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Uplifting Music During Summer Concert Series in Downtown Atwood

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Saturday, June 24 from 5-7 p.m.

Heart and Mind Worship will be the final concert of the summer on Friday, July 14, from 6-8 p.m.

The concerts are sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Atwood.

Please bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this uplifting music, all downtown.

My Amish Home: Ink pens were once high tech

By **MILLIE OTTO**

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards shall inherit the kingdom of God. Flee forni-

cation. Every sin that a man doeth without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God and ye are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6:9,10,17,18,19

It's a lazy, hazy day. Not

much of a breeze, the temperature is 94 degrees. The grass is dry and crackly. The garden is thirsty. I did water it last night. Maybe it's good I missed the flower boat. I have very few flowers. Probably partly because of procrastination. Sigh--

Early in the spring when it rained and rained and again it rained, sorry to say I grew a mite weary of it. At the same time, I had a feeling it would come to this, wanting rain.

I guess it will come when it's time. God knows what He is doing.

We were in church Sunday at the neighbors. It is always a highlight for me to go to church.

It was a very pleasant Sunday. As we were singing the first songs, we sang four, before we had our actual sermon, I had to think, if we listen and follow the words, they were a sermon in themselves.

It was so beautiful. We had windows open and I imagined the sound flowing out the windows and up toward heaven.

Then I thought of all the other churches in the community, fifteen or so, all singing basically the same songs. Anyway, they second song we sing is the same.

That is the one I like, the sameness, you know what to expect.

This is a lazy summer afternoon, and I can't much get my brain in the writing mode.

Sis Barb and I took our mom to Four Acres this morning to get a new fan for her. She had a big, ungainly beast that used a 12-volt battery, one of those big old heavy dudes. It was fine when that was all that was available. But now we have lightweight, quieter ones that run off tool batteries. I guess I was a little selfish in this deal. I wanted her to get a new one because, well, I'm older and wimpier, and I almost can't handle those heavy things. But yeah, she has a hard time figuring out the remote.

At 95, she is just not up to this high-tech stuff. I bet when ink pens came into being, she thought that was high-tech. No, I don't think high-tech was in the vocabulary back then.

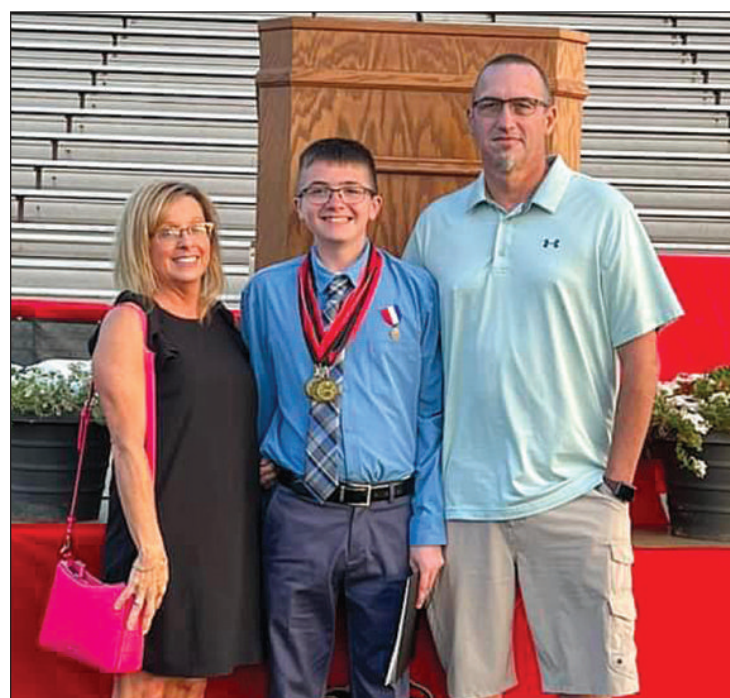
I admit, I'm not into too much high-tech myself. And

2023 Arthur DAR History Award to Cameron McGill

For forty-five years, it has been an annual tradition with the Stephen A Douglas Chapter NSDAR to award an American History medal to an eighth grade student in each of our Douglas County schools during Eighth Grade Promotion exercises. The Grace Jared Award recognizes the student who is outstanding in his/her awareness in and knowledge of American History and Current Events and for the student's leadership and citizenship skills.

This year's Arthur Junior High School American History medal was awarded to Cameron McGill, son of Brad and Laura McGill.

2023 Douglas County students also recognized were: Arcola: Gavin Storm; Atwood:



Cameron McGill, son of Laura and Brad McGill.

Ben Newhouse; Shiloh: Alison Cash; Villa Grove: Owen Kneer



Official Arthur Fireworks glow-in-the-dark t-shirts available for purchase

The official 2023 Arthur Fireworks glow-in-the-dark t-shirts are available for purchase at the Arthur IGA, Dicks Pharmacy, and Yoder's Kitchen.

This year's fireworks will be held on the evening of Saturday, July 1, in Jurgens Park (the fairgrounds).

Shirts sizes are youth small through adults 3X and the cost is \$20 each.

All proceeds from the shirt sales will be donated to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle

Association (CVMA).

The CVMA is an association of combat veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby.

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