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HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN CANDIDATES. The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School King and Queen candidates for 2023 have been selected. Queen candidates are Kendall Burdick, Claire Seal, Kaylee Thompson, and Lucy Wilber. King candidates include Jayce Parsons, Hunter Grant, and Garrett Casteel. Homecoming weekend is Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30. Coronation is at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening followed by the dance. Not pictured is king candidate Connor Nettles.

AT&T to build tower in Arthur

Halloween trick or treat hours set

By ARIANA R. CHERRY
Staff Writer

A representative from AT&T was present at the Tuesday, September 5. Village Board meeting, as members discussed the approval and setting of fees for a new cell phone tower.

AT&T has leased private property to the southwest of the grain elevator off Industrial Parkway behind and just west of Coach House Garages.

The leased area is 100 x 100 feet but the actual fenced portion is 75 x 75 feet. The cell tower will be taller than the water tower which could possi-

bly require a light, pending the FAA being contacted. Construction costs have been estimated at \$250,000 and is set to begin in December pending weather. It could take anywhere from six to nine months. After discussion and a vote, it was approved for construction and the building permit fee was set at \$2,000.

Members of the board discussed upcoming Halloween trick or treat hours. Arthur Park District Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 28 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. The Village has set trick or treating
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Wednesday Night Community Meals in need of additional funding

Community Meals is in need of additional funding. Every week, it feeds many families and individuals. The delivery list for the shut-ins on its own feeds 60 people. That list doesn't include those who do carry-out or dine in. The total number of those fed every week can be anywhere from

300-400 people. Feeding a large number of people will quickly add up the number of ingredients needed to fix the meals. Just a simple meal of taco salad can cost \$600, while a meal of goulash costs about half of that. Although, it would be unrealistic
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Rod Randall with Josephine, Andy, Lynn Marner and Dorothy (Marner) Hostetler. In back, Steve Howell.

50 Years + 150 Years = Great Celebrations

By MARTY YEAKEL
Staff Writer

The weekend of September 2-4, 2023 was quite an historical one in Arthur for many reasons. Not only was the town celebrating the 50th annual Arthur Cheese Festival but also celebrated the 150th anniversary of our community's founding. In fact September 2, 1873 was the exact date on which we officially became the Village of Arthur.

Saturday morning began with the annual firemen's breakfast that took place at the firehouse. Once again, our vol-

unteer firefighters and paramedics served almost 1,600 people. The Cheese Festival then opened at 10 a.m. with the ceremonial cutting of the cheese wheel at the Cheese Boulevard corner of Illinois and Vine. Arthur also welcomed founding father Michael Hoblican Warren who was portrayed by Thomas MacMullen. Warren owned the land nearest the railroad on the Moultrie county side of town and decided that land over to help establish the town of Arthur. The great great great grandsons of Michael Warren, Jim and Rob Fustin as

well as Steve Howell, all current residents of Arthur were also in attendance to help with the cheese cutting. In addition, Josephine Marner, the daughter of George Marner who was the original owner of the Arthur Cheese Factory, shared a bit of the history of the beginnings of that company back in the early 1930s. Josephine's niece, Dorothy Hostetler, nephew Andy Marner and wife Lynn, were also present as representatives of the Marner family. Local royalty Regann Bowles, Miss ALAH; Emeline Greathouse,
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1973 Time Capsule Reveals Message for Today's Arthur Newspaper

By SALLY MCCARTHY
Staff Writer

At the conclusion of the Sesquicentennial Founders' Day Dinner on Saturday, September 2 the Time Capsule from the 1973 Centennial Celebration was opened and items were distributed to various families and organizations. One of the envelopes was addressed to the Arthur Newspaper of 2023 from the Scarlet Belles. This group was one of many centennial clubs formed by groups of men and women during the 1973 Centennial Celebration.

The handwritten letter stated: "We would appreciate it if you would publish the following information and print the accompanying picture for friends and relatives to enjoy and as a remembrance of the 1973 Arthur Centennial." It was signed, The Scarlet Belles.

This was the information in the letter. "The Chapter of the Scarlet Belles was formed

in early June at a coffee at the home of Mrs. Robert Helm. Officers were elected and were: High Bustle: Mrs. Robert Helm, Secretary: Mrs. Charles Goodman, Treasurer: Mrs. Gale Daugherty, and Sheriffs: Tianna Daugherty and Charity Dixon.

The Scarlet Belles had many enjoyable activities throughout the summer. Several coffees were held, an old-fashioned picnic for the entire family was held at Eberhardt Park in June. Sack races and relay games were enjoyed at this event. An ice cream social was enjoyed in July for all the family. It was held in the yards of Gale Daugherty and Bill Brown on West Parkview.

Some of the members sang at the Arthur Home for the Belles there. Other singing events included singing in Atwood, singing for one of the Promenade evenings uptown, and an old
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1973 Scarlet Belles: Standing: left to right: Luann Sentel, Mrs. David Rohr, Charity Dixon, Tianna Daugherty, Debbie Galey, Mrs. Charles Goodman, Mrs. Tilford Roberts, Mrs. June Dixon, Mrs. Lorene Casperson, Mary Kay Laughead, Mrs. Denny Laughead, Mrs. Loyd (Gale) Daugherty. Seated: left to right: Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. Glen Willoughby, Mrs. Walter Galey, Mrs. Robert Helm, Mrs. Wally Willoughby. Members not pictured: Mrs. Ron Cornwell, Mrs. Keith Phillips, Mrs. Larry Maxedon, Mrs. William Oesch, Mrs. Ron Phillips, Mrs. Harold Cornwell, Mrs. Chet Strohecker, Nancy Strohecker, Alice Oesch, Susan Ritchie, Jane Tinnon, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. Dean Wince, Mrs. Edwin Sentel, Mrs. C.M. Freese and Mrs. Ora Mentzer.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

September 16- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

September 16- "Amish Country Tour" Bike Ride

September 18- Senior Citizens Luncheon @ Community Building

September 20- The Great Pumpkin Patch Opens

September 28- Red Cross Blood Drive @ Arthur United Methodist Church

September 29 & 30- ALAH Homecoming

September 29- Toy Auction/Farm Memorabilia Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

September 30- Semi-Annual Consignment Sale @ Tri-County Auction Facility

Coins Still Available

A limited number of Arthur Sesquicentennial coins are available for purchase at the Arthur Municipal Building. They are \$10 each and are a lasting keepsake of this important milestone in the life of this community.

ALAH Homecoming Parade Entries

Entries for the 2023 ALAH homecoming parade are now being accepted.

The parade will be at 2:00 on Friday, September 29. Entry forms can be picked up at the high school office. Entry forms must be returned by Friday, September 22.

For more information, please contact the high school at (217)543-2146.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive September 28

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on Thursday, September 28, 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 lifeline patients need. Give blood and give life.

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

AED, CPR training

On Saturday October 7, at 1:00-3:00 PM, the Arthur Ambulance and Rescue Department will be at the Arthur Public Library to train AED devices as well as CPR.

There will only be 16 seats so you MUST call (217) 543-2037 to reserve yours.

