

Arthur Through My Eyes

I want to continue this week sharing more about "The Arthur General Store". This time highlighting the

boutique side - "South Vine". This side of the store opened about 3 and a half years ago and is when Hailey Sims came

on board. Arthur residents are already familiar with Hailey, as she use to work for Kirby

Foods. Hailey's influence is felt throughout the store as she is the "eyes and ears" of the boutique - keeping an eye out for what sells and staying alert to customers comments as they peruse the store.

Tyler chimed in that she is "good at keeping tabs on what people are really enjoying" like the colors and styles that are catching people's eyes. This year's spring color seems to be yellow.

The boutique sells a lot of tunics and some very flattering t-shirt dresses.

Tyler said, "We like to bring in styles that are a bit atypical that you don't just see everywhere, and are trying to reach a large audience with many different styles."

They are hoping to be a little more artistic; and while simple, want to also provide looks that can be a "statement piece."

Tyler and Hailey have been

noticing that the store is attracting more local shoppers as they are coming to realize that "South Vine" offers good price points as well as good change in inventory.

Their goal is for visitors to be able to leave with 4 pieces of clothing within \$100 and feel excited about seeing something fresh and new.

Owner Timmy Valentine is responsible for the visual design of the shops and purchasing clothing.

And owner John Stephens is their "numbers guy" and was the first to formulate the Astoria soaps and lotions before Tyler took over.

Hailey is responsible for posting new clothing combinations with jewelry on Facebook and in the store. She does a great job! She is also responsible for wrapping and labeling all of the soaps and lotions for the adjoining "Astoria" shop,

and enjoys doing so.

When asked what she likes most about working in the store, Hailey answered, "meeting new people" and added that she "loves all our products in both shops so much!" She also mentioned that "the guys" are great to work for!

I ended by asking her what she appreciates most about Arthur, to which she replied, "I love Arthur! Since I used to work at Kirby Foods I remember a lot of faces. There's lots of friendly people here."

Before leaving, I asked if there was anything else they wanted readers to know and Tyler just whimsically exclaimed, "to let people know we have a couple new things coming... so be on the look out!"

Keeping a Look Out for All Arthur Has to Offer, Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

A Shower of Love – Amy's Song

One of my favorite songs from the past is James Taylor's "Shower the People." First of all, who doesn't love James Taylor? But more important, in this song he refers directly to the little roles we play in life that somehow convince us that showing too much love is definitely not the right social response.

You could embarrass yourself! You could look like a sappy wimp! Or even worse, some might make fun of you. You're just a big sentimental sissy ... showing everyone some love, and especially those you love most. That's the way it was in fifth grade. Love is for momma's boy. Not real men. And, not surprisingly, I think it's pretty much the same in adulthood.

But it's good to love people. Jesus says to especially love strangers and enemies. But society says ... not too much. Don't go overboard with that love stuff. Don't be a fool for love. It's just not a good look for you and the roles you think are more important in life than showing others a crazy Jesus-type love.

I want to challenge that thinking. Just as James Taylor does. His lyrics give us 2 choices: 1) play the game and act out the part, though you know

it wasn't written for you" or 2) "shower the people you love with love, and show them the way you feel."

Somehow, many of us in adulthood struggle because of the roles we feel we must play. Like Jesus, James Taylor is telling us what's most important in life. And it's not the roles we play or even this game of life we're all a part of. It's how we love. And who we love. And, by the way, there's no reason to hold back your love for anybody!

This is a quote from James Taylor's song, "Shower the People." It could just as well have been a contemporary translation of the words of Jesus. Read them closely.

Just shower the people you love with love

Show them the way that you feel

Things are gonna work out fine

If you only will

Do as I say

Next month, my wife and I celebrate 40 years of holy matrimony! I know it's "holy" because there's no way someone should have to live with me, and even love me, for 40 years, without divine intervention and sainthood. And there has been plenty of both! We've actually been together for 47

years, counting our 7 years of dating. I wish I could really show her the way I feel ... but I don't know how. So, I'll just say...

I love you Amy. I know I fall short every day of James Taylor's prescription to shower you with love, and to show you the way I feel. Truth is, I never felt like I can do enough for you. The "game of life" I'm playing is not conducive to being there with you all the time. Our caregiving lifestyles have separated us too often, but I know God's leading us both to where we should be, so that we can show His love to our other loved ones (moms, grandsons, kids), I know we're both willing to go anywhere and do anything to help our loved ones. And, I watch you do that every day.

So, in case I forgot along the way: Amy - I love you more today than any yesterday - if that's even possible. But I'll love you more tomorrow! I promise.

And I can't wait to shower you with more love, and someday show you the way I really feel.

Now friends & neighbors, in the name of Jesus and James Taylor, go and do the same with your loved one(s) ...

Pastor Bob Vine Street Christian Church

Town Talk

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on Friday night to Argenta-Oreana. It was a good game but a couple of homers with runners on base did the team in and put them on the lower end of the score. But they came back on Saturday morning to win big against Blue Ridge and are still very much in the race for the conference championship. With the seniors gone this week the sports schedule is very light but these girls do have a game on Friday with Casey-Westfield.

Bass fishing sectionals are Thursday, May 4 with the loca-

tion to be decided. Hopefully they will have some decent weather for that.

ALAH high school track Lincoln Prairie Conference meet is at Arthur on Friday, May 5. Good luck Knights in all your endeavors!

AIKMAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

On their facebook page this popular and fun place notes that: "Our Wagon Adventures have returned for the spring and summer seasons! Plan a family trip today and enjoy learning about our wildlife from one of our knowledgeable tour guides while also getting the chance to feed our awesome animals!" Also upcoming is this: "Enjoy Mother's Day weekend by visiting our wildlife park and receiving 50% off our Triple Crown Experience. This offer includes: a Walk-Thru Adventure, Drive-Thru Adventure, and entry to our Museum of Prehistoric Life. We will also have special activities for children to enjoy on Saturday! If you enjoy your visit, you can also purchase a season pass with an included 20% off discount! (Offer limited to 5/13-5/14)." Saturday activities include bounce house, bubble station, scavenger hunt and more. Visit Aikman's facebook page or their webpage at aikmanwildlife.com for more information.

MEMORIAL BOOKS AND SCOUTS

Our family has received many, many memorials, calls, texts and just hearing from people asking how we are doing and those things are all very much appreciated. This has been a lesson for me to never pass up an opportunity to let someone know you are thinking about them. It really does mean a lot. Two things happened this past week though that really touched me. First of all I received a letter from the Arthur Public Library letting us know that two books have been placed in the library in memory of Delano. Both, very appropriately, golf themed. These books were given by the library board and staff. I am on the library board and I consider being able to serve with these wonderful folks on the board to be a privilege. But we are also, as a board and as a community, very fortunate to have the staff at our library

that we do. Cannot thank both the board and staff enough not only for this remembrance but for all they do.

And the other letter I received was from our local Boy Scout Troop #74 thanking us for the money that we received for the troop in memory of Delano. Scouts meant a lot to him and their appreciation for Delano and for what he did for Scouts also means a lot. The letter ended with this note: "We will strive to serve him proudly with this generosity." I have no doubt they will. Thank you so much to the Scout leaders and troop members for your touching words and remembrance.

A LIFE REMEMBERED

Cousin Serena Honn (married to Mike), recently lost her sister, Sarah Myer, to cancer. The last months had been a real struggle as she did her best to battle this awful disease. But recovery was just not to be. Mike and Serena were there for her every step of the way and, as too many sadly know, it is not easy to deal with all the feelings that go along with something like this. I did not know Sarah well and had only met her a few times through the years but what I do know is that she was a person after my own heart. By that I mean that when she retired in 2014 she returned to her hometown of Assumption and jumped right in, becoming involved in many, many community activities including the library board, women's club, Central A&M Foundation, Assumption Pride, the Pana hospital board and her church, First United Methodist. Sally and I had the honor and privilege of being asked to carry on Sarah's tradition of supplying the cookie cutter cutouts of cheese and jello jigglers which she was famous for bringing to all family and church functions. We weren't sure we would be up to the task but I think we did OK and Sarah would have approved. Our sympathy and love to Serena and Mike, Jennifer and Jim, Brent and Carly and to their families and Sarah's many friends on the loss of their sister, aunt and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

And that's -30- for the art fair at the Methodist Church this Saturday!



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: jcreek.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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