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EBERHARDT VILLAGE RECEIVES NEW PIANO. Eberhardt Senior Community would like to express our love and gratitude to all who donated to the Arthur Ministerial Associations Piano Fund. They started a fund to get new pianos for Eberhardt Village and The Arthur Home. Due to the generosity of many we were presented with a brand new piano at Eberhardt Village. The Piano was purchased from The Piano Network in Champaign. Further donations will go towards a new piano for the Arthur Home. If you would like to make a donation contact a member of the Ministerial Association or the State Bank of Arthur. Pictured here with the piano are, seated, Charlie Steck and standing, Bryan Dukeman.



2023 MISS A.L.A.H. CONTESTANTS. Front row, Katheryn Perez of Arthur; 2022 Miss A.L.A.H. Kendall Burdick of Arthur; Regann Bowles of Atwood. Back row, Chloe Sadowski of Arthur; Addison Yeakel of Arthur; Maggie Benedict of Atwood.

Five Candidates Competing for 2023 Miss A.L.A.H.

Six for Junior Miss; Five for Little Miss

The 2023 Miss A.L.A.H. Pageant will be held Saturday evening, February 25, at Penn Station in downtown Arthur. The pageant begins at 6 p.m. with the doors opening at 5:30.

Admission is \$5.00 per person; two years old and younger will be admitted free.

2022 Miss A.L.A.H. Kendall Burdick of Arthur, daughter of Ryan and Kathleen Burdick,

will pass her crown and title to one of five contestants. They are Katheryn Perez from Arthur, daughter of Nick and Meredith Perez; Regann Bowles from Atwood, daughter of Ryan and Jamie Bowles; Chloe Sadowski from Arthur, daughter of Devo and Erin Miller and Robbie Sadowski; Addison Yeakel from Arthur, daughter of Jason and Tiffany Yeakel; and Maggie Benedict from Atwood, daughter of Jerrod and Christy Benedict.

Appearing for the last time as 2022 Junior Miss A.L.A.H., Emmalee Nall from Arthur, daughter of Mike and Kristen Nall, will crown her successor to one of the following six ladies. Junior Miss candidates are Emeline Greathouse of Arthur, daughter of Jay and Tracey Martin; Shelby Grimsley of Arthur, daughter of Justin and Tiffany Grimsley of Arthur; Addison Dixon of Hammond, daughter of Cortnee Hack; Adyson Cusick of Arthur, daughter of Mike Hopkins and Kimberly Cusick; Gracelyn Romine of Atwood, daughter of Ryan and Nikki Romine; and Layla Beck of Atwood, daughter of Bobby and Erin Beck.

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Arthur Village Board Declares September 2 as Official Sesquicentennial Celebration Day

Tiny Homes Pilot Project Presented

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Not only will Arthur be celebrating its 50th Annual Cheese Festival this year during Labor Day weekend, but the 150-year old village of Arthur will

be celebrating its Sesquicentennial on September 2, 2023, as the village board officially named that day for the official celebration to take place. Mayor Rod Randall stated he would like street celebrations,

a big parade and a dinner to be held that evening. He also said that the opening of the village's time capsule will also be taking place.

Mark Montgomery, grandson of artist Jerry Winters, spoke to the board about utilizing tiny homes as Air BnB's in Arthur. "I feel like Arthur has a lot of potential and is a quaint town," he said. Montgomery is looking for the tiny homes to be short-term rentals such as overnights, weekends, week-long stays, three to four month long stays, but nothing longer than the four to five month range, he informed the board. He feels this would be ideal for festivals, medical professionals traveling for work, or for those who may be trying to decide if they would like to move to the Arthur community.

Montgomery currently is looking at the land at 206 W. Illinois Street which is not being utilized at this time. He would like to use that area to begin his pilot program and build two to four structures to be built which would be under 400 square feet. By creating this pilot program, he could see if such a tiny-house opportunity would add value to the community or if there would be any problems that it might create. If the pilot program worked out, then he would start looking for other areas in Arthur to build other tiny-home sections. Montgomery said these tiny homes would be high-quality with blue prints and not "nomad-type" style. All the units would be non-permanent and would have the ability to be

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Sesquicentennial Essay Contest underway

District #305 Education Foundation is holding a Sesquicentennial Essay Contest.

The four communities of Arthur, Atwood, Hammond, and Lovington are all celebrating the 150th Anniversary of their founding in 1873.

7th grade through high school students of the District

are invited to write an essay about: *What does my town's Sesquicentennial mean to me?*

Three prizes of \$100 each will be awarded to the best 7th grade, 8th grade, and high school student essay.

Return your essay of 500 words or less to your principal's office by March 31, 2023



BATTLE OF THE AGES. The Arthur Rotary Club joined forces with the ALAH Scholastic Bowl team for a "battle of wits" match at their regular meeting earlier this month. The team worked with the club members to "help them out with the hard questions." It made for a fun program and it was great with the generations working together. The students were treated to lunch prior to the match at Yoder's Kitchen. Pictured are (front row) Rialynn Slaughter, Dylan Price, and Micaela Perez. (Middle row) Julie Paddock, Jill Bunker, Kayla Johnson, Jesus Corona, Nolan Schrock, Brooklyn Matheny, Tanya Walker, Karen Good, Marsha Bowyer, and Owen Henry Herschberger. (Back row) Rick Weger, Leroy Allison, John Stewart, Dave Allen, Zack Snyder, L Burgin, Jaden Yoder, Kevin Huffman, and Scholastic Bowl coach Cathryn Baldwin.

News Briefs

Upcoming Event:
February 20 - Senior Citizens Luncheon at Community Building
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

Senior Citizens luncheon
The Senior Citizens Luncheon for February will be held on Monday, February 20, at the Community Building, 120 East Progress Street.

Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks are furnished.

Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming program at Arthur Public Library

Join The Arthur Public Library on Saturday March 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM for a presentation by Alex Kor, who is the son of Michael and Eva Kor, both survivors of the Holocaust. Alex speaks on a variety of subjects including ethics in medicine, his experiences, and those of his parents. We expect this program to fill up quickly, call 217-543-2037 to reserve your seat.

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

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

Have A Good Week!

