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## Chatter BOX

### Miss Arcola meeting

Calling all girls from age 4 to 21 that are interested in entering the Miss Arcola Pageant. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday evening, March 7, at the Arcola Center. The times are 5:30 p.m. for Little Miss (4-6 yrs) and 6 p.m. for all other age groups. Find out what all the pageant offers and how you can compete on April 8. Pageant experience is not necessary. See the Facebook page for more information: [www.facebook.com/MissArcola](http://www.facebook.com/MissArcola)

### Hats off!

Congratulations to Zachary Moutria of Arcola for making the Dean's List at the University of Maryland Global Campus.

### School events

There will be a baseball parent/player meeting at 5 p.m. Feb 28 in the school library. The jr. high boys basketball awards banquet is 6 p.m. Thursday at Kaskaskia Country Club. The jr. and sr. high track teams are having an apparel sale to help raise money for the team. The sale runs through March 10. Visit online: <https://fancloth.shop/MDJJ4>

### 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.

### 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.

### New office numbers

Better Newspapers Inc., which owns the Arcola Record-Herald, is consolidating offices. For news and advertising, please call our Tuscola office at 217-253-5086 or our Arthur office at 217-543-2151.



ARCOLA SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS director directs the combined fifth and sixth grade bands during the dessert concert held Saturday, Feb. 25 in the jr. high gym. All of the school bands and the high school choir performed.

Fifth grade band members are: flutes, Addelyn Hancock, Chloe Cox, Emerson Hemingway, Ava Janes, Savanna Watson, Mauricio Silguero; clarinets, Anna Becerra, Liliana Miller, Jayden Aguilera, Bradon Hudson, Addison Bloemker, Ramona Myers, Teri Smiley, Eliseo Oyervides, Adellai Evans; saxophone, Ian Budd, Mason Headrick, Rylee Crist, Eliza Lewis, Bostyn Wesch; trumpets, Westyn Freeze, Taylor Conn, Harper Cox, Ansley Titus; trombones, Yarexcy Faustine, Fernanda Alvarado, Patton Reel; percussionists, Jackson Stanley, Jackson Clark, Vanessa Medina, Isabella Biggs, Aubrea Teak.

The sixth grade band members are: flutes, Kellen Kersey, Leilah Long, Emilio Purata; clarinets, Maxwell Bales-Turner, Vianney Gomez, Jasmeet Bhogal, Enslie Smith; saxophones, Nolan Kent, Cooper McConnell; trumpets, Christian Aleman Rodriguez, Beau Raymond, Tristan Marroquin; trombones, Scarlett Montano; bari-

tones, Brayden Williams; percussionists, Sofia Mora, Max Lyons, Trevin Plank, Jaxson McCullough.

The jr. high band members are: flutes, Anahi Campos, River Wilcox-Rich, Mady Lyons, Emma Edwards, Hannah Roberts; clarinets, Emmalee Reel, Jazlyn Moreno, Keyla Hernandez, Debanie Cruz, Cheyenne Romero, Nevaeh Casillas; bass clarinets, Bella Smith; saxophones, Oliver Diaz, Hailey Smith; trumpets, Cooper Bruner; trombones, Mariana Jaramilla; baritones, Molly Hensley; tubas, Tony de la Garza; percussionists, Jolena King, Rory Drake, Olivia Gisinger, Owen Clark, Hayden Herschberger.

The high school choir performers are: Gerardo Alanis, Morgan Doud, Shelby Roberts-McGeehon, Karina Warfel, Bianca Arguelles, Ella Chupp, Aaron Gaona, Addison Mulligan, Mark Vazquez.

The high school band members are: flutes, Eadie Budd, Lilly Hensley; clarinets, Reynol Oyervides; alto saxophones, Julissa Galaviz, Josh Gaona; tenor saxophone, Gerardo Alanis; trumpets, Aaron Gaona; trombones, Alex Hawn; baritones, Jake Myers; tubas, Ryder Wilcox-Rich; percussionists, Alex Hawn. *Photo by David Porter.*

## Fiber optic installation to begin

The Arcola City Council on Monday gave approval for Campus Communications Group, part of Pavlov Media, to begin installing fiber optic cable in town.

Bill Wagoner, city administrator, said that Consolidated Communications is also installing fiber optic but is using an existing right-of-way agreement. Under state law, the city cannot prohibit such installations.

Wagoner noted that Campus Communications Group has its own installers, unlike fiber optic being installed in Tuscola using contractual installers. For this reason, he speculated that the instal-

lation will go faster in Arcola. Most of the work is boring underground and will provide 1 gigabyte of internet speed to residents who subscribe.

The Council also approved the Tourism Advisory Committee's report. The committee recommended approving a little over \$11,500 in applications for tourism funds, which come from the hotel/motel tax.

The Chamber of Commerce submitted 16 applications totaling \$7,5002.38. Included was Broom Corn Festival promotion and website maintenance. Also approved from the tourism general funds

was a \$1,500 application from the city for Broom Corn Festival footage/promotions.

A \$2,500 request from the Illinois Amish Heritage Center also was approved, but those funds will come from hotel/motel tax allocated to Green Mill Village.

As of Feb. 27, the hotel/motel tax account had just under \$26,000 in its checking account and nearly \$154,000 in savings for a total of \$179,783. Of that, \$134,520.23 is reserved for Best Western leaving \$45,262.77 subject to Council approval.

Under the city's spending formula, 80% is earmarked for the

Chamber of Commerce including A Walk Through Time Museum. Not-for-profit organizations other than the Chamber can seek funds from 15% of the money, and 5% is available to for-profit businesses.

The Council also approved a resolution related to the Libman road project.

Scott Hensley and Homero Garza were absent. A scheduled meeting of the budget and finance committee was not held due to a lack of a quorum. The committee was expected to discuss surplus tax increment finance (TIF) funds.



On Feb. 25, the Arcola Arctic Angels took the cold plunge for Special Olympics. The Arcola Arctic Angels is a team that includes students and staff and compete in the Cool School Challenge. This year they had some extra plungers. They had a Champaign County Sheriff deputy and a few Douglas County Sheriff deputies raise money to Support Special Olympics. This year, they raised \$3,610. "We could not have done it without the community support," organizers said. "We also brought home our first Gold Plunger for Best Team Costume-Wizard of Oz!" *Submitted photos.*