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Pictured are Amy Tighe, Renee Brown and Chrissy Patterson sharing how the Knightly Reading program works. (Jennifer Schrock who is also one of the teachers involved was unable to attend.)

100 People Who Care hold shareholders meeting

A group of shareholders met for dinner and a fun presentation at La Cascada on Thursday, April 20.

These shareholders are part of 100 People Who Care which is a fundraising arm of the District #305 Education Foundation. Money raised from these community members is used by the Education Foundation in part to sponsor senior scholarships and award grants to teachers in District #305. Grants awarded the last few years have averaged around \$7000 per year to help our

teachers with projects or items needed in their classrooms that they might otherwise have to do without or pay for out of pocket. Our last meeting was in November when Spencer Kirby shared how his P.E. classes are using their new heart rate monitors to measure things like stamina. Also, Melissa Hopkins and some of her students demonstrated their Lego robotics project with the group.

The goal is to have meetings every few months to share how the grant money is used.

In the spring the Foundation treats our shareholders to a meal and program as a thank you for their involvement. The program at this meeting featured those involved in Knightly Reading which is a special reading program that is used districtwide in all the grade schools. Staff involved include Jennifer Schrock, librarian at Arthur Grade School; Chrissy Patterson, Title 1 teacher at Atwood Hammond; Amy Tighe, Junior High math teacher at Lovington; and Renee Brown, district librarian.

With Knightly Reading a year's choice was "The Mouse book is chosen for all the grade school children to read. This

and the Motorcycle," by Judy See 100 People on page 12



BUSINESS MEMENTOS ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY. As part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration for Arthur this year the committee is trying to find souvenirs and/or mementos from businesses both past and present. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please contact Marty Yeakel at 217-493-2375. Pictured is some memorabilia from Stock's Shoe Store and the Ben Franklin store that is on display at the Arthur Public Library as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Stop in and check it out. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Village Board Approves Quote to Purchase Body Cams for Police Department

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Proposal Approved at April Meeting

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Police departments in Illinois have been mandated by the State of Illinois to have body cams purchased and installed by January 1, 2025. Since that mandate was passed and is less than two years away, the Arthur Police Department has been looking for body cams that have software compatible with the system in their cars. The department initially contacted Motorola because of its compatibility with their current system.

The first quote received was for \$61,000. Police Chief Michael Goodman then reached out for a quote to see what the cost would be to just obtain the "bare bones" and the things that they needed. If the police department can purchase the body cams and software in a specific time frame, a quote was received for \$50,000.

The cost would cover 10

body cams, although Goodman mentioned there is never a time that they have that many officers on duty at a time (aside from when the annual firework show is going on). The payments for the purchase would be spread out over a five-year period, with the first payment being the largest since it would include the purchase of the software and installation.

All the files will be saved to the cloud since police departments are required to save videos indefinitely. Goodman also informed the board that the state has several grant opportunities that could help reimburse the cost of the cameras. The board voted for Goodman to approve the quote of \$50,000 to purchase the body cams and the system.

The village board took action on the 2023-2024 budget proposal approving a \$4.8 million budget for fiscal year 2023-24. The new budget was down ap-

proximately \$150,000.00 from last years budget.

Loretta Gingerich was approved for routine cleaning of the Municipal/Community Building. She will be receive \$25 per hour and the building will have a one time deep clean and twice a month routine cleaning totaling \$1,200 for the year.

Three organizations in the Arthur area received funds from the hotel/motel tax fund as part of a local tourism grant. The money is used for market- See VILLAGE BOARD on page 12

32nd Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show April 27-29 at the Otto Center

A variety of quilts will be displayed at the 32nd Annual Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show Thursday through Saturday, April 27-29, at the Otto Center (2056 County Road 1800 East) just one-half mile south of Arthur.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$5.00.

In addition to the quilts in the exhibit, close to another 100 pieces will be sold during the annual auction on Saturday, April 29 starting at noon. Entries will be judged in each of five categories: Baby, Wall Hanging, Antique, Pieced

(pieced machine quilted and pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100.00 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors to the show will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size Double Wedding Ring quilt. The drawing will take

See QUILT SHOW on page 3



Pictured is Kelsey Pruitt, Arthur Public Library Director and Justin Green, Douglas County Farm Bureau director.

Douglas County Farm Bureau donates books to area and school libraries

In recognition of March being National Agriculture Month, the Douglas County Farm Bureau recently donated two books to area and school libraries.

"The Pig War" was written by Emma Band Smith and illustrated by Alison Jay. This

picture book tells the story of the boundary dispute in the Pacific Northwest that was ignited because of a wayward pig in a neighbor's potato field.

"Winged Wonders Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery" written by Meeg Pincus and il-

lustrated by Yas Imamura. This book explains the vast number of people involved in finding the migration route of monarch butterflies from Canada to Mexico. It highlights the fact that citizen scientists can have an impact.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

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

April 27-29- Open House @ Family Health Foods

April 29- Quilt Auction @ Otto Center

May 5- Arthur Produce Annual Spring Tree & Landscaping Auction

May 5- Arthur Horse/Pony Sale-Arthur Sale Barn

May 6- Spring Community Arts Fair @ Arthur United Methodist Church

May 13- East Central Illinois Standardbred & Pony Sale-Arthur Sale Barn

May 13- Sheep to Clothing- Illinois Amish Heritage Center

Public invited to Poetry Reading, Celebration on Saturday, April 29

Original or familiar poems There will be a poetry reading in celebration of National Poetry Month at the Arthur United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 pm. You may come and read your own original or favorite poems by your favorite poet. The public is invited to attend.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive May 11

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on Thursday, May 11, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

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 red-crossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Thank you for giving blood!

Arthur All-Around Town Garage Sales

Arthur's town wide garage sales will be held Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Signup form in this weeks edition. Deadline is Thursday May 11.

Have A Good Week!

