



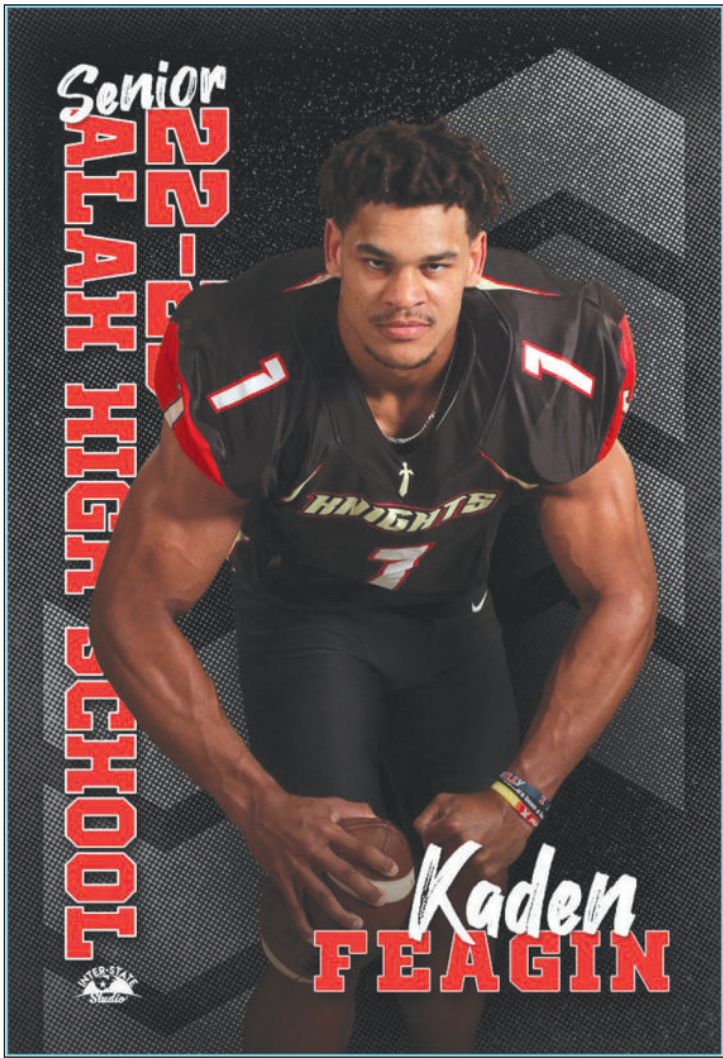
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KADEN FEAGIN

ALAH's Feagin named Gatorade Illinois Football Player of the Year

2022 ALAH graduate Kaden Feagin has been named the 2022-23 Gatorade Illinois Football Player of the Year, Gatorade officials announced last Friday.

The Illinois signee is the first Knight ever to receive this honor.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Feagin as Illinois' best high school football player.

Feagin led the Knights (8-3) to the second round of Class 2A state postseason. He rushed 147 times for 1,637 yards and

27 touchdowns, averaging 11.1 yards per carry as ALAH's quarterback during his senior season, tacking on 45 pass completions for 695 yards and nine passing touchdowns. Feagin also had 82 tackles, two sacks, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and one touchdown as a safety and linebacker.

Kaden also maintained a weighted 3.66 GPA in the classroom prior to his early high school graduation in December so he could join coach Bret Bielema's Illini program this month.

Feagin joins the list of other Gatorade Illinois Football Players of the Year that include Hank Beatty (2021-22, Roch-
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The Sullivan AMBUCS presented a new bike to Cameryn Schrock, a student at Arthur Grade School on Sunday, January 8. Cameryn is the son of Matt and Jennifer Schrock. Shown here on his new bike is Cameryn with his mom Jennifer and AGS P.E. teacher, Derik Eaton, who arranged the delivery of the bike.

Arthur CUSD Seeking Public Opinion

Following voter rejection of the Arthur CUSD #305's bond referendum on the June ballot, they want to better understand our citizens' evaluation of district facilities and more fully understand the disconnect between our proposal and the opinions of the members of our community.

Arthur CUSD #305 has sponsored a survey to share your opinions about our district and its facilities. Feedback is appreciated from all community members.

The survey can be taken online at research.net/r/CUSD-305survey, scan the QR code on the flyer in the mail, visit

the Arthur CUSD office at 301 E Columbia Street to pick up a paper copy, or call the Arthur CUSD office at 217-543-2511 to have a copy mailed to you.

They greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your opinions about our district and its facilities.



Chuck Garrett is shown with just some of his marble collection and books about marbles.

Marble Collection Topic of Program at Arthur Public Library

On Saturday, January 7, Chuck Garrett spoke and displayed a portion of his marble collection at the Arthur Public Library. Mr. Garrett estimates that he has over 80,000 marbles in his collection. They date from antique to newer ones.

Marbles originated in Germany and were at one time the United States' largest import.

The value of marbles goes up and down with the stock market. One marble in his collection is worth \$500.

Cat Eye marbles were made from running clear glass

through a furnace to melt it, then a second color was run down the middle of the clear glass and the machine would make two cuts on the glass. The Cat Eye marble was first made in 1949 by the Pelletier Glass Company. Today numerous companies make the Cat Eye Marble.

Thanks to Dawn Robinson, staff member at the Arthur Public Library for the information and the pictures.

At right, Marbles and more marbles. Just some of the marbles in Garrett's collection.



News Briefs

Upcoming Events:
January 21- Used Book Auction

January 27- Semi-Annual Picker's/Blacksmith Auction @ Tri-County Auction

February 4- Arthur EMT Chili Supper

No Senior Luncheon in January

There will be no senior luncheon this month.

Prayer Meeting Set for January 14

The Arthur Area Promise Keepers monthly Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 7:00 a.m. at Yoder's Kitchen.

As we begin the new year, our focus of prayer and discussion will be "Using the Valuable Gift of Time".

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

AMA Pulpit Exchange

Sunday, January 22 will be celebrated as Christian Unity Sunday around the world.

To join in with this theme and express our willingness to unite as followers of Christ, some of the local Arthur Ministerial Association pastors will be preaching at different churches that day.

This is a great way for churches to begin celebrating the Arthur Sesquicentennial that is taking place in 2023.

A history of local churches is being compiled as a part of that celebration.

The theme that each pastor will be using on January 22nd is "Do Good; Seek Justice" from Isaiah 1:17.

We celebrate and praise God for the wonderful relationships between friends and the churches in our community!

Our prayer is that through the love of Jesus we will bear much fruit together in the year ahead.

Learn to preserve food safely with Illinois Extension

Home gardening and food preservation have become more popular during the past few years. People are taking advantage of preserving food at home to enjoy the fruits of their labor throughout the year. Learn how to water-bath and pressure can with University of Illinois Extension's afternoon class sponsored by the Arthur Public Library District.

Yes! You Can: Preserving Safely will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Arthur Public Library District, 225 S. Walnut in Arthur. Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin Mellendorf will share up-to-date information to increase confidence in safely preserving at home and explain the steps to get started or refresh current skills. Participants may also bring their dial-gauge pressure canner lids to be tested.

The event is free, but participants should contact the library by Feb. 1 at 217-543-2037 or email admin@arthurlibrary.org to register. For more information, contact Caitlin at chuth2@illinois.edu or 217-877-6042.



BIRKEY'S FARM STORE NAMES BRADY FOSTER AS NEXT COMPANY PRESIDENT. Pictured are, Brady Foster, President and Mike Hedge, Chief Executive Officer.

Birkey's Farm Store names Brady Foster as the next company president

CHAMPAIGN, IL - Birkey's Farm Store, Inc., a 100% employee-owned business with locations in Illinois and Indiana, is proud to announce that Brady Foster assumed the role of President on January 1, 2023. Over the past 15 years with Birkey's, Brady has held leadership positions at both the dealership level and corporate level.

my life in and around Birkey's, I continue to watch our industry evolve for both Birkey's and our customers. Birkey's has had a long history of strong leadership that I always have admired. It is an absolute honor and privilege to assume this great responsibility and lead our employee-owners to help our customers feed the world
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