

# Zion News

"Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church." – Rodney Dillard & the Dillard Band.

At Zion this past Sunday a local bluegrass group called "Strings Attached" led our worship service with their music. Ron Korte, a member of the group, arranged for them to visit, and it was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning. For the postlude of the service the group sang "Don't Wait for the Hearse to Take You to Church."

Of course the message of the song is clear – you should be going to church regularly, not just for your own funeral! The lyrics go on to say that singing this song in church is "like preaching to the choir" which may also apply to those reading this article.

We all know there is a religious change going on in our country. We can feel it in our own churches. It is sometimes referred to as "religious dissatisfaction" and with each rising generation there seems to be a growth in this dissatisfaction toward the traditional church.

It is a complicated mix of reasons why church attendance is down, church closures are up, and it doesn't look like it will get much better in the future. And, there is little evidence to suggest that the majority of Americans who have disaffiliated with church will ever return.

Young adults today have had entirely different religious and social experiences than previous generations. Not only that, the parents of younger generations have done less to encourage regular participation in formal worship services or other religious behaviors such as saying grace before a meal.

Is this all gloom and doom for religion in America? Not necessarily. The first thing churches

need to do is to overcome the growing skepticism about the societal benefits of religion.

It might be surprising to some people that Americans who regularly attend church services are far more engaged in community life than are those who seldom or never attend religious services. They are more involved with social and civic organizations and it is the frequency of their religious participation that determines the level in their participation in other community activities.

Sure there are people who get involved with organizations who do not attend church, but they often do so for their own direct benefit. They join a sports or music boosters organization while their children are in those school activities. They join other organizations that benefit their own economic or recreational interests. But when it comes to church, the emphasis is to benefit others, not oneself, and sometimes that is less appealing for people to do.

So religious participation does have a positive effect on society, and that should be one of the big stories we tell for why parents should teach their children religious behavior, why we reach out to others and invite them to be part of a faith community, and why people should not wait for the hearse to take them to church.

Happy birthday wishes go out to: Feb 3-Riley Robinson, Feb 7-Donna Kilburn, Feb 8 – Brian Dukeman, Feb 12 – Margaret Knobloch, Feb 15-Ruth Korte, Feb 22-Lisa Heit Kibler.

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.

## Upcoming Post Prom Fundraiser on February 3

LOGAN BECKMIER,  
LEATHERNECK

Senior at ALAH, Logan Beckmier, son of Tucker and Megan Beckmier, recently signed to continue his track career at Western Illinois University. Thought these words from his mother summed the event up well: "Logan has officially signed on the dotted line to run at WIU! The high school held an amazing signing ceremony for him this week, complete with a slide show on the new video screens and a printed banner for him to keep. I was pretty overwhelmed when I walked into the gym and saw the effort and attention to detail that was put into the event. Thank you to all that came out to support Logan and wish him well on his next 4 years in Macomb. It's a great day to be a Leatherneck!" Congratulations and best of luck Logan! Should be a fun time too as you join Jace Green ('22) on the team at WIU.

### THE GREAT DINO HUNT

At Aikman Wildlife Adventure on Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free with general admission. A great time to check out the unique collection of prehistoric animal models and enjoy a dinosaur egg hunt and crafts. Dinosaur eggs will be hidden in the Prehistoric Museum and around the park. Come out for this different kind of egg hunt!

### DOUGLAS COUNTY MUSEUM

From the webpage: "The Douglas County Museum is excited to announce the recreation of an early 20th century business district in a new, permanent exhibit space to share with the public historical objects from generous donors including: a bank safe door from the Arcola Drug Store, a blacksmith anvil once owned by USS Indianapolis survivor and Veteran Earl Riggins, antique doors from the Newman State Bank and a furniture undertaker, a desk from Tuscola's Cornbelt Savings and Loan, Dr. Lossman's dental chair from Tuscola, the original linotype machine from Journal office, a pulpit from Villa Grove Methodist Church, the organ from Newman's Fairfield Church, pews from the Camargo Methodist Church and many smaller items which will fill the exhibit space. We continue to seek more historic items from Douglas County and will use items already in our collection.

We have already completed the entire wooden frame structure of the town and are seeking donors from our community to help finish its final stages." I would assume if you have anything you might like to contribute to this exhibit and collection that the museum would be glad to have whatever you might like to give them. Call 217-253-2535 to get information.

### POST PROM FUNDRAISER

Pork chop sandwiches \$5 at the Knights boys basketball game on Friday, February 3. Fundraiser for the junior class. Sandwiches available in the foyer at 5:30 p.m.

### SPORTS

Unfortunately I'm a bit out of the loop as to what is going on with our Knights. Can tell you the girls got second in the consolation championship game last Saturday, losing in double overtime. They have games at Okaw Valley and at home with Cerro Gordo this week. The Knights boys basketball team won their first game of the conference tournament at home

### 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

No. DBA-001983  
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## Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

last Friday against Heritage but had to turn around and play LSA on Saturday morning. They play their next game in the tournament on Tuesday.

Junior high volleyball has games on Tuesday night as well.

### LUCAS LEE, PART 2

Don't know about you but I have enjoyed Lucas's updates on his time in South Africa. I also forgot to mention that Lucas is the son of Nolan and Cindy Lee and brother to Jared, Courtney and Emma. Here's his latest post in part: "I've made it halfway through my practicum and in just two weeks we've been able to see the impact of child life in both children and parents. This was our last time at one of the hospitals and many parents were sad to hear we weren't coming back. Since we had been there, many of their children became more active than they have been in days. They are food, sat up in bed, a few started walking, and even changed their clothes. These may seem like small accomplishments but they are milestones for each individual and are always celebrated. Outside of the hospital this week, I've had more incredible food, watched many beach sunsets, and have had some great drinks. We went to the Bay Harbour Market, one of my favorite markets for food

and souvenirs. Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens has been my favorite place to visit so far with so much greenery, natural beauty, and a Braille Trail offering a guided walk through the trees with a guide rope and informational markers written in Braille. A few things I'm still getting used to: Using kilometers and meters instead of miles; Using Celsius instead of Fahrenheit; Liters instead of ounces. Time zone differences. There's a +8 hour difference compared to Illinois and a +7 hour compared to Indiana. Driving and walking on the left side. I have only been the passenger in vehicles and it can get freaky sometimes. Especially on these small city roads."

### FOUND ON THE INTERNET

Being a big fan of "Man of La Mancha," based on de Cervantes book, I found the following interesting: "Let's be clear: Miguel de Cervantes didn't invent books or even novels. But the man behind "The Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote of La Mancha" is considered to have penned the first modern novel. Published in two parts, in 1605 and a whopping ten years later, in 1615, this classic story follows a man who loves reading so much, he decides to set out to find his own adventures in life. In imitating the heroic actions and bravery of his favor-

ite literary characters, Quixote learns a thing or two about himself. With a length of 900 pages, the story is revered for its sense of parody and self-awareness."

### CUTTING THIS SHORT

I am writing this on Sunday evening from Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital where Delano has been dealing with pancreatitis. This started the day after Thanksgiving and it has been an ongoing process. We have been at SBLHC a couple of times (the latest since January 4), in and out of the emergency room a couple of times and over at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis a couple of times. We have been desperately trying to get a bed over there for days and finally got a call this afternoon that they have one for him. Thinking we would be going over tomorrow (Monday) we were shocked to learn that we are going TONIGHT! But, we are not complaining as that is where he needs to be to get his issues resolved. Cannot tell you all enough how much we have appreciated the prayers, thoughts and well wishes from all over this part of the country...and beyond! We're not done with this journey but we are making progress. I may very well write a book when this is all over or at least write a column giving advice on things to do and not to do when dealing with the health care system

And that's -30-  
for onward  
and upward!

### MANNEQUINS

Background: Das Holz Haus, NE of Arthur, Illinois

by Don S. Chambers



## In Our Community

### 17TH ANNUAL

## ARTHUR EMT ASSOCIATION

### Chili Supper

WHEN  
**Saturday, February 4th, 2023**  
4:00 pm—8:00 pm

WHERE  
**Arthur Ambulance**

323 West Columbia, Arthur, Illinois  
Contact us at: 217-543-3754 for more information

All you can eat Chili  
Peanut Butter and Cheese Spread Sandwiches  
Drinks, And plenty of homemade desserts

### LIVE AUCTION

WESTFORK  
AUCTION & REAL ESTATE, LLC

**STARTING AT 6:00 PM**  
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GENEROUSLY  
DONATED BY AREA  
MERCHANTS

CASH  
DONATIONS  
WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AT  
THE DOOR  
CARRYOUT  
IS AVAILABLE

PROCEEDS WILL  
BENEFIT OUR TRAINING  
PROGRAM TO ALLOW  
US TO CONTINUE TO  
PROVIDE THE HIGHEST  
LEVEL OF CARE TO THE  
COMMUNITY WE  
SERVE

### 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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