

Arthur Through My Eyes

Kenny Crossman has been so kind to make me feel welcome and a part of the Arthur community from the moment I got here, so it's a joy for me to write about his law office this week. Crossman Law Office was started by Kenny's father Robert in 1978 after taking over the business from John Rutledge. Robert Crossman's first office was in the detached garage beside his 2 story yellow house right next to the Arthur Graphic office. Then in the early 1980's, he moved his office to the present day location. At that time, the office was on the "Simply Arthur" side of the building and Robert and his family took up residence in the

back of the building...so Kenny is literally working where he grew up! Kenny graduated from Arthur High School in 2005, received his bachelor's degree in Marketing and his masters degree in Business Administration from Eastern Illinois University before going to law school at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Then in 2014 he took over Crossman Law Office from his Dad. The law office focuses primarily on "transactional law" including estates, real estate, corporate and municipal. He does a lot of municipal work. He is coming up on his 10 year anniversary of running the office.

Kenny shared, "Arthur has always been home to me. Growing up, I didn't envision myself coming back to Arthur. Now, if you ask my wife, it's hard to get me out of town." His wife Emily is a kindergarten teacher here in town, as well as the high school volleyball coach. They have 3 adorable daughters: Nellie - 7, Ruby - 5 and Minnie - 2. I told him he is happily outnumbered. The girls like to stop in to get candy off of Daddy's desk and also recently helped Mom plant some flowers outside the office. They also have a calm and cool golden retriever, Rip, who you can find hanging out at the office. A picture of small town charm

for sure! When I asked Kenny what gives him the most joy as a lawyer he said, "I really enjoy helping out people you know and live with every day in a small town." And what he appreciates most about Arthur is that the residents have been "supportive of our business from day one when I started. People in town have always supported this office for my Dad and now me." It says a lot about a community when a young person grows up in a town, goes away

to school and then chooses to come back to live and work in his small town and finds acceptance and joy in doing so. I know my Uncle Rod has found that to be true when he too chose to come back to the town he grew up in to run the family business. And for me, I may have not grown up here, but I visited my grandparents all my life here in Arthur, and so coming back is a lot like coming "home" as well. Does a heart good.

So...let's join Crossman Law Office by embracing the charm of our small town and help him and his family celebrate nearly 10 years of being in business! Charmed in Arthur, Trudy Feyerreisen P.S. I have been asked to invite you to "The Cowboy Church" which meets at Penn Station, this Sunday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy guest singers "Jim Glapsy and Susan Martin". It looks to be a special time of music.

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

No good way to get to Phoenix

We just got back from Phoenix, Arizona. If you have ever driven to and from Phoenix, you might know that there is no good way to get there, but the shortest way takes you across Interstate 40. While there are many great things to see and do in this country, I would not recommend Interstate 40 between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Flagstaff, Arizona. The best way I can describe the "scenery" is to say that it is miles and miles of miles and miles. The land becomes flat, almost monotonous. By the time you get to Texas, things turn brown and you see very little green. Go further west, into New Mexico, and it gets less interesting.

By the time you reach Arizona, you are in high country desert and the opportunities to stop for food and gas are farther apart. Admittedly, there are things to see along the way, but we are always in too big of a hurry to get somewhere else that we don't take time to see many of them. We do take time to stop and wonder at the beauty of the Painted Desert in Arizona, but not much else. The Bible tells us of the people of Israel, wandering in the desert for 40 years. Having seen desert, both in this country and the wasteland in which the people of God wandered, I have to wonder how they did it. Just driving across

Arizona, Marilyn asked who first crossed the desert, and why. All I can think is that it was somebody who was looking for something more, something better, and in order to get there, they had to keep going. In Hosea 13:5, the Lord says of the days in the wilderness, "I cared for you in the wilderness, in the land of burning heat." When we find ourselves in the wilderness of life, may we know that God cares for us, provides for us, and will see us through. May God bless us all in our journey through life. Leroy Allison Retired Pastor Writing for the Arthur Ministerial Association

Town Talk

from page 2 Mary Lincoln and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant will appear at the AL-PLM as part of the city-wide "History Comes Alive" program. Visitors get to meet the historic characters, chat with them about life in the past and pose for pictures. They will appear Wednesday through Saturday each week. The AL-PLM's music line-up includes the Lincoln Troubadours vocal group, the Springfield Municipal Band, and a string quintet performing music written especially for the museum's new exhibit "Here I Have Lived: Home in Illinois" by Randy Erwin. In addition, the ALPLM will continue to offer Erwin's frequent acoustic performances of music from Lincoln's era." Go to the webpage for times and dates for these and other events. A great place to check out with the family during the summer months or anytime! ROSE PALLET COMPANY I have written before about Delano's cousin Sheila's

daughters, Mia and Amy. They are co-owners of this pallet company which was recently honored as one of the: "Top 50 fastest-growing women-owned/led companies." "The list identifies and showcases women-owned or women-led businesses that have demonstrated exceptional growth, innovation and success. Winners were announced during the 2023 Women's President's Organization Entrepreneurial Excellence Forum held at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas on May 11, 2023." The statement from Rose Pallet reads as follows: "Rose Pallet is grateful to the WPO for providing a platform to highlight the accomplishments of women entrepreneurs. Achieving this honor further validates the company's position as a trusted and forward-thinking pallet provider. Moreover, the honor is impactful because it shines a spotlight on the pallet industry and the people behind the pallets. There is certainly more to the humble pallet than

meets the eye and Rose Pallet wouldn't be where it is today without the contributions of its remarkable employees, customers, partner network and community." I know the company has had some dealings with some of the pallet companies around here at one time or another. These girls (ok, I guess I should say young women) do all this while also being very involved with their husbands and families. I also know cousin Sheila and their dad, Tony, are very proud of their success, as they should be. Congratulations to Rose Pallet and its leaders! HAPPY BIRTHDAY(S)! He's going to love me for this but a Happy 50th birthday to Jason which is June 20. On the other hand, Kaylee won't mind my sharing that she will be 21 on July 4. I believe a big birthday bash is being planned. (I may just have gotten myself uninvited!) And that's -30- for a Happy Father's Day this Sunday!

90th Fleming-Ellison Reunion to be held in Arthur on June 25

The descendants of George Washington Fleming and James Henry Ellison will have their 90th reunion on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at the Arthur Community Building. James Henry Ellison was born in Ohio on April 12, 1845. He came to Illinois and married Harriett Elizabeth Gibbs who was born on August 30, 1855. To this union came eight children, Frank, Sarah, William, Walter, Jesse, Mae, Margaret, and Irma. The Ellison family settled south of Arthur in North Okaw Township. James Ellison was a prominent farmer and at one time one could walk from their home to Cooks Mills nearly three miles and never leave the farm. The home of James Ellison stands today. James and Harriett are buried at Cooks Mills. George Washington Fleming was born in Ohio on January 14, 1847. He came to Lowe Township in 1867 and purchased 40 acres one mile

north of Fairbanks and later purchased 290 acres. He married Amy Jones in 1870 and farmed in the Fairbanks area until 1890 when he sold the acreage and purchased 320 acres south of Arthur in North Okaw Township. GW and Amy had nine children, May, Warren Ernest, Mary, John S., Orrie, Frances, Nellie, Ray, and Goldie. GW was a charter member of the Arthur IOOF Lodge and a member of the Arthur United Methodist Church. GW and Amy are buried in the Arthur Cemetery. Initially, the Fleming family and Ellison family held their own reunions. It was combined many years ago and has been held in Mattoon, Arcola, and Tuscola. The reunion will begin at 12:00 p.m. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish, dessert, pictures, mementoes, and plenty of stories. The Arthur Community Building is located at 120 East Progress in Arthur.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES B. JURGENS, Deceased. NO. 2023PR17

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of JAMES B. JURGENS. Letters of office were issued on May 17, 2023, to PATRICIA JURGENS, 145 Prairie Street, Arthur, IL 61911 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Joshua J. Dubbelde of Samuels, Miller, Schroeder, Jackson & Sly, LLP, P.O. Box 1400, Decatur, IL 62525.

Notice is given to unknown heirs-at-law of JAMES B. JURGENS that a petition was filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and that an Order was entered by the Court on May 17, 2023 admitting the will of JAMES B. JURGENS to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Moultrie County Circuit Clerk, 10 S. Main Street, Suite 7, Sullivan, IL 61951, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 8, 2023, as to any creditor notified by publication of this Notice, or on or before three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this Notice to a creditor, whichever is later. 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: May 30, 2023

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Church Directory

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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.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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