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ALAH Students Maleah Roberts and Kaiden Morfey selected to play in ILMEA

2014 was the last time a choir student was selected

By ARIANA R. CHERRY
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Many students with musical interests start their musical education at a young age.

In our local area, that usually begins around the fifth grade.

It takes years of practice

and developing techniques to reach the levels that many of our own area students have attained.

As a student develops their musical education and mastery, there are also certain performances and activities in which one may audition for.

One of these specific performances is a chance to participate in the ILMEA (Illinois Music Education Association).

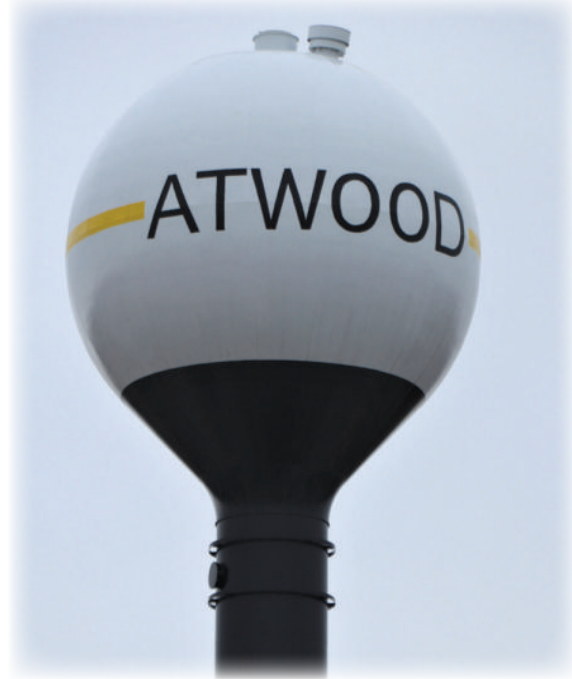
According to its website, The Illinois Music Educa-

tion Association exists to advocate for universal access to comprehensive music education; deliver exemplary professional development for educators; and provide outstanding musical experi-

ences for all Illinois learners facilitated by licensed music educators.

It provides resources and opportunities for all IL educators and students. Music (Continued to Page 2)

Mt. Zion Region News merges with Southern Piatt Record-Herald



We are pleased to announce an exciting change that is happening with our newspapers starting this 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 County.

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 de-



cidated 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.

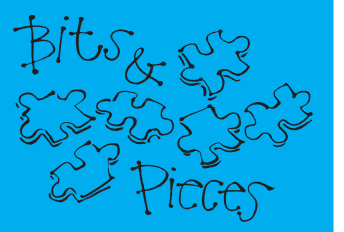
We're overjoyed that you are here to embark on this journey with us and it remains not only an honor, but a privilege, to bring you the latest news about your community.

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 record-herald@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.



Arthur EMT Association Annual Chili Supper Cancelled this year

Arthur EMT Association Annual Chili Supper will be cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We appreciate the tremendous support our community exhibits throughout the year, and are hopeful to see you next year!

Please keep the first Saturday in February marked on your calendars!

Mt. Zion Chamber Of Commerce Is Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

(Mt. Zion, IL) The Scholarship Committee of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its annual scholarship. To learn more about the criteria and application process, please go to <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/college-bound-scholarship-application/> (scroll down to access the PDF to the 2021 application), email mtzionchamber@gmail.com, or call 217-864-2526.

Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2021. The Mt. Zion Chamber will award a total of \$3,000 as part of its annual Scholarship Program.

The winners will be notified by mail and presented at the Mt. Zion Chamber's Annual Meeting & Banquet scheduled for April 22, 2021.

More about the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce: www.mtzionchamber.org.

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 18, 2020 at Village Hall at 5:15 p.m.

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

Long Creek Village Board: Monday, January 25 at the Village Hall Building at 6:00 p.m.

Have A Great Week



KAIDEN MORFEY



MALEAH ROBERTS



THE MT ZION ODD FELLOWS DONATED \$2,000 TO THE MT ZION SCOUTING PROGRAM. The Odd Fellows recognized that the Scouts lost fundraising opportunities at Pony Express and with their annual Christmas tree sales. In an effort to support our scouting program and the great work they do, the Odd Fellows made the \$2,000 donation. Odd Fellows new 2021 NG Jay Woodrum presents the check to several of the scout youth and their leadership.

