

Zion News

"Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house..." - Isaiah 58:6-7

We are into the second week of Lent. Millions of people may be engaged in the traditional practice of giving up something for Lent as a sign of sacrifice and to test their self-discipline. Christians believe that this is to represent Jesus Christ's sacrifice when he went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days before later dying on the cross.

The first records of the word Lent come from before 900 AD. It comes from an Old English word meaning "lengthening" of daylight hours or, less literally, "springtime."

Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness was one of the factors that later determined the final length of Lent. Early Christian practices in the Roman Empire varied from area

to area. A common practice was weekly fasting on Wednesday and Friday until mid-afternoon.

In the early Christian church, fasting conditions during Lent were stricter. Church leaders encouraged their congregations to avoid eating any animal byproducts, including eggs, in preparation for Easter. That may explain the tradition of hunting eggs on Easter to symbolize the fasting is over.

Three common directives of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While fasting is the most common sacrifice Christians make during Lent, Isaiah's scripture suggests we consider a different type of fasting - a new directive.

Isaiah turns the negative of fasting or giving up something we enjoy doing for Lent into doing a positive action. His scripture verses suggest that we take on something, not give up something.

Volunteer to help provide meals for the elderly and poor. Make a donation, or an addition

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for mowing grass, mulching leaves and string and chemical trimming for the Arthur Park District, Arthur, Illinois, will be received at: Attn: JJ Carter, 500 Eberhardt Drive Arthur, IL 61911 until 2:30 o'clock p.m. on Friday, March 10th, 2023. The bids will be opened and read at regular meeting of the Board on Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arthur Community Building.

Separate bids must be made for 1. Brad-O-Clen and 2. Eberhardt Park, Jurgens Park.

The independent contractor shall be required to pay the general prevailing rate of wages in the locality.

The independent contractor shall provide all needed equipment to perform the Contract and shall be required to have a valid Illinois Chemical Applicator's License and provide proof thereof prior to beginning work under the Contract. The work shall be performed as follows:

a. Brad-O-Clen: Mow and trim every 10 days; including upkeep of ditch area on property. Remove branches and limbs if needed.

b. Eberhardt and Jurgens Parks: Mow at least once a week or as needed, including Jurgens Hill. Mow ball diamonds and soccer fields twice a week during Little League and soccer league; trim and remove limbs and sticks as needed. Ball diamonds

and soccer fields also need to put on a yearly fertilization plan. Eberhardt Park needs to be put on a twice a year fertilization plan.

c. Otherwise maintain a neat and professional appearance in Jurgens Park, Eberhardt Park and Brad-O-Clen, with special attention to Eberhardt Park. Grass should generally be kept approximately 2.5" in height and chemical trimming should not exceed a distance of 6" of any structure or sidewalk. Eberhardt Park must be mowed in the morning hours and later in the week.

d. Other work as detailed. The successful bidder shall be required to comply with all bid specifications and requirements including a satisfactory performance bond in the amount of 10% of the bid or proposal, and no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after bid closing date without the consent of the Arthur Community Park District.

The said Board of Park Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any informality in bidding. For additional information or explanation or bidding specifications, contact JJ Carter at 217-549-0153.

President and Board of Park Commissioners,
Arthur Community Park District,
Arthur, Illinois
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Winter Sports Awards Night is Thursday, March 2

ARTHUR LOVINGTON
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PAGEANT

Had the pleasure of joining about half of the population of our four communities (well, maybe not that many, but it was a good crowd!) at the pageant Saturday night for the selection of Miss ALAH, Junior Miss ALAH and Little Miss ALAH. After representing all of us for the past year Miss ALAH Kendall Burdick, Junior Miss ALAH EmmaLee Nall and Little Miss ALAH Maelee Stirrett passed their crowns to the new regime. Regann Bowles was chosen Miss ALAH, Emeline Greathouse was named Junior Miss ALAH and Harper Hale was selected as Little Miss ALAH. Frankly, all the contestants did a great job and I have said repeatedly I don't know how those judges could make a choice. Not an easy job for sure. Big thanks to Britney Kirby for running the show and all those who helped behind the scenes.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Granddaughter Addison Beth Nicole (the family joke is she's so special she needs three names) did not win but she did sell the most raffle tickets. If you saw the size of her cheering section you would know why. While our family isn't very big, daughter-in-law Tiffany comes from a large family. Her dad was the oldest of eight children and amazingly almost

LEGAL NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2023.

No. DBA-001985

Judi Pollock
County Clerk

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Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

all of them and their children and grandchildren live in the area. They are very supportive of each other. The granddaughters, Kaylee and Addie, and I have often talked about how fortunate they are to have such a close family in more ways than one. So many don't have that any more. Something to be treasured for sure.

BASKETBALL ALL CONFERENCE

Congratulations to these girls from our Knights basketball team who made all conference. Claire Seal was first team, Charley Condill made second team and Kailee Otto was given a nod for honorable mention. The girls had a great year and we wish all the seniors well in their future endeavors in college and sports and look forward to seeing Claire back next year for her senior year.

FFA WEEK

Last week was FFA Week at ALAH. Here's what they had to say on the school fb page about that: "This week we have been celebrating National FFA week. Our FFA planned fun dress up days, a breakfast for the faculty and staff and our new favorite tradition of 'anything but a backpack' day! In case you didn't know, our FFA has over 70 members, participates in competitions all year long, grows their own popcorn to pop and sell at our home

ballgames, flies drones in their classrooms, repairs engines, learns to weld at Tri-County welding, grows the flowers for graduation. The list could go on and on! We LOVE our FFA!" Bet you didn't know all that about our FFA. I sure didn't!

MORE POSITIVE THINGS AT ALAH

Also found this on the weekly update from Principal Seegmiller. "Monday morning we will be having an all school assembly sponsored by Marissa's Purpose. The program, We All Rise Together, is a nonprofit organization that aims to prevent substance use and promote positive mental health among youth. They look to raise 1 million youth voices by educating, engaging, and empowering youth to use their voice for change through seminars, student-led activities, peer wellness coaching, and ambassadorship. Their purpose is to ignite a movement of hope that is saving lives. The program's purpose is to educate our community about the overwhelming number of young people suffering from significant trauma, large amounts of stress, substance use disorder, self-harm, suicidal tendencies, and other social and emotional health conditions." Sounds like a wonderful program and much needed among and for our young people. I like the

idea that this is a program designed to not only educate our students but the community as well.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Hope you took the time to look over the Community Survey Executive Summary results regarding the recent referendum in last week's Graphic. That summary is also available on the school website and facebook page. Some interesting results, some surprising and some expected I'm sure. I'm also sure it will be very useful in determining where we go from here for the future of our students and our schools.

Couple of events coming up: Winter sports awards night is Thursday, March 2.

The sophomore class is having a spaghetti supper on March 9 from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10.

The freshman class is hosting a trivia night on March 16. Teams of 3 to 5 people are needed. Stay tuned for more information on this. Our family participated in this a couple of years ago and had a lot of fun with it.

SPORTS

Junior high volleyball is wrapping up their season and will be participating in regional competition this week. High school track is just beginning with junior high starting later this month. I look forward to letting you know about that as well as softball and baseball which will be starting soon as well. Let's hope this great weather continues although

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MANNEQUINS

Background: Family Health Foods, Arthur, Illinois

by Don S. Chambers



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Arthur History Fact #39

Highways & Byways

1907 - Vine Street was just a dirt road that got so muddy during heavy rainfall that wagon wheels got stuck in the mud until it was paved with brick in 1907.

However, the mud problem persisted because the side roads onto Vine Street were still dirt. The mud had to be scraped off the bricks periodically.

1915 - The first mile south of Arthur was oiled with a new type of road oil.

1920's - More of the side roads of Arthur were oiled and covered with rock.

1933 - State Route 133 was paved with concrete.

1934 - The bricks of Vine Street were turned over and re-laid because of wear.

1948 - Arthur was linked to route 36 by pavement. First only one lane was concrete and the other lane was oil & chip.

1956 - Street signs were installed.

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