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Arthur CUSD 305 Awarded Community Partnership Grant to Support Mental Wellness of Students, Educators, Families

In March 2022, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) announced 136 grant awards to support students, educators, and families' social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs. Arthur CUSD 305 was selected as a recipient of the Community Partnership Grant.

Since the notification of being a recipient of the grant, Arthur CUSD 305 has developed and expanded its partnerships with Midwest PBIS, Piatt County Mental Health Center, RISE Behavioral Health and Wellness, Moultrie County Counseling Center, Arthur Public Library, and Atwood-Hammond Public Library.

A District and Community Leadership Team (DCLT) was developed in August 2022, which includes all partners in-

cluded in the grant and all Arthur CUSD 305 administrators, school counselors, and representatives from the Arthur Police Department, the Arthur Ministerial Association, Arthur Christian School, and Douglas County Health Department. Throughout the next year we will continue to ask for parental and youth feedback.

This team has analyzed district and community data and compiled a list of available resources for our students, staff, families, and communities. As a part of this project, the list of resources will be shared on our website for families to access.

Our partner, Midwest Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (MWPBIS), provides leadership and training to our DCLT and school lead-

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PARK DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS. Arthur Park District President Dan Miller is pictured with new appointees Jeremy Hale and Justin Grimsley following their oath of office at last week's meeting. Not pictured was re-appointed member Elliott Tinnon.

Two New Faces Sign On With Arthur Community Park District

Commissioner appointments were made at the reg-

ular meeting of the Arthur Community Park District on Monday, May 8 in the Arthur Community Building. Sworn in were Justin Grimsley, Jeremy Hale & Elliott Tinnon (re-appointed). Since no one ran for the park board in the April election, the positions had to be appointed.

Additional cameras in Eberhardt & Jurgens Park were discussed by the board. Jay Martin of APTechnologies was present to talk to the board about updating the current system. To date, they have 10 cameras, 3 at Jurgens Park and 7 at Eberhardt Park and 2 recorders. They will be able to add 2 additional cameras without adding a recorder. Martin had toured the parks with JJ Carter prior to the meeting to see what is needed.

Kevin Strong made a motion to proceed with Phase I of the system for no more than \$3,000. Motion passed.

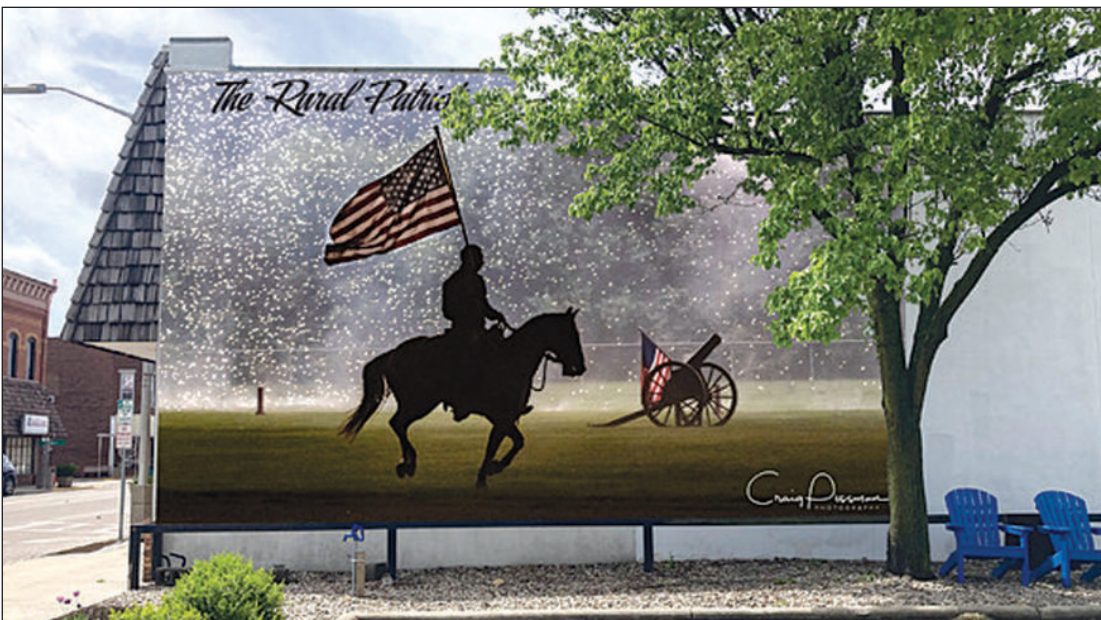
Carter gave a report on the

swimming pool. The slide tube is in need of repair and is currently being done by Tri-County Welding. The tentative opening date of the pool will be Tuesday, May 30. Staffing for the season has been hired.

Carter also reported to the board the new dugouts at John McGrath Field in Jurgens Park are completed. The size (12x30) is almost double what they had been before. President Dan Miller and Carter and the remainder of the board commented on how nice the project turned out. It has been a vast improvement. Carter thanked CHI Overhead Doors and everyone else who was involved with this project to make it happen.

A discussion was held on lighting upgrades throughout all facilities using Ameren grants.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. (Note change of permanent meeting time).



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Walldogs to Paint Mural in Downtown Arthur

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Future projects may include, but are not limited to, additional murals. Larry Schlabach, a member of the Rural Patriot Project states, "We believe this will be beneficial and enjoyed by everyone in the community. We would like to thank those who have made donations and all the support we have

received so far. We also look forward to working with our community in the future and helping add to all the many years of hard work and sacrifice people have made to make Arthur the special community it is today." Other members of the project include Russ Brough and Lamar Hostetler.

If you would like to donate to this beautification project, please call 217-246-5024 or email ruralpatriot@yahoo.com. Be a part of adding to Arthur's beauty.

Make sure to schedule some time in your busy day to watch the work in progress beginning June 1. It will be fascinating to watch the mural come to life.

The annual Strawberry Jam Festival will add some sweetness. See MURAL on page 2



D.A.R.E. BANNERS. Students in Police Chief Mike Goodman's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) class at Arthur Grade School are required to create posters illustrating what they learned during the course. A panel of teachers and staff vote on their favorite poster in each class and then they are enlarged as banners and hung on the fence along the Vine Street entrance to the school. Pictured at top is Brynlee Hood, the winner in Mr. Punches's class. She is the daughter of Lisa and Tracy Hood. At the bottom is Vianey Briseno, the winner in Mrs. Kauffman's class. She is the daughter of Irey Briseno and David Gutierrez. D.A.R.E. graduation will be held Thursday, May 18 starting at 7:00 p.m.



DRUG TERMINATOR. The Arthur Police Department recently took possession of a portable incinerator called the "Drug Terminator". The device will be used for on-site disposal of evidence drugs, paraphernalia and take-back medications. Materials are safely destroyed by injecting them with the patented Easy-Feed Cartridge, into the incinerator. Having this on-site incinerator for the Department will allow the Police Department to destroy old drug evidence items as well as prescription medications, that the public turns over for destruction. Citizens are encouraged to drop off their old, expired or out of date prescription medications with the Arthur Police Department.

This affords a better solution to the disposal of prescription medications, as opposed to placing them in the garbage or other ways which could result in the medications entering our ground water systems.



News Briefs

- Upcoming Events:**
- 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
 - May 21- Baccalaureate Service @ ALAH High School
 - May 25- 8th Grade Promotion
 - May 26- American Legion Poppy Sales Day/National Poppy Day
 - May 26- ALAH High School Graduation
 - May 28- Mackville Concert @ Eberhardt Park
 - May 29-Memorial Day Services @ Arthur Cemetery

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 participating 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!

National Poppy Day is Friday, May 26

The Arthur American Legion Auxiliary Unit #479 will be selling Poppies on Friday, May 26 from 9-2 and Saturday May 27 from 8-noon at various locations in Arthur. They have also placed donation buckets at several locations in town, as well.

Please contribute as the money they collect goes to help our local veterans first and foremost and supports several programs in our school district.

To donate by check, make it payable to Arthur American Legion Auxiliary % Billie Bernius, PO Box 375, Arthur, IL. 61911.

Volunteers Needed

The Arthur American Legion Post #479 needs volunteers to help set out the flags at the Arthur Cemetery on Saturday, May 27 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers Needed

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



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