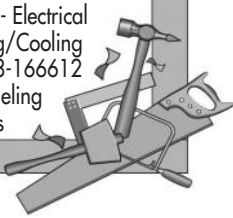


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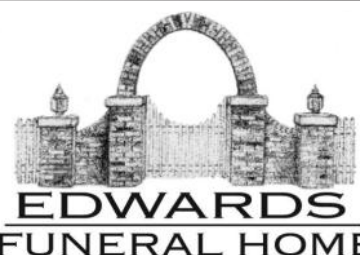
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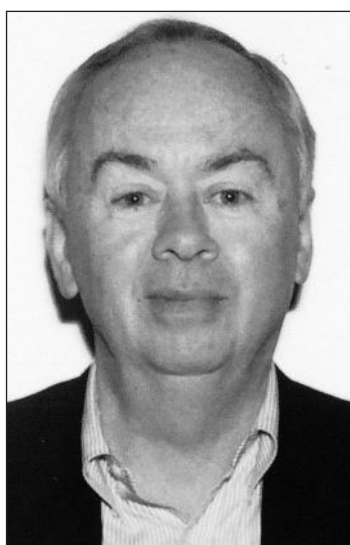
William Henry "Bill" Smith IV died Monday, January 30, 2023, in his home in Plainfield.

Bill was born in June during an extreme heat wave in a farmhouse without electricity near Humboldt, to Lois Moyer Smith and William Henry Smith III. The family moved to Arcola when he was a toddler. He married Elizabeth Fisher, MD, of Indianapolis, Ind., in Indianapolis. They settled in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; five nieces; two nephews; and 16 great nieces and nephews. His parents and his brother, Robert E. Smith, DDS; preceded him in death. There were no children.

Bill graduated from Arcola High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois and was employed at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio. He was inducted into the Army and served in the United States Army Reserve. He enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a Master of Science degree in Industrial Management. Bill then went to Ottawa, where he was plant engineer for Union Carbide. His next job was in Beloit, Wis., at the Beloit Corporation. He joined the Institute of Gas Technology in Chicago, transferred to a subsidiary, Gas Developments Corporation, subsequently known as GDC; where he served as Vice President of International Consulting until his retirement. In the course of his career at GDC, Bill resided in La Paz, Bolivia, for 8 months, consulting on natural gas management with the Bolivian authorities. He was instrumental in establishing a school to train residents of Abu Dhabi in oil refinery operation. He continued to be involved in recruitment of staff, development of curriculum, and ongoing operational affairs at the school,

traveling to Abu Dhabi numerous times. His career also took him to many international destinations in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Philippines, and Indonesia. He was a member of the Chicago Yacht Club and the Clearwater Yacht Club in Florida. His interests included sailing on Lake Michigan, boating, fishing, traveling, and birding. He and his wife enjoyed international travel as well as multiple trips to Hawaii and Alaska. They made annual trips to Ontario, Canada, with family and friends to fish for walleye. The Smiths moved from Chicago to Western Springs, then Plainfield. After retirement they began spending winters in Belleview, Fla., recently returning to Plainfield full-time. Although he never returned to Arcola to live, he maintained strong ties to the town and owned farmland in the area. He frequently expressed his fond memories and love for Arcola.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Private services will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family. Please make any memorial gifts in Bill's memory to the Arcola Foundation, P.O. Box 100, Arcola, IL 61910, or go to arcolafoundation.org.



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## 8th grade career conference: Your next step forward

To introduce local students to a variety of career and occupational choices, approximately 2,000 8th grade students will assemble in the Lake Land College Field House on Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31 for the 31st annual 8th Grade Career Conference. The Arcola school district is participating.

Together, Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois Education For Employment System 340 will co-sponsor the annual 8th Grade Career Conference, an event in which more than 60,000 students have participated over the years.

The Career Conference will

provide participants career exploration through communication and contact with many local professionals representing sixteen career clusters, or employment fields. Students also have the opportunity to be motivated and enthused by Brooks Harper, author of 7 Skills to Make Mill\$ and Why Should We Hire YOU?

"Best practices show us that career exploration must start in middle school," explains Courtney Conlin, Event Coordinator of Eastern Illinois Education For Employment System 340. "For students who have that opportunity, research shows that students are more likely to graduate college or reach a successful career. We hope by hosting an event like this, that we can connect students with businesses in their local communities."

"The wonderful thing about this conference is how it benefits everyone. The students have this fun experience to get their career questions answered and local businesses have the early advantage to guide their future talents on the right path. The business partners who participate this year may see these same faces again in interviews six to eight years from now. It's an exciting and valuable event," said Jamie Corda Hadjaoui, Director of Workforce Investment/LWIA 23 at Lake Land College.

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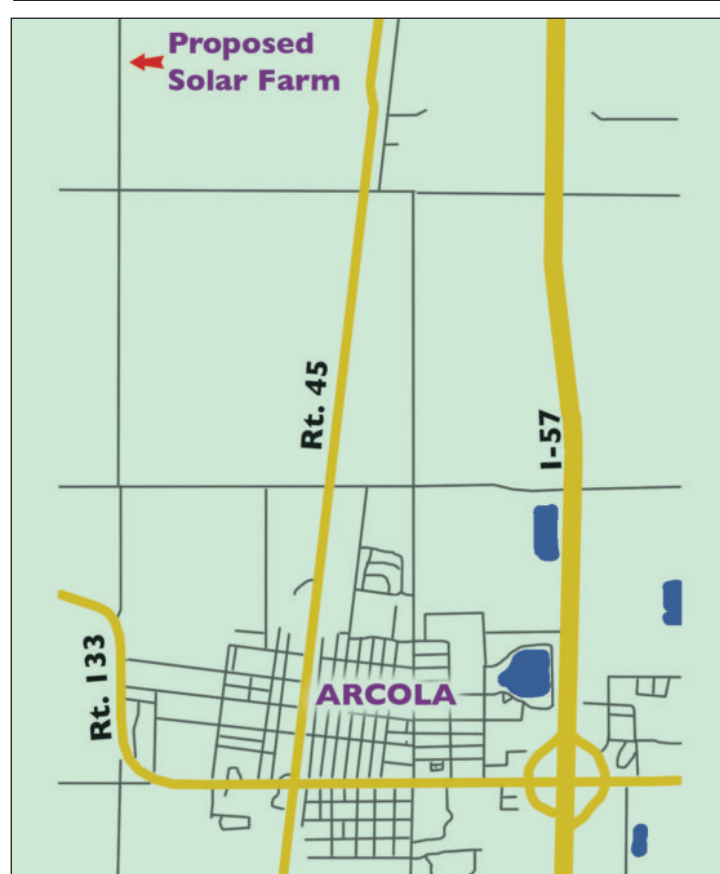
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### Solar

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height at maximum tilt, the company said. The noise produced by power inverters is about the same volume as a washing machine, according to the application, and will not be heard beyond the project boundary. There is no sound produced at night.

Construction will take up to 18 months. Once operational, it will be monitored remotely and will not require on-site mowing.

There is a decommissioning plan for when the solar farm reaches its life expectancy or if the land lease is terminated. The company said it will provide a bond or letter of credit and plans to fund the decommissioning 10% at the end of the first year of operation, 50% at the end of year 6, and 100% at the end of year 11. The plan includes removing all equipment to a depth of five feet or more.

Partridge Solar was registered with the state Feb. 1 and is owned by Cultivate Power, LLC, also of San Francisco, Calif. The two companies list offices in Chicago and Springfield. Managers of both companies are Brian Mattay of San Francisco, Calif., and Noah Hye of Los Angeles, Calif. Cultivate Power was registered in Illinois a year ago, but the company's application states that its team has 35 years of experience developing and financing solar projects.

While the farm is outside the city limits, City Administrator Bill Wagoner said the city has jurisdiction for a 1.5 mile radius. He noted that the county does not have

zoning. The fee paid to the city was \$45.

In other business Monday, the City Council approved two items relating to the Libman truck route. One of the items related to state grants while the other expanded the truck route following completion of work.

In committee, the engineering firm of Milano and Grunloh was recommended for Main Street grant project. Wagoner said another firm from the Chicago area also submitted a proposal. Milano and Grunloh are in Effingham and has worked with the city previously.

Alderman Jose Becerra asked about the cost difference between the two companies. Wagoner said the request for qualifications does not include pricing but speculated that the Effingham company would bill at a lower rate.

An honorary street sign for Curtis and Doris Atteberry also was approved in committee for the corner of Oak and Washington streets. The sign was requested by Sharilyn Kibler.

No action was taken on a previous proposal from Arcola high school senior Karina Warfel, who wants to see a Mexican-inspired plaza on the former Metropolitan Block. It was reported that Pat Monahan also is "working on something" for that space and will be reaching out to Warfel. Monahan reportedly has a plan for financing the project, which was not addressed in Warfel's presentation.

Also approved was a permit for a sign for the Arcola Public Library with no fee.

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