

Zion News

Thought for the day: "You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read."

Since this week's Arthur Graphic includes a special Arthur Sesquicentennial Section, this Zion News reflects back on articles written within the past five years.

(2018) A special thanks to B J Hale for her years of commitment to the weekly writing of the Zion News. B J and the late Phyllis Hendrickson spent decades keeping the public informed about our church, its events and activities, and about how our relationships with one another, with our church and other local churches, are important in promoting a vibrant interfaith community here in the Arthur-Atwood area.

(1939) The Young People's League reorganized and elected the following officers: Robert Jurgens, President; Lloyd Clausen, Secretary; and Margaret Clausen, Treasurer. The president appointed Fred Korte, Edward Suhl, and Juanita Greve to draft a new constitution. All young people between the ages of fourteen and thirty-five years old were eligible for membership. Dues were fifteen cents per year. Other members of the newly organized group not mentioned above included: Edith Adolph, Robert Adolph, Raymond Blaase, Mary Fern Heit, Eugene Jurgens, Elizabeth Korte, Thelma Korte, and Russel Sievers.

The Young People's League was the driving force behind Zion's annual ice cream social. Since Rev. Walkenhorst and his wife, Helen, had never experienced Zion's summer ice cream social, he was skeptical when he was told a thousand people would turn out for the event, but later he wrote, "There were!"

(1940) On a mimeograph machine purchased by the Young People's League, the first printing of the "Zion News" was distributed to the congregation. Later the "Zion News" was published in both the Arthur and Atwood newspapers.

(2020) Even though our anniversary celebration has been postponed due to COVID, our beloved Zion has reached the 150th Anniversary milestone. Many congregations begin admirably in faith and hope, but never survive 150 years.

For any congregation to reach its 150th year, two things are evident: 1) God has blessed that congregation with His Spirit and Love and 2) the members and friends have been faithful in their witness and support to keep it alive. For the first part, let us give thanks to God for all His blessings. For the second part, let us honor those many individuals who have kept Zion an instrument of the Lord these many years.

Zion has aspired in the past to be a Christian witness to its community and to be of Christian service throughout the world. It has provided a place for worship and, hopefully, has served to prepare its members to leave the House of Worship and go out into the work-a-day world with their feet solidly on the ground and their sights firmly focused on God.

(2023) Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 AM each Sunday. Please feel free to visit or to make us your church home. However, there will be no church service this Sunday as members of our congregation will be attending the Community Worship Service at Penn Station on September 3, 2023.

The big weekend is here: September 2-3-4

50TH ANNUAL CHEESE FESTIVAL/150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTHUR

This upcoming weekend in our town is going to be HUGE! Hard to believe that in 1973 the sidewalk sales that had been taking place for years suddenly became a time to connect the cheese factory with those sales events. It was also the year we were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Arthur. In this edition of the Graphic you will find a special section with a lot of information as to the history of this town. From the beginning in 1873 it became obvious that having a lot of people who were very interested in making this town something special was important and that it was going to take a lot of hard work to keep Arthur going. There has always been a lot of pride among the townspeople which is what it takes so that a small community doesn't die off. A strong school system, many churches, involved business people, civic organizations willing to do what has to be done are all key to what we have here. I cannot tell you, when I am at the welcome center or just out and about in other communities, how often I hear, "oh we love Arthur. We love to visit there."

The 150th celebration will be topped off with a Founder's Day dinner at Penn Station on Saturday evening but events connected with the cheese festival will go on all through the weekend. Firemen's breakfast, car show, cutting of the cheese, cheese spitting, cheese curling, free cheese giveaways, parade, music groups, a community church service at Penn Station on Sunday morning, Arthur Woman's Club rat race on Monday morning, Lions Club breakfast are just some of the things taking place. Go to the Arthur Cheese Festival facebook page, Arthur Welcome Center page or arthuril.us for a complete list.

Hope to see you at many of these events!

A WILD WEEK

Spent a couple of days this week looking at and buying a new (to me) car. A bit bit-

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

tersweet as I traded my Buick which I loved and Delano's Explorer. It had to be done. No need for two cars and I love the Nissan Rogue that I got. On Tuesday I got a new roof on my house and really felt bad for those guys. Told Wilber that it could wait but he said they were good to go. I do know later in the week they postponed some big jobs. Roofs by Otto did a fantastic job. Lots of workers who obviously knew what they were doing. Spent Thursday running here and there taking care of things and on Friday I headed north with a stop in Elmhurst to visit Delano's cousin Sheila and her family. Sheila and her husband Tony live in Florida but have spent the last two months with their kids and grandkids in Elmhurst. They headed back home to Florida on Monday. Got to Kyra's in Wisconsin on Saturday where we celebrated Delano's heavenly birthday. We had lunch at one of his favorite places, Olive Garden and later did a balloon release in front of the Methodist Church in Chippewa Falls where we renewed our vows many years ago. That vow renewal was not a planned thing but Kyra's pastor at that time asked the married couples in the church if they would like to participate and we did. The day was a nice way for us to remember Delano with Kyra, her boyfriend and the grandkids. Happy Birthday Delano!

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE, LOUIE
Our family has always been big fans of movie musicals. Judy Garland is my absolute favor-

ite female singer. No one like her but like so many stars she led a tragic life and was gone too soon. On Saturday night at the Cook-Rutledge mansion in Chippewa Falls they had a movie night and played this classic on a big screen that was put up on the side of the carriage house. I feared it would be a little chilly (the weather up here has been at home) but we took lawn chairs and blankets and were quite comfortable. Enjoyed the evening very much.

ALAH KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball started this week with a scrimmage among our ALAH athletes on Tuesday night. The games were moved to the Atwood-Hammond gym which is, thankfully, air conditioned. Girls had a good time playing against each other. On Thursday night the volleyball match was with Tuscola, again in the A-H gym. There was a freshman game, JV game and varsity game and our Knights came away victorious in all matches! I'll be honest, and I have heard others say it, it's always good to beat Tuscola. On Saturday the girls traveled to Mt. Zion, a much bigger school and a tough team to beat. Frosh Soph won their match; JV lost and the varsity lost 22-25, won 26-24 and lost 24-26. I would say they acquitted themselves quite well. This week they had a game at Chrisman on Tuesday night and with St. Teresa on Thursday night at home (A-H gym). Saturday they are in a big tournament in Olney. Good luck

Knights!

ALAH KNIGHTS FOOTBALL

A bit of a rocky start for our football team as they traveled to Argenta-Oreana for their first game. They hadn't gotten far in the game when a storm rolled in with lots of lightning and thunder and then the rains came. Of course the game was called off and scheduled to finish on Saturday morning where our Knights prevailed. This Friday night the Knights will play Villa Grove. From the school: "Knights Fest is Friday, September 1 from 4-7 pm on the practice field. There will be food trucks (Kona Ice, Slow Spark BBQ, Sizzlin Tizzler, Sweeteaz), Inflatables and Zipline! Wristbands are \$10 for unlimited access on inflatables, zipline and entrance to the football game. All funds raised support Knights athletics. All community members are welcome!" Good luck Knights!

OTHER SPORTS

Soccer had a match on Saturday with Mt. Pulaski. Cross country meet was held at St. Thomas More where the girls took 6th place. Junior high baseball and softball games were postponed because of the heat. Let's hope next week is better weather wise. Go Knights!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming is Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30. Be sure to get those reservations in for the alumni banquet to be held at Kaskaskia Country Club Saturday evening. They are due by this Friday, September 1. Mail to PO Box 21, Arthur!

A very short column this week. Lots coming up next week.

And that's -30- for a big weekend celebration!

Arthur History Fact #65

September 2, 2023

On this date, Arthur celebrated the 150th Anniversary of its founding on September 2, 1873 with a Founders' Day Dinner in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Amish Country Cheese Festival.

Descendants of Michael H. Warren, the person who entered the plat for the Village of Arthur with the Moultrie County Board of Supervisors in 1873, assisted with the Ceremonial Cutting of the Cheese and rode in the Cheese Festival Parade.

Approximately 200 people attended the Founders' Dinner which was entertaining and educational.

Richard Bradford, the current resident who has lived in Arthur the longest, blew out the candles on Arthur's birthday cake.

Those attending this Sesquicentennial Celebration not only reminisced about Arthur's past, but was also participating in an event that will forever become part of the community's history.

MANNEQUINS

Background: rural Arthur, Illinois

by Don S Chambers

"Surround yourself with people who talk about ideas and happy times, not other people"

-Unknown



THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR Illinois

2023 Town-Wide Clean Up Days

The Village of Arthur is excited to announce town-wide clean up days for the residents of Arthur.

Please pay attention because this looks a little different than it has in past years! They are unable to provide weekend cleanups due to the landfill being closed on the weekend. We did the best that we could to schedule this event after town-wide rummage sales and as close to the weekend as possible.

1. WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023 - Moultrie County
2. THURSDAY, September 14, 2023 - Douglas County, North of Park Street. This will include the North side of Park Street.
3. FRIDAY, September 15, 2023 - Douglas County, South of Park Street. This will include the South side of Park Street.

GFL has included outlines of what the restrictions are. Those include:

- ▶ Material is limited to 6 cubic yards of volume per household
 - ▶ Material must be bundled
 - ▶ Material must be less than 5 feet in length
 - ▶ Bundles of material must weigh less than 50 pounds
 - ▶ Loose items will not be picked up

The following items will NOT be picked up:

- ⊖ Tires
- ⊖ Liquid Paint
- ⊖ Batteries
- ⊖ Appliances with Freon/White Goods
- ⊖ Hazardous Waste
- ⊖ E-Waste (computers, TV'S, electronics)
- ⊖ Car Parts
- ⊖ Concrete
- ⊖ Wood with nails sticking out

Any items left at a residence that did not follow these guidelines will be the responsibility of the homeowner to remove.



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