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TIF request approved for S.A.M.'S Sales and Services

Cheese vendor needed for annual Cheese Festival

By ARIANA R. CHERRY
Staff Writer

The Arthur Village Board approved a TIF grant request submitted by S.A.M.'S Sales & Service at their meeting held on March 20. Sharon Miller, owner, has put a new tanning salon inside the building located at 118 S. Vine, the former Dicks Pharmacy location. Miller states she has been staying busy and still has a lot of work to do with the building, including her intention to get the old soda fountain running again. The request was for \$30,000 for the improvement of the building.

Other news discussed included the approval of expenditures which were \$56,796.37 which included a bond payment of \$38,220.00. Comptroller Erica Carter informed the board that the balance of February's bank statement was \$48,174.55.

A bid to grade and rock a portion of village owned property on the west side of the 100 block of South Vine Street south of the railroad in the amount of \$3,050 was approved. The property is between Singer Insurance and the railroad tracks and is 75 x 100 feet. Sod will be removed and taken down a couple inches and rock will be

hailed in and then topped with gravel.

In other action the board approved the purchase of GIS mapping equipment from Subsurface Solutions in the amount of \$4,747.00. This will allow Arthur to build an entire map of its systems and simplify the process when digging needs to be done for projects.

Mayor Rod Randall also expressed his condolences to

the families who have recently lost loved ones. "The past few weeks have not been kind to the community with the passing of too many current and former residents of Arthur. We all feel that sense of loss for those who have gone."

Towards the end of the meeting a general discussion took place in regards to the former Heartland Deli and Delights building being sold recently at an auction and will no longer be a cheese shop. This propos-

es some questions for the annual Cheese Festival held every year in regards to festival goers wanting to purchase cheese. The festival committee is looking into some options and a few board members offered some suggestions as well which will be explored going forward. It will be the 50th anniversary of the Cheese Festival to be held September 2-4 in conjunction with Arthur's Sesquicentennial this year.

Arthur American Legion announces Americanism Essay Contest Winners

The Arthur American Legion Auxiliary Unit #479 meeting was held at Eberhardt Village on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

President Barb Eckstein called the meeting to order

with 3 raps of the gavel.

Chaplain Arlone Doan gave the opening prayer and we remained standing in honor of our dead.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and recited the preamble to the constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Roll call of officers was given and there were six officers and one member at large present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Billie Bernius handed out copies of the financial report for the month.

Communications:

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Farm to Fork Food Seminar

Mark your calendars now! Douglas County Health Department is proud to be hosting a Farm to Fork food seminar on April 14, 2023 at the Arthur Community Room, 120 East Progress Street, Arthur, IL. Doors open at 8 a.m. and presentations run from 9 a.m. to noon for this FREE event to help you safely prepare and legally market your homegrown foods, baked goods, and value-added farm foods.

Reap the benefits of time-tested advice from seasoned cottage food vendors and food safety experts. Learn about farm family wellness and gather valuable information from several support agencies. Mingle with other farmers, bakers, gardeners, and local food lovers while enjoying refreshments and prizes at this fun, food-focused event. As an added bonus -- CEU's are available in food safety. Registration is encouraged by calling 217-253-4137 ext. 1210 or email kross@dchealthil.org.

Summer Christian Concert Series in Atwood this Summer

By DORIS ELMORE
Staff Writer

Residents of Atwood and surrounding areas will be in for a musical treat with the Summer Christian Concert Series this summer, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Atwood.

Dates for the performances are as follows: Please write them on your calendar.

Sunday, June 4 -- 5-7 p.m. Arthur Christian School and Mitch Fleming

Saturday, June 24 -- 5-7 p.m. Mackville (bluegrass)

Friday, July 14 -- 6-8 p.m. Heart and Mind Worship (contemporary)

Plans are to have food vendors available so you can enjoy your food and music.

Pastor Woody White of the First Baptist Church of Atwood states that one of their goals is to help promote more community activities in the downtown areas of the Village of Atwood.



Boy Scout Troop 74 held their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Arthur United Methodist Church. Pictured left to right with their cars are 1st Place Lealand Woolsey, 2nd Place Evan Holt and 3rd Place Layne Tiffan. Congratulations Scouts on your hard work!



2023 ALAH HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS BOYS TRACK TEAM. First row: Kayden Allen, Jacob Adcock, Cruz Hale, Lyle Adcock, Colton Taylor, Justin Schrock. Second row: Assistant Coach Lyle Dorjahn, Parker Beck, Cash Hale, Alex Rexroad, Payton Warrior, Brayden Leech, Kamden Morfey. Third row: Parker Dick, Logan Beckmier, Jacob Tighe, Tristan Keagle, Dana Soard. Not pictured: Head Coach Matt Thomas, Landon Waldrop, Garrett Casteel, Max Duzan, Skyler Gingerich and Naithan Zander.



2023 ALAH HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS GIRLS TRACK TEAM. First row: Josie Carrillo, Lily Vanda, Kimberly Krutsinger, Gracie Arnett, Emma Forman, Lindsay Rohacs, Skyler Graham, Emilee Samarco. Second row: Kaylee Thompson, Gracie Romine, Alyssa Richards, Emma Jones, Kori Klay, Ruby Burton. Third row: Head Coach Ryan Jefferson, Dalilah Mendoza, Emma Edwards, Alex Clark, Addison Yeakel, Sarah Rogers, Evanger Wiley, Lily Edwards

News Briefs

Upcoming Event:

April 1- Fish and More @ Otto Center

April 1- Fine Arts Boosters Dessert Theatre @ ALAH High School

April 4- Election Day

April 7- Good Friday

April 8- Easter Egg Hunt @ ALAH High School

April 15- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

April 27-29- Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show @ Otto Center

April 29- Quilt Auction @ Otto Center

Community Good Friday and Easter

Sunrise services

The Arthur Ministerial Association would like to invite everyone in the community to a Good Friday service, April 7 at 12:00 noon at the Vine Street Christian Church. This service will be one hour long with different breaks for those who need to come and go from their lunch breaks. We invite you to come for however long you can. Different churches will be sharing at different times during this service. This is planned as a way for us to pause during the middle of our day and reflect on what Good Friday means.

The Community Easter Sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 am at the Arthur United Methodist Church in Arthur to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This service will include special music numbers by many people in the community and the message will be brought by First Apostolic Church of Arthur pastor Tim Froese. Come and be a part of these two opportunities to worship the Lord and celebrate Good Friday and Easter with others in our community.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Arthur Woman's Club, will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. in the grass area just west of the ALAH High School parking lot.

Areas will be marked off with eggs for five age groups: 2-years and under; 3 and 4-year olds; Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd grades; and 3rd and 4th grades.

In case of inclement weather the egg hunt will be moved inside the ALAH gym.

Lovington

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday, April 2 at Thomas L. Conn Community Park. Refreshments and hot dogs for the kids will be served beginning at 1:00 pm followed by the egg hunt starting promptly at 1:30 with five divisions 0-3-years, Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and 5th and 6th grades. Age group basket raffle hosted shortly after and the bike raffle is sponsored by Sparrows Unlimited. Open to Lovington residents.



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