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BRIEFS

Evening Out on the County Line

The six stores on the County Line Road will be having an "Evening Out" on Thursday, Aug. 10.

Pickup up a registration card at Country Shoe Shop, F.D. Miller Feed company, Family Healthy Foods, Furniture Plus, Shady Crest Market, or Tools Plus for a chance to win prizes. All the stores will have special sales and open to 10 p.m. for your shopping convenience.

Parade entries needed for "Big Cheese" Labor Day Parade

Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival is celebrating its 50th anniversary this Labor Day weekend and the "Big Cheese" parade, sponsored by the Arthur Area Association of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Village of Arthur Sesquicentennial celebration will also be held in conjunction with this year's festival.

The parade will step-off at 3:50 p.m. and lineup begins at 2:30 p.m. in the old Progress Tank facility located at 402 E. Progress St. Parade forms are going out this week as everyone is invited to be a part of the event. The committee strives to make it one of the best parades of the late summer and one of the highlights of the Cheese Festival.

Forms are also available at the Arthur Welcome Center, Arthur Graphic-Clarion newspaper office, or contact Stephanie Wierman at 217/620-7460.

Blood drives

There will be a blood drive from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N. Prairie St. Reservations are required. Call 800-747-5401 or visit online: bloodcenter.org/group. The group number is 71203.

ImpactLife is holding a community blood drive from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in Atwood. The donor bus will be in the Kirby Clinic parking lot, 108 S. Main St. Appointments are required. Call 800-747-5401 or visit online: bloodcenter.org/group. The group number is 71038.

Rat Race Registration Underway

The Arthur Woman's Club Rat Race will be held during the 50th Annual Cheese Festival this Labor Day weekend. The race will be held on Monday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 a.m. There is a 10K course as well as a 5K course. Registration can be done online, on a paper form, or the day of the event. Please go to arthurcheseefestival.com to get a form or submit an online registration.

The race will be timed, and medals given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place male and female participants in each age category. The top male and female finisher for each race (first to finish the course) will be awarded a plaque as well as a monetary gift. They are accepting donations to sponsor the race. If you would like to donate, please reach out to a Woman's Club member or Stephanie Borntrager at 217-254-3647. There is no one-mile fun run or cheese chaser race scheduled for this year. Come out and join in the fun.



Villa Grove Ag Days

KIDS CHASE AFTER giant bubbles at Villa Grove's Ag Days Saturday, Aug. 5. From left are Titan Jarrett, 6, and Eli Gillian, 7, from Virginia (Illinois), and Maverick Dorsett, 4, of Villa Grove. Photo by David Porter.



PAYZLIE QUICK, 5, left, waves to her dad from the merry-go-round at Villa Grove's Ag Days Saturday. At right is Sutton Ross, 1, of Villa Grove. Photo by David Porter.



TAKING IN THE RIDES at Villa Grove's Ag Days Saturday are Peyton Ellis, 14, and Jackson Gire, 14, both of Villa Grove. Photo by David Porter.



JESSE GIRE, 14, left, and Silas Jones, 14, both of Villa Grove, spin on a ride Saturday during Villa Grove's Ag Days. Photo by David Porter.



OCCASIONAL SPRINKLES brought out the umbrellas Saturday during Ag Days in Villa Grove. But the rain didn't last long and brought the temperature down. Piper Mister, 5, right, chases after Eliana Miller, 5, both of Villa Grove. Photo by David Porter.

2023 CLIFF KAUFFMAN MEMORIAL TRACTOR DRIVE



September 4, 2023

Registration starts at 6:30 AM

Drive kicks off at 8 AM

We will be leaving from Yoder's Kitchen, stopping for a mid-morning break, then ending with lunch at the Arthur Fire Station.

Please join us in Arthur on Monday, September 4th for an ~30-mile tractor drive in honor of Cliff. If you can't join the drive, we will have lunch tickets available to be purchased separately.

All proceeds will be going to the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network and Central IL Down Syndrome Organization to help support kids with Down syndrome.

For more information, please check out the event on Facebook or email us at cliffkauffmantractordrive@gmail.com.
Kim Weber at 217.259.7195 or Kyle Kauffman at 217.219.3826

Car show returns to 2023 Cheese Festival

After a three-year absence, the 50th Annual Arthur Amish Country Cheese Festival committee is excited to bring back the 2023 Car & Truck Show to this year's event.

Organized by M/T Wallets Car Club, the show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in downtown Arthur at the corner of East Illinois



M/T Wallets CAR CLUB

and Hickory streets. There is an entry fee and dash plaques will be given to the first 50 entries.

Judging starts at 12 noon and awards for Best In Show Car, Best In Show Truck, Festival Queen's Pick, and Big

Cheese Grand Prize will be announced after judging.

For more information call 217/299-3096 or go to their Facebook page M/T Wallets. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 3. All show vehicles are encouraged to participate in the parade.

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Weather forecast

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 6 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

Wednesday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1am, then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind 9 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Friday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 79.