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FIREWORKS TO FAIR... ALL IN THE SAME WEEK

Despite the Arthur Rotary Fireworks being postponed till Sunday, July 2 due to the severe weather forecast for Saturday, a tremendous crowd came out for a beautiful evening filled

with horse hitches, music by Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets, great food vendors, and of course the spectacular fireworks show that started at dusk. Hitching teams traveled

through the park around 5:00 pm and included Hersch Belgians (sponsored by Tri County Welding), Diamond K Percherons, Kauffman Brothers (in memory of horseman Glenn

Miller), and Graham Vet Clinic. Three days later the 92nd Annual Moultrie-Douglas County Fair kicked off with a pageant, fair food, carnival rides, ITPA tractor pull, dueling

pianos, livestock shows, gospel/country music groups, and Saturday night Warren Zeiders packed the fairgrounds with an electrifying performance.

Coming Friday, July 21



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The Hersch Belgians making a pass Jurgens Park just shortly after things kicked-off at the fairgrounds. Duane Herschberger is driving the team with special guest rider Ann Herschberger also along for the ride.



Diamond K Percherons from Buffalo, Missouri with their 6-horse hitch.



Kauffman Brothers hitch with a sign in memory of Glenn Miller.



Graham Vet Clinic with a 2-horse hitch rounded out the horse hitches.

News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

- July 14- Legacy of Love Fundraiser @ Penn Station
- July 15- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center
- July 16-21- Vacation Bible School @ Arthur Southern Baptist Church
- July 17- Senior Citizens Luncheon @ Community Building
- July 20- Red Cross Blood Drive @ Arthur United Methodist Church
- July 21- "Our Town Arthur"/Downtown
- July 28- Pickers Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

Senior Citizens luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon for July will be held on Monday, July 17, at the Community Building, 120 East Progress Street.

Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks are furnished.

Everyone is welcome.

Red Cross Community Blood Drive July 20

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held in the Arthur community on Thursday, July 20, from 1-6 pm at the Arthur United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

This drive is sponsored by the Arthur Ministerial Association and the Arthur Lions Club.

The Red Cross is asking all donors to call and/or register this time instead of just walking in if possible. Walk-ins will not be turned away but a limited number of people will be allowed at each time.

One car accident victim can use as many as 100 units of blood. Be the life-line patients need. Give blood and give life.

You can make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you for giving blood!



The Rural Patriot at the Arthur Fireworks held on Sunday, July 2.



ZEIDERS ELECTRIFIES CROWD. Rising country singer-songwriter Warren Zeiders headlined the 92nd Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Saturday night as nearly 2,000 concert-goers came from all over Illinois, some traveling as far away as New York and Iowa. Zeiders, touring nationwide, launched his music career by posting videos and songs on social media, grew his fan base, and landed himself a major record label deal with Warner Bros. Records in less than two years.



Deplorable driven by Fred Helmuth took 2nd with a pull of 293.61 at the ITPA tractor pull held on the fairgrounds on a perfect July evening as the stands were packed with spectators after a three year absence due to the pandemic and rain outs.



Adyson Hopkins was crowned 2023 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen at the pageant held last week.

