



## ALAH School Superintendent Cheek Hosts Community Partnership Meeting

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Shannon Cheek, Superintendent of Arthur CUSD 305, hosted a Community Partnership Meeting for the school district on Wednesday, January 18, in the ALAH High School Family and Consumer Room. The meeting was an opportunity to partner through the established series of meetings where the various community leaders can gather to share ideas, share visions as well as develop a forum of support for future projects.

Superintendent Cheek told the group that he envisioned the meetings lasting approximately 60-90 minutes and would be held quarterly. The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss the vision for each group, current projects, future projects as well as developing ideas on how we can support each other in those endeavors.

Various community leaders were invited. They included: Cheek, Beth Wiley, School Board President; Dan Miller, Arthur Park District; Arthur Police Chief Mike Goodman, Christy Miller, Arthur Village Board trustee; Atwood Village President Bill Fleming; Scott Harris, Atwood Village Trustee & Atwood Fire Dept.; Brittany Bates, Lovington Village Board; Gary Smith, Lovington Fire Dept.; Jesse Burnett, Lovington Park District; Atwood Police Chief Rob Bross; Stephanie Wierman, and Doris Elmore, Arthur Graphic and Record Herald Newspapers. These people represented Arthur, Atwood and Lovington. Hammond representative unable to attend this meeting.

Additional meetings will be held April 26 and September 13.

The outcomes/results will be for increased communications, understanding of the

needs of each group represented, potential collaboration on project development, provide a support for each other in visioning and project development, bring communities together for the greater good of its members.

The first meeting proved successful and everyone was willing to share their thoughts and ideas.

"The mission of the Arthur CUSD 305 District is to provide a united student-based community that engages in working together to inspire lifelong learners. An environment that educates all students to their full potential while developing character, leadership, self-worth, empowering each student to meet the challenges of the future."



**HILLIGOSS SCORES 1,000 CAREER POINT.** Senior Wyatt Hilligoss scored his 1,000 career point on the road during the Lincoln Prairie Conference basketball tournament on Friday, January 27. The game was stopped immediately following the monumental basket and he was presented with a banner and the game ball marking his accomplishment. Pictured with his family following the game is dad Kevin Hilligoss, mom Emily Hilligoss, and brother Will Hilligoss. His stats for the night included 31-points along with nine rebounds, one steal, and one assist. He will be honored at a home game in the near future in front of the Knights fans.



First picture is with their project, shelter building, featuring left to right, Matthew Root, Caleb Holt, Denton Marnier, Alex Olivero, Brian Holt, Andrew Holt, and Nicholas Rafferty.



Second picture is preparing for sled race, Scoutmaster Brian Holt, Andrew Holt, Denton Marnier, Matthew Root, Caleb Holt, Brian Holt, Nicholas Rafferty and Alex Olivero.

**Troop 74 competed in the BSA Klondike at Camp Drake Saturday, January 28.**

Third picture line up for sled race, Scoutmaster Brian Holt, Andrew Holt, Denton Marnier, Matthew Root, Caleb Holt, Brian Holt, Nicholas Rafferty and Alex Olivero.



## Arthur Grade School Second Quarter Honor Roll

### High Honors

**Seventh Grade:** James Coewn Condill, Ella Mckinlea Oye, Annabelle Rose Vanausdoll

**Eighth Grade:** Lance Jordan Chupp, Sophia Lynn Monts, Reece Jaclyn Oye, Leighton Drew Poulos, Nathan Thomas Rafferty.

### Honors

**Seventh Grade:** Landon Alexander Carter, Faemus Sanders, Davison, Khloe Florence Marie Dowds, Aliza Rose Enyart, Julia Nicole Gingerich, Kolleen Janae Gingerich, Emily Mae Keagle, Alexander Lee Olivero, Savannah Raye Pearsall, Alana Nicole Perez.

**Eighth Grade:** Mckenna Carolyn Blaudow, Kody John Burdick, Kylie Lynn Burke, Esmeralda Diaz, Hadden Fabert, Enos Eugene Gingerich, Coye Nathaniel Grant, Emeline H Greathouse, Kaley Alexis Herschberger, Brennon Carter Hutson, Jorja Grace Lebeter, Cameron Martin McGill, Marcus William Otto, Nicholas Andrew Rafferty.



The 2023 Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Scholastic Bowl team has started their season. Their future competitions will be on February 2 at Bement and February 9 at Arcola. Both of those meets will start at 5:00 p.m. They will take part in the Lincoln Prairie Conference Tournament on February 25 at Cerro Gordo starting at 9:00 a.m. Pictured here before their home match on January 19 are: front row: Rialynn Slaughter, Micaela Perez, Nolan Schrock, Jesus Corona. Back row: Dylan Price, Jaden Yoder, Kayla Johnson, Brooklyn Matheny, L Burgin

## News Briefs

**Upcoming Events:**  
February 4- Arthur EMT Chili Supper  
February 14- Valentine's Day  
February 25- Central IL. Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Show

### 2023 ALAH FFA Strawberry Fundraiser

The ALAH FFA Chapter is currently taking orders for strawberries once again this year.

Full flats (8- 1 quart containers) \$30.00 or 1/2 flats (4- 1 quart containers) \$16.00. Order deadline is Monday, February 13. Strawberries will be delivered the week of February 27.

Contact Megan Beckmier at 217/840-4163 to place your order.

The profits from this fundraiser will go towards expenses for activities they participate in.

### Mackville Benefit Concert At Sunnyside Mennonite Church

After a devastating fire in 2021, Sunnyside Mennonite Church has rebuilt and Mackville is hosting a benefit concert on Sunday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. to help purchase hymnals for the church.

A love offering will be taken.

Sunnyside Mennonite Church is located at 477 IL Rt 133, Arcola, IL (Rt 133 Near Chesterville, between Arthur and Arcola, IL).

For more information, please contact Mackville at mackvillebluegrass@gmail.com or call Terry Schlabach at 217-460-1439.

### New healthcare option for Douglas County students

February will be bringing some exciting changes for Douglas County Health Department and the residents and communities it serves.

Perhaps the most impactful of these is the Feb. 6 grand opening of DoCo Health Center - a clinic offering medical and mental healthcare services to Douglas County students and their families. It will be housed at DCHD's main location on Route 36 outside Tuscola.

Appointments can be made for on-site and virtual visits, as well as walk-in when scheduling allows. Services include routine medical assessments, acute care, physicals, mental health counseling, and health education.

Hours of operation for DoCo Health Center are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Most private insurances and Medicaid programs are accepted, and a sliding fee schedule will be utilized for uninsured and underinsured patients.

