

Things to Know



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Musings from the Word

John Gry, Executive Secretary

This past Sabbath, I had the honor to participate with the Ottawa Church as they celebrated their 130 years of existence. They organized as a church in 1892! As I was doing research, I discovered that one of the earliest references to Ottawa, IL is from the Advent Review and Herald of the Sabbath on May 26, 1874. It appears in an announcement where comes to the “camp-meeting” taking place in the grove of “Bro. Alfred Hobbs” were to connect in Ottawa. And from there, they would travel to Bro. Hobbs’ grove for campmeeting. And in the announcement, it was offered that “straw will be furnished free. Hay and grain for horses and provisions at reasonable rates.” It was all of this coordination that struck me. The levels of commitment and organizing and coordination and willingness to work through whatever it took to see such a gathering occur proved powerful. Memories were made. God was praised. The message continued forth—almost twenty years before a church formed in Ottawa. And the words of the psalmist rang in my mind, “So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.” Their faithfulness through decades, regardless, has led to us being here during this time, during this day.

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Illinois was the inventor of the two-horse cultivator.

Musings from the Field

I want to thank Elder Pete Braman and his team for their continued work of training held a week ago down in Oak Hill SDA Church where there were nine seminars offered to forty attendees.

Also, the recent prayer conference at the Downer's Grove SDA Church provided an opportunity for the 150 attendees to experience again the power of prayer and community as Elder James Black led the day. We are committed to prayer and training as we continue to move forward together to pursue mission.



The kingdom of God is founded upon infinite love, compassion, and purity.
(Special Testimonies B, p. 18)

