

Tractor Drive

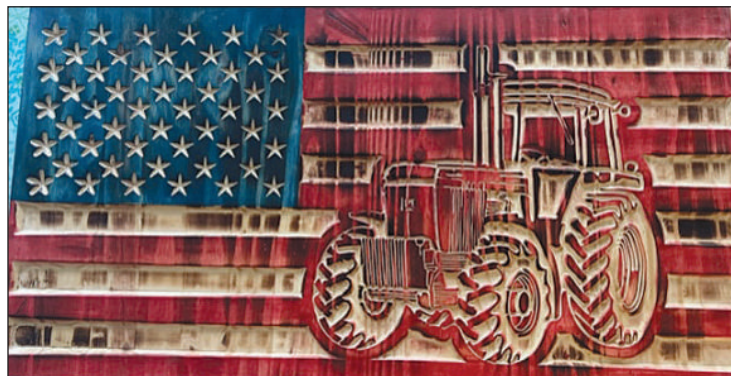
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ed below.

With this being our 5th tractor drive, we will also have an on-site raffle for a handful of items. Tickets can be purchased in advanced by contacting Debby Kauffman or Karen Litteral. Tickets will also be available the day of the event at registration or during lunch at the firehouse. Tickets are \$5/ ticket or 5 for \$20. We will have rocker lawn chairs, a wood sign with an American flag and tractor, 2 tractor pictures, and an oak tractor coaster set.

The proceeds from the event will be going to the Central Illinois Down Syndrome Organization (CIDSO) and the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN) to help provide funding and support for those special kids with Down syndrome. Cliff's grandson, Colton, was born in 2014 and has Down syndrome. Colton was grandpa's boy and just a few hours before Cliff passed away, he had taken Colton on his very last tractor ride that they would take together.

An on-site registration fee of \$50 will take care of the tractor and driver and includes one T-shirt (if available) and one lunch ticket. We will have a



One of the on-site raffle item that tickets will be sold.

limited amount of lunch tickets which may be purchased for \$15 and a limited number of T-Shirts available for \$20 on the day of the event.

We would also like to send a big THANK YOU to our sponsors which include Graham Veterinary Clinic, Effingham Equity, Weger Accounting & Consulting, Farm Credit Illinois, Yoder Seed, Advance Trading, Birkey's Farm Store, State Bank of Arthur, Rural King, and Kitchen Seed. We appreciate your support!

For more information, to register, or purchase a lunch ticket ahead of time, please contact Kim Weber at (217)259-7195 or by email at cliffkauffman-tractordrive@gmail.com. The event can also be found on Facebook.

Planned Route:

Turn left out of Yoder's Kitchen onto Rt. 133

Turn left onto the County Line Rd.

Turn left on 300N

Turn left on 200E

Cross over Rt 133 and turn right on 500N

Then left on 400N

Turn right on 400E

Go through Chesterville and follow road to the Bourbon Rd. Cross over the Bourbon Rd and turn right on 550E

Cross over Rt. 133 again and turn left on 300N

Turn right on 575E

Turn left on 200N

Turn right on 600E to the DuWayne Miller farm for break.

After break, turn right out of Miller farm on 600E

Turn left on 100N

Turn right on 630E

Make a right on 1830N

Turn right on 1600N (Coles Co)

Make a right on 450E and go past Aikman Wildlife

Continue north on 425E

Turn left on 300N

Turn left on 200E

Turn right on 240N and

cross over 100E

Line Rd. to Rt 133

Turn left onto Rt 133 to the

Turn right on the County Arthur Firehouse



RODEO FUN. ALAH FFA officers Abigail Miller, Anna Rawlins, and Will Hilligoss getting ready to participate in the wild calf dressing team contest at Friday nights rodeo. The goal was to catch a calf and put a pink pair of underwear on them. Even though they didn't win it was certainly entertaining to watch them give it their all as well as other local teams that competed both nights.

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ed by the district. The staff was excited to see colleagues and get started on a new year. The district has rolled out our new math curriculum along with a few other initiatives but we are very conscious that teachers need time to work in their rooms and we are working hard to accommodate.

First Knight

We took some time on Tuesday, the 15th to welcome students back to the school for First Knight. This year was a bit of a change, with hotdogs and drinks provided by our Lions Club and many different community organizations invited to display different services that can be provided to our students. A big thank you to Jann Harris and all of our community members in putting together a great event.

New Additions to AGS

We have quite a few additions to AGS this year.

- Hillary Chupp - Secretary/SPED Administrative Assistant
- Hayley McDade - Kindergarten
- Mikhala Sumption - 3rd Grade
- Madelyn Groom - Pre-K
- Whitney Wynkoop - 5th Grade

- Stacy Goodman - JH Science
- Samuel Truppa - JH Social Studies

- Austin Romine - 4th Grade
- Cassidy Dycus (Special Education Aide)
- Sarah Lemke (PreK Aide)
- Catelyn Baldwin (ESL Support - shared w/ HS Spanish)

Bridges to Mathematics Teacher Training

On August 7 and 8, all of Arthur Grade School's K-5 teachers participated in training for our new math curriculum. It was fun to see the staff learn the games, hands on activities, and instructional practices that go along with this new program. We thank the staff for giving up part of their summer to receive this training and to better instruct our students.

First Day of School Activities

AGS is excited to invite students back. Along with being welcomed by their teachers, having time to see old friends, and setting up for the days to come, students will be reviewing expectations for the year. Students will be going from station to station to learn about appropriate expectations for the different areas of the school, along with meeting with me. I am excited for the opportunity to meet with our kids again.

Atwood-Hammond Grade School
Christopher Forman,
Principal
Summer Improvement and Work Highlights:

The parking lot work is completed. The striping, curbing and crosswalks look outstanding and many neighbors and visitors have already comment-

ed on the sharp look it brings to the school. Our wonderful PTO purchased new benches for our playgrounds last year and the boys were able to install them over the summer as well. They will be a welcome addition to the playground for parents and grandparents after school hours, as well as students during the day. I was able to organize two trophy cases over the summer and store trophies for our alumni who are interested in them. The trophy cases in the entryway/lobby will house all of the trophies and plaques from the Arthur CUSD #305 era thus far and the gym/cafeteria trophy case will house the South Piatt/Charger era trophies along with the old sign insert. Additionally, the inside of the school looks

so nice and clean. The crew worked very hard in July to get the furniture moved and floors waxed. I am very thankful and appreciative of their time and efforts!

Welcoming Back Staff and Students:

The annual Back to School Bash was held at the First Baptist Church of Atwood on August 5th. The generosity of this community and the members of this church continues to impress me. The turnout was good this year, but it was a very hot afternoon for all those attending. A huge "shout-out" goes to Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Binion, Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Crist (and their husbands) for putting this event on each year as well as the church and all the many volunteers.

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I am eagerly awaiting meeting all of the staff and students for the start of the school year. The building and grounds look amazing and I cannot wait to see the students on the first day! I will again give the staff a "Teacher Survival Kit", filled with special items along with sayings that go along with each item to help them "survive" the first week of school. Special shout-out to Mrs. Fleming for helping me put them together.

Meetings and Training at AHGS on August 7 and 8:

AHGS was honored to host four different meetings on the 7th of August. All district K-5 teachers were invited to attend a two day in-person training with Bridges representatives here at AHGS. Around 34 teachers attended both days of the training. We were happy to host several other meetings on Monday, as Aramark hosted a district meeting of over 50 employees and our DCLT team kicked off our yearly meetings in the Library that day as well.

Lovington Grade School

Marla Graham, Principal
1. We are so excited to be starting a new school year! Floors are waxed, rooms are clean, decorations are hung. Our custodial staff did a fabulous job as always! All we need

now is some precious children!

2. We will be hosting First Knight again this year but it is going to be a little different. We are all inviting community partners (fire, ambulance, businesses, Mental health partners, 4H, boy and girl scouts, etc.) The students will be able to talk with each of these partners and make connections!

3. Our K-5 teachers were able to spend two days with Bridges trainers August 7 and 8. It was fun to watch their excitement grow as they learned more and more about the new math curriculum and all of the components.

4. Staff lunchroom update!

Our student council did a fundraiser (penny wars) under the leadership of Ms. Rose Hollingsworth to redo the room where our staff eats their lunch. MasterBrand donated the cabinets and the student council funds paid for the rest of the items. If you are over in Lovington come check out this peaceful oasis!

5. We partnered with a school supply company that parents could order directly from and that was a success. We had about 35 families take advantage of this opportunity!

6. We have air and it is glorious!

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