



Area residents grab a snack while watching fireworks Sunday at Green Mill Village in Arcola. Photo by David Porter.

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Blood drives

D&M Woodcrafts will host a blood drive from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at 421 E. County Road 200N, inside D&M Woodcrafts. To donate, contact Marlin Schrock at 217-268-3266.

Central Wood to host a blood drive from 2:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24, at 220 E County Road 200 N. To donate, contact Willard Miller at 217-543-2662.

Donnelley gathering

Former Donnelley employees are invited to a get-together at 3 p.m. July 23 at the Mattoon Moose Lodge 803, 1212 Broadway in Mattoon. Snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a covered dish to share.

Quilters gather

Quilters are invited to gather Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Arcola Center to share their time and mutual interests with other quilters. For information contact 217-417-1388.

City approves water tower ARP funding

The Arcola City Council last Monday (July 3), approved spending \$11,072.92 of their American Rescue Plan funds toward cleaning and repairing the west water tower. City Administrator Bill Wagoner said the estimate for the project is \$28,000, so the city will need to use other funds as well. The project includes some painting inside the tower.

Several other ordinances were passed to formalize decisions previously voted on by the Council including rezoning 1008 Robin Lane from B-1 commercial to R-4 residential, and two tax increment financing (TIF) agreements with BM Property Management at 118 E. Main St. The building formerly housed the Arcola Record-Herald and will now serve as an employment agency serving the John Deere facility at Mattoon.

One of the TIF agreements is a storefront remodel for 50 percent of the costs up to \$20,000. The other is for interior remodeling with a 20 percent rebate up to \$25,000.

The monthly zoning report showed \$43,600 in improvements being made in the city. Approved were a scale house for TGM on South Chestnut valued at \$4,000, a garage

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JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT. Ten contestants competed for the title of 2023 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Queen and Aymara Leal of Arcola was named 1st Runner-Up last Wednesday evening in Arthur. She is the daughter of Jose and Eloisa Leal and was sponsored by the Miss Arcola Pageant. Pictured is 2022 Junior Miss Moultrie-Douglas Kimberly Krustinger, Aymara Leal, 2022 Miss Moultrie-Douglas Julia Kerckhoff, 2022 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Whitley Fryman, and 2023 Little Miss Moultrie-Douglas Lydia Cummings.



FROM LEFT: KIDS ENJOYED inflatables including this water feature Sunday prior to Arcola's fireworks at Green Mill Village; the fireworks finale; Arcola's royalty were on hand for the festivities — front row: Pre-Teen Miss Arcola Madison Dunn and Little Miss Arcola Zamara Leal; second row: Jr. Miss Arcola Aymara Leal and Miss Arcola Jade Garza. Photos by David Porter and Nancy Rairden.

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