

Arthur Through My Eyes

I've had the privilege of getting to know Stephanie Wierman of the Arthur Graphic bit by bit as we share conversations once in awhile when I pop in the office. I've really appreciated her willingness to give me a shot at writing and have been impressed by her hard work for the paper. I also have enjoyed just interacting with her. When I first shared with Stephanie my idea for writing about Arthur and all that it has to offer, she quickly mentioned how many from other towns

do the, what she called, "Arthur Circuit" every 2-3 weeks. I was intrigued by that, so wanted to learn more. She informed me that she knows of quite a few people who travel to Arthur within central Illinois from Monticello, Decatur, Champaign, Mattoon, etc. to stock up on items from favorite businesses in town like Beachy's Bulk Foods, Family Health Food Foods, Shady Crest, Tools Plus, Country Shoe Shop, F.D. Miller Feed Co., etc. Many relied on what

they could purchase in Arthur during the pandemic and often times will check in with elderly neighbors saying, "Hey...I'm making the 'Arthur Run', are you needing anything?" Neighbors helping neighbors in other towns by coming to Arthur. Pretty neat to hear about. Before heading home, they often like to conclude their excursion with a meal at Yoder's Kitchen or some take home barbecue from Pauly's B.B.Q. It's a treat for them to come to Arthur!

80% of the sales of major appliances and televisions come from out of town customers. Arthur IS attracting business from other communities and that is a major PLUS! Stephanie also mentioned that more and more people are finding out about the MCC Thrift Shop and they are in need of volunteers. Central Illinois sees the value of our community and seeks to support it through bringing their business to our local stores. I find that encouraging and worth noting. It's human nature not to see the good things that are right

in our midst, so it's important to point them out and remind each other that Arthur has a good thing going! Even the number of privately owned businesses is impressive, as I see many trucks driving by in the mornings as I walk down Vine Street. I've heard reports of how Crist Termite and Pest Solutions helped eradicate mice problems in a tool shed and have seen firsthand the work of Kauffman's

Mobile Pressure washing business after he's finished a house, making it look like new. These businesses and services deserve a round of applause for making our community better and attractive to towns around us. Again... we have A LOT to offer, Arthur!! Let's encourage those around us for the good jobs their doing and the pride they bring to our community. Cheering You On, Trudy Feyereisen

Arthur History Fact #36

1900-1910

Turn of the century advances in transportation, communications, and modern conveniences were underway.

1900 – The Arthur Public Library was founded.

1901 – The first telephone company was established with thirty-five subscribers. By 1905 there were 275 subscribers.

1904 – An acetylene plant was built to supply gas for street lighting and homes.

1905 – Twelve passenger trains served Arthur daily.

1907 – John F. Martin was elected Village President on a platform to pave the downtown dirt street, which became a muddy mess when it rained, with brick.

1910 – Dan Evans bought a new Ford automobile and provided a taxi service for the town.

Obituaries

Rosetta Irene Weaver

Rosetta Irene Weaver, 86, of Lovington, passed away 11:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Keller Cemetery, Lovington. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. McMullin-Young Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements.

Rosetta was born on December 3, 1936, in Garrett; the daughter of Earnest and Mazie (Barnes) Auten. She married Gearld "Skinny" Weaver; he preceded her in death in 1984. Rosetta enjoyed traveling and bingo. She was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Dallas Cowboys.

She is survived by her partner of 30 years, Fred Cohoon of Ashmore; son, Michael Weaver of Sullivan; daughters, Kathy (Gary) Click of Lovington, Car-



ol (Bill Shain) Grens of Sullivan, Loretta (John) Maldaner of Hickory, KY, and Tina Weaver of Charleston. Rosetta is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 brother and 1 sister.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullinyoung.com

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Seasons of Change

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

A pastor friend and I were discussing the other day about the different seasons that we go through.

Just like the earth goes through seasons- spring, summer, fall, and winter, we go through much of the same.

It's usually during the "winter" season that most people get discouraged and it was no different in this case.

It's because during this time we don't "see" anything (if much) happening in our lives. Everything looks dead.

I want to encourage you this week if you are going through a winter season... it's not dead, it's just dormant. The trees don't die in winter time just because they have no leaves on them... they are just dormant. They are taking a rest, drinking nutrients, getting prepared for the next season when they will have to put on new buds and leaves. The sap may be low, but

it's still there. The tree still has life in it.

You may feel "dead" but you aren't... the "sap" is just low. God has allowed you to have a "resting" period in order to prepare you for the next season in your life... which will be the season to blossom.

So, enjoy the "winter"; you're still alive. Take advantage of this time to "regroup".

Each season doesn't last forever, so make the most of each one as it comes, because we need all of them.

My hope for us all is that we, with God's help, take the seasons in our lives in stride knowing that he is in control.

Personally, I have struggled with this at times but as I have been blessed to grow older, I know that soon the robin will return to sing it's song outside my window in the morning and another season will have passed. May you realize the same.

Pastor Jill Bunker
Arthur United
Methodist Church

Town Talk

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is, "generally regarded as the bland successor to the richer tasting Gros Michel (French for "Big Mike)." Unfortunately a deadly fungus in the mid-20th century destroyed the Gros Michel and banana growers were forced to find a new version. I guess the Gros Michel can still be found in parts of the world but it is rare and I would guess expensive. The podcast I referred to earlier was about Samantha Smith, the young girl from Maine who wrote to Russian leader Yury Andropov in 1982 "with a simple plea for peace." She ended up as a bit of a celebrity and even visited Russia at Andropov's invitation. Rocca talked with childhood friends and her Russian "summer camp buddy" who is now a teacher in Los Angeles. Tragically her story ended when she and her father were

killed in a small plane crash in Maine when she was 13 years old. While I remembered the story, sadly I did not remember that part of it. Her mother later established a foundation in her name to promote friendship among the world's children.

STANDING ROWS OF CORN

We have often wondered why we would see corn still standing in fields when traveling in Wisconsin in the winter. Well, here's the answer. From the Wisconsin Department of Transportation: "Wonder if a farmer missed a few rows? They may be participating in WisDOT's standing corn row snow fence program to catch blowing snow before it reaches roadways. This helps improve road conditions and decrease plowing costs. National research shows it costs 100 times more to plow snow than to trap it with a snow fence." So now we all know!

And that's -30- for a Happy Valentine's Day!

Students Make Dean's List at Miami University

OXFORD, OH -- Miami University students who are ranked in the top twenty percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall semester 2022-23 have been named to the Dean's list recognizing academic excellence.

Nick Timmons of Monticello,

IL (61856) earning a B.S. in Business in Accountancy, Finance

Hadrian Pajer of Lovington, IL (61937) earning a B.S. in Business in Business Economics

Walter Kraus of Decatur, IL (62521) earning a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health



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 Discipling & Administration; Jeff Marnier, Minister of Worship and 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.worshipnew.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

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