

Arthur Through My Eyes

This week I explored the "Arthur General Store" on the southeast corner of Vine/Illinois St. The store is divided into two distinct shops - "South Vine" boutique selling clothing

and apparel and "Astoria Products" selling handmade soaps and lotions. I had the opportunity to meet one of the 3 owners, Tyler Mosier, who is responsible for making the soaps

and lotions. He was extremely articulate and informative as he eagerly shared with me about the business. I will focus today's column on "Astoria Products".

The business began in 2002 by Tyler's 2 other partners, John Stephens and Timmy Valentine from their home in Decatur. It started as a Christmas gift idea that turned into a fundraiser for local schools. After taking a long break and moving to Sullivan, they brought Tyler into the business and began to make and sell their handmade soaps and lotions from their home. When the opportunity opened up to own a storefront in downtown Arthur in 2018, they eagerly made the move. Tyler went to massage therapy school and learned a lot about aroma therapy and essential oils. He was intrigued to investigate what would work best for sensitive skin and benefit skin in general, since he himself struggled with sensitive skin. He learned through trial and error what worked and what didn't, and began to solidify recipes that helped expand

the product line. Tyler is a stickler for quality and leans towards fragrance oils over perfumes because they tend to be more gentle. Due to this attention to detail, they have repeat customers who can rely on their ingredients being gentle and consistent. Before they were able to open the shop in downtown Arthur, Tyler remembers making small batches of lotion in a tiny workspace in his home, where now they have a large soap kitchen in the back of the store where he makes batches of up to 40 at a time. They also sell bath scrubs and bath bombs. Their most popular line of products in general is the almond products because they "smell like baked goods". Astoria's most popular lotion is a line of "butter" where the slogan is, "no cows were milked in the making of our butter." They also sell a unique line of beer

soaps. "Astoria Products" has appreciated and understood the value of the tourist traffic that Arthur affords, which continues to benefit their business. When asked what he appreciates most about Arthur he replied, "It's fun to talk to a lot of people coming through and engage with people of all walks of life. They appreciate we're here and we feel like we're doing something good." Tyler also commented that "being in a small town affords us the opportunity to be a little bit experimental as we try new things and express ourselves artistically." You can readily see that in the store's decor and packaging. Tyler also expressed with a smile, "Even though we're in a little town, why not have a little whimsy and fun in life?"
Putting a Smile on my Face and a Spring in my Step, Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

I Can Only Imagine!

Nearly one month ago our dear friend, fellow pastor, and brother in Christ Dennis Haner passed away unexpectedly of a sudden heart attack. Dennis was on the schedule to write this week's article for this Arthur Ministerial Association newspaper column. In remembrance of our dear friend, I would like to share a few thoughts on heaven that I shared at his Celebration of Life service. A place that he is experiencing today with all believers who have gone before.

We all look forward to something. Kids always look forward to Christmas morning, birthday parties, or summer vacations. But adults like anticipation as well. Even with all those things that we anticipate and look forward to here on earth, those who believe in and follow Jesus Christ have something even greater to anticipate and look forward to for the rest of eternity. We look forward to heaven. We don't necessarily look forward to dying and leaving our loved ones and friends here on earth, but we do look forward to what Jesus has pre-

pared for us after our life here on earth transitions into our eternal life in heaven.

Heaven has always been a subject of great interest and discussion. Several years ago, when I would read books out at the Arthur Home I noticed that when I read books about heaven or talked about heaven the interest of the residents really perked up. But it's not only Seniors who are thinking about heaven a lot. We hear songs about it all the time in both Christian and secular music. In fact, one of the most popular Christian radio songs of all time by Mercy Me focuses entirely on what heaven will be like. I can only imagine what it will be like, the song says. My friend Dennis and my mother Laura who passed away this past December don't have to imagine anymore; they could tell us all about it. Someday in the future they will hopefully be giving all of us a grand tour. Yes, my prayer is that all of us can experience that.

In John 6:47 Jesus says, "Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life." In

1 John 5:12-13 the Bible says, "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." It says, so that you may know! If you believe in Jesus as your Savior, repent of your sins, receive his grace, and follow him in life you can be assured of your eternal life in heaven. I truly believe from what we are told in scripture that heaven will be more beautiful than anything we can ever imagine or experience here on this earth. Along with the beauty there will be no more pain, suffering, or heartache. There will be no more division, hatred, or discord. What a great day that will be! I look forward to being reunited someday with my mother, my friend Dennis, and all those believers who have gone before me.

Glen Rhodes
Minister of Discipling & Administration
Arthur Mennonite Church

Public invited to first annual Arthur-Area Spring Community Arts Fair

Support local art & community outreach

By ARIANA R. CHERRY
Staff Writer

The public is invited to the first annual Arthur-Area Spring Community Arts Fair. It will be held in the Arthur United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 6 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm.

There are eleven talented artists from various surround-

ing areas to show and sell their art.

Those who attend the fair will also get a chance to vote for their favorite artist. Each artist will have a jar at their table for donations. The artist with the most money in the jar will be named the "People's Choice Artist Award." Donations will be used for the ministries of the Arthur United Methodist Church to continue its community outreach in Arthur.

The event is free to attend but you are welcome to give donations at the door.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and support local art while also benefiting community outreach.

Also, don't miss Pastor Jill Bunker (Arthur United Methodist Church) and Ariana R. Cherry (Administrative Assistant) when they appear on CI-Living on WCIA Channel 3 news on Tuesday, May 2 to promote the art fair.

Town Talk

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a local high school Congratulations to Paige!

"MEAN GIRLS"

So I knew nothing about this movie/musical but was happy to be able to go to Peoria last Friday night to see Savannah and David Maughan in the Peoria Richwoods High School production. Savannah and David are two of Kevin and Angie Maughan's children. Angie and Kyra met in college at the U of I and have been great friends ever since. We have certainly always felt they are like a part of our family. Savannah is a senior and will be attending the University of Tulsa this fall. She is a National Merit Scholar, very smart and creative. Loves the theater and

the arts. I wanted to be sure to see her in something before she graduates. So glad I went. The cast was huge and oh to have all that energy and enthusiasm again! They were all obviously enjoying themselves immensely. The kids, which also includes younger brother James, have also been involved in local community theater in Peoria so there may be chances to see them in something this summer. I sure hope so.

As a bonus before the play, I got to visit with nephew Zachery, his wife (and our niece) Marissa, great niece Amelia and brand new baby and great nephew Brian! What a sweet family. So happy for all of them and for grandpa and grandpa Yeakel too!

And that's -30- for lots of things to look forward to!

Quilt Show

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place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display, there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with cheeseburgers and barbecue sandwiches, wraps, taco salads, cinnamon rolls, desserts, and drinks available by

the Kitchen of Doris Yoder.

The Arthur Quilt Show has become the largest spring quilt exhibition in Illinois Amish Country. It attracts entries from all over Illinois, including many Amish-crafted quilts.

For more information on this year's show you can call 217/543-2287.

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.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.

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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