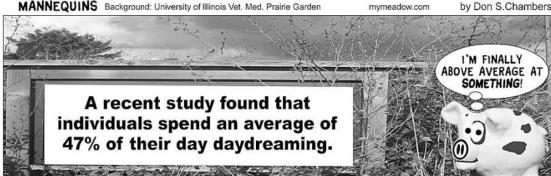
MANNEQUINS Background: University of Illinois Vet. Med. Prairie Garden



Businesses are expanding

By BOB DOAN **Community Development** Coordinator

It is good to see the growth occurring in Chesterville and south of that village. Due to the growth of Okaw Truss Company, Okaw Valley Woodworking and Okaw Valley Tours will move to a new location in the next few months.

They are in the process of constructing a huge (approximately 170 by 200) building just east of Simply Amish on the south side of Springfield Road. Merv Yoder is the owner of Okaw Valley Woodworking and Okaw Valley Tours.

This is positive news for the continued growth and development of the economy throughout the Arthur Area. Congratulations to Fred Helmuth (Okaw Truss Company) and Merv Yoder on this growth and expansion created by their sales efforts.

In my most recent article, I mentioned the large number of visitors downtown on Friday, September 28. I think there were even more visitors downtown, and throughout the Arthur Area, on Saturday.

I think sometimes we forget the economic impact which events and activities in the countryside make on the entire Arthur Area. We all realize that most visitors to the Arthur Area make more than one stop during their time in Arthur.

The Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) continues to encourage each business professional to be keenly aware of all events/activities occurring in the Arthur Area. When approached by a customer, it is rewarding to provide each of them accurate information concerning that event/activity.



the huge Tri-County Auction promotes and encourages. on Friday night and all day Saturday. The Great Pump- necting the Dots booklet, we kin Patch was open as was are set to go to press in the Aikman's Wildlife Adven- near future. I realize I have ture.

encourage, all Arthur Ar- by the end of the calendar ea businesses to find a way year to have the third edito "connect" with venues, tion of this booklet printed events, and activities occur- and available for sale. Copring at any location in the ies will be available for \$10 Arthur Area. These places each at the AAEDC office at and events provide tremendous opportunities for us to thur. connect our business to their visit. That is a tremendous the Governor's Summit on asset for our area and especially each individual business in the Arthur Area.

and impressed with the size ry "challenge" of businesses, of the crowds attending any especially manufacturers, is type of sale at Arthur Sale finding a reliable work force Barn. Dr. Paul and Rachel for their future. Marx have done an exceptional job of growing and de- strated that need and the veloping the facilities while focus was "What do we need attracting people from a to do, as a company, to imwider-range of central Illi- prove the workforce of our nois and beyond. These peo- future?" One of the changes ple also visit more than one many companies are making business when attending is to first review their applithe sales at the Arthur Sale cation and interview process Barn.

One of the many Arthur entry level positions. Area businesses I know provides visitors (i.e. custom- lowing this conference, I ers) to other businesses is realized few of our compathe Poultry Processing Plant nies have methods of hirsouth of Arthur. I have in- ing for entry-level positions teracted with numerous peo- which provide opportunities ple who have brought their for high school students on chickens, and sometimes a part-time basis. In future turkeys, to be processed at articles, I will discuss possithis plant.

they visit 2, 3 and sometimes entry-level positions to high 4 other businesses in the Arthur Area. This is an excel-

The events I am recall- lent example of "connecting ing from last weekend was the dots," which our booklet

Speaking of the Conbeen saying that for several I certainly hope, and months now, but we hope 223 South Vine Street in Ar-

I recently attended Workforce Development on the campus of Illinois Central College located in East I continue to be pleased Peoria. It seems the prima-

> This conference demonas well as requirements for

As I returned home folble options which business-While they are waiting es have for opening up their

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Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 ARTHUR GRAPHIC-CLARION



CLASS OF 1941. These two ladies from Arthur High School Class of 1941 were the oldest attendees at the AHS Alumni Banquet held Saturday, September 29. They are June Regenold Shrader and Georgia Ellen Reeder Fitzjarrald.



CLASS OF 1948. Standing: Alberta Watson Bradford, Janece Blaase Dicks, and Anne Beckman. Seated: Margaret Pyle Collins. These ladies celebrated their 70th high school class reunion.

It's 'Paint It Pink Week' at ALAH HS

"Paint it Pink Week" the all week. whole week of October 15-19. Events during this week 16 students will celebrate cards to send to hospitals honor Breast Cancer Awareness and serves to raise dents can wear fun socks nity on Thursday, October money for causes near and and are encouraged to bring 18, and on Friday, October dear to the hearts of ALAH in a dollar if they do so. students.

The ALAH Leader- That day at school students combined with all other

On Tuesday, October

The week starts off with there will be a teacher ver- at home. Wear your pink "Dig Pink" volleyball sus student, 5-touch volley-

ship class is sponsoring a will be given ribbons to wear money collected during the week.

Students will make "Socktober" day where stu- and people in the commu-19, the ALAH Knights Foot-Wednesday, October 17, ball team plays Cumberland for the pink-out theme, and game on Monday, October ball game beginning at 6 there will be donation box-15, hosted by ALAH whose p.m. One-dollar admission/ es at each of the admission gates.

By ROGER W. BONHAM Managing Editor

A routine traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a St. Elmo man on Saturday, October 6.

Police stopped Trampas W. Grove, 39, of St. Elmo at 7:28 p.m. southbound on Vine Street near the intersection of Luke Street.

Grove was charged with driving while driver's license is suspended or revoked, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arthur Police transported Grove to the Moultrie County Jail in Sullivan where he was held in cus-

bond, according to Arthur tion, unlawful use of an elec-Police Chief Mike Goodman. tronic communications de-

Police Report

Police cited Riley T. Gibbs, 26, of Mattoon on October 4 for driving while li- at 3:17 p.m. on Vine Street cense is suspended. Riley in front of Arthur Grade was stopped at 5:11 p.m. on School. County Road 100 East at Sunrise Drive. Gibbs was released with a Notice to Appear on November 5 in Douglas County Circuit Court.

Robert D. Fisher Sr., 45, of Arthur was cited October 4 for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration sticker. Fisher was stopped at 4:12 p.m. on Ash on Vine Street at 2nd Street. Street at Douglas Street.

Cory M. Schultz, 43, of Atwood was cited October las County Circuit Court, tody pending the setting of 4 for a city ordinance viola- Tuscola.

vice in a school zone.

Schultz was stopped

Loren E. Thompson, 34, of Mattoon was cited October 3 for driving while his license is suspended, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Thompson was stopped by Arthur Police at 4:04 p.m. He has a court appearance date of November 8 in Doug-



CLASS OF 1958. These four people were on hand at the Arthur High School Alumni Banquet to celebrate their 60th year since graduating from AHS. Members of the Class of 1958 are, standing, Delilah Beachy England, George Freese, Diane Fitzjarrald Mackey and, seated, Edward Dean Cookson. Cookson was last year's recipient of the AHS Hall of Fame Award.

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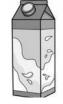
tian. Game time is 6 p.m. from concessions, will be

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The United States is the third largest country by area, after Russia and Canada.

Kentucky produces 95% of the world's bourbon, but their official state drink is milk.





Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named Sue" song was written by the beloved children's book author Shel Silverstein.

A solar eclipse helped end a six-year war between the Medes and the Lydians in the 6th century BC. When the sky suddenly darkened, soldiers took it as a sign to cease fighting.





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