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Mt. Zion Village Board Meeting

The next Mt. Zion Village Board meeting is Monday, November 20, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at Village Hall located at 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway.

Mt. Zion School Board Meeting

The next Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 1595 W. Main Street, Mt. Zion (the former Mt. Zion Lions Center building).

Village of Long Creek Board

The Village of Long Creek Board will meet on Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm in the Village of Long Creek board room.

Field House Community Use Schedule

The field house is open for community use every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 am to 6:30 am and Monday, November 20 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Mt. Zion Lions Club Christmas Parade

The Mt. Zion Lions Club Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 am. This year's theme is The Music of Christmas. If you would like to put an entry into the parade please contact Bob Yoder at 217-620-5462.

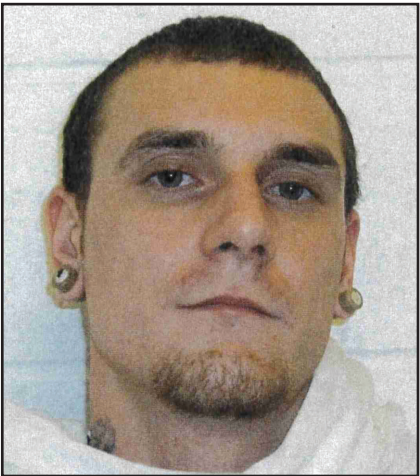
Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway

There will be a Thanksgiving basket giveaway on November 18 at 9:00 am until all have been given out at Mt. Zion Christian Church, 1125 Florian Avenue in Mt. Zion. Please provide a form of identification.

Food Pantry Distribution

The MTZ United Methodist Food Pantry will be distributing groceries to families residing in Mt. Zion, Long Creek, Dalton City as well as those living in the portion of Decatur within the Mt. Zion School District on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to Noon. They are located at 1220 W. Main Street in Mt. Zion.

Atwood Police Department seeks the public's help in locating man with arrest warrant



The Atwood Police Department is seeking the public's assistance with locating a local resident. Brock K. Anderson is 31 years old and wanted for an Illinois Department of Correction's parole arrest warrant. Anderson is a white male, 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 200 lbs. Anderson has brown hair and hazel eyes. Anderson also has tattoos on his neck and left arm. Anderson may be in the Champaign, Atwood, or Decatur area.

If located, the public is asked to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 217-253-3442 or the Piatt County Sheriff's Office at 217-762-5761.

Intermediate and Grade Schools Honor Veteran's Day With Assemblies

by CRYSTAL REED
Editor

Mt. Zion Grade and Intermediate Schools took last Tuesday afternoon to honor those currently serving and those who have served in our nation's armed forces.

The program at Mt. Zion Intermediate began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Presentation of Colors. This year's speaker was Officer Mike Patrick. He graduated from Cerro Gordo High School in 2001.

He served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 2007 as a corporal. Patrick attended Eastern Illinois University and received a Bachelor's in kinesiology with a teacher's certification. He has worked as a police officer for the Village of Mt. Zion since 2013 and became the school resource officer for the Mt. Zion School District at the beginning of last school year.

He recalled that everything changed for him on September 11, 2001. Patrick was sitting in a college history class while the professor was lecturing on the Civil War. A political science teacher barged into the room telling them that a plane had hit the Twin Towers. A few minutes later the teacher came in again declaring that a second plane had hit the towers.

Mt. Zion Chamber Makes Donation To Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund

by CRYSTAL REED
Editor

There are only 40 shopping days left until Christmas. One community organization is already thinking about how to make this holiday season bright for children in our community. The Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund has been helping needy children in the Mt. Zion area for 36 years. Over that period of time they have helped more than 3,550 children.

Last year, they provided 169 children with a winter coat or hoodie, hat, gloves, two complete outfits, socks and underwear, a pair of tennis shoes, a small gift and school supplies. About \$20,000 was needed to provide these gifts.

This coming holiday season the organization anticipates helping 190 children. They estimate needing about \$22,500 to provide gifts as in previous years.

The committee asks to receive donations by November 22 so there is time to shop, organize and distribute the gifts. Shopping trips and an organizing day for the effort are set in November and December.

Proceeds from this month's Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce luncheon were donated to the Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund. Every



Second graders perform a patriotic song during the Veteran's Day program held at Mt. Zion Grade last Friday afternoon. photo by Crystal Reed.

"From that moment I knew that I wanted to do something great, to serve a greater purpose," he said "and serve my nation." Patrick stated he signed up

at the Marine Corps recruiting office to become a United States Marine. He stated that he served in the Marine Corps during a very volatile time the

United States was involved in conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Patrick stated he also served several tours in Iraq. He
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Chamber President Karen Jeffers (left) presents a check to Kim Carlson (right) organizer of the Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund. photo by Crystal Reed.

fall, the chamber holds a luncheon at Antioch Christian Church and proceeds from the luncheon are donated to the organization.

To make a donation, make checks payable to The Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 199, Mt. Zion, IL 62549 or you can

deposit your contributions at Mt. Zion Prairie State Bank. For more information on donations or volunteering contact Kim Carlson at 454-3328.

Mt. Zion Cub Scout Pack 43 Holds Raingutter Regatta This Past Saturday



Quincy Peterson and Jacob Craig race against each other during the Raingutter Regatta. photo by Crystal Reed. More photos on page 6.

by CRYSTAL REED
Editor

Cub Scout Pack 43 held their Raingutter Regatta this past Saturday. Scouts assembled their boats from kits but were still able to add personal touches by selecting color combinations or sports themes to decorate the boats and masts.

The race was set up with two sets of 10 foot sections of gutter supported by wood braces. Racers were to blow their boats down the gutter using their own wind power. Scouts competed by individual dens, by pack and there was a siblings class that allowed family members of the scouts to get in on the fun.

Arrow of Light Den results: first place-Alex Rohman, second place-Drew Newton and third place-Isaiah Johnson. Webelos 1 Den 1 results: first place-Aidan Marquis, second place-Ryder Shobe, third place-Evan Ashmore. Webelos 1 Den 2 results: first place-Michael Freund, second place-Isaac Graham, third place-Mark Mavis.

Bear Den 1 results: first place-Chase Schoonover, second place-Damian Marcello, third place-Gunnar Lind. Bear Den 2 results: first place-Braden Maxey, second place-Matthew Detmers, third place: Logan Perkins.

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