

Zion News

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." - Acts 17:30 KJV

Paul is referring to a time when he was preaching in Athens and found its citizens to be very religious people. They had erected altars to various gods throughout the city. At the Acropolis he even found an altar dedicated to "The Unknown God."

The Athenians were eager to hear what Paul had to say, so he explained to them about this "Unknown God" who had winked at their ignorance, but now expected much more from them than worshipping golden idols.

God winked at the Athenians in terms of overlooking their ignorance. Today, God winking at us has taken on another meaning.

In his 2003 NY Times Best-seller book "When God Winks," Squire Rushnell coined the term "Godwink," which is now in mainstream usage.

It was Rev. Roedder who probably first introduced most of our congregation to the idea of Godwinks.

He told the story of a young pastor who was becoming more and more despondent over his perceived lack of effectiveness in making a difference in turning peoples' lives toward Christ. He was contemplating leaving the ministry.

One day while the young pastor's car was stopped at a railroad crossing by a passing train, he noticed the license plate on the car in front of him. The license plate read, "TRUST 1."

This was just the Godwink the young pastor needed. He realized if he trusted the One,

it would reenergized his ministry and he could continue on serving the church with joy and enthusiasm.

Sometime later, the young pastor found out that the owner of the car with the inspirational license plate message on it was an officer of the trust department of a local bank. But, as far as he was concerned, that did not diminish the power of his Godwink.

A Godwink is defined as an event or personal experience, often identified as coincidence, so astonishing that it is seen as a sign of divine intervention, especially when perceived as the answer to a prayer.

A Godwink is also something taken as evidence that a higher power is at work. It is a subtle assurance that God is still speaking to us and the world.

Ever since Rev. Roedder introduced us to the idea, our church members love to share personal stories about Godwinks.

Many Godwinks seem to occur at times of strong emotion like stress and anxiety, depression, or at the loss of a loved one. Maybe these situations put us in a heightened state of awareness as we search for answers.

May we be people who live in a heightened state of awareness all the time, who watch for Godwinks, who believe in their messages, and who cheerfully tell others that, "my God winks."

Upcoming birthdays: Apr 13-Karol Suhl Allen, Apr 13-Steve Suhl, Apr 19-Wade Willoughby, Apr 22-Alana Heit Chapman, Apr 29-Elise Hackett.

Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Homecoming weekend will be September 29, 30

WHAT A GLORIOUS WEEKEND

We certainly couldn't have asked for more as far as the weather was concerned, could we? And so much going on. Huge Arthur Invite took place on Saturday with I think 18 schools participating. There were certainly lots and lots of people in attendance to watch lots and lots of their students take part in field and track events. And Easter Egg hunts galore. Know that Cerro Gordo, Hammond, Arthur and Aikman Wildlife Park all had hunting events of some kind. Sunday morning began the morning with a special Sunrise Service at the Methodist Church with many of our churches taking part in some way or other. As for me, I love this service and always especially enjoy the music. We have so much talent in our community. The sunrise service is archived on the Arthur United Methodist Church facebook page if you would like to see it. I was blessed to take part in some of these activities as well as the chance to spend time with family. Supper at Lake Mattoon on Saturday evening with Jason, Tiffany, Kaylee, Addie with our hostess Jette (Tiffany's mom) and Tiffany's brother and sister-in-law was so much fun and relaxing. And where we also enjoyed a rather competitive Easter egg hunt by four 'kids.' We got our food from Pauly's BBQ and would highly recommend as it was not only easy but delicious! We all decided it was easier than trying to put something together ourselves. On Sunday after church I made the trip to Peoria to see nephew Zachery and his wife/niece Marissa and their two year old and their new house. Another great day spent with family as Zachery's parents, my brother-in-law and sister-in-law were there too. Hope you all were able to enjoy the weekend and Easter in the way that made you most happy.

ALAH HOMECOMING THIS FALL

Homecoming weekend will be Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30. The usual activities with parade, football game, alumni banquet, dance and coronation highlighting the weekend. Many more details will be forthcoming over the next few months. Want to thank Rhonda Trower and Teri (Thomas) Malin both Class of 1971 Arthur High School graduates for agreeing to tackle and take over planning for the alumni banquet. Several of us who have had charge of that for

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

too many years have made the decision it is time for us to step back and let others take over. I plan to continue to help them publicize and get the word out as much as possible. Hope all of you who are graduates of Arthur, Arthur Lovington and Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond will help us out by providing us with contact information, specifically emails. As of now you can still send that to me and I will pass the information on to them. At some point I will be sharing their contact information as well.

SPORTS REPORTS

With the weather finally cooperating, spring sporting events have finally been able to get back on track....and the field. The aforementioned Arthur Invite took place last weekend and I know results of that and pictures can be found elsewhere in the paper. Lots of tough competition and probably some of the best in the state as well. Upcoming meets include the Sages Invitational on this Friday, the girls go to Warrensburg-Latham on Saturday and another big meet on Tuesday, April 18 at Sullivan, the annual Tri-County meet.

As for baseball and softball, both had several games last week with some wins and some losses and many more games ahead. Looks like baseball has several games these next two weeks but only one at home (Lovington) on Friday, April 14. As for softball, they had home games with Arcola on Monday, Tuscola today (Wednesday) and Heritage High School on Friday. Then a whole slew of games away before coming back home again on Saturday, April 22 with St. Joseph Ogden. GO KNIGHTS!

ARTHUR WOMAN'S CLUB

The club was really pleased to honor some longtime members a couple of weeks ago - Arlene Aschermann, Sharon Daily, Iris Dicks, Nancy Ferchow,

Marilyn Kitchen, Bernadine Yoder - have been involved in so many activities over the years with woman's club. And do they have stories to tell! But in putting that picture and story in the paper I forgot to thank Trudy Feyereisen, 'Arthur Through My Eyes' columnist, for taking the picture. She was working at the library that evening and we just recruited her out of the blue and in somewhat of a hurry. Not only does she write well but she can take a picture too! Thanks Trudy for helping out.

MICHAEL WARREN DESCENDANTS

As you may have read in last week's paper, Michael Warren is kind of thought of as one of Arthur's founding fathers as he deeded land in Moultrie County to the village to help give the town its start. He and his wife also had 13 children and so the Sesquicentennial committee is interested in finding some of those descendants of the couple. We figure with 13 kids there are surely some still around and, if you read Trudy's column last week, we may have found at least one of them already. If anybody knows of anyone or if you know you are a relative, please contact Rod Randall and let him know.

SO MUCH SADNESS

I started this column on a note of optimism and am sorry I have to end it this way but there are times when I feel things need to be said and shared among our friends and neighbors. Sometimes we seem to go through periods when a lot of bad or sad things are taking place. Our community seems to be in that place lately. We have lost several in our town, some unexpectedly and others that were expected. My intention this week had been to mention a couple of them, one being Jim Jurgens. Jim grew up in Arthur and graduated from Arthur High School. He eventually moved away and

pursued his banking career elsewhere, marrying Patty and raising a family of four children and many grandchildren. But in the late 1990s, he and Patty moved back to Arthur where he finished his work career at the State Bank of Arthur where his family had been involved for many years. He and Patty became quite active in the community and church. It's always nice to see someone come home and we are so glad that they did. We have watched Jim slowly fail over the last few months and also seen the wonderful care that Patty gave him. Know he will be missed by so many.

Another is Dennis Hanner. I did not know Dennis well but he was always friendly and easy to talk to when our paths did cross. I know he was dearly loved by his congregation at Zion and the group of other ministers that he golfed with.

There are so many I could mention lately but hesitate to do so because I will surely forget someone. We all know many of them and their families are in our hearts right now.

And then we learned this last week of the loss of Ryan Miller, another Arthur High School graduate ('12) and son of Lamar and Nadine Miller. Ryan was doing work he loved working with animals in a zoo in Kansas. He had a special love for elephants. But here is where our community comes in. I sincerely hope that at this worst moment in parents' lives, Lamar and Nadine can be somewhat comforted by the arms of the people of this town that are wrapped around them. By the thoughts and prayers going up for them and his sister Natalie and her family. Kent wrote many years ago about life being a tapestry and would share it now and then. I think it's time to share that piece again. He certainly had a gift.

"I wrote about life being a tapestry at one time. We all weave the cloth together; in and out, through family and friends intertwined in living. Then sometimes the fabric is

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF, VS. WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF DAVID R GRABER SR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DAVID I GRABER; ALAN GRABER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAVID R GRABER, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 7 205 SOUTH OAK STREET ARCOLA, IL 61910 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 14, 2023, Sheriff of Douglas County will on 05/23/2023, in FIRST FLOOR ROTUNDA OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TUSCOLA, IL, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: THE WEST ONE HUNDRED FEET OF LOT TWO (2) IN BLOCK EIGHTEEN (18) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY OF ARCOLA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 01-14-04-431-003 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 205 South Oak Street Arcola, IL 61910 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is wood siding. The color is yellow. I am unable to verify that the gas is on or off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant. The judgment amount was \$31,341.63. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds;

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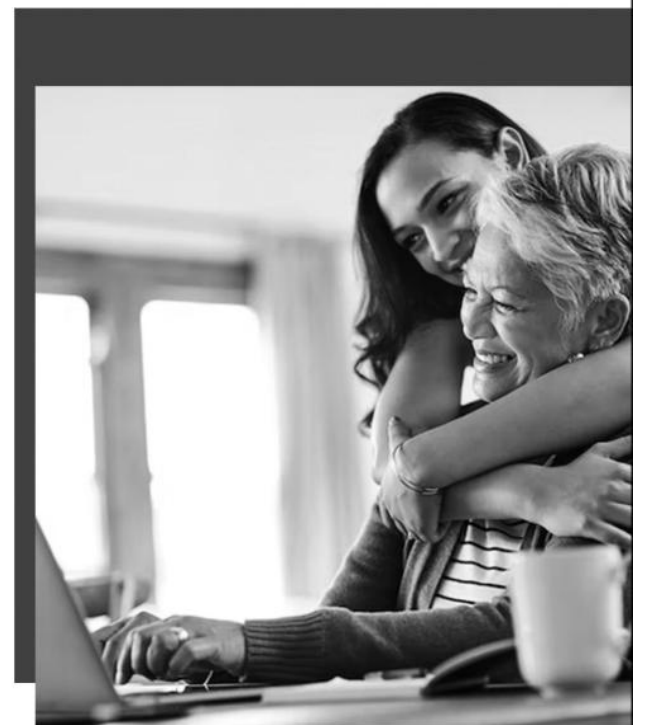
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