

Enjoy the Dakota Adventist Academy Music Festival Sabbath, February 23, 2019. Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by Elder Gil Webb, VP of Administration from Mid-America Union Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, speaking for church. A music program will commence at 4 p.m. and after supper at 5:45, there will be a closing ceremony at 6:15.

Interview with W. E. Logan

(Written by Russell E. Kelly, Pastor of the Beach Adventist Church, May 12, 1976)

W. E. Logan, born November 1, 1882, Minnesota. In 1913 Mr. Logan moved to Belfield, N. Dakota to farm.



In 1918, while on a trip to town to trade cars, Mr. Logan came upon an SDA camp meeting where he first met Mrs. Wog (an SDA). Upon hearing that a debate was to be held, Mr. Logan attended the meeting. Although he cannot remember the exact topic of the debate, he was very impressed with it and stayed for all of the meetings.

Not much later, Mr. Logan attended evangelistic meetings with Mrs. Wog while Elder Schuster was the evangelist. He was awed at the Bible knowledge of these early evangelists. Following the meetings, four persons were baptized (Mr. & Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Lindal and Mrs. Swartz).

Mr. Logan was elected elder almost immediately after becoming an Adventist and was put in charge of the small assembly that met in the Rocky Ridge schoolhouse, south of Belfield. (Later the services were held in the Schwartz home in Belfield.)

During the Depression years of the mid-'30s, Mr. Logan and his family moved to Beach, N. Dakota, and operated his own feed store. The membership in Beach at that time was approximately 20...mostly elderly. The church, along with a church school, was in the same location that it is presently, with the teacher living upstairs.

Mr. Logan soon became the leader of the Beach church. He was instrumental in renovating the church grounds. With the assistance of Dr. Bush, he spearheaded the addition of the basement in the 1940s.

Within the past few years, Mr. Logan has helped to carpet the church and to add the new front section to the church.

He is still active in the church and displays the pioneer spirit that is so valuable in this last great movement of God's church.

Meetings With Alumni Filled with Reminiscing, Camaraderie and Food

In February we visited SRA/PVA/DAA Alumni in Lincoln, NE, Phoenix, AZ, and Loma Linda, CA. These meetings were well attended by, not only by our graduates, but also a number of friends of DAA from Maplewood, Platte Valley, and Dakota public schools at several of the meetings. At the Loma Linda chapter, a guest had ties through a parent who had graduated from Plainview. All who came did so to support the current academy. Each Alumni Chapter meeting was filled with reminiscing, camaraderie and food. In the midst of the buzz of conversation, it is wonderful to hear all of the "remember when" stories.





Besides catching up, many of the Alumni were interested in learning what is new at DAA. There were questions about the current students – How many are there? What subjects are popular? How many are from the Dakotas? How many will be graduating this year?

Many wanted to hear about improvements that have been made to the school. Most wanted to know about individuals. "Is Mr. Thompson still on campus?" "Do you know Mark Seibold? He is my nephew." or, "We knew Eric at Maplewood. We are so happy to hear he is working there." It seems that wherever we go and whomever we talk with, we can always find a connection with the Dakota Conference or Dakota Academy and its current staff and students.

Although this country is large and many miles may separate, when it comes to PVA, SRA, and DAA Alumni, there will always be a tight group with unending connections.

Building Friendships for Eternity is what Dakota Adventist Academy is known for, but it is continues only because of those who have attended. The support DAA receives from its Alumni is astounding. The prayers, the referrals, the financial support, and the family history – all these are a huge part of what makes DAA what it is today.

We thank God for His blessings and count our Alumni twice!

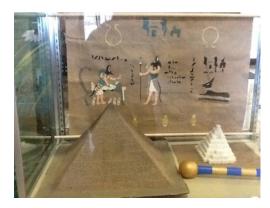
Article by Tracy Peterson and Anthony Oucharek; Photos by Anthony Oucharek

Hillcrest Students Study Ancient Egypt

The 5-8 graders at Hillcrest have been studying Ancient Egypt in Social Studies. The Egyptians were an advanced and fascinating civilization that lasted for thousands of years. They made many advancements in the field of writing, art, and architecture. The students were asked to make a project representing Ancient Egypt. In addition to the project, they also had to write a short paper on what their object was, what it was used for, and examples of the artifact being discovered during archaeology digs. The students did a great job on all their projects!









Article by Brenda Jarski-Weber

Richardton Plant Seeks Church Status



Richardton Seventh-day Adventist Church Plant of Richardton, North Dakota became Dakota Conference's newest plant requesting church status. People assembled February 16, 2019 to enjoy a Sabbath of celebration with Conference President Neil Biloff and the pastoral team to sign as charter members before scattering homeward to heed the broadcasted warning of record-breaking snowfall.

Pastor Terry Pflugrad, and his wife Marie, have served the group for two years in May. The Richardton Plant is one of a two-church district, which also includes Beulah Adventist Church.

Although "finding the right venue can be as much a spiritual battle as it is a logistical one" according to Aaron Damiani of *Christianity Today*, the members of the Richardton Plant

readily found a small Lutheran church to rent.

Gary Messer, an Adventist building contractor, along with other talented attendees, have helped to resuscitate the deteriorating, flood-devastated building with a new bathroom upstairs and carpet in the sanctuary. The kitchen, located in the basement, has been without water for years, but is now under re-construction with drywall, cabinets and other improvements.

The church held its third annual Christmas in My Heart program at the community center in the neighboring town of Hebron. A religious

cross-section of one hundred and thirty people enjoyed and participated in the program, which included songs, poems, and stories. Ten of the popular *Christmas in My Heart* books by Joe Wheeler were given as door prizes.

Every year the town of Richardton celebrates a *Little Opry Days* parade. In August the plant members handed out scripture-inscribed water bottles and provided a religious concert. The local bank set up their stand nearby bringing people to the location.

Damiani's suggestion, in his article *My Top 10 Church Planting Tips*, for "learning agility" has taken root in this active plant, as it sprouts into a church.



Damiani, Aaron. "My Top 10 Church Planting Tips." www.christianitytoday.com/pastors/2013/december-online-only/my-top-10-church-planting-tips-from-2013.html

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Charlotte Merkle and Marie Pflugrad

Town Hall Meetings Continue

Fargo Town Hall meetings were held last Sunday, February 17, 2019, in the Fargo Seventh-day Adventist Church at 2 p.m. Delegates, delegates-at-large and interested parties attended the meeting. Fargo marked the half-way point for total number of Town Halls required by the constitution prior to a constituency. Two more meetings will be held this weekend in Bismarck, ND and two more are scheduled next weekend in Aberdeen, SD and Jamestown, ND.









ABC February Sales



ABC hours in Bismarck, ND:

- Tuesday, 3:00pm 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm 5:30pm
- Closed Sunday

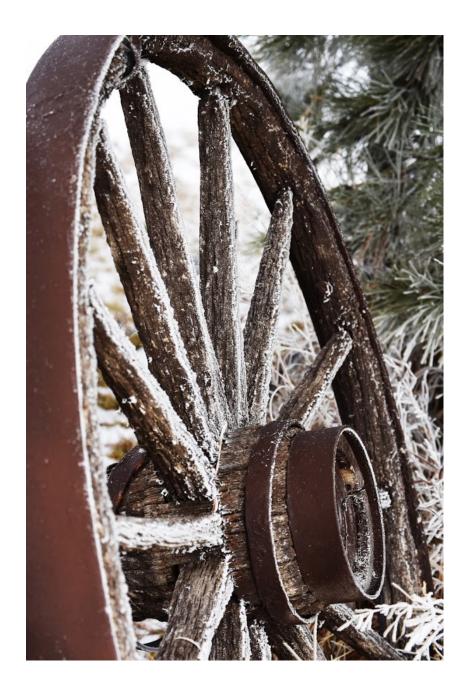


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