



# ARTHUR GRAPHIC-CLARION

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## Changes Coming to Longtime Downtown Arthur Business

By MARTHA K. YEAKEL  
Staff Writer

The Arthur Flower Shop has been in existence downtown with the Winings/Krutsinger families in charge for 51 years.

Before moving downtown the greenhouse/flower shop was located at 308 S. Spruce. Once moved downtown, the store was located in the old Factory Sales building which is

where the gazebo parking lot is now and later at 210 South Vine, which was the old Stock's Shoe Store building. The business was moved to its present location at 216 S Vine in 2006.

Elsie Winings was the owner of the flower shop and later Elsie's daughter, Anita Winings Krutsinger worked in the store with her mother for many years.

Seventeen years ago, Anita bought the business and became the owner along with her husband, Mark. Mark has played a big role as the delivery driver for the many orders from families for birthdays, anniversaries and holidays, among other occasions. Anita is the go-to person who designs beautiful fresh floral arrangements six days a week. And that is where the change is coming in.

Anita and Mark have made the decision that as of July 1, 2023, the store will no longer carry fresh flowers and green plants. The new name for the store will be Arthur Floral and Home Decor and will strictly be a gift shop with Anita designing silk flowers only for home decor and cemetery decorations. The shop will showcase beautiful gifts, silk floral arrangements, cemetery decorations (saddles, bricks and hanging baskets), home decor, Amish made cheese, homemade fudge, jams and jellies, salsas and other candies. The back workroom will be open for extra displays.

Arthur Flower Shop has helped countless families during both happy and sad times - weddings, funerals, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Anita noted that they have worked with some families for as many as three generations. She men-



Anita Krutsinger is shown behind the counter at the Arthur Flower Shop soon to be known as Arthur Floral and Home Decor.

tioned that, while she loves making beautiful flower arrangements and making people happy, "it is time to slow down and spend more quality time with family. I also hope

to become more active in the community." She stressed that "I am not going anyplace, just making some changes." She also wanted everyone to know See **ARTHUR FLORAL** on page 8

## Potential Town-Wide Clean-Up Tentatively Set for September

WCIA "Our Town Arthur" to be held July 21

By ARIANA R. CHERRY  
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For those looking to unload their unwanted items, there will be a town-wide clean up in September. It has been two years since Arthur had their last one. The village board tentatively approved September 16 or September 23 for potential city-wide clean up days and gave Erica Carter permission to seek bids. Presently, GFL Environmental Waste Inc has given a quote of \$2,150 per truck which included all of the fees. Two years ago, the cost was \$15,995 for nine trucks.

Board members estimated that it could take between six and ten trucks depending on the amount of volume to clean up. Funding has already been budgeted to cover the cost of this project.

The village board also approved up to \$3,000 to spend on activities for WCIA's "Our Town Arthur" to be held July 21. Some of the potential activities being discussed include showing antique tractors and vehicles, inflatables, food vendors, and possible entertainment.

See **VILLAGE** on page 8

## Do you want to be Dementia Friendly?

By ARIANA R. CHERRY  
Staff Writer

"Dementia is a symptom of a disease," stated Sheila Greuel, an independent consultant with the East Central Illinois Area on Aging who gave a presentation about a Dementia Friendly Moultrie County at the Arthur Village Board on June 19, 2023. It is a symptom of other diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

According to the Illinois Department on Aging, there were about 220,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease in 2018 and that number is expected to increase by 18.2% by 2025 (260,000).

Greuel has been working with Moultrie County to do a community wide assessment about dementia. There are about 26 states that are now considered "Dementia friendly," with Great Britain being the first country to be labeled as so. Illinois is now on its way to becoming a "Dementia Friendly" state also. Someone who is considered "Dementia Friendly" is a person who has been trained professionally or casually on how to interact with someone who has dementia.

Greuel took a small assessment at the meeting by asking how many of those have had See **DEMENTIA** on page 3

## Village of Arthur Emergency Restrictions Parking and Traffic Flow and Parking Plan announced for July 1 Freedom Celebration

Village of Arthur Police Department  
Emergency Restrictions Parking and Traffic Flow

Due to the high volume of traffic on July 1, 2023 for the annual Arthur Rotary Freedom Celebration, in Jurgens Park, the following traffic flow and parking restrictions shall be imposed, beginning on July 1, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. and ending at 11:59 P.M.:

**Parking:**

No Parking will be allowed at the following locations:

- \*State Route 133, either side, from W. Palmer St. to Moses St.
- \*100 and 200 block of Surrey Lane, East side
- \*400 and 500 blocks of S. Union St., West side
- \*400 block of S. Spruce St., West side
- \*S. Pine St., from Progress to Rt. 133

\*400 and 500 blocks of S. Ash St., West side

\*500 block of Eberhardt Drive, both sides

\*600 block S. Vine St. to 300 N., West side

\*Douglas County Road 300N from 000E to 100E, South side

\*100E Douglas County road from Rt. 133 to 300N road, East side

**Road Closures:**

The following Village streets will be closed to vehicular traffic:

\*500 and 600 blocks of S. Spruce St.

\*Jurgens Parkway from S. Spruce to Parks West gate

**One Way Streets:**

The following Village and County roadways will be designated one-way roadways:

**Before fireworks**

\*S. Vine St. from Rt. 133 to See **RESTRICTIONS** on page 2



Tourism director for Simply Arthur Angie Parsons and long time volunteer Marty Yeakel.

## The Welcome Center Needs You!

There is a great opportunity for those who enjoy meeting new people and who want to make a difference in our local community... VOLUNTEER AT THE WELCOME CENTER!!

Visitors literally come from all over the world to visit Arthur and you can have the privilege of being their first point of contact in this beautifully remodeled space we are so fortunate to have.

Pre-covid, upwards of 450,000 came to visit a year, and this past year 230,000 visited, so we are moving in the right direction.

It's an important job, but one that is easy to accomplish as there are many helpful, simple to use resources to utilize as you interact with visitors and answer their questions.

It just starts with a smile and a friendly face, welcoming them, finding out where they come from and why they made the trip to Arthur so that you can help make their trip here a pleasant one.

Handbooks for you to use, as a volunteer, to answer their questions have been prepared, along with maps, visitor guides and brochures to meet their needs.

Tourism director for "Simply Arthur" Angie Parsons commented on how fun it is to hear where guests are coming from, as there is always something new with every guest.

And long time volunteer Marty Yeakel says, "you, as a resident, know more than you think you know" and you definitely know more than the visitor knows... so why not take a stab

at helping out in this most vital service to our town.

Volunteers are needed between the hours of 9:00 - 3:00 (with the most important window being from 10:00- 1:00).

You can volunteer once a week, once every other week or once a month for 2-4 hours at a time - whatever best fits your schedule.

Any hours you can offer would be greatly appreciated, especially during the busy summer season.

You can call Angie at (217) 543-2242 or email her at info@simplyarthur.us.

This service is a vital way to keep Arthur alive and thriving as we welcome those who take the time to come and visit, and then make them want to return and invite others.

## News Briefs

**Upcoming Events:**

July 1- Freedom Celebration Parade 2:00 pm

July 1- Freedom Celebration/Rotary Fireworks @ Jurgens Park

July 5-9- 92nd Annual Moultrie-Douglas Co. Fair

July 8- Bee Event @ IL Amish Heritage Center

July 9- Southern Gospel Music @ Penn Station

July 12-15- Central IL Shop Hop

July 14- Legacy of Love Fundraiser @ Penn Station

July 15- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

July 21- "Our Town Arthur"/Downtown

July 28- Pickers Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

### Knights JFL Cheerleading Sign Ups

ALAH Knights JFL cheerleader signups will be held on Thursday, June 29 and Friday, June 30 at Eberhardt Park from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Tiffany Grimsley at 217/ 737-4539.

### Concert Tickets for Warren Zeiders, Mo-Do Fair Headliner, Now on Sale

Concert tickets for Moultrie-Douglas Co. Fair headliner Warren Zeiders will be on sale at the Arthur Rotary fireworks on Saturday, July 1. Tickets will be available from 4-6 p.m. at the fair office located in a ticket booth near the pool with a blue fair office flag. Ticket price will be \$20 (CASH ONLY).

During fair week, concert tickets will be sold from the fair office, which will be a small building near the park restrooms. Tickets will be \$20 from July 5-7 and \$25 on Saturday, July 8, day of the concert. This will again be CASH ONLY. An ATM will be available on the fairgrounds.

Zeiders concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. A local favorite, Silver Lake, will be the opening act at 7:30 p.m. Silver Lake will also perform at the beer garden after the Zeiders concert. For more information or to buy concert tickets on line, visit our website: moultriedouglascountyfair.org

### Southern Gospel Music July 9

A night of southern gospel music will take place at Penn Station in downtown Arthur on Sunday, July 9 starting at 4:00 p.m. Performing will be Collage of Faith, Larry Purdeu, and New Creation. A love offering will be taken and a concession stand will be available.

### Early Deadlines

There will be early deadlines due to the July 4 holiday.

Deadlines for news items and advertising for our July 5 edition will be 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 29.

