



A building committee was chosen, a plan drawn up by one of the members and accepted by the committee, then mailed to the conference officials for their consideration. Their approval was granted and work began. Under the leadership of Pastor Smith, church elder Guy Hendrick, and even though up in years, a faithful and efficient chairman, Brother King, things began to move.

The first thing to be moved was dirt. Now was evidenced, under the guiding hand of God, the kindness and generosity of the friends and neighbors of the members. One of these neighbors donated his time and equipment for the excavation of the basement. Though none of the members had much money to put into the project, they had the love of God and each other, besides muscle and willingness.



Since Guy Hendricks was in the sawmill business, he got donations of "lumber in the tree" by the government, which members cut down and helped to saw. Some helped with their trucks. Brother Elbert Ward and his wife Harriet, along with his brother Harry and sister Minette, drove the more than twenty miles from their cattle ranch each day and worked long hours on what was to become the Custer church, doing whatever needed to be done. In fact Harriet and the pastor's wife worked together helping to smooth down the still-damp cement walls of the basement so these inside walls would be in a condition to paint. Also the Wards solicited a lumber dealer to their acquaintance, who donated sufficient flooring for the building, and also enough from which to build the pews. A wood worker in Custer was hired to make the pews, which were sanded and varnished by the members.

Article by Mrs. Calvin D. Smith, October 15, 1978; Picture from Gloria Marcoe



Photo by Cliff Freese

## Challenge Day Held at DAA

When students are at school instead of on home leave as is on the schedule, we, as a school, have to be creative! Taking a day off from the rigors of class, students were able to get in touch with their creative and competitive sides.

There is a TV show called *Chopped*, which features contestants who have to come up with a dish featuring specific ingredients. The academy featured its own DAA Chopped Dessert Challenge. What can be made from puffed pastry, whole champagne mangos, chili powder and Hershey bars?

Esteemed judges, Pastor Brooke Melendez, teachers Jared Gibson and Ryan Peterson, sampled the creations and scored each student on presentation, creativity and taste.

- Third place went to Wesley Kayser with his S'more pastry,
- Second place to Jaelyn Pickett with her Mango and Pineapple Lattice Pie, and
- First place to Savannah Ulery with her Chocolate Gnash Puff with Mango and Chili Puree.

With warmer spring days, the staff and students took lunch to the pond to roast hotdogs over a fire. The students took advantage of the topography for their own challenge...Who could jump highest up the bank of the hill? The picnic was a very relaxing, fresh-air-filled fun adventure. Some students took the Petersons' canoe for a trip around the pond as well. The afternoon finale was a Wii tournament.



After having such a pleasant day, evening ended with a vespers service back at the pond. The rain held off until after vespers but a few were caught on their way back to the building. It was a rejuvenating and refreshing way to spend the day that was meant for home leave.



Article and photos by Tracy Peterson

## Dear Dakota Conference Family,

It is with great sadness that we announce that all in-person camping programs for this summer are canceled. Due to social distancing regulations still in place, as well as recommendations from the North Dakota Department of Health and the CDC, we are unable to gather campers together for summer programs at this time. Instead, we will be working with a small team to put together a virtual experience for the summer. Many other camps



in our states and within our union are shut down for this summer and are unable to offer alternatives, so this truly is an important opportunity for something revolutionary to take place. We believe that the talents afforded us by this small team will make virtual camp super fun, exciting, and deeply spiritual. We hope the youth of our conference will tune in to take part in this new thing that God is doing! Please keep our department in prayer during this time of creativity and transition. We need your support!

Please watch our [Dakota Adventist Camps](#) Facebook and Instagram pages [dakotayouthandyoungadults](#) as well as our website for upcoming dates and information regarding virtual camp and how you can be involved. The conference website and communications will also include this information.

Grace & peace, Ricky & Brooke

Article by Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez

## Paulette Bullinger Accepts Women's Ministry Position

Paulette Bullinger was baptized into the Adventist faith in 1998. She was born and raised Roman Catholic. Following a series of life events and self-reflection, she prayed for God to show her a faith that would accept her "as she was." At that time, a Mark Fox Prophecy Series was coming to the Mandan-Bismarck area. Paulette received a postcard invitation to the series in the mail. She had started to study prophecy during this time and decided to attend the series. The Holy Spirit led her to accept the call to join the Adventist faith.

During the last twenty-one years, Paulette has been called to various church ministries, including women's ministry, Sabbath school leader and elder. She is a member of the Mandan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Although recently retired from Odney Advertising, Paulette keeps busy as a local tour guide for the Bismarck Tour Company. She and her husband



have purchased a historic community hall in her hometown of Huff, ND, which they are renovating. She enjoys time with her grandchildren and leads a photograph club at church. She also converts her photography into greeting cards, which are a Pride-of-Dakota product.

Paulette has published a historical fiction set in the 1900s of events around the Bismarck-Mandan area. This book witnesses to her spiritual transition into the biblical truths of scripture. Her hobbies include photography, writing, hiking and historical research.

Paulette and her husband Bob, have a blended family of seven children and six grandchildren.

*Article by Paulette Bullinger and Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Jesse Nelson Photography*

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## The Prayer Connection Convoy Visits Nine Facilities



The Prayer Connection Convoy, hosted by Dickinson's 103.7, The Connection Christian Radio, visited nine facilities on Thursday, April 10, for the purpose of praying over the workers and residents. The Convoy commenced at the south parking lot of CHI St. Alexius Health Center at 4:00 PM, with the opening prayer from Pastor John Strand of the New Hope Church of the Nazarene. At each fifteen-minute interval the Convoy arrived at a new facility, covering nine in all. A close estimate of the cars in procession approximated 50. The prayers were broadcast through the radio at 103.7, The Connection, and were streaming online from the website.

From the CHI St. Alexius Health Center, the Convoy moved south to Sanford Medical Center West. The route then took an easterly direction with stops at Edgewood Hawks Point, Sanford Medical Center East and St. Benedict's, then north to St. Luke's. Evergreen Assisted Living, and Country House, then west culminating at the Public Safety Center where Pastor Chris Ondrovich of Lighthouse Church of God prayed for the police department, the Highway Patrol, the fire department, Dickinson's first responders and Southwestern District Health Unit.

Nine pastors and leaders from around Dickinson contributed their prayers for this Convoy. In addition to Pastor John Strand and Pastor Chris Ondrovich, Pastor Janel Kolar of the First Congregational United Church of Christ prayed for Sanford West. Pastor Jeff Morton of Hillside Baptist presided over Edgewood Hawks Point Pastor Scott Skones from Living Word Fellowship offered hope to Sanford East Medical Center. Pastor Tim Privratsky of the Evangelical Bible Church presided over St. Benedict's. US Army Chaplain Lieutenant Nick Osborn (currently pastor of the

Grassy Butte, Watford City and Williston Adventist churches) prayed for St. Luke's, while Pastor Josh Helvik from Home on the Range prayed for Evergreen. Stormie Kasian, owner of Faith Expressions Christian Book Store prayed for those at Country House.

The cars in the Convoy traveled with hazard lights flashing, as per request of the Dickinson Police Department, and obeyed all traffic instances. At the different stops people could be seen waving to those inside the facilities and to each other, while maintaining the respected distances apart. Children stood up through the sunroofs in the stopped cars and jubilantly sang along with the radio.

*Article and pictures by Reese Saxon, General Manager of KPAR-LP Higher Plain Media, 103.7 The Connection;*

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## Enjoy a Froggy Serenade

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=em6SUuJdq6g&feature=youtu.be>

Submitted by Tracy Peterson recruiter at Dakota Adventist Academy

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Visit [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org) to view presenters and read their biographies.  
This information is under the Community tab, then Campmeeting, then choose Presenters.



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**The King's Heralds Will Be At Campmeeting Sabbath - August 1, 2020**

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## Dakota Conference Calendar

- May 2 Fargo Regional - CANCELLED
- May 2 Local Church Budget Offering
- May 3 K-12 Board of Education via Zoom (10 am)
- May 9 Virtual Youth Get-together
- May 9 Disaster Relief Offering
- May 15-17 Flag Mountain Camp Work Bee - TBD
- May 16 DAA Spring Concert - TBD
- May 16 Local Church Budget Offering
- May 20 Hillcrest 8th Grade Graduation (7pm) - TBD
- May 21 Sioux Falls 8th Grad Graduation (7pm) - TBD
- May 22-24 DAA Graduation Weekend - TBD
- May 23 Dakota Challenge Offering
- May 25 Conference Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 30 Prairie Voyager 8th Grade Graduation (11am) - TBD
- May 30 Camp Development (NLC/FMC) Offering

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## April 2020

The Local ABC is open during conference office hours.

**Please call ahead and Lynette will have the food/books waiting outside for your pickup.**

Thank you.

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## April 30 Dispatch Photo




*Photo by Paulette Bullinger in Lincoln State Park in Mandan, ND*


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