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Chatter BOX

Correction

Morgan Doud, a senior at Arcola High School, was inadvertently omitted from the first semester straight A honor roll, which was published last week.

Murder mystery game night at church

Arcola First Church of the Nazarene will be hosting a game night on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. They will be solving a murder mystery. There will be games for all ages. Pizza and snacks will be served. The church is located at 418 E. Madison Street, Arcola.

Chocolate retreat for women March 4

Walnut Grove, southeast of Arcola, is hosting a "Café Chocolat" women's retreat March 4. "Come experience this cozy and decadent getaway to be restored and refreshed in your relationship with the friends around you and with Jesus. Together we will delight in God's extravagant grace through a study of the miracles of Jesus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 4. And yes, there will be chocolate," organizers said.

There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to bring a salad to share. The event is limited to 25 participants. To register, call the church office (217-856-2155) with name and phone number by Feb. 19.

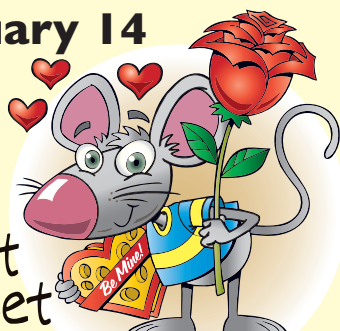
Valentine's potluck

There will be a special Valentine's potluck for seniors at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17, at the Arcola Center. Feel free to bring a dish to share.

Quilters unite

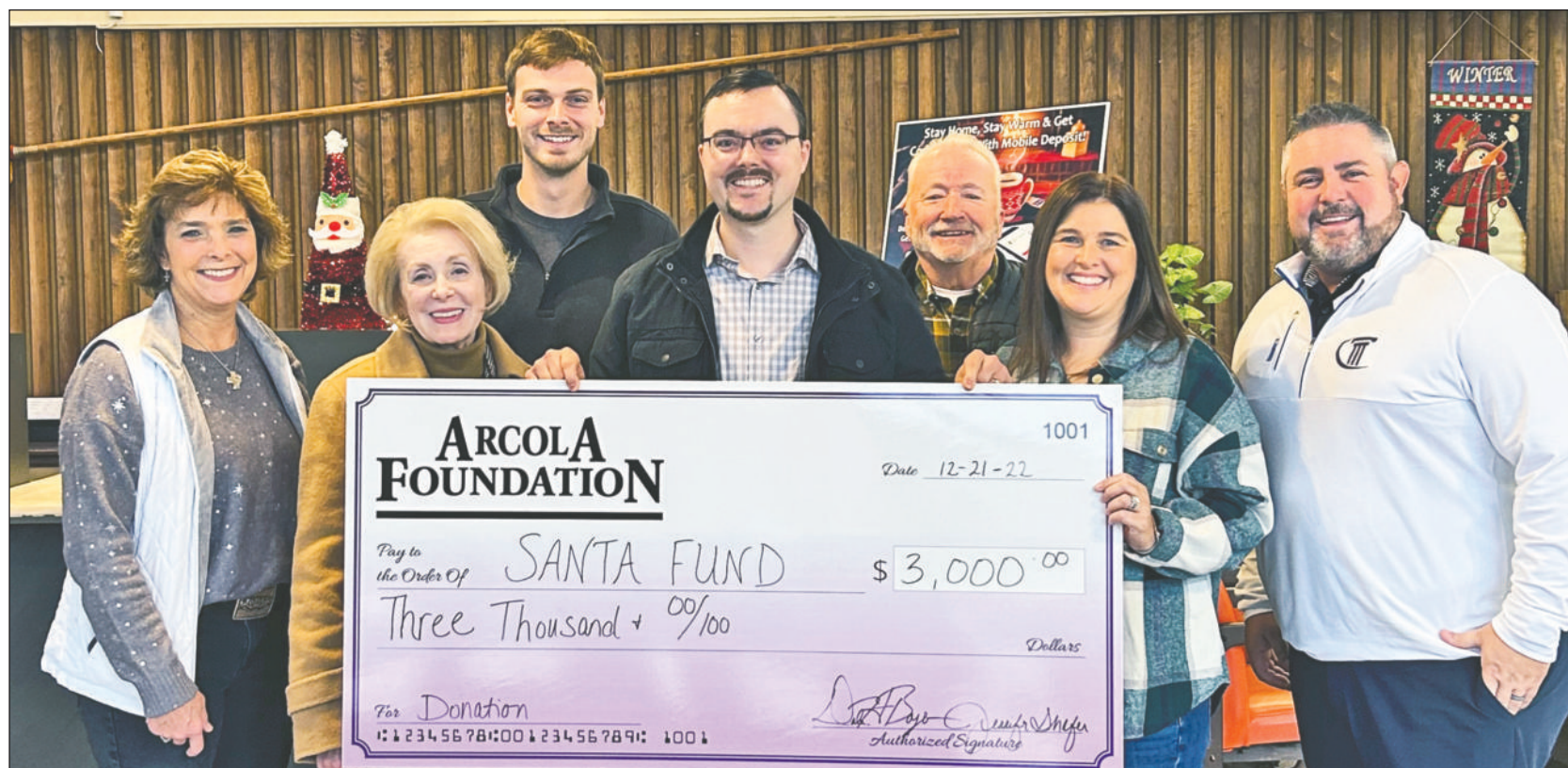
Quilters are invited to gather Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Arcola Center to share their time and mutual interests with other quilters. For info, contact 217-417-1388.

February 14



Don't forget

YOUR VALENTINE!



THE ARCOLA FOUNDATION made an annual donation of \$3,000 to the Santa Fund. The Santa Fund provides warm clothing for children in the Arcola area. Pictured are: Arcola Foundation Board Members Lisa Edwards, Linda Rankin, Alex Johns, Rob Kosic, Mark Spainhour, and Dale Boyer, Trustee. Jodi Turner Jewell, Santa Fund coordinator, is pictured second from the right. Submitted photo.

Warfel in All-State ensemble

Karina Warfel is a senior at Arcola High School. Karina auditioned for District 5 Orchestra this past fall and was selected to participate in the ILMEA District 5 Orchestra on November 19th. Following the district festival, she was selected to participate in the ILMEA All-State Orchestra January 25-28th in Peoria. The audition process requires students to play scales and excerpts from pre-selected pieces. It is an extremely tough audition process.

Karina was among the top 10% of high school musicians in the state of Illinois to perform at the Peoria Civic Center for the Illinois Music Educator Conference in January. About 600 student musicians in Illinois performed for the All-State and Honors Ensembles.

Karina said, "It was a very enriching experience and an amazing opportunity to have been a part of an orchestra made up of the best high school musicians from across the state."



ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL senior, Karina Warfel, was selected to participate in the ILMEA All-State Orchestra in January in Peoria. Photo courtesy of Kris Bott.

Solar farm to make \$7M investment

Partridge Solar, LLC, headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., said it plans to invest \$7 million in a 5 megawatt solar farm north of Arcola. About \$4 million of that is expected to be spent in the community on parts and labor, goods and services, fuel and lodging, dining, etc. The Arcola City Council approved a special use permit application at Monday's meeting.

The installation is planned for 443 N. County Rd. 800 East on 36 acres owned by Stephen and Patricia Holaday. The development is expected to create 24 local jobs during construction.

Kiera Gavin of Partridge Solar said in the company's application that the solar farm will allow Ameren customers to purchase electricity at or below market rates and that the installation will increase the local tax base.

The company said the solar farm will have minimal impact on surrounding properties and will be able to power approximately 1,100 single-family homes.

The farm will have rows of anti-glare solar arrays mounted on posts and will not exceed 12 feet in

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THE ARCOLA FOUNDATION recently provided the Arcola Food Pantry with a final donation of \$5,000. The Foundation made a 4-year commitment to the Food Pantry to pay for a new van used to bring food to the Pantry. Pictured are volunteers of the Arcola Food Pantry and Arcola Foundation Secretary Jennifer Shafer and Trustee Dale Boyer. Submitted photo.

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Sarah Bush Lincoln Cardiovascular Team

Meet the SBL cardiology team at the SBL Heart Center. We are pleased to bring these great minds together to care for the cardiovascular needs in our community.

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Interventional Cardiologist
Dean Katsamakias, DO