

Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

*Dakota Dispatch*  
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## Live a Life Permeated With Marvels



In her book [Packing for Mars: The curious science of life in the void](#) (2010), Mary Roach examines the effects of being disconnected from the earth. "I once met a man who told me that after landing in Christchurch, New Zealand, after a winter at the South Pole research station, he and his companions spent a couple days just wandering around staring in awe at flowers and trees. At one point, one of them spotted a woman pushing a stroller. "A baby!" he shouted, and they all rushed across the street to see. The woman turned the stroller and ran."

After months surrounded by frozen barrenness, the men were amazed at the simple sights of nature. Roach goes on to explain how an unnatural environment creates in all of us a longing to return to nature. "Nothing tops space as a barren, unnatural environment. Astronauts who had no prior interest in gardening spend hours tending experimental greenhouses. 'They are our love,' said cosmonaut Vladislav Volkov of the tiny flax plants with which they shared the confines of Salyut 1, the first Soviet space station.

Humans don't belong in space....Weightlessness is an exhilarating novelty, but floaters soon begin to dream of walking. Earlier [Alexandr] Laveikin told us, 'Only in space do you understand what incredible happiness it is just to walk. To walk on Earth.'"

God gave the earth for us to enjoy and be blessed by it and He also gave us the environment to use as a resource. Animals, plants and minerals provide us with helpful materials for growth and prosperity. However, God never intended for us to abuse these resources. The best modern description of our job assignment is caretaker - a person who is in charge of the maintenance of an area.

God wants us to be caretakers of the environment that surrounds us. He designed it to sustain us: air to breathe, sunshine to warm and heal us, and food and water to eat and drink. God yearns for us to treasure this planet we call home.

Article by Chis Blake, [Creation Health Bible Program](#), *A Journey of Discovery*, Environment, page 77; iStock Photo



## Class of 2018 Prepares for Graduation

Three weeks and counting! The senior class of 2018 is on the final lap towards graduation, May 27, 2018, as they close this chapter of their lives and start a new adventure.

Here is a brief glimpse into the plans of our nine seniors:

Six of the class are four year seniors. College plans – everyone plans to further their education. Majors include nursing, animal science, elementary education, automotive, computer science, and business. They are looking at Union College, Walla Walla University, perhaps Southern or a technical school. Many indicated they would miss friends, staff and the family atmosphere at DAA.



Two of DAA's seniors, Erica Chapman and Leticia Venegas, were chosen to be part of the *Best of the Class* recognition in Bismarck, ND. *Best of the Class* is an annual community service that congratulates the top academic achievers of the graduating class. In addition to their recognition in a series of television commercials, they are honored with a recognition luncheon and prizes. Since 1991, there have been over 5,000 students from area schools who have attended the *Best of the Class* program.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018. We wish you God speed as you leave the halls of DAA and move into the next chapter of your lives. You will always be in our hearts and we encourage you to continue to allow Jesus to be your best Friend.

Article by Sharon Heinrich; Group photo by Sharon Heinrich, photo of ladies by David Chapman

## Jamestown Church Hosts Northeast Regional



Several districts were represented at the Northeast Regional in Jamestown, ND April 28, 2018, making for a full house of around 250 individuals. Dakota Adventist Academy students led the songs of praise and provided special music and a children's story for the services. Josh Ronalds read the mission story and Christian Higginbotham read the scripture reading. Four students also served as ushers for Sabbath School and Church.

After a meal of great fellowship and ample cuisine served at Hillcrest Adventist Elementary School, people reconvened at the church for an afternoon program provided by DAA's choir, DAK (small choir), Ringers (bells) and band. Music teacher Charlotte Messer explained the challenge of finding appropriate music for a

band consisting of half violins and half brass.



This meeting concludes the North Dakota regional series *The Branch of the Lord*. South Dakota regionals commence in October in Aberdeen, SD.

Article & photos by Jacquie Biloff

## Brentwood Adventist Christian School Presents

Brentwood Adventist Christian School presents *His Country*, an evening of music and readings, Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. The program will be at the Mandan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Parade of Homes



DAA builders behind model of mini-house.

As Julie Brude and I drove between houses, visiting those listed in the 2018 *Spring Parade of Homes* magazine Sunday, April 29, we started our self-guided tour at the mini-house built by Dakota Adventist Academy students. It was on display at Kupper Chevrolet, in Mandan, ND. No cameras were allowed during the tour but [these](#) photos are available on the Dakota Academy Facebook page. The students in the photo above are the builders of the mini-home along with vocational teacher Ryan Peterson. This 221 square foot house was packed with amenities and everything within reach. The drawbridge cedar deck added some outdoor living space, it hinges back to shield the house during transporting.

Other information is available at these links:

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/parade-of-homes-features-student-built-tiny-house/article\\_32d9d1ca-d8ad-5523-b942-](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/parade-of-homes-features-student-built-tiny-house/article_32d9d1ca-d8ad-5523-b942-)

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[http://bismarcktribune.com/opinion/editorial/afghan-family-earns-thanks-of-community/article\\_1420b2cb-587e-5464-a353-b42bcd6c8f93.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/opinion/editorial/afghan-family-earns-thanks-of-community/article_1420b2cb-587e-5464-a353-b42bcd6c8f93.html)

[http://bismarcktribune.com/entertainment/student-art-show-to-be-juried-by-bismarck-artist/article\\_0c207ee8-88d7-5842-9ab9-1f0072862333.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/entertainment/student-art-show-to-be-juried-by-bismarck-artist/article_0c207ee8-88d7-5842-9ab9-1f0072862333.html)

Article & photo by Jacquie Biloff

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## Sievers Continues to Share His Talents

God is making the dream for a playground at Invitation Hill Adventist Elementary in Dickinson, ND a reality through a senior member of the congregation, Ivan Sievers. Ninety-four year old Sievers is designing and building some very unique and creative pieces from discarded farm equipment to add to the playground collection.



The plan is to install the first of the equipment this summer and continue to add to the playground as it becomes available. Yes, "God works in marvelous ways, His wonders to perform." So if you think you are too young or too old, or too "anything" to make a difference, be inspired by Mr. Sievers and do what YOU can do to make a difference.

Article & photos by Janna Wright

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## Mitchell Church Plant Meeting Location and Times

Church is being held at 720 E 1st Avenue in Mitchell, SD each week starting at 2:00 pm with Bible Study and Worship service at 3:00 pm.

# Dakota Campmeeting 2018

Day/Time	Wednesday - 13th	Thursday - 14th	Friday - 15th	Sabbath - 16th
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast Served in Cafeteria			
8:30 - 9:30		Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Way to Grow</i>	Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Beginning</i>	9:15 - 12:00  Sue Nelson <i>Educating for Eternity</i>  Dr Patterson <i>The Nameless Servant: Modeling the Servant Leader</i>  Elder Mic Thurber <i>So, What About James?</i>
9:30 - 10:15	Fellowship/Optional Art Class			
10:30 - 11:30		Bonita Shields <i>Women &amp; Wealth</i>	Bonita Shields <i>How to Create a Spending Plan</i>	
11:30 - 12:30		Dr Patterson <i>In the Beginning: Creation as Conversation</i>	Dr Patterson <i>Leadership and the Great Controversy: The Up Path and ...</i>	
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Served in Cafeteria			
2:00 - 3:00		Dr Walter <i>8 Myths of Adventist Evangelism</i>	Dr Walter <i>Creating a Culture of Outreach &amp; Evangelism</i>	Ordination Services R-Table Discussion Dr Schmidt Elder Thurber Bonita Shields Sherri Uhrig Dr Patterson Dr Walter
3:00 - 3:45	Fellowship/Optional Art Class			
4:00 - 5:00		Sherri Uhrig <i>Kids 2 Kid!</i>	Sherri Uhrig <i>Generation Z: Taking on the World</i>	
5:30 - 6:15	Supper Served in Cafeteria			(in Gym)
7:00 - 8:30	Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Destination</i>	Pastor Shields <i>Enough</i>	Dr Walter <i>Doing LIFE Together</i>	Music Concert  Name
8:30 - 8:40	Fellowship			Hall of Remembrance
8:40 - 9:40				Dr Roger Walter <i>Delayed Expectations</i>

CR/Kindergarten, 0 - 5 yrs  
Primary, 6 - 9 yrs  
Juniors, 10 - 12 yrs  
Youth, 13+

Medgy Chapman  
Pastor Nicholas Osborn  
Pastor Christian Ronalds  
Pastor Brooke Melendez

ACS/DR will be serving a  
free Sabbath evening  
supper in the gymnasium  
at 5:30 pm.



Cut into bite-sized chunks and place in a bowl which has a cover:

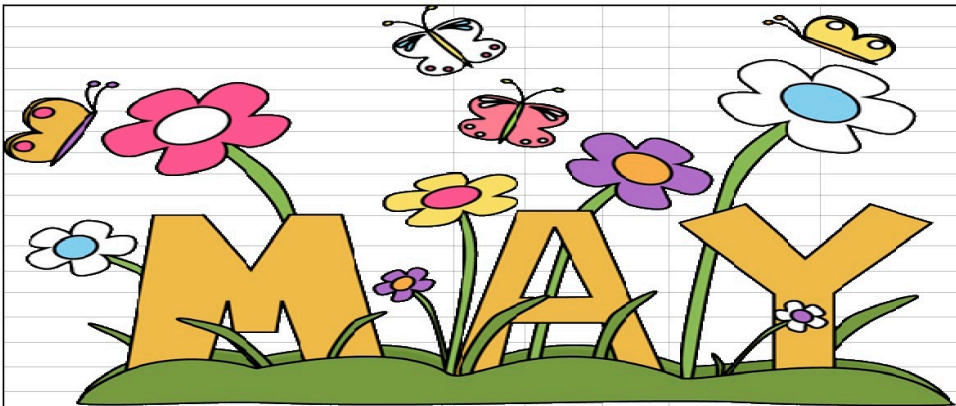
- Cauliflower
- Olives, quartered
- Green, red or yellow pepper
- Broccoli
- Pimentos
- Fresh mushrooms

Dressing:

- 1/4 C oil
- 3 T lemons juice
- 1 t salt
- 1/2 t sugar
- 1/4 t onion power, seasoning salt and garlic powder.

Double the dressing for a large salad. Pour over the vegetables and marinate overnight.

Recipe by Jacquie Biloff in [Breaking Bread Together](#), page 32. For sale at CO and DAA for \$20. Benefits DAA Senior Class of 2018.



		Retail Case	Retail Single	<b>Special Case</b>	<b>Special Single</b>
<b>CANNED:</b>					
LL Prime Steaks	12/13 oz	\$58.88	\$5.42	\$55.28	\$5.14
LL Vege Burger	12/19 oz	68.70	6.33	65.10	6.08
LL Vegetable Steaks	12/20 oz	68.70	6.33	65.10	6.08
<b>Food Service</b>					
LL Prime Steaks	12/47 oz	147.21	13.55	139.01	12.98
LL Big Franks	6/96 oz	117.77	21.69	111.97	20.87
sale dates: May 1-25, 2018					
quantities may be limited					

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

"Do not borrow the productions of other men's brains and pens and recite them as a lesson, but make the most of the talents, the brain power, that God has given you."

Ellen G. White

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## May 3 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Charles O'Hare on a drive from Pierre, SD to Bismarck, ND.



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Dirt Kicker Charity Run



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