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Debra Mullens hired as new village police officer

Founder's Day Sesquicentennial Dinner to be held September 2

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During a special meeting of the Arthur Village Board, held Tuesday, March 28, Chief Goodman presented a new police officer for hire. He explained that there was a short window of time since another police academy was beginning in May, and then after that, there wouldn't be another one until September. Goodman said if they were unable to meet this particular deadline, a new police officer may not be able to complete the required courses and tests until sometime next year around this time.

Given the circumstances, board members made a motion to hire Debra Mullens which was unanimously passed. Mullens is currently serving as a reserved Deputy Marshal in Cloverfield, Indiana and has

been doing some security work in Indianapolis. She has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Ivy Tech and is working towards her Bachelors Degree. Mullens was hired at a beginning wage of \$21.55/hour and it then would increase to \$22.05 post Academy.

After the swearing in of Mullens, members also discussed activities for the upcoming sesquicentennial to be celebrated during the Arthur Cheese Festival. Mayor Rod Randall announced that he has hired Thomas MacMullen to impersonate Michael Warren for a day. Warren was known to be the founding father of Arthur since he deeded the land to start the village. Warren and his wife had a very large family consisting of 13 children. MacMullen, the one to portray See VILLAGE BOARD on page 3



Arthur Police Chief Mike Goodman is pictured with Debra Mullens after she was hired and sworn in at last Monday nights special board meeting. She will attend the police academy's next training session starting in May.

Arthur Woman's Club honors long time members

On Thursday, March 30, Arthur Woman's Club held a special meeting at the Arthur Public Library to honor long time members.

After the regular meeting was held, the four members present, Bernadine Yoder, Nan-

cy Ferchow, Sharon Daily, Marilyn Kitchen were given certificates of honorary membership for over 50 years of service.

Others who were unable to attend but were also recognized were Arlene Aschermann and Iris Dicks.

The group then enjoyed cake and punch and shared many memories of their years in Woman's Club.

Younger and newer members enjoyed hearing the stories of how things were done 'back in the day.'

Others in attendance were Stephanie Borntrager, Josephine Marner, Debbie Kauffman, Becky Miller, Carol Yoder, Stephanie Wierman, Teri Malin, Marty Yeakel, Beth Wiley, Anita Krutsinger, Sandy Smith, Eve Adams, Melissa Yoder, and

Jody McGrath.

Arthur Woman's Club is an organization that has been in existence for over 80 years.

The club does many things and sponsors several events in the community.

Next up is the Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the old football field.

The Rat Race will be held during Cheese Festival weekend and the Woman's Club stand will once again be open at the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair this summer.

The group also offers senior scholarships and contributes regularly to other community organizations such as the fire department and also to the local schools.



ARTHUR WOMAN'S CLUB HONORS LONG TIME MEMBERS. Front row, presented certificates of honorary membership for over 50 years of service were Bernadine Yoder, Nancy Ferchow, Sharon Daily, and Marilyn Kitchen. Unable to attend but were also recognized were Arlene Aschermann and Iris Dicks. Others in attendance were second row, Stephanie Borntrager, Josephine Marner, Debbie Kauffman, Becky Miller, and Carol Yoder. Third row, Stephanie Wierman, Teri Malin, and Marty Yeakel. Back row, Beth Wiley, Anita Krutsinger, Sandy Smith, Eve Adams, Melissa Yoder, and Jody McGrath.



AG LEGISLATIVE DAY. The 53rd Annual Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day (IALD) took place on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the State Capitol. Hundreds of FFA and 4-H members along with Illinois Farm Bureau leaders joined representatives of 50 agricultural organizations to discuss key industry issues with state lawmakers. Pictured are ALAH FFA members Gracelyn Arnett, Ava Binion, Brody Louden, Brooklyn Gingerich, and Abigail Miller who traveled to Springfield last week. They were part of the longstanding tradition of more than a thousand FFA members in official dress passing out baskets filled with agricultural products and specialty lunches to legislators as a reminder of the impact their choices make on the world of agriculture. The Homestead Bakery also participated as they were contacted and donated bread for the 400 sandwiches.



EGG HUNTS GALORE. The 2023 A.L.A.H. Royalty was busy "hopping" from one Easter Egg Hunt to the next this past weekend as they were in Atwood on Saturday and the Village of Lovington hosted a fun afternoon of Easter-themed adventures on Sunday. The queens, Miss A.L.A.H. Regann Bowles, Jr. Miss Emme Greathouse, and Little Miss Harper Hale are pictured here at Thomas L. Conn Community Park in Lovington as the weather cooperated to have their hunt outdoors. Next weekend they will be helping with Hammond's hunt followed by the Arthur Woman's Club both on Saturday to round out the four communities events.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

- April 7- Good Friday
April 8- Easter Egg Hunt @ ALAH High School
April 9- Easter
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.

Lorenson Scholarship applications available for ALAH graduates

The Robert and Leila Lorenson Scholarship is available for graduates of Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School. Applications are on the school website. High school students should apply by April 15 and post secondary students should apply by June 1.

Have A Good Week!

