

Zion News

"That this may be a sign among you, when your children ask in time to come, 'What do these stones mean to you?'" - Joshua 4:6

At the Sesquicentennial Community Worship Service on September 3, 2023, Rev. Michael Johnson, former pastor of the Vine Street Christian Church, delivered a power message.

Rev. Johnson talked about the parting of the Jordan River so that the Israelite people could cross into their promised land on dry ground.

"Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you," spoke Joshua.

When the feet of those bearing the Ark of the Covenant touched the water of the Jordan, the river stopped flowing and the water rose up in a heap on both sides. The Ark was taken into the midst of the river and set on dry ground until all the nation could cross the river on dry ground.

When all the people had crossed the river safely, the Lord told Joshua to have a man from each of the twelve tribes go back into the middle of the river where the Ark had stood and gather up twelve stones from the river bottom.

When the last foot of the persons carrying the Ark was lifted up onto dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed its banks as before.

The people came up out of Jordan and made an encampment. The twelve stones that had been taken out of the Jor-

dan were stacked up in that place by Joshua and he said, "What do these stones mean? That all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty."

So how does this story relate to the celebration of a community's Sesquicentennial in 2023 or a nation's Sestercentennial in the year 2026?

We set up memorials like statues and buildings to commemorate special events and hold celebrations to remind us of past accomplishments and traditions that have brought us to the present, and that is important so that our progeny can ask us what do these mean.

But all our commemoration and celebration of human events would be in vain if we do not recognize that the living God is among us and his mighty hand has been, and will be, with us to help guide us along the way. When we stack up stones, we should remember this.

Zion is mourning the recent loss of two of its long-time members. Anna Margaret (Clausen) Knobloch passed away on August 29 at the age of 99, and Wilma Jean (Korte) White passed away on September 3 at the age of 92.

Both of these wonderful ladies were Arthur High School graduates and had deep family roots in our church. They will be missed.

Zion's worship service starts at 9:00 AM each Sunday. This coming Sunday Rev. Kenneth Roedder will lead the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

All the hard work culminating into a fantastic weekend

CHEESE FESTIVAL/ SESQUICENTENNIAL

After the big weekend I wrote this on facebook: "Well what a weekend, a few weeks, a month! All culminating in the 50th anniversary of the Cheese Festival and 150th anniversary of our town. This past weekend began with a great football win by our Knights. The cutting of the cheese to open the Cheese Festival on Saturday morning was very special. Was so glad my dear friend Josephine was honored as the daughter of George Marner, the original cheese factory owner. Nice parade with lots of queens, tractors and fire trucks of course. Then came the Founders Day Dinner Saturday evening at Penn Station. What a special evening it was. Lots of work went into the whole thing and Sally and I were happy to share a lot of history of the town with the exhibit we put together thanks to many people who contributed. Sunday morning's community church service found Penn Station full again with members of many denominations in town represented. On a personal note our family was able to head to Timberlake Golf Course where we took many pictures with family and friends with the memorial bench for Delano that has been placed there on the first tee. And in all that we were hap-

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

py to have Kyra and the girls and boyfriends here for the weekend too. Also Kyra's good friends (and people we also consider family members) Angie, Kevin and kids from Peoria joined us on Sunday. All in all, a great time. Now today, dealing a bit with the fallout of it all being over and everybody going home. I'll be honest, it's a lot more peaceful but also too quiet." I will also admit it has taken more than a week to somewhat recover especially while trying to get ready for the garage sale weekend. But it was also a very special time in our town's many celebrations. Should be an article or two in this week's Graphic with a more thorough wrapup of the weekend.

FOUNDERS DAY DINNER STORIES

A couple of stories from the dinner. Monica Green shared the fact that she and Justin's daughter Makenna was wearing her grandmother Jerelyn's FFA Sweetheart jacket at the meal. Makenna, a 2019 ALAH graduate, was also an Illinois Star Farmer. Ironically when Jerelyn was in high school girls could not be members of the FFA; sweetheart was their

only means to be a part of the organization. We've come a long way baby! And Justin and Monica's son Beau was wearing his great uncle Gary's FFA jacket. Gary passed away while in high school so that was an especially poignant moment for the family. One envelope brought quite a laugh from the crowd when the note BJ Hale wrote on the outside was read. It stated that it was to be given to daughters Carol and Cheryl but if they could not accept it, "just throw it away!" The murmur that affectionately ran through the crowd was, "only BJ!" A funny moment came when a village board member was perplexed for a moment as to what a phone book was. As she stated, "I use google!" I have seen many posts on facebook of families relating how special it was to open and read the memories that were left to them from family members long gone. A very special time.

GARAGE SALE

Have to admit I really don't like them but sometimes you have to do what you have to do. I did not have a lot of things to put out for the sale but I did have lots of golf balls and sold a bunch of them. A lawn mower and a few bikes were the next big items. Also had a yard full of old mowers, lawn equipment and other tools that I just wanted somebody to take and thankfully somebody did! That was worth as much as anything to get rid of that. Just glad it's over. Now for clean up days this week where I hope they will take some more junk off my hands as I'm sure many of you do too!

ALAH KNIGHTS SPORTS REPORT

Football. The Knights traveled to Tri-County (Oakland) and won 36-16. Football this Friday is with Sangamon Valley at home.

Volleyball. Their only game this past week was with Argenta-Oreana at home. Both JV and varsity won their matches. There are three games this week. On Monday at home against Tri-City, Tuesday at Sullivan and Thursday at Cerro Gordo/Bement.

JV volleyball tournament. On Saturday the annual Knights Classic JV volleyball tournament took place with our girls going 2-1 and placing second.

Girls cross country at PBL. On Saturday the girls placed 5th out of 22 teams.

Golf team will be in action on Wednesday and Friday and

a cross country meet on Saturday at Tuscola.

We also learned this week that senior quarterback Jayce Parsons, son of Jon and Angie, was named WCIA Athlete of the Week. Congratulations Jayce! GO KNIGHTS!

ILLINI PRAIRIE CEO

This group has been very busy lately visiting Mid-State Tank outside of Sullivan where two Arthur High School graduates Kevin Conlin and Mike Taylor "talked employable skills, business upgrades, production lines, and using data and numbers to make informed business decisions." The CEO students also headed out to The Great Pumpkin Patch where former CEO facilitator (and another Arthur High School graduate) Mac Condill shared "a bounty of great advice with the group." That advice included "Go with the flow. Don't be afraid to admit something needs to change. You're standing in a very rich area of business and local talent. Don't apologize that you came from a small town. (that's a favorite). Local people want to support you. CEO is a brand." And at the Arcola Broomcorn Festival last week three CEO graduates had their products for sale as they have continued their businesses while in college. Congratulations to Kenzie Herschberger, Eadie Budd and Karina Warfel!

VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Looking for something to do nearby for a quick day trip? Check out the Visit Springfield facebook page or visitsspringfieldillinois.com website. All kinds of things happening from music to garden walks to cemetery walks, a candlelight walk at New Salem State Park in October, the Route 66 Mother Road Festival car show in downtown Springfield and on and on. Not to mention all the Lincoln sites including Lincoln's home and neighborhood and especially the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

MARGARITAVILLE

Daughter Kyra's friend Riley is a sound engineer who has worked with many bands around the country, in Europe and also worked for Disney for a time. In light of the passing of Jimmy Buffett, Riley shared this story. "My Jimmy Buffett story...I was one of the mix engineers on the album "Fruitcakes" which was mixed at New River Studios in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (I was one of the staff engineers there). While mixing the song "Frenchman for the Night", my grandfather passed. I had to fly to Wisconsin for the funeral. Jimmy and Russ Kunkle (producer) asked me how long I would be gone.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. Plaintiff,

-v-
2022 FC 18 CHARLES EDWARD BUCKLEY, KIMBERLY GAYLE BUCKLEY Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 27, 2023, the Sheriff of Douglas County will at 10:00 AM on October 2, 2023, at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 South Center Street, Tuscola, IL, 61953, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot Twenty (20) of Assessor's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Eight (8) East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian; thence, Southerly 50.0 feet along the East line of said lot Twenty (20) to a point of beginning; thence Westerly 160.08 feet to a point on the West line of said lot Twenty (20); thence, South 83.48 feet along the West side of said lot Twenty (20); thence, Easterly 160.70 feet to the East line of said lot Twenty (20); thence, North 70.0 Feet to the place of beginning, situated in the City of Arcola; except, the South 10.0 feet thereof

Commonly known as 254 S. LOCUST, ARCOLA, IL 61910 Property Index No. 01-14-04-431-028 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$88,877.79.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24)

hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602, (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 22IL00245-1. E-Mail: ilpleadings@rs-malaw.com

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Arthur History Facts

August 19-25, 1973

This week Arthur celebrated its Centennial. The community held special events and, for four evenings, the production "Arthorama - 100 Years Revisited" was performed on the football field.

The weeklong celebration culminated on Saturday with the closing of the time capsule and a parade that had an estimated 15,000 onlookers.

August 30-September 3, 2023

A special Sesquicentennial edition of the Arthur Graphic was published and mailed to every household in Arthur.

On Saturday, September 2, a Founders' Day Dinner was held at Penn Station and the following morning a Community Worship Service was held there. Both events were well-attended.

A BIG THANK YOU

is extended to everyone who helped make Arthur's Sesquicentennial Celebration successful and memorable!

After the 1973 Centennial Celebration, the people were eager to perpetuate the community spirit it had generated.

So, plans began for "Century plus 1."

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