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Village Board donates \$6,000 to annual firework show

Work on municipal parking lot to begin April 18

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Just as everything else that we use or consume in our lives have increased, so has the cost of fireworks. Village board members agreed to donate \$6,000 to this year's annual

show - a \$1,000 increase from last year's \$5,000 that was donated. The fireworks are one of the most well attended events in Arthur each year.

Grant Corum of Public Works announced a tentative date for work on the mu-

nicipal parking lot to begin on 4/18/2023. Green Wave has been doing their landscaping work at the Welcome Center and the gazebo parking lot.

It was agreed that Simply Arthur would be using an Economic Development Assistant

Grant to help pay for the services of Millie Otto to clean the Welcome Center for an amount of \$37,500 annually. She would be paid as an independent contractor and given a 1099 instead of being paid as an hourly employee.

Other news discussed included Police Chief Michael Goodman reporting on the new village police system that was purchased recently. He said that all of his staff have been transitioning well and are using it okay. Goodman noted that he may be speaking about the possible purchase of body cams at the next meeting, as he had a proposal from Motorola.

Blondies has asked for permission to have food trucks in their parking lots once a

month, as they will be hosting live bands. There are no confirmed dates as to when this will begin. The band will be inside and then the customers would have to walk outside to get their food, although no alcohol will be allowed outside the establishment. The Village Board votes to give Blondies a one time trial to see how it goes before creating a new policy.

Treasurer Mike Hilgenberg reported that there were \$48,789.36 in expenditures. Those expenditures included a \$16,000 invoice from Farnsworth for the work they have completed.

At the end of the meeting, it was approved to earmark up to \$200,000 of TIF funds to improve the Welcome Center and downtown parking lots.



ISAI GUTIERREZ



MATT BERNIUS



CHRISTINA MILLER

Gutierrez, Bernius, & Miller Elected to Village Board

One newcomer will be joining the Arthur Village Board and two incumbents retained their seats on the board as a result of the April 4 Consolidated Election.

For four-year terms Isai Gutierrez was the top vote getter with a total of 106 votes followed by incumbent Matt Bernius with 76, incumbent Christy Miller with 67, and Da-

vid Hale finished with 56 votes. They were all write-in candidates on the ballot.

The voter turnout in both counties was very low.

More election results see Section B.

"The Amazing Earl Walker" will be presented at Moultrie County HGS History Center

"The Amazing Earl Walker" will be presented at the Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society's History Center located at 1303 S. Hamilton St., Sullivan, Il. at 7:00p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

The program will be presented by his granddaughters, Carla Davis of Herrick, Lynn Jeffris of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and other family members and will be a power point presentation.

Earl Walker is considered amazing in Moultrie County's history by local historians be-

cause he was an innovator, successful businessman, the builder of "hard roads" all over central Illinois, and a pioneer aviator who supported the well-known Moody Brothers of Dalton City when they set their 344 hour flight endurance record in 1939.

The Earl Walker Company, now owned by the Wheeler family, is one of the oldest businesses in the county.

The public is invited to attend and will be invited to share their memories.

Spring At The Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar April 15

The Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar in Arthur, IL, welcomes the ladies from the Rainbow Hearts Center of Arthur. The Center accommodates Amish children with various handicaps and disabilities. They will be serving a lunch along with cake and cinnamon rolls to

benefit the Center.

It is always amazing to see what the crafty vendors have created for the Spring. Our Vendors usually include Homemade Crafts such as: Woodworking, Candles, Soaps, Dried Fruit, Jewelry, Tumblers, Em-

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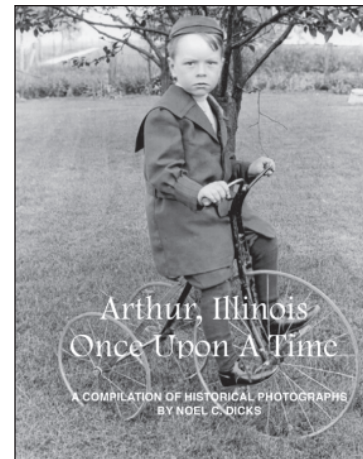


EGGS GALORE. The hunt was on at the annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 8 just west of the ALAH High School on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Sponsored by the Arthur Woman's Club, close to 3,000 eggs, candy, and prizes were given away to the five age groups as over 90 children were in attendance. In the middle pictured is 18-month old Ada Turlewski who decided to just sit down and grab not one but two pink bunnies for her basket. Not impressed at all with the Easter Bunny was 17-month old Asher Becker pictured on the right. By all accounts it was fun for everyone there with a long-standing community tradition.

Noel Dicks Book Available

If you missed buying a copy of Noel Dicks book *Arthur, Illinois Once Upon A Time* the first two times it was printed and completely sold out, there has been a third printing and is now available to buy once again.

Only 100 have been re-printed and can be purchased at Yoder's Lamps and Antiques or the Arthur Graphic-Clarion office for \$40.00 per book.



ARTHUR GRADE SCHOOL JR. HIGH OKAW CONFERENCE SCHOLASTIC BOWL CHAMPIONS!! The Arthur Grade School Scholastic Bowl team won the Jr. High Okaw Conference championship on Thursday, March 30 at Bement. On the way to the championship match they defeated Atwood Hammond Grade School 260-160 and Villa Grove 350-110. In the championship round they faced off against Cerro Gordo who had won their side of the bracket with wins over Arcola and Tuscola. The final score of the match with CG was 280-240. Pictured here with the JHOC Championship plaque are: front row: Dustin Hodge, Cameron McGill, Alex Olivero. Middle: Landon Carter. Back row: Ashby Coblentz, Emily Keagle, Nathan Rafferty, Coewn Condill, Ella Oye and their sponsor, Ms. Nicole Bracken. Congratulations AGS Scholastic Bowl Champs!! Photo courtesy of Jann Harris.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

April 14- Farm to Fork Seminar @ Community Building

April 15- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

April 17- Senior Citizens Luncheon @ Community Building

April 22- Steak Fry @ Arthur Masonic Lodge

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

April 29- Quilt Auction @ Otto Center

Masonic Lodge Steak Fry

The Arthur Masonic Lodge #825 AF & Am will hold their annual Scholarship Steak Fry on Saturday, April 22 from 4:30-7:30 pm at 224 South Walnut Street.

The menu will include ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, roll, dessert, and beverage for \$25.00. Dine in or carry out available.

For tickets contact any Lodge member and walk-ins available.

Proceeds go to the Masonic Scholarships for the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond School District.

Senior Citizens luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon for April will be held on Monday, April 17, 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.

Affordable Health Screenings Coming to Arthur

Residents living in and around the Arthur, Illinois can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Penn Station will host this community event on April 25, 2023. The site is located at 122 E Progress Street in Arthur.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.

- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels

- Diabetes risk
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Have A Good Week!

