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The line was almost the length of the cafeteria. Having it the night of the spring concert was definitely a great idea and Mrs. Brown and I plan on doing that in conjunction with Dr. Gobbo next year. What a wonderful collaborative success.

ALAH High School Day of Service: On Thursday, May 11, the High School students came to AHGS and the other schools as well, to serve in some capacity. I manned the crew working outside. I had about ten high school students move all of the heavy rocks away from the school and off of the parking lot islands, to one set location to be moved at a later time. We also took out all remaining decorative grass and flower clumps that were dead or dying. The district will remove the remaining tree stumps

and bush stumps before work can be done on laying down landscaping tarp and installing rock.

Teacher Appreciation Week: A huge thank you to the AHGS PTO, ALAH Administration, First Baptist Church of Atwood and the VFW Women's Auxiliary for providing meals, cupcakes, treats and desserts this week for Teacher's Appreciation Week. The teachers week was capped off by Mr. Forman delivering a few of their "favorites" (we keep a book of each staff member's favorite snacks, treats, etc. in the office) to their classrooms as well as special cookies and Casey's gift cards from the PTO. Lunch was provided two days, once from Pauly's and the other was Chicken and Noodles. Yum!

Lovington Grade School Principal's Report

1. We hosted about 80 people

for our Financial Fun Night on May 4. The theme was "LIFE" which stands for Lovington Informational Financial Event. The room was set up like the game of LIFE and students traveled through different stations learning about money. I think a quote from one of our students sums it up the best, "This is the best night of my whole life!"

2. Teacher appreciation week was such an encouragement to the staff in Lovington.

We celebrated all week long with a radio theme "WLGS the Knights" The staff had a lot of fun with the various contests and prizes, but overall the best part was the love shared from the community. One example of this was a "radio" ad sent in from Shawnee communication. It read:

"Shawnee Communications is a local, family-owned telecommunications company, so we understand the importance of community, connection, and growth. Without teachers, our communities would not succeed as well as they do. Teachers help guide our youth into a successful future while navigating many obstacles along the way. They care for our children and leave everlasting impressions. Four out of our nine Lovington office employees at Shawnee Communications attended Lovington Grade School. These four employees have countless happy memories of walking the halls of Lovington Grade School, and without a doubt, they can recall all the kindness each teacher showed them. We want every teacher to know that not just on Teacher Appreciation Week but every week, we are so incredibly thankful for all that you do for the children in our community. We hope you enjoy the assortment of cookies that we will be delivering to your breakroom this afternoon.

We want to end with a quote: "Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me." - Mister Rogers

3. One final lunch on the lawn scheduled for the year. We ate lunch at the Lovington Park on May 24. Slow Spark BBQ was there for parents and community members to purchase lunch if they would like. Our students brought a picnic lunch from our cafeteria. We also hosted Kona Ice once everyone

was back at the school and the PTO is buying each student one drink!

ALAH High School Principal's Report

1. Senior Trip - The senior class and sponsors totally 78 people had a successful trip to Washington, DC.

2. Honors Night was held on

Wednesday, May 10. Winners and their families received invitations and more than 70 community organizations, families and colleges awarded 37 seniors over \$1.3 million for their future endeavors.

3. The Ag Mech class is working on frames for new weight-lifting platforms - FFA has ad-

opted a portion of 133 to clean up (located east of town, signs are up!)

- Baby chicks are on their way (should start hatching this Thursday)

- Horticulture class has grown and cared for the thank you gifts for honors night (ger-

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Lovington Organizations plan sesquicentennial celebration

Lovington is going to "Celebrate Good Times" June 9 and 10. This year marks the 150th year since Lovington was officially incorporated as a village. Several organizations have joined to celebrate the sesquicentennial.

Friday, June 9, the LHS Alumni Association will hold its annual homecoming banquet starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of God Family Life Center. The alumni will honor new Hall of Fame members Sally Duncan, David Kidwell, Don Bell, Jeff Davis, Elise Wildman and the 2005 boys basketball team at the banquet.

At 8:00 p.m. the band Identity Crisis will entertain village residents uptown. Food trucks and a beer tent will also be available.

Saturday morning, June 10, starting at 6:30 a.m. the firemen will hold their pancake breakfast at the firehouse.

The Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society display Lovington memorabilia at the Lovington Library starting at 9:00 a.m.

The sesquicentennial parade featuring the American Legion Honor Guard, the ALAH Marching Knights, pageant queens, antique tractors,

floats, fire trucks, etc. will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a bags tournament at 1:00 p.m.

The Lovington Community Club will hold its annual fish fry at 4:30 in Tom Conn Park. 25/X8 Extreme Sports with inflatables, a bake sale and several vendors will also add to the celebration.

The fireworks display will begin at dusk at the Lovington Grade School.

Village board park and recreation chairman Brittany Bates and her committee have coordinated all of the events with the other organizations.

Town Talk

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Heartland closed.

ANOTHER ALWAYS ARTHURITE STORY

Chris Maxedon, AHS '90, and son of Larry and Nancy Maxedon is boys track coach in Huntley, Illinois. He shared a post last week after the girls state meet that his fellow coach at Huntley and the girls track team there had won the Class 3A state title. This past weekend Chris was at Charleston for the state track meet with his boys team. He shared how nice it was to have his parents close by in Mattoon. He had gone to the store to buy food and Larry and Nancy then helped prepare and hosted the team for a meal. I'm sure nobody enjoyed that more than his folks. Hope things went well for Chris and the Huntley boys team at state.

STATE TRACK MEET NEWS

Sure it is elsewhere in the paper but Logan Beckmier earned a 5th place finish Saturday in the 3200m race. Great way to finish his high school track season. Logan is on his way to Western Illinois University this fall to run track and cross country there. He is the son of Tucker and Megan Beckmier and grandson of Lyle and Sherry Dorjahn and Dennis and Kathy Beckmier. Congratulations Logan!

SPRINGFIELD ROAD

This is a great route just two miles south of Arthur (200N) with a lot of history and although it seems it was only a few short years ago that it was completely redone it is badly in need of repair. Every week when Sally and I drive on it we despair at the condition. So I was very pleased to read that the Douglas County Board had designated money to fix the road. Not sure when but now is not too soon! Know it will be an inconvenience for a while but very, very much needed.

QUICK TRIP TO WISCONSIN

Last week I made the drive up on Tuesday and came back on Thursday to daughter Kyra's to attend granddaughter Taylor's choral concert. I'm not often able to get up there for the grandkids' events so I was happy to make the trip no matter how quick it was. She goes to a rather large school so I got to hear a jazz band, a wind ensemble, a women's varsity choir (Taylor's group) and a mixed ensemble. Just like at home their seniors in each group were recognized. I so love music and especially young people who are enjoying sharing their talents with an audience of family and friends. Good times!

And that's -30- for some much needed rain (but not until after this weekend!)

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