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Arthur seeks entries for July 1 Celebration Parade

The 2023 Freedom Celebration Parade in Arthur will take place Saturday, July 1 at 2 p.m. "A Star-Spangled Hometown Salute" is the theme for the 29th annual parade. Individuals, organizations,

churches, and businesses interested in participating in the parade should call Stephanie Wierman at 217-620-7460 to request a form or stop by the Welcome Center at 106 E. Progress to pick up a form.

Sponsored by Arthur Area Association of Commerce, the line-up for the parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the old Progress Tank Facility (402 E. Progress St.) and the parade will step-off promptly at 2 p.m. Only parade participants are allowed in the line-up area. Drop off area for parade participants will be at 402 E. Progress St., which is the entrance to the plant.

The Freedom Celebration Parade route will run west on Progress Street to Vine Street, turns left on Vine Street and travels through downtown Arthur, turns left off Vine Street

on to Logan Street, and then left again on Pine Street and ends back at Progress Street.

The Arthur American Legion Post #479 will be handing out American flags along the parade route again this year.

People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs to watch the parade anywhere along the route with their families, friends, and neighbors. Kids and kids at heart don't forget to bring a bag for candy!

Parade entries should remember to report to for line up between 12:30 and 1:45 p.m. on July 1.

Property tax bills mailed

Douglas County Real Estate Tax Bills went in the mail on Friday, May 26. Due dates are Wednesday, July 5, and Tuesday, September 5. Treasurer Bobbi Rairden said, "Please read the back of your tax bill. Many questions can be answered there. There is also

contact information for each office and the duties of each office in regards to the tax cycle." You can also go to the county's website at www.douglascountyil.gov and click on Departments and then Treasurer for information, forms, and payment options.



ARCOLA MAYOR JESUS GARZA joins in the fun as he and 12-year-old Tristan Marroquin battle at the city's new splash pad on opening day last Wednesday. The water feature is now closed, however, as residents logged numerous complaints that the concrete surface was too slick and caused kids to fall. The city is working on a solution to the problem. The mayor hopes to have the splash pad back in service by June 11 for Kid's Day in Arcola. Photo by David Porter.

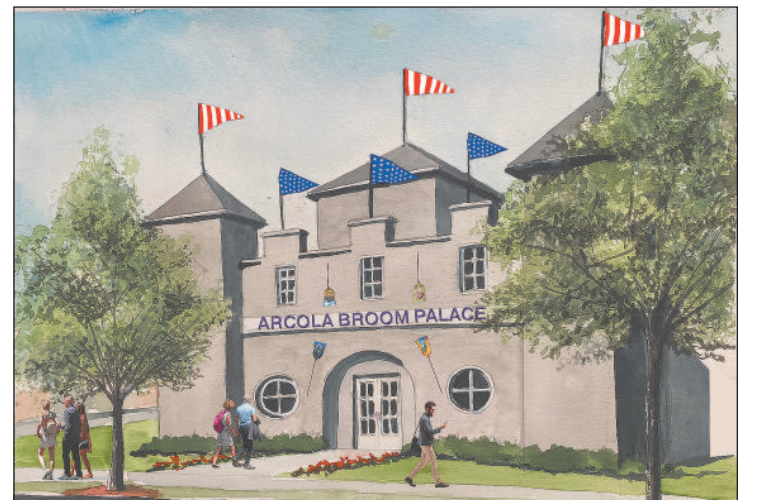
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MINI AUCTION - 6:00 PM

<p>LAWN & GARDEN Sandbox w/ Roof 4' Glider (Cedar/Black) Ariens 21" Self-propelled Mower STIHL Pressure Washer (2700 PSI) Honda FG110 Mini Tiller Makita 36v 21" Self-propelled Commercial Mower Makita 36v Chainsaw Makita 36v Stringtrimmer Makita 36v Blower M18 String Trimmer 3 pc Planter Set</p>	<p>M18 6 gal Vacuum 12" Saw Blade Set M18 Tire Inflator Makita Tire Inflator Makita Router Makita Multi Tool Lots & Lots of Makita Battery Tools & Batteries</p>
<p>HOUSEHOLD 5 pc Rustic QSWO Modesto Bedroom Set (Queen) Hickory Child's Rocker Knotty Alder Hat Box 36" Adjustable Clothes Dryer 6'-8" Lifetime Tables 6' Lifetime Folding Benches Barn Beam Chandelier 140A Freedom Fan Miller Tech Hand Held Mixer 30 qt Fryer Coffee Butlers</p>	<p>CAMPING, GAMES, TOYS GCI Freestyle Rockers BB/Pellet Gun Fishing Poles Aluminum Ball Bats Softball Gloves Graber Grill MillerTech Headlights Rhino Deluxe Swivel Hunting Chair</p>
<p>HORSE, BARN & SHOP 58" Buggy Pony Mare - Well Broke (for more information call Lamar Schrock 217-273-6494) Medium-Sized Cruiser 60" Buggy Pony Harness (Bio) 50 bu EZ Trail Gravity Wagon 400# Feed Bin 16' Aluminum Hay Hiker Chicken Coop (MSB) Poly Lapp Dumper 49" Ultra Tow Aluminum Cargo Trailer 35 amp Relion Battery Wet/Dry Shop Vac</p>	<p>CERTIFICATES Garage Door Screen up to 10' tall Subscription to Arthur Graphic Locust Creek - \$100 2-person Walleye Fishing Trip on Lake Erie (April 2024) 2-person Fishing Trip on Lake Shelbyville (Mark Chupp) 2-person Fishing Trip on Lake Mattoon (Matt Chupp) 1 acre Lawn Application (Precision Turf) 4 new Horseshoeing (Marvin Miller) 4 new Horseshoeing (Lamar Schrock)</p>

ALL DAY BAKE SALE
8:00 AM
HOMEMADE BREAD, CINNAMON ROLLS, ANGEL FOOD CAKES, NOODLES & MORE!

DINNER - 4:00 - CLOSE
Cheeseburgers, Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Baked Beans & Noodles
Strawberry & Lemon Shake-ups & Iced Coffee
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Also Serving Shortcake, Strawberries & Soft Serve Ice Cream - 11am - Closing



ABOVE IS AN ARTIST'S PAINTING of a proposed \$600,000 "Broom Palace" modeled after a temporary structure made out of broom corn in Arcola. Pat Monahan brought the proposal to the Arcola City Council saying he thinks it would bring tourists and help fill empty storefronts. He said Libman Company, the largest U.S. manufacturer of cleaning products, has committed to locating an outlet store there. The building would be located on the former Metropolitan Block near where the original structure stood.

BRIEFS

Free pressure canning testing

Pressure canning is a safe way to preserve low-acid vegetables, such as potatoes and green beans, meats, and other foods at home. University of Illinois Extension recommends testing dial-gauge pressure canners each year for accuracy. Over time, the needle on the gauges can move out of place. When canning foods at home, having an accurate gauge means safer canning and lower risk of foodborne illnesses.

University of Illinois Extension will test your dial-gauge pressure canners for free on June 23. Canner lids can be brought to the Arthur Produce Auction that morning or lids can be dropped off any time before that date at the Moultrie-Douglas Extension Office located at 304 E. Progress in Arthur. Office hours are 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Testing will take place the afternoon of June 23 at the office and owners of the lids that have been dropped off can pick them up any time after that date.

Testing is designed for dial-gauge pressure canners. Weighted-gauge pressure canners do not need testing. For additional resources on canning, visit the Food Preservation Resources page from University of Illinois Extension online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/food/food-preservation>.

Shalynn's Shuffle 5k

Shalynn's Shuffle 5k is set for 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 10 at Atwood-Hammond Grade School. Register online at <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/73096/5th-annual-shalynns-shuffle>.

Weather forecast

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South southeast wind around 7 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind 7 to 9 mph.
Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

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