

# Zion News

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

Sometimes we are faced with I-can't-take-it-anymore days. You know how that feels. There is too much to do and too little time. There are deadlines looming. There is pressure and stress that actually keeps a person from getting the things done that are stressing them out.

How does someone handle this? For Christians, the assurances of joy and peace found in the Bible, like with the scripture above, is a good source. Beyond that, fellow human beings have also contributed thoughts about how to achieve a sense of happiness during trying times.

Author Kurt Vonnegut said, "Happiness is an uphill battle. Wear the good shoes."

According to Ralph Waldo Emerson, "For every minute you are angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

Elvis Presley said, "When things go wrong, don't go with them."

"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself." – Anonymous.

A memorable quote by Peanuts creator, Charles M. Schulz, is "Happiness is a warm puppy."

More serious reflections on

happiness include:

Buddha, who said, "Happiness never decreases by being shared."

Vietnamese monk, Thich Nhat Hanh, who passed away just a little over a year ago, said, "The present moment is filled with joy and happiness. If you are attentive, you will see it."

And from the writings of 4th century Chinese philosopher, Chuang-Tse, we read, "Perfect happiness is the absence of the striving for happiness."

However, Mark Twain throws us a curve ball about happiness when he wrote in his work *The Mysterious Stranger*, "Are you so unobservant as not to have found out that sanity and happiness are an impossible combination? No sane man can be happy, for to him life is real, and he sees what a fearful thing it is." For Twain this may have been more than just a tongue-in-cheek statement.

Despite all the advice, despite all the human discussion about happiness, Christians know that happiness, peace, and joy reside within us thanks to the presence of the Holy Spirit. We can draw upon that power when we are in the midst of one of those I-can't-take-it-anymore days.

Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:00 AM. This coming Sunday Rev. Leroy Allison will be leading the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

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## Community is lucky to have a fine young man return to his hometown

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

As hoped, it was a great Memorial Day weekend between beautiful weather, graduation, graduation parties, Mackville at the park, visit to cemeteries and the service at the cemetery on Monday morning all went well. A very nice crowd was able to honor our fallen, see the wreaths placed at the memorial and hear some stirring words from James (Mike) Cazel (AHS '02), retired from the United States Marine Corps. It was obvious sharing his thoughts was an emotional thing for him and he did a wonderful job. After the service, James told my sister Sally that he looked up and thought, "uh-oh, there's my kindergarten teacher. I had better do a good job." Our community is lucky to have a fine young man return to his hometown with his family and start a program for youth. Thank you James!

### TIME IN WISCONSIN

As I write this I am in Wisconsin with my daughter and grandkids. They were moving and I came up to 'help.' To be honest I'm not much help and it's very frustrating. But I was able to put some things away and organize a bit. Unfortunately for Kyr, the kids, friends and movers it was a very, very hot day but it got done and things are coming together. This place looks a lot different today than it did yesterday and they will get there. Also had a nice visit with grandson Shane and his girlfriend Ava, just the three of us. Got to see their new apartment and the three of us got to spend some time together. Doesn't happen often. On Sunday we were able to watch our church service online and later went to the Chippewa Falls History Center (see next part), to granddaughter Taylor's track banquet and then back home later for supper with almost all the family. Good day!

### CHIPPEWA FALLS HISTORY CENTER

## Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

Chippewa Falls is a nice town of about 13 or 14 thousand, depending on which population sign you believe, with a lot going for it. It has a very nice business district, park and other things. The latest is the Chippewa Falls History Center which we visited on Sunday. We spent a very enjoyable two hours there and could have stayed longer but we had a track awards banquet to get to. Lots of interesting history in the Chippewa Falls area. Won't share some of what I learned this week but will probably be doing that in the next few columns. Looking forward to going back.

### LONG TIME READER

Was pleased to see Ann Huffman in the News-Gazette last Thursday in Jim Rossow's "Top of the Morning" column. She was pictured with her great granddaughter Ella. Anne is a regular and long-time reader of not only the News-Gazette but several other area and local papers including our own Graphic-Clarion. The article also noted that Ann's granddaughter, Mary Huffman Martinez, was part of the first group of High School Confidential correspondents and is now teaching in Arthur. Anyone who knows Ann knows she is definitely still on top of her game and evidently being well informed is a good part of the reason for that. One

of those people you can always enjoy talking with.

### THINK SOMEONE IS NUDGING ME

I forgot to mention Kent's birthday which was on May 27 and there have been a couple of things pop up lately that make me think he is trying to remind me not to forget him. One was a post on facebook about riding bikes behind the mosquito sprayer. Kent had a great story about that written in his usual humorous way. I was not able to find it but I am continuing to look and will share it when I do find it. The other was a call from granddaughter Addison who is working out at Homestead Bakery this summer (and at the pool; guess she doesn't have enough to do). She had a gentleman who asked where Shady Hills was because he wanted to go on a buggy ride. I assured her there was no place called Shady Hills but there is Shady Crest which of course she knew. But Shady Crest does not offer buggy rides. HOWEVER Green Meadows Farm does so I was able to steer her and him in that direction. Reminded me of the time the couple asked Kent where Beasleys was. He told them that there was not a store by that name and they were probably looking for Beacheys. On no, they insisted, it's Beasleys! After a couple of times of trying to convince them of the

right name they were still adamant that it was Beasleys! So he finally just said OK here is where you can find that store and gave them directions. I do wonder what they thought when they drove up and saw Beacheys on the sign? Anyway, Kent, a belated Happy Birthday to you!

### SCHOOL/SPORTS NEWS

With school out for the year there are still things happening with our students. Last week was volleyball camp for the younger set. Believe it was for 3rd grade through 9th. This week is volleyball practice and I have also seen posts about basketball camp(s) for the summer and football as well. You will also find many of our young people working at the pool, at various businesses and elsewhere around town. And before we know it, summer will be over and all the various school activities will start again.

### LINCOLN PRAIRIE ALL CONFERENCE

Think you may find this elsewhere in the paper too but these athletes were named all conference recently. For softball LPC honors: first team: Madison Schweighart, Charley Condill, Alisha Frederick and Kailee Otto; second team: Mackenzie Condill; and Honorable Mention went to Kaci Beachey. For baseball LPC honors: First team: Clay Seal and Dalton Vanausdoll; second team: Wyatt and Will Hilligoss; and Honorable Mention went to Maddix Stirrett. Congratulations to all!

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## Cheese

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with cheese as she used to own and operate "The Buggy Wheel" next door where she sold jellies, jams, fudge and cheese along with an antique and craft mall before selling the business 14 years ago to Eli Shrock of "Yoder's Lamps and Antiques". You can still see the "Buggy Wheel" sign hanging up outside his store.

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### MANNEQUINS

Photos of Bunny the Cat by Ariana Chambers

by Don S. Chambers



### Arthur History Fact #53

#### The Great Bank Robbery of 1899

Part 1

(This incident occurred at the First National Bank of Arthur which was located at the corner of Vine and Illinois Streets where the Arthur First Bank is currently located.)

It was a bone-chilling zero degrees outside that early morning in January.

A little after 12:00 AM, six masked bandits, having already stolen some of the tools they would need for their crime from other businesses in town, chiseled and punched out the lock on the protective grating door of the First National Bank of Arthur and then pried open the north side entrance door of the bank.

When the robbers got inside, they found the steel grating door of the vault open, so they found themselves in front of the vault without further hindrance.

The vault had 30" thick brick walls and a floor of solid concrete. The vault had two sets of doors, each made of half-inch hardened steel. But these obstacles proved little resistance to the expert safe-crackers.

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