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Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World

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Saturday, August 26 @9am
 Tuscola Community Building

Please join us for a one-day conference entitled Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World, held Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00am to 1:30pm (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Tuscola Community Building. Come hear Pastor Adam Koontz, an engaging speaker and well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America. Event attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included in the registration. This event is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund.



Speaker:
 Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz

Register at:
<https://bit.ly/notashamed2023>



'Let's Learn about Bees' is set for Saturday, July 8 at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center, in partnership with the University of Illinois Extension, presents "Let's Learn about Bees" Saturday, July 8. The hours for the event are from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This event is part of a new "enhanced Saturday" program that will be held periodically throughout the summer.

The purpose of the event is to educate about the importance of bees in the food system and show how you can create a bee-friendly habitat. Many Amish have hives on their farms and have created bee gardens that attract pollinator insects. Honey is harvested from the hive and used in recipes. Excess honey and related by-products are often sold.

An "Introduction to Honeybees" will be presented at 10 a.m. by Master Gardener Pat Conner. Learn some interesting information about honeybees, how they fit into our world, and what each of us can do to support them. The maximum number of participants is 20, so arrive early for entry. At 1 p.m., Pat Conner will present "Beekeeping the First Year," an overview of what the first year of beekeeping might look like. We'll discuss supplies, timing, activities, and much more. This is not beekeeping training, just an informative introduction. The maximum number of participants is 20, so arrive early for entry. Come and spend the day learning about bees and touring the campus. See the 1879 Miller/Herschberger Barn that was relocated and raised



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ILLINOIS AMISH HERITAGE CENTER
 Conveniently Located Between Arcola and Arthur on Route 133
 FACEBOOK: Illinois Amish Heritage Center and Museum
www.illinoisamish.org

LET'S LEARN ABOUT BEES
 Saturday, July 8
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come and learn about the importance of bees. Learn about establishing a bee friendly garden and how you can get started at beekeeping. Pat Conner, a University of Illinois Master Gardener, will present two sessions at 10:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. on an Introduction to Honey Bees and Beekeeping the First Year. Space for the classes is limited so plan to arrive early. Normal \$10 campus fee applicable and will include the bee session and tours. Let's Learn about Bees is part of our new enhanced Saturday series and is being presented in conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension and Master Gardeners. Tour our historic barn, houses, school, and workshop, enjoy our beautiful vegetable garden, visit our gift shop and have lunch with Shady Maple Concessions.

For more information – Jim Fleming – 217-791-1026







Cue the fireworks — Arthur's Freedom Celebration is July 1

The community of Arthur will roll out the red, white and blue carpet as they welcome thousands of visitors on Saturday, July 1, for the annual Freedom Celebration downtown and in Jurgens Park (the Moultrie-Douglas County fairgrounds).

The celebration has two parts with a parade downtown and the Arthur Rotary fireworks in the park south of the high school. Two special 6-horse hitches will once again be featured in this year's parade. The first team is Berry's Belgians (Tim Berry) of Villa Grove and the second is Hersch Belgians (Duane Herschberger) from Milan, Missouri. They will trot through the parade route just prior to the parade stepping-off and then will make another pass towards the end of the parade at a walk. Both hitches are sponsored by Tri-County Welding of Arthur. The annual Freedom Celebration Parade steps off promptly at 2 p.m. on East Progress Street. Line-up begins at 12:30 p.m. in the former Progress Industries property on the north side of the street. "A Star-Spangled Hometown Salute" is this year's theme. The parade proceeds west on Progress Street to Vine Street, south on Vine Street

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