

Arthur Through My Eyes

I was so blessed this past week to sit down and visit with Charlie and Casey Oye of "Oye's Hardware". They have recently purchased the business from his father, Bruce, at the beginning of this year. Charlie's grandfather, Roger Oye, opened the store in 1985. Charlie started working in the store around the age of fifteen. I asked him if he had ever foreseen himself owning the store back then, and he replied that maybe later on in his life, but not this young. His wife Casey

quickly chimed in, "Charlie has a passion for helping people and he is very knowledgeable in many categories." He has always enjoyed working at the store, so it was a natural progression, and in his words, "kinda just happened." His father, Bruce, has been instrumental in helping to make the big transition, to which they are very grateful.

Over the years there have been a few changes at Oye's Hardware. In 2008 they added on the new part of the

store which previously housed The Dutch Oven, and in May of 2022, the service department and the store itself separated and now Charlie's brother Jack owns and operates the service department called, "J.C. Oye." The Oye family continues to serve Arthur well and the surrounding communities. One time a customer drove all the way from Wisconsin because they carried a certain furnace filter they needed. It's not uncommon for people to even make an hour's drive to purchase items at the store and our Amish community frequents the store as well. Lots of customers rely on Oye's for their needs. They offer a large variety of merchandise including, but not limited to, plumbing, electrical, paint and hardware. One helpful service I have utilized is getting extra keys made. And when you go in, you can sometimes be blessed by meeting their adorable daughter Myla.

Myla has been at the store since she was just one week old and is known by many. She also has a big presence on their Facebook page (which has really taken off since Myla's been born and featured). It's super sweet to see a young family like this reaching out to their community by inviting us to

be a part of theirs. Casey said that they are blessed with very good employees who have become like family and Charlie commented, "You don't get where we are on your own. We have very good and faithful customers." Of course Charlie grew up in Arthur and says some of the things he appreciates most about our small town is the benefit of "knowing as many people as you do and how people are always willing to help in any way they can. You can also get about anything you need here in town." I continue to find these thoughts to be a sentiment shared by many.

In closing, Charlie stated that "We couldn't do this. It's not us. We're just seeking to do what we feel God wants us to do." That type of attitude and humility in a young business owner is such a beautiful thing to see. I wish them well as they embark on this new adventure together as a family... and let's keep bringing business their way and become a part of their extended family as well. We can do that in a community like ours, and that's one of the number one things that make Arthur special!

Fellow Member of Arthur's "Extended Family",
Trudy Feyereisen

Village Board

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Everyone was trained on how to operate it. Corum also stated that Harrison Electric put in a new starter at the Dogwood Pump Station. He also shared his new FY 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and told members of the board that it is always evolving and there

could always be new projects that could be added in the future. Corum has left some room in the budget to do a new future water source study. He said the village will need to decide in the future whether they find a new resource for water or build a new plant. The new projects that have been assigned to the improvement plan will cost about \$650,000.

Obituary

Melissa Lynne Bernius

Melissa Lynne Bernius, 46, of Arthur, passed away on Saturday March 11th, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, while surrounded by family and friends.



Services will be at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home in Mt. Zion. The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday, March 16th, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and funeral services will be Friday, March 17th, 2023 at 11:00 am, with interment at St. Isidore Cemetery in Bethany, IL.

Melissa was born December 6, 1976, in Decatur, IL, to Leonard Hodge and Patricia Heinz Clow. Melissa graduated from Mt. Zion High School and moved to Arthur, IL and married Matt Bernius in 2002. She was the Office Manager for the Arthur Home and Eberhardt Village for over 20 yrs. Melissa loved all animals, but especially her cats (Sweet Pea and Dusty) and her beloved English Bulldog (Duke). Melissa loved music, reading, movies, shopping, relaxing in her pool with friends, fireworks, tending her flowers, cards and boardgames, cookouts and anything that she could do with her family and friends. Some of her favorite memories were of visiting Paris, seeing Aerosmith, helping with her daughter Kayla's pageants, and hearing about her time at Disney World. Melissa had a love for life and was usually ready for anything with family and friends. Melissa especially loved the family vacations every year to Iron River, WI. She loved these vacations as a child and even more so as an adult, because she was able to share her memories with Kayla (who loves it just as much). The lake truly was her happy place.

Surviving Melissa is Matt Bernius, daughter Kayla Hodge (Harrison Kennedy), mother Patricia Heinz Clow, father Leonard (Kathy) Hodge, brother Joe (Rhonda) Hodge, along with many more family members that will forever love and miss her. Melissa was preceded in death by both paternal grandparents Willis (Grace) Hodge and maternal grandparents Dale (Vivian) Heinz and stepfather Ken Clow and sister-in-law Ellen Bernius.

The family would like to thank Cancer Care Specialists of Central Illinois and special friends Kelly Carroll, Erica (JJ) Carter, Billie (Andy) Bernius, Gina Sarver Hodge, Abby (Derek) Kresin & Monica (Justin) Green for all of their loving care for Melissa.

Memorials can be made to The Illinois English Bulldog Rescue (ilenglishbulldogrescue.org) and Sarah Bush Lincoln Regional Cancer Center, 1001 Health Center Dr., Mattoon, IL 61938.

Melissa, you were our Angel here on Earth and now our Guardian Angel in Heaven. Until we see you again. We love you FOREVER!

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Real Move Of God

There is an incredible movement of God going on in the lives of our young people today. A revival has broken out in Wilmore, Kentucky at Asbury College that has gained national attention. Other schools are seeing a similar movement of God in the lives of their students. Locally, Millikin University is seeing students flood to Pilling Chapel seeking the Lord. Twenty students were baptized on the quad two weekends ago! When God moves there will always be some people who will want to use similar looking situations for their own benefit. So, how can we know when what appears to be from God is really from Him and not a counterfeit? Read Acts Chapter 2 recounting the Day of Pentecost, and you will see several things that will always be present when what appears to be a move of God is actually from God.

1. A real move of God will always give glory to God not to people. The amazing part of what is going on right now is that those who could be considered to be "leading" these revivals are only interested in pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. A real move of God will proclaim the Gospel. When God does a work that draws people to Himself the truth that salvation exists in Jesus Christ alone will be shared. Jesus died for your sins, paying the price sin demanded. The father raised Him to life in victory over sin, Hell, and the grave. He offers you a gift of grace (something that you didn't earn but He wants to give to you): Confess your sin, confess that Jesus is Lord, believe in your heart that God the Father raised Him from the dead and you will be saved. He is offering you forgiveness

and new life. Will you receive His gift of grace?

3. A real move of God will include the sharing of the Word of God. At Pentecost, Peter shared God's word. When God moves today His word will be shared. There will be many other things that happen as well, but God's Word will be preached. Counterfeit movements share what someone feels or thinks. They may be exemplified by "it seems to me." But a real move of God will be exemplified by "thus says the Lord!" God's Word produces faith. God's Word changes lives. God's Word shines truth into the darkness.

4. A real move of God will see lives changed as people live in obedience to God. When God moves, people will start to live in obedience to His will and to His word. You will see addictions broken, habits changed, emotional brokenness healed, and new desires come forth. God changes people who surrender to his will. God changes lives when He moves.

Too often it is hard to tell what is real and what isn't. In this world of Deep Fake technology, social media bias, and political echo chambers, the things that appear to be real sometimes aren't...well...real. But a real move of God is happening in this country. Will you ask for God to move in a very real way in your life? Will you ask God to move in a very real way in our community? A real move of God changes real lives in a very real way. As Psalm 85:6 says, God, will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?

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

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John 3:16



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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.**

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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.

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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.fblovington.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.

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