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Arthur Park District Considers Flag Football

President Dan Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with commissioners Kevin Strong and Elliott Tinnon present.

Jeremy Hale was also present at the Park District's regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 9 to present to the board the possibility of starting a flag football program and to follow-up on the Over 30 men's basketball league on Wednesday evenings which was discussed during the December meeting.

Hale presented the idea of starting a flag football program through the Park District. He has reached out to Justin Wierman with the JFL program as well as David McGrath and Arthur Grade School Principal Andrew Peralta for their input. Two different scheduling scenarios were discussed working around the schedules of the JFL program as well as the fall soccer programs for kids in grades first through sixth.

Miller asked what equipment would be needed and Hale stated belts with flags, pylons, timer, and some footballs. Hale

said it would be inexpensive to get started. A fee to play would need to be determined based on insurance costs and any other incidentals. President Miller asked Hale to work with JJ Carter on the new potential program and report back at the next board meeting.

Miller said the Park District will be the sponsor for the new basketball program Hale presented to the board late last year and thinks it will be a good thing. JJ Carter stated pending waivers being signed and showing proof of liability insurance is all that is needed from the school's perspective to use their facility.

The Over 30 league is slated to start on Wednesday, January 25 from 8:30-10:30 p.m. at the ALAH High School gym and is open to all residents in the CUSD #305 district. Waivers will be available at each session and must be completed before playing. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each session and no street shoes will be allowed. For more information contact Jeremy Hale at 217/402-3351.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY EMA DIRECTOR GUEST SPEAKER. Chana Ray, EMA Director for Douglas County, is pictured with Rotary President Julie Paddock as she was the guest speaker at the Arthur Rotary Club meeting held on January 5. Ray started her career with the agency in 2008 as an administrative assistant followed by a promotion to Deputy Director in 2018 and in 2021 she was appointed director. Her role as director is to plan for emergencies and help keep the county running during disasters. Winter storms, arctic cold, excessive heat, storm-watching and assessing any related damage are just a few of the things she coordinates. Ray said she writes a lot of plans and manages the annual grants for EMA along with coordinating school drills. She works directly with the Arthur Rotary Club when they host their annual fireworks celebration in the summer. If you are connected to the Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification System, it is Chana's voice you hear on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. as the test is conducted.

Ariana Cherry named Featured Artist of the Month by Mattoon Arts Council

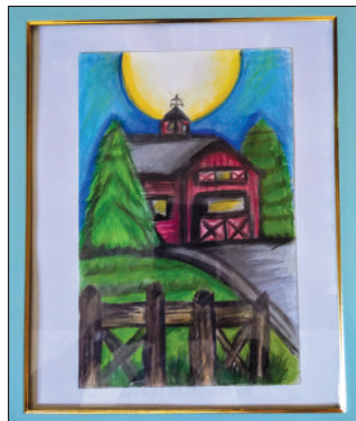
Local Arthur resident, Ariana R Cherry has been chosen as the Mattoon Arts Council Featured Artist of the month. Her art will be displayed at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon from January 15 to February 15. She also sold several pieces of her art at the last Mattoon Artworks Festival (hosted by the Mattoon Arts Council) last spring in May.

Ariana plans on participat-

ing again at this year's festival to be held on May 13. Her future goal is to publish a book of short poems & stories that also include her illustrations.

Ariana also sells her art online in her eBay store at <https://www.ebay.com/str/fullmoonartproductions>.

You can learn more about the Mattoon Arts Council and its events by visiting <http://www.mattoonartscouncil.org/>



ARIANA R CHERRY

2023 DAYSPRING CLASSIC CHAMPIONS. The Arthur Christian School Conquering Riders traveled to Lake Zurich, IL, and competed in the 16 team 2-day Dayspring Classic Tournament held January 13 and 14. They went 4-0 defeating Harvest Temple Christian, Families of Faith Christian Academy, Hammond Baptist, and finally Oakhill in the championship game Saturday 54-28. Pictured is the team, coaches, and staff following the trophy presentation. Congratulations to Jaden Mast for being selected to the All-Tournament Team.



News Briefs

Upcoming Events:
January 21- Used Book Auction @ Otto Center

January 21- Arthur Homes Open House (Rhe-ma Drive)

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

January 31- Winter Toy Auction @ Tri-County Auction

February 4- Arthur EMT Chili Supper

Calendar Errors

Some errors have been found in Arthur's Sesquicentennial calendar. The errors involve the basic calendar itself.

If you want, you can get your calendar updated by taking it to Pinnacle Point Graphics, 1059 Columbia Street, Arthur, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

They will insert revised pages into your calendar while you wait.

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.

Atwood American Legion Auxiliary Blood Bank

The Atwood American Legion Auxiliary and American Red Cross will sponsor a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 19, from 2-7 p.m. at the United Church of Atwood Fellowship Hall. For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross-Blood.org. Give Blood... Help Save Lives!

Have A Good Week!



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