

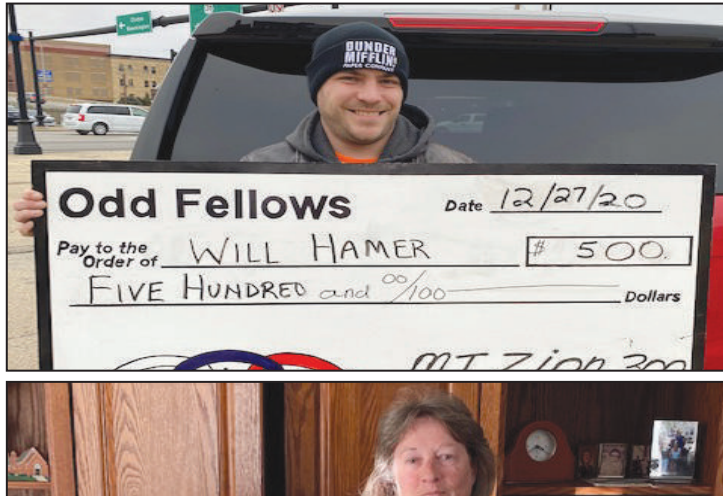
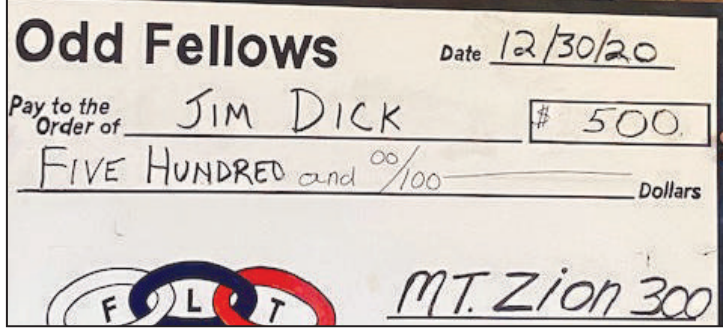


Mt. Zion Odd Fellows 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Winners

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows 12 Days of Christmas raffle started on Christmas Day, with Rob Perkins of Mt Zion winning the \$2,000 drawing. The next five \$500 winners were Lisa Hyland of Decatur, Will Hamen of Auburn, Jim Dick of Decatur, Susan McMillin of Decatur and Todd McDuffie of Mt Zion. Todd donated \$100 of his prize back to support the organizations efforts.



Remember to wear your mask over both your mouth and nose to protect yourself and others.



Mt. Zion Region News to Merge with Southern Piatt Record-Herald

We are pleased to announce an exciting change that is happening with our newspapers beginning next week. To better serve our loyal readers we are merging the Mt. Zion Region News with the Southern Piatt Record-Herald and effectively expanding your weekly paper to make room for the additional content.

This combined paper will be called the Record Herald News, and will continue to cover Piatt, Douglas, Moultrie counties, in addition to Macon.

The Mt. Zion Region News has been in existence for nearly 62 years and has led the community with loyal reporting. We are committed to the Mt. Zion community, but we have to face the reality of business as the time has come to shift into a bigger and more efficient paper.

Our parent company, Better Newspapers Inc., has decided that combining our beloved publications into one will be our best option going forward. This new paper will be larger and absolutely no content from the Southern Piatt Record-Herald, or the Mt. Zion Region News, will be lost in this transition.

Our communities have their own unique histories, traditions, and heritages that we will continue to keep in mind. With combining our papers, you won't lose what you have, you will be gaining so much more.

We're overjoyed that you are here to embark on this journey with us and it remains not only an honor, but a privilege, to bring you the latest news about your community.

We welcome your suggestions on how we can do even more to bring you a quality newspaper and invite you to call our office at 217/543-2151, or email either recordherald@consolidated.net or news@mtzionregionnews.com.

We believe we have a unique opportunity to strengthen the connections between all our communities.

Welcome one, welcome all, to the official first edition on January 13 of the Southern Piatt Record-Herald and Mt. Zion Region News combined paper.

Cheers to a bright new 2021.

Scholarship Applications Open Jan. 1 More than \$75,000 in college/university scholarships available

Macon County – The Community Foundation of Macon County will begin accepting online scholarship applications for the 2021-2022 academic year on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at www.maconcountygives.org.

Macon County high school seniors who have been accepted at an accredited college or university are encouraged to apply. Current college students are also eligible. Only completed electronic applications will be considered. Deadline to apply is Monday, March 1, 2021. Individual scholarship awards vary in size from \$250 to \$6,000.

"These scholarship awards are made possible through funds established at The Community Foundation of Macon County by generous donors committed to education," says Scholarship Coordinator Kathy Carter. "Each year, these scholarships provide a total of more than \$75,000 to benefit approximately 50 Macon County students seeking to complete higher education degrees."

Eligible students should complete and submit the online application at www.maconcountygives.org. For more information about The Community Foundation's scholarship program, call Carter at 217-220-1363 or 217-429-3000, or send an email to kcarter@maconcountygives.org.

OddFellows Scholarship

Noble Grand Jeff Mays of the Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge #300 wishes to announce that the Illinois Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations dedicated to service for the betterment of mankind, has funds available for several scholarship awards during the 2021-2022 school year for students who are residents of Illinois and citizens of the United States.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need and scholastic ability. Students with a grade point average of "C" or above who are planning on attending an accredited college, university or trade school, will be considered.

Students interested may obtain a scholarship application by visiting our website at <http://www.ioof-il.org>, go to FORMS, then select SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION and print it out.

To qualify, applications must be fully completed and received by March 1, 2021. PLEASE ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR DELIVERY. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Thomas with the Mt Zion Odd Fellow Lodge by emailingsecretary@mtzionoddfellows.org.

Macon County Adoptables



June had a blast playing in the snow this morning! June is a 4 year old lab mix who would love to find an active home to help her slim down while also giving her plenty of love. In June's former home, she did well with other dogs and children, but wasn't a fan of cats. June is always a happy girl and would be sure to share her love with you.

We are currently operating on an appointment-only basis. Start by filling out an application for June at dmcasf.org

BRIEFS

Mt. Zion Food Pantry

Beginning in September our distribution days and hours will be as follows: Open on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Contact Mt. Zion Methodist Church for more information.

Upcoming Meetings:

Mt. Zion Village Board Monday, January 18th, 2020 at Village Hall

Mt. Zion School Board - Tuesday, January 19th, at the Mt. Zion School District Offices at 6:30 pm

Long Creek Election Candidate Forms

Consolidated Election Candidate forms can be obtained at the Village of Long Creek office during office hours. Open seats for the April 6, 2021 elections are: 1 - President and 3 - Trustee

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