



# ARTHUR GRAPHIC-CLARION

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## Deadline is Monday to order from 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.

## Upcoming Programs at the Arthur Public Library

The Arthur Public Library announces upcoming programs for February and March.

**Feb. 9 - Tales and Tunes With Trudy 3:45**

**Feb. 11 - Discovering Dinosaurs 1:00 PM**

**Feb. 14 - Lowe Township 6:30 PM**

**Feb. 16 - Tales and Tunes With Trudy 3:45 PM**

**Feb. 20 - Board meeting 6 PM**

**Feb. 23 - Tales and Tunes With Trudy 3:45 PM**

**March 2 - Tales and Tunes**

With Trudy 3:45 PM

**March 2 - VFW 5:30**

**March 4 - Speaker Alex Kor** will be at the Arthur Public Library at 1:00 PM. His mother and father both were survivors of the Holocaust. Alex's parents opened the Holocaust museum in Terre Haute and his mother Eva Kor, whom you may have seen interviewed on tv, continued to speak of her experiences throughout her life. Alex will be at the Arthur Library to continue his parents legacy.



**FUNDRAISER WINNER.** The Class of 2024 held a Chuck-a-Duck fundraiser at the Knights boy's basketball game last Friday night. 100 rubber ducks were available for purchase during the JV and first half of the Varsity game. During halftime of the Varsity game, fans who purchased the ducks threw them toward a hula-hoop target at half-court. Caleb Wiley was the winner of the cash prize and is pictured along with Evanger Wiley, class vice-president, and Kendall Burdick, junior class member.

## Safe Canning Program held at Arthur Public Library

On Saturday, February 4 at 1:00 PM Caitlin Mellendorf, University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, presented a program at the Arthur Public Library on safe canning, both hot water bath as well as pressure canner. She gave many good practice tips as to how to have the

safest, most tasteful produce canned. "Preserving food does not improve its quality. Select quality fruits and vegetables that are free of disease and mold and not overripe or insect damaged."

It isn't recommended to use recipes that may have been handed down over genera-

tions due to the fact that the vegetables have been bred to produce a different result. That may mean more sweetness, such as in a tomato, but less acidity. Use a tested recipe that is no older than 1994. "Canning foods at home requires the use of a scientifically tested recipe which has been

specifically designed to ensure, that when accurately followed, it will result in a safe, quality product."

"Tomatoes need to have acid added to ensure a safe product. You may use bottled lemon juice 1 TB for a pint, 2 TB for a Quart. or use Citric acid 1/4 teaspoon for a pint, 1/2 tsp for a Quart, or use vinegar 2 TB per pint or 4 TB for a quart."

Proper canning is required to prevent botulism which can paralyze the diaphragm and make a person to rely on a ventilator to breath or even death. Only use two piece can-

ning lids, never one piece lids and lids should never be used more than once. You may use a hot water bath for high acidic foods, but you will need to use the pressure canner for the rest. After jars have sealed, remove the rings from the jars.

"Label and date lids. Store in cool, dry, dark location. Ideal temperature for storing is 50-70 degrees F. Use within one-year for best quality."

Information provided by The University of Illinois Extension. You can check out their website at [go.illinois.edu/FoodTestingLabs](http://go.illinois.edu/FoodTestingLabs).



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## News Briefs

**Upcoming Event:**  
February 14-Valentine's Day

**February 25- 2023 Miss, Jr. Miss, & Little Miss A.L.A.H. Pageant @ Penn Station**

**February 25- Central IL. Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Show @ Otto Center**

**March 4- Gathering on the Prairie Antique Show @ Otto Center**

**March 4- Knights Glow BINGA @ Kaskaskia Country Club**

### Prayer Meeting

#### Set for February 11

The Arthur Area Promise Keepers monthly Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 7:00 a.m. at Yoder's Kitchen.

For February, our topic for prayer and discussion will be "God's Unending Love".

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

### Arthur Woman's Club Scholarship Applications Available

The Arthur Woman's Club will award educational scholarships to Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond (ALAH) High School graduating Seniors who are continuing their education. Applications are available at the ALAH High School Guidance Counselor's office and on the Arthur CUSD #305 website.

Applications must be returned to the ALAH High School Guidance Counselor's office no later than Monday, April 3, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the Guidance Counselor office at 217-543-2146 or Arthur Woman's Club Education Committee chair Sandy Smith at [sandysmith52365@gmail.com](mailto:sandysmith52365@gmail.com)

### Over 30 Basketball League

The Over 30 Basketball League will run every Wednesday, February 8 through April 26 from 8:30-10:30p.m. at the ALAH High School Gym. For more information call Jeremy Hale at 217/402-3351



**CORPORATE SPONSORS RECOGNIZED.** Following a dinner prepared by the high school FCLA class, corporate sponsors who contributed to purchase new scoreboards in the west gym were honored between JV & Varsity basketball games on Friday, February 3. On behalf of the school board, administration, coaches, students and Arthur, Lovington, Atwood & Hammond communities, were recognized for their generosity to the district. The corporate sponsorship partnership kicked off at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Sponsors pictured included John Yoder and Kelley Bean, First Neighbor Bank; Suzie Berkich, Mac Condill, and Ginny Condill, The Great Pumpkin Patch and Homestead Bakery; Jennifer Moss, Steve Tenhouse, and Monica Hildebrandt, Kirby Medical Group; Kelly Carrol, Scott Seegmiller, Delores Kauffman, Shawn Vanausdoll, Billie Bernius, Heather Miller, and Diane Woodard, State Bank of Arthur; Jason Renfro, Callie Renfro, Destini Kramer, and Corey Kramer; C.H.I.; Andrew Ford, Rhonda Rasmussen, and Bob Rasmussen, MasterBrand.

