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Chatter BOX

Clue on Stage

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. The Arcola High School Drama Club presents Clue On Stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at in the Arcola Junior High Gym.

Senior potluck

Arcola Seniors are invited to attend a potluck lunch March 17 at the Arcola Senior Center. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Seniors may bring a dish to share.

Quilter klatch

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 information contact 217-417-1388.

New office numbers

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Daylight Savings begins March 12

AFS club visits New York City

Arcola High School's AFS club students spent March 1-3 in New York City chaperoned by Emily Coombe, Amiee Truex and Nick Lindsey. The 19 seniors who took the trip are Eadie Budd, Vanessa Condarco, Martina Domingo-Ventura, Michael Gauna, Keira Hohlbauch, Eva Hopkins, Austin Kutz, Alessia Luciani, Melissa Marcos, Alessia Menoud, Reynol Oyervides, Braden Shonkwiler, Rachel Sigrist, Makenzie Thomas, Emma Vazquez, Reyli Vega-Condarco, Makenna Wagoner, Gracie Wagoner, Karina Warfel.

Sights scheduled to visit included Herald Square, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Macey's, New York Public Library, Rockefeller Center, Broadway, 9/11 Memorial & World Trade Center, St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church, Wall Street and Financial District, Statue of Liberty, Staten Island Ferry, Brooklyn Bridge and more. Photos courtesy of Emily Coombe.



ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL students gathered on a street in NYC with Empire State Building in background.



Times Square.



THIS IS JOEL SHAPIRO, a volunteer at the 9/11 Museum, telling the students about his wife who died in the WTC on 9/11.



STATEN ISLAND FERRY with Manhattan skyline in the background.

City to disburse surplus TIF funds

Area taxing districts will be receiving a boost after the Arcola City Council voted Monday night to disburse surplus tax increment finance (TIF) funds.

Bill Wagoner, city administrator, explained that when the other taxing districts agreed to allow the city to extend the life of its TIF districts, the city agreed to share surplus funds.

This is one of the better years for the leftover cash, he said, with more than \$142,000 being shared from TIFs 1 and 6. The city itself is one of the beneficiaries, but about half of the money will go to the Arcola school district. Wagoner said the disbursement is based on each taxing body's tax rate.

TIF works by freezing the tax rate within the district with any incremental increase going back into the TIF districts to fund economic development. The premise is that the development is responsible for most of the increases in property valuation, so without the TIF districts, there would be little or no incremental increases in tax revenue.

The school district will receive \$121,931.84 from this year's disbursement. The city will receive \$22,520. Wagoner said the city's portion will probably go back into the general fund to "plug some holes" in the budget.

Other taxing bodies and their approximate payout are as follows: Douglas County, \$23,759; Douglas County Historical Museum District, \$486; Arcola Fire Protection District, \$17,322; Parkland College, \$14,746; Arcola Library District, \$5,110; Arcola Township, \$13,612; and Arcola Township Road District, \$22,674 (half of which goes to the city pursuant to the state highway code).

In other business, the Council approved another use of tourism funds. The tourism advisory committee approved expenditures a couple of weeks ago but had left off a request to cover expenses for the Pop the Top Car Show. The committee met again to consider payment of \$2,639.59 for last year's show, which the city ratified Monday night.

The Council also approved the monthly zoning report, which showed two requests - rezoning 618 S. Chestnut to B-1 business from R-4 residential for Fred Helmut, and a variance for Dollar General to construct retail parking at 520 E. Springfield Rd. Each item had a \$45 fee paid to the city.

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Cardiologists
B. Lakshminarayanan, MD
Michael LaMonto, DO
Advanced Practice Provider
Allyson Gough, APRN
Interventional Cardiologist
Dean Katsamakis, DO