

Zion News

Thought for the day:
 “Ask and it will be given to
 you; search, and you will
 find; knock, and the door
 will be opened for you.” –
 Jesus Christ

Zion will have its Quarterly Congregational Meeting after the worship service on Sunday, October 14.

Rev. Gartung and members of Zion will be leading the worship service at the Arthur Home at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 16. The public is always invited to attend these services and visit with the residents living there.

Zion will host its annual community Wiener Roast and Potluck at Brad-O-Clen on Sunday, October 21 starting at 5:00 PM. Hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Others will bring in covered dishes and desserts. There will be plenty of food for everyone, so please come!

On Sunday, October 28, Rev. Kenneth Roedder will be Zion's guest pastor. Rev. Roedder served Zion for many years and always has a heart-warming message to offer when he returns to what he still calls his "home" church.

It's hard to believe, but we will soon have to start thinking about Christmas! Zion will be hosting the Atwood-Hammond Area Association of Churches annual Advent Sing on the first Sunday of Advent, November 4. More details to come.

We are so thankful that Katana Ponder is home after a hospital stay from a recent traffic accident involving a grain truck. We

pray for her speedy recovery.

We are also thankful that no one was hurt this past week when a combine Ed Beauchamp was using caught on fire. Multiple fire departments came to contain the blaze.

On the last Sunday afternoon of September, Rod and Carol Randall took Jennifer, Kyle, and Ryker McCormick to Aikman Wildlife Adventure and The Great Pumpkin Patch to enjoy the beautiful day. Eleven-month-old Ryker enjoyed all the animals at both attractions. How fortunate we are to have in our community such wholesome, family-oriented places to go to or take people.

Our prayer concerns still include Jerry and B J Hale. Also keep in your prayers Phyllis Romine who is most likely facing surgery on her back and her son, Jeff, who is also facing serious health issues.

Others on our prayer list: Bobby and Reagan Miller, Jim and Jackie Tholen, Becky Ponder, April Patient, Cheryl Harris, Leland Lust, Sharon Parsano, Donna Schultz, Earl Trammel, Scott Rexroad, and Ben Valerio.

Chuckle for the day:
Some people cause hap-
piness wherever they go.
Others whenever they go.

Rev. Gartung welcomes your calls and email. You may reach him at 460-1892 or at dennis@gartung.me.

Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 AM each Sunday with various Sunday School activities following. Everyone is welcome!



The Atwood-Hammond High School Class of 1968 celebrated their 50 year reunion with several activities through the weekend. The fun started during the ALAH Homecoming parade on Friday, September 28 with several class members riding on a float. That evening eighteen members along with spouses and guests held a banquet at the Kaskaskia Country Club. They were joined by their 8th grade science teacher and former Hammond Wildcat coach Chub Conner and his wife. The group got together on Saturday morning at Yoder's Kitchen with classmates unable to attend Friday night for coffee and more visiting. The class had forty-nine members. Nine classmates have passed away in the past fifty years. Pictured are: Keith Casteel, Lonnie Conner, Shirley Buckley Schable, Peggy Schable Hargis, Karen Standerfer Good, Kathy Porchout Casteel, Jo Smith Blair. Second row Dan Ferguson, Mark Bragg, Ted Lust, Marsha Reisner Healy, Wayne Schable, Roseann Hannon Bewley, Theresa Koberlein Montgomery, Pam Adams Day, Dean Day, Neil Cox, Jim Crowe



Ashley Mattingly of Tuscola, Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Day at the Illinois State Fair on Friday, August 10. Pictured with the Queens are Governor Bruce Rauner; Queen Samantha Hasselbring, the 2018 Miss Illinois County Fair; and Raymond Poe, Director of Agriculture and. The Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant will be held in January 2019, in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs Convention. This year's pageant will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield with 74 contestants competing for the title.

Village of Cerro Gordo

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of the village and has trouble keeping it full. Pryor is aware he will cover all costs.

For new water or sewer taps, the village approved changing the process to cost of the tap plus \$200 with the use of licensed plumber. There will need to be an amendment to the current ordinance, so the action item was tabled. It will be on next month's agenda.

As many are aware in the village, everytime it rains the bus barn's parking lot pools with water. The village approved blank to install an L shaped perforated tile, two sides, running into the intake with a catch basin for a cost of \$3,000.

Business District Discussion

Mayor Brad Williams is looking into changing the current TIF incentive program to a different business

district program to aid local businesses in renovating their curb appeal. The program allows for more businesses to take part. It is a reimbursement program, much like the current TIF incentive program. So, businesses will have to upfront the costs. It is not a 100% reimbursement program either. However, it gives the village more local control. Trustee Dennis Ridgeway stated that basically the program is to, "Main purpose is try to revitalize downtown." To which Williams agreed.

The village board also discussed, but no action taken on changing the residential zoning ordinance. This discussion was brought up as the village has had a few inquiries into building a building out of metal sheet vertical siding home. Board Trustee Dennis Ridgeway

currently has a home with metal sheet siding in Cerro Gordo. The main discussion was on whether to make restrictions, as currently there are not many. Ridgeway stated, "I think we need to specify a little bit more detail on what we will allow in the town." As of now a resident can build whatever size of building they would like next to their residence. So, in theory one could build a smaller home than their garage. The board is asking the zoning board of appeals to evaluate the structural requirements to properties in the village. No action was taken.

School Parking and Other News

Williams was approached by the Cerro Gordo School District about using the lot next to Veterans Park for additional parking for sporting events. Williams stated, "I said we probably would with an intergovernmental agreement."

The board discussed the pros and cons of the idea, coming to a resolution that without an intergovernmental agreement, the village would not approve it. This is mainly due to liability issues. The village attorney Susan Nichols advised the board, "If you want to do an intergovernmental agreement that says you have to take on any possible personal injuries and supervising it."

The village board donated \$5,000 to the Cerro Gordo Youth League. This is an annual donation.

The village is applying for an Urban and Forestry Funding application.

The village approved offering recycling electronics for one day, more than likely on clean-up day: October 20.

The village eliminated the DUI fund and Vehicle fund. The funds were moved to the general fine(s) fund.

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