



This is Arthur!! Dale Bissonett of "The Lil' Nugget" stops to help cousins Lucas and Jacob Collins fix a bike before he heads home from work. Lucas commented with a smile and some kidding, "we buy bikes from Dale and also like to come by and bother him". Older helping the younger... building connections. Beautiful picture of life in a small town.



Anita poses with a 4th of July display, just one of the many beautiful displays of decorations and gift items available at Arthur Floral and Home Decor



Arthur Christian FFA. Pictured (from L to R): Daniel Morris, Brody Strong, Ainsley Renner, Grace Morris, Tyler Gingerich, Kylie Gingerich, and Ryder Pollock

Arthur Christian FFA Honored At State Convention

Members of the Arthur Christian FFA chapter attended the 95th annual Illinois State FFA Convention June 13-15 along with more than 5,000 other FFA members, advisors, and guests. With a 2023 theme of "Electrify," the three-day event annually recognizes achievements of Illinois FFA members, elects the major state officer team, and celebrates agricul-

ture. During the convention, the following awards were presented to the Arthur Christian FFA: **Newly Chartered FFA Chapter:** The chapter was recognized as a newly chartered FFA program in the past year. Arthur Christian FFA joins the community of Illinois FFA chapters, which currently numbers 365.

Students at the convention were greeted with activities including a career fair featuring colleges and agribusineses and an opportunity to engage in the history of Illinois' capital city. The sessions featured addresses by National FFA Eastern Region Vice President Gracie Murphy, of Illinois, and from each of the retiring major state officers.

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Other items discussed/voted on:

- Clas-See Exteriors (Cadwell) was approved to install a fence along the eastern boundary at the wastewater facility in the amount of \$9,932.75
- Police Chief Michael Goodman informed the board that he and the department are get-

ting ready for the Freedom Parade and fireworks event coming up on July 1. He has plenty of officers who are ready to help with the event. Goodman is planning on taking the old K-9 squad car and turning it back into a working squad car. There were seven tall grass ordinances posted and 18 junk abandoned vehicle notices that went out.

- Expenditures were approved for \$42,559.60. Com-

troller Erica Carter reported that the current bank balance was \$689,097.85 and the TIF account balance was \$183,664.89.

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with an open heart and mind. Upcoming Birthdays: July 8-Jacob Nash Culbertson, July 10-Ron Korte, July 26-Marianne Hanner, July 26-Carol Randall, July 29-Ramona Carlyle. Anniversaries: July 14-Greg & Jalane White, July 18-Wally & Barb Smith, July 22-Roger & Lisa Kibler. This coming Sunday, Rev. Kenneth Roedder will be leading the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

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that, "We appreciate you all very much and all the support you have given to us." The store will be closed for vacation from July 3-8 and will reopen on the 10th as Arthur Floral and Home Decor. Hours will be the same - open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 217-543-2822. Cindy Hogan will still be available to help customers pick out the perfect gift. There will also be a facebook page where you can find information about specials and new inventory. Anita states that she wants to "thank you all

for the wonderful memories. new and look forward to seeing you soon. I'm excited to start something ing you soon."

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