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From the desk of Gary Thurber

NEWS & NUGGETS






RMC pastors thank Al Williams for his support » At the close of the August pastors' meetings at **Glacier View Ranch** in Ward, Colo., the pastors said, "Thank You!" to **Al Williams** for his constant support over the years as the ministerial director for the conference. The pastors concluded with a special prayer as Al begins a new chapter in ministry for the Lord. Al Williams will coordinate the **Awaken Wyoming** initiative in his retirement.




Mills Spring Ranch hosts outdoor education camp »

This week, a very impactful outdoor education camp for students from two Adventist schools took place at **Mills Spring Ranch** on Casper Mountain in Wyoming. [Read the wonderful report](#) sent to us by **Michael Hopkins**, ranch manager.



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Upcoming Events

RMC Camp Meeting Dates

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Aug. 30–Sept. 2
 Glacier View Ranch
 Ward, Colo.



Hispanic Camp Meeting takes place at GVR » Members and pastors from churches throughout the Rocky Mountain Conference converged at **Glacier View Ranch** in Ward, Colo., from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1. The theme for the weekend gathering was “The Remnant and the Final Crisis,” with guest speakers **Pastor Felix H. Cortez** and **Pastor Esteban Bohr**. **Pastor Efrain Maldonado** spoke to the youth, and **Pastor Ruben Balaguer** spoke to the younger children. About 800 were in attendance for this Spirit-filled weekend.

The Pueblo Church honors and thanks Dave Walker for his teaching ministry »

For 14 years, **Dave Walker** has taught and been the principal at the



Daystar Christian School in Pueblo, Colo. Dave is much-loved, and has made a huge difference in the lives of the young people there, as you will understand when you [read the article sent to us](#) by **Linda Jackson** regarding Dave's years of service.



Larry Ford to hold concert at the Campion Church »

Larry Ford has sung on many stages, including on the Bill Gaither homecoming programs. The concert planned for **Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Campion Church** in Loveland, Colo., is free, and all are invited. [Read more about Ford's life](#), dedicated to singing the good news of the gospel of Jesus

Christ, or call **Marilynn Jackson** at 303-885-4793 for more information.

Michael Hopkins accepts call to Florida » **Michael Hopkins**, who has been serving as manager of **Mills Spring Ranch** in Wyoming, accepted a call to work at **Camp Kulaqua** in the **Florida Conference**.

Michael and his wife, **Alicia**, and their children, **Levi** and **Everly**, will be missed greatly. Michael has been a tremendous blessing at Mills Spring Ranch and to the ministry that has taken place there.



Contact: [Ruben Rivera](#)

Women's Ministry Seaside Escape

Sept. 13–15
Farmington, N.M.

Oct. 11–13
Glacier View Ranch
Ward, Colo.

The **Seaside Escape** retreat is a great event to invite a co-worker, neighbor or friend to attend. We'll dig deeper into the story of Sarah and Hagar, and bask in God's presence. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to fellowship with women from around the Rocky Mountain Conference!

Contact [Ginger Bell](#) for more information.

RMC Men's Advance

Sept. 20–22
Lake City, Colo.
Redcloud Ranch

Contact [Marv Olson](#) more information.

From the RMC Calendar:

[Womens Retreat - Wyoming](#)

September 13, 2013

Contact: Karen Fettig

[Women's Seaside Escape Retreat & Leadership Seminar](#)

September 13, 2013

Facilitator: Dee Ann Bragaw
Contact: Ginger Bell @ 720-980-9006 Sunday: Women's Ministry & Leadership Seminar

[Campion Academy Board](#)

September 16, 2013 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Men's Retreat](#)

September 20, 2013

Contact: Marv Olson for information and registration

[Finance Committee](#)



Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to host a 9News Health Fair » The **Castle Rock Adventist Hospital** campus, **9News Health Fairs**, and the **Rotary Clubs of Douglas County** are joining forces to bring a **9News Health Fair** to Castle Rock, Colo. The event will take place **Sept. 29**. To learn more, [read the press release](#) about this event.

Union College has a higher-than-expected enrollment for the 2013 fall semester » I just received some great news today from **John Wagner**, president of **Union College**. The school budgeted for an 800-student enrollment. As of today, they have **832 students** enrolled, with more expected to arrive. Praise the Lord! Let's keep Union College in our prayers.



Lakewood Fellowship holds Revelation seminar » We received a great report from lay leader **Chuck Gadway**. On Aug. 16, **Lakewood Fellowship** in Colorado offered a Revelation seminar for the community. There have been as many as **45 visitors** attending, and approximately 27 are attending on a regular basis. Let's keep the presenters in our prayers as they continue to lift up Jesus in these meetings.

On the road » This week, Diane and I are with the **Mid-America Union** officers in Victoria, B.C., for a retreat. Our time has been spent in worship, prayer and planning for the future. I will say we have a very Spirit-filled group of leaders in the Mid-America Union. After spending the Sabbath here, Diane and I will head back to Colorado, where we have a full week of activities planned.



I want to invite you to pray for the **Boulder Church** and **Franktown District**, as both are in the process of searching for a new pastor. More than anything, each of us just wants the Lord to have His way.

Have a blessed Sabbath!

September 24, 2013 8:00 am - 9:30 am

[Executive Committee](#)

September 24, 2013 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

["Seaside Escape" Women's Retreat & Women's Ministry Leadership Training Event](#)

October 11, 2013

[GVR Board](#)

October 15, 2013 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[RMC Property & Trust Committee](#)

October 16, 2013 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

[Campion Academy Board](#)

November 18, 2013 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Finance Committee](#)

November 26, 2013 8:00 am - 9:30 am

[Executive Committee](#)

November 26, 2013 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



Elder Gary Thurber

Rocky Mountain Conference president

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