

Leland and Dolores Lust's 74th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lust will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary with their family.

Leland and Dolores Askew were married in Decatur on January 22, 1949.

They are parents of Ted Lust and wife Danita of Tuscola, Carol Randall and husband Rod of Arthur, and Debbie Lust Gentile and husband Mike of Hammond.

Cards may be sent to 175 N. 900 E. Road, Hammond, IL 61929.

Leland has been a devout baseball player and fan throughout his life. He was catcher for the Hammond baseball team that had a winning season in 1947. He also attended the tryout camps for the Chicago Cubs.

Leland and his brothers, Leonard and Herb, were drainage contractors and installed a lot of field tile on farms here in Central Illinois.

He also farmed and later worked at, and retired from, USI Chemical Plant, Tuscola, Illinois.

Dolores was born in North Dakota and also lived in Minnesota. Her family eventually moved to Decatur, Illinois as her father was a telegrapher for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

She has always loved music including traditional country



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as well as 50's and 60's rock and roll, and has always been a big Elvis Presley fan!

She is a very skilled artist including paintings and drawings.

She enjoyed participating in style shows while working at the Four Seasons clothing store in Tuscola from which she eventually retired.

Leland and Dolores both

enjoy gardening and for many years raised some of the best tasting sweet corn you could find!

The couple have lived on their farm in Hammond their entire lives and also been lifelong members of the Hammond United Methodist Church.

They love and are grateful to God for all their family and friends!

Arthur Through My Eyes

This week I ventured into the Arthur Welcome Center and enjoyed picking out different brochures of services and attractions available both in Arthur and surrounding communities. It reminded me, once again, how much we have to offer here. It's also just special and unique to even HAVE such a facility in a small town to welcome visitors. Delightful!

It prompted me to research what makes a small community thrive, and with this year being the 150th anniversary of Arthur, it seems appropriate to highlight some of what I found.

In an article from the EPA entitled, "Smart Growth in Small Towns and Rural Communities" it was mentioned how important it is to have a "walkable main street and a place where families can live close to their daily destinations."

We have that here. I so enjoy seeing kids walking or riding their bikes to school and have been blessed to see the activity along Vine Street in general.

Another point this article made was that providing places for recreation and creating tourist attractions help the growth and sustenance of a small town by bringing investments into the local community.

Through the years, Arthur has built a community pool, maintained a fairground, improved Eberhardt Park, hosted auctions, built a pumpkin

patch and promoted the distinct Amish culture and all it provides. Arthur is attractive and interesting.

In "Where Small Town America is Thriving" in Forbes it states, "America's smaller communities are far more diverse and have far greater potential than is commonly believed." This is true here where Amish and English live, work, and serve alongside one another.

The article also stated how important manufacturing is to a small community, and Arthur is BLESSED with that! It was also mentioned that "many small cities present promise of safety, quality education and work-life balance". In the short time I've been here, I've seen much school spirit on display. The Arthur Graphic itself highlighting much of the sporting and other school events with much pride and joy. It's been refreshing and endearing to my heart.

Lastly, I want to share a few

quotes from "The Secrets of Successful Small Communities" by the New Hampshire Municipal Association that to me, describe Arthur. "Many communities have found ways to retain their small town values, historic character, scenic beauty and sense of community...and they've done it without accepting the cookie cutter development that has turned many communities into faceless places that people flee, tourists avoid and which no longer instill a sense of pride in residents." "They capitalize on their distinctive assets, their architecture, history, natural surroundings, and home grown businesses - rather than trying to adopt a new and different identity." AMEN! Let's keep working hard together to make the next 150 years of Arthur ones that coming generations can celebrate.

Proud to Live in Arthur,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Christ the Cornerstone

When Jesus was teaching a crowd he shared a parable that introduced an idea that is foundational in a very literal sense.

Jesus taught that if you listen to His word, you are like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. When the storms came, the house stood. But, if you ignore the words of Jesus you are like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. When the storms came the foundation gave way and the house collapsed.

Christ wants us to see that the foundation that we build on matters.

As a church, we need to make sure that we are building on the right thing.

Most of us are aware that the church is God's people, not a building.

The building that you call the church is just where the church meets.

The New Testament describes the church as *Ekklesia*, which is a Greek word that means "called out ones".

Those of us who have been called out of our sin into glorious life in Jesus Christ are the *Ekklesia*, the Church.

In I Corinthians 3:11 we are told to be mindful of what the church is to be built on.

It says, "For no one can lay any other foundation than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ."

Too often, we see well intentioned people trying to build their lives on so many other things.

If we are called out believers, we are to be building on the foundation of Jesus.

The Bible shows us another reason to build our lives on Jesus.

Ephesians 2:19-20 explains, "So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone."

The cornerstone is the foundation block by which the builder will make sure that everything is made level and straight.

So, church, not only should we build our lives on Jesus, we should check everything by Jesus to make sure that it is right and good.

We are the ones who have been called out to have our lives built on the person and the work of Jesus Christ.

Let me encourage you to build your life on Jesus, and to check everything that you build by the cornerstone to make sure that it is straight and true.

To God Be the Glory!
Pastor Doug Davis
Arthur Southern Baptist Church

Park Board

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There was no discussion or action in regard to the Moultrie-Douglas County Fair contract/lease but the 2023 fair dates of July 5-9 were announced.

The board voted to spend up to \$7,000 in materials on dugout upgrades and expansion on the softball field. The Lucas Otto Memorial Fund has donated \$1,000.00 towards this project and C.H.I. has offered

to help with garage door panels for the back of the dugouts. The dugouts will be expanded from 6-foot to 12-foot in width and from 20-feet to 30-feet in length.

There was no general discussion, and the board then went into executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of property for the use of the public body to discuss whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023.

Church Directory

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipleship & Worship; Jeff Marner, Minister of Administration & Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshipanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABCUSA) - 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faihtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 6:00pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-273-4202. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Darrell Helmuth, Minister. Everyone welcome.

JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369.

Website: jrcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. **Sunday Worship:** 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Contemporary Service; 10:00am FROG (Fully Rely on God) Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Believers Meeting (Contemporary Service.) **Corporate Prayer:** Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **Family Night:** Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30-8 pm Summer Schedule: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7. Will start back weekly in September. Lite meal at 6:30-7pm then break up into classes til 8pm. **Bus Service Available** Call 521-9576 for bus info. Jonathan Creek Christian Church a Regional Life Transformation Center; LovingPeople to Life; **Everyone Welcome.**

NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmuth, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday 6:15 p.m. or by appointment. Affirmations Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church. Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Pastor Jill Bunker. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON) - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fbclovington.org

NEW LIFE CHURCH - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP - 212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. Non-Denominational Christian Church. Service: 10:00am. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

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