

First ever Arthur Area Spring Community Arts Fair

The first ever Annual Arthur Area Spring Community Arts Fair was held on Saturday, May 6 at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

Eleven area artists had their work on display and for sale to help support community out-

reach through the ministries of AUMC.

The arts fair was organized by Ariana Cherry, local artist and poet and Jill Bunker, pastor of the Arthur United Methodist Church.

By popular vote, Doris Reyn-

olds of Mattoon was chosen as Artist of the Day.

It is hoped this will become an annual event. Thanks to all those who attended and supported area artists and these community programs.



Pictured in the foreground is Ken Bunker with some of his and Pastor Jill Bunker's artwork. Al and Sue Froman can be seen in the background with their stained glass pieces along with other various items used in their work.



Jerry Winters, local businessman and artist who is also owner of Winters Gallery in downtown Arthur is shown checking out one of the exhibits at the art fair.



Ariana Cherry, one of the organizers of the art fair, is pictured with some of her creations that she sells regularly on the internet and at local shows. Ariana's work can also be found at The Vault Art Gallery in Tuscola.



Sally McCarthy admires the beautiful photography work of Richard Herschberger (on the left).

CEO Trade Show held in Arthur



Kaci Beachy, left, displays her wares at the CEO Trade Show Tuesday, April 25, at Yoder's in Arthur. The CEO program teaches students in Douglas and Moultrie counties about entrepreneurship. Kaci is a senior at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School and created the business K.B. Boutique. She said the business "is a rural, agriculture-based boutique that provides products to support the jobs and lifestyles that keep the world running. The company operates in a relaxed, vintage style to help customers feel at home. K.B. Boutique markets its designs and logo on clothing, accessories, and stationery. The boutique emphasizes memorable connections with a Western way of advertising and style." Kaci plans to attend college in North Carolina and pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Photo by David Porter.



Customers filled the banquet hall at Yoder's in Arthur Tuesday, April 25, for the annual CEO Trade Show. The CEO program teaches students about entrepreneurship. This year's participants come from Tuscola, ALAH, Arcola and Sullivan high schools. As part of the program, students create their own businesses and market their products or service to the community. Photo by David Porter.



VENTRILOQUIST ENTERTAINS YOUTH GROUP AND COMMUNITY. Ventriloquist Doug Mickan from St. Louis entertained the youth group and community members last Wednesday at the Arthur United Methodist Church. He brought several of his 'friends' along to introduce them to the group. He also shared the great message of the love that Jesus has for us all. This Wednesday will be the last youth meeting for this school year. Ruth Miller leads the group and has done so for many years welcoming all youth in the community. Photos by Ariana Cherry.

Are you taking charge of your diabetes?

Diabetes is on the rise but can be a very manageable illness. If you or someone you care for has diabetes or is pre-diabetic, why not learn how to more effectively "take charge" and live an active and fulfilling life? Take Charge of Your Diabetes is designed to teach those with diabetes tools and techniques to help them become better health managers! Classes will be offered Wednesday afternoons starting June 7 - July 19 (skip June 14) from 2:00 - 4:30 PM. Classes will be held at the Shelby County Senior Center at 325 East North Ninth,

Shelbyville, IL. Prospective participants will need to register by Monday, June 2 by calling Community Care Systems at 217-774-7885 or the University of Illinois Extension office at 217-774-9546. The six weekly sessions are highly interactive and are taught by certified trainers Kara Brown and Cheri Burcham. Subjects covered include healthy eating, counting carbs, stress management, exercise and physical activity, monitoring blood sugar, medication management, working effectively with medical providers and much more. Due

to funding from the Administration for Community Living, there will be no cost for the workshop, but registration is required. The American Diabetes Association identifies this program as meeting the Diabetes Support Initiative criteria for support programming. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs & employment.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office at 217-774-9546.