## Arthur "Amish Country" Christmas Kickoff includes lighted parade

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will make their first appearance of the holiday season during Arthur's annual Christmas Kickoff and Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 18.

The second annual "Downtown Arthur Olde Time Christmas Shop Hop" will be on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18. Visit the participating shops during the event to get your card, which will be available at all participating stores, stamped and turn it in at the last shop you visit to be entered the Grand Prize drawing. Sponsored by the Arthur Area Association of Commerce, the drawing will include gift certificates along with \$200.00 in Arthur bucks.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday will be the Arthur 3rd Saturday Christ-

mas Bazaar Blender held at weather permitting), Christthe Moultrie-Douglas fairgrounds located on Route 133 behind the high school. Admission is free to come and shop more than 60 vendors offering a wide variety of items in the nice and cozy merchant's building.

Free barbecue sandwiches and hot chocolate will be served downtown on Saturday only from 11 a.m.to 1:00 p.m. in Knight's Court.

Also at Knight's Court from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School FC-CLA Chapter will be hosting a cookie decorating contest. In case of inclement weather is will be moved to The Tastee Cup located at 119 S. Vine Street

When dashing about with your family and friends you can enjoy special events downtown (buggy rides mas open houses and special sales at participating merchants as well as free food (Saturday only 11am-1pm), all leading up to the lighted parade, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening. After the parade, stop back

into Knights Court for some free hot chocolate and cookies plus a chance to get in those first requests to Santa. In addition, the Arthur Fire Department will set up an Angel Tree inside Knights Court, so people can get an early start in making

## Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar **Blender at the Moultrie-Douglas County Fairgrounds**

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WE WILL BE HAVING DOOR PRIZES AS WELL AS SOME SALES!

START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!

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INVITES YOU TO OUR

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18 TIME: 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season in Arthur at the Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar Blender. To date we have 60+ vendors to help you with your Christmas shopping.

A sampling of some of the items include, crafts, jewelry, handmade purses. cookware, handbags, hand painted items, baked goods. spices, apparel, food vendors, and so much more. A great place to get started on the Christmas list early this

Photo opportunities for the children with Buddy

the Elf, Olaf and Dasher the Reindeer.

Arthur Amish Country Christmas Kick-Off will be going on this day as well with open houses and various other events in Downtown Arthur so come spend the day shopping and enjoy the lighted Christmas parade at 5:30 pm and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus immediately following the parade.

Hope to see you on November 18 at the Moultrie-Douglas Fairgrounds inside the Merchants Building from 9am to 4pm.

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Individuals and groups interested in participating in the parade should contact Billie Bernius at the State Bank of Arthur for an entry form. The form should be completed and returned to Bernius on or before No-

cerning the parade should be directed to Bernius at the bank, (217) 543-2111.

Come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with us in the Arthur area where we can help you simplify, save and enjoy this Christmas season!







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**SHOP HOP** Nov. 17 & 18 Visit each shop 🔊 during the event and get your card stamped. Turn in the card at the last shop you visit<sup>e</sup> to be entered into the Grand

2nd Chance Wood Amish Country Heirlooms Arthur Flower Shop Arthur General Store Country Cheese & More **Dicks Pharmacy** Kristen & Company Oye's Hardware Randall's Electric Small Town Chic Boutique Stitch & Sew The Tastee Cup The Woodloft Winter's Gallery & Boutique Yoder's Lamps & Antiques

**Prize drawing.** 

Downtown Shops open 9 a.m. Arthur 3rd Saturday Christmas Bazaar Blender 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Fairgrounds Merchants Bldg., no admission fee) Cookie decorating 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Knights Court., Sponsored by FCCLA,

Saturday only events:

in case of inclement weather will be moved inside The Tastee Cup) Free BBQ sandwiches, chips & hot chocolate (Downtown in Knights Court 11 a.m. till gone, BBQ sponsored by The Wood Loft) **Pink Flamingo Carolers** (Downtown on Vine Street starting at 5 p.m.) Buggy Rides Noon-4:00 pm (weather permitting) @ Welcome Center 5:30 p.m. - 11th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade (Parade line-up starts 5 p.m. on Lincoln St. south side of Arthur Grade School) Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Knights Court after parade)

## Merchants holding open houses all day

**Hot Chocolate and Cookies** 

Served at Knights Court

following the parade

Donated by: RoseLen's

Yoder's Kitchen

**Country Cheese and More** 

Arthur IGA

Homestead Bakery

Subway-Arthur

Downtown shops will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Arthur 3rd Saturday Christmas Bazaar Blender 9 a.m until 4 p.m. in fairgrounds merchants building Saturday only

> Lots of Holiday Shopping in the Arthur Area

Event sponsored by the Arthur Area Association of Commerce



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