

Zion News

By BJ HALE
Zion Correspondent
Intended for Last Week

The Thought for the Day:
"God's word can be an umbrella in every storm life brings."

It has really been hot, but the weatherman says cooler weather is on the way.

Arthur had a great parade—Zion Church was well represented. Members of the church in the parade were Weecee Butterick, Gattlin, Nathan, and Karen; Barb and Wally Smith; Phyllis Romine and granddaughter; Pastor Dennis and wife

Ruthey; and Ramona Carlisle.

If you are looking for a church, come to Zion.

Arthur Fireworks was really special.

Arnold Schultz is still in Kirby Hospital and is doing fine.

Now for the Prayer Chain: Special prayers for Jim Dycus, Becky Ponder, Donna Schultz, The Family of Ivy Beachy, Janice Snider, Patrick Butterick, Marvin Helmuth, Martha and Dale Quick, Dawn Paulson, Linda Beaman, Bruce Daily (Summer's Grandpa), Margaret

and Glen Weaver, Elmer Stanford, Mike Ruddle, Ann Miller, David Walker, Dick Walters, Shirley Bowmer, and Ruth Fisher.

The Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 8. We are again trying to hold Congregational Meetings on Sundays for the convenience of our congregation. Please stay for this important meeting. We will still have refreshments and "Christian Conversations" after the meeting if time permits.

We will have another session of "Finding the Way Back to Mayberry" after the worship service on Sunday,

July 15.

Leroy Powell will again be our guest speaker on Sunday, July 22. "Christian Conversations" will be held after the worship service.

Birthdays: Arnold Schultz, July 3; Louise Butterick, July 7; Jacob Nash Culbertson, July 8; Marlene Schultz, July 26; Marianne Hanner, July 26; Carol Randall, July 26; and Ramona Carlisle, July 29.

Anniversaries: David and Carol Crist, July 12; Greg and Jalane White, July 14; Wally and Barb Smith, July 18; and Roger and Lisa Kibler, July 22.

If you need to contact Rev. Gartung, his mobile number is (217) 460-1892.

Letter to the Editor

Basketball cards stolen from exhibit at Piatt County Fair

To the Editor:

I just learned that one of our young exhibitors at the Piatt County Fair had about 2 dozen basketball cards stolen from his collection book.

He had proudly brought that book to display and ended up with missing cards.

The cards were taken from various places in his book, so the theft was intentional.

One of those cards was a chrome Michael Jordan card that was quite valuable. His book was on display from June 15 - 17.

We know this happened sometime after the morning of the 16th. I am saddened to think that anyone would steal from Fair exhibits, but it happened.

We would welcome the return of these cards, particularly the Michael Jordan card.

Please contact me (217-855-3258), Tina Bolsen (217-620-8185), or Don Ritchie (217-855-4900) to return these cards, no questions asked.

Thank you.
Carol Kussart
Piatt County Fair
Treasurer

WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



Overheard In The Summer

Some things are universal about the seasons such as conversations among family and friends. Perhaps, in the summertime, even more so as school is out, people take vacations, and families in general just spend more time together.

Good times at the beach, the fireworks, the fair, the boat and the campground. Maybe not so good times getting sunburned, eating too much cotton candy, getting hit in the head with a water ski or sitting in an overly humid car with four adults, five kids, two dogs and a turtle during a driving rainstorm because your pop up camper collapsed.

Good and not so good memories usually make you smile later. See if some of these words from summers present and past don't bring up a few.

"You can't swim for an hour...you just ate" (This was often shortened because bugging parents actually worked)

"I expect to see you home when the street lights come on!"

"Don't run behind the (mosquito) FOGGER!" (This may be very specific to where I grew up, which accounts for so much about me at least!)

"Let me put on this calamine lotion and sun tan lotion" (This was applied by the gallon)

"We can recycle those glass pop bottles for money!"

"You rode to where on your bikes? And we need to come get you?"

"This is all the money you are getting tonight for the Fair" (This was usually repeated several times a night)

"Don't go near the (insert river, lake, ditch)" Followed later by "How DID your clothes get wet?"

"Okay, start making a list so we can run into the store" (This was said on almost every trip to the campground after we first unpacked)

"Don't throw one more thing in that fire!"

"That didn't go off, let's go check it" (Insert hysterical parent reaction right here to dud firecrackers after kid says this!)

"There are no sharks in Lake (Shelbyville, Decatur, Mattoon, Carlyle or in Illinois...period!)"

"How did sand get in there? I think we brought half the beach back with us"

"How long as this (insert any food item) been sitting out?" (Mom discreetly determines it to be okay, slips back into cooler)

"Please tell me the motor just died and we aren't out of gas" Usually heard on boat in middle of shark-free lake.

"I WILL pull this car over!"

"No, you cannot join the carnival" (After night at Fair might reconsider!)

"Is that pineapple or banana? Coconut? EWWW" (How many fridges are left with yellow, blue and green popsicles at the end of the summer after the red, orange and purple are all gone?)

"Are we there yet?"

I hope you enjoyed the summer conversation this week. Have a safe and happy summer. Be wise but create lots of memories otherwise!

Durbin family reunion held

The family of the late Joe and Josephine Durbin reunion was held on June 24, 2018, at the Bement American Legion Hall.

Members of the family came from St. Elmo, Cerro Gordo, Bement, Monticello, Chebanse, Indiana and Arizona.

There was a total of 19 members who was in attendance.

Jimmy Coffey from Arizona came the farthest,

The one who had the most children attending was Judy and the late Gene Durbin from Cerro Gordo. The one who had the most children (grand) attending was Judy and the late Gene Durbin from Cerro Gordo.

The youngest person present was Olivia Durbin, whose parents are Danny and Leah Durbin from Cerro Gordo and the granddaughter of Judy and the late Gene Durbin also from Cerro Gordo.

The oldest person attending the reunion was Leona Wright from St. Elmo.

Everyone had a great time together.

Plans were made for next year

Bement High School Alumni Dinner September 29

Plans are underway for the 2018 Bement High School Alumni Dinner. The classes ending in 3 and 8 will be honored, plus a short presentation of the Milmine Grade School will be held during the dinner.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, September 29; 5:45 p.m. in the Bement School cafeteria where Wilma Fendley and Dana Foran, this year's Hall of Fame winners will be formally inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

The committee is updating the mailing list and are looking for addresses from the Classes of 1953, 1958, 1973, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013, and any other alums wishing to attend to please contact Peggy Wells at 217-678-8338 with their class mailing list.

CGB Athletic Boosters Touchdown Club

The Cerro Gordo-Bement Athletic Boosters is seeking members for the 2018 Touchdown Club. The membership fee is \$25 plus \$1 per Broncos touchdowns scored this season (including playoffs).

Members will receive a t-shirt and will assist in purchasing new headset equipment for the Cerro Gordo-Bement coaching staff. If you do not wish to have a t-shirt you may pay the flat fee donation of \$25.

You may contact the Leslie Wright at 217-855-7944 for more information. The Cerro Gordo-Bement Athletic Booster Club also has a Facebook page where you can find the form to sign up.



The man on the ground is setting the depth of how much asphalt to grind away.

Work on Atwood Main Street progresses

(Continued from Page 1) of the project.

After the asphalt is removed a street sweeper/

backhoe follows behind cleaning up the excess asphalt.

The street is open most of

the time, but it is still rough with major bumps. Please slow down, be patient and drive carefully.



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