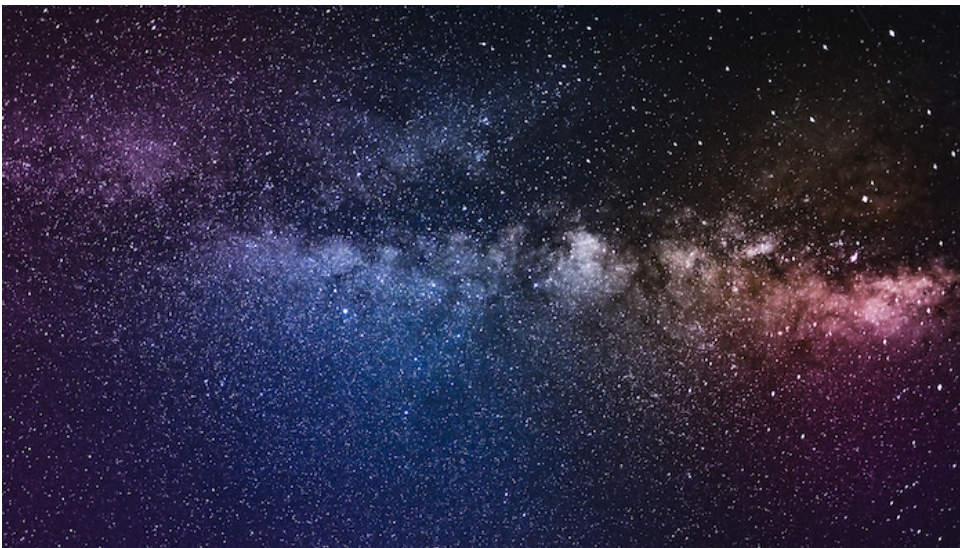


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## What Are You Seeing?



For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible...All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16.

When you think of "environment," what images come to mind? Do you immediately picture our blue-green planet rotating on its axis? Do you visualize the many ecosystems our world has to offer - rainforests, coral reefs, and deserts? Do your thoughts fly to the scarcity of our natural resources and the importance of conservation?

There's no doubt that environment exerts a powerful impact on our bodies and minds. Whether soaring eagles above, towering redwoods or tadpoles changing into croaking bullfrogs, nature is majestic and miraculous. And yet, as founder of the modern environmental movement Rachel Carson describes, too often we take it all for granted.

"My companion and I were alone with the stars: the misty river of the Milky Way flowing across the sky, the patterns of the constellations standing out bright and clear, a blazing planet low on the horizon. It occurred to me that if this were a sight that could be seen only once in a century, this little headland would be thronged with spectators. But it can be seen many scores of nights in any year, and so the lights burned in the cottages and the inhabitants probably gave not a thought to the beauty overhead; and because they could see it almost any night, perhaps they never will."



## DAA Goes to Skills USA



**Carpentry**  
Andy Waldner



**Automotive Service  
Technology**  
Paul Schumacher

**Carpentry**  
Faith Peterson



**2018**  
**SkillsUSA**®

**Carpentry**  
Ryan Weisz



Since 1965, high school students have participated in state and national vocational skills competitions. Early this April, four Dakota Adventist Academy students challenged themselves at Skills USA hosted in Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Students Andy Waldner, senior; Faith Peterson, junior; and Ryan Weisz, junior, competed against fifteen others in the carpentry division. They

were given seven hours to build a small shed with a blueprint and a stack of materials. Each person completed the task to varying degrees of accuracy and speed. When the sawdust settled, DAA students were all in the top ten, taking 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> places.

The Automotive Service Technology class was one of the largest groups competing at Skills USA this year, hosting twenty-nine students. Paul Schumacher, a senior at DAA, had to check tolerances on an engine, use diagnostic equipment to analyze a no-start situation; take apart, define, and reassemble a braking system; and also identify and label a variety of unrelated auto parts. Five hours of testing was enough to give the judges a well-rounded assessment of each contestant's knowledge and skill.

Schumacher was recognized for his hard work with a second-place finish. He was awarded a Snap-on tool set in addition to a \$5000 automotive service scholarship.

Having students represent DAA at this function provides an opportunity to present the quality of, and varied education available, at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Congratulations Paul, Andy, Ryan, and Faith on a job well done.

Article & photos by Tracy Peterson

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## Students Enjoy Academy Preview Days



In spite of the impending storms, Dakota Adventist Academy's student body grew by 24 young people for the weekend of April 6 – 8. Visiting students earned scholarship money by taking scholarship quizzes, they visited many elective classes (acro, art, auto, construction, and band) and most importantly, they bonded with DAA students.

There are more choices at DAA than just academics and electives. Pastor Barry St. Clair, from the Minot and Bottineau Adventist Churches, spent Sabbath leading an in-depth study on Jonah, which concluded with all of the students sharing how the story of Jonah touched their lives. One of the student's greatest opportunities is to take the time to listen to God, build relationships that go beyond the weekend, beyond high school, and takes them throughout their lives.

There was also time for fun. The academy held an *Amazing Race*. There were twists and turns and roadblocks and challenges, but in the end all students ended up with some chemistry-constructed ice cream and popcorn.

All in all, Academy Days was a wonderful success. Outstanding things about Academy Preview Days included:

- "The people." -- Michael Erickson
- "Honestly, everything was great, I made friends and they accepted me and made everything fun. I didn't want to go back home!" -- Taddy Kuzvinzwa
- "The Amazing Race." -- Skylar Longtin
- "That whole Jonah thing." -- Jessica Winistorfer

Everyone comes to Academy Days looking for something - whether friends, fun, God or their future. It is the prayer of teachers at the academy that, if students choose to be a part of DAA's student body this coming year, they are met with support from their friends and family. The academy staff is excited to see what next year brings.



Article & photo by Tracy Peterson

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## Professor Roy Gane of Andrews University Speaks

March 17<sup>th</sup> was a high Sabbath at the Grand Forks Adventist Church in Grand Forks, ND. Andrews University Professor, Dr. Roy Gane, presented two special messages at the church, one for the divine worship service, and one in the afternoon after a fellowship meal. His topics included, “How Christ Reveals God’s Character,” and “God’s Tough Choices to Save or Destroy.” Dr. Gane’s messages remind us that God and His word can be trusted in these last days.

Article by Pastor Mike Temple; Photo supplied



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## Mitchell, SD - Adventist Group Starts Meeting Again

Following the successful evangelistic meetings held by Donovan Kack, the Dakota Conference evangelist, in Mitchell, SD, the Mitchell Adventist group is regularly meeting on Sabbath afternoon at 720 E 1st Ave in Mitchell starting at 2:00 pm with Bible Study, followed by the Worship/Sermon at 3:00 pm. If you live in the area or are simply traveling through, you are welcome to join us.

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## More Than Book Education



In the 2018 *Spring Parade of Homes* magazine on page 8 is advertised the mini-house built by Dakota Adventist Academy students. It will be on display at Kupper Chevrolet, 1500 2nd Street, NE, Mandan, ND, Thursday, April 26, through Sunday, April 29. The mini-house will be part of the parade of homes.

The article reads as follows (copied with permission):

### FEATURES

Welcome to luxury living in a tiny package. This 221 sq. ft. home comes with everything you need for comfortable living. It features Pella Designer Windows and Door, LP SmartSide siding, and Euroshield Rubber roofing all on a Hull Tiny House trailer. Convenient RV hook-ups for sewer, water, and electricity are in place with space set up to change to off-grid living with a few additions. You will find a full bathroom, a fully functioning kitchen, a sleeping loft and a sitting area orchestrated into a comfortable interior living space. DAA's tiny home has a 32 sq. ft. drawbridge cedar deck to add some outdoor living space for you to enjoy the location of your choice!

### ABOUT THE BUILDER

Dakota Adventist Academy's Construction Class is dedicated to building with quality and innovation as priorities. This program helps some of our students decide on a career, and for others it simply sets them up to be an informed consumer. We stress the importance of doing a thorough and precise job at every point in the building process. We build for your future.

Sponsored by Kupper Chevrolet

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The price is listed as \$59,900, 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Dakota Adventist Academy Construction Tech, Marne Evanson, Trademark Realty, 701-214-0800, [www.dakotaadventistacademy.org](http://www.dakotaadventistacademy.org).

There is a \$10 ticket purchase price, which is available at any home on the Parade route and is good for every day of the parade. On page 42 is a list of the home entries. The mini-home is #1 of #44, perhaps because it is the least expensive. Number two is over \$200,000. Number 38 is almost one million dollars, and numbers 39 - 44 are all pre-sold.

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo by iStock

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## Community Service Participates in CIA

On February 24, following the church service and fellowship meal, 30 church members and visitors headed down the street to Tufte Manor, an area nursing home in Grand Forks, ND. Arranged by Community Services as part of its "Church in Action" (CIA) program, the church led a hymn sing-along with the Tufte residents.

Voices were lifted in praise to God through old favorites such as "The Old Rugged Cross", "In the Garden", and "This is my Father's World." Seven-year-old Kenzie Thomas, who played the ukulele and sang, presented a spotlight-version of "How Great is Our God."

After the singing, which all agreed ended too soon, church members and residents mingled for half an hour, learning each other's names and forming new friendships. Members and residents both requested that this become a regular event, so another CIA sing-along is in the works.



Article & photos by Alicia Rodewald

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## Aunt Dianna's Pizza

### Crust:

1 1/4 C Water  
1 T yeast  
1 t salt  
2 T oil  
3 to 4 C flour

### Sauce:

1 can tomato paste  
2 C water  
Oregano  
Basil  
Garlic

Crust: Make like dough (allowing to rise). Put into pizza pan (2 to 3 cookie sheets).

Mix sauce ingredients together (or use spaghetti sauce). Bake crust 10 minutes at 425 degrees, then add sauce and toppings. No soggy crust, then! Bake with toppings at 425 degrees for an additional 10 minutes or so.

Recipe by Heidi Strain in [Breaking Bread Together](#), page 82. For sale at CO and DAA for \$20. Benefits DAA Senior Class of 2018.

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Bismarck		Retail Case	Retail Single	Special Case	Special Single
<b>CANNED:</b>					
LL Super Links	12/19 oz	68.70	6.33	<b>66.30</b>	<b>6.18</b>
LL Veja Links	12/19 oz	68.70	6.33	<b>66.30</b>	<b>6.18</b>
Roma	6/7 oz	45.39	8.36	<b>42.99</b>	<b>8.01</b>
<b>Frozen:</b>					
W Prosage Roll	12/16 oz	87.42	8.05	<b>79.42</b>	<b>7.45</b>
W Leanies	8/12/75 oz	34.70	4.79	<b>27.70</b>	<b>3.99</b>
W Sandwich Slices	8/8 oz	33.91	4.68	<b>30.91</b>	<b>4.35</b>
W Fripats	12/9 oz	62.39	5.74	<b>54.85</b>	<b>5.19</b>
W Dinner Roast	6/2 lb	87.52	16.12	<b>79.52</b>	<b>14.87</b>

quantities may be limited  
 date: April 3 - April 30, 2018

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:

- Tuesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 6:00 pm
- Closed on Sundays

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## QUOTE of the MONTH

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

Helen Keller

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## April 19 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Jody Schumacher from inside a 1947 Buick, traveling home from Dakota Adventist Academy on Hwy 1804 or Hwy 13, North Dakota.

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