

Just Saying.....

By Doris Elmore

Something old, something new, welcome to the first edition of the Record Herald News.

Our staff is very excited about the merging of the Southern Piatt Record Herald and the Mt. Zion Region News. I realize most people don't like change, but I think this is a change that you will enjoy.

Many years ago, there was just the Atwood Herald and people liked that because it contained mostly articles about Atwood. However, like most other businesses, you have to do what you can to keep revenue coming in and still bring the news to our readers.

I have had some people say they didn't care to read about what happens in the surrounding towns, then others that say it is interesting to read about meetings & events in the other towns. It is impossible to please everyone, but we do hope you will give us a chance to bring you a quality newspaper that will bring you new articles to read about.

Actually, you are getting more for your money, more news, more ads with great bargains.

We do ask the residents in each of our towns that if you have anything coming up that you need in the paper, please email us, send a picture if you have one, and let us know. It is impossible for us to be everywhere we are needed, but we are interested in your news! Your input is extremely important.

We promise to do our very best to bring you a newspaper you will enjoy, but give us a few weeks to get our footing on getting it started. Like most new things, it takes a while to iron out the kinks so to speak. We are glad you are along for the ride with the new Record Herald News.

I will have to tell you I am not a fan of snow, but the snow and freezing fog on the trees and houses we had

recently was really pretty. It is hard to believe that Atwood didn't get much snow at all, but just a few miles north they received a lot of snow. I saw a picture on FB of the snow at Allerton in Monticello and I heard they had over 8 inches of snow. They can have it; I am happy to share.

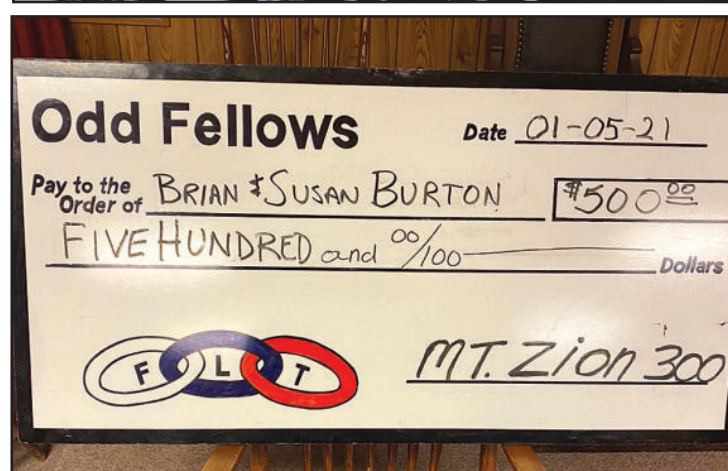
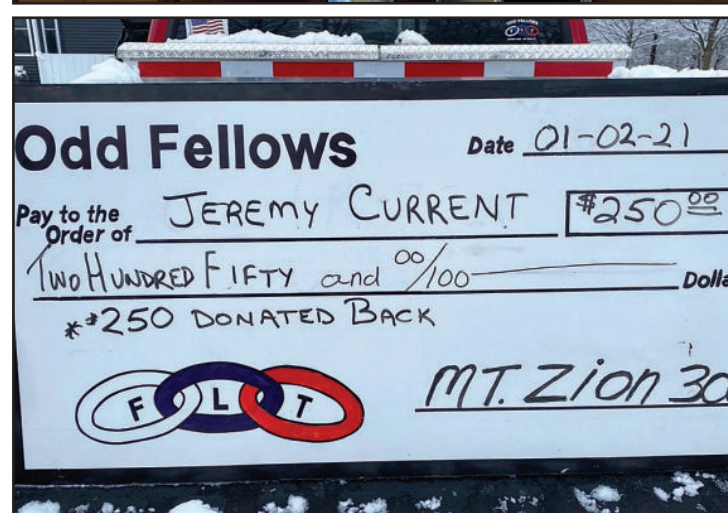
I am going to touch briefly on the issue in Washington last week. I don't like to get into politics in person or in my column, but I am deeply disappointed with Americans in general. We need to think about the United States instead of acting like bickering kids. The "people in charge" from the top to the lower politicians seemed to be in it for themselves instead of representing the American people.

I have always been proud of the United States and what it stands for, proud people who love their country. What happened to this concept? I can say that most of the people I know personally love their country and respect it. I do keep our country in my prayers that we will get back to having adults in office that will be a good role model for our children as they grow up. That needs to happen sooner rather than later.

A note for all our new readers of the Record Herald News, I hope you will enjoy the paper and contribute some of the news you have. Birthdays, anniversaries, meetings, etc., e-mail your information/pictures to either paper, recordherald@consolidated.net or news@mtzionregionnews.com. Be sure and include a contact number in case we have questions.

I too look forward to our first edition of the Record Herald News. Have a good week and don't forget to wear a mask, social distance and sanitize. Don't forget to leave a smile wherever you go. Remember you can smile with your eyes.

Mt. Zion Odd Fellows 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Winners

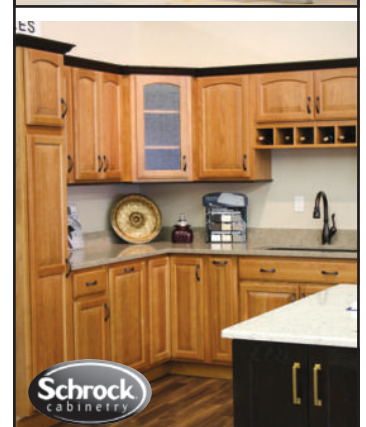


The Mt Zion Odd Fellows wrapped up their 12 Days of Christmas Raffle on January 5, 2021. The winners of the raffle were: December 31 - Juanita Saucedo of Decatur; January 1 - Chuck McPeak of Mt Zion; January 2 - Jeremy Current of Mt Zion (not available for picture and donated half of his winnings back to the Lodge); January 3 - Terry Ryder of Mt Zion; January 4 - Trent Collins of Decatur and on January 5 - Brian & Susan Burton of Ft Meyers, Florida (no picture available). The Odd Fellows would like to congratulate each of the winners and thank everyone for their support. It is amazing that even during COVID times, the community support has been tremendous.



Adams earns degree from Concordia University

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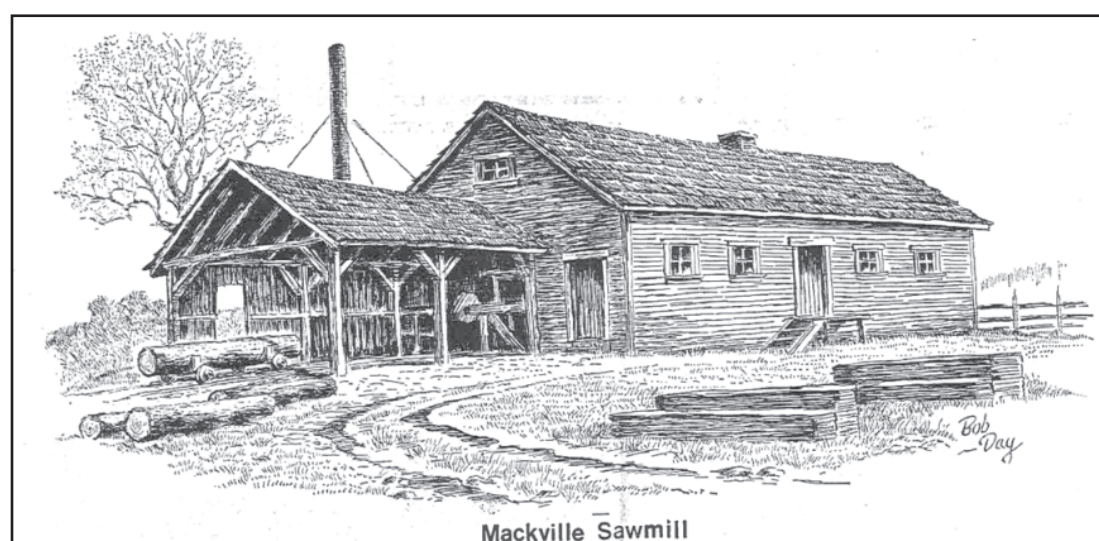


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Mackville Sawmill

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