

Zion News

"Our Father who art in heaven . . ." - Matthew 6:9

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught as the way to pray. There are two versions of the prayer recorded in the Gospels. The longer version is in Matthew as part of the Sermon on the Mount. A shorter version is in the Gospel of Luke.

There are seven "petitions" in the prayer. The first three petitions are about God while the other four petitions are about human needs and concerns. Only Matthew's account contains "Your will be done" and "Deliver us from evil."

The Lord's Prayer can easily be viewed as a summary of the whole Gospel and is used by virtually every Christian denomination. Protestants usually conclude the prayer with the doxology, "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever," which is not part of the original Biblical text.

Some scholars point out that, technically speaking, The Lord's Prayer isn't even a true New Testament prayer. They cite several instances where the words and phrases of the prayer may have had much earlier Hebrew and Jewish origins. Jesus would have known these sources and used them effectively to show his current generation of followers a good example of how to pray.

And, The Lord's Prayer continues to survive the test of time. It has been used in popular life for generations.

Before clocks were readily available, The Lord's Prayer was used by cooks to time their recipes. One step of a recipe could be to "simmer the broth for three Lord's Prayers."

Closer to our times, in the early 1960's, American songwriter and arranger Brian Wilson set the text of The Lord's Prayer to an elaborate close-harmony arrangement for The Beach Boys.

However, the most popular musical arrangement of The Lord's Prayer was recorded in 1973 by an Australian nun, Sister Janet Read. Her rendition became an international hit, selling nearly three million copies and reaching the top of pop charts worldwide.

It is the only Top 10 hit in which all the lyrics came from the Bible and with words attributed to Jesus Christ.

Mead was nominated for a Grammy for Best Inspirational Performance, but lost to Elvis Presley's version of "How Great Thou Art."

In the 1970's young people were singing The Lord's Prayer everywhere. It was on the radio, it was performed on TV. At first, maybe some of the "older generation" may have thought the prayer shouldn't be a pop song, but most people came to view it as a positive influence on society.

Our congregation often sings a hymn version of The Lord's Prayer after the Joys and Concerns part of our Sunday worship service. The tune can stick in one's head and you may find yourself humming or thinking this "Lord's Prayer" version for days after.

That's not a bad thing to have stuck in your brain.

Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:00 AM. This Sunday Rev. Leroy Allison will be our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.

Arthur History Fact #47 1908

35 years after its founding, these were some of the leading business people of Arthur:

J.F. Helmuth was a builder of many homes in Arthur

W.F. Pribble, Barber

Ned Williams, Bakery

Rigney & Haney, Dry Goods

John Winter, Willie Miller, Tin Shops

J.C. Williamson, Barber

Frank McKee, Jewelry Store

Dr. O.W. Winter, Veterinarian

J.B. Jocelyn, Pianos & Sewing Machines

John Jocelyn, O.E. Gibson, Ed Kerns, Painters

Campbell Bros., Implement Dealer

H.A. Baker, Blacksmith

H.M. Rigney, Book Store

Ben Jocelyn, Skinner

H.F. Kirk, Justice of the Peace

Poetry Reading; Spring Community Arts Fair

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

SPRUCING UP THE PLACE!

Wow, lots of things are happening around town these days. Everywhere you look you see newly paved parking lots and streets. Behind the IGA and on the other side of the hitchrack, at the welcome center parking lot and on Illinois Street. Guessing there are more things in the works and it probably has a lot to do with the celebration of our town's 150th anniversary this year which is (a reminder) Cheese Festival weekend with the big date being Saturday, September 2.

I noticed Doris Elmore in her column in the Record Herald last week mentioned the work being done in Atwood. Suspect it is for the same reason as that town is also celebrating its sesquicentennial this year. Lovington is having their celebration in June to go along with their annual fish fry and fireworks show. Stay tuned for more information on all these events in our communities.

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This Saturday, April 29, head up to the community building to wish Dora Murray a Happy Birthday between 2 and 5 p.m. Dora has been a fixture in this community raising her four boys here and several grandchildren. She worked for many years at the IGA and you can still find her attending many Knights sporting events, particularly volleyball and basketball and sometimes football.

KNIGHTS SPORTS REPORT

Lots of track, baseball and softball happening these days. Junior high had a shortened meet on Thursday at Tuscola on Thursday which was cut short by bad weather. Both 7th and 8th grade boys and girls then competed at the Arcola Invite on Saturday with both 8th grade teams coming in 2nd as did the 7th grade boys in a field of 11 teams. Both softball and baseball are in contention for the Lincoln Prairie conference championships in their respective sports. High school track was at the Tri-County meet in Sullivan on Tuesday and at Tuscola on Friday. Upcoming this week on Friday which is a full sports schedule is baseball at Argenta-Oreana, softball at home, girls track at Sages Invitational and boys track at the Spartan Classic in St. Joe. Softball has a game with Blue Ridge on Saturday and also on Saturday junior high track is at the

Mt. Zion Invite. Looks like the weather for this week could be cooler again. Typical spring it seems. Go Knights!

DISTANCE NIGHT IN PALATINE

In a prestigious meet in Palatine which took place on a very cool Friday evening, Logan Beckmier recorded a 9:27.91 PR in the 3200. This puts him at #5 in the state in 1A and is also the second fastest in school history. As his grandpa says, "he's not done yet!" Logan is the son of Tucker and Megan Beckmier.

LOTS OF SIGNINGS

ALAH High School has had lots of seniors signing to continue their sports careers. Think I mentioned Logan Beckmier and Alisha Frederick earlier but Kailee Otto has also signed to play softball at Parkland College while Charley Condill will be playing both softball and volleyball at Millikin University. Wyatt Hilligoss will also be continuing his baseball career at Millikin University.

POETRY READING

This Saturday, April 29 in the Fellowship Hall at the Arthur United Methodist Church there will be a poetry reading event at 2 p.m. Come and bring your original or some of your favorite poems to read at our poetry reading in celebration of Na-

tional Poetry Month.

ARTS FAIR

The Arthur-Area Spring Community Arts Fair is to help support local artists and benefit community outreach. It is a fundraiser for the outreach ministries of AUMC and the Arthur Ministerial Association. The arts fair will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 1-6 p.m. at the Arthur United Methodist Church. So far 11 local artists have signed up to display and share their works. The event is free but donations will be taken at the door. You will also have an opportunity to vote for your favorite artist and the person receiving the most votes will be named "Artist of the Day."

CI LIVING

But before the arts fair on Saturday don't miss Pastor Jill Bunker and Ariana Cherry on Tuesday, May 2 on CI Living on WCIA where they will be talking about this new event and the artists who will be participating. Be sure to set your DVRs!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

You all know I never pass up a chance to promote this jewel of a museum in Springfield. There is a unique event coming up on May 4. From the ALPLM website: "As the ALPLM opens

our special State of Sound: A World of Music from Illinois exhibit at Chicago's Navy Pier, our spring edition of Tales from the Vault will focus on music in Illinois from the Lincoln-era. The mid-19th century was a period of remarkable economic development in the United States. Among the industries that emerged during that time was American music, and Illinois became one of its focal points. Join Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Lincoln Historian Christian McWhirter as he shares the stories behind objects in the collection related to the production and performance of popular music in Illinois. This will be a "hybrid" event with the opportunity to attend in-person or virtually. The program will take place in our library's multi-purpose room on Thursday, May 4 at noon. The event is free; reservations are not required. To watch virtually via Facebook Live, please go to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Facebook page. Open the page at the appointed time and scroll to the post highlighting the live event. Once you're there, simply click on the image and watch the live video stream. Tales from the Vault is a quarterly collaboration between the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Museum."

WNBA PLAYER FROM OUR AREA

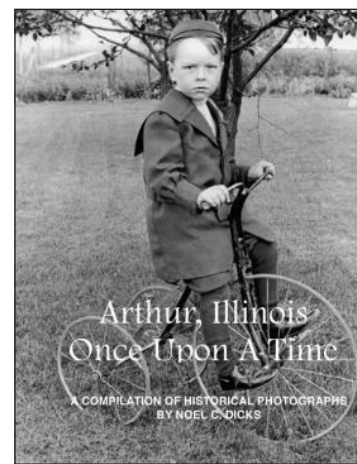
Paige Robinson is a graduate of Okaw Valley High School. She had quite an outstanding career in basketball both in high school and college and has now been recruited to play in the WNBA. Don't believe that has happened locally before. To celebrate Okaw Valley High School and the town of Bethany will be celebrating Paige Robinson Day on Wednesday, May 3. There will be a parade through town and presentations on the high school lawn. Exciting news for our area and

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Noel Dicks Book Available

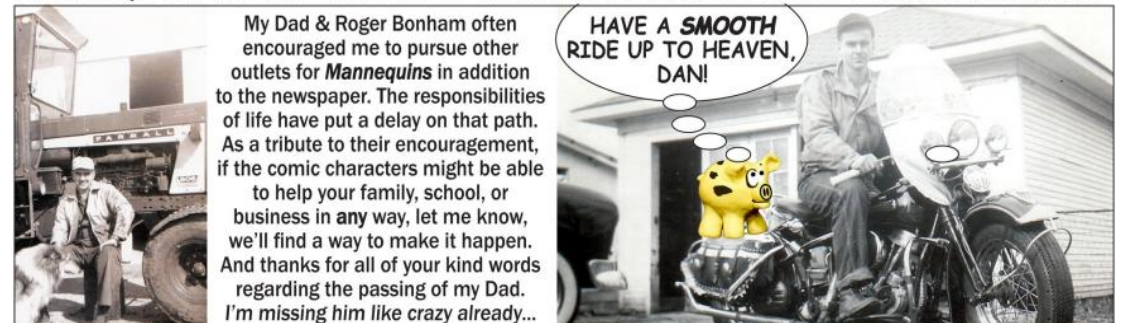
If you missed buying a copy of Noel Dicks book *Arthur, Illinois Once Upon A Time* the first two times it was printed and completely sold out, there has been a third printing and is now available to buy once again.

Only 100 have been re-printed and can be purchased at Yoder's Lamps and Antiques or the Arthur Graphic-Clarion office for \$40.00 per book.



MANNEQUINS

Photos: Dan Chambers in Pierson with his Harley-Davidson & one of his IH tractors mannequinscomicstrip@gmail.com



My Dad & Roger Bonham often encouraged me to pursue other outlets for *Mannequins* in addition to the newspaper. The responsibilities of life have put a delay on that path. As a tribute to their encouragement, if the comic characters might be able to help your family, school, or business in any way, let me know, we'll find a way to make it happen. And thanks for all of your kind words regarding the passing of my Dad. I'm missing him like crazy already...

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