



# The Knightly News

by Supt. Shannon Cheek

Hello Knights and welcome to another district update for you all to hopefully enjoy! It's been busy this past year with various projects, but especially busy this past Summer. I'd like to just take a moment and share some of the exciting projects that have taken place over the past year but especially this Summer.

As you may be aware, we started some of our upgrades this past school year when we added to the gymnasium and football field by upgrading the scoreboards. We were also able to add a video panel that acts as both a display for home games but can be utilized to display items during various Physical Education classes. In addition to the scoreboards in the gym and football field, we have been able to upgrade some of the volleyball standards that now proudly display our logo. These projects were made possible by the support of our corporate sponsors, MasterBrand Cabinets, CHI Overhead Doors, State Bank of Arthur, First Neighbor Bank, Homestead Bakery, Kirby Medical Group, our local Athletic Boosters as well as some anonymous donors. We are very grateful to have been able to form these partnerships in order to support our students and student athletes.

The all weather track was a project that we wanted to tackle for quite some time but needed to budget for that project and we were fortunate enough to be able to complete that project this Summer. Midwest Track Builders won the bid and were able to recently complete the project. It looks and feels amazing and we are happy to provide our students, athletes and communities with a brand new track that will provide opportunities to be active in a safe and welcoming environment.

One of the larger projects that we were fortunate to complete this Summer was adding A/C to Arthur Grade School as well as the replacement of a boiler, A/C upgrades and adding A/C to the gymnasium at Lovington Grade School. The cost of this project came in at roughly 1.2 million dollars and was funded completely with the dollars provided through

the ESSER relief grant.

You may have also noticed that many of our parking lots were in need of repair. We were able to budget for the improvements of many of the lots throughout the district. The most significant improvements were made at Atwood Hammond Grade School. We

were also able to work on improvements at Arthur Grade School as well as part of the lot at the high school. We have been discussing the lot at Lovington Grade school and we are hopeful that the budget allows us to improve that entire lot next Summer.

Finally, as some of you that

have been involved in the baseball program already know we needed to provide some attention to the baseball field in Lovington. We had some significant issues with drainage on that field and whenever we had some rain, it posed some challenges with significant puddling on the field. We have taken some steps to dramatically improve the playing surface on that field and we are confident that the work being done will also significantly improve the drainage.

We are proud of our school district and will continue to discuss facilities and improvements throughout the school

year. As we start to plan for potential larger scale projects, we will communicate what that will potentially look like and will provide several opportunities for you to be involved in those discussions. I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have about facilities or anything else related to the district. You can reach the district office at 217-543-2511 or you can always email at cheeks@cusd305.org.

Please feel free to call, come in and visit or shoot me an email as the more input and communication we can have the better off we are in developing ideas moving forward. Thanks for taking the time to read, and stay tuned for more updates and articles moving forward. Have a great week.

Mr. Shannon Cheek  
Superintendent  
Arthur CUSD #305



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Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival is celebrating its 50th anniversary this Labor Day weekend and the "Big Cheese" parade, sponsored by the Arthur Area Association of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, September 2. The Village of Arthur Sesquicentennial celebration will also be held in conjunction with this year's festival.

The parade will step-off at 3:50 p.m. and lineup begins at 2:30 p.m. in the old Progress Tank facility located at 402 East Progress Street.

Parade forms are going out this week as everyone is invited to be a part of the event.

The committee strives to make it one of the best parades of the late summer and one of the highlights of the Cheese Festival.

Forms are also available at the Arthur Welcome Center, Arthur Graphic-Clarion newspaper office, or contact Stephanie Wierman at 217/620-7460.



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