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### **Adventure Church Attracts Community at Annual Summer Fiesta »**

Delicious Mexican food, old-fashioned hand-cranked ice cream, and various activities for kids and families to enjoy, and all free of charge, were featured at the fifth annual Summer Fiesta in Greeley, June 19. It was hosted by The Adventure Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Church pastor Mitch Williams explained the fiesta, funded by the church's evangelism budget, is an invite-event, meaning church members are to invite friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. In doing so, the church's outreach brings people on church grounds in a safe and friendly manner.

According to Mitch, another aspect of outreach at this event is drawing families and kids to the Adventure Church vacation bible school program, advertised during the fiesta.

Amongst the visitors were also members of a sister-congregation, Greeley Seventh-day Adventist Church, who came in support, as was a reporter of the Associated Press, which published a human interest story about the event.

"This [story] serves as an example—we're always going to be an influence in the community," enthusiastically shared Mitch, "and that we need to continue being vigilant in making a difference in the community, whether it be going out to the people or hosting self-need events at our church."

Much activity goes on at The Adventure Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mitch hinted. The summer fiesta is not the only way Adventure Church is reaching community members.

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Independence Day -- Office Closed**

July 4

### **Staff Meeting**

July 5, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The church also holds a free annual concert featuring well-known Christian artists. The church will host musical artist Aaron Shust on September 11. An annual Valentine's social highlighting marriages is another popular event.

Assisted by the local hospital, blood drives are held on church grounds, and every month church members help feed the hungry at the Guadalupe Community Shelter.

In addition, a diaper ministry to help impoverished mothers and a community garden have recently been initiated.

"The best way to serve is through relationships," Mitch summarized.

[Stefani Leeper; photo by Manuel Montoya]

### **Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp Just Days Away »**



Based in the Casper Mountains of Wyoming, the camp features a variety of activities for children and teens ages 9-17. The campout

features horseback riding, rock climbing, mountain biking, archery, sports and recreation, crafts, and other camp programs. It runs from July 17 to July 24. There will also be an Adventurer Campout at the ranch from July 8 to July 10.

This year's theme is Forever Flawless. Kiefer Dooley, a newly appointed RMC assistant youth director who will oversee the Wyoming Camp activities, explained the summer theme is consistent throughout the entire youth department, including Glacier View Ranch, Pathfinders, and youth department events.

The goal of the camp, said Steve Hamilton, RMC youth leader, is "to serve the constituent members of Wyoming well as their home state camp, as well as our user



groups, and to be intentional in utilizing it as an evangelistic resource." Another opportunity offered by the camp is the potential to increase the number of non-Adventist campers.

The draw?

"Mills Spring Ranch is unique in that it has not been modernized and transformed into a retreat center," Steve shared, "so it offers a unique and outdoor-centric camp experience."

In 1964, the Mills Spring Ranch was donated by the Mills family to the Wyoming Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and currently is owned by the Rocky Mountain Conference.

This 200-acre camp offers several hiking trails, meadows, an archery range and golf course.

Registration for the summer camp costs \$210. To register, visit <http://rmcyouth.org/mills-spring-ranch-wyoming>, and for

### **Cowboy Camp Meeting**

July 6 - 10

### **Wyoming Camp Meeting**

July 12 - 16

### **Wyoming Taskforce**

July 16

### **Finance Committee**

July 19, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

### **Executive Committee**

July 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **Constitution & By-laws Committee**

July 19, 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Staff Meeting**

August 2, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### **Western Slope Camp Meeting**

August 3 - 6

### **Pastor & Teacher Meetings**

August 6 - 8

### **HR On-Boarding**

August 10

### **GVR Board**

August 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **RMC Property & Trust Committee**

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

### **Find out more...**

[Click here](#) for info on any of these events.



### **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

questions regarding registration, call 303.282.3664 or email [youth@rmcsda.org](mailto:youth@rmcsda.org). For additional information about Mills Spring Ranch, visit <http://www.millsspringranch.com/> or connect on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MillsSpringRanch/>.

[Stefani Leeper; photos provided by Anthony Handal]

### **Campion Students Befriend Elderly through ASSIST Program »**

Chris Johnson, a recent graduate of Campion Academy, found himself working in a place he had never expected—a nursing home. Granted, the Green House Homes at Mirasol, Loveland, are not typical hospital-style nursing homes, but Chris had no experience and was not even sure what the job entailed when he agreed to give ASSIST a try.



During the 2015-2016 school year, Campion was one of 151 schools qualified to receive the ASSIST grant. A grant-funded program managed by Southern Adventist University, ASSIST pairs students with senior citizens to build relationships and offer assistance. “Over 1,900 families committed to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education will be impacted by as much as \$2.4 million in tuition assistance. . . . And, through a practiced attitude of service on the part of the students, as many as 2,700 senior citizens are served currently through this grant,” Southern’s website reports.

Since 2008, ASSIST has provided an average of 10-11 Campion students with meaningful jobs each year, and in turn, the ASSIST grant provides 80% of student wages. Campion raises funds for the remaining amount.

Student Labor Coordinator Toni Odenthal explains student jobs like ASSIST “allow Campion students to work off part of their school bill and also teach them the skills needed to be good workers and thrive in the workplace.”

Chris spent two hours a day, five days a week with the residents, going for walks, watching TV, and talking with or reading to them from the newspaper. He shares, “It became a natural friendship over time; it wasn’t like I was working. Some of the elders were really sad to see me go. One of them said, ‘You’re like a grandson to me.’

“I grew socially by doing this,” Chris adds. “I kept a relationship with a house full of people, which is something I don’t usually do. I’m usually not a talker, but over there I learned to enjoy it. If I ever do any volunteering, I’d look to help with elderly again.”

According to Marisol’s website, the “The Green House® homes consist of six small residential houses accommodating 10 elders each. . . . The center of each home has an open kitchen where elders and direct care providers prepare and share meals together. Adjacent to the kitchen is a spacious living area with a fireplace that is the heart of the community. Each resident enjoys their own private room and bath.”

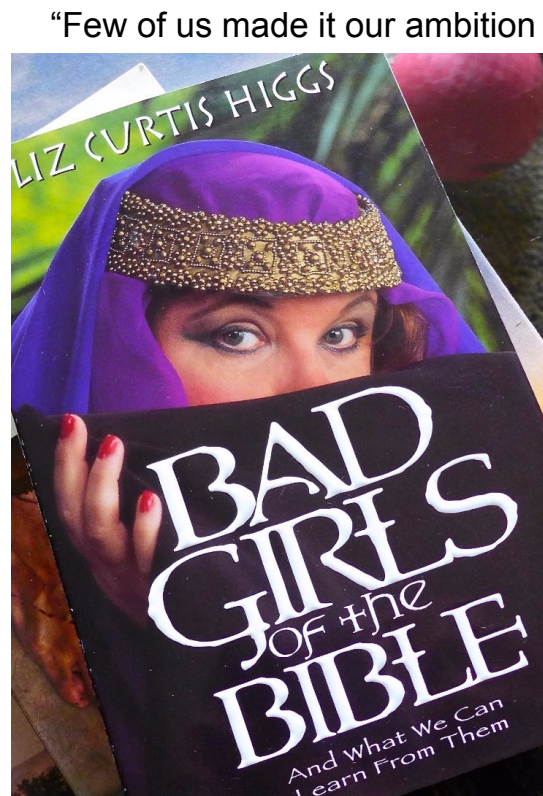
[Jennifer Sigler; photo by Toni Odenthal]

### **Flashback Friday: Bad Girls of the Bible »**

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](mailto: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.



“Few of us made it our ambition in life to be a *Bad Girl*. Still, for some of us, one day we looked in the mirror and there she was.”

This stinger of a fact opens Liz Curtis Higgs’ bestselling 1999 book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We can Learn from Them*. Although not one of WaterBrook Press’ most recent publications, the work continues to inspire and motivate Christian women who find

their lifestyles in conflict with Christian teachings.

Bloodied and fearing for her life, Ruthie is tossed and locked into her apartment by her all-too-aggressive boyfriend, and, like many biblical bad girls, isn’t sure how to dig herself out of the lifestyle her long list of poor choices led to—that is, until she turns back to Savior Jesus.

And guess what? Ruthie is teenage Lizz Higgs.

“For ten years I studied bunches of biblical role models and finally realized what we had in common: Zip. . . . Then I happened upon Jezebel, and something inside me clicked.”

Showing us how *not* to face the challenges of life, Lizz outlines the (fictionalized) contemporary lives of ten of the Bible’s most notorious bad girls. Following these engaging stories, Lizz demonstrates the lessons to be learned in a Bible lesson commentary. Concluding the chapter is a list of thought-provoking questions which act as a study guide.

The “Lizzy style commentary,” personal and conversational, creates the sensation of speaking with my spunky aunt Lori, whose “Listen, sister,” and “oh boy” phrase cliches roll off her tongue as often as they surf the pages of this book.

And perhaps the best part is that when she’s pointing out the flaws of our fearless heroines (and villains), she’s admittedly stepping on her own toes.

Liz has walked in their sandals, and she, like the lady at the well, is not afraid to share her testimony because in doing so the glory is given to our gracious Creator and Redeemer.

An author of Biblical, historical, children’s, and contemporary fiction, and also of Biblical nonfiction, Liz delivers in this first of a three-book bestselling series: *Bad Girls of the Bible*—a series I strongly recommend for any woman seeking to be inspired by the loving kindness and grace of God.

For more about Liz and her various writings, visit her website at <http://www.lizcurtishiggs.com/>.

[Stefani Leeper; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski]

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## RMC EVENTS

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**Glacier View Ranch Summer Camp:** Ages 7-17.

Cost \$265-315 (varies week to week). Discounts available.

Visit our website and watch our NEW Glacier View Ranch summer camp promo video at [rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo](http://rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo).

For more information, go to [rmcyouth.org/camp](http://rmcyouth.org/camp) or visit the new website at <http://www.glacierviewranch.com/>.



**Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp »** Ages 9-17. Cost \$200 (each Wyoming church is giving \$100 for campers from their church to attend MSR summer camp [up to 10 campers]). Contact your church for this discount.

For more information, go to [rmcyouth.org/camp](http://rmcyouth.org/camp).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS

**Cowboy Camp Meeting** -- July 6 - 10

Silver Jack Reservoir near Cimarron, CO

Speaker: Mic Thurber

Contact: Fritz Krieger -- 970-497-6175

**Wyoming Camp Meeting** -- July 12 - 16

Mills Spring Ranch, Casper WY

Speaker: David Asscherick

Contact: Don Barnt -- 307-757-7618

**Western Slope Camp Meeting** -- August 3 - 7

Mountain Top Retreat near Montrose, CO

Speakers: Ed Barnett/Eric Nelson

Contact: Linda and Ron Johnson -- 970-245-2294

Use Instructions:

<http://www.rmcsda.org/camp-facility-use-instructions>

Directions:

<http://www.rmcsda.org/mountaintop-retreat-directions>

Registration:

<http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-registration-form>

**Hispanic Camp Meeting** -- September 2 - 4

Glacier View Ranch, Ward CO

Speaker: Omar Grieve

Youth Speaker: Dr. Oscar Carreon

Contact: Ruben Rivera -- 303-910-1614

**Native Camp Meeting** -- September 16 - 18

La Vida Mission, Crown Point NM

Speaker: Monte Church

Contact: Dorie Panganiban -- 505-215-6642



**Give Them Hope Health**

**Summit »** Learn how to reflect God's character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held

October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing support, you can bring hope to your church and community through preventing and reversing diseases such as heart disease, cancer, type II diabetes, and Alzheimer's. For more information about this health summit visit our website at <http://www.rmcsda.org/hope> or call the RMC health ministry department at 303-282-3604.

**Black Hills Health & Education Center »** An intensive residential lifestyle CHIP treatment program will take place July 17 through July 28 at Black Hills Lifestyle Center. For more information, call 605.255.4101.

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**Mile High Academy »** Introduces its all-new Summer Sports and Arts Camps, a great way to keep your child active and learning during the summer months. Choose from gymnastics, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball and art. Check the Summer Camps page on our website, [milehighacademy.org](http://milehighacademy.org) for details or call 303-744-1069 and see how you can register your child today.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**The Mid-America Union Conference** has an opening in their Communication Department for a digital media assistant. Degree and experience in web programming/design preferred, along with social media and videography skills. Send resume to Raylene Jones, Human Resources director, at [Raylene.Jones@maucsda.org](mailto:Raylene.Jones@maucsda.org) by Thursday, June 30. Applicants should be active Seventh-day Adventists in good and regular standing.

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**Mile High Academy** is looking for two part-time Kindergarten aides. These are exciting opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year. Please visit our website at

<http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/> for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions. Applicants must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. If interested, please send your resume to Jocelyn at [jaalborg@milehighacademy.org](mailto:jaalborg@milehighacademy.org).

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**Vista Ridge Academy Strings Instructor:** Vista Ridge Academy is looking for a part-time strings instructor with a knowledge of the Suzuki method.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Sandy Hodgson at [shodgson@vistaridge.org](mailto:shodgson@vistaridge.org) or 303.828.4944.

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**Daystar School** in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at [michellelevelbis@gmail.com](mailto:michellelevelbis@gmail.com) or call 719-561-9120.

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**Associate Director -- Media, Production & Programming:** Do you think

and dream in the visually creative space? The Voice of Prophecy is seeking a creative professional who desires to use their talents for soul winning and evangelism. Prospective candidates should be proficient and experienced in many creative areas such as: print design, brand creation, web design, UX design, motion graphics, 3D graphics and presentation graphics. Proficiency in the areas of video production and photography a plus.

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**Mailroom Assistant Supervisor:** Are you someone who loves logistics and has an eye for detail and a knack for supervision? If so, you might be the perfect candidate for the Voice of Prophecy's Mailroom Assistant Supervisor position! In this position, you would

assist with the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of all phases of mailing services in addition to supervision of mailroom staff. As a direct result of your work, people worldwide would receive resources like Bible lessons and make decisions for Christ thanks, in part, to your efforts in getting resources to them in a timely manner.

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**Junior Accountant:** The junior accountant assists with the accounting records for VOP's Gift Planning & Trust Services. This includes all aspects of accounting (receivables, payables, general ledger) and federal and state fiduciary tax reporting.

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**Ministry Relations Representative:** The Ministry Relations Representative (regional) serves the Voice of Prophecy by cultivating and growing relationships with new and current supporters.

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## **FROM THE EDITOR**

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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](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

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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