Heroes Essay contest winners.



Out of the hundreds of entries, Grant and Collin Velbis, students at Daystar Christian School were winners of this contest and sat at the table for breakfast with retired 1st Lieutenant James Taylor. They were also able to meet and shake hands with many of the other recipients.

Grant, now a sophomore at Champion Academy, said, "Getting to meet a Medal of Honor recipient in real life was definitely an amazing experience! They are the nicest, most humble guys you'll ever meet, and they have a great sense of humor too. I think my favorite part was when one recipient actually let me hold his medal! I was in awe, and didn't even know what to say. All I can say now, though, is 'Thank you to the brave men and women who fight for our country every day.'"

When asked what his best advice for young people was, Mr. Taylor, who served in Vietnam, answered that never giving up, having a team, mentality pushing yourself, and learning from mistakes would help any person be successful. He also said to listen to your teachers and parents because they have a lot of wisdom to help you get where you need to

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Upcoming Events

**Health to the MAX --
Mark Finley Meeting**

September 16, 7:00 p.m. -

go in life.

“Having the opportunity to meet these men who were so selfless and brave was a blessing. I was humbled at their stories,” said Collin. “I was so honored to have these moments with men that have served our country and gone beyond the call of duty.” [Michelle Velbis; photo by Erwin Velbis]

Health To The Max Inspires to the Max » A week’s worth of presentations by Mark and Ernestine Finley and Des Cummings, will culminate Saturday night, September 23 at Denver South Church with the final presentation, The 21st Century Longevity Diet.



Attendance has hovered between 250 and 500 and the enthusiastic crowd is being inspired to live healthier lives, spurred on by Tina Finley’s presentations on nutritious healthy vegetarian cooking, by Des Cummings’ insights into healthy thinking and healthy living, and by Mark Finley’s nightly wrap-up which ties healthy living, eating and spirituality into a nicely-integrated bundle.

Tuesday night, Mark roped Tina into demonstrating her agility by jumping rope forwards and backwards on stage. She is 72.

Wednesday night, Des shared the story of Sheila McThenia who fought cancer at 30 and became an oncologist at 40.

Reaching her by phone, the audience was able to hear her speak of her experience.

Each night holds its surprises and special interest stories. Arvan is so inspired by what he has heard that he hasn’t missed a night. “The presentations are very professionally done,” he said.

[RMCNews; photo by Carol Bolden]

Lighthouse School Offers Leadership/Entrepreneurship Classes » At Lighthouse Christian School, students in grades 5-8 are catching the vision of leadership through the help of Pastor

September 23, 9:00 p.m.

One Day Women's Retreat

September 17, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

VOP Boot Camp

September 29, 7:00 p.m. - October 1, 9:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)

September 30, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hispanic Evangelism Training (Grand Junction)

October 1, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting

October 3, 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Western Slope Women's Retreat

October 6, 8:00 a.m. - October 8, 6 p.m.

GVR Board

October 17, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

October 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hispanic Youth Congress

October 20, 6:00 a.m. - October 22, 6:00 p.m.



Rex Bell. Pastor of the Fort Morgan Church, he is the director and creator of a new monthly Leadership and Entrepreneurship program.



Students were overjoyed on kick-off day, September 15. “Is this real?! Wow! I can’t believe it!” replied thirteen ecstatic students who were on Cloud Nine. Each had received a crisp, fifty-dollar bill as a challenge to use wise leadership and entrepreneurial skills to see what they could make of this unexpected gift.

“I am going to buy ingredients to make cookies, then sell the cookies in my neighborhood!” reported Noeli Hernandez, grade five. “I think I am going to put my money into a savings account to earn interest to pay for academy tuition,” voiced Kyra Baquera, grade six. “My money is going straight into my savings account, too!” added Clark Cinco, grade eight.

During the presentation, Pastor Bell inspired students to be brave leaders. “Leadership is influence. Everyone is a leader because everyone has influence. What kind of leader will you be?” Students were reminded that part of leadership is money management. After sharing the parable of the talents as found in Matthew 25, Pastor Bell presented each student with their fifty-dollar bill. “Use your leadership skills wisely,” Pastor Bell told them, “because in January, you will report to the group what you did with your fifty dollars, and then you will receive another fifty dollars!”

Lighthouse students were also honored by guest speakers - Ed Barnett, RMC presiden;, and Kelly Siebrands, owner of the Fort Morgan State Farm Agency. Painting a picture of leadership, Barnett told them, “God calls young people to become leaders.” He pointed to the life of Samuel and Joseph, young men who served as strong leaders. “The key to leadership is walking with Jesus every day. Christian leadership is all about being faithful to God.” He ended by sharing his story of how God called him to be a minister at age fourteen.

Mr. Kelly Siebrands concluded by sharing specific strategies and secrets of being a successful entrepreneur.

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.**

“Leadership comes with responsibility. Use your community’s resources to help your money grow.” He explained how savings accounts and the stock market work, and told them that choices involve risks. “Remember, people will judge you based on how you act. It doesn’t matter if you have a million dollars if you are horrible to others.”

Lighthouse students look forward to hearing more each month from Kelly, who will go into greater depth with the students on the subject of investments.

[Text and photo by Jodie Aakko]

Mile High Academy Has Sister School in China »

For the past year, Mile High Academy has been working on opening a sister campus in China. The sister school is located in the Guangdong province in the city of Shunde and is about 150 miles north of Hong Kong. The Guangdong Experimental Shunde School is an international program run as Mile High Academy Shunde.

"This has been a unique journey and an amazing opportunity to share our CHERISH core values, our curriculum and the mission of MHA with a global community, said MHA principal Kase Vunileva. "I truly believe that God has opened this door and I look forward to how this partnership will open doors for global learning and our desire to share the gospel.



Earlier this month, Principal Vunileva had the honor of opening this program in Shunde China with 40 students. Sharing this experience by email with Mile High Academy students and faculty, Kase said, "Our Mustang nation grew by 40 students this morning and we are excited to welcome these students into the legacy and history of MHA.

For questions on this and any other programs currently going on at Mile High Academy please contact us at info@milehighacademy.org.

[RMCNews with Toakase Vunileva]

Boulder Church Band Plays for Annual PorchFest

» Boulder Adventist Church's in-house band, Chapels & Cathedrals, performed for the third year running at Mapleton Hill's annual PorchFest on **Sunday, September 17, 2017**. There are currently more than 60 PorchFests in the U.S. and Canada. These local neighborhood gatherings focus on celebrating community and local music. Mapleton Hill, Boulder's oldest neighborhood, began its annual PorchFest in 2012. This year's event included a kids parade, food trucks, and 22 musical acts on 22 porches.

Organizers estimate that more than 1,000 people attended the event this year, making it the most successful of the six events that have taken place in the neighborhood so far.



Boulder Adventist Church has been an integral part of the Mapleton Hill neighborhood for more than a hundred years. Pastor Jessyka Albert, who coordinates the church's participation in the event and is on the organizing committee, says, "PorchFest is one of the many incredible ways that Mapleton Hill emphasizes local involvement. Boulder Church is proud to be an integral part of the rich history here in Boulder."

Joining our porch along with Chapels & Cathedrals was Kim Roppo, owner and founder of Pindrop Coffee, and our friends from the Museum of Boulder. "Looking to the future," Jessyka continues, "I'm excited to see the ways that Boulder Church can continue to make more connections with the people and places around us. We're proud to be a part of the history of Mapleton Hill, and it's an honor to be a part of the present and future as well!"

[Text and photo by Becky De Oliveira]

Women's Retreat » More than 70 women attended the RMC Women's Retreat for Denver and NE Colorado at Pinehurst Country Club in Denver. Held September 17, the women's retreat brought together women who often see each other only during the annual get-together..



The theme, *The Best is Yet to Come*, focused on the hope that God has revealed through the exploration of the stories of Adam and Eve, Ruth and Naomi, and Jesus and Mary and the anticipation that through these stories, we would comprehend the concept of hope and redemption.

Featured speakers were Jaclynn Huse and her 17 year old daughter, Shelby, from Collegedale, Tennessee where Jaclynn is a professor of nursing at Southern Adventist University and Shelby is a senior at Georgia Cumberland Academy.

Jaclynn and Shelby encouraged the women to fully experience the new beginnings that the Lord offers and the opportunity to use these experiences to identify their purpose and to draw closer to their Lord. An enthusiastic praise group, headed by Lonna Phillips, led the women in worship.

The anticipation that *The Best Is Yet to Come* is an encouragement that these women can embrace for the future.

[Kay Wakefield; photo by DeeAnn Bragaw]

ADU Denver Experiences Record Growth » In 2009, Adventist University of Health Sciences responded to an invitation from Porter Adventist Hospital to open a satellite campus in Denver. Since both Centura Health and Adventist University are part of Adventist Health System, this partnership made sense. It was the beginning of quite the journey!



Starting with just one program offered, Radiography, and meager class sizes of 1 to 2 students, growth was far from exponential at first. But determination, hard work, and much prayer have paid off and the seed that ADU planted is growing into a campus filled with students who are passionate about faith-based education and healthcare as ministry.

Now in 2017, ADU has expanded its offerings to 3 different programs including Nursing, Sonography, and Radiography. The campus is home to nearly 50 students and has experienced a 20% jump in enrollment since 2016. ADU Denver students from each program are graduating and extending ADU's mission of "healthcare as a ministry" to the surrounding Colorado community. More than 50% of ADU Denver's graduates have been hired into Centura Health facilities upon graduation. ADU is also offering a dual enrollment course to seniors at Mile High Academy this year.

Katie Shaw, COO, joined the Denver team from the main campus in Orlando in 2016. Her leadership has helped kickstart this growth. "The future is bright for ADU Denver and we all can't wait to see what is in store for the campus and, most importantly, for our students!" Shaw says.

For more information on ADU Denver's programs or to request a tour, please visit www.adu.edu/denver or call Chris Feldbush at 303-765-6276.

PRAYER CORNER

"In my distress I called to the Lord: I cried to my God for help. From His temple He *heard my voice*; my cry came before him, into his ears." Psalm 18:6

Our hearts ache for those dealing with hurricane, fire, flood, and earthquake. Let's press together in prayer for one another - *Our God hears!*

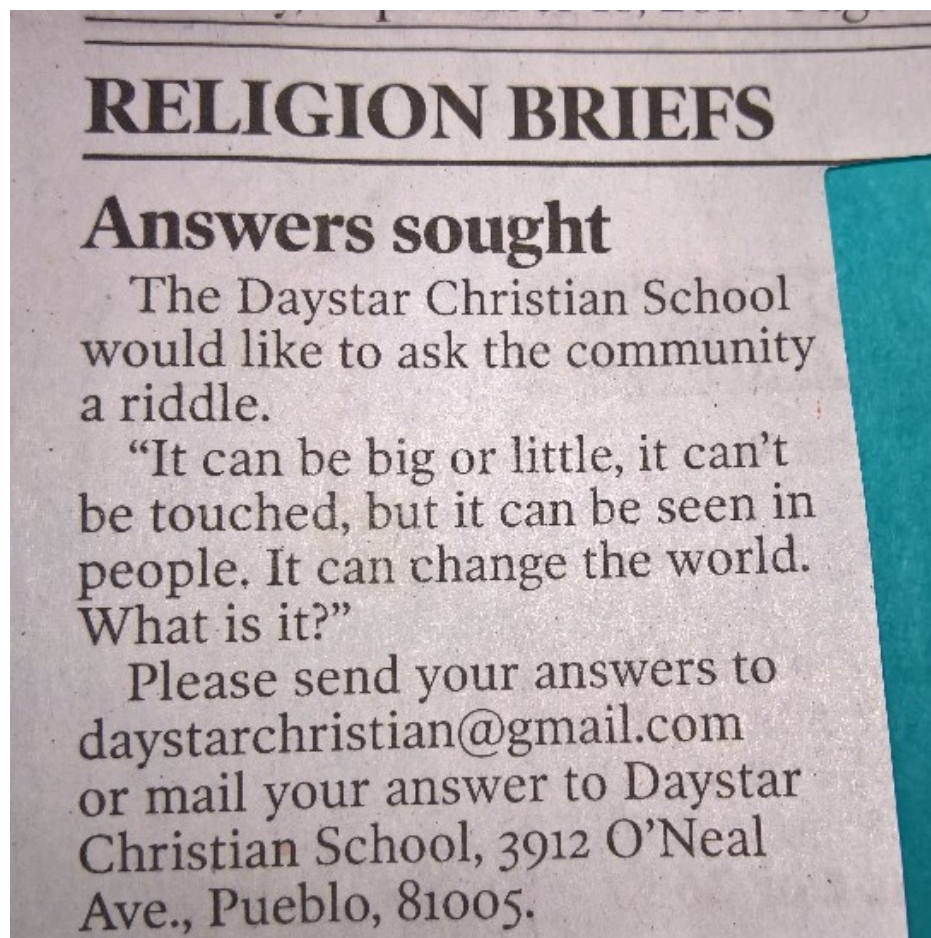
You're invited to join us each Wednesday morning from 6:30-7:30 a.m. on our conference prayer call: [605-468-8026](tel:6054688026) Access code 1010801#

FAMILY LIFE



"Children are attracted by a cheerful, sunny demeanor. Show them kindness and courtesy, and they will manifest the same spirit toward you and toward one another." The Adventist Home, by Ellen White, p. 421.

CREATIVE COMMUNITY PRESENCE



CELEBRATE YOUR PASTOR

Just weeks away, the month of October will offer the opportunity to recognize pastors throughout Rocky Mountain Conference in a special way. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to express special appreciation to the pastors God has allowed to impact lives within our church. A time to surprise your minister with a special moment showing how meaningful their leadership is to your congregation and community.



Time to plan something special and let your creativity shine in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a - "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voice of Prophecy Boot Camp with Shawn Boonstra

Where: Mile High Academy – 1733 Dad Clark Dr., Littleton

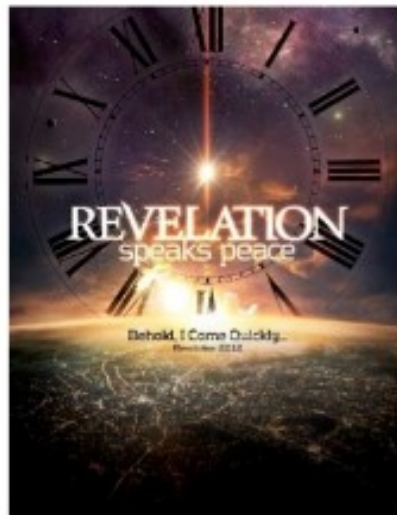
When: Friday – 7 to 9pm, Sabbath – 9:30am to 6pm &
Sunday – 9 to 12:30pm ~ September 29 – Oct 1

Shawn Boonstra and the VOP Staff will conduct a special training weekend in preparation for the upcoming Denver Revelation Speaks Peace series in January 2018.

Presentations by Shawn Boonstra
Prepare, Believe & Pray

Seminars and training in:
Sharing your Testimony ~ Making Visits
What They Believe ~ Unity in the Body ~ Gaining Decisions

Specific training for:
Discover Bible School Coordinators,
Student Record System Coordinators and Prayer
Coordinators



Campion Church » Campion's Family Life Ministries Life Development Center learning opportunity for enrichment and personal growth is open to church members and the community beginning **September 6** and continuing **each Wednesday evening at 6:30** until October 18. These seminars will include:

***Financial Peace University** taught through Dave Ramsey videos and facilitated by Bill Hay who has been involved in planned giving, estate planning and trust services for 25 years.

***Grief, Death and Loss: How to Help Yourself and Others.** Facilitated by hospice chaplain Mark Atwood and professional counselor Sandy Eickmann, the course will

cover grief after a traumatic death, children and grief, men and grief, saying good-bye, guilt, self-care for the survivor, and other topics.

***How to Study the Bible** will be taught by Dick Stenbakken, EdD, using a textbook by Rick Warren. Not a theological study, the course will cover basic skills, methods, and materials and will teach the student that he/she can study any topic or Bible book for themselves and gain insight while being faithful to the text.

***My Bible and I: Difficult Bible Texts Explained.** This question and answer seminar will be led by a panel made up of Kim Mehlenbacher, Chuck Paulien, Alex Rodriguez, and Ben Trujillo and will take the place of the regular Power of Prayer meeting.

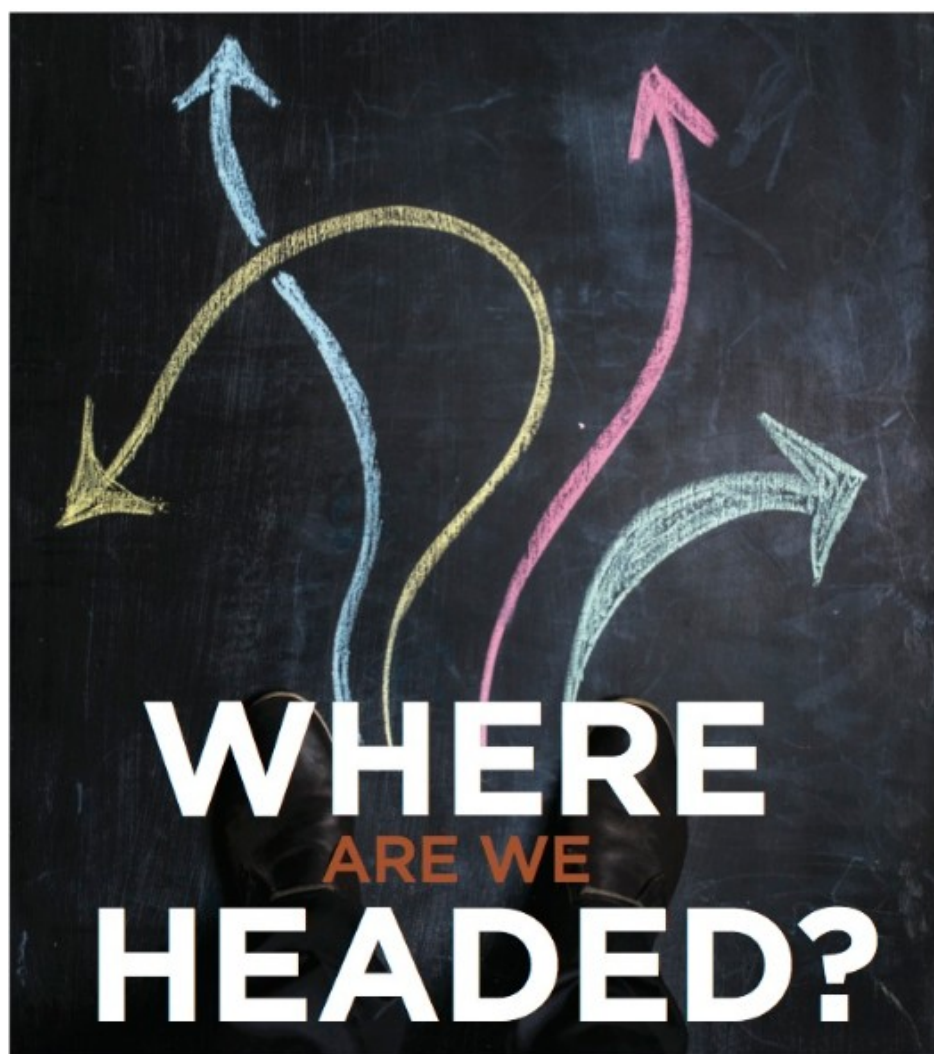
If you would like to attend one of these courses, please register by calling 970-667-7403 so that sufficient books and handouts can be available. Childcare will be provided, but you must register for this as well to insure adequate care providers. All classes will meet in academy classrooms.



Unveiling Revelation, a seminar hosted by Carlos Munoz, is taking place at the Windsor Rec Center from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following nights: **September 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16.**

The seminar will move to Windsor Middle School Cafeteria, 900 Main Street (Hwy 392) for the following dates: September 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 and October 2, 3, 5, 6, 7. No meetings will be held on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. For more information, call 970-330-1330.

Twin Peaks Church » CELEBRATING LIFE, a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters, takes a biblical approach to restoring people to sanity. Participants will be part of a supportive group who will open up to each other and to God, allowing His Spirit to lead them into healing. Begins August 17 and continues every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. **through November 16** at the Twin Peaks Church, 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.



Sanitas Lectureship » A special one-day event with William G. Johnsson will be held **September 23** based on his recent book, *Where Are We Headed? Adventism After San Antonio*. Q & A after sessions:

9:30 a.m. -- It's All About Jesus

11:00 a.m. -- *Will the Women's Issue Split the Church?*

2:00 p.m. -- *The Promise of Adventism*

Boulder Church is located at 345 Mapleton Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80304, www.boulder.church

The Sanitas Lectureship was established in 2016 to create a safe space for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible. The annual event includes presentations from world-renowned Old and New Testament scholars designed to demonstrate how the God of the Bible continues to work on the shared story of humanity.



International Worship Service

September 30, 2017

10:30 am

Featuring:

Filipino Choir

A Russian Choir

African International Choir

La Vida Indian Mission Children's Choir

A Special Feature on Rwanda

With Special Guest Speaker,

Pastor Florin Liga of Romania



International Worship Celebration » Colorado

Springs Central Church is hosting its fifth annual International Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. **September 30**. This international worship service includes music from a Kenyan and a Filipino choir, Russian quartet and La Vida Indian Children's Choir. The service will feature Dr. Florin Liga of Romania as guest speaker. A Taste of the Nations International Luncheon will follow the service at 1:30 p.m. in the Springs Adventist Academy gymnasium. For more information, click [here](#).

Fort Lupton Church » Health to the MAX, a multi-media

event will be held at the Fort Lupton Church beginning at 7 p.m., **October 7** and continuing nightly through Saturday, October 14. Enjoy these video presentations by Mark Finley, MA, D Div., Ernestine Finley, BA, BS, and Des Cummings, Ph.D steering you toward a healthier lifestyle. Develop a personal health strategy while reducing the risk of heart

disease and cancer and making positive life-changing choices. Learn to prepare tasty, plant-based dishes and increase your energy levels and reduce fatigue.

La Vida Mission Supply Drive » A new needs and wish list for La Vida Mission is now available here. The truck will pick up items from churches beginning Sunday, November 5 and delivering the items to La Vida Mission on Wednesday, November 8. See the supply drive schedule [here](#). If you have furniture or larger items, please contact Cathy Kissner before your day of delivery so that plans can be in place for loading your items. Thank you for your help in supporting La Vida Mission.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference is accepting applications for a part-time (28 hours/week) receptionist/membership clerk. This position will manage the main front desk/multi-line switchboard and greet guests to the conference. Qualified candidates will be professional, outgoing, and friendly. In addition, the right person will be computer savvy and have a demonstrated track record for attention to detail and use of discretion in confidential matters, including membership records. Work hours will be Monday --Thursday, 9:00am - 5:00pm with an hour lunch. For more information regarding the position, please visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-pt-receptionist>. To apply, please contact Human Resources at vivienv@rmcsda.org or [303-282-3653](tel:303-282-3653) to request an application.

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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.

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--Editor

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