

**Personal**

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So where does the retail shopping industry go from here? Crime in larger cities have made going out and doing anything shopping and

eating related unsafe. Again, if the communities retail stores relocate don't enjoy a strong and aggressive prosecution by State's Attorneys and police departments in those communities, then what's the point in relocating there? I want to

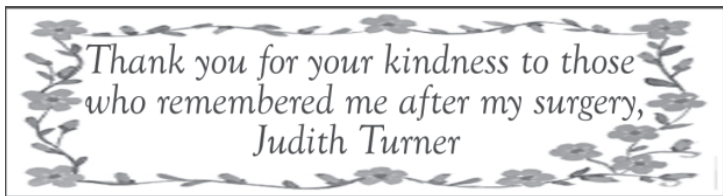
think this might be an opportunity for retail and restaurant businesses to consider smaller and safer communities as their next place to set up shop. I wouldn't want a single business we already have here to suffer one nickel from more store fronts. The selling point would be anyone coming to a

community like ours would be confident they would enjoy a safe and pleasant shopping experience. The goal would be to entice hundreds of people from their unsafe and unpredictable larger communities to one like ours that's safe and free from violence. A guaranteed day free from violence as they shop

a wide variety of stores that offer a wide variety of shopping and eating experiences. Wouldn't it be worth a twenty-five minute drive to shop someplace you know your family will be safe and protected by local law enforcement and aggressive prosecution should crime occur? I think so. Not to

mention the bottleneck traffic problems in larger cities that a person wouldn't have to contend with in a smaller community. Just a thought.

*(The views and opinions expressed in the submitted columns are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Journal.)*



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>Camargo United Methodist Church</b>                  103 E. Main Street                  P.O. Box 122, Camargo, IL 61919                  Church—832-9388                  e-mail: umccamargo@gmail.com                  Office Hours:                  Tuesday and Thursday                  8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.                  Pastor - Lenny Sumnar                  Traditional Worship - 9:00 a.m.                  Contemporary Worship 10:30                  "Come just as you are to worship"                  Open Communion first Sunday                  of each month                  Prayer Group - Meets after                  Sunday Service.</p>	<p><b>First United Pentecostal Church</b>                  1 South Pine Street, Villa Grove                  Wheelchair Accessible                  Where Lives are Changed!                  Pastor Jerry L. Conner                  Church 832-7071 • Residence 832-8577                  Sunday School—10:00 a.m.                  Worship Service—10:00 a.m.                  Evening Evangelistic Service—6:30 p.m.                  Monday, 1st one of each month                  Ladies Auxiliary, 7:00 p.m.                  Monday—Friday                  Ladies Prayer Group—9:00 a.m.                  Tuesday Youth Service—7:00-8:00 p.m.                  Thursday Bible Study—7:30 p.m.                  Free Home Bible Study                  We welcome you to worship                  with us in all of our services</p>
<p><b>First Christian Church</b>                  (Non-Denominational)                  "Come Rejoice With Us"                  701 N. Sycamore St.                  Villa Grove, Illinois                  Phone(217)832-5231                  Fax (217)832-9348                  Website: www.fccvg.com                  E-mail: fccvg@frontier.com                  Minister- Mike Zylstra                  E-mail: fccvgmin@frontier.com                  Open communion observed weekly                  Morning Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.                  Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 a.m.                  Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group                  1st &amp; 3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Forty Martyrs Catholic Church</b>                  201 E. Van Allen St                  Tuscola, IL 61953                  Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra                  Office Phone: 217.253.4412                  Sacrament of Confession:                  Saturdays 5:00 pm                  Or by appointment by calling the                  church office: 217.253.4412                  Week-day Mass Times:                  8:00 am Monday, Thursday &amp;                  Friday                  Weekend Masses:                  5:30 pm Saturday                  8:00 am Sunday</p>
<p><b>First Christian Church</b>                  100 E. Church St., Tuscola                  253-2394                  Sunday Worship services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.                  Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.                  Youth Group 7th-12th @ 6:33 Sundays                  After school program                  5th-6th girls, Wednesdays                  www.fccuscola.com</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church</b>                  600 E Northline Rd.                  Tuscola, IL 61953                  217-253-4341                  Services: Saturday 5:30 pm                  Sunday 9:00 am</p>
<p><b>Tuscola United Methodist Church</b>                  901 N. Prairie Ave.                  253-4232                  Sunday Worship Services:                  9:00 a.m.</p> <p><i>If you would like your church                  featured in our directory, please call                  Jamie at (217) 369-1398.</i></p>	<p><b>Sacred Heart Catholic Church</b>                  208 N. Pine Stret, Villa Grove                  Pastor -Rev. Aloy Ndeanaefo                  Office: 832-8352                  Hours: M-F 8:30am-1:30pm                  Email: villagrove.hume@gmail.com                  website: sacredheartandstmichael.com                  Mass Times: Saturday: 4pm                  Sunday 10:00am                  Sunday @ St. Michaels in Hume                  8:00am                  PSR:                  Sunday 9:00-9:45 am</p>

**City**

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honor of Bill and Joyce Gabbard and their myriad contributions

to the city of Villa Grove.

The Council unanimously approved 2023 R-04, which declared surplus equipment for trade, and resolution 2023 R-05, which waived the for-

mal bidding requirement and accepted a quote for building insulation and finishing. The council then unanimously approved the quote for installing a sump pump in the Zest For Life

center and approval of the survey boundary for the Renfrow property, contingent upon formal plat map approval of Crawford's Second subdivision.

**Obituaries**

**Richard Eiche**

Richard Lee Eiche 79, of Tuscola, formerly of Lima, Ohio, passed away on April 16, 2023 in Charleston.

He was born on December 13, 1943 and adopted by Clayton and Bina (Hover) Eiche. His biological parents were Georgiana (Gahret) Hall and William "Buck" Van Gundy. Richard married Dianna Kay Riemesch on June 19, 1965 in Lima, OH.

Richard was a 1961 graduate of Shawnee High School in Lima, Ohio. He also graduated from Rhodes State College (Lima Technical College) with a degree of Associate of Applied Business. Richard was a jack-of-all-trades and worked a variety of jobs throughout his life. He worked at Tuscola Public Library, Pro-Mail, Shawnee Local Schools, Shawnee Township Police Department, Memory Creations, Shawnee Connections and Lima Bargain Center among others. Richard, along with Dianna, spent numerous years volunteering time to Shawnee High School Marching Band, Shawnee Prizewinners 4-H club, American Red Cross, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts and the theatre department at Ohio State University all in Lima, Ohio, in Tuscola, Richard volunteered his time to Actors Rural Theatre Company and Tuscola Moose Lodge #729. Richard enjoyed woodworking, HAM radio, genealogy, reading books, and spending time with his dogs and cats.

Richard is survived by his daughters Susan (Rick) Hefley and Christine "Chris" (Brian) Alcorn all of Tuscola, also 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren,



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6 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Joyce (Morton) Riemesch of Kittrell, NC, brother-in-law Willis "Bill" (Judy) Riemesch and sister-in-law Ruth (Riemesch) Closson, biological half-sister Judy (Hall) Wagner, biological half-brother William "Bill" (Gloria) Van Gundy all of Lima, OH, biological half-sister Kay (Bruce) Calim of Mercedes, Texas, and biological cousin Doreen (Van Gundy) Picklesimer of Cridersville, Ohio, along with a niece and many nephews and their families. Preceding Richard in death was his wife of 55 years, Dianna, his daughter Sheri Eiche, son-in-law Michael "Mike" Valerio, brothers-in-law Robert "Bob" Riemesch, David Riemesch and Richard "Rich" Closson and his parents and biological parents.

Private graveside service and burial will be held at Shawnee Cemetery in Lima, Ohio.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home handled the local arrangements.

**Marjorie Gagnier**

Marjorie Janet Gagnier passed away peacefully on April 13, 2023 at the age of 82. Her children Stephanie and Steven were by her side as her beautiful soul left this world. Her unmatched beauty, grace, and inner spirit leave a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Marjorie Janet Cook was born on November 5, 1940 to Kathryn and Raymond Cook, and grew up in Arcola, Illinois. Janet, or "Cookie" as she was known to her friends, attended Arcola High School, where she enjoyed being a part of a well-known singing group called the Teen Queens. She traveled extensively throughout the region, performing at local dances and events. Janet graduated in 1958, and briefly attended Southern Illinois University. After a short time, she decided to join the workforce at Collegiate Cap and Gown in Champaign-Urbana. It was here she met George Edward Oakes, Jr. and they married on March 18, 1960. Soon after, George was drafted and deployed to Korea. In 1963, Janet's adventurous spirit made the decision to pack up their belongings and drive across the country to start a new life on the West Coast. They settled in the beautiful city of San Francisco, where Janet embarked on an exciting time in her life, working downtown, making new friends and enjoying the City by the Bay.

Janet and Ed welcomed their first child, Stephanie, in 1967 and their second, Steven, in 1971. In 1973 they decided to make the move out of the city to "the suburbs", settling in the Glenview District of Oakland, where she embraced her role as a stay-at-home Mom. She loved taking care of not only her children, but everyone's in the neighborhood. An avid baker, hers was the home you could always find fresh baked cookies, and she truly loved being the house everyone came to.

After divorcing in 1986, Janet enjoyed a new stage in her life with an exciting and successful career at Adecco Staffing in Berkeley, where she worked for many years. She traveled exten-



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sively both for work and pleasure, and created a large friend group who to this day talk about all their epic adventures. Love would come her way again when she met Dr. Arthur Gagnier, and they married on September 22, 2000. Now remarried, Janet lovingly inherited 6 adult "bonus children" and 18 grandchildren, who were all frequent visitors. Janet and Art enjoyed ballroom dancing, traveling, cooking and watching Sunday football. The years following gave Janet 3 more cherished grandchildren - Samuel, Ava and Grayson. She adored her role of Grammy, showering them with love and affection every chance she got.

After the passing of her husband Arthur in 2020, Janet relocated to Sacramento, where her son Steven, daughter-in-law Tami (her "bonus daughter") and grandson Samuel now lived. The next few years she spent getting to know the Sacramento area and traveling to New Jersey, ensuring she spent as much quality time with family as possible.

Janet is survived by her children Stephanie and Steven, their spouses Scott and Tami, 3 grandchildren Samuel, Ava and Grayson, her "bonus" children and grandchildren, her brother Raymond Cook, and countless family and friends. Thank you Janet for all you gave of yourself every day to everyone in your life. You were fiercely loved and will be missed by so many.



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# 32nd Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show April 27-29 at the Otto Center

A variety of quilts will be displayed at the 32nd Annual Arthur Amish Country Quilt Show Thursday through Saturday, April 27-29, at the Otto Center (2056 County Road 1800 East) just one-half mile

south of Arthur. The show will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$5.00. In addition to the quilts in the exhibit, close to another

100 pieces will be sold during the annual auction on Saturday, April 29 starting at noon. Entries will be judged in each of five categories: Baby, Wall Hanging, Antique, Pieced (pieced machine quilted and

pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100.00 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors to the show will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size Double Wedding Ring quilt. The drawing will take place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display, there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with cheeseburgers and barbecue sandwiches, wraps, taco salads, cinnamon rolls, desserts, and drinks available by the Kitchen of Doris Yoder.

The Arthur Quilt Show has become the largest spring quilt exhibition in Illinois Amish Country. It attracts entries from all over Illinois, including many Amish-crafted quilts.

For more information on this year's show you can call 217/543-2287.

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