

# Zion News

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" - Psalms 122:1.

The four communities of Arthur, Atwood, Hammond, and Lovington are all observing the 150th anniversary of their founding in 1873.

As our forefathers knew, there is value and benefit of having churches in a community. The same year as its founding, in Arthur, church and Sunday school classes were first held in the second story of a downtown hardware store.

The citizens wanted their own church however, so in 1880 Robert G. Hervey, the railroad president, donated land for Arthur's first church building. The Cook School House, which had been located one mile west of Arthur, was purchased and moved to this location.

This was such an important step in community development that the building was owned and maintained by the Village of Arthur and was governed by its board of six trustees.

People of all faiths attended the regular and revival services and other community gatherings at this church, and it was appropriately called The Union Church.

Why are churches important to communities? It is a place to learn about Christ and his teachings. In last week's Zion News it was the Father of our Nation, George Washington,

who was quoted as saying we must imitate Christ's example of charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind in order for our nation "to be happy."

Life was, and is, hard at times. The church serves to help others along their way when there are challenges in their lives.

The church also helps us think beyond ourselves and our own needs. Yesterday and today Arthur residents have demonstrated concern for others, performed charitable acts, and understood that we are to bless people all over the world.

Community and church have gone hand-in-hand these past 150 years to help form a better union between the people who make up our towns and villages. May our churches continue to be a significant part of our communities for another 150 years and beyond.

Thought from a Latin American evangelist: "The church is like manure. Pile it up, and it stinks up the neighborhood. Spread it out, and it enriches the world." - Luis Palau

Happy birthday wishes go out to: Feb 8 - Brian Dukeman, Feb 12 - Margaret Knobloch, Feb 15-Ruth Korte, Feb 22-Lisa Heit Kibler, and Feb 22-George Washington.

If you would like to receive our monthly Good News email, send a request to ramonacarllyle@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  
KIRK L. HOWELL, Deceased

NO. 2023-PR-1

#### NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of KIRK L. HOWELL. Letters of office were issued to Stephen L. Howell, 415 South Pine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 and David L. Howell, 520 North Rhode Island, Morton, Illinois 61550, as Independent Co-Executors on January 11, 2023 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 Co-Executors, or both, on or before August 1, 2023 being six months from the date of the first publication, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is re-

quired by Section 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.

Stephen L. Howell  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

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#### VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

Notice of proposed "Parking Lot Maintenance and Improvements (Various Locations) and Illinois Street Resurfacing Project".

1. Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Village Clerk (Village Hall, 120 East Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois) until 10:00 a.m., March 1st, 2023, for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials, etc. necessary to complete the "Village of Arthur, Parking Lot Maintenance and Improvements (Various Locations) and Illinois Street Resurfacing Project", Douglas and Moultrie County, Illinois, and at that time publicly opened and read. All work shall be governed by and performed in accordance with the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Current Edition" and funded by the Local Agency (Non-MFT).

2. Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Local Agency which may be obtained at the office of Arthur Village Clerk and shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Village of Arthur, Parking Lot Maintenance and Improvement (Various Locations) and Illinois Street Resurfacing Project", Douglas and Moultrie County, Illinois".

3. Attention is called to the fact that

not less than the current minimum prevailing salaries and wages as set forth by the Illinois Department of Labor (copy included in the Contract Documents) must be paid on this project.

4. The right is reserved to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals.

5. Proposal Guaranty. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in IDOT BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material Proposals, will be required. Bid bonds will be allowed as proposal guaranties.

6. Contract Bond. The successful bidder at the time of execution of the contract will be required to deposit a contract bond for the full amount of the award. Failure on the part of the contractor to deliver the material and perform the work within the time specified or to do the work specified herein will be considered just cause to forfeit his surety as provided in Article 108.10 of the Illinois Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, Current Edition.

By Order of the Village of Arthur  
Rhonda Rhodes, Municipal Clerk  
Dated: 02/01/2023  
published 02/08, 02/22/2023

# Graduates making their hometown proud

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Both enjoyed and was interested to read in last week's paper about this meeting between the school and various members of our four communities with the idea of "gathering together to share ideas, to share visions and to develop a forum of support for future projects." Several goals were mentioned for this planned series of meetings including "bringing communities together for the good of their members." Also found the mission statement put out by Arthur CUSD #305 to be a very positive one: "to provide a united student-based community that engages in working together to inspire lifelong learners. An environment that educates all students to their full potential while developing character, leadership, self-worth, empowering each student to meet the challenges of the future." Admirable and definitely attainable goals. Too often negativity seems to win the day or have the loudest voice it would seem. A positive outlook will achieve much more for our students and our communities in the long run. Working FOR an ideal rather than against should be the goal. Best of luck to all involved and thank you for being willing to be a part of the future.

## MAKING HER HOMETOWN PROUD

Which is what I told Jennifer Randall McCormick, daughter of Rod and Carol, sister of Rob, wife of Kyle, mother of Ryker and AHS graduate of the class of 2000. She was recently recognized for her 100th career win as a head coach in college. Jennifer was a star basketball player for the Knights and actually coached at Arthur High School for a few years, moving on as an assistant coach at Loras, then to Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin and now at Illinois College in Jacksonville. Jennifer's response on the Arthur High School alumni page: "Thank you for all the love and support. Wouldn't have been possible without the coaches and experiences from AHS." We're all very happy for your success Jennifer. Congratulations!

## MORE GRADUATE NEWS

A recent article in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette featured Rene Juarez-Cuevas, ALAH '21. Rene is making a name for himself as vice president of Parkland College's student board and a member of the student advisory committee of the Illinois Community College Board. Part of his role is to listen to student's concerns and try to do something about them. Rene stated, "The goal of the SAC is to advocate for the issues that matter most to students, which we decided were mental health issues." He and others are hoping to speak to state legislators later this year in Springfield about the mental health problem for students. He will also attend the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. to speak on those issues at a national level. He's also very concerned about the effects of social media on students. Other issues for students that Rene is focusing on are affordability and accessibility. He is majoring in business administration and hopes to attend a four-year university to major in business with a focus on finance. Rene was very active at ALAH where he played three sports and the alto sax in band (I remember him being a very good saxophone player). Sounds like a young man going places. I'm quite sure we will be hearing more from Rene in the future.

## AND ANOTHER GRADUATE

Seems Layton Hall has been doing very well with his track career at Indiana State University. In a meet a couple of weekends ago he ran the 5000m, came in sixth and set a personal record. This past weekend he won the mile and set a personal record for that

# Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

event. Also noted that the Indiana State cross country team earned all-academic honors as well. Layton graduated from ALAH in 2021 and is the son of Kurt and Darlene Hall, brother to Logan who is also an outstanding distance runner. Congratulations Layton!

## MORE ON LUCAS

Think I said before I hope that you all have enjoyed these updates from Lucas Lee about his educational trip to South Africa. Here's the latest: A little late on the update but wifi is difficult to catch here at times, but so many big and exciting things happened this week. "We started at a new hospital this week that has a playroom, an art room, and two outdoor play areas. At this hospital we've helped children with their school work and played outside a ton. It was refreshing to have the chance to be outside among the grass and trees. Outdoor play provides natural exploration for developing minds and isn't always available in hospital settings. Outside of the hospitals, we've been crunching to get all of our assignments finished and still have time to tour Cape Town. A few places we've gone to this week: Camps Bay Beach, Mantra Cafe, a beachside restaurant, Bo Kaap, a colorful neighborhood, Utopia, a rooftop restaurant, V&A Waterfront, a shopping centre with live music, Cousin's, a family owned restaurant that's main dishes is tossed in a cheese wheel before serving, Bootleggers, a coffee shop we visit everyday for good foods, drinks, and some free wifi, Sunset Cruise, 110% chance to get wet, more like 210% but salt water's good for the skin, La Parada, great calamari and sushi, Paragliding, over the Cape Town stadium and North East Cape

Town. Over all a great week and dreading the beginning of the end of my last week here in Cape Town. I'll never be ready to leave."

## QUICK SPORTS REPORT

Girls basketball had a game with Arcola on Monday night this week and their last home game will be with Cumberland on Thursday night. It will also be Senior night for the team. Hard to believe their season is almost over and they will be starting regional play on Saturday. The boys played at Tri-County on Tuesday night and will have their senior night game next week. Junior high volleyball continues as well. Go Knights!

## BRAIN EXERCISE CLASSES

"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 is free and open to the public and you are welcome to join at any time. They are held at the UI Extension Office on Progress Street in Arthur from 3-4:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Dates for 2023 are February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, June 26, August 21, September 18, October 16 and November 20. No class in July or December.

## PODCASTS

I enjoy listening to podcasts. I'll be honest, mostly political ones. Megyn Kelly is one of my favorites but there are others. One is Mobituaries with Mo Rocca. He's a commentator on CBS Sunday Morning but also does podcasts about people who are no longer with us, sometimes obscure and sometimes just people we might have forgotten about (more on that later). Or sometimes it might be on a fruit such as his recent podcast on "The Gros Michel: Death of a Banana." I was not aware that the banana we eat today is not the same kind our grandparents grew up eating. Today the variety we eat is called the Cavendish and

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Owner: Arthur CUSD #305  
310 E. Columbia Street  
Arthur, IL 61911  
Architect: BLDD Architects, Inc.  
100 Merchant Street  
Decatur, IL 62523-1217  
(844) 784-4440

Contractors are invited to submit an offer for Arthur CUSD #305 - Track Resurfacing. Offers will be received at the District Office, 301 E. Columbia St., Arthur, IL 61911 before 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The project consists of: removal and off-site disposal of the existing rubber and recoating with new rubber surface.

A single stipulated sum bid will be received for all Work.

Visit [www.blddplanroom.com](http://www.blddplanroom.com) to view project bid documents online.

Copies of the Bid Documents may be obtained via [www.blddplanroom.com](http://www.blddplanroom.com), or by contacting Decatur Blueprint, 230 West Wood, Decatur, IL 62523, 217-423-7589, Bid Documents will require a refundable deposit of \$50 per set for a printed copy (includes a digital copy). ("Central Illinois Builders' Non-

Cash Security Method for Request of Documents" will be accepted on this project). Checks shall be made payable to Arthur CUSD #305. Digital copy of the bid documents are available at no cost.

A Bid Bond and Performance and Payment Bond will be required.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

The successful bidder must agree to conform to the current rules and regulations of the Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Attention is called to the provisions of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rates of wages as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor to all laborers, workers and mechanics performing work under this contract, and shall comply with the requirements of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

No Pre-Bid Conference will be held. Persons interested in visiting the site shall contact Bill Coleman, Director of Maintenance at (217) 542-2146. published 02/08/2023

## MANNEQUINS

Background: NW of Arthur, Illinois

by Don S. Chambers



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