

Zion News

"All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

As Christians, the scriptures of the Bible are vital to our faith. They aid in our understanding of our relationship with God and how to live one's life because of that relationship.

Many churches engage in Bible studies which can help discern the meaning of the scriptures. However, in doing so, it is always a good idea to proceed with a little caution. Historically, the Bible has probably been more misinterpreted and misused for personal gain than any other written word.

A popular confirmation verse is a good example of misinterpreting the Bible. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." This verse has been used throughout the secular world in the context that a person can have anything they want, like business or athletic success, as long as they believe in Christ. This is like viewing God as a good luck charm.

Scripture is also extremely powerful. Contradicting claims

about what the Bible says and what it doesn't say has caused separation between individuals as well as of entire churches and denominations.

There are those who intentionally twist the truth of the scriptures to create false beliefs. In order to avoid this when studying scripture, here are a few suggestions:

Let scripture interpret scripture. Don't take a verse out of context. Most of the time a single verse of scripture is supported by the verses or description of events surrounding it.

Don't read into the scriptures what you want it to say. It's very easy to get caught up finding scripture that tells you what you want to hear or supports your point of view.

Consider the history and culture of the time to understand the context. This is a tough one. What's important is to discover what the "heart" of the scripture is and find out its timeless message.

Bottom line is that Christians should read, study, and strive to honestly understand how the scriptures apply to their lives. It is sometimes surprising how much differently a scripture's meaning can be to a person upon a second-reading

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Restrictions

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300 N., Douglas County will be one-way Southbound

*Douglas County 300N. from 000 E. to 100 E. will be one-way Eastbound

*Douglas County 100E. from 300N. to 450N.(Rt. 133) will be one-way Northbound

After Fireworks

*Douglas County 100E. from Rt. 133 to 300 N. will change to Southbound only

**Village of Arthur
Police Department
Emergency Restrictions
Parking Plan**

Parking restrictions along the parade route on July 1, 2023, will be in effect from 05:00 A.M. until approximately 3:59 P.M. at the following locations:

No Parking on E. Progress St., both sides, from E. Spruce St. to S. Vine St.

No Parking on S. Vine St. from Progress St. to E. Logan St.

No Parking on E. Logan St. from S. Vine St. to S. Pine St.

No Parking on S. Pine St. from Rt. 133 to Progress St.

No Parking on E. Illinois St. from S. Pine St. to Spruce St.

No Parking on S. Spruce St. from E. Illinois St. to Progress St.

So many things to do in our community

WHERE TO BEGIN?

So many things are taking place, so much to look forward to, changes being made, especially downtown, and the busy month of July begins in a few days. We are so fortunate to have the thriving business district that we have had for many years here in Arthur. At the welcome center we always tell people who stop in to visit our town to check out the shops downtown first. Our business district has so much and such a variety of things to offer and now there are changes being made to a longtime business, a new restaurant returning to an old storefront many remember fondly and hopefully we will once again have a soda fountain back soon. The Freedom Celebration is coming up on Saturday, July 1 with the parade at 2 p.m. and the grounds opening up later that afternoon with lots of food trucks and other vendors, Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets playing that evening and of course the spectacular fireworks show which should blast off around 9:30 p.m. Speaking of fireworks, the Rural Patriot mural is such a great addition to our downtown. And right after this weekend we will be hosting, for the 92nd year, the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair here in Arthur. Another great tradition. Sounds like tickets for the Warren Zeiders show on Saturday night are selling well too. And before we know it, it will be Labor Day and time for the Sesquicentennial/Cheese Festival weekend celebration. Don't forget to get your tickets ordered for the meal on Saturday, September 2 at Penn Station. Reservations for the dinner which are \$30 per person can be made by calling the village office at 217-543-2927. Seating is limited.

HONOR FLIGHT

I have not had the privilege of going on an honor flight but know several from our town have. These flights are for veterans who served in past wars. Once upon a time they were mostly for World War II veterans but many of them are gone now and I believe mostly they are Korean or Vietnam veterans who make this trip to our nation's capital. Recently, Always Arthurite Barb Thompson (AHS '88) who is also superintendent of schools at Fisher, had a chance to accompany a veteran on a flight and she shared pictures and the story on facebook. It was obvious that this was very meaningful for her as I know it is for all those who go whether they be veterans or guardians. But let me share her own words about the day, "On Tuesday, I traveled with the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight as a guardian for a veteran. Volunteering on this trip had been on my heart for a long time, and it was everything and more than I had hoped. Steve Moss, my veteran, made my assignment pretty easy. The stories, emotions, and most importantly the heroes will be with me forever. I cannot recommend this experience enough (for veterans and for guardians). Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is a 5-star organization. The veterans were treated like royalty, as they should be. Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, will always be one of my most favorite days of my life." I know too that another Always Arthurite was on that flight. Ed Kroll (AHS '65) and a Vietnam veteran was accompanied by his grandson Charlie Mabry. How special that must have been for the two of them! Thanks Barb and to all those who have served and who are helping those who have served.

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Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

in becoming a part of the arts council. They would be glad to have your participation!

ARTHUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer reading is going on at the library right now and there will also be a teen cooking clinic from July 11-13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. From the library page: "This 3 day hands-on cooking camp is designed specifically for teens (6th - 9th grades). Each class lasts 90 minutes and will be jam packed with learning and fun. The clinic will focus on: how to read recipes, knife skills, and kitchen safety. This class is free but has limited spots. Please sign up at the library. Call 217-543-2037 for more information.

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MANNEQUINS

Background: Illinois Amish Heritage Center, Arthur, Illinois Enjoy the fireworks! by Don S. Chambers



Arthur History Fact #56

The Great Bank Robbery of 1899

Part 4

The robbers, after letting their prisoner escape, hurriedly gathered up all the valuables they could find in the blown safe, and made their way to the Vandalia train house where they stole a hand car and headed to Arcola on the railroad tracks.

The next day bloodhounds were called in from Sullivan and a Pinkerton Detective Agency man arrived on the scene with some clue as to who the perpetrators were.

He reported that the work was done by "experts" who divided up in Arcola. Three went north by train that morning and three went south on another train.

But the suspects were never caught and had managed to get away with gold, silver, and paper money amounting to \$3720.00 along with diamonds valued at around \$300.00. (An amount equivalent to approximately \$150,000.00 today.)

The editor of the Arthur Graphic stated, "Our city will be familiarly spoken of in the annals of crime yet to be written and we will rank along with Coffeyville, Kansas and other western towns where outlaws have reigned supreme . . ."

ANOTHER EVENT COMING TO ARTHUR

Cass Concepts Productions is going to start putting on shows at Penn Station, the first being "The Legend of Noah Zark, A 2 by 2 Mystery Musical," beginning July 21. The show will run through October 28. Looks like the shows may be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and tickets run from \$20 for students to \$40 for the general public. \$35 for seniors. More information can be found on the Cass Concepts Production facebook page or by calling 314-200-5272. Hope to be able to share more about this as time goes by.

ARTHUR AREA ARTS COUNCIL

A group of area artists is forming an arts council and had their first meeting a few weeks ago. They discussed the arts fair held at the Arthur United Methodist Church on May 13, what area they want to cover (suggested it be the same as the Arthur school district), how to go about building contacts, putting something in the time capsule at the sesquicentennial, having a community/art open house, among other ideas. Their next meeting will be on July 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the Methodist Church. Please contact Ariana if you are interested

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE HEARING OF THE BOURBON-LOWE CEMETERY DISTRICT MOULTRIE & DOUGLAS COUNTIES PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District has caused to be prepared, in tentative form, a combined annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A Public Hearing shall be held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 11th day of July 2023, at the hour of 5:30 P.M. at the Arthur Cemetery Building located within the cemetery, Arthur, Illinois. Copies of such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance are and have been available for public inspection at the cemetery building, Arthur, Illinois and Crossman Law Office during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Bourbon-Lowe Cemetery District, Moultrie and Douglas Counties, Illinois Dated June 13, 2023 published 06/28/2023

In Our Community



MOULTRIE-DOUGLAS 4-H PROJECT AUCTION FRIDAY, JULY 7 AT 6:30 PM

Sponsored by Moultrie-Douglas Extension Foundation

At the Moultrie-Douglas County Fairgrounds Livestock Building in Arthur

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.

For more info, Jill Bushue at 217-821-5101
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