

Shelbys celebrating 50th anniversary

Karen and Richard "Dick" Shelby of Decatur, IL (formerly of Arthur) are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

They were married August 5, 1972 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Benson, IL. Matron of honor was Mrs. Marj Moritz, sister-in-law of the bride. Best man was Don Shelby, brother of the groom.

Karen retired in 2010 after 39 years as an Executive Assistant at Mueller Co. After retirement, she returned to Richland Community College and received her degree in Medical Billing and Coding.

Dick retired in 2009 as Macon-Piatt Regional Superintendent of Schools. He was



Karen and Richard "Dick" Shelby

previously employed by the Atwood-Hammond Schools as a coach, grade school teacher, elementary principal, and high school principal since 1974.

They are the proud parents of 2 sons. Shawn (Shelley) Shelby from Decatur, Jason

(Kate) Shelby from Kansas City, KS.

A family celebration will be held in December in Naples, FL.

Karen and Dick lived in Arthur from 1975-2002. Shawn and Jason were born and raised in Arthur.



Parade entries needed for "Big Cheese" Labor Day parade

Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival is celebrating its 49th anniversary this Labor Day weekend and the "Big Cheese" parade, sponsored by the Arthur Area Association of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, September 3.

The parade will step off at

3:49 p.m. and lineup begins at 2:30 p.m. in the old Progress Tank facility located at 402 East Progress Street.

Parade forms are going out this week as everyone is invited to be a part of the event.

The committee strives to make it one of the best pa-

rades of the late summer and one of the highlights of the Cheese Festival.

Forms are also available at the Arthur Welcome Center, Arthur Graphic-Clarion newspaper office, or contact Stephanie Wierman at 217/620-7460.

The Circus is coming to Arthur

Event held at Arthur Sale Barn

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Arthur Area Association of Commerce, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Arthur on Wednesday, August 17, to the Arthur Sale Barn located at 1211 N. Vine St. with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 PM. C&M Circus has been providing quality, local family entertainment for 37 years.

This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top, Nick News: On the Road with Circus Kids and most recently OETA's BigTop Town.

This year, we're very excited to bring you our brand new 2022 performance featuring Big Cats presented by Trey

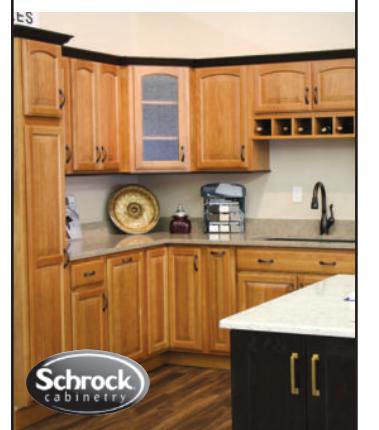
Key, our Aerialists Extraordinaire Simone and Kelly, 10th generation Loyal Bareback Horse Riders, the Perez Daredevil Duo on the Tight Rope and Wheel of Destiny, everyone's favorite Circus Clown Leo Acton and Brandon Ayala on the Rola Bola.

Tickets

Advance ticket prices are adult ticket \$12.00 and child (2-12) or senior (65+) \$7.00 and can be purchased before Circus Day from these locations: Arthur First Bank, Arthur Sale Barn, First National Bank of Arthur, Oye's and State Bank of Arthur.

A higher percentage of advance tickets goes back to the AAAoC, meaning more mon-

ey back into our community. You'll also save money and can skip the lines at the box office. Questions or for more information call 217/620-7460.



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Say Goodbye to Summer with 4-H

Moultrie-Douglas 4-H will hold Say Goodbye to Summer on August 9, 10, and 11th

2022. This event will be held in Arcola's City Park on Locust St. 5:30 -7:00 p.m. each day. Ac-

tivities and snacks will be provided, this event is free to all youth, 8-15, any youth younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Activities to include Summertime Slime on August 9, Boat Building on August 10, and Boat Races on August 11.

Registration is required by August 8. To register call 217-543-3755.

Atwood Community Blood Drive

By DORIS ELMORE
Staff Writer

A community blood drive will be held on Saturday, August 20, during the Atwood Apple Dumpling Festival. The donor bus will be on Main Street at the former Kirby Clinic location (108 S. Main St.) between 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Masks and appointments are required.

To schedule, please call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401 or register online at www.bloodcenter.org. Please eat before donating and bring photo ID. Last date to donate elsewhere: 6/25/22.

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2022 CLIFF KAUFFMAN MEMORIAL TRACTOR DRIVE



Please join us in Arthur on Monday, September 5 for a 30-mile tractor drive in honor of Cliff. If you can't join the drive, we will have lunch tickets available to be purchased separately.

All proceeds will be going to the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network and Central IL Down Syndrome Organization to help support kids with Down syndrome.

For more information, please check out the event on Facebook or email us at cliffkauffmantractordrive@gmail.com.

Kim Weber at 217.259.7195 or Kyle Kauffman at 217.219.3826



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Giveaways & Specials

Monday August 8 - Giveaways

Tuesday August 9 - Prime Rib (starts 4:30PM)

Wednesday August 10 - Free piece of pie with buffet

Thursday August 11 - Free drink with buffet

Friday August 12 - Free cookie

Address:
1195 E Columbia St,
Arthur, IL 61911

Hours:
Monday-Saturday
7:00AM-8:00PM