

Arthur Through My Eyes

Family Health Food Store is where Amish and English meet.

At any time of the day, you can see their parking lot filled with both buggies and cars alike - a beautiful picture of different backgrounds of people living life together.

I well remember the first time I walked into the store about a year ago after moving

to Arthur. I was overwhelmed with JOY as I recognized so many product lines that my John and I had researched over the years in his battle with cancer that we sought to fight naturally. I immediately thanked the LORD in my heart for such a blessing.

Owner Adlai Helmuth and I shared with each other the

sorrow we both carried from losing our spouses, (his Edna in October of 2019 my John in July 2021) yet how Jesus was carrying us both through.

That conversation blessed my heart deeply and I was grateful to be supporting a business that truly cared and interacted with the customer in such a meaningful way.

I will never forget it. Since then, I am a regular - buying organic eggs and supplements that I have used for years and at a very reasonable price.

Adlai's philosophy of business is: sell at reasonable prices and move more product; get it out to more people. That philosophy has served him well as Family Health Food just recently celebrated their 50th year in business with an open house that included drawings for generous gift baskets, 10% discount, and tasting of certain items.

The weekend was very well attended and they are grateful for the support of the community.

People from all over visit the store - Springfield, Champaign, Effingham, Charleston, Terra Haute in Indiana, even as far as Chicago.

Family Health Foods carry a wide array of quality supplements, bulk whole wheat and other grain flours, bulk spices, sugar-free products and a great assortment of nuts and candy.

Adlai's granddaughter Rhonda was pleased to tell me about their wide selection of gluten free products and the new produce cooler they recently installed.

The store seeks to offer seasonal produce when available, especially during the summer months.

They carry Wisconsin cheese, local and organic eggs, natural sodas and a variety of healthy mayos in their coolers.

And their freezers contain locally produced whole chickens, vegetables and fruits.

In addition to health foods, the store carries unique gift

items as well as Christian books, board games, card games, puzzles, boxed greeting cards, children's toys, kitchen and cooking items, personal care products (non-toxic, biodegradable and hypo-allergenic) and paper products.

Family Health Foods has experienced much growth over the years, the first 10 years started in Adlai and Edna's basement after buying a business from someone with only one shelf of products.

Then the couple remodeled a woodworking shop on their farm where the store remained and grew for 23 years before opening the present building in May of 2007 located one mile south of Arthur on County

Line Road. Right here in our backyard.

And Adlai gives all the credit and glory to God as he said to me, "It would not be possible without the blessing of the LORD and loyal customers."

When I asked him what he appreciates most about Arthur, he expressed with such a sincere tone in his voice, "All of our customers are just like family friends." That made my heart smile.

So don't overlook this gem of a resource we are truly privileged to have, right here in our hometown!

With A Heart of Joyful Appreciation,
Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Will You Be Bitter or Will You Be Better?

Proverbs 17:22 says, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones."

Joy can be elusive in this day and age. There are many things that can dry up our bones.

Each day is full of its own issues, many of which are unpredictable. How you respond to the situations around you will determine whether you experience joy or brokenness.

You might be wondering how you can respond with joy when so many difficult things happen to you and around you on a daily basis.

Each of us has gone through days where we feel completely broken and we respond inappropriately to the events of our day.

We can become bitter if brokenness prevails, and our view of the world around us will be tinted by the dry lens of hopelessness that results.

But there is hope and you CAN find joy. Faith in Jesus changes the lens through which you view the world around

you. James 1:2-3 reminds us to, "Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."

Consider it joy when you experience trials? Trials are hard by definition. How can I consider it joy? Faith in the God who made all things, the God who promises to never leave you or forsake you when you have given your life to Him, changes your perspective.

Your circumstances will be the same, but your perspective will change. I have constant pain in my surgically repaired ankle. I could be broken by this reality, or I can realize that I still have my foot (that easily could have been amputated if they couldn't repair it) and I can have joy that I am able to walk.

You have a circumstance that is bringing you to this same crossroad. I don't know what your circumstance is, but I know what your choice is: consider it all joy, or allow your

circumstances to break you.

You might be asking, "How can I possibly consider it joy when I am dealing with my situation?"

Old Testament hero Nehemiah wondered the same thing when most of the people around him had accepted the defeat that came from their hard circumstances.

But, God reminded him in Nehemiah 8:10b, "Do not grieve, because the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Will you give your life to Jesus Christ? Will you give your circumstances to Him? Will you acknowledge every day that you can trust the God who made you and loves you, even when you face the difficulties of daily trials?

Trust the Lord and let the joy of the Lord be your strength. Choose today: will you be bitter or will you be better?

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



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

Pork Chop Dinner Drive-thru Monday, June 5

By DORIS ELMORE
Staff Writer

You won't have to cook at home on Monday, June 5, eat out with a drive-thru Pork Chop Dinner sponsored by the United Church of Atwood Christian Education and Women's Fellowship. Tickets are available from Beth Hines at Harris Companies. All proceeds will help further programs within these groups. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be Friday, June 2.

Drive-thru time will be 5-8 p.m. Bring your ticket(s) and pull up to the kitchen door on the south side of the church.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Tuesday, May 30 at 9:30 am, a meeting will be conducted by Arthur CUSD #305, 301 E. Columbia, Arthur, IL 61911 in the high school cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Arthur CUSD #305, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Shannon Cheek @ 217-543-2511. published 05/10/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE HEARING OF THE LOVINGTON TOWNSHIP & LOVINGTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Lovington Township and Lovington Road District has caused to be prepared, in tentative form, a combined annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance which has been available for inspection. A Public Hearing shall be held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 5TH day of June 2023, at the hour of 6:00 P.M. at the Lovington Township Shed, Lovington, Illinois. Copies of such Budget and Appropria-

tion Ordinance are and have been available for public inspection at Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday as well as the Township shed.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Lovington Township and Lovington Township Road District, Moultrie, County, Illinois

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT DEAN STEWART SR., Deceased NO. 2023-PR-9 NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of ROBERT DEAN STEWART SR. Letters of office were issued to Mary V. Stewart, 1724 East County Road 700 North, Tuscola, Illinois 61953, as Independent Executor on April 12, 2023 whose attorney of record is Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk in Room 204 Douglas County Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois 61951, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 10, 2023 being six months from the date of the first publication, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is re-

quired by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MOULTRIE COUNTY - IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of GERALD E. HALE, Deceased NO. 2023-PR-10 NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of GERALD E. HALE. Letters of office were issued to David Crist, 207 North Oak Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911, as Independent Executor on April 10, 2023, whose attorney of record is Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the circuit clerk in Suite #7, 10 South Main Street, Moultrie County Courthouse, Sullivan, Illinois 61951, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 10th, 2023 being six months from the date of the first publication, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representatives are required

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