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“WCIA Our Town Arthur” event this Friday on Vine Street

Colt Heston hired to Arthur Police Department, Officer Tinnon promoted to Sergeant

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This Friday, July 21, WCIA Channel 3 News will be airing “Our Town Arthur” from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The Village of Arthur is asking businesses and organizations to come and be a part of it. There are plans to have a golf cart decorating contest, food vendors and inflatables. Jim Fleming is asking those who have an antique vehicle to speak with him about parking it on Vine Street during the event. For any business or organization wanting to set up downtown, contact Christy Miller or Stephanie Wierman.

The Arthur Police Department hired Colt Heston to join the squad. Police Chief Michael Goodman met with Heston back in March during an interview. He is from Annawan, Illinois and attended school there. After high school, Heston at-

tended Parkland College and received an Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice. He has also worked for Ford County Corrections and presently, Heston is working in Champaign County. Goodman stated, “He has had experience working in small towns which is one of the reasons he felt he would be a good fit for Arthur.” August 30, Heston will begin attending the police academy and he will graduate at the end of December. His beginning hourly rate is \$21.25 per hour and then it go to \$21.75 per hour after graduation.

Officer Elliott Tinnon was approved to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant during the board meeting. Tinnon was hired to the APD (Arthur Police Department) in April of 2015 and worked for a total of two and half years and then left to go work at the Douglas County



Colt Heston, pictured with Police Chief Mike Goodman and village President Rod Randall was hired and sworn in as a full-time officer at last Monday night’s village board meeting. Heston will be attending the Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy starting August 30 for the 16-week training program.

Sheriff’s Office. He then went to East Central Illinois Drug Task Force as a control officer. Tinnon went into the private sector for a year, and returned to Arthur in March 2022 because he missed working in law enforcement. Since his return, Tinnon has taken on a lot of responsibilities during the

reduction of full time officers in Arthur. Goodman stated, “He has been showing a lot of leadership within the department and has played a part in helping Officer Mullens get started as well.” With this new promotion, Tinnon will receive a 5% increase in his hourly pay rate which now will be \$28.88

per hour.

Other items that were discussed and/or approved:

There were several thanks from many of the board members and the Police Chief for everyone’s efforts who helped clean up after the storm and help during the fireworks and
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Founders’ Day Dinner Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the Village of Arthur’s main Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Founder’s Day Dinner, are now available. The event will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Penn Station in downtown Arthur to commemorate the founding of the Village on September 2, 1873.

The event will feature a grilled pork and grilled chicken dinner catered by Jo’s Country Diner, birthday cake and ice cream for dessert, an interview with a guest from the past – the founder of the town Michael H. Warren, entertaining Arthur history, and the opening of the time capsule from 1973.

Guests may begin gathering at 5:30 PM with dinner being served at 6:00 PM.

You are encouraged to wear clothing representative of the



time of Arthur’s founding or any other era of clothing that represents Arthur’s past. Pull out the old outfits your parents or grandparents wore during Arthur’s Centennial in 1973, work shirts from past businesses, or items you or your ancestors might have worn to school in the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, or 70’s. Pictures of those attending this event will be taken and later deposited into the time capsule that will be opened in
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Officer Elliott Tinnon is pictured with Chief Mike Goodman and Village President Rod Randall following his official promotion to the rank of Sergeant at the recent village board meeting held last week. Tinnon was rehired by the Arthur Police Department in March of 2022.

Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation holds Fundraiser

Last Friday evening, July 14, at Penn Station our community came together once again in a show of love and support

for a great cause. The mission statement for Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation states that it is being implemented

to, “provide support to those with special needs and help to lighten the responsibilities of their families. We will serve

Christ by serving others as we create comfortable and independent living opportunities in the Arthur area for adults with special needs who cannot provide for themselves. Realizing we are part of God’s family, we will encourage our community to provide for the needs of our special citizens as they may arise, always being mindful that, “Whatever you do for the least of these, you do unto Me.”

The Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation provides quality living opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. These CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) houses are family homes where typically four unrelated adults with developmental disabilities live under supervision of the community developmental services agency. For Arthur, this is the Moultrie County Beacon. The first home will be located at the corner of Beech and 2nd streets. The sign is up and it is hoped groundbreaking will take place in a few weeks.

The evening was one of fellowship, sharing and great food thanks to Yoder’s Kitchen. Dave Allen, president of the ALOLF Foundation Board addressed the crowd explaining what the Foundation is all about and future plans for the home(s). He also took the opportunity to

thank the many members of the community and businesses who have already supported this effort in so many ways and helped to make it a reality.

A December, 2022 article in this paper shared some background information as to how this idea came about: “Many families in our community are blessed and challenged each day by the presence of a family member with various special needs. An underlying question and concern for each family is, “What will happen when the parents or primary caregivers are no longer available to care for our special family member?” And unfortunately, none of us knows just when or how quickly this situation may become a reality. As we age, our ability to care for our loved ones becomes more difficult. And as our loved ones mature, they may develop a need or a desire for more independence. As has been proven from the success of nine CILA houses in Sullivan and in many other area communities, these individuals often thrive in situations surrounded by friends in a structured home environment in a good, safe neighborhood. This can bring great satisfaction and peace to family members worried about their loved one’s

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RAISE THE ROOF. The Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation sponsored a “Raise the Roof Fundraiser” on Friday, July 14 at Penn Station. Over 400 tickets were purchased in advanced for the dine-in or to-go meal catered by Yoder’s Kitchen. ALOLF board president Dave Allen stated, “We were overwhelmed by the encouragement and support of the entire community. The presence of so many of our friends and neighbors was a blessing to our entire board as we step out in faith to build quality housing for our special citizens. We want to thank God for His blessings and everyone who attended and supported us for making it a very special night. It was a true reflection of what makes Arthur a great place to live.” Save the date for their spring benefit and auction scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2024 at the Otto Center.

Coming Friday, July 21



News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

July 20- Red Cross Blood Drive @ Arthur United Methodist Church

July 21- “Our Town Arthur”/Downtown

July 22 - Graham Veterinary Clinic Open House 1-4 p.m.

July 28- Pickers Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

August 7- Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale Ice Cream Social @ Community Building

August 11- Pony Sale @ Arthur Sale Barn

August 11- Arthur-Atwood Lions Club Tractor Pull

Red Cross Community Blood Drive July 20

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on Thursday, July 20, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

This drive is sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lions Club.

The Red Cross is asking all donors to call and/or register this time instead of just walking in if possible. Walk-ins will not be turned away but a limited number of people will be allowed at each time.

One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. Be the life-line patients need. Give blood and give life.

You can make an appointment online at red-crossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!

Homecoming Reminder for Alumni

A reminder that Homecoming at ALAH this year is Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30.

If you have not received your mailing please call Rhonda Trower at 217-585-0962 or send email to arthuralums@gmail.com.

Highlights for Homecoming include the parade on Friday at 2 p.m. followed by a tour of the high school. The football game is at 7 p.m. that evening on Wilson Field.

Saturday the alumni golf outing takes place. Tee off at Kaskaskia Country Club at 8 a.m. For info and reservations for the golf outing email shellybrough1973@gmail.com.

The alumni dinner is Saturday evening at Kaskaskia Country Club - social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are due by September 1 and may be sent to PO Box 21, Arthur, IL 61911.

Homecoming dance and coronation will take place at the high school Saturday evening. 50/50 raffle tickets at \$5 each are also available.

More information can also be found on the Arthur High School Alumni facebook page.

