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Warren Zeiders Headlines

92nd Moultrie-Douglas County Fair

Silver Lake to kick-off the evening

The Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Board is excited to announce the entertainment for the 2023 Moultrie-Douglas County Fair. On July 8, a country music artist who has amassed over 790 million TikTok views globally, in excess of 492 million audio streams and well over 39 million video plays – Warren Zeiders will be headlining the fair this year! A local favorite, Silver Lake, will be opening the show.

Tickets for the event are only \$20 if purchased in advance. Tickets are on sale now at www.moultriedouglascounty-fair.org.

Zeiders was just 22 years old when he signed his first recording contract with Warner Records' Los Angeles home office. At that point, fresh out of school, the second song he'd ever written called "Ride The Lightning" had seemingly exploded overnight into the social conciseness of young country music fans. After a series of live covers, "Ride The Light-

ning" caught fire and ignited a community of true believers before he'd ever toured or played outside his hometown of Hershey, PA. Hundreds of TikTok posts turned into thousands and then millions.

Zeiders' distinctive, high energy country music is powered by a steady supply of youthful grit, honesty, muscle, and then, there's that voice; a world-weary, lived-in, honeyed growl that belie his young years. Hailing from central Pennsylvania, the now 23-year-old singer/songwriter delivers outlaw sermons with his unmistakable authenticity. His music is suited more to the vast wilderness of his home state than the bright lights of the big city injecting a healthy dose of Heartland ethos into his stories of real life and the pitfalls of temptation. He walks a fine line, but it's that space he lives in – between lonesome outsider and magnetic performer – that helps him relate to listeners from all walks of



life through songs fueled by an unshakeable soul-searching.

His original solo acoustic version of "Ride The Lightning" became an instant hit with fans that has resonated around the world. Since then, Zeiders has released a string of rockin' but heartfelt tracks on his own 717 Tapes platform along with "Dark Night," "Burn It Down," "Wild Horse," "Up To No Good" and the raucous "One Hell of an Angel" that led People Magazine to surmise "Warren Zeiders is a wild horse who

sings about the truth." Following a pair of well-received EP's, Zeiders hit the road for this first-ever tour with all dates selling out in under 72 hours.

To date, Zeiders has amassed over 790 million TikTok views globally, in excess of 492 million audio streams and well over 39 million video plays on the heels of his recently released debut album 717 Tapes: The Album, this past September. The album gathers up his 717 Tapes releases along with a handful of new

tracks. Zeiders has hit the road again, this time with a full band selling out every show and he moves into larger venues to accommodate his ever-growing legion of fans. This fall, Zeiders will release a brand-new track written and recorded with Los Angeles-based hip hop artist Sueco, called "Ride It Hard," due for release October 28, on Warner Records. Look for fresh US tour dates to be announced soon.

The fair runs Wednesday July 5 through Sunday July 9.

Senior Etiquette Workshop held for ALAH Students

A Senior Etiquette Workshop was held on Wednesday, April 12 at the Arthur United Methodist Church. Skills learned included lessons on making positive first impressions, interview skills, and dining and conversation etiquette.

According to information provided by Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School, the etiquette training idea came into being in 2018 at the request of Steffanie Seegmiller, principal at ALAH. At that time she felt it would help students be better prepared for their senior trip to Washington, D.C. Seegmiller and Kim Goodrich, 4-H Youth Development Educator for the University of Illinois Extension worked together to create topics for training. The press release stated, "Seegmiller knew that 4-H Youth Development involvement can provide youth with skills needed in life and the workplace, including critical thinking, team building and communication skills. These were areas that Seegmiller hoped to support with her stu-

dents. Morrison and Seegmiller agreed that all youth should be given opportunities that will lead to their future growth and success as contributing members of the community. The Etiquette training was a vehicle to support the students in their futures."

The success of the workshop with ALAH students led to etiquette workshops being held for 198 middle and high school students in 2022. These included high school students involved with Illini Prairie CEO, as well as students in Moultrie, Douglas and Coles counties and students in the 8th grade at Charleston Middle School.

At the end of the training, students had the opportunity to practice the skills learned at an etiquette lunch or breakfast. These meals have been sponsored by Rotary Clubs from Arthur, Arcola and Mattoon. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond students enjoyed lunch at Yoder's Kitchen where they were partnered with Rotary Club members and given the

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This table of ALAH seniors are filling out name tags and discussing the proper setting of a table. The students enjoyed actually setting their own place setting. At this table are: Alexis Helmuth, Austin Stutzman, Victoria Carter, Kylee Miller, Jack Hilton, Christian Miller, Lane Burton, Cory Hawn and Jonny Barbee.

32nd Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show April 27-29 at the Otto Center

A variety of quilts will be displayed at the 32nd Annual Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show Thursday through Saturday, April 27-29, at the Otto Center (2056 County Road 1800 East) just one-half mile south of Arthur.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$5.00.

In addition to the quilts in the exhibit, close to another 100 pieces will be sold during the annual auction on Saturday, April 29 starting at noon.

Entries will be judged in each of five categories: Baby, Wall Hanging, Antique, Pieced

(pieced machine quilted and pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100.00 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors to the show will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size Double Wedding Ring quilt. The drawing will take

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Kim Morrison, 4-H Youth Development Educator, gives a handy hint for properly setting a table at the annual Senior Etiquette Day held at the United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 12. Lots of information covering a wide range of topics was presented to the Class of 2023. They would get a chance to practice the skills learned at a luncheon with Rotary Club members and community volunteers later in the day.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

April 22- Steak Fry @ Arthur Masonic Lodge

April 25-Illini Prairie CEO Trade Show @ Yoder's Kitchen (5-7pm)

April 27-29- Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show @ Otto Center

April 27-29- Open House @ Family Health Foods

April 29- Quilt Auction @ Otto Center

Family Health Foods Open House

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, Family Health Foods will have a three day Open House on Thursday, April 27 from 7am-5:30pm, Friday, April 28 7am-6pm, and Saturday, April 29 7:30 am-4:00pm. They will also be hosting a conference on Thursday and Friday on various topics held at the HCK west building.

Store wide savings of 10% all three days along with many in-store specials and free samples and drawings.

Masonic Lodge Steak Fry

The Arthur Masonic Lodge #825 AF & Am will hold their annual Scholarship Steak Fry on Saturday, April 22 from 4:30-7:30 pm at 224 South Walnut Street.

The menu will include ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, roll, dessert, and beverage for \$25.00. Dine in or carry out available.

For tickets contact any Lodge member and walk-ins available.

Proceeds go to the Masonic Scholarships for the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond School District.

Correction

Corrections to last week's Arthur Village Board article.

In last week's article pertaining to the Economic Development Grant awarded to Simply Arthur, it was noted that the full amount, \$37,500 was paid to Millie Otto for her cleaning services which was incorrect. Otto is actually paid \$5,000 from that grant over a 12 month period. Also, the \$6,000 that was donated to the Arthur Rotary Club for the fireworks was also an Economic Development Grant, and was not a "donation." We apologize for any confusion that the article may have caused.

Correction

In this weeks Spring Home & Garden Guide, Prairieland Gardens Customer Appreciation date was incorrect. The correct date is Saturday, April 29.

Have A Good Week!

