

Zion News

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

Every new day is another opportunity to rejoice and change one's life.

"New" is an important word in the Bible: God's mercies are new every morning, our inner self is being renewed day by day, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, I am doing a new thing, and so on.

Even though there are other key words used in the Bible more frequently, the word "new" appears in the scriptures over 150 times.

Modern etymology has advanced to the point that usage of words can be tracked since the 1800's and the use of the word "new" peaked in the 1940-1950's and has been on a slow decline ever since. Perhaps using the word "new" has some correlation with the amount of optimism versus pessimism in society at the time.

The simple three-letter word "new" has broad and powerful meaning. One definition is "something already existing but seen, experienced, or acquired recently or now for the first time."

Other definitions include "unfamiliar or strange" and "unaccustomed to doing something."

These definitions seem to fit the view of people today when it comes to the idea of a new day. That may seem strange and unfamiliar, and we are unaccustomed to the idea. God

offers us a new day, a promise that has always been extended to us, and it is there for us to acquire and experience now or for the first time.

But the one definition of "new" that maybe fits the Biblical sense of the word best for Christians is "just beginning or beginning anew and regarded as better than what went before."

Let us all strive to rejoice in each new day, making it better than what went on before, and making us better than we were before.

Happy birthday wishes go out to: Aug 9-Peyton Chapman, Aug 12-Brett Grant, Aug 14-Rob Randall, Aug 16-Howard Kamm, Aug 17-Bruce Romine, Aug 19-Toby & Tyler White, Aug 19-Dennis Hanner, Aug 22-Tony Chapman, Aug 25-Marcia Hackett, Aug 25-Brian Lebeter, Aug 26-Vera Mae Brinkley, Aug 30-Rev. Kenneth Roedder.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to: Aug 6-Tony & Alana Chapman, Aug 23-Shawn & Kim Robinson, Aug 31-Chris & Cheryl Harris.

Ain't it the truth: "It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles." – Pinterest.com

If you would like to receive our monthly Good News email, send a request to ramonacarl@yaho.com.

Our Sunday worship service begins at 9:00 AM. This Sunday Rev. Kenneth Roedder will lead the service and we will observe the Sacrament of Communion. Everyone is welcome.

Farm Bureau Offering Rendleman Orchards Peaches

For a limited time, anyone can order Rendleman Peaches through the Douglas County Farm Bureau.

Rendleman Orchards is from Alto Pass, Illinois. The peaches will be arriving in 25-pound boxes and are non-clip peaches. This year's prices per 25-pound box are \$45.00 for Douglas County Farm Bureau members and \$50.00 for non-members.

You must reserve your order by Wednesday, August 3 to

purchase peaches this year.

The delivery date for the peaches is Wednesday, August 17 and orders will be ready by 9:30 am.

You MUST pick up your peaches on Wednesday, August 17 at the DCFB office by 5pm.

Douglas County Farm Bureau will not be liable for the quality of peaches that are not picked up on the delivery day.

To order or for more information, please call the office at 217-253-4442.

Lions Club sponsoring many upcoming events

AUGUST EVENTS

My gosh, hope you all saw the list of events for August in last week's paper. Finishing up the summer with a busy, busy month. From tractor pulls to threshing to circuses to.....Will give more details for some of these below.

ILLINOIS AMISH HERITAGE CENTER

On Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, things will be hopping out at IAHC. A steam threshing event will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Be sure to check out the Center's website or facebook page which states that, "The purpose of the show is to educate attendees how crops were grown and harvested during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Amish continue using many of these methods in their farming operations today." There will be tours of the two homes and other buildings on site, demonstrations and displays of the Amish way of life and a petting zoo. Food will be available including breakfast on Saturday along with homemade ice cream, kettle corn, lemonade all available in the pavilion. Always a great time to see new things and visit with folks both those we know from around here and others who have come a long way to see the Amish lifestyle.

LIONS CLUB

Not only will the Lions Club have sweet corn ready for sale soon (maybe even as you read this), calling Jennifer at 217-254-1703 to place an order, they are sponsoring a tractor pull on Friday, August 12 at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Since the pull during the fair had to be canceled because of the rain, we will hope that this one 'fares' better and is able to happen. Sure many who could not participate then are looking forward to this. The club will also be sponsoring a free pool

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

party on Saturday, August 13 at 6 p.m. for all kids and families so the group is going to have a very busy month. Thanks for all you do!

AIKMAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

Aikmans has been having great success with the weekly story times this summer and on Saturday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., they will be hosting a Back to School Bash. Food and games along with a bounce house will be available. Games and bounce house are included with the price of regular admission. The facebook and web pages for Aikmans are both full of lots of information and pictures about this incredible place we are fortunate to have in our area.

WITS FITNESS

The press release reads, "Join University of Illinois Educator Cheri Burcham each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. You are never too young or too old to get started training your brain, so join Cheri in this fun and informative class." The class takes place at the extension office from 3-4:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month beginning on August 15. I did a few of these when they were online and enjoyed them very much.

Look forward to actually being able to participate in person at the Extension office on Progress Street in Arthur.

ALAH SPORTS

Nice feature story in the News-Gazette a week or so ago about local sports. Our teams were deemed to be some of the best in the area when taken overall. Many of our athletes and coaches were mentioned for various accomplishments. Nice to get the recognition. I'm not going to mention them all for fear of leaving someone out except I will say that it was nice to see Don McCarthy (my brother-in-law) given kudos for having been in coaching for over 50 years. Football was the connection but he has also coached junior high boys track for all that time as well and has had much success with those teams. Also noted that the ALAH cross country team headed to Terre Haute for the Wabash Valley Running Club 5K this last weekend for a meet that started at 9 p.m.! Both boys and girls did great which bodes well for the upcoming season. GO KNIGHTS!

ILLINOIS PROSPECTS BASEBALL CLUB

Although this story wasn't in the Graphic I very much enjoyed reading it in the Record Herald News, the paper for that 'serves Douglas, Macon, Moultrie and Piatt counties.'

The article was an interview with one of the coaches, Jerry Reeder, who I'm sure many readers know as Jerry grew up in Atwood and married Dalene Kinney (AHS '68), a classmate of mine as a matter of fact. I was very impressed with his ideas for the league and coaching in general. Jerry has been involved in coaching in one way or another for four decades. He gives credit as well to his wife, his niece and her husband for helping to start and maintain all the things necessary to keep a league like this going. Their home base is in Ivesdale where they have created a field at the park. Most of their games are played locally with only two overnight trips during the season. Jerry spent the last 8 years of his coaching career (before retiring two years ago) as the team chaplain at Eastern and at the University of Illinois. He notes that he "promotes that spiritual aspect with the Prospects baseball team, holding baseball chapel, a nondenominational Christian service, every Sunday that they play. It's for the kids, their parents, their friends or anybody who wants to join. That part of it is really important to me." Personally, I think that is a wonderful way to lead these young people and both congratulations and thanks to Jerry and the others involved. Lastly, Jerry remarked that, "every major league team and every minor league affiliate has a baseball chapel every Sunday in the clubhouse. Our theory is **See TOWN TALK on page 3**



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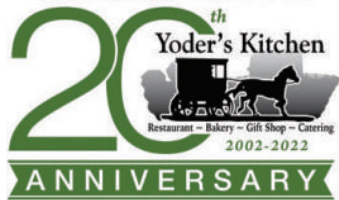
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