



Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale August 25, 26

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Staff Writer

The "Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale" is set this year for Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26 at the Otto Center.

This is an annual event that has been taking place in Arthur since the first sale in 1962.

In that inaugural year, the sale brought in about \$2,000 and in recent years, the sale has grown to raise upwards of \$100,000.

Mennonite Central Committee (a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches that began in 1920 in southern Russia, which is now Ukraine) has expanded to 50 countries and hosts 30 of these sales throughout the U.S. and Canada every year.

People travel distances to attend and support their mission "to share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working

for peace and justice." All sales total approximately 2.5 million dollars.

In Arthur, the committee represents 3 Mennonite Churches, with this year's president couple being Glen and Rhonda Rhodes of the Arthur Mennonite Church. Many other churches in the area also help out.

Rhonda shared, "It's so neat to see people work together for the same cause and it's amazing to see how many people show up - many people schedule it into their calendar every year and travel here from all over the U.S. We just met a couple today that have been coming since 1997."

And Glen shared that "80% of proceeds goes to MCC and 20% stays right here in Arthur and goes to local ministries and churches."

They both also wanted to share that when you support the MCC Thrift Store here in



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Arthur, you are also supporting the same relief ministry.

The main auction is sched-

uled for Friday evening from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This year's sale looks to be full of wonderful items including: lots of furniture such as maple bedroom set, cherry bedroom set, large tables,

benches, bookcases, lift desk (that can move between a standing desk and sitting desk), wall signs, clocks, and cabinets; outdoor items such as a gazebo, Blackstone griddle, glider, cottage rocker, wind chimes, See RELIEF SALE on page 10

No decision to move forward with new telephone policy for village employees and their families

Parking ordinance suggested for village parking lot

By ARIANA R. CHERRY
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Members of the Arthur village board continued their discussions on a new telephone policy for village employees and their families from their previous discussions. Comptroller Erica Carter spoke with Verizon and had found that if a village employee or a member of their family did not pay their phone bills, the village would be financially responsible. It also was brought up that there may not be a lot of participation in the savings program, as others may have different phone providers or already enrolled in other savings programs. After the discussion, no action was taken for lack of a motion.

Trustee Matt Bernius brought up during reports that it would be worth looking into for creating an ordinance for parking in the village parking lot. There have been large trucks, recreation vehicles and other cars parking there longer than 24 hours at a time. Other members of the board agreed with Bernius and felt that this should be something to continue discussing.

Other items discussed/voted upon:

- Expenditures in the amount of \$54,537.85 were approved.

- Police Chief Michael Goodman announced that new officer Debra Mullins will be graduating from the Police See VILLAGE on page 7



DEPLORABLE FOR THE WIN. Jurgens Park was packed Friday night with spectators along with trucks/tractors at the 2nd Annual Arthur-Atwood Lions Club ITPA Truck & Tractor Pull. Fred Helmuth (above) driving his 1755 Oliver won the 6850# Pro Farm class with a pull of 360'.44". New Life Church (below) carried the giant flag onto the track for the playing of the National Anthem. Winning the Classic class was Derk Casteel going 317'.37". Both the ALAH FFA and Arthur Christian School FFA groups helped with admission and parking for the evening and the ALAH royalty sold 50/50 tickets and assisted with the trophy presentations. Proceeds from the event will assist those in need from the communities of Arthur, Atwood, Lovington, and Hammond.



News Briefs

Upcoming Events:

August 18- ALAH Knights Red & Gold Scrimmage

August 18- Antique Tool/Petrolina Auctions @ Tri-County Auction Facility

August 18 & 19- Heart of Amish Country Pro Rodeo @ Jurgens Park

August 19-Petrolina Auction @ Tri-County Auction Facility

August 19- 3rd Saturday Market Bazaar @ Otto Center

August 21- Senior Citizens Luncheon @ Community Building

August 25&26- Mennonite Relief Sale @ Otto Center

Memorial Donations to Library

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Arthur Public Library wish to express their appreciation for recent memorial donations.

The books *Teaching Music to Students with Special Needs* was donated by the class of 1952 in memory of Joan Dixon and *Pinkalicious and the Little Butterfly* and *Butterfly Counting* were donated by the Bridge Gals in memory of Maragret Collins.

Senior Citizens luncheon

The Senior Citizens Luncheon for August will be held on Monday, August 21, 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.

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, September 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 East Progress Street.

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.

Have A
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