

Letter to the Editor

School Survey Served a Purpose

I'm writing in response to the Letter to the Editor in last week's, January 18 paper.

First I would like to dispute a couple of statements in that letter. 1. You did not have to have a smart phone or a computer to participate. All the info on the mailer and in the newspapers stated that if you wanted a paper copy you could pick one up at the Unit Office or call the office and

a survey would be mailed to you. 2. It also stated you had to say if you voted for the referendum and said your vote was your personal business, which it is, but the question was were you able to vote, not how you voted.

I looked up the word survey in the dictionary and it stated, "a survey is a set of questions people are asked to gather information or find out

opinions"-which is what this particular survey did!

The questions provided lots of choices for responses and many different areas were covered.

One of the complaints about the referendum was the lack of input from all people in all communities on what was to be considered, despite the many meetings, stories in the papers, members of the committee attending public meetings of organizations to discuss it, and people going door to door to discuss the referendum. I believe this survey would be an answer to that criticism.

The letter writer stated, who could have predicted runaway inflation that we are experiencing now so how can he predict the loss of businesses and industry in our communities?? As he stated no one knows what will happen 30 years from now. Just like no one knows what will happen to our schools if they are not repaired and modernized. Where could our children be going to school if they are not??

The survey was designed to get input from everyone in every part of the district. I believe our school district has attempted in many different ways to obtain input on the future of our schools, but each individual has to do their part and participate!!

Thank you,
Sally McCarthy

Arthur Through My Eyes

I had the privilege of sitting down with Karen Gingerich of "Amish Country Heirlooms" this past week. She and her husband Steve have been in business since 2004 and moved their store from Tuscola to Arthur six years ago. After renovating the building space they occupy, they opened in June of 2017. Karen was eager to share with me how encouraging it was that all the supplies needed to improve the property they were able to attain within a 10 mile radius of Arthur (except the brick for the front of the store). That is quite impressive! They also were able to utilize local contractors for the job. This is a great example of taking advantage of the many services provided in our community.

Karen was born and raised here, so it meant all the more to have the business close to home and to own it and not have to rent space. I asked her what she likes about having the store here in Arthur, and she said the biggest blessing was the "home feel" our town has, as well as the opportunity to supply the local community. When asked what she appreciates most about Arthur, she readily replied, "how people care about one another and pull together when needs arise." As we were concluding our interview, she added these thoughts from her heart about Arthur..."If we want to stay alive, we have to utilize what is available in town. If

we want our local community to stay thriving, we have to support it, even if that means sometimes having to spend a little bit more." I thought that was very well put.

I personally may not have the means to make purchases often, but when I have need of a gift to buy a special someone for a special occasion "Amish Country Heirlooms" is one of the first places I stop. I have been able to get some affordable items that express my love to friends and family, and

it means so much that it's right within walking distance of my home.

I really appreciated hearing Karen's heart on these matters, as we need to champion one another amidst the difficult days we are living in here on this earth. I look forward to interacting with others about their experiences of living and working here in our sweet home town.

With You and For You,
Trudy Feyereisen

Arthur History Fact #34

1905

Continuing with things for young people to do in 1905. . .

Of course church was the chief social center for young people, but there were also picnics, literary societies, sleigh rides, hay rides, and parties.

Dating customs were different in those days. A young man might drop a note to a young lady he liked and ask her if he could accompany her to church or to a party that evening.

Popular games played at parties were Thimble, Boston Casino, and Charades.

Baseball continued to be an amusement, and serious competition, for the adults. In July 1887, Arthur defeated Lovington by a score of 41-19. Teams went so far as to hire out-of-town pitchers to insure an edge.



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 Discippling & 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 - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis, Worship 10:00am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN 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.faithtuscola.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

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Working as a Team

The story is told of a sea captain and his chief engineer. One day they were arguing over who was the most important to the ship. To prove their point to each other, they decided to swap places. The chief engineer ascended to the bridge, and the captain went to the engine room.

Several hours later, the captain suddenly appeared on deck covered with oil and dirt. "Chief!" he yelled, waving a monkey wrench. "You have to get down there now: I can't get her to go!" "Of course, you can't," replied the chief engineer. "She's aground!"

When it comes to teamwork in life, in the church, or in the community, we have to remember that trying to excel above each other is counter-productive compared to trying to work together. The truth is, we depend on each other. This story about the ship's captain and engineer is too often played out in our lives. In some respects, it was even played out among Jesus' own disciples.

In Luke 9:46 it says that an argument broke out among Christ's disciples. The argument wasn't about theology or the teachings of Jesus, it was about which of them would be the greatest. Jesus pulled a child over beside him and taught them that it is the least among them whom he sees as the greatest, not the one with the most power or the most toys. In many ways, Jesus was introducing the concept of selfless teamwork.

When someone is down, do we help them up? When someone is struggling, do we lend an open ear? When someone is in need, do we extend the open hand? If we would, this would be a much better world for everyone. When we put others above ourselves, we not only help out the team called the human race, we help God's purposes to be fulfilled in our world. Which teammate can you help this week?

Glen Rhodes
Minister of Discippling
& Administration
Arthur Mennonite Church

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Report, Cheek shared that an informational flier was sent to about 2,500-2,600 households. The fliers were sent to households who had voted in the last election. "There has been a good effort to get participation from the community. The survey closes January 20 and as of today, there were 262 completed surveys. I was hoping for more surveys to be completed, as it is not close to 10% of the surveys that were mailed out. The results of the survey will be posted on the website after the board meeting in Febru-

ary," he stated.

Cheek informed the board that he has been working to bring community leaders together through the Community Leadership Forum. This would include mayors, village board reps, park district, police and fire department and librarians, etc. He has sent out an invite and a reminder. "I believe that it is important for all of the community leaders to sit around the table and talk about the challenges that they are faced with and talk about vision and how everyone can support each other for that vision," he said. Cheek stated that the first board meeting in Febru-

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class is a stepping stone for getting experience in wastewater treatment so that in the future Rhodes can get his license. The estimate of the trip will be about \$500-\$600.

Some other news and announcements that took place at the board meeting included Corum announcing that the street sweeper has been in the shop and that as soon as it has been repaired, he will have it out cleaning the streets. Expenditures were \$77,417.20. Some of those expenses included payments to Leaf it to

Us Tree Company and Midwest Meter. Police Chief Goodman covered a couple main points from his annual police report. He informed the board that the police department has had 91% case clearance and out of all the traffic stops in the past year, 25% resulted in a citation and 75% were verbal and written warnings. President Rod Randall announced that the calendars for the sesquicentennial that were recently printed did not have a June 21. If you have a calendar without that date and it needs to be corrected, Pinnacle Point will update and make the corrections.

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