# Arthur "Amish Country" Christmas Kickoff includes lighted parade

Arthur 3rd Saturday Bazaar

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**County Fairgrounds** 

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3rd Saturday Bazaar Blend-

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 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 rides 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

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

#### 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 November 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!

## Dreaming of a **Blender at the Moultrie-Douglas** ite Christmas? the Elf, Olaf and Dasher the Arthur Amish Country 122 S. Vine • Arthur Christmas Kick-Off will be Men's • Women's • Youths • Waxing • Tanning Tues.-Thurs. 10am-7pm Fri. 9am-5pm • Sat. 9am-Noon Closed Sun. & mon. KRIST 🛚 & CO. 543-286 hair styling and tanning ODER'S LAM

vear. 10% off Samples Store Wide Arthur Flower Shop Christmas **Open House** Friday, Nov. 17 • 8am-5pm Saturday, Nov. 18 8am-6pm Come in and join our ny Celebration with refreshments • Fresh Flowers • Christmas Decor • Jewelry • Cemetery Bricks • Cemetery Pillows, Blankets & Saddles "Fudge and Amish Made Food" Iomemade Fudge 216 S. Vine • Arthur, IL Buy 1 lb. Get 1/2 lb. FREE 217-543-2822 www.arthurflowershop.com Shops owntown open

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**During Arthur's** 

Christmas Open House





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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 to be entered into the Grand **Prize drawing.**

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9 a.m.

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

#### Saturday only events:

· 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, 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



and Grilled Chicken Dinner

~ FREE COFFEE ALL NIGHT

