

Arthur Through My Eyes

As I woke up to the flags along the sidewalk on Vine Street, I asked myself, "Why are the flags lining the street today?" Then it quickly dawned on me..."Ah yes...it's Flag Day!" and I smiled. A song that I so loved as a child and was taught to sing by my music teacher at Lovington Grade School quickly came to mind as I went on my morning walk along Vine Street. Sing along with me if you like...

"You're a grand, old flag, you're a high flying flag and forever in peace may you wave.

You're the emblem of the land I love, the home of the free and the brave! Every heart beats true under red, white and blue where there's never a boast or brag. But should old acquaintance be forgot, keep your eye on the grand old flag!"

Flag Day is a holiday easily forgotten and missed by most, but not here in Arthur. Patriotism is alive and well here and I, for one, am so very glad. I so admire and appreciate that, as it has helped me grow in my awareness of my need to honor the flag and be reminded of the

country where I am blessed to live. Patriotism is defined as "devotion to and vigorous support of one's country." I fully realize, that in many ways, America does not look the same to most of us. The amount of change and discord at times, makes our country unrecognizable and brings about a great sense of disillusionment, making it more difficult to "vigorously support." Yet the roots of our country and the truths of freedom and justice it was founded upon still run deep in the hearts and minds of many,

and are still worth celebrating. As long as there is life and a God over all, there is hope. We cannot give up on this country so many have fought for and lost their lives to preserve.

I am thankful for these displays of patriotism awakening a deeper sense of rightful appreciation in my own mind

and heart. Seeing the flags has been used by God to prompt my heart to pray more for our country, our leaders and all those who serve - to ask Him to be merciful to bring about change and unity wherever possible, and to help me be a catalyst toward that change. THANK YOU SO MUCH to the

volunteers who take the time to position these flags so precisely and beautifully along our main street every patriotic holiday. You are making a difference!

Still Grateful to be an American, Trudy Feyereisen

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Lead them to Jesus!

In Romans we read "But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

You know in a town the size of Arthur most studies would show that about a third of the people attend church, and about a third of the residents never will. However, that says to me that the field is ripe for harvest. In other words, the remaining third or some 750 people just might end up in church some day. Christians there is opportunity out there. Now to be honest I used to feel

like a failure when someone I shared the gospel with still said "no" to Jesus. I put a lot of pressure on myself, and evangelism had become a tension-filled obligation, rather than the joyful privilege it is meant to be.

By God's grace, this all changed when I attended a retreat on evangelism. The teacher explained to us that a person's path to salvation could take many steps. Maybe first, he said, they will learn about God's existence and Creation. Perhaps later, they hear about God's love. Still later, they find out how God sent Jesus to show us the Father's heart, to die for our sins, and offer us eternal life. Even after someone hears the Gospel, it might take more Christian influence to help them believe and embrace it. Each interaction we

have with a non-believer can make an impact, make a difference, and help them on their journey to accepting Christ. Here's where I am today on my evangelism journey. I find myself simply planting seeds with maybe a smile, or maybe holding a door open. I find myself planting seeds through my actions and being different to the point where people want what I have, with Jesus as the center of it all. Living here in Arthur makes one realize that there is more to life than the rat race that so many people in our time are running. I hope we all find a way to slow down and offer to the king of kings what he wants more than anything else other than us sharing the Good News that is. Our Time.

Kenneth Bunker Arthur United Methodist Church

Town Talk

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secretion regardless of blood type. But if you fall into that double category of someone who secretes AND has Type O blood? It's time to load up on that bug spray!" I am not sure I totally agree with this as I have Type O+ blood and the mosquitoes don't seem to love me much at all (thank goodness). However Sally and Delano and I would sit on the front porch and those two would get absolutely eaten up while I sat there saying, "what mosquitoes?" Now I know Delano had Type O- blood so don't know if that makes a difference. And I don't know Sally's blood type. Anybody else have a theory about mosquitoes and blood types?

ARTHUR FIREWORKS T-SHIRTS

If you haven't got one yet, be sure to pick one up. They can be found at Dicks Pharmacy, IGA and Yoder's Kitchen and are \$20. I think I wrote about them before but they are very well done. I love the fact that, if you've been around Arthur a while, you will recognize the stores depicted as it is a photo of North Vine Street on the east side. I believe it is prob-

ably from the early 60s and anybody who knows their cars could probably tell you pretty closely just what year it might have been taken. I'm sure it is from Noel Dicks's archives. The old post office (frankly too bad that building doesn't still look like that with its arches), Grantham Drugs, Angels Cafe, The Old Heidelberg, the pool hall (I think it's in there), Eads

Store and Albers Hardware. In the block just south you can sort of see Brad's Jewelry and Stock's Shoe Store. You may have to kind of use your imagination on those but I can see them in my mind!

And that's -30- for some much needed rain! (although it doesn't look too hopeful)

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.

Lake Land College announces full-time, part-time spring semester honors list

Lake Land College is proud to announce that more than 800 full-time students and more than 700 part-time students earned academic honors for the 2023 Spring semester.

The following full-time students have achieved these academic honors:

Atwood: Kolby Schable, President's List.

Lovington: Chayli Blackwell, President's List; Delaney Gillis, President's List.

Tuscola: Parker Norman, President's List; Mackenzi

Bowles, Dean's List; Marissa Russo, Dean's List.

The following part-time students have achieved these academic honors:

Arthur: Ryli Kauffman, President's List; Kaylin Hutchinson, President's List.

Atwood: Mikayla Williams, President's List.

Hammond: Kanen Byard, President's List.

Lovington: Brittany Middleton, President's List; Zachary Homerding, Dean's List.

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.

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. Dubbelede 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

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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 PATRICIA JURGENS, Executor

BY: JOSHUA J. DUBBELDE SAMUELS, MILLER, SCHROEDER, JACKSON & SLY, LLP Attorneys for the Estate 225 N. Water St., Ste. 301 P.O. Box 1400 Decatur, Illinois 62525 Telephone: (217) 429-4325 Fax: (217) 425-6313 published 06/07, 06/14, 06/21/2023

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.worshipnew.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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