

Zion News

"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you." - Deuteronomy 32:7

The people of the Old Testament were big on remembering their past. Their stories were verbally passed down from generation to generation long before they were ever written down. So are these stories history or tradition?

History is an accounting of our origins and development over time. It is a record of the moments and events of a person's, a community's, a nation's, our world's life.

History is valuable and useful. Every generation should look to the past for guidance, knowledge, and wisdom as a source of ideas and thoughts that might help solve or prevent current or future problems.

Without human action, history would not exist. It is a method of understanding the development and evolution of ideas and actions that have occurred in the past.

Contrary to what one might think, tradition is not the same as history. The concept of tradition originally comes from the Latin meaning of "something handed over." Tradition is anything which is transmitted or handed down from the past to the present.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines tradition as "an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior such as a religious practice or social

custom." Tradition includes beliefs, customs, material objects, or images of persons and events.

Tradition is based on the value one holds to carry on a custom or belief that has been established. Slow changing societies have viewed tradition as the equivalence to inheritance - the means of making a living, as a way to provide status, stability, and identity to one's life.

Unlike history which looks backwards, tradition tends to look forward. With tradition there is the belief that the custom will continue to be passed down in the future. Tradition is based on values, not the recorded past, and must be valued high enough to be passed down.

Tradition is not a negative that society should reject or avoid. It is often a positive that can bind society together. Tradition can be impacted by history and can evolve because people sometime desire to establish something different that may hold more value and meaning for them.

In Deuteronomy, the people of the Old Testament were talking about values such as humankind's relationship with God and with one another, and how the present generation should remain mindful of those values. That is not static history. It is a proactive tradition that is being handed over to us because it is so very important to this world of today and tomorrow.

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

Enjoying a very busy weekend

BUSY, BUSY WEEKEND

And I love it. Celebrated our Aunt Fran Yeakel's 100th birthday and nephew Zachery's 30th birthday on Saturday. Sunday morning breakfast at AUMC for our graduates, a quick trip to Allerton Park to see the peonies, Baccalaureate service (more on that later) and the first of several graduation parties Sunday evening. That graduation party was for the granddaughter of Delano's cousin, Cindy Yeakel Bruce. Cindy's daughter Amanda and her husband Eric's oldest graduated from Kansas High School on Saturday evening. A huge party was held on Sunday evening in Grandview. (How many of you know where that is?) Because of Baccalaureate I got there a little late but what a crowd! And I guess I missed what had been an even bigger crowd. I don't see this part of the family often but I have got to watch these kids grow up on facebook where I get to follow their exploits. They are very involved in FFA and 4-H among other things. McKenzie (the graduate) will be attending Oklahoma State University this fall and will be enrolled in their ag program. Best of luck McKenzie! And to top it all off, could the weather have not been more perfect?!

GOOD LUCK KNIGHTS

To Lyle Adcock and Logan Beckmeir at the state track meet this week!

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

We are so fortunate that our school still sees the importance of having this service. Many schools no longer do and, unfortunately, there are many who do not understand the importance of this rite of passage for our graduates. Some very

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

special music from ALAH choir director Stephen McClarey and Sisters and Co. along with participation by several of our students who also help plan this service which also makes it more meaningful. A guest speaker is always invited and this year it was Misty Appleby, Atwood resident, mother of 4 of our district's students and cheerleading coach at ALAH. I believe you can read her words elsewhere in the paper as more people need to hear what she had to say. She shared some absolutely wonderful words of advice with the students, parents, family and friends who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. As always, we hope that the students were paying attention but my hope is that all present were paying attention to what she had to say. Thank you Misty!

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Sort of in line with the message Misty shared in her Baccalaureate address is the article in last week's Graphic about the partnership grant to support mental wellness of students, educators and families. I found a recent statistic that extension educator Cheri Burcham shared, that 70% of high school students deal with anxiety and depression, to be both disturbing and sad. But after the past few years where these

kids had their world and lives turned upside down, having to cope with new ways of learning and isolation, I guess it's not surprising. So I am glad to see that the Illinois State Board of Education has selected our school district as a recipient of one of the Community Partnership Grants awarded. Partners include CUSD 305 administrators, school counselors and representatives from the Arthur Police Department, Arthur Ministerial Association, Arthur Christian School and Douglas County Health Department. Others involved include both public libraries in Arthur and Atwood. The partnership will also be asking for feedback for parents and youth in our communities. The libraries will expand their collection on mental health and wellness topics and provide programs and workshops on this issue. Looking forward to hearing more about this much needed initiative. Just another way our schools and communities are working together for the betterment of all, especially our kids.

A YOUNG MAN WITH A BIG IDEA

A few years ago WEIU-TV the public TV station affiliated with Eastern Illinois University featured Arthur in one of their "This Is Our Story" shows. At that time Ke'an Armstrong was one of the producers of that

program. Now her son Brayden, a sixth-grader at Jefferson Elementary in Charleston, is hosting his own program on WEIU. "School Talk" is a program featuring interviews Brayden did with some of his classmates. His hope is to let people know, "what kids have to say, instead of just adults." Part of the program focused on advice they would give to third graders from Carl Sandburg making the transition to fourth grade at Jefferson. Brayden hopes to see "School Talk" continue in some form. The program can be found on the WEIU Facebook page and the station's YouTube channel. Congratulations Brayden!

ALWAYS ARTHURITE

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned Kirby Davis (AHS '79) being recognized by the regional office of education and that he is retiring after 30 years as guidance counselor at Neoga High School. At their recent graduation ceremony, Kirby not only received a standing ovation when he was introduced but was able to award his son, Carter, his diploma. Carter was a co-valedictorian for his class. Congratulations to both Kirby and his son! Know there were several proud family members in attendance as well.

RUBEN YUTZY

I have known Ruben and Ada for as long as I can remember. When I think of them I remember them coming into the shoe store with all the kids...6 of them. Marilyn, Carolyn, Faith, Myrna, Brian and Regina. Yes, See TOWN TALK on page 11

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to the Arthur Police Department!

Letter To The Editor- On Friday morning May 19 around 11:20 a.m., I had two bicycles stolen at my resale shop. One was behind my building and the other was in the back of my truck. I went to the police station and reported the theft to Chief Goodman. He initiated a town wide search to see if they were

still around. Both he and I searched for about an hour. Chief Goodman had the next shift to continue searching during them making rounds. Saturday morning while I was at the Sale Barn for the 3rd Saturday consignment auction looking for my bicycles, an officer called me and reported that he thought

they had found my bikes...from 11:20 Friday morning to 8:00 Saturday morning (less than 24 hours) they were recovered. Thank you Arthur Police Department and Chief Goodman...Job well done.

Dale Bissonett
Lil Nugget Resale Shoppe



In Our Community

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023
at the OTTO CENTER - 2056 CR 1800E - Arthur, IL 61911 - 1/2 mile South of Arthur

MINI AUCTION - 6:00 PM

LAWN & GARDEN Sandbox w/ Roof 4' Glider (Cedar/Black) Ariens 21" Self-propelled Mower STIHL Pressure Washer (2700 PSI) Honda FG110 Mini Tiller Makita 36v 21" Self-propelled Commercial Mower Makita 36v Chainsaw Makita 36v Stringtrimmer Makita 36v Blower M18 String Trimmer 3 pc Planter Set	M18 6 gal Vacuum 12" Saw Blade Set M18 Tire Inflator Makita Tire Inflator Makita Router Makita Multi Tool Lots & Lots of Makita Battery Tools & Batteries
HOUSEHOLD 5 pc Rustic QSWO Modesto Bedroom Set (Queen) Hickory Child's Rocker Knotty Alder Hat Box 36" Adjustable Clothes Dryer 6'-8" Lifetime Tables 6' Lifetime Folding Benches Barn Beam Chandelier 140A Freedom Fan Miller Tech Hand Held Mixer 30 qt Fryer Coffee Butlers	CAMPING, GAMES, TOYS GCI Freestyle Rockers BB/Pellet Gun Fishing Poles Aluminum Ball Bats Softball Gloves Graber Grill MillerTech Headlights Rhino Deluxe Swivel Hunting Chair
HORSE, BARN & SHOP 58" Buggy Pony Mare - Well Broke (for more information call Lamar Schrock 217-273-6494) Medium-Sized Cruiser 60" Buggy Pony Harness (Bio) 50 bu EZ Trail Gravity Wagon 400# Feed Bin 16' Aluminum Hay Hiker Chicken Coop (MSB) Poly Lapp Dumpster 49" Ultra Tow Aluminum Cargo Trailer 35 amp Relion Battery Wet/Dry Shop Vac	CERTIFICATES Garage Door Screen up to 10' tall Subscription to Arthur Graphic Locust Creek - \$100 2-person Walleye Fishing Trip on Lake Erie (April 2024) 2-person Fishing Trip on Lake Shelbyville (Mark Chupp) 2-person Fishing Trip on Lake Mattoon (Matt Chupp) 1 acre Lawn Application (Precision Turf) 4 new Horseshoeing (Marvin Miller) 4 new Horseshoeing (Lamar Schrock)

ALL DAY BAKE SALE
8:00 AM
HOMEMADE BREAD, CINNAMON ROLLS, ANGEL FOOD CAKES, NOODLES & MORE!

DINNER - 4:00 - CLOSE
Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans & Noodles
Strawberry & Lemon Shake-ups & Iced Coffee

Also Serving Shortcake, Strawberries & Soft Serve Ice Cream - 11am - Closing

THIS IS A PARTIAL LISTING - NEW DONATED ITEMS ARE WELCOME - WWW.ILHBA.ORG
Proceeds are to help defray expense for the Haiti Benefit Auction on October 27-28, 2023.
For more information contact: Dan Kaufman - 217-202-2139 - Brian Kaufman - 217-578-3213 - Jared Kauffman - 217-208-2321

Arthur History Fact #51 1910

Revivals were promoted by traveling evangelists and would usually last for a week.

During a revival held in Arthur in 1910 a total of 126 individuals accepted Christ and publically vowed to "forsake their haunts of sin and take up their journey on the straight and narrow path to eternity."

Of course a plea for funds was made each night. At one revival, in response to a complaint about the constant request for money, the following note appeared in the Arthur Graphic:

"EXPENSE MONEY HAS GOT TO BE RAISED AND THE QUICKER IT'S DONE THE QUICKER WE WILL STOP PASSING THOSE BASKETS UNDER YOUR NOSE."

(From historical notes by Noel C. Dicks)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Town of Lowe in the County of Moultrie, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2023, and ending March 31st, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Lowe Township Shed from and after 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, at The Arthur Public Library in this Lowe Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at The Arthur Public Library at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 13th, 2023. Dated May 9th, 2023.

Michael H. Hafer, Supervisor
Melissa Schrock, Township Clerk

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