

Arthur Through My Eyes

This past Friday, the 21st, marked the 2 year anniversary of my beloved John being in heaven. Such significant dates bring about moments of reflection that are a part of the grief journey and the healing process. Although one will never be quite the same after the loss of a spouse or other loved one, the deep pain and sorrow does begin to dissipate with time, as a new life without the one we love emerges and we begin to adapt to a life we would have never chosen, yet are still given the privilege to live. That

is where I find myself at this time...reflecting on my precious time on this earth with my beloved, while at the same time embracing the genuine joy of my new life here in Arthur. I have been greatly blessed by so many here in this town who have come alongside to welcome me with open arms and help me feel a true part of this community. As our sign says... "You're a stranger only once" - right?! God's kindness and healing love has been extended to me in various ways...through spontaneous "good morning

greetings" from store owners as I pass by on my walk down Vine, honks, waves and smiles from those who now recognize me, moments of down to earth conversation when someone takes the time to interact and share a bit of life together, and taking time to introduce yourself or get my attention to tell me you appreciate this column and to "keep up the good work". I do not take ANY of these precious gifts for granted. Each one makes a difference to me as a young widow, as life often times can still feel quite lonely.

So a big THANK YOU to each one who has extended neighborly friendship to me. It has and never will be forgotten.

I also will never be able to repay or forget how Stephanie Wierman took a chance on me being a novice writer, to start this column. It has been an absolute JOY to my heart to write it every week and to meet every person I have ever had the privilege to interview so far. My dream of becoming a writer is coming true! I'm also forever grateful to children's librarian Meranda Stutzman for talking to director Kelsey Pruitt about giving me a chance to do the children's story time at the library which then turned into them hiring me. Working at the library has brought me so much happiness and friendship. Kelsey was so sensitive to my initial weak and unstable health amidst my still fresh grieving, and gently moved me into the positions I have now. I am so grateful to be in a compassionate workplace. The LORD has matched me perfectly with both these jobs, and I just cannot thank and praise Him enough.

To mark this new chapter in my life, I put up some new home decor that captures my mind and heart at this time. I would like to share with you their statements. "Life takes us to unexpected places. Love brings us home" (thank you to Doug and Leslie Davis for helping me put that up in a special place) and "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations." That "beautiful destination" for me is my grandparent's home where I now live and Arthur itself. For 22 years, Johnnie was

my home. Now Arthur is my home. Thank you for helping me to make it so.

With Genuine Gratitude and a Full Heart, Trudy Feyereisen

Founders' Day Dinner Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the Village of Arthur's main Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Founder's Day Dinner, are now available. The event will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Penn Station in downtown Arthur to commemorate the founding of the Village on September 2, 1873.

The event will feature a grilled pork and grilled chicken dinner catered by Jo's Country Diner, birthday cake and ice cream for dessert, an interview with a guest from the past - the founder of the town Michael H. Warren, entertaining Arthur history, and the opening of the time capsule from 1973.

Guests may begin gathering at 5:30 PM with dinner being served at 6:00 PM.

You are encouraged to wear clothing representative of the time of Arthur's founding or any other era of clothing that represents Arthur's past. Pull out the old outfits your parents or grandparents wore during Arthur's Centennial in 1973, work shirts from past businesses, or items you or your



ancestors might have worn to school in the 40's, 50's, 60's, or 70's. Pictures of those attending this event will be taken and later deposited into the time capsule that will be opened in 2073!

Tickets are \$30 per person and are available at the Arthur Municipal Office, 120 East Progress Street, during the regular business hours of 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM or by calling (217) 543-2927.

Tables will be set up for eight persons per table. So if you want to sit together with family or friends, order your tickets early and ask to be seated at the same table. Seating is limited, so get your tickets right away for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Be Still

As I was running around from one meeting to another the other day I slowed down and wondered long enough to take stock of the situation. A pastor's life can be a whirling derby of a mess I thought. For me sermons, meetings, visits, grandchildren and school-work to name a few. But then I thought that it's not just me, hardly because we all seem to be rushing around. That said are we taking time for Jesus? Are we taking time in all this rushing around for He who makes it all possible, so to speak.

Everyone reading this can relate and we've all said to ourselves, I can do this. Just tweak the schedule. Get up a little earlier. Simplify. Re-organize. Streamline. Plan better. Focus. Pare down. Clear out. Divide

and conquer. Tomorrow will be better. I'll sleep more this weekend. It'll slow down next week. The bottom line is that God and his son are hard to locate in our busyness. I often remind myself through one of my favorite scriptures that He comes to us in the quiet.

In Psalm 46:10 we read "Be still and know that I am God". Rather than commanding us to try harder to find him, God tells us to be still and know him. Stop. Cease and slow down. Because he is God and he is moving and doing glorious things in both the sunshine and the rain, whether we stop and notice or not. My hope for all of us is that we don't miss out because our hearts and minds are too busy focusing on a life that is all too temporary, while forgetting about that which is

eternal.

Let's all resolve to make a different kind of to-do list. Before even opening your eyes in the morning, seek his face and turn your eyes in his direction. Before your feet hit the floor confess your sins. As you get dressed ask him to cover you with his armor. As you look into the mirror pray that you will reflect his goodness on all you come across. And finally, as you sip your coffee and eat breakfast ask that he fills you with his spirit and that you will hunger and thirst for him this day and every day. I believe that He would appreciate such a morning to-do list.

God Bless
Pastor Jill Bunker
The Arthur United
Methodist Church

Town Talk

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do not know enough about. It seems that there is more slavery in this world today than there was when slavery was 'legal.' Sadly many of those enslaved are children and the purposes for this are about as unsavory as you can imagine. The message of the movie is frightening but also inspiring and hopeful. It took five years to get this movie into theaters and you have to ask yourself

why. The acting, beginning with Jim Caviezel who portrayed Jesus Christ in "The Passion of the Christ," Mira Sorvino and others, is excellent. The real life story is that of Tim Ballard, former employee of the Department of Homeland Security and how he became involved and made stopping human trafficking his life mission. All you need to know is that the tag line for the movie is, "God's Children are not for sale!"

And that's -30- for our own little corner of the world!

Arts Council

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out to the area schools and see if there are any students with an interest in the arts whom they could mentor.

-After a successful first annual art fair, it was decided to hold a second Art Fair during

the Strawberry Jam in 2024. This would be held again in the Fellowship Hall at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

-The council made a decision to participate in the Arthur Cheese Festival Parade with Richard's wagon displaying the logo and having interested members hand out flyers.

-Plans for the future include holding workshops, art festivals and open mic afternoons/nights. The council wanted to find out how they could have events in the Knight's Court in downtown Arthur.

-The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall at the Arthur United Methodist Church.

If there are any artists or anyone interested in more information about the Arthur Area Arts Council, contact Ariana Cherry at 217-246-1966 or send an email to arianathepoet@gmail.com

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
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LEGAL NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a self-support lattice tower at 720 East Mill Street, Arthur, Douglas County, IL 61911 (39-43-10.6 N / 88-27-50.0 W). The height of the tower will be 93 meters above ground level (294 meters above mean sea level). The tower is anticipated to have a medium-dual system for obstruction lights FAA Style E (L-864/L-865/L-810). AT&T Mobility, LLC welcomes comments on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Specific information regarding the project is available by contacting EBI Consulting, Project 6123004947-CJ during normal business hours. Comments must be received at 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 219-313-5458 within 30 days of publication of this notice. Interested persons may also review the application for this project at www.

fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A1247678. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should also be provided to EBI Consulting at 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403.
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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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