

Zion News

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

Today mattered to David. Every day mattered to David. David was very aware of the significance of today. He realized the value of each day and he tried to help others do the same through his songs.

August is a month without a major holiday. However, one website lists over 500 minor holidays and observances for the month. They are categorized as religious, cultural, historical, international, civic, family, awareness, fun, and with other designations. The website also has the origins and traditions of all these "holidays."

One such holiday we recently missed was National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day on August 4. The first Chocolate Chip Cookie was actually made by accident in Whitman, Massachusetts in an inn called the Toll House. In 1938, Ruth Graves Wakefield one day planned on making regular chocolate cookies but got the great idea of throwing in chunks of a chocolate bar into it. Much to her surprise, the chocolate did not mix well with the cookie dough and instead, it filled up with tasty chunks of chocolate.

Today, August 9, is National Hand Holding Day. This day

was created to encourage people to hold hands as a way to emphasize the importance of touch and to encourage affection toward their loved ones. Holding hands is not limited to romantic relationships, but it is a warm gesture that happens between grandparents and their grandchildren, parents and their children, as a way of reassuring and guiding the young through the world. It is also a means of providing physical support to the elderly.

Never Give Up Day is on August 18. People have always achieved more than they thought they could. Christians believe all good things can be accomplished through a trust in God and in the guidance Christ has given us on how we can accomplish more than we ever thought we could for his kin-dom. So never give up, not just on August 18, but every day of your life.

We don't need 500 "holidays" per month to make our days special. We need to be aware, like David, that each day is special unto itself. The day is a gift that we should cherish and make the most of. Make each day a holy day.

August Birthdays: Aug 9-Peyton Chapman, Aug 12-Brett Grant, Aug 14-Rob Randall, Aug 16-Howard Kamm, Aug 17-Bruce Romine, Aug 19-Toby & Tyler White, Aug 22-Tony Chapman, Aug 25-Marcia Hackett, Aug 26-Vera Mae Brinkley, Aug 30-Rev. Kenneth Roedder.

August Anniversaries: Aug 23-Shawn & Kim Robinson, Aug 31-Chris & Cheryl Harris.

Zion's Sunday worship service begins at 9:00 AM. This coming Sunday Rev. Leroy Allison will be our guest pastor. Everyone is welcome.

Lots of events in August in the Arthur area

ARTHUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Is once again back on facebook. After Kent was gone I was no longer able to access it to do any updates. Not sure why I was not an admin on it but I probably had told him I didn't need to be. After some finagling and a big assist from Michele Price who stuck with me and helped me through figuring it out (facebook never makes anything simple or easy) I believe we are good to go. So I will be, hopefully along with some others, posting on that page once again. Plan is to post centennial pictures and information pertaining to the sesquicentennial which our town will celebrate during the Cheese Festival/Labor Day weekend. Which reminds me.....do you have your tickets to the Founder's Day dinner and celebration on Saturday, September 2 at Penn Station. That date is the actual date that Arthur was founded 150 years ago. You can get your tickets by stopping by or calling the village offices at 217-543-2927. Tickets are \$30 per person. Get your family group together and get a table for eight. That's what we are doing. Don't wait!

LOTS OF EVENTS

As usual there are many events coming in August leading up to that big Labor Day weekend. Thursday, August 10 is the "Evening Out on the County Line." The Lions Club tractor pull is this Friday at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds. On Saturday, August 12, Sunnyside Mennonite Church is having an appreciation event for all those who have supported them as they rebuilt from a devastating fire. Also on Saturday, Aikman Wildlife Park is having their Back to School Bash. School starts on August 16! On Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19 there is the Heart of Illinois Rodeo at 7 p.m. each night. And to finish off the month the Mennonite Relief Sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 25 and 26 at Otto Center. Friday's events begin at 6 p.m. and Saturday's at 6 a.m. Don't tell me you can't find something to do in Arthur!

CHEESE FESTIVAL EVENTS

Not only will we be celebrating 150 years but this is the 50th year for the Cheese Festival. On Saturday there will be a car show and the annual Cheese Festival parade will be at 3:50 p.m. with the Founder's Day dinner at 6 p.m. There will be vendors downtown and sidewalk sales with local businesses as is the tradition. Monday morning early is the Arthur Woman's Club rat race. Go to the Arthur Woman's Club Facebook page for more information.

VISITORS AT WELCOME CENTER

A couple of weeks ago I was pleased to meet someone I am friends with on Facebook. She and her husband live in a nearby town and sadly they lost a young family member not too long ago. She was very kind too in expressing her sympathy for the loss of Delano. We were able to share some of our feelings and just how we have been doing. It was just really nice to connect and I certainly hope they stop by again. And then this past Friday we had a family from Germany come into the center. It's not unusual to get people from all over the world. The father was able to speak pretty good English and I felt like he understood me, which is not always the case with visitors from other countries. Well, as the conversation went on he said they were on their way to Olney where he was an exchange student 30 years ago. They were going to be spending the next week with his host family. But he also shared that he and a couple of friends took a driving tour of the United States while he was here and after finishing high school he said they bought a big Plymouth (he called it a "big ship") and they drove all over visiting I believe he said 42 or 43 states in all plus some time spent in Canada. I didn't ask how long that

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

all took but they certainly saw a lot. His wife and daughter were with him and he said he wanted to share some of those experiences with his family although I don't think they were going to be driving all over the country. Especially when he said that his daughter was also already asking repeatedly, "Are we there yet?" Kids are the same the world over. We are always happy when people wanting to see our country choose to come to Arthur.

COLES COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

In the news last week was the crowning of the new Miss Coles County which also meant the 2022 queen Selah Brimmer was giving up her crown. Well in the midst of her farewell Selah was suddenly surprised to find her boyfriend there on stage to greet her with a ring and proposal. Saw the video and it was a very special moment. Although I think from what I read she expected him to propose after she gave up her crown (she couldn't get engaged during her reign), she did not expect it to be that night. Selah is the niece of Dawn and Rick Robinson here in Arthur. Dawn is one of the librarians at the Arthur Public Library. Congratulations to the happy couple!

PAT HUGHES

Pat Hughes has been the Cubs announcer since 1996. He was recently inducted into

the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame and it's an honor well deserved. He is highly thought of and respected. Mother loved to listen to Pat and especially loved it when Pat and Ron Santo were working together. She would turn the volume down on the TV and listen to them on the radio. I haven't listened to his Hall of Fame speech but I understand it was typical Pat Hughes, very humble and giving praise to all those he has worked with over the years. Proof that nice guys do finish first.

CUBS AND CARDINALS

Of course anybody who knows our family knows we are huge Cubs fans going back several generations. Although Mother and Kent used to write about the Cubs quite a bit I usually stay away from talk of baseball. But this week I wanted to mention Pat Hughes and the amazing streak that the Cubs have been on lately. I have probably just jinxed them and I do wish they would save some of those runs they have been scoring. They will probably need them later. Guess some company is planting 23 trees in Chicagoland for every double by Cubs batters. The number so far is up to 4,048 trees. And where do the Cardinals come into this discussion? Well Jason, Tiffany and girls went to Busch Stadium this last weekend to watch

the Cardinals play. Of course my question was why but they just wanted to go to a major league game and it is a nice place. Turns out the Cardinals won but it was also a nice game to see since it was the 10,000 win for the franchise.

ALAH KNIGHTS

And we are approaching game on for the Knights once again. In fact junior high softball and baseball has started. The golf team will be in action several times in August, the red and gold scrimmage for football is Friday, August 18 and the red and gold scrimmage for volleyball is Tuesday, August 22. Watch for mention of soccer and cross country too. And so it begins for another year and I love it! Hope you got your copy of the Graphic last week with the insert for all things school from messages from the administration, school bus information, list of faculty and staff for all schools, school supply lists and athletic schedules for the year for all sports. Have a great year all!

STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Consider becoming a student mentor. The school district is looking for community members who are interested in volunteering their time to mentor at each of our schools. Contact Amanda Romine at romineam@cusd305.org or call 217-578-2229 for more information.

And that's -30- for getting those Homecoming reservations in to PO Box 21, Arthur!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TAX INCREMENT FINANCE JOINT REVIEW BOARD

The Joint Review Board of the Village of Arthur Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will conduct a meeting beginning at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 21, 2023, in the Board Room of the Arthur Municipal Building, 120 E Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois, 61911. The purpose of this meeting is to review the activities within the TIF District in accordance with the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11 et seq.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - III. OVERVIEW OF TIF ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS
 - IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION
 - V. ADJOURNMENT
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Arthur History Fact #62

1873

One of the longest-lasting businesses of Arthur existed four months before the founding of the town in 1873.

Even though it was not operated by the same owners since its beginning, it was located in the same general area between the two railroad lines on the east side of Vine Street for its entire existence.

During Arthur's big building boom in 1873, J. H. Manger and a Mr. Snyder of Arcola started a branch lumber yard that was later sold and managed by others until it was purchased on October 11, 1920 by Midland Lumber Company and was renamed the Arthur Lumber Company.

Max Fabert managed the lumber yard from 1951 until 1972 and during that time a new building was constructed further east, making room for a parking lot.

For approximately 125 years this business served the community well.

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