

# Zion News

By BJ HALE

## Zion United Church of Christ Correspondent

The Thought for the Day: "We don't need all the answers, just trust the one who does."

Another rainy Sunday, and we still don't have a minister. Everyone keep praying.

Rev. Leroy Allison was our fill-in minister today, and he did a great job. The title of his message was "Everybody Has Somebody." And he brought his wife and daughter with him. His wife is very enjoyable to be around, and his daughter is the same way.

Patty Heit was not in church today because this was her annual "Daughters Weekend for Christmas Shopping."

George and Brian Duke-man are at the assisted living center and are going to stay there through the winter months.

We sure miss J.B. and Jean White. Hope they will feel like coming back to church soon.

Hope Larry Drake gets better real soon; we miss him.

Marleene is doing so good, and Arnold is really happy. Keep up the good work.

I saw a picture of Ryker. He is so cute; no wonder Rod and Carol are so happy.

How many heard "Amazing Grace" this morning. Thank you, Ramona. Everything was beautiful.

Does anyone use one-cent stamps. If so, please call 543-2535.

Now for Poinsettias. Please call 543-2535 and order one and pay \$12.00. Thank you and say who it is in memory of.

Now for our prayer list: Kara Kuhns is very ill and needs our prayers; also Marleene Schultz, Dawn Paulson, Larry Drake, George

Dukeman, Karen Korte's mom and dad, Karen Butterick, Bobby Bright, Roger Harris, Marvin Helmuth, Bob Mauck, John Jeyeureusen, Della Mae Frohm;

Becky Ponder, Janet Sawyer, Blanche Bishop, Melissa Kamm, Sue Balz, Summer's Grandpa Brian Dailey, Dale and Martha Quick, Bert Mackentoch, Rose Lundquist, Linda Beaman, Glen and Margaret Weaver's grandson, Andrew and Stephanie;

Melba Von Lanken, Elmer Stanford, Mike Rutledge, Ann Miller, Mary Fern Carlyle, David Walker, Dick Walters, Shirley Bowmer, Becky Pound, and Clifford Herschberger.

Believe me, prayers help more than anything.

Next Sunday, November 19, the special music is Lonnie Conner, and our sermon will be "A Sermon in Song."

Atwood-Hammond Association of Churches will have Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m. at Lake Fork UCC in Atwood.

We will have a special "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday, November 26, with a short worship service. Everyone helps decorate the church for the Advent season. We will have a potluck lunch.

Birthdays: JB White, Nov. 12; Maxine Jurgens, Nov. 14; Jude Grant, Nov. 18; Gary Hendrickson, Nov. 25; Crystal Willoughby, Nov. 29; Donna Beauchamp, Nov. 29.

Anniversaries: David and Marcia Hackett, Nov. 20.

Don't forget to bring hats and mittens to hang on the "tree" to help local school children in need of them.

If you would like to help decorate our church for the upcoming Advent season, please consider purchasing a Poinsettia. See BJ Hale about ordering one. Cost is the same as previous years, \$12.00.

# LOVC NW announces 2017 All-Conference Football team

By KENT A. STOCK  
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Four Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Knights were named to the 2017 Little Okaw Valley Northwest Division All-Conference football team.

Adam Day and Lucas Otto earned second team defensive honors while Isaac Ashenfelter was awarded second team offensive linemen honors.

Marcus Vanausdoll received second team nods for both offense and defense plus was named first team punter.

Here is the complete list:

**First Team Offense:**  
**Quarterback** – Michael Fiala (Decatur LSA)\*; **Wide Receivers** – Matt Guffey (CGB)\*, Braden Summer (Sangamon Valley)\*, Xavier Todd (LSA);

**Running Backs** – John Conner (CGB)\*, Austin Hopkins (Arcola)\*, Skyler Peterson (Argenta-Oreana)\*; **Center** – Michael Redpath (A-O)\*;

**Offensive Linemen** – Devin Camfield (A-O)\*, Hugo Garza (Arcola)\*, Marcello Gonzalez (SV), Aaron Templeton (LSA), Dylan Upton (CGB), Trevor Webb (A-O).

**Second Team Offense:**  
**Quarterback** – Josh Williams (A-O); **Skill Positions** – Brady Greenwood (CGB), Marcus Vanausdoll (ALAH), Colton Tuebner (A-O);

**Offensive Linemen** – Isaac Ashenfelter (ALAH), Richie Hicks (CGB), Kyle Rigsby (A-O), Noah Robinson (LSA).

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Quarterback** – Conner Strader (Arcola); **Skill Positions** – Garrett Guske (LSA), Mason Hemingway (SV).

**First Team Defense:**  
**Defensive Linemen** – Quinten Helmuth (Arcola), Garrett Morrison (A-O)\*, Noah Robinson (LSA)\*, Dylan Upton (CGB);

**Linebackers** – Kaleb Byard (Arcola), Chandler Carter (LSA)\*, Brady

Greenwood (CGB), Marcus Vanausdoll (ALAH)\*, Trevor Webb (A-O);

**Defensive Backs** – Mario Cortez (Arcola), Grant Karsten (LSA)\*, Conner Strader (Arcola), Tim Winters (CGB).

**Second Team Defense:**  
**Defensive Linemen** – Marcello Gonzalez (SV), Zach Harrington (A-O), Conner Stanton (SV), Aaron Templeton (LSA);

**Skill Positions** – Adam Day (ALAH), Lucas Otto (ALAH), Braden Summer (SV), Makail Stanley (A-O), Colton Tuebner (A-O).

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Skill Positions** – Matt Guffey (CGB), Mason Hemingway (SV), Gunnar Moore (A-O).

**First Team Special Teams: Punter** – Marcus Vanausdoll (ALAH), John Connor (CGB);

**Place Kicker** – Tanner Heick (LSA).

**Second Team Special Teams: Place Kicker** – Mario Cortez (Arcola).

## 2017 All-Conference volleyball team selected

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The Little Okaw Valley Conference Northwest Division regular season champions, the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Knights, landed four players on the All-Conference team for this past season while the Bement Bulldogs and Cerro Gordo Broncos had two players each earn post season honors.

For ALAH, it was senior Madison Brown and junior Taylor Powell who were unanimous selections for the first team. Senior Liz Shipman earned second team honors while fellow senior Hannah Wallen was recognized with an honorable mention nod.

Senior Hannah Leigh Foran was picked for the LOVC NW first team honors while BHS teammate, junior Tatum Auth was selected for honorable mention.

Cerro Gordo's two representatives on the Little Okaw Northwest Division All-Conference squad were juniors Sydney Walker (first team) and Anna Peter (second team).

The following is a complete list of the 2017 LOVC Northwest All-Conference volleyball team:

**First Team:** Kaitlyn Farrar, Sr., MH, Argenta-Oreana\*; Madison Brown, Sr., Setter, ALAH\*; Taylor Powell, Jr., MH, ALAH\*; Aubry Hunt, Sr., MH, Sangamon Valley\*; Hannah

Leigh Foran, Sr., MH, Bement; Sydney Walker, Jr., OH, Cerro Gordo; Yessie Ramirez, Sr., Libero, Arcola; Taylor Page, Jr., Setter, Sangamon Valley.


\*Indicates unanimous selection

**Second Team:** Liz Shipman, Sr., OH, ALAH; Anna Peter, Jr., OH, Cerro Gordo; Kate Jeffers, So., MH, Okaw Valley; Abby Boggs, Sr. OH, Sangamon Valley.

**Honorable Mention:** Tattiana Garcia, Sr., Setter, Argenta-Oreana; Amaya Fox, Jr., OH, Argenta-Oreana; Hannah Wallen, Sr., OH, ALAH; Tatum Auth, Jr., Setter, Bement; McKynna Tolle, So., Libero, Decatur LSA; Sadie Zimmerman, Jr., Setter, Okaw Valley.

**WISE AND OTHERWISE**

By Kent A. Stock



## What is this discount of which you speak?

I dug this out of the Wise and Otherwise archives. Hope you enjoy!

Have you ever had an innocuous question tossed at you out of the blue that just leaves you stammering? Of course I sometimes get stumped when people ask my name and address. The mind just goes blank but this is a little different, I was not sure how to respond appropriately.

In line at the grocery store, my items were scanned and bagged when the very young (aren't there child labor laws around here?) asked me if I wanted the Senior Citizens Discount. I did one of those look around things first as if she must be talking to someone else. Nope she is looking right at me so I did my usual stuttering and stammering gibberish before going to my last resort when I am uncomfortable or confounded – maniacal laughter.

I asked her "how old do you think I am?" which was stupid because she obviously thinks I'm old enough for the discount. "Is it the gray hair?" I ask still laughing like a hyena which I'm sure made the check-out girl, who was probably 20 after all but kids these days look so young, think "you are not just old but crazy." I continued my fun banter about age which probably did offend the lady two carts back who was at least 117.

I'm doing all this because I panic thinking do I look 65? 60? 55? Amazingly enough as we age I don't think I look that age at all. Other people do but not me! Just kidding so now I am holding up the line of the rest of us old fogies trying to understand this inquiry which had thrown me for a loop when I saw the sign – Senior Citizen Discount 50 and over.

I suddenly felt better about her question but worse about my reaction. So, to make matters worse, I then go on to explain that I'll be 50 in ten months. Oh, and I apologized but I was still chortling as she started helping me put things in the cart. I'm sure if she'd had a panic button she would have pressed it by now so she thought get the loony bird out of my line, 49 or not!

I wasn't mad or offended and I did find the episode amusing. I think dumbfounded is the word I'm searching for. I certainly was found to be dumb I'm positive. Thank goodness she did not ask for my name and address so she could put a tag on me, call my relatives to come save me as I'd escaped. I'm sure I could not have come up with that either. That's what happens when you get to be my age I guess. Now I'm just bummed that I did not get my discount and saved that ninety-six cents – ten more months and I'll be back you young whippersnapper.

## Bement Jr. High boys start off season at CG tourney

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The Bement Jr. High boys basketball team began their 2017-18 season at a tournament hosted by Cerro Gordo. The Bulldog eighth graders went 1 – 2 while the seventh graders lost all three contests.

The eighth grade first faced host Cerro Gordo. The purple and white fell behind early and could never make up the deficit losing to the Broncos by a final score of 51 – 20. Scoring for Bement: Xander Hutchcraft 5; Drew Stoerger, Jacob

Stoerger, Garrett Daniels 4; James Senter 3.

In the second game, against Decatur LSA, the Bulldogs led 12 – 8 after the first quarter and stayed close with the Lions through the half, trailing just 15 – 14 at the break. LSA was able to pull away in the second half to secure a 40 – 24 victory. Scoring for Bement: D. Stoerger 13; Hutchcraft 5; J. Stoerger 4; Daniels 2.

In the final game of the tournament, Bement was able to easily defeat Arthur Okaw Christian by a final score of 38 – 6. Offense for

the Bulldogs: D. Stoerger 12; Aiden Shonkwiler 10; Hutchcraft 6; Daniels 4; Senter, Zain Martin, J. Stoerger 2.

The eighth grade Bement squad opened Junior High Okaw Conference play facing the same LSA team that defeated them in the tournament. The game went about the same way with the Bulldogs leading early before the Lions rallied and slowly pulled away to win 35 – 26. Scoring for Bement: D. Stoerger 12; J. Stoerger 7; Hutchcraft 3; Martin, Senter 2.

It was a tougher go for the

seventh graders starting off the season as they lost all four contests. At the Cerro Gordo tournament, the seventh grade Bulldogs lost to the Broncos, 45 – 18, Decatur LSA 50 – 8 and Arthur Okaw Christian 26 – 18.

Evan Fogerson was the leading scorer in each game with 8 points, 6 points and 8 points respectively. In the game versus AOC, Austen Chestnut and Kade ALumbach each had 4 points.

The seventh graders opened the JHOC season with LSA losing by a final score of 39 – 7. Fogerson had four points in the game.

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**AREA TEAMS SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**HS GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Friday, November 17 – Monticello at ALAH 6:00 pm  
Saturday, November 18 – Decatur St. Teresa vs. CGB at CG 2:00 pm  
Monday, November 20 – ALAH at Shelbyville 6:00 pm

**HS BOYS BASKETBALL**

Saturday, November 18 – Meet the Knights Night  
Tuesday, November 21 – Sullivan at ALAH 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 21 – Saturday, November 25 CGB Turkey Tournament at CGHS (see schedule elsewhere in paper)

**JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Thursday, November 16 – ALAH vs. Sangamon Valley at Illiopolis 6:00 pm  
Bement at Mt. Pulaski 6:00 pm  
Stephen Decatur at Cerro Gordo 6:00 pm  
Saturday, November 18 – Tuesday, November 21 Bement at IHSA 7th Grade Class 1A Regional at Rantoul St Malachy  
Cerro Gordo at IHSA 7th Grade Class 2A Regional at Central A&M  
ALAH at IHSA 7th Grade Class 3A Regional at Sullivan

**JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL**

Thursday, November 16 – Villa Grove vs. ALAH at Lovington 6:00 pm  
Saturday, November 18 – Paris Mayo vs. ALAH at Lovington 10:00 am  
Monday, November 20 – Bement vs. Decatur Garfield at Decatur Hope 6:00 pm  
Okaw Valley at Cerro Gordo 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 21 – ALAH at Bement 6:00 pm  
Cerro Gordo at Blue Ridge 6:00 pm  
Schedules subject to change

**Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. Teacher Spotlight Award**



Our October 2017 Teacher Spotlight award winner is William Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard is in his first year of teaching. Mr. Pritchard received a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

He currently teaches 5th grade band, 6th grade band, Jr. High Band and High School Band. He enjoys playing the trumpet, photography, watching sports - Illini and Cubs. What he most likes about teaching at Cerro Gordo: The immense support from families and students being a new teacher and new to the district.

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