

# Zion News

"He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty." - The Apostles' Creed

For Christians, the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on his disciples, are the foundation of the Christian faith. This month we will be observing two of these important events.

May 18 is Ascension Day. Jesus had spent 40 days on earth after his resurrection teaching and ministering to his disciples. This must have been an intensely powerful and encouraging experience for them.

Unlike the chaotic events leading up to Jesus' death that tore him suddenly apart from the disciples, Jesus now was taking time to prepare them for His Ascension into heaven and his final physical departure from them.

Jesus leads the eleven remaining disciples to Bethany, a village on the Mount of Olives, and instructs them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Luke it says, "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

The disciples believed that God had vindicated Jesus after his ignoble death on the cross and exalted him by seating Jesus at his side in heaven. They also did what Jesus told them and went to Jerusalem.

Ten days later, on the seventh

Sunday after Easter, or 50 days after the Resurrection, the Pentecost event occurred.

Pentecost is about the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks.

The timing of Pentecost is important. The Feast of Weeks is a major Jewish holiday that, Biblically, marked the wheat harvest in the Land of Israel. It was one of three major pilgrimage festivals, so that is the reason there were so many people in Jerusalem at the time speaking different languages. Yet, after the spirit descended on them, the disciples were able to speak in everyone's native tongue.

Pentecost represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that, after his ascension, his followers will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Taking place during a major festival symbolically signaled that the Holy Spirit was to be spread to the multitudes.

Quite possibly many of us do not fully take in the importance of these events to our lives and our Christian faith. Take time this month to wonder a little over their significance.

May birthdays: May 5-Greg White, May 13-Rob Drake, May 27-Michael Willoughby.

Anniversary: May 21-Tyler & Nicole White.

Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:00 AM. This Sunday Rev. Kenneth Roedder will be our guest pastor. Everyone is welcome.

endeavor. Cheek addressed "How can we support in overcoming predicted challenges?" The group needs to brainstorm ideas on how the challenges can be met for the good of the district, communities and the students.

The meeting was very productive and helps support each community in the district. Residents need to be aware of the problems the school board is facing and be supportive in how to handle them.

The next meeting of the group will be held on September 13.

## ALAH Honors Night planned for May 10

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Once again I will share this bit of information found at the top of the Graphic-Clarion facebook page: "The Graphic was founded May 6, 1887. The Clarion was founded in 1905. The Arthur Graphic-Clarion consolidated on November 6, 1905." But there is more to the story of course. Kent wrote this a few years ago about the history of this paper: "The 'G' was actually the second paper in town at the time with the first paper being the Arthur Signal. There is an editorial in 'The Signal' by the editor himself who said something along the lines that the town was big enough now to support two newspapers so he was not concerned and welcomed the competition. The Signal went out of business not too long after he put that opinion in print! The Graphic enjoyed eighteen years of being the only "game" in town before another group of folks started the Clarion (also in May by the way) in 1905. No one at the Graphic wrote anything like the editor of the Arthur Signal. In fact, in November of that same year the two newspaper owners got together and worked out a merger deal. The Arthur Graphic gained a partner in the Clarion and it has been that way ever since." And of course today, if my calculations are right, this newspaper is now 136 years old! A big thank you to all who support this effort through your subscriptions and most especially your advertisements. Small town newspapers are becoming more and more rare and frankly I think we are very fortunate to still have the Arthur Graphic-Clarion and other local publications to read each week for news on our communities, events, schools, local governing boards, and on and on.

### SENIORS ON SENIOR TRIP

Our Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond seniors left last Saturday on their senior

## Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

trip to Washington, DC. The senior trip has been a tradition since 1952 when the seniors went to Niagara Falls (see correction below). In 1955 that trip became one to our nation's capital. In between some classes have gone to New York City and/or Philadelphia as well but those trips didn't start until the 1970s. A couple of years ago I wrote a full page story in the Graphic about the history of that trip. I can tell you for sure that many remember this senior trip with a lot of fondness and happy memories. There is just something about traveling with your fellow students, many of them that you have grown up with all your life. It's a very special time and one never to be forgotten. I went 55 years ago and even though I had been to DC several times and have been several times since that trip still stands out as different. Many don't ever get the chance to go on a trip like that and many schools cannot do this because of cost and logistics so our kids are very fortunate to have this experience. Thanks go out as well to all who helped make this happen and to those teachers and administrators who chaperone this trip. I always thought that would be a fun thing to do. Next up is prom on Saturday night at Penn Station. Enjoy grads! This last month will go way too fast!

### UPDATE ON SENIOR TRIP HISTORY

Ann Huffman tells me that the Class of '52 went to Chicago on the train and stayed two nights at the Sherman Hotel. They went to a play and a ballgame and had a wonderful time. Thanks Ann for straightening that history out. I should have looked back at my story.

And Sue Gass tells me that her class of 1954 was the last class to go to Niagara Falls. Sue also says that her son, Doug Fidler, who graduated from AHS in 1978 was the first to get to see the Vietnam Wall. Thanks ladies for those memories.

### HONORS NIGHT

Is Wednesday, May 10 at the high school. Always fun to see and hear the number of awards, honors and scholarships that are given out at this event. And amazing too how much those awards, honors and scholarships add up to. Nice recognition for so many for their hard work throughout their school years.

### ALWAYS ARTHURITE

Justin Ray who now lives in Alabama and is a 1998 graduate of AHS recently posted this on his facebook page about visitors he and Lisa and Chase recently hosted: "Frederic was a German foreign exchange student we hosted in my Junior year of high school. In 25

years, this is the 6th time we've been able to see each other. This is our 2nd visit with his wife Anne, and the first time we've been able to meet his girls Leonie and Clara. We only really had a day and a half with them but we made everything we could out of it. We already miss them and hope they enjoy the rest of their American vacation." Wonderful that they have not only kept in touch but been able to visit several times over the years. Had hoped Frederic and his family made their way to Arthur but have learned from Justin that they did not. Maybe next time they are in the country!

### ANOTHER ALWAYS ARTHURITE

Logan Hall (ALAH '18) competed this past weekend in the Christie Clinic marathon in Champaign-Urbana. His dad posted this on facebook about his first time competing in this event: "Great morning watching Logan compete in his first half marathon. Placing 5th overall and getting the last spot for prize money. His time would have won the race last year." Says something about the level of competition. I watched the video and he overtook the runner in front of him right at the finish line to earn that prize money. I'm sure Logan will be doing many more events like this and making his hometown and family proud. Congratulations Logan!

### SPORTS REPORT

Our softball team lost their first game in conference play **See TOWN TALK on page 3**

## Meeting

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survey results from the group meetings held last year and these were discussed.

Superintendent Cheek talked about the current projects including work on air conditioners in the schools, basketball scoreboards and they are in hopes the new scoreboard at the football field will be in place by graduation; new track, parking lots and more.

Also discussed was the vision and needs for moving forward and the challenges in this

### MANNEQUINS

Background: Our apple trees. Blossom photo by Ariana Chambers

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### Arthur History Fact #48

#### 1948

Arthur's Centennial book had some gaps in its business history, but this information was included about businesses 75 years after Arthur's founding.

The Thrift Shop, owned by Roxy Ray, would shampoo a 9 X 12 rug for \$2.97.

The H.E. Hood Insurance Agency was selling liability insurance to comply with the new Illinois Safety Responsibility Law.

D.C. Moses, who later owned Moses Cafe, was managing Turner Seed and Supply, selling Case Tractors.

Factory Sales had Kem-tone wall finish for \$2.98 per gallon in paste form.

The Ben Franklin Store, under G.H. Stock, was having a 9-cent sale.

Brad's Jewelry was selling Keepsake diamond rings for \$15.00 and up.

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