

# 100 People

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Blume. Every family gets a book and there are suggested daily readings. Older children can read by themselves or read with family. For younger

children the parents and other family members can read to them. Some other aspects of this year's program included daily trivia questions, keeping a journal, designing a 'mouse house,' and each classroom taking care of a pet mouse

(stuffed) where each student had the opportunity to take home. There was even a motorcycle parade organized to drive through each town and also an opportunity to search for Ralph (the title character's name) in the communities.

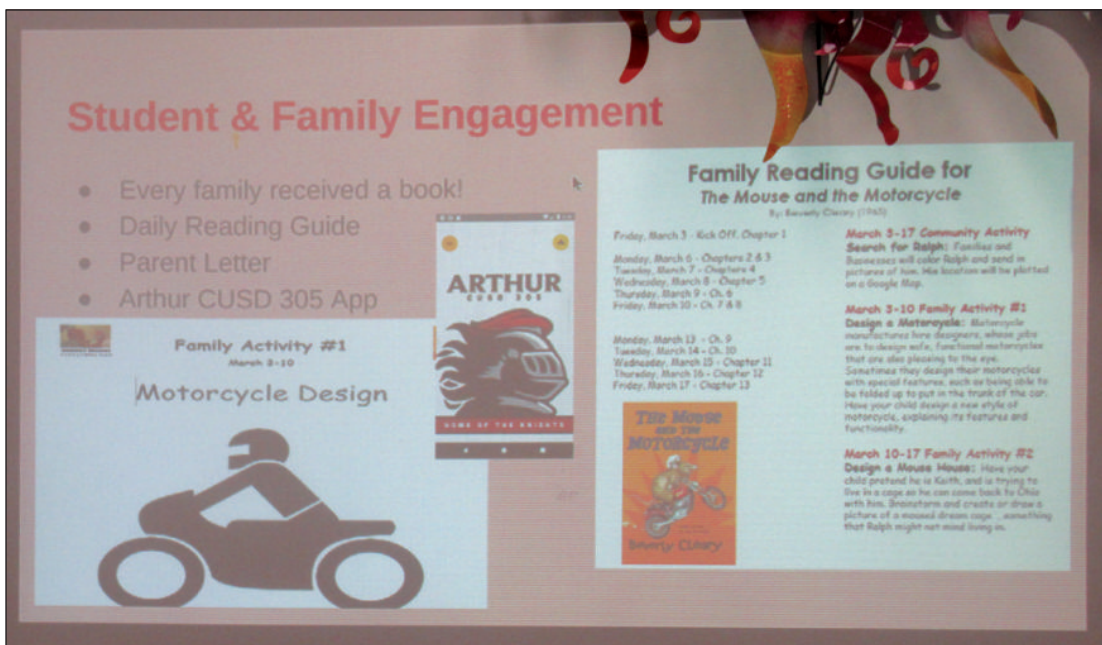
The obvious enthusiasm by the presenters for this program carries over to the students. One high school student in attendance at the meeting fondly remembered reading these books when she was in grade school. Most importantly, Knightly Reading encourages children to become lifelong readers, involves the parents and unites the schools and communities in a common goal.

The District #305 Education Foundation is very pleased to sponsor Knightly Reading and many other projects for our teachers which includes such things as math manipulatives, books, electrocardiogram sensors, STEM learning tools, sensory tools, etc. More information about the Education Foundation and/or 100 People Who Care can be found on facebook or by contacting Foundation board members. Rod Randall is president; board members are Shannon Cheek, Stan Harris, Shelley Martina, Kristie Mechling, Ryan Nettles, Danny Powell, Carol Smith and Marty Yeakel.



## PLANT A TREE FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER US.

A Sugar Maple tree was planted on the North West end of the Oakland IL square. It was donated by the Mariorraetta Rebekah Lodge #347 from Arthur IL on April 12, 2023. Pictured above: Leona and Howard Magee of Brocton, and Doris McDonald of Mattoon IL. Our lodge has 12 members and 7 regularly attending members. Pictured below: Leona Magee, Jim Clifton (an Oakland employee wearing an orange shirt), and Doris McDonald. Jim and Howard planted the tree for the Lodge.



This graphic outlines part of the schedule and some of the activities of the Knightly Reading program.



A 'mouse house' designed by one of the students.

## April meeting held for Arthur American Legion Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Arthur American Legion Auxiliary Unit #479 was held at Eberhardt Village on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

President Barb Eckstein called the meeting to order with 3 raps of the gavel.

Gayle Cearlock gave the opening prayer and we remained standing in honor of our dead.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and recited the preamble to the constitution of the ALA.

Roll call of officers was given. There were 4 officers present and 2 members at large. Total of 6.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Billie Bernius handed out a list of expenditures for the past month and our present balance.

Barb read our note from the District President stating that if anyone wants to run for an office for the 2023-2024 year let her know.

We discussed the possibility of teaching "Flag Etiquette" at

the grade school as an Americanism Act next November during Veterans Week.

We will donate to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Gayle has the address for us.

Billie had an updated list of our local Veterans names and addresses. We will be able to start sending "Thank you for your service" cards soon.

Treasurer Billie have Gay a check for the 3 high school juniors that are going to Illini Girls State. The 3 girls are: Kendall Burdick, Lucy Wilber and Claire Seal. We are excited to send 3 girls this year. Girls State is June 18-24 at Eastern Illinois University Campus.

Billie has 2 Red, White and Blue Cords on hand. They are given to any graduate that is going into the military upon graduation. She will order more if need be.

We will sell poppies on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27.

There was no more business to come before the meeting. Gayle lead us in a closing prayer for peace and protection for all of our troops.

The President declared the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is May 16,

Respectfully submitted, Diana Gay Davis

## Village Board

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ing Arthur outside the local area. Simply Arthur will receive \$7,200, AAAoC \$2,500, and the Illinois Amish Heritage Center was approved to receive \$4,500.

The board also voted to approve various asphalt patches to be made throughout Arthur by Ne-Co Asphalt Company in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The village will be providing the material.

Other items that were discussed and voted on included:

- Hiring two returning seasonal employees for the summer at the amount of \$14/hour.

-Approval of expenditures of \$59,473.79. Erica Carter reported that the current bank balance was \$707,271.17 and the TIF balance was \$413,664.89.

-The Village will be exchanging the former railroad property they own that adjoins land owned by Clarence Borntrager for an easement across Borntrager's land to Mill Street. Mill Street currently does not have a sanitary sewer and eventually the plan would be to add that to allow for further expansion on the empty lots and to existing businesses.



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