

Zion News

... Knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us..." - Romans 5: 3-5

On February 22, 1732 a man of great character was born - George Washington.

Little is known of Washington's childhood, and it remains the most poorly understood part of his life. When he was eleven years old, his father Augustine died. The income from what remained of the family plantation was just enough to support Mary Washington and her children.

Unlike many of his Founding Father contemporaries, Washington never attended college or received a formal education. The family had limited funds for education. Possibly a local school provided George and his siblings with the only formal instruction they would receive.

When he was fourteen, Washington hand-copied the 110 rules from the book "Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour." This exercise is regarded as one of the most formative influences in the development of his character.

Another important influence in his life was the church. He was a faithful church-goer and felt that this nation could not be "happy" without its people imitating the character of Christ.

Washington's military career began at the age of twenty-one and he was soon given command of Virginia's entire military. The first time he ran for

public office, however, he lost.

Washington's character was tested the most as the Colonies fought a war for independence from Great Britain. As Commander-in-Chief, the Continental Congress did not always support Washington and the war effort sufficiently and there was great suffering among the soldiers and Washington, who endured, and produced hope that this could be a free and independent nation.

Today, the character of historic figures, and even current leaders, are often put in question. Close scrutiny is sometimes intended to only emphasize the bad character in people rather than what good has come out of the lives.

The main take-away from this scrutiny is that people, even like the Apostle Paul, who wrote the above scripture from Romans, are imperfect. But, like Washington, Paul says we are to emulate Christ in our lives the best we can.

Happy birthday to this nation's first President under the Constitution and thank you for your service and for being a person of high character.

"Be more concerned about your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, where your reputation is what others think you are." - John Wooten

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

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the efforts of many wonderful people Eberhardt Village has a new piano to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone in the community who contributed financially and a special thanks to Nancy Guthridge for leading the effort to raise money for the piano. Many people saw the need but Nancy was the one who accomplished it.

Thank you Nancy for the thoughtful work.

Thank you as well to the ministers, accompanists, and church lay-leaders who continue to share their faith to the Eberhardt community.

With deep gratitude,
Ruth Ann Lowder

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE 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
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ALAH Class of 2025 Spaghetti Dinner set for March 9

ASH WEDNESDAY

If you get the paper on Wednesday or read it online, wanted you to know that the sanctuary at the Arthur United Methodist Church will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for anyone who would like to take part in prayer, communion and the imposition of ashes to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. You may choose to do one, two or all three. It will be entirely up to you. All are welcome.

CHI ON CBS SUNDAY MORNING

Hope you were able to see the segment this past Sunday about CHI and the news our community received last year regarding the business model put forth by KKR in which employees of CHI benefited from the sale of the company to Nucor. What a great idea and one that it seems more companies should copy. All employees benefited to some extent, a lot depending on their longevity with the company. I know this move not only helped out so many of their employees but that most in Arthur and the surrounding area were very happy for all involved. I even heard from my cousin Bob Lundaquist in Pennsylvania when they saw the story aired. Very nice recognition and public relations for CHI Overhead Doors and Arthur!

VILLAGE PRESIDENT ROD RANDALL

Another local person making the news this past week was our own Rod Randall, Arthur High School Class of 1971. The Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette ran a very nice article about Rod, his growing up in Arthur and how he came to stay in his hometown. After attending college at Elmhurst, had thought he would move away but things didn't work out that way. I think like many of us he decided this wasn't such a bad place to live and raise a family. Besides running Randall Electric which has been in the family since 1947, Rod is now very much involved with the planning for the sesquicentennial coming up this year. It seems working on that has increased Rod's interest in our town's history and, with the passing of our legendary historian Noel Dicks, Rod feels compelled to keep our history alive and thanks to him for that. It's important. Hope you were able to see the article. And, as mentioned before, stay tuned for more information about the sesquicentennial events coming up this year.

ARTIST RECEPTION

There will be an artist reception at Cross County Mall on Sunday, February 26 from 1-3 p.m. for local artist Ariana Cherry, Ariana will be displaying some of her artwork and also reading some of her original poetry. Hope you can stop by to see and hear her work. Know she will appreciate having you stop by!

ARTHUR PRODUCE AUCTION

Marybeth Massey reminds us all: "Spring is a comin' and that means we will be back at the Arthur Produce Auction trying to keep fresh produce in our 41 food pantries. Last

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

year our total produce poundage was just short of 62,000 pounds. Our average cost per pound was under .22 cents per pound. Don't stop reading! This isn't a plea for money exactly. If you belong to a service group, church group or even a coffee group and need a speaker, message us and we'll be happy to attend and explain why this program warrants financial support." These folks do a terrific job of helping those in need of food so please contact Marybeth if you would like her or her group to tell you about their program. Call or text me at 217-493-2375 and I can put you in touch with her.

SCHOOL NEWS

More of our athletes from Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School will be participating in college sports. This past week Drew Cotton and Noah Garrett signed to play football at Millikin University this fall. So nice to see so many of our young people having the opportunity to continue in the sport they love. Congratulations Drew and Noah!

TRACK STAR

Austin Romine, ALAH '19, is one of those student athletes who has been able to continue their career in college. Austin is a senior at Eastern Illinois University and has done quite well on the track for EIU. This last weekend he earned a spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Championships taking place in Alabama this next week. Austin also is succeeding in the classroom, making the Deans List once again this past semester.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

The 8th grade team became JHOC (Junior High Okaw Conference) champions this past week defeating Okaw Valley for first place. Congratulations girls! Am sure the high school team is looking forward to you

joining their ranks next year. Both 7th and 8th grade have matches this week on Tuesday and Thursday. Think you can often find video of their games on the ALAH Volleyball page.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

Both our Knights seasons came to an end this past week. The girls won their first game in regionals against Tri-Vally but came up against a strong, #1 seeded Paris in the championship game. The boys played a good game against Cumberland for senior night. By the way Congratulations to seniors Max Duzan, Steven Edwards, Wyatt Hillgoss and Clay Seal. The boys had to travel all the way to Flora and play Flora for their regional game on Saturday. Thank you for your hard work all year and making us proud that you are KNIGHTS!

AND LET'S NOT FORGET

One of the hardest working teams around as announcer Bob Silvanik likes to say, our ALAH Cheer Squad. These girls and one guy put a lot of time and effort into perfecting their cheers and moves and represent our school extremely well. Always enjoy seeing them out on the floor. Congratulations to seniors Molly Appleby, Regann Bowles and Chloe Franklin as well.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The ALAH Class of 2025 is having a spaghetti dinner on March 9 from 5-7 p.m. Cost \$10. All proceeds go to fund their senior trip.

The ALAH Class of 2026 will be hosting a trivia night on March 15. Teams of 3-5 people are needed. We did this a couple of years ago and had a lot of fun. I will be sharing more information as it becomes available for both these events.

Mr. Stinebring and student Nolan Schrock attended Purdue University's Bridge Bust

this week. Approximately 30 teams built balsa wood bridges that were judged on structural integrity, aesthetics, and presentation. The bridge built by Nolan and Michael James placed 2nd in aesthetics!

Also from the school's facebook page: "Congratulations to Perla Juarez-Cuevas, a sophomore at ALAH who was elected as the Vice President of Public Relations for FCCLA Section 7 at yesterday's FCCLA Section 7 Conference. She will join 8 other students from Section 7 schools to serve their term through February 2023."

ARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

A very special event will take place on Saturday, March 4. From the library page: "Join The Arthur Public Library on Saturday March 4, 2023 at 1 p.m. for a presentation by Alex Kor, who is the son of Michael and Eva Kor, both survivors of the Holocaust. Alex speaks on a variety of subjects including ethics in medicine, his experiences, and those of his parents. We expect this program to fill up quickly, call 217-543-2037 to reserve your seat."

AIKMAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

During the month of March each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. general admission will be by donation only in the walk-thru and dinosaur exhibit. There will be crafts and a scavenger hunt as well.

ALAH PAGEANT

Is this Saturday, February 25 at 6 p.m. at Penn Station. OK, I have to admit I do have a favorite but that's Nana's privilege, right? What I will say is that I admire all these girls from the youngest to oldest for doing this. And I am also pleased to report that I have heard from that girl I'm kind of partial to that she is having a really good time doing this. Frankly, I can't imagine but that would be my wish for all of them - to enjoy and make the most of this time! Good luck to all!

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for spring-like weather
(which can't possibly last!)

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Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, February 16, 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: EVERGREEN LANE PUPPIES, 275 N CR 200 EAST, ARTHUR, IL 61911.

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County Clerk
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