

# Arthur Through My Eyes

I had SO MUCH FUN this past week asking residents to complete the sentence "Our town..." as we think about WCIA channel 3 news doing their segment "Our Town" in Arthur Friday, July 21. These were their responses.

Stephanie Wierman, general manager of the Arthur Graphic Clarion shared this about "Our Town...Quaint, thriving, welcoming, serene, compassionate, slower-paced, picturesque, innovative, and tranquil."

"Our town Arthur is truly unique. The people here make

up a close-knit community who work hard and reach out to help each other. Community fund raisers, festivals, Civic groups, and Bible school are just a few ways people of this town come together and make things happen. Everyone is willing to pitch in for a good cause. There is strong faith here and it is a place many want to come experience for themselves as a tourist destination." - Glen Rhodes, pastor of Arthur Mennonite Church and Rhonda Rhodes, 3rd grade teacher at Arthur Grade School

"Our town is a loving community. A great place to raise families." - Sandy Miller, long time resident

"Our town is one of a kind. It's a happy, safe and very welcoming community." - Sue Falk, broker at Legacy Land and Homes who relocated here and is so glad she did.

"Our town...where friends meet and eat - a unique community where people return again and again." - Anna Herschberger, owner of Yoder's Kitchen

"Our town is a great place to

raise a family. Arthur is known for great food and shops, but what is the glue is the people. When you need a hand, your neighbor steps up and helps you. The kindness from the community is evident whether you are at the grocery store, the Welcome Center, or you are at one of those wonderful shops or restaurants we have. It's a great place to visit and perhaps you'll be like me...love it and stay for 41 years with no plans of leaving." - Dawn Robinson, librarian at the Arthur Public Library

"Our town... a place you can always come home to, where you are always welcomed with open arms." - Cindy Hogan, employee at Arthur Floral and Home Decor who was born and raised in Arthur and then returned in the spring of 2022.

"Our town is a place where people care about each other and will work together in spite of their differences...even Cubs fans and Cardinals fans!" - Doug Davis, pastor at Arthur Southern Baptist Church and history teacher at ALAH High School

"Our town is unlike any I've ever lived in. There's so many things going on - so much community activity and for the most part, everyone seems to get along." - Leroy Allison, retired pastor of the Arthur United Methodist Church

"Our town is awesome, friendly, accepting - goes out of it's way to help strangers. I've seen that quite a bit. We were strangers and welcomed." - Marilyn Allison

Gayle Cearlock well remem-

bers when she and her husband Tom responded to an add in the paper for the Chevrolet garage. She was pregnant with their 3rd child and came with Tom to check out this new town they were considering moving to. She recalls parking in front of the Arthur Grade School and reading the sign, "You're a stranger only once" and says that's how she feels living in Arthur. She thanks God every day that she gets to live in Arthur where her husband was a mechanic at the Chevrolet garage and then worked at the post office. She says it was such a blessing that the LORD lead them to move here.

Nadine Miller (who has lived in Arthur with her husband Lamar for 24 years) says, "I love our small town of Arthur! I appreciate how our community pulls together in time of need! There is comfort in its relaxing slow pace. It is a great place

to raise children. I came from a small farming community in Indiana and was concerned about finding a place I loved as much as home, and we found it here in Arthur!"

Ann Huffman remembers her father working at Progress and being a part of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband Lyle, who was a farmer, raised their children here. She shared, "We are so lucky to live in our town! I appreciate all the many friends I have here and how people help each other. Lots of good people are the backbone of Arthur. We owe it all to those who went before us to plan and map out what could be."

"Our town is a town I would like to spend my whole life in. The best people live in Arthur." - June Bissonett, resident of Arthur for 69 years

Couldn't Agree More, Trudy Feyereisen

## Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

### Important Words!

Encouragement and humility are two of the greatest virtues in life. Not only do they lift other people up, but they lift our spirits as well. In the book of Philippians in the Bible Paul shares these virtues and others in various ways. Take the time this week to read the four chapters of Philippians to appreciate the full scope of joy, encouragement, and thanksgiving that Paul writes about.

As I considered those virtues of encouragement and humility, I remembered an article I read one time that said: The six most important words are, "I admit that I was wrong!" The five most important words are, "You did a great job." The four most important words are, "What do you think?" The three most important words

are, "May I help?" The two most important words are, "Thank You!" The most important word is, "We." And the least important word is, "I".

In verse 6 of chapter 1 Paul says, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." So often we get caught up in the needs that we have as individuals and forget about the needs of those whom God places in our path each day. Paul encourages us in that verse to remember that we are called to bring about good things in life and speak positive words of encouragement to each other. Those words flow out of our relationship with Jesus Christ, and they can also be a wonderful testimony of his

love and concern for others.

Paul says, "The fruit of righteousness" comes through Jesus Christ. Let's remember those important words and put the focus on others instead of ourselves. As we read the New Testament, we realize that this is how Jesus lived. His humility and his ministry of encouragement to others is a great example for us to follow.

Take your most difficult relationship right now and use the encouragement of Philippians to approach it in a different way. By blessing others in Christ, we can often turn the bad into good.

Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration  
Arthur Mennonite Church

## ALOLF Raise the Roof Fundraiser Set for July 14

Advance tickets are required

The Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation is sponsoring a "Raise the Roof Fundraiser" on Friday, July 14, at Penn Station in Arthur. Serving will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Advance tickets are required.

Yoder's Kitchen will prepare a delicious menu of pot roast, party potatoes, green bean casserole, broccoli / cauliflower salad, dinner rolls, and peach, cherry, and strawberry / rhubarb cobbler.

Tickets for "Dine In" or "To Go" may be purchased from any Foundation Board member. They are Joe & Martha Yoder; Bruce & Kathy Oye; Omer & Nancy Miller; Joe & Roseanna Mast; Merv & Barb Helmuth; Melvin & Clara Mae Helmuth; Loyd & Judy Gingerich; Howard & Judy Diener; and Dave & Cathy Allen, as well as at some businesses in the Arthur area.

A minimum donation for tickets is \$25 for adults, \$15

for children 4-10 years old, and children under four years old are free.

Arthur Legacy of Love Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization working to generate funds to help build quality CILA housing for the special citizens of the Arthur community. The first lot has been purchased at the corner of Beech and Second Street in Arthur and plans are being finalized to begin home construction soon.

If you can't attend the "Raise the Roof Fundraiser" and would like to contribute, donations may be deposited directly to the ALOLF Foundation's account at the State Bank of Arthur or by mailing a check made out to ALOLF, P.O. Box 222, Arthur, IL, 61911. All contributions to the Foundation are deductible for income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

## Town Talk

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you English people with facebook, email, Snapchat, Instagram and whatever. The Amish have you beat when it comes to communication! Other interesting things about communication were those who read a post about the fireworks and became completely convinced that it was going to cost \$50 to see them. People please don't just read the headline! Thankfully many others took those headline readers to task and explained you could watch them for free from many places. And the comments on the Arthur Fireworks page after the show were extremely complimentary stating that our show is one of the best you will find anywhere. Nice to know all the hard work is appreciated.

### THE HIDEAWAY

Recognition for Lynn Marnier's vacation rental place which she has been operating out of her and Andy's home on Lincoln Street for a few years now. The apartment was built originally for Lynn's mom who lived in it for many years before she passed away. I had the privilege of a tour of the place a while back and it is very nice and comfortable with a kitchen, living room (with sleeping accommodations) and bedroom as well as handicap accessible bathroom. Laundry facilities are also available with separate outdoor access. It is also in a very convenient location for downtown. Once again this quarter Lynn achieved Superhost status on the AirBnB website. I am not at all surprised.

Anybody who knows Lynn knows she would not only be a very welcoming host but also a lot of fun! Congratulations!

### RECOGNITION FOR ALAH ATHLETES

The News-Gazette recently recognized local athletes for both softball and baseball. Our Knights who made the softball team were Alisha Frederick, second team; Charley Condill, Mackenzie Condill, Kailee Otto, honorable mention. Knights on the baseball team are Wyatt Hilligoss, Clay Seal, Dalton Vanausdoll, all honorable mention. Congratulations to our ALAH athletes!

### OUR TOWN ARTHUR

Next week our little burg will be featured on WCIA's summer season of spotlighting area towns. We have a lot to offer in Arthur and I know there are at least a couple of interviews that have been filmed. Also the new Graham Vet Clinic which is having their grand opening on Saturday, July 22 will have a segment on CI Living at some point in the week. The week culminates with the WCIA crew being in town on Friday, July 21 and here's our chance to show the place off. I know one thing that village officials are looking for is vintage cars and antique tractors to put on display so if you have one or know of someone who might like to put their car out there for all to see, please contact the village offices at 217-543-2927. On a related note, a recent article in the News-Gazette written by a facebook friend of mine asked for suggestions regarding places to travel close to home. One contributor listed Arthur as

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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:** 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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