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Fireworks 2023 show scheduled for Saturday, July 1

Green Wave Lawn Care hired for landscaping work at the Gazebo and Welcome Center

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Rev. John Stewart spoke about this summer's firework show on behalf of the Rotary Club at the most recent Arthur Village Board meeting. He said that they were working on making it a special night since this is Arthur's sesquicentennial, although he isn't quite sure what the plan is yet. The fireworks will be shown on Saturday, July 1 with Sunday, July 2 being the rain date.

The board approved Green Wave Lawn Care of Tuscola to help improve the current landscaping at the Welcome Center and gazebo parking areas. They provided the village with a quote of \$1,905 (one time cost) for resetting the brick edging and removing the extra mulch. Green Wave Lawn Care will also be helping with spring clean up by mowing the grass, adding mulch where needed, pulling weeds once a month and fertilizing the lawn once for the season. This will cost the village \$2,567 annually which the board approved.

In other news, \$41,333.64 in expenditures were approved. A TIF Grant request for 179 North Spruce Street in the amount of \$28,800 was approved. A bid

in the amount of \$239,351.10 from Ne-CoAsphalt Company for parking lot improvements and the resurfacing of the 100 block of East Illinois Street was approved. A motion was made to hire Wes Yoder for annual

property maintenance at the well site in the amount of \$925. It also was approved.

Police Chief Goodman told the board that the department received its new drug terminator incinerator that was recent-

ly purchased about a week ago. A test run was performed last Saturday morning and he said it worked very well. They were able to get rid of three large boxes of old prescription drugs and it was burned down in less than an hour. There has been one application in response to the current job opening and

he has also had a few resume responses from an ad that was placed on Indeed.com.

Grant Corum of Public Works informed the board that the new sludge press was installed at the wastewater treatment plant. He said it was started up last Wednesday and ev-



FUTURE HOME SITE. The Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation has constructed a sign for their first Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) home to be built on the lot at the corner of Beech and 2nd Streets. Pictured are board members Bruce Oye, Kathy Oye, Omer Miller, Nancy Miller, Kathy Allen, Dave Allen and Loyd Gingerich. The foundation hopes to break ground and start construction sometime this summer. President Dave Allen stated, "We are so excited and blessed to have secured this lot and to now take the next step of building the first home for our special needs residents. We are confident the community will unite to support this project." Donations can be made to the Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation special account at the State Bank of Arthur. Not pictured were other board members Howard and Judy Diener, Judy Gingerich, Melvin and Clara Helmuth, Merv and Barb Helmuth, Joe and Rosanna Mast, and Joe and Martha Yoder.

Winners named in the 2023 Illinois Americanism Essay Contest

"Who Are Our Modern Day Patriots?" was the subject and title of the 2023 Department of Illinois Americanism Essay Contest sponsored locally by the American Legion Auxiliary units of Arthur, Atwood and Lovington.

Essays were judged by a team of local judges, one each from the three units. Classes were: Class I-7th & 8th; Class II-9th & 10th; Class III-11th & 12th grades.

Local 1st place winners in each class are sent on to compete at the District level. District winners advance to the Division level. These winners go on to State Competition. State winners are usually announced in mid-May.

Local 1st place winners in each class receive \$75; 2nd place winners receive \$50; and 3rd place winners receive \$25.

Winners in each class are as follows:

Class I-7th & 8th grades: 1st-Joshua Taylor, 2nd-Maxton Boddy, 3rd-Jaidyn Edwards, all of Lovington.

Class II-Freshman-Sophomore: 1st-Christa Davis, 2nd-Brayden Leech, 3rd-Alek Stutzman, all of Arthur.

Class III-Junior-Senior: 1st-Noah Shoemaker, Atwood; 2nd-Lucy Wilber, Lovington & 3rd-Lillian Daily of Arthur.

Prize money and certificates will be presented to the See **ESSAY CONTEST** on page 2



ALAH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TAKES THE PLUNGE!!! The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School National Honor Society took part in the annual Lake of the Woods Polar Plunge in Mahomet on Saturday, March 11. The group raised nearly \$3000 for Special Olympics and were trying to win the costume contest with ugly swimwear. Pictured here are: Front row: Ava Binion, Kaci Beachy, Sara Herschberger, Mackenzie Condill, Ashley Seegmiller, and Emmalee Nall. Middle row: Kaylee Thompson, Kailee Otto, Alisha Frederick, Regann Bowles, Addison Yeakel, Maggie Benedict, Kendall Burdick, Claire Seal, Evanger Wiley, and Lucy Wilber. Back row: NHS Sponsor, Mrs. Kendall Huffman, Charley Condill, Nolan Schrock, Wyatt Hilligoss, Aaron Seegmiller and Brady Moore.



REGIONAL CHAMPS! The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 8th grade girls volleyball team won the 2023 IESA Class 8-3A Regional championship last Thursday in Sullivan defeating the Shelbyville Rams 25-21, 26-24. They beat Marshall 25-18, 25-23 on Tuesday to advance to the championship game. The Knights faced Teutopolis on Monday night at the Paris Sectional. Pictured are Alyssa Ahrendt, Kenna Blaudow, Leighton Poulos, Brynlee Moore, Morgan Casteel, Makayla Hays, and Riley Strode. (Back row) Assistant Coach Dana Tinkle, Jorja Lebetter, Maleyna Vanausdoll, Sophie Monts, Reece Oye, Isabel Melton, Kaley Herschberger, Jaidyn Edwards, and Head Coach Jessica Vanausdoll.

News Briefs

Upcoming Event:

March 16- Red Cross Community Blood Drive @ Arthur United Methodist Church

March 16- Class of 2026 Trivia Night @ ALAH High School

March 17- Gospel Echoes Benefit Auction @ Otto Center

March 18- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

March 24- Tri-County Farm Toy Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

March 25- Tri-County Auction Consignment Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

March 25- Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Banquet @ Yoder's Kitchen

Senior Citizens luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon for March will be held on Monday, March 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.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive March 16

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on Thursday, March 16, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

This drive is sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lions Club.

The Red Cross is asking all donors to call and/or register this time instead of just walking in if possible. Masks are no longer required but please do not come if you are not feeling well or have other symptoms.

Walk-ins will not be turned away but a limited number of people will be allowed at each time.

One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. Be the life-line patients need. Give blood and give life. You can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!

Mennonite Relief Sale Kickoff Banquet

The Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale will be holding their annual kick-off banquet on Saturday, March 25 at 6:00 pm at Yoder's Kitchen.

This meal and program is a time to support the upcoming sale which will be held August 25-26 at the Otto Center.

The special speaker this year is Andrew Gedert who works with Mennonite Central Committee in the country of Ukraine. He will provide timely updates on outreach and mission in this war torn country.

An offering will be received to support the 2023 Relief Sale.

Please make your reservation by calling Glen Rhodes at 217-273-5026. RSVP is required. The Relief Sale board is thankful for your support.

