

# Arthur Through My Eyes

This week's column will be of a more personal nature as I celebrate my one year anniversary of moving to Arthur. The LORD has brought so much HEALING into my life since moving back into my grandparents home with so many loving memories tucked inside

each corner. Having Uncle Rod and Aunt Carol right next door at Randall Appliances has been such a comfort. Their support and loving interest in my life has been instrumental in my transition. Aunt Carol was the one who noticed my love of reading to kids when I was hav-

ing fun reading to their grandson Ryker, and mentioned that the Arthur Public Library was looking for someone to do a children's story time. So one day on a walk, I popped into the library to find the children's librarian, Meranda Stutzman, at the desk. I inquired about the story time, she asked me about my background and said she'd talk to Kelsey. Shortly thereafter, "Trudy's Tunes and Tales" was born - truly a tailor-made opportunity for me. It was so good for my soul to be working with kids again, and brought another level of healing to my life. A couple months later, I was hired on at the reception desk and to do homebound delivery. My eyes filled with tears as the LORD brought me to a job that so fit who He made me to be.

I have also greatly enjoyed writing for the Arthur Graphic Clarion. Even though I didn't have any professional writing experience, Stephanie Wierman was gracious to hire me on. I appreciate her taking a chance on me! These connections in Arthur have made my

first year such a JOY. I so enjoy my weekly Tuesday book deliveries where I get to sit down with Dick and Alberta Bradford and visit a bit as I find out what books he really enjoyed that week and how they both are doing. They have truly become friends. Then on to Eberhardt, where I deliver to Wally and Jean Kistler, who so enjoy sharing memories from their digital photo album that sits on the table as we discuss their week and books, then on to Floyd Buckalew, who I've been honored to learn about his life serving our country. After that I stop by Bill and Beverly Dean's room where there is always a cheerful greeting, and end by walking upstairs to check in with Margaret Collins, my fellow butterfly lover. Just recently, I met Iris Ramsey, a delightful lady who is a pleasure to serve. And on some Tuesdays I get to see Sharon Bobbitt and am always amazed at her positive spirit amidst her physical challenges. All these connections give life purpose and meaning.

God knew how best to

bring healing and hope into my life, and that was to move me back to this special small town where connections CAN be made that make a difference. Having Lovington classmates Doug Davis and Rhonda Rhoades in town has been incredibly comforting. Doug and Leslie have been there to help me work through grief and pray with me and Rhonda has spent time just hanging out, renewing our precious friendship. What gifts from God! Just recently, she helped me host a "Happy 55th Birthday to All of Us" class reunion. To see familiar faces I hadn't seen in years just touched my heart at a deep level. Being back in the area where I grew up has been life renewing. One of the greatest blessings is to be so near my beloved Mom, Donna Beauchamp, and my sister and brother in law, Angie and Darren Powell. To get to see them

more regularly, and my nieces, Taylor and Michaela, just blesses my heart beyond words.

Connections...sweet connections...both old and new and renewed, bring about healing and make life full, rewarding and worth living. If you're struggling with any sort of grief or sorrow, seek to reach out to the people God is placing in your life. You might be surprised by the hope and healing those relationships will bring. Again...we have that opportunity every day we live in a small town, to make time to connect in a meaningful way. We also have the opportunity to welcome others to our town with a smile on our face. If you're interested in volunteering at "The Welcome Center" this summer, please contact (217)543-2242 or send an email to td@arthurillinois.us.

Celebrating with You,  
Trudy Feyereisen

## Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

### Positively Better

I have noticed something recently on social media. It seems like no matter how good or positive a news story, tweet, or Facebook post might be, there are usually more people that comment negatively on it than positively. Why must we always take the good and try to find something negative or bad? Not only is this bad for our relationships, it is bad for our own personal health and well-being.

In Ephesians 4 Paul reminds us that we need to be about building up and not tearing down. He says that we are to use words that build others up and words that will benefit those who are listening (or reading). These verses remind us that social media is not the cause of this, negativity has been around since Adam and Eve. However, it doesn't mean that we need to participate either.

As Christians and followers of Jesus we have the responsibility to be positive encouragers in a world that is often

filled with negative discouragers. It is not always easy, and I am not always successful at this, but it is a choice that we can make. We need to make the choice that the apostle Paul suggests in Ephesians 4:29, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Friends, this is positively the best way to live our lives!

Make it a daily choice of yours. Along with your 10,000 steps, crossfit workouts, treadmill exercises, and healthy diet, choose to be a positive influence on those you come into contact with. That might be face-to-face or it could be on social media. Whatever the medium, be sure to build up and not tear down. This is the first step in being a positive witness of your faith in Jesus Christ.

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration  
Arthur Mennonite Church

## Obituary

### Ruben D. Yutzy

Ruben D. Yutzy, 90 of Arthur, IL, passed away at 2:04 A.M. on May 14, 2023, at the Arthur home.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the North Vine Mennonite Church, 312 North Vine St., Arthur, IL.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the church. Pastor Brian Petersheim and Pastor Mike Helmuth will officiate. Burial will be in the Arthur Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. A full obituary will appear in next week's B section paper.

## University of Alabama-Huntsville Graduate Joshua C. Kauffman

Joshua C. Kauffman, a former resident of Arthur, IL graduated Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the Propst Arena at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Joshua graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Joshua is the son of Rodney Kauffman, Arthur, Jennifer Mohr, Mahomet and the Grandson of Mike and Serena Honn and Paul and Lilly Kauffman.

After graduation Joshua will be employed at Northrup Grumman as an Electrical Engineer.

## Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Graduate Emily C. Birkhead

Emily C. Birkhead, a former resident of Arthur, IL graduated Friday, May 5, 2023, at the First Community Arena at the Vadalabene Center in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Emily graduated from the

School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice. In the Honors and Awards Recognition, Emily was one of seven awarded the Prestigious Faculty Staff award of Outstanding Graduate for Academic Achievement and Clinicals. Emily's award was in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program.

Emily is the daughter of Rodney Kauffman, Arthur and Jennifer Mohr, Mahomet, Granddaughter of Mike and Serena Honn and Paul and Lilly Kauffman.

Emily is employed at Lee County Hospital in Cape Coral, Florida.

Emily and her husband Bryan reside in North Ft. Myers, Florida with their son Jace.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ARTHUR COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #305**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District #305, in the County of Douglas, State of Illinois, that a public hearing will be held for the purpose of amending the 2022-2023 school budget. Amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Unit Office, 301 E. Columbia, Arthur, Illinois. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amendment will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Cafeteria.  
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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 to 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

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 to the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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# 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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