

Arthur Through My Eyes

Have I ever discovered a hidden gem to share with you this week! "Crossroads Bookstore" located just a bit further down the country road from Beachy's Bulk foods at 206E CR 200N, Arcola. This shop was such a DELIGHT to me that my eyes filled with tears as I looked around. It is filled with so many neat things! The owners are sisters Kathryn and Luella Miller who have both taught in the Amish parochial school system for many years (Luella still

teaches grades 1-4 at Meadow Brook School). Back in January of 2017, a friend of theirs who sold curriculum wanted to sell off the inventory and since Kathryn and Luella both had a love for teaching and seeing kids learn, they bought the curriculum and started their business out of one room in their home. As additional products were added, they soon outgrew that room and with the support from family, were blessed to build a building next to their

house in June of 2022. It's a great space!

Outside of curriculum, the store carries many items for the classroom including school supplies, posters, charts, bulletin board decor, stickers, construction paper, craft activities. It's truly a great place for teachers of all kinds, home schooling Moms and Sunday School teachers to come and find inspiration and help to design a positive space for your students. They also carry

an array of other items: key chains, stationery, book marks, journals, devotionals, boxed greeting cards, beautifully hand crafted cards made by their nieces, card games, kid's games, flip calendars, lovely sticker embellishments, puzzle books and puzzles as well as many children's books on many subjects. They also offer an assortment of Bibles that you can get personalized with an imprint, and will also personalize devotionals. One of the unique aspects of the business is called the "Book Exchange" where customers can buy storybooks and then return them to buy another. How soon a book is returned determines how much discount received to buy the next. It's really a great idea and keeps people returning to the store to discover more treasures!

Luella said, "Children really enjoy this program and it's always rewarding to hear that the children benefited from reading the storybooks. We want to do something that is a service and a benefit to our schools and community." They are doing just that with 20 Amish parochial schools in the area with 7 of those having an additional classroom to serve children with special needs. It was a joy to my heart to personally witness both Luella and Kathryn's love for learning and passing that along. And I told them that others in the Arthur English community could also be blessed and encouraged by the products they offer. One of the services they offer is custom laminating. If you have items you want to laminate, combining your needs with other

people with needed items to laminate would make it more cost effective. They also just purchased a large printer and are hoping to print small booklets for customers as well.

When I asked them what they appreciated about Arthur and having a business in the area, Kathryn replied, "that Arthur is large enough to provide services we need for our busi-

ness and yet small enough for the lifestyle of our people." If you are interested in finding out more, please drive out and check them out! I promise you it will be well worth it! You can also leave a voicemail at (217) 543-2670.

Overjoyed to Find Another Gem of a Business, Trudy Feyereisen

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buildings in Springfield. There are also many Route 66 sites to visit and don't forget Oak Ridge cemetery and the Lincoln tomb there. The village of New Salem where Lincoln lived is not far away from Springfield either. A great day trip not that far away from Arthur.

STALEY MUSEUM "FIELDS OF GOLD"

This documentary will have its premiere in Beverly Hills on August 18 and in Decatur at the Lincoln Theater on September 16. It tells the story of A.E. Staley and "chronicles the incredible journey of Augustus Eugene Staley, born in 1867, from barefoot farmer to the founder and leader of an agricultural empire. The film features Mr. Staley's ownership of turn-of-twentieth-century baseball and football teams called the Decatur Staleys." We have enjoyed visiting the Staley Museum which was

once the Staley home in Decatur many times. The history is fascinating and a very important part of the economy in this area. More information from the press release states, "The documentary vividly portrays Staley's unwavering commitment to his employees, his customers, and his community. Throughout his career, Staley demonstrated selflessness and compassion, going above and beyond to take care of his workers during a time when social support systems were lacking." Looking forward to seeing this. I will share more information as the date for the documentary's premiere in Decatur gets closer.

DRIVING MISS DAISY

For the first time in many years and thanks to my brother-in-law and sister-in-law I have season tickets to the Little Theatre. We had kind of gotten away from attending shows except only occasionally but I'm so glad to be going back to the theater. (My only prob-

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Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Dimples Fly Far

This year, I've gotten back into playing golf. I took a 15-year break since it was difficult to regularly spend that large of a block of time on myself while our children were young. Now that we're down to a college senior under our roof, there's more time for leisurely pursuits.

Golf is great for being outside in a park-like environment, getting your steps in - even when you use a cart, and teaching humility. Even the equipment we use while golfing can communicate lessons for our lives. Did you realize that if a golf ball were perfectly round, it would only travel around one hundred yards or less? It's the dimples on the ball that keep it in the air and enable it to go much longer distances. Engineers spend countless hours trying to figure out better patterns and shapes to maximize

the "loft" that is gained from all of the pockmarks on the ball. Without the planned "imperfections" the ball would be going nowhere fast.

There are some days we think our life is too big of a mess for even God to handle. Have we really made so many mistakes that there is no way for us to ever be right with Him? Everyone screws up more times than they'd care to admit. Giving in to temptation, not doing what we know we should do, blurting out harsh words to the people closest to us, and repeatedly engaging in self-destructive behavior are habits that become almost impossible to break. But the truth is: no matter how many times we find ourselves in these patterns, God still calls us back to Him.

These imperfections in our lives can be painful, as if our

soul has been dimpled by living in pursuit of the many things that our society has determined to be signs of success - physical beauty, material wealth, pleasure, or just to be "liked" by everyone. We give into many temptations in pursuit of the appearance of success as we try to conform to our culture. While we might feel overwhelmed or worn out by life, we haven't been ruined by it. Instead, our Creator creatively uses all of these dimples we've acquired to enable us to fly far and soar high for Him. The next time you take some hits that leave you feeling dented, remember that God has a plan for all of the pockmarks on your life - to help you go farther with Him.

Much love and many blessings, Pastor John Stewart First Baptist Church of Arthur

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, July 3, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Douglas County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:
COLBE'S HOME ESSENTIALS
418 N. IOWA ST.
ATWOOD, IL 61913
Dated this 3 day of July, 2023
No. DBA-001997
Judi Pollock
County Clerk
published 07/12, 07/19, 07/26/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BIDDING
Sealed bids will be taken from the Village of Lovington for a 2017 Hustler Super Z Diesel 60" Rear Discharge Mower (1320 hrs) from August 1, 2023 to August 15, 2023. Bids will be accepted at Village Hall, 222 S Railroad St., Lovington during regular hours or by mail at Village of Lovington, P.O. Box 169, Lovington, IL 61937. Minimum bid is \$6,000.
Bids will be opened on September 11, 2023 during the regular Lovington Village Board meeting that begins at 6:00 p.m.
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JENNA S CASWELL A/K/A JENNA SUE CASWELL; JOHNNY A CASWELL A/K/A JOHNNY ALLEN CASWELL, JR. A/K/A JOHNNY A CASWELL, JR.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 23 FC 3
303 SOUTH EMBARRAS AVENUE TUSCOLA, IL 61953
JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Jenna S Caswell a/k/a Jenna Sue Caswell
Johnny A Caswell a/k/a Johnny Allen Caswell, Jr. a/k/a Johnny A Caswell, Jr. Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, CITY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 105 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 14 IN KELLY'S SECOND ADDITION TO TUSCOLA, THENCE NORTH 73 FEET 4 INCHES MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY ELZA SMITH AND GLADYS SMITH AS ESTABLISHED BY A CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JULY 16, 1953 AND APPEARING OF RECORD IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN MISCELLANEOUS RECORD 27 AT PAGE 445, THENCE EAST 100 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 73 FEET 4 INCHES MORE OR LESS TO A POINT DUE EAST OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE WEST 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as:
303 South Embarras Avenue Tuscola, IL 61953
and which said Mortgage was made by,
Jenna S Caswell a/k/a Jenna Sue Caswell and Johnny A Caswell a/k/a Johnny Allen Caswell, Jr. a/k/a Johnny A Caswell, Jr.
Mortgagor(s), to
Fisher National Bank
Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Douglas County, Illinois, as Document No.

283964; and for other relief.
UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before August 20, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at ilinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. \rightarrow Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener informaciv sobre los casos de la corte y cmo completar y presentar formularios.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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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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