

Zion News

"He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves . . . Now those who had eaten the loaves were five thousand men." – Mark 4:1, 44

The "Feeding of the 5000" is the only miracle, aside from the resurrection, that is recorded in all four Gospels. The event must have held some deep significance for those New Testament authors.

The crowd had been listening to Jesus speak, and witnessing Jesus heal people, for some time. He did not want to send the people home hungry, so he asked the disciples if there was any food to feed them. The disciples presented a boy who had five barley loaves and two small fish that was probably food his mother had packed for him to eat while he was away from home.

Curious people might want to know about the fish. Even though the Bible does not explicitly state whether the fish was raw or cooked, there are some indications the fish were probably cooked in a way to still be edible after being with the lad for a couple of days.

The likely method would have been smoking and drying the fish. This would make it basically a type of jerky, which would be able to last for several days. Smoked fish was part of Jewish cuisine at that time, and there was probably a lot of it stashed away among the crowd that day.

While there has been symbolism associated with the number of loaves, number of people, the twelve baskets of food left over, the fish, and so on, the main takeaway from this event is Christ's masterful understanding of people and

his powerful ability to change peoples' hearts.

Obviously, the kid's mom wasn't the only person who had packed food for an excursion. In fact, there was a festival going on at the time, the crowd was coming and going, so everyone had probably made preparations of food for the trip.

It is often human nature to only reluctantly share with others. So no one in the crowd listening to Jesus was pulling out their lunch and eating in front of others who might not have brought lunch with them.

But as the food Christ blessed started to be passed among the crowd, somehow, miraculously, more and more food appeared. Christ demonstrated that through sharing there is abundance for all. Everyone ate until they were satisfied.

Matthew and Mark also mention a second similar event, the "Feeding of the 4000." So why was it important to write about two similar events? Location. The "Feeding of the 5000" took place in a region that was primarily Jewish, while the "Feeding of the 4000" took place in a region that was predominantly Gentile.

The lesson here is that through Christ there is abundance for everyone.

Happy birthday wishes go out to: Jan 19-Natalie Harris, Jan 22-Megan Lebeter, Jan 24-Phyllis Romine, Jan 26-Rod Randall.

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

Zion's Sunday worship services begin at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of
ELENOR J. MAUCK, Deceased

NO. 2022-PR-45
NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of ELENOR J. MAUCK. Letters of office were issued to Terri L. Pygott, 202 North Kentucky Street, P.O. Box 884, Atwood, Illinois 61913; as Independent Executor on December 13, 2022 whose attorney of record is Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk in Room 204 Douglas County Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois 61951, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 19, 2023 being six months from the date of the first publication, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec-

tion 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Terri L. Pygott
Independent Executor

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District ("District") will accept sealed Proposals for Request for Proposal (RFP) for cemetery maintenance. Proposals will be received until Wednesday February 15TH at 12:00 P.M. (noon) local time. All proposals should be sent or dropped off at:

Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District
c/o Scott Seegmiller
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
P.O. Box 242
Arthur, Illinois 61911

Proposals should be sealed in an envelope and marked as follows: "Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery Maintenance & Service RFP" It is the responsibility of the Contractor to meet the specified deadline; any proposals no so received may be returned unopened at the discretion of the District. The District will open the bids at a meeting scheduled for 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 15TH 2023 at

the meeting room in the Arthur Cemetery.

Proposals shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the proposal documents available from the District. Copies of the RFP documents may be obtained from Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 or emailing crossmanlawoffice@gmail.com. Further information concerning this process may be obtained by contacting Crossman Law Office at 217-543-3336.

The District reserves the right to modify and waive any and all informalities or technicalities, or to reject any and all bids and/or parts thereof, and to accept the proposal which it deems most favorable to the District.

By order of the President and Board of Trustees of the Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District.
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Upcoming programs at Arthur Public Library

AS SEEN AT THE CROSS COUNTY MALL

From January 15 to February 15 Arthur's own Ariana Cherry is the Mattoon Arts Council Featured Artist of the Month. Her artwork will be on display at the Cross County Mall during the next month. Get down to Mattoon sometime this next month and take a look or if you happen to be in the mall don't forget to stop by and check it out. And a note for the future, Ariana will be selling her artwork at the Art Festival in downtown Mattoon in May. Congratulations Ariana!

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Have to admit I was pleased the other day to see that our schools were in session for Martin Luther King's birthday. Like Veterans Day, I think this is a great opportunity for students to be in school and study and talk about Rev. King and his legacy instead of just another day off from school. Much more meaningful for all this way.

JONNY COLLER

Mom Lynn posted the other day about her son Jonny (AHS 2004) singing and playing the guitar and sharing his latest composition. Some may remember that he had a 'gig' here in his hometown a few months ago and played out at Kaskaskia Country Club. Know he is doing what he loves and think it's great that he is able

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Douglas County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

Randall Electric
412 N. Vine Street
Arthur, IL 61911

Dated this 11 day of
January, 2023.
Judi Pollock
County Clerk

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Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

to do that successfully. He is planning on including this latest song on his next album. Will let you know when that comes out. Good for you Jonny, living your dream!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

There are several upcoming programs at the Arthur Public Library. On Friday, January 20, kids are invited to bring their stuffed friends to a library sleepover. Join us for a bedtime story and photo-album craft before the magic begins. Please choose a friend your child can part with for the night. Pick-up begins Saturday, January 21 at 10 a.m. (pick-up will be available until 5 p.m. on 1/21). We'll have snacks and photobooks of what adventures happened overnight to take home!

And on Saturday, February 4 join the Arthur Public Library from 1-2:30 p.m. along with Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin Mellendorf who will share up-to-date information to increase confidence in safely preserving at home and explain the steps to get started or refresh current skills. Participants may also bring their dial-gauge pressure canner lids to be tested. This class will seat only 12, you will need to register for a seat prior to Feb. 1 by calling 217-543-2037.

Also "Tales and Tunes With Trudy" continues each Thursday afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

ILLINI PRAIRIE CEO

With the new semester a lot of things are happening with this group. CEO stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities for students in the area. Participants come from high schools in both Douglas and Moultrie counties. The group recently visited Agri-Fab in Sullivan and also had a visit from Zak Horn who is the founder of Metro Communications in Sullivan. They also held a very successful Pancakes and PJs breakfast fundraiser in December. And their facebook page recently highlighted one of their former students. Here's what they had to say, "As CEO students gear up for a few weeks of program recruitment, we thought we would showcase a few of our Alumni. Kelly TOTO graduated from ALAH in 2022. She has since graduated from the Royal School of Cosmetology, where she received her license to practice esthetics. Kelly is continuing her education to also become a barber. "I have a passion for enhancing people's natural beauty. Be on the lookout for K. TOTO Beauty coming soon to Arthur." We are so happy for you, Kelly!" Nice to see these students putting what they learned in CEO to good use. Congratulations Kelly!

LUCAS LEE

Sure hope Lucas does not

mind my sharing a facebook post of his but I found it very uplifting and also interesting in that I had no idea what a child life specialist is or does. Here is the gist of what he posted. "January 8, 2008 was the day I was considered free of traces of Burkitt's Lymphoma witching my body. Today, January 8, 2023, I begin my 15th year of being cancer free and my 10th year cured. That's 5,479 extra "presents" that I've been able to spend with my family and friends who have helped me pave the path to become who I am today. When my Make-A-Wish trip was being planned, I desperately wanted to go on an African Safari. My immune system was still compromised and healing from all the medications and therapies designed to help treat my symptoms, so I was unable to go. With a LOT of convincing and redirection from the foundation and my parents, I was able to go on an overnight safari at the San Diego Zoo in California which was unlike anything I could have expected. This morning, I landed in Cape Town, South Africa. In just a few short weeks, I will be able to experience an African overnight safari I've been waiting 15 years for. Also in Cape Town, I will be continuing my education with a Child Life Practicum at three hospitals throughout the city with the goal to one day work as Certified Child Life Specialist. A Child Life Specialist is a valuable addition to any health care team as they provide development

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MANNEQUINS

Background: Beachy's Bulk Foods, rural Arthur, Illinois

by Don S. Chambers



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