

# Arthur Through My Eyes

This week, as we think of the upcoming sesquicentennial, I thought it fitting to interview Dick, as he is presently the longest living resident of Arthur -

94 years young! Both Dick and Alberta were born and raised in Arthur. Alberta (maiden name, Watson) grew up on a farm south

of town with her sister Doris and Dick was raised in town at 424 South Pine Street with his younger sister Barbara Eckstein (also an Arthur resident)

and his grandparents also lived west of town.

Alberta commented, "It's kinda strange that Dick went from 424 South Pine to 424 South Vine after we got married - just two blocks apart." That's a fun fact!

She also cutely noted that it "all started when I, as a freshman, went to junior prom with Dick, a senior" (they went to prom the subsequent year as well).

I joked with her that I too got invited to prom my freshman year, but my parents wouldn't let me go. She was lucky!

Following graduation, Dick attended E.I.U. where he got a degree in business and social studies.

Alberta, after she graduated H.S., was a dental assistant for Dr. Dixon here in Arthur.

The two high school sweethearts married in 1953 while Dick was in the midst of 4 years of service in the Air Force.

After military service, Dick had a few other jobs before being employed at U.S.I. where he retired in 1991 after 34 years.

They raised 1 son - Brian, who passed away in 2013 and 2 daughters - Valerie Chancellor and Michele Price who both reside in Arthur. They also have 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

There is a legacy of loving and loving in Arthur for the Bradford's that continues to this day, which is so heart warming to see. You don't have to

live in Arthur long to notice the intentional ways they gather and celebrate (a "Happy 70th Anniversary!" banner recently planted in Dick and Alberta's lawn).

Valerie shared with me one day when I was delivering books, in great delight, a fun memory she has of the family placing a "Happy Birthday!" banner on the back of her Dad's car. He passed right by it in the garage and drove off without even realizing it was there. People honked at him and then when he got to work, many were wishing him a "Happy Birthday!" and he couldn't figure out how people knew it was his birthday! They got him good! Such fun!

Speaking of "fun"...when I asked Dick and Alberta what they remember as kids growing up here for fun, they remember going to the theater downtown for either a dime or a quarter on Saturday afternoons and Alberta remembers working at Rockome Gardens in the summers and enjoying Dick's Aunt Elsie's dress shop called, "Dawson's".

They both remember enjoying ice cream and/or soda at "Grantham's" which later became "Dicks Pharmacy." It was also neat to hear about Dick playing in a dance band in H.S. out of Newman called the "Gene Trimble Orchestra." He played the saxophone. They traveled around, playing in the area, which reminded he and Alberta of the dance tent at the Moultrie Douglas County Fair

every year. Dick happily recalling how many amazing bands played like: Jimmy and Tommy Dorsley, Dick Jurgens, Eddie Howard, and Gene Krupa. Dick said, "If they were popular, we had em'. That is something special to remember."

It was also neat to learn that Arthur has had quite a few car dealerships over the years like: Fleming Brothers Chrysler and Plymouth, Asherman's Ford, Collin and Daughtery Chevrolet and Nofrey Oldsmobile. Dick and Alberta well remember buying their cars right here in town.

When asked what has been the most "consistent" thing you've noticed about Arthur over the years, Dick simply replied, "Progress. I'd say that's a good word. We have industry, we have shops, we have a good school system, and communities of worship" (Dick and Alberta being longtime members of the United Methodist Church).

They said, "we remember when Arthur simply had a gas station, movie theater and a grocery store...we remember when the library was built, the fire department, police station, all the stores on Route 133. We've seen a lot of businesses come and go...but Arthur continues to adapt and keep going."

When asked what they appreciate most about having lived their entire lives in Arthur, Dick stated, "It's a good place to live. It's home."

To which Alberta added, "There's no place like home" - sweet contentment from a couple with deep roots in a special place.

With Loving Friendship,  
Trudy Feyereisen

## Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

### Righteousness in an Unrighteous World

It is easy in this day and age to become frustrated with the direction that our world is going.

We see lies being repeated until they are believed as truth, selfishness masquerading as generosity, the love of many has grown cold as crime is on the rise, fatherlessness continues to plague our young people, and deception has become encouraged and accepted as Artificial Intelligence causes us to question what is really real.

For far too many, there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Unrighteousness abounds. Where are the righteous? It would be much too easy to be so disgruntled that one might feel like giving up. Please don't give up!

Let me share some good news from the Good News.

In Romans chapter 3 (verses 21-26), God's word shows us some important and encouraging truths: 1. God's righteousness has been revealed to us now. There is no better time to find or be reminded of the righteousness of God. This is available to you now.

2. God's righteousness is sep-

arate from keeping the rules, instead, it is found through faith in Jesus Christ. Too often, people try to "do good" on their own and in their own strength. This will produce the righteousness of men, but God has something better for you.

3. God's righteousness is for all who believe. It is easy to be leery because of the struggles mentioned earlier, but you can trust God. Place your faith in Him.

4. All of us have fallen short and need God's righteousness. Each of us has broken God's law, and we know it. We have all said things that weren't true, taken things that weren't ours, and dishonored our parents (just to name a few). In the midst of all of the good and righteous things that you do, unrighteousness is ever present too.

5. You (and all who believe) can be justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. God gave Jesus to be the one who would take your place, receiving your punishment on the cross, and giving forgiveness, life, and His righteousness to the unrighteous who will believe.

6. Mercy and restraint has kept God's punishment for our sins at bay. We have seen in our own society, that when broken laws go unpunished there is no justice. God insists on punishment for those who have broken His law. That punishment... my punishment... rested on Jesus on the cross.

7. God declares righteous the one who has faith in Jesus. We have all seen the chaos that results when "right" and "wrong" become arbitrary and justice is thwarted by those who think it isn't necessary. It doesn't work at all. It makes our world an unrighteous place- and it can be frustrating. But you can find righteousness in an unrighteous world. It exists in Christ Jesus.

God is just and good and will not be mocked. He will give you righteousness earned by Christ, that is to be lived out in this world, so that the righteousness of God will be revealed to an unrighteous world that needs Him.

To God Be the Glory!  
Pastor Doug Davis  
Arthur Southern  
Baptist Church



## 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 Marner, 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 Con-

temporary 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

### LEGAL NOTICE

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held at FRONT PORCH, LOCATED AT 796 EAST COUNTY ROAD 1300 NORTH, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, within the boundaries of UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF TUSCOLA #20, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, No. 64-L-9279, on the 5th day of September, 2023 from the hour of 2 o'clock to the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon thereof for the purpose of election a Drainage Commissioner of said drainage district for a term of 3 years.

Every adult owner of land in the district, whether residing within or without the district, is entitled to vote and if a resident of the State of Illinois is eligible to the office of Drainage Commissioner.

DATED this 1st day of August, 2023.  
COMMISSIONERS:  
LARRY DALLAS  
JOHN PFLUM  
MARK WESCH  
published 08/23, 08/30/2023

### LEGAL NOTICE

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 8, 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:  
WEST STAR SEWING  
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DATED this 8th day of August, 2023.  
No. DBA-002003  
Judi Pollock  
County Clerk  
published 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2023

### LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY - IN PROBATE**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**KENNETH D. OHLSEN, Deceased**  
**NO. 2023-P-16**  
**NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of KENNETH D. OHLSEN. Letters of office were issued to Steven Stratman, 2910 County Road 1330 North, Ellery, Illinois 62833, as Independent Administrator with Will Annexed on August 4, 2023 whose attorney of record is Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk in Room 204 Douglas County Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois 61951, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 23, 2024 being six months from the date of the first publication, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is re-

quired by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Steven Stratman

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