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Area veterans saluted during ALAH HS program

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The faculty and student body of Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School and Arthur Grade School welcomed veterans, their families, and the public to Veterans Day Services on Friday, November 10, in the new gym at the high school. The ALAH FFA Chapter was in charge of the event, which was very well attended.

FFA officer Janette Comstock gave an introduction of the celebration to those assembled. The ALAH concert band played "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" before the posting of the Colors by FFA members. The band played the "National Anthem," welcoming remarks were given by ALAH HS Principal Stefanie Seegmiller, then the ALAH Chorus entertained by singing "God Bless America." This was followed by the band playing a special piece, "We Will Remember."

FFA officer Zane Crist and FFA member Griffin Rose handled the individual introduction of veterans in attendance prior to the band playing the "Armed Forces March." FFA officer Taylor Powell was next up on the program to introduce the guest speaker, Tim Kohlbecker.

Kohlbecker, of Tuscola, talked about his work with veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs at various VA facilities. He talked mostly about counseling those suffering



Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond FFA chapter was the host for the Veterans Day ceremonies held Friday afternoon, November 10, at the high school. Presenting the Colors are FFA members Katie Gingerich, Zane Crist, Taylor Powell, and Makenna Green. Photo by Kent A. Stock

from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, commonly referred to by the acronym PTSD.

He shared several anecdotes about interacting with veterans over the years which were humorous, touching, and gut-wrench-

ing. He explained that everyone who serves either in combat or non-combat roles will leave the military with some level of impact on their lives.

He also addressed the non-veterans in attendance about how to speak to a veteran about their service and that the best way to do that was to be a good listener. He explained that different veterans will be willing to share their stories, if at all, in different ways and at different times. He advised let them make that determination on when, how, and if that will come about.

After the speech, the junior high chorus sang "Thank You Soldiers." FFA Officer Makenna Green recognized current soldiers who are serving and led those assembled in a moment of silence.

The ALAH band and chorus performed "An American Celebration" followed by the Arthur Grade School kindergarten classes leading the audience in "The Pledge of Allegiance."

The ALAH FFA members then retired the colors while "Taps" was played by band members Nisa Asghar and Kolby Rickman.

The ALAH FCCLA and Commercial Food classes provided refreshments for veterans and their guests after the ceremony.



Tim Kohlbecker of Tuscola was the guest speaker at the Veterans Day ceremony held Friday afternoon, November 10, at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School. Kohlbecker talked about his work with veterans at several local VA facilities. His focus was on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and how that impacts every veteran. High school and grade school students, the general public, and veterans along with their families filled the new gym for the services. Photo by Kent A. Stock

Christmas Kickoff on Saturday includes singers, lighted parade

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will make their first appearance of the holiday season during Arthur's annual Christmas Kickoff and Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 18.

The second annual "Downtown Arthur Olde Time Christmas Shop Hop" will be on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18. Visit the participating shops during the event to get your card stamped and turn it in at the last shop you visit to be entered the Grand Prize drawing.

Sponsored by Arthur Area Association of Commerce, the drawing includes gift certificates along with \$200 in Arthur Bucks.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Saturday, the Third Saturday Arthur Christmas Bazaar Blender will be held at the Moultrie-Douglas fairgrounds located on Route 133 behind the high school. Admission is free to come and shop more than 60 vendors offering a wide variety of items in the nice and cozy merchant's building.

Free barbecue sandwiches and hot chocolate will be served downtown on Saturday only from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Knight's Court.

Also at Knight's Court from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School FCCLA Chapter will host a cookie decorating contest. In case of inclement weather, the activity will be moved

to The Tastee Cup located at 119 S. Vine Street.

While dashing about with your family and friends, you can enjoy special events downtown: buggy rides (weather permitting), Christmas open houses and special sales at participating merchants, as well as free food (Saturday only 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)--all leading up to the lighted parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

The Pink Flamingo Singers will return to sing Christmas carols from 5 p.m. leading up to parade time. They will be located in front of Crossman Law Office on South Vine Street.

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STEAKHOUSE RE-OPENS. Everything old is new again! The Old Heidelberg Steak House and Lounge is open in downtown Arthur. Participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony are, left to right, Stephanie Wierman president of Arthur Area Association of Commerce; Rod Randall, village president; James Martin, chef; Wes Brewer, owner/manager; Jamie Minor, service manager; Paul Pearce, village trustee; Dave Conlin, president of Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation; Christy Miller, area tourism director; and Bob Doan, economic development coordinator. Brewer said the grand opening weekend went very well and he is excited to be so welcomed into the Arthur community. "Everyone is excited to see what really was an area-wide destination for dining and celebrations back open," Brewer said. Photo by Kent A. Stock

Atwood Police Department seeks the public's help in locating man with arrest warrant

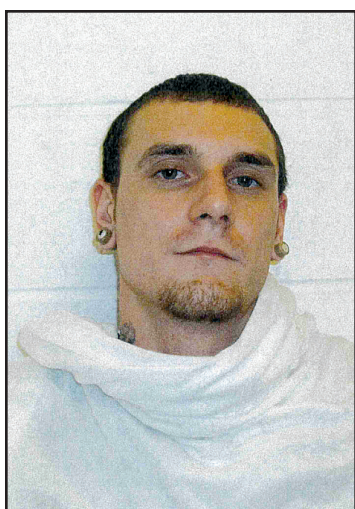
Atwood Police Department is seeking the public's assistance with locating a local resident.

Brock K. Anderson is 31 years old and wanted for an Illinois Department of Correction's parole arrest warrant.

Anderson is a white male, 6 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs 200 pounds. Anderson has brown hair and hazel eyes. Anderson also has tattoos on his neck and left arm.

Anderson may be in the Champaign, Atwood, or Decatur area.

If located, the public is asked to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (217) 253-3442 or the Pi-



BROCK K. ANDERSON
Wanted by Police

att County Sheriff's Office at (217) 762-5761.

News Briefs

Community Thanksgiving Service to be held Nov. 19

The Arthur Ministerial Association is inviting everyone to come and join the churches in our community for a Community Thanksgiving Service.

This service will be a time of giving thanks to God through worship, scripture, prayer, and testimony. Various people from the community will be sharing short stories and their reason for giving thanks to God this year.

The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 19, at the Arthur Southern Baptist Church, located at 530 N. Vine Street in Arthur.

Rockome Foods to be sold at public auction

A Public Auction for Rockome Garden Foods will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 18, at 127 N CR 425 E, Arcola.

Rockome Garden Foods was established in the original Blucker Hall building in 2010.

They have quite a few special pieces, including copper kettles, solid surface table, and other items from the Rockome Garden Candy Shop. The original grist mill from Rockome Gardens will be offered along with some other antiques that were originally from Rockome Gardens.

This could be your last opportunity to purchase a memorable piece from Rockome Gardens.

If you are looking for quality restaurant and bakery equipment, this auction is for you. The approximately 7,500-square foot building will also be for rent after the auction.

Visit AuctionZip.com, #38360 to view complete listing and hundreds of photos. For more information, contact Rockome Garden Foods at (217) 268-4170 or Westfork Auctions & Real Estate, LLC at (217) 543-2883.

Open House

Everyone is welcome to come help Mom celebrate her 90th birthday on November 26 from 2-4 p.m. at the Otto Center.

The Family of Lucy & Ben W. Schrock

Senior Citizens Dinner to be held Nov. 20

The Senior Citizens Dinner will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 20, at Arthur Community Building, 120 East Progress Street.

Bring a covered dish to share if you like. Meat and drink will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Have A Great Week!