

*Dakota Dispatch*  
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## Journal from 1938

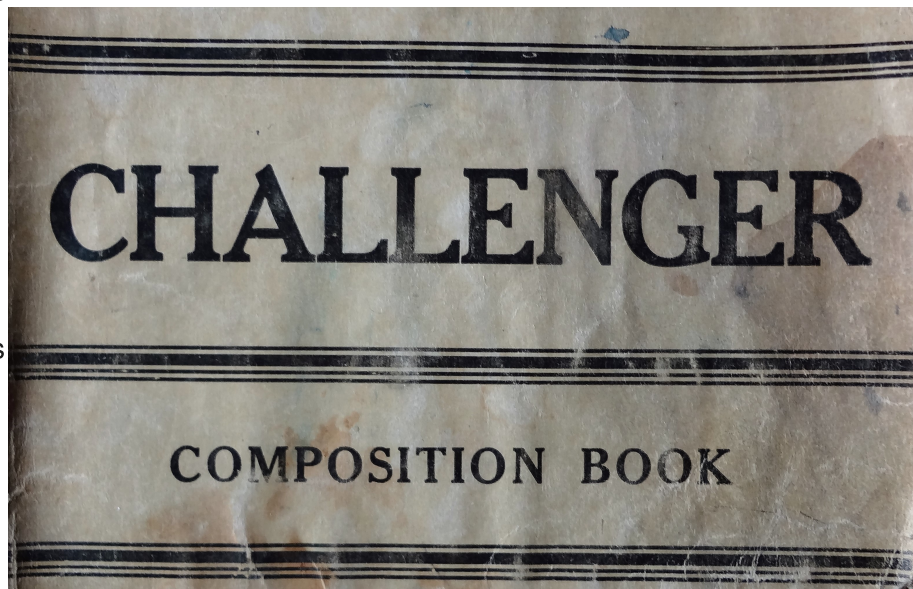
Excerpt from a Dakota Adventist girl's journal. Inscription on the inside cover reads:

- I got this book from my teacher.
- I was in the fourth grade.
- I was eight years old.
- It was in the year of 1938.
- I am so glad to receive this book.

### Correct Manners

We should -

1. Be courteous
2. Be friendly
3. Control temper
4. Do not repeat tales
5. Don't fret
6. Don't fight
7. Do not hold a grudge
8. Do not tease for things
9. Don't interrupt
10. Have good table manners
11. Talk gently
12. Smile always
13. Not to laugh loud
14. Self control



15. Never get sassy
  16. Never talk too much
  17. Act civilized
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## Edna Moser Celebrates 100 Years

Edna E. Schindler was born August 30, 1920 to Fred and Lydia (Vietz) Schindler on the farm six or seven miles southeast of Denhoff, North Dakota, where her parents were living. Her parents moved several times before settling in Denhoff in 1933 when Edna was twelve. She was educated in rural schools and finished the eighth grade at Denhoff public school in 1934. The family increased in 1923 with the addition of sister Velda and sister Arliss in 1934. Edna had to stay at home to take care of Arliss while mother worked on sewing projects for the Works Progress Administration, a former American New Deal agency, and her father farmed.

Edna met Sam Moser in 1936 and they were married two years later on October 21 at the courthouse in McClusky. For Edna's wedding her mother bought her a teal blue dress at the local variety store. Sam and Edna made their home in Denhoff where she was a housewife and Sam worked for the railroad. They welcomed daughter Sharri in 1940. Four years later the family moved to Lodi, California where Edna harvested grapes and later worked for a laundry company and Sam worked as a carpenter. They moved back to Denhoff the next year and Sam farmed with his father-in-law until 1952 when the family moved to Bismarck where Sam worked as a carpenter and home builder. Edna was a homemaker during the early years, however, in 1957 she was employed at the governor's mansion where she baked and served food for governor's wife's women's lunches and teas until in 1958. A few years later Edna began to work for Dr. Heideman, D.O. in the business office as receptionist, scheduler and file clerk. When Dr. Heideman retired due to illness, Edna worked in the business office for Dr. Steven Lester, chiropractor, until she retired.

Born and raised in an Adventist home, Edna's church and church community have always been an important part of her life. During her youth, the children's magazine *Our Little Friend* provided the only activity in church. As an adult, Edna has served the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church as clerk, deaconess and head deaconess for thirty plus years. A couple of years ago she turned down a request by the church selection committee to serve another term. She is, however, an honorary deaconess. She also recorded church attendance for over a decade.

In addition to daughter Sherri and Roger Jacobs, Edna has three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren with one deceased, and three great-great-grandchildren.



**RUBY SKARO & HER MOTHER, TANYA SPILOVOY, BOUGHT EDNA A BIRTHDAY ENSEMBLE FIT FOR A 100-YEAR OLD QUEEN.**

*Happy birthday, Edna!*

*Article submitted by Ron Warner; Photos by Gail Spilovoy.*

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## **Flag Mountain Camp Committee's Fall Work Bee**

A small group of people, consisting mostly of the camp committee, gathered together this past weekend for a work bee to complete much needed maintenance at Flag Mountain Camp. Despite limited numbers due to COVID, many tasks were accomplished. The exteriors of both boys' and girls' cabins were pressure washed and will be re-stained and sealed. The craft house received a little fall cleaning and a new water heater was installed in the duplex bathroom. Tree branches were removed from the top of the 4-plex which damaged the roof and interfered with electrical lines. A section of siding on the lodge, damaged by marmots, was also repaired.

Unfortunately, the weather turned wet and snowy on Labor Day and some tasks will need to be finished in the weeks to come. We are extremely thankful to the team of volunteers for their time, equipment and labor. Flag Mountain Camp is such a special place to the hearts of many, young and old alike! More work bees will be held in the future that will be open to a larger group of people. The financial support for Flag Mountain Camp by Dakota Conference churches is greatly appreciated. Please continue to financially support this camp so long overdue repairs may continue to bless the generations to come.



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FALL CLEANING IN THE  
*Craft House*  
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**ROOF PATCHED ON 4- PLEX**



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*Water  
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Installed in  
Duplex*  
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*Article by Pr. Ricky Melendez; Photos by Pr. Brooke Melendez.*

## Women's Retreat



Women's Retreat 2020 will be held October 9-11 at the Abbey of the Hills in Marvin, South Dakota. Due to COVID-19 a limit has been set of 90 guests, including speaker and committee members. The Abbey has protocols in place, masks will not be required but recommended. To reserve one of the last spots, go to: [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org) > Ministries > Women's Ministries > Women's Retreat Registration

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## Rolling With the Changes

Dakota Adventist Academy has been in session for three weeks. Students have settled into their routines and are busy with schoolwork. At this point things seem pretty normal; that was the goal.

As the year progresses and yearly events draw near, modifications to normal life will be necessary. Events, like Endowment Sabbath, will look different this year. Students and staff will look for alternatives and hope to make the program better. Though the school will not send students to visit churches, a different solution will be offered. Dakota churches, no matter how near or far from DAA, will be able to have the whole student body in their sanctuary. Students will virtually bring the church service to you and are excited to create a the service from start to finish. They will even provide a children's story and offertory music. The only thing each church family will need to do is show up!

Change is inevitable, what we do with it makes the difference. "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:21-23

*Article and photos by Recruiter Tracy Peterson*

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## Justin Walker Joins Edgeley / Cleveland / Jamestown / New Home Church District

While Justin sat at a worship service during University Days at Walla Walla University (WVU) his senior year in high school, he felt God's call to be a pastor. Walker pushed the idea away, his plan was to become an engineer. After the impressions became stronger



and he could no longer ignore the overwhelming urges, Justin decided to accept God's plan for his life. He attended WWU, majored in theology, worked as a student missionary in Australia for a year, and then spent some time as a task force youth pastor in Upper Columbia. When he decided to go on to seminary and work on a master's, a professor from WWU asked if he could send out Justin's resume. It was shortly after this that Elder Neil Biloff called, the Dakotas needed a pastor that summer. The timing wasn't good as Justin had committed to work at Camp MiVoden's summer program as well as finish his master's degree. Elder Biloff suggested that both parties take a week to pray about it.

Walker asked God to make the decision clear. The fleece he put out for God was 1) he would be allowed to work at camp and finish out the three-week, teen DiscipleTrek; 2) he would be able to complete his master's degree. When Elder Biloff called back, he told Justin it didn't seem fair to pull him out of school and asked if the Dakotas could sponsor him for his last year of seminary. This exceeded the young man's plea to God and he was more than happy to move to the Dakotas at the beginning of September.

Pastor Justin has joined Pastor Peter & Ella Simpson in the Edgeley / Cleveland / Jamestown / New Home district and is excited to be there. He would love to see real change in people's hearts and minds toward Jesus. He knows that once people understand who God is and why He matters, they can't help but share Him with others. Justin is passionate about quality worship music and outdoor recreation as these are two places where he is able to find God.

*Article & photo by Jodi Dossenko.*

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## **ABC Located at Dakota Conference in Bismarck**

**Tuesday - Thursday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm** (If you happen to be in town during other hours, please stop by, we will try to accommodate.)

**Friday: ABC & office closed**



We will celebrate the 5th anniversary of Family Worship at the Lodge. The Lodge has been a heaven-on-earth experience for all young adults (ages 18-25) who have previously attended. We look forward to this year's gathering and know we will be at capacity, ready to worship God and build community. Keep this event in your prayers as we continue to develop young adults as disciples for Christ and His kingdom alone.

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## Dakota Conference Calendar

- Sep 12      [Local Church Budget](#)
- Sep 13      Executive Committee - CO (9 am)
- Sep 13      SE ACS Federation Meeting - Watertown, SD
- Sep 14      NE ACS Federation Meeting - Jamestown, ND
- Sep 15      NW ACS Federation Meeting - Grassy Butte, ND
- Sep 17 - 21    DAA Homeleave
- Sep 19      [Dakota Challenge](#)
- Sep 20      SW ACS Federation Meeting - Rapid City, SD
- Sep 26      [Camp Development](#)
- Sep 27      Executive Committee - CO (10 am)
  
- Oct 02 - 03    DAA/SRA/PVA Alumni Weekend - DAA **\*\*CANCELLED**
- Oct 02 - 04    Family Worship at The Lodge - Havana, ND
- Oct 03      [Local Church Budget](#)
- Oct 08 - 14    GC Fall Council - MD
- Oct 10      [NAD Voice of Prophecy](#)
- Oct 09 - 11    Women's Retreat - Abbey of the Hills, SD



- Oct 11 - 13 New in Ministry Training - Virtual
- Oct 17 Local Church Budget
- Oct 17 South Central Regional - Aberdeen **\*\*CANCELLED**
- Oct 21 DAA Homeleave
- Oct 24 Dakota Challenge
- Oct 25 K-12 Board Meeting - CO (10 am)
- Oct 31 Secondary Endowment

## Job Opportunity

A position is available at the Dakota Conference office for a front desk/administrative assistant. The individual must have public relation skills, computer processing knowledge and the ability to type, be self motivated, highly organized, and exercise confidentiality. Pay depends on applicable experience and includes retirement contribution, subsidized health insurance and educational discounts at Dakota Seventh-day Adventist schools.

Interested parties may contact Mark Seibold with questions and a job description at: [vp.finance@dakotaadventist.org](mailto:vp.finance@dakotaadventist.org)

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## September 10 Dispatch Photo



*Photo by Makya Kostenko*

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