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2023 ALAH PROM COURT. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond held their Prom Coronation on Saturday, May 6 at Penn Station. Pictured are senior king candidates Clay Seal, Brady Moore, Jacob Adcock, 2023 Prom King Parker Dick, 2023 Prom Queen Regann Bowles, senior queen candidates Alisha Frederick, Charley Condill, and Bailey Bialeschki. The theme this year was "A Whole New World". Post prom, hosted by the Class of 2024 Post Prom Parent Committee, was held at the Campus Recreation Center East on the U of I campus. They enjoyed the aquatic center, basketball, dodgeball, volleyball, an escape room, a hypnotist, plenty of snacks, and over \$3,000 was given away in cash and prizes for those who attended.

Bernius, Gutierrez, and Miller Sworn In Two part-time police officers hired

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On Monday, May 1 at the most recent meeting of the Arthur Village Board, newly elected trustee Isai Gutierrez and re-elected trustees Matthew Bernius and Christy Miller were sworn into office. Trustee Todd Dukeman was thanked for serving his term and community.

Three resignations were submitted to the village recently. The Public Works department received a resignation from Benny Durbin who resigned due to personal reasons. The Arthur Police Department received letters of resignation from Sargeant Shaun Meredith and officer Dalton Donnals. Meredith resigned for personal reasons and Donnals accepted a position with the Tuscola Police Department.

To fill the empty positions within the Arthur Police Department, Courtney Loeh was hired as a part time officer. Loeh has been with the Douglas County Sheriff's office since 2007.

Adam Brazzell was also hired as a part time officer for the Arthur Police Department. Brazzell previously worked for Arthur from 2019-2021. He reached out to the police department when he heard about the personnel shortage and



New and returning members of the Arthur Village Board were sworn in by Rhonda Rhodes (Village Clerk) at the Arthur Village Board meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023. From left to right, Matt Bernius (Trustee, as Mayor Pro-tem), Christy Miller (Trustee), and Isai Gutierrez (Trustee).

expressed interest in helping them out. Brazzell has worked for the Douglas County Sheriff's office for five years.

Other agenda items that were discussed/voted on included:

- The Community Relations and Tourism Committee was changed to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. This new committee consists of the Village President and all the trustees.

- The family of Phil Rich who once held a job similar to the

Public Works Supervisor with the village requested a memorial sign in his name. Their request was approved.

- A TIF Facade Grant in the amount of \$941.63 was awarded to Max's Family Diner on 127 South Vine Street, the former R&I Restaurant. Max's Family Diner was also awarded

\$5,858.69 for a TIF Construction Grant.

- A pay request from Ne-Co Asphalt in the amount of \$207,348.90 was approved. An amount of \$200,000 will be coming from TIF funds.

- Expenditures were approved in the amount of \$43,437.67.

- An agreement between the village and Shaun Meredith was made to give Meredith custody of canine Kubo. He was the former handler of the canine who is now almost six and a half years old and has some leg and hip issues. Meredith will be keeping Kubo as a pet.

ALAH Baccalaureate Service May 21

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 2023 Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 5:00 pm in the West (New) Gym at the High School.

This is a time to honor this year's graduates and offer spiritual encouragement for their future endeavors.

This year's speaker will be Misty Appleby from Atwood. Carolyn Yoder and her sisters (Sisters & Company) will be leading the singing parts of the service. Various ALAH students will be leading and par-

ticipating in this service. All graduates, parents, family, and friends are encouraged to attend. Everyone in the surrounding communities are also invited.

Each graduate will be recognized by name during the service.

This annual Baccalaureate service is student led with some planning help from the Arthur Ministerial Association.

Let's congratulate, pray for, and encourage the ALAH class of 2023!



Adam Brazzell is welcomed back to the Arthur Police Department by Police Chief Michael Goodman. Brazzell had been a previous officer of the Arthur Police Department for five years. He will be serving in Arthur part time.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

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

May 13- Sheep to Clothing- Illinois Amish Heritage Center

May 14- Mother's Day

May 18- Ascension Day

May 19 & 20- All-Around-Town Garage Sales

May 19- Antique Tools/Collectibles/Farm Primitives Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

May 20- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

May 20- Advertising/Oil & Gas Pumps/Memorabilia auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

Volunteers Needed

The Welcome Center is needing volunteers. Call 217-543-2242 or email info@simplyarthurus

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.

Senior Citizens luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon for May will be held on Monday, May 15, at the Community Building, 120 East Progress Street.

Serving begins at 12:00 noon. Please bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks are furnished.

Everyone is welcome.

Eberhardt Park closed to public on Monday, May 15

On Monday, May 15, 2023 from 4:30-7:30 pm Eberhardt Park will be closed to the public.

The Arthur Ambulance personnel will be participating in a training at Eberhardt Park to include a medical helicopter service.

Eberhardt Park will be used as a landing zone, therefore to ensure the safety of our residents, we are closing the entire park to the public during the training period.

We are grateful for our first responders and we are excited that our park provides a space that they can learn and expand their skills to continue to serve the community to the best of their abilities! Thank you for your understanding.

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.

You can make an appointment online at redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Thank you for giving blood!

