Arthur "Amish Country" Christmas Kickoff includes lighted parade

Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar

Blender at the Moultrie-Douglas

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-

The Woodloft

Winter's Gallery & Boutique

Yoder's Lamps & Antiques

Arthur IGA

Event sponsored by the

Arthur Area Association of Commerce

the 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

mas Bazaar Blender held at weather permitting), Christmas 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

Come celebrate the begin-

ning of the Christmas sea-

son in Arthur at the Arthur

3rd Saturday Bazaar Blend-

er. To date we have 60+

vendors to help you with

A sampling of some of

the items include, crafts,

jewelry, handmade purses,

cookware, handbags, hand

painted items, baked goods,

spices, apparel, food ven-

dors, and so much more. A great place to get started on

the Christmas list early this

Photo opportunities for

the children with Buddy

year.

your Christmas shopping.

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

County Fairgrounds 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

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

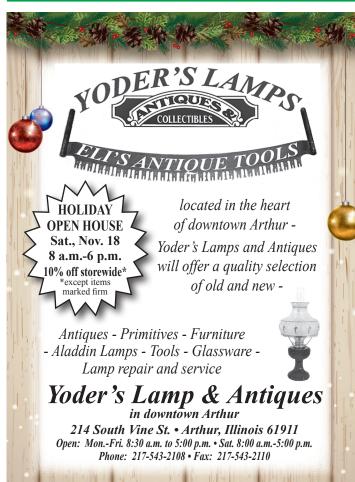
someone's Christmas really special this year.

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-

vember 14. Questions concerning 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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