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## Robinson Seventh-day Adventist Church History

A Sabbath School was started in Robinson in 1917 but there are few records until 1944.

The Robinson Seventh-day Adventist church was organized December 2, 1944 by Elder Edwin Kungel in Robinson, North Dakota. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hinger, Roger and Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eichele, Lanerd, Evangelyn, and Gordon; Mr and Mrs. Gerald Livingston, Edith, Betty and Ellen.

Members met in a country school house east of Robinson. In 1948, the members began a savings account for a new church building. In 1949, services were temporarily held at the Robinson Community Hall but the congregation returned to the schoolhouse. For a time they also rented a Congregational Church in Lake Williams.

Then in 1951, they purchased a piece of land from Mr. Bert Wick. In 1955, the church members began to clean and fence the cemetery east and north of Robinson where there was an Adventist church prior to 1943, but which had been sold and moved away. On October 14, 1956, they purchased the present (when article was written) church building. It had been a Catholic church, then the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. They moved it from south of Tappen into the town of Robinson, where it is located today on the north side of Hwy 36. Much effort was put forth by all the members in raising money to buy and move the building. Many donated, solicited and put on several church dinners.

The church closed in 1980 and the building was sold to the school district in 1981 for a vocational shop. In \*\*\*\*, the Robinson Seventh-day Adventist cemetery became known as the Frettim Prairie Cemetery or Frettim Township Cemetery. Online at *Find A Grave*, four cemeteries are listed in Robinson, North Dakota: Bethany Cemetery, Kleve Cemetery, Methodist Episcopal Cemetery and Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery.

Article and photo from conference archives





Photo by Cliff Freese

## DAA Attends Music Festival

DAA's special choir traveled to Union College for the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival. They joined over 150 musicians from Mid-America Academies. Starting Wednesday evening the academy students poured over the music, perfecting tone and harmony. Friday evening vespers was a concert of musical selections from each of the academies. It was a wonderful showcase of the musical talents with which God has blessed our youth. The Music Festival wrapped up with a magnificent mass choir concert! Dr. Little conducted the academy students as well as the Union College Orchestra to produce auditory bliss. The concert is archived on Union's Utv if you would like to enjoy the performance:

<https://livestream.com/utv/events/8961538/videos/201414531>

DAK, DAA's special choir, felt blessed to be able to participate in the festival, as well as meet new friends and catch up with old ones.



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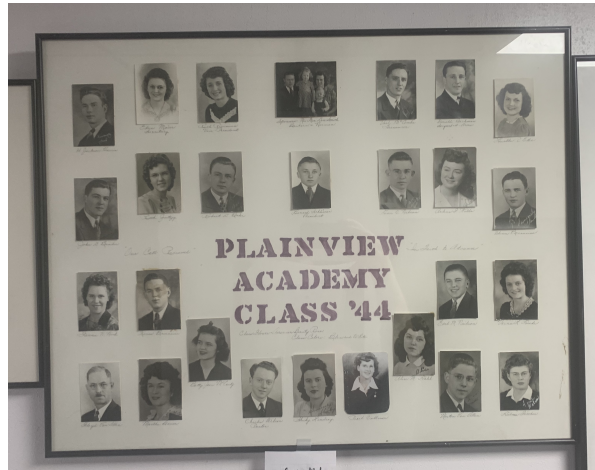
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## Home Game Won by a Visitor

On Monday, January 13, 2020, the small town of New Salem, North Dakota came to play a basketball game at Dakota Adventist Academy. "We had a full house," said Principal Anthony Oucharek. "Not only the parents, but the relatives came."

A lady visiting the school was walking slowly in the hall looking at the graduates' pictures. As Oucharek walked by, he asked, "Did you know someone who attended here?" "Yes," came the reply. "My mother did, but it was at a school in South Dakota." "That would be Plainview Academy. We have to walk to the other hall to see those pictures." As they strolled to the other side of the gymnasium, Oucharek asked, "What year did she graduate?" The lady was not sure but with a little figuring between the two of them, they decided it must have been 1944. "There she is!" She was so excited to find her mother's name and picture – Verna L. Diede.

She took a picture of the picture and then Oucharek took a picture of her in front of her mother's picture.



Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Principal Anthony Oucharek



## Elementary Student Submits a Descriptive Essay

Prairie View Adventist Elementary student, Zorryn Erickson, submitted the following descriptive essay assignment about his favorite place. Zorryn is in eighth grade. His life goal is to become a paleontologist.

### Dinosaur Provincial Park: Then and Now

One of my top five places to visit is, **Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alberta**. It is one of the most abundant and famous dinosaur bone beds in the world.

I love seeing the towering, flat-topped hoodoos stand above or built into the rolling hills of alkaline soil. Walking on the rough, rocky trails and seeing the water-grooved badland hills brings wonder and excitement to me, thinking about the possible dinosaur bones covered underneath all the dirt, pebbles, and rocks. I enjoy breaking up the soft, gritty dirt looking for the old, fragile bones of "**The Lizard of Alberta**" (**Albertosaurus sarcophagus**). Seeing the disc-shaped prickly pear cactus grow in this desert-like environment makes me wonder, even more, how it thrives in this constantly eroding habitat. The sun beats down with its hot rays on the rugged, barren landscape, much different than it was thousands of years ago as a sub-tropic environment. People come here year after year to see this dusty, changing piece of landscape carved by the water, wind, and ice. I stand on the top of the plateau and I imagine . . . thousands of years ago . . .

Thousands of years ago, Dinosaur Provincial Park was much different being an almost tropical habitat with ferns, cycads, and significantly larger deciduous, and coniferous trees growing everywhere. Rivers would flow and slice through the flat, fertile fields, and hills also providing a refreshing source of cool river water, as they flowed from the inland sea. Herds of *ceratopsian* dinosaurs like **Centrosaurus** and **Regaloceratops** would march



by like a walking barricade. Not many smaller predators like **Troodon** would rival them in their massive herds. Graceful herds of **Parasaurolophus** and **Edmontosaurs** would tromp along blowing air through their bright, colorful crests on their heads. In small groups there would be *ankylosaurids* like **Edmontonia** and **Euoplocephalus** walking around as living, armored tanks. Even though Dinosaur Provincial Park looked like a green, lush, paradise there were still the carnivorous theropod dinosaurs called the *tyrannosaurids*, adding that element of fear and terror to an otherwise peaceful land.

A group of **Gorgosaurs**, a carnivorous dinosaur, may have slowly stalked a group of *ceratopsian* dinosaurs called **Packyrhinosaurus**. The **Gorgosaurs** behind the **Packyrhinosaurus** make the ceratopsians nervous and wary so they keep their distances and move on deeper into the forest getting nearer and closer to the rest of the pack ready for an ambush. Once the **Packyrhinosaurus** are finally in the trap, the **Gorgosaurs** spring speedily out of the bush and then attack from the sides, picking off the weakest of the ceratopsians, then they get to enjoying a hard-earned meal.



The lives of dinosaurs are still mysterious to us, but we are slowly learning more and more about them with every year and every discovery. We have to fill in the gap of the story, only described by the fossils of the plants, animals, and with scenarios from today as comparisons. Many of the fossils that have been found here were quickly buried by water or fast-moving sediment. The Flood probably encased them under all the dirt and gravel, preserving their bodies for years to come.

I will never lose my excitement and curiosity for this landscape filled with ancient, mineralized bones of the passed away giants and maybe someday I will help them see the warm, light of day again.



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## Pastoral Family's Special Baby Dedication



Being surrounded by family is something often taken for granted. Special occasions such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Birthdays, well it comes without saying, "We spend those with family," right? For the pastoral family this is not always the case, we make a sacrifice to move away from our biological families to join to spiritual ones. With each church district our spiritual family grows and we are privileged to have many adopted parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. For this reason we (the Eaton family) figured it was only fitting to have Hadassah's baby dedication at the January Pastors' Meetings.

Hadassah was seven months old at the time and turning into a little person right in front of our eyes. When we look at her, we fully understand what Jesus meant by, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." Nicholas met the Simpsons, who are from South Africa as I am, at the January meeting in 2015. He had met me a few months prior and when he asked them if dating a South African was a good fit...they gave him a huge thumbs up. We have been close friends ever since and enjoy fellowship at all our pastoral meetings. They do not have grandchildren yet and so naturally they have adopted our kids. Like Peter and Ella (Simpson), many pastoral families have adopted us as family and it was such a blessing to be surrounded by them at Hadassah's dedication.

## Fasting and Prayer Scheduled in Conference



At the January Pastors' Meetings, Dr. Joseph Kidder presented biblical fasting and prayer as an avenue for a personal connection with God. The pastors recommended a conference-wide week of prayer and fasting **March 1 – 7, 2020**. This will coincide with other days of prayer.

Dakota Conference Prayer Coordinator Barry St. Clair regularly participates with the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists monthly all-night prayer call and plans to present Dakota Conference to the NAD prayer team Thursday, **March 5**.

**March 6** is World Day of Prayer and Sabbath, **March 7**, the Women's International Day of Prayer is scheduled on the NAD calendar. During this week the Dakota Conference solicits your prayers as well.

Article by Pastor Barry St. Clair; Photo by Ben White of Unsplash.

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# Dakota Conference Calendar

- Feb 8 Adventist TV Ministries Offering
- Feb 8 Fargo Youth Get-together
- Feb 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Local Church Budget Offering
- Feb 15 MAUC Pathfinder Bible Experience
- Feb 17 Presidents' Day - Office closed
- Feb 20 - 23 Academy Days at DAA
- Feb 22 Dakota Challenge Offering
- Feb 22 Bismarck Youth Get-together at DAA
- Feb 23 Arizona Alumni Chapter Meeting
- Feb 23 California Alumni Chapter Meeting
- Feb 29 NAD Evangelism Offering

## There Are No ABC Specials for February

ABC hours are Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:30 pm  
Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
7200 N Washington Street  
Bismarck, ND 58503  
701.751.6177



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## February 6 Dispatch Photo





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