

Arthur Through My Eyes

This week I sat down with Steve and Debbie Howell to learn more about the history of "Steve's Barbershop" downtown on Vine Street.

I was so pleasantly surprised to see how excited they were to share, even preparing pictures to show me from Noel Dicks' pictorial history book of Arthur. "Not many people know how deeply rooted I am in this town", Steve proudly commented. He and Debbie both were born and raised in Arthur and raised a son A.J. and daughter Jennifer here. Jennifer still lives in town with a grand baby due to arrive this

week and they enjoy 2 grandchildren with from their son A.J., who also lived in Arthur until he and his family's recent move to Effingham. Very proud grandparents! In fact, one of the main reasons Steve is now in "semi-retirement" (working mainly just 3 days a week) is so that he can enjoy the grandkids and golfing. The Howell's love of family was evident throughout our conversation and was the foundation of the decisions they made, even early on in marriage.

When they were first married, they lived in Mattoon, Steve working 5 years for J.C.

Penney. He soon realized that corporate life was not for him. He wanted a position that would be more family friendly, and so he chose to go to barbering school in Champaign. He then did his 27 months apprenticeship in Arcola (which encompassed 5 years of working there) before moving to Arthur and opening his first shop in 1985, renting a space in a building that at the time was located where the parking lot for Graham's Vet Clinic is now. He was there for 17 years until a fire broke out and he had to relocate. Within 6 short weeks, he and Debbie were blessed to rent the location where they are presently and have been there for over 20 years. The couple now own the building, which was originally built as the fire department years ago, and then housed the police station at one time. And this is just a bit of the history I learned.

Steve's great, great grandparents - Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Warren - donated 20 acres of land on the Moultrie county side of town. Their daughter married William Pribble. He was a barber in town, as was his son John "Spot" Pribble. Interestingly, "Spot" (as he was called) was also a lieutenant in World War I, a private detective and opened a clothing store called "Pribbles and Cahill" which later became "Delberts". They also had a daughter, Freda, who married Wayne Howell (Steve's grandparents) who also had many businesses in town, including a lumber yard

and a company that manufactured road building machinery. They built a house here in town on Pine Street in 1921, which is where Steve and Debbie raised their family. This family is indeed deeply rooted in Arthur, and they are proud of it - displaying many black and white pictures of the downtown from years gone by, as well as antique family barbering supplies. Being in the shop is like walking into a piece of history.

When I asked Steve what he enjoyed most about cutting hair he said, conversing with the customer as you've "got a new guy to shoot the bull with every 20 minutes", many who have been coming to him ever since his years in barbering school, the longest customer being Terry Holmes. When asked what he and Debbie both appreciated most about Arthur, they mentioned how they appreciate the efforts by the town council, tourist council and "Simply Arthur" to keep the town going. They both are grateful for how many services are offered in a small town like HVAC people, the Otto Center, the Sale Barn. Steve exclaimed, "We even have an appliance store!" To which Debbie quickly added, "At Randall's, we know that when we call Rod, Toby will be here soon to help - the same with Oye's Hardware. It's great to be known by name. Hard to beat it. I like small town."

Inadvertently Becoming an Historian, Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Holy Week

I'm not going to dig into the meaning or history of the Easter Bunny in this forum, but I did enjoy the candy in my basket every year when I was growing up.

But I also have many memories of attending church on Good Friday and feeling the somber weight of what Christ endured in order to take the punishment for my sin.

Even as a little kid, it really grieved me. I just couldn't understand way back then why God needed the sacrifice of His only Son to pay the price. Why not some other way I thought?

Fast forward about 40 years and I know exactly why. I hope that we have taken the journey with Jesus on the way to the cross this year because he did so willingly for you and me to pay for not only our sins, but those of the entire world.

I couldn't wrap my head around that as a child.

However, Jesus said in John 18:37, "The reason I was born

and came into the world is to testify the truth". That kind of sums it up for us.

The real question I challenge you to face is this: Why did Jesus choose to die? Why didn't He escape (as He easily could have done)?

The reason is because He knew He had come into the world for one reason: to become the final and complete sacrifice for our sins.

I have come to understand this over the years and in a few days, we will find the tomb empty and the gates of heaven open to any and all who believe in the savior.

We are separated from God because of our sins, and we deserve only God's judgment. But on the cross Christ took upon Himself the judgment we deserve. He gave His life for you, and may you respond by giving your life to Him.

Pastor Jill Bunker Arthur UMC

Obituary

Verna Chupp

Verna Chupp, 88, of Arcola, IL passed away at 3:00 AM on Friday, March 31, 2023 at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 3, 2023 at the HCK West Building, one mile south of Arthur, IL. Bishop Ervin Miller will officiate. Burial will be in the Yoder Cemetery in rural Arthur, IL. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, April 1, 2023 and from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Verna was born on November 20, 1934 in Arcola, IL. She was a daughter of Jerry and Elizabeth (Mast) Otto. She married Melvin L. Chupp on October 9, 1958 in Arcola, IL, they lived in Holy Matrimony for 64 years.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin Chupp of Arcola, IL, six children, Phillip Chupp of Arcola, IL, Ernest Chupp and his wife Brenda of Mattoon, IL, Dorothy Kaufman and her husband Merle of Arthur, IL, Kenneth Chupp of West Morland, TN, Allen Chupp of Tuscola, IL and Louise Chupp of Arcola, IL, 13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and three sisters-in-law, Ida Mae Otto, Mary Otto, and Martha Otto.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and nine brothers, Henry, Edward, Albert, Freeman, Simon, Fred, Melvin, Jerry Jr, and Alvin Otto, and one sister, Clara.

Verna was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Town Talk

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have a big win against Oakwood last week when they scored a big come from behind run to win the game 9-8.

The girls track team had a meet at Okaw Valley last week but I can't find any results from that. I do know freshman Alex Clark won the shot put and got third in the discus and know we had some wins on the track as well.

This week both the baseball and softball teams have games on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday plus softball has a game on Thursday. Whew!

The track team had a home meet on Tuesday and the big Arthur invite is on Saturday at 10 a.m. Let's hope the weather cooperates this week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is a spring country home and farm show at the Arthur Sale Barn on April 21 and 22.

The annual Quilt Show at Otto Center takes place April 27-29 with over 100 quilts on display. Before that, between April 24-29, there is the quilt walk downtown where displays of locally owned and or locally made quilts can be seen at various downtown businesses.

MOULTRIE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

Sally and I decided to travel down to Sullivan last Saturday to attend the grand opening of this new center. Hopefully there is an article and pictures elsewhere in the paper so I

won't go into a lot of detail. But let's just say, wow! We were very impressed. The displays are set up so nicely and cover many aspects of the history of Moultrie County. The building is very large so they have a lot of room. We were also told that walls can be moved to change the layout which should come in very handy. They also have a library that can be accessed by the public for history or genealogical studies. I especially got a kick out of the schoolroom where the 'teacher' is shown talking about the school day and what is expected of students. I thought of it as a hologram but I think the brochure calls it a '2D representation.'

Since I spend some time each fall at the schoolhouse at the Great Pumpkin Patch talking about that building and its history, I joked with the Condill family that they needed to do something like that at Center School. Guess that might put me out of a job though so maybe not! Anyway, highly recommend you check it out sometime.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

I listed these a couple of weeks ago I believe but just a reminder, there is a Maundy Thursday service at the Arthur United Methodist Church on the 6th at 6 p.m. Good Friday services are at noon at the Vine Street Christian Church. Community Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

And that's -30- for the Woman's Club Easter Egg hunt Saturday at 2 p.m. at the old football field!

Village Board

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Warren, is involved with the Charleston Community The-

atre. There are also plans being made to hold a Founder's Day Sesquicentennial Dinner which will be on Saturday, September 2 at Penn Station.



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.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 6:00 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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