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Trustees remember Bob Doan, approve sewer main agreement

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Village trustees met in regular session Monday night to conduct business and pay tribute to Bob Doan, the city's economic development coordinator.

Mayor Rod Randall began the meeting with the following statement:

"The passing of Bob Doan is an enormous loss to this community and creates a void in its economic development process that will be difficult to fill.

"Bob's service to this community and his positive way of representing Arthur to those outside this community often went unnoticed and was often underappreciated.

"He will be greatly missed."

Public works director Grant Corum, who grew up in Bement, said he had the unique experience of having attended Bement High School at the time Doan was principal and a coach.

"I always spoke of him as 'Mr. Doan,' and when I came here, I enjoyed working alongside him," Corum said.

Paul Pearce commented that he explained to his son that Doan had died. His son recognized Doan as the man who bought pizza for the school's bass fishing team.

Christy Miller, tourism director, said Doan was a true ambassador for the community. She added that visitation will be held 4:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church of Arthur and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with the funeral following at 10.

The trustees joined Mayor Randall in offering their condolences to Bob's wife Arlone and their family.

On a 5-0 vote, the board approved a motion to enter into an easement agreement with Henry D. Herschberger to allow the Village of Arthur to run a sewer main across Herschberger's property.

Attorney Ken Crossman said he would return the agreement to Herschberger's attorneys for approval, adding that the agreement would be beneficial to the Herschbergers if they decide to enlarge Hersch Manor subdivision in the future.

Trustees attending the meeting and voting for the motion were Justin Ray, Mike Hilgenberg, Paul Pearce, Jenni Marner,

and Dave Tiffan. Trustee Matt Bernius was absent.

Corum requested the board authorize the purchase of an annual subscription to "Waterly" water treatment plant reporting software at a cost of \$900 per year.

He explained the software would facilitate recordkeeping at the treatment plant for local and EPA purposes. He said operators currently have to take readings and manually perform calculations to keep the records. The work must be accurate and requires double-checking. The software would allow the operator to take readings and enter the numbers into the program which then performs the calculations and generates paper and electronic reports.

The board authorized the purchase of the program on a 4-1 vote. Paul Pearce voted against the motion and explained that he feels the village would see no financial gain for the money put out for the purchase.

Trustees also passed an ordinance certifying the water and sewer rates for an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan. The ordinance was required as part of the city's application to IEPA for a loan.

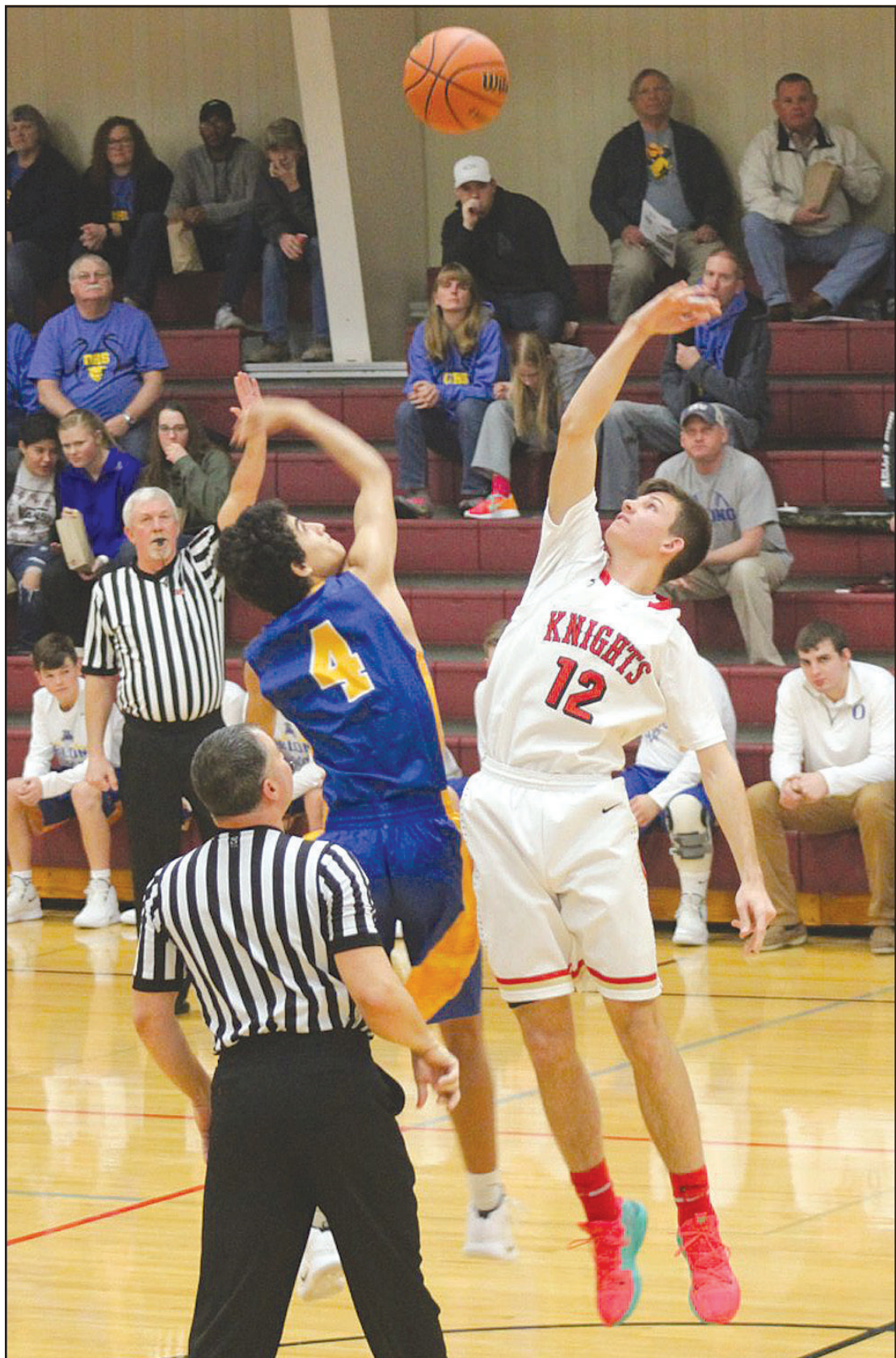
The ordinance just verifies (to the IEPA) the rate structure through 2020 that the village approved in December 2015, Crossman said.

Christy Miller reported the Welcome Center will undergo repairs and maintenance next week. It will be closed January 14-21 during the work which includes updating restrooms and laying new floor covering.

Police Chief Mike Goodman said he should have some recommendations at the next meeting for hiring at least some part-time officers for the department. The police department is down to four full-time officers and one part-time officer.

Goodman spent Monday at local schools helping to train faculty and staff to handle active shooter situations. A mandate was approved requiring this type of training to be held annually.

Next regular village board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 21. The board meets in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Building, 120 East Progress Street. Meetings are open to the public.



THE TIP-OFF. Adam Hingson (12) of the Knights leaps for the tip off in the home contest against LOVC SE foe Oblong. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond roared past the visiting Panthers, 50-39, in the first game of the 2019 portion of the basketball season. It was the Knights' first victory of the 2018-2019 campaign. Story on Page Six. Photo by Sally McCarthy

Seth Tindle of Atwood sentenced in Douglas County to 15 years for hijacking a vehicle with baby inside

By DORIS ELMORE
Staff Writer

Seth Tindle, 22, of Atwood pleaded guilty before Douglas County Judge Rick Broch on Wednesday, January 2, to a single count of vehicular hijacking, a Class One felony. Tindle was sentenced to 15 years in prison for stealing a car in Atwood with a baby inside.

Douglas County States Attorney Kate Watson said she feels the sentence is appropriate to the crime committed.

"It was very disturbing to the victim and mother," Watson said. "Luckily, due to prompt and efficient police work, no one was injured. Tindle has never been to prison before and that may have been a help with the verdict. The family is satisfied with the verdict."

On Tuesday, September 25, 2018, the victim was preparing to leave her sister's home in the 300 block of Oak Drive. She was placing her six-month-old baby in her vehicle, when a male, later identified as Seth Tindle, ran out of the house next door and told the victim that someone was trying to kill him. He pushed her out of the way, entered the vehicle, and drove away with the baby in the back seat.

Atwood Police Chief Rob Bross of Atwood Police Department was advised of the situation and the vehicle information and attempted to locate Tindle. Officers from Arthur Police Department, Bement Police Department, and Douglas County Sheriff's Office responded to assist

with the incident.

Arthur Police Department later received a report that a vehicle was off the roadway and near the railroad tracks at 100 E and 500 N.

The vehicle matched the description of the one taken from Atwood.

The baby was located in the vehicle, unharmed. Tindle was located a short distance away from the vehicle. Arthur Fire

Department first responders and Arthur Ambulance paramedics checked over the baby.

In September, Tindle was formally charged with aggravated vehicular carjacking, aggravated kidnaping, unlawful possession of a converted motor vehicle, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and aggravated DUI.

Tindle was charged with motor vehicle theft in 2015.

Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair to compete in state queen pageant

Ashley Mattingly, Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen, will be one of 71 young ladies competing for Miss Illinois County Fair Queen at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield the weekend of January 17-20.

Ashley's interview portion will be held on Friday, January 18. Her preliminary—which consists of speech, swimsuit, and evening gown—will be on Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.00 each.

Finals will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m. At that time, they announce the top 15 and the non-finalists recognized.

The top 15 will then start over with all four categories along with answering three pop

questions on stage. Tickets for the final portion had to be purchased in advance. If someone would be interested in attending, they should contact Sandy Hoke.



Ashley Mattingly

News Briefs

Promise Keepers to meet Jan. 12

Arthur Area Promise Keepers will meet at 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, at Yoder's Kitchen.

This month's discussion topic will be "Have a Prayer-Full New Year."

All area men are encouraged to attend and join in this time of prayer and fellowship.

Benefit for David Lantz set for January 12

A benefit for David Lantz will be held from 2 to 11 p.m. on January 12 at It'll Do in Arcola.

Lantz has stage 4 stomach cancer. Proceeds from the benefit will help him in his time of need.

Everyone is welcome to attend, including children. Activities include face painting from 2 to 5 p.m., a live DJ (2-5), bags tournament from 4 to 6 (entry fee \$10 per team), silent auction, and 50/50 raffle (must be present to win). Hard Kase band will play at 8 p.m.

Los Gallos to help Sr. class

Los Gallos Mexican Grill in downtown Arthur will host another fundraiser for the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Class of 2019 on Thursday, January 17.

Twenty percent of all bills will go to the class to help defray the cost of the annual trip to Washington, D.C. for the seniors.

Los Gallos is located at 128 S. Vine Street in Arthur.

New puzzle, book event

A new event for the Arthur area will be held this month at the Otto Center. It will be an annual book auction and jigsaw puzzle sales event.

The used book auction is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, January 19, at the Otto Center. The sellers, ABC SHOP, have over 800 lots of books sorted and catalogued for sale, and the auction will be conducted by Westfork Auction & Real Estate, LLC.

"We feel we have a lot of good books to read including children's books, vintage fiction, history, true stories, and more," said Sheldon Raber, owner of ABC SHOP.

A jigsaw puzzle sales event will be held at the Otto Center Wednesday through Friday before the auction.

"We will have hundreds of quality puzzles available for purchase, similar to what we stocked in our store in previous years.

"When we closed our store last winter, a number of customers requested that we stay in the puzzle business somehow, so we planned this yearly event," said Raber.

Hours for the puzzle event are 12 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 16; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 17; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, January 18.

"If we have any puzzles left, they will still be for sale on Saturday during the book auction," said Raber.

Raber indicated his goal is to make this puzzle and book sale an annual event occurring the third week of January.



SPIN THE WHEEL. Chelsea Rocke of Arthur, right, and Maria Climaco of Arcola are heading to Sony studios in Culver City, California, to appear on an episode of Wheel of Fortune. They will head out to Los Angeles on January 17 and spend the next day (Jan. 18) filming the episode which is due to air the week of February 25 to March 2. Photo was submitted.