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FEMA approves storm funding

On Sept. 15, FEMA approved Illinois' request for 19 counties, including Douglas and Moultrie counties, to receive public assistance following the severe storms and flooding event June 29 – July 2. With this addition, federal funding is now available to state, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work, debris removal and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the disaster in Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Hancock, Macon, McDonough, Monroe, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Scott, Vermillion, Warren and Washington counties.

See FEMA on page 2



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HARVEST TO HOME

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ATTRACTIONS BOTH DAYS



OCTOBER 6
9 A.M. - 6 P.M.
OCTOBER 7
7 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Admission price: \$10 Per Adult, Children Under 12 Free or \$20 Per Car or Buggy Load

Featuring activities surrounding "King Corn"

- Corn harvesting using hand shucking and mechanical pickers pulled by horses and tractor
- Corn shelling using a Minneapolis-Moline corn sheller
- Cob grinding into livestock bedding and grinding corn into livestock feed
- Broom and Rope making • Grist mill making corn meal • Check row corn plot
- Sawmilling and buzz saw • Corn stalk chopping and disking
- Field demonstration featuring horse and tractor plowing
- Glass blowing • Horse shoeing • Blacksmithing
- Equipment powered by horse treadmills
- Display of antique farm machinery, tractors and early 'Hit and Miss' gasoline engines
- Buggy and train rides • Petting zoo
- Variety of children's activities • Apple butter making
- Parade of power featuring horses and mechanically powered equip.
- Sorgham pressing and cooking • Apple cider pressing
- Food: Full meals and sandwiches • Kettle corn • Homemade ice cream

Pancake, sausage and liverwurst breakfast

Saturday morning 7-10!

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HARVEST HAS BEGUN in east-central Illinois. This is Heritage Family Farms just outside of Arthur. See the Farm Safety pages inside.

BRIEFS

'Ghere Bowl' Friday in Arcola

When Villa Grove fans leave their home football field named "Russ Ghere Field" on Friday night, Sept. 22, they will travel to longtime county and conference foe Arcola and when doing so, they'll turn into Arcola High School's Thomas-Bradford Field off "Ghere Brothers Memorial Highway" on Rte 133.

In Arcola, the Ghere legend is poignant and memorable and serves as the Arcola version of "Saving Private Ryan." Arcola-born Roy and Lillie Ghere sent all seven of their sons to fight in WWII. One son, Bobby, was killed in action in Germany in 1945. The other six brothers went on to become model citizens and community leaders. One of them, Russ, achieved great success as a coach at Villa Grove from the late 1950s to mid-70s.

A special program to honor the There family will be held

at 6:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Thomas-Bradford Field, Arcola High School. About 40 Ghere descendants are expected to attend the 75th football game between the two towns. VFWs from both towns will be participating in the program.

Dress for success

Join the Douglas County Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 401 S. Main St. in Tuscola. Darlene Smith, recovery navigator, and Jenna Slaughter, workforce development career coach, will discuss tips and tricks on how to shop for business casual clothing on a budget, as well as provide information on basic interview etiquette and resume development.

You will have the opportunity to "shop" in the business attire closet filled with generously donated, gently used business attire and pick out a few items to take home, free of

charge. The closet is also open by appointment or during walk-in hours Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. till 12 noon. For information, call 217-253-7555.

Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. South wind 8 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 16 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 6 to 9 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

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

Sunday: A chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.

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