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BY WISDOM A HOUSE IS BUILT.....Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation officially broke ground last week in a special ceremony held September 20. Pictured are Judy Gingerich, Loyd Gingerich, Kathy Oye, Bruce Oye, Village President Rod Randall, Merv Helmuth, Barb Helmuth, Dave Allen, and Kathy Allen. The general contractor for the project being built at the corner of Beach and 2nd streets is Midwest Heritage Construction, owned by Steven Helmuth and Lamar Schrock. Bear Creek Truss, Inc. has donated the roof trusses and Okaw Truss, Inc. will be donating the floor joists for their first house. Not pictured were board members Howard and Judy Diener, Melvin and Clara Mae Helmuth, Joe and Rosanna Mast, Omer and Nancy Miller, and Joe and Martha Yoder.

TIF construction grant request approved to Max's Family Diner

Water leak issues on 217 S Walnut Street discussed

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The last board meeting of the Arthur Village Board was a bit on the light side after members had been busy with many events this past summer which have included the Freedom Celebration, Arthur Cheese Festival, Sesquicentennial celebration and the city-wide garage sales. The board is commended for all of the hard work they put in each season for its residents and those who come to visit Arthur.

Max's Family Diner at 127 S. Vine Street has been busy working trying to complete several projects which have kept them from being able to open on their projected dates. They have been doing most of the work themselves aside from the need to hire a plumber for work on the bathrooms. A TIF construction grant was requested in the amount of \$17,707.50 for a 12 foot vent

hood system that was required to be put in. The request was approved. The diner has had a few other TIF grant requests which still have not been paid out since they have not yet turned in any invoices. The invoices will have to be turned in before they receive any money.

Rick Weger, owner of the property on 217 S Walnut Street approached the board about a water leak adjustment. His property has had issues with leaks recently that has caused his water bill to rise, Weger informed the board that on average his bill usually was around \$200 and his last bill had doubled at \$433. The village ordinance states that residents/property owners can request one adjustment per property per year. After discussing his situation with the board, it was decided that members not take action that evening but would be discussed again at the next meeting, since

October would be a year since his last request was made. A water leak adjustment is calculated by taking the average of the last three months of billing statements. Wager could then

propose an adjustment for his bill in October. The water leak has been repaired and no other leaks have been flagged.

Other items discussed/voted on:

-Treasurer Hilgenberg reported \$31,040.35

-Village Board President, Rod Randall shared his condolences to Police Chief Mike
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Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation Harvest for Homes Program

The Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation is pleased to introduce "ALOLF Harvest for Homes", a partnership between area farmers, landowners and the Foundation to help build homes and hope for our special needs citizens.

Several area grain companies are partnering with ALOLF including all Total Grain Marketing (TGM) locations; Topflight Grain Cooperative at Milmine; Primient Grain at Coles Station; Farmers Grain Company at Dorans; and ADM at Tuscola.

The program is designed to allow farmers and landowners to donate bushels of grain

through their local elevator directly to Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation. All grain donations are 100% tax deductible, and all proceeds go towards building CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) homes for adult citizens with special needs in the Arthur community.

Cash contributions may also be made at the State Bank of Arthur or by mailing a check to ALOLF, P.O. Box 222, Arthur, IL 61911. Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions to the Foundation are deductible for income, estate and gift tax purposes.



ALAH FCCLA members who attended the conference. Pictured are L to R: Perla Juarez-Cuevas, Logan Burgin and, Samantha Vanmeter.

Area FCCLA Chapters Meet for Conference

ALAH FCCLA attended a "IL FCCLA Section 7 Fall Conference" in Charleston, IL on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

Three students from Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School attended along with adviser, Ginger Voegel. FCCLA members from seven area schools, including ALAH made up the 75+ participants at the event. Members in attendance from ALAH High School were: Perla Juarez-Cuevas, Logan Burgin and Samantha Vanmeter.

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Workshops on various issues were held throughout the morning. Topics included: "There's No 'I' in Team," "Finding the Competitive Event for You!," "Say Yes to FCS Panel," and "The Power of a Card." Our keynote speaker was Mr. Robbie Rollins who encouraged the members to "Be the.....—Be the change we want to see in our communities." Perla serves as the Section 7 Vice-President of Public Relations. With this officer position she helped or-

ganize and execute conference activities along with giving a welcome at the event.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in the families, careers and communities.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

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

September 29- ALAH Homecoming Parade @ 2:00 p.m. Game @ 7:00 p.m.

September 29 - ALAH FFA Alumni Pork Chop Drive-Thru @ Jurgens Park

September 30- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ Arthur Christian School

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

September 30- Evolution of Quilting Techniques Demonstrations @ IL Amish Heritage Center

September 30- Mission House Fellowship/Music/Food @ Eberhardt Park

September 30- ALAH Coronation @ 7:30 p.m.

October 6&7- Harvest to Home @ IL Amish Heritage Center

October 8- Jack Shannon @ Penn Station

ALAH FFA Alumni Pork Chop Dinner

Starting at 5:00 p.m. this Friday, September 29 until sold out, the ALAH FFA Alumni will be having a drive thru pork chop sandwich dinner at the Arthur Woman's Club stand on the Moultrie-Douglas County Fairgrounds. Sandwich, chips, brownie, and water is included. Free will donation with proceeds going towards sending ALAH students to the FFA National Convention. Come out and enjoy a great meal before the Knights Homecoming game and support a great cause.

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.

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.

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.

