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Chatter BOX

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.

Class of '68 reunion

The Arcola High School Class of 1968's 55th class reunion is set for July 29 at the Kaskaskia Country Club. Please email your contact information to arcola68reunion@yahoo.com or jan-perrey@aol.com.

Game night at church

The Arcola First Church of the Nazarene will hold a game night at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 18. They will be solving a murder mystery. There will be games for children who do not want to participate in the murder mystery as well as games for people of all ages. Sub sandwiches and chips will be served. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship. The church is located at 418 E. Madison, Arcola. Any questions, call Marcia Miller 217-273-9593.

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

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.



Happy St. Patrick's DAY! March 17th

FIRST DAY OF Spring MARCH 20



STEVE SNIDER (middle) watches his Morrison team do drills last fall. Snider is the new Arcola football coach and will be teaching business at the high school. Submitted photo.

Snider new football coach

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA – "It is truly an honor to be a Purple Rider and be the next football coach for the Purple Riders," said Steve Snider, who was hired by the Arcola school board March 8 as the new football coach and new business teacher in the high school. "I told the boys (met with Arcola players Friday) Arcola in synonymous with wins and I plan on making sure we keep it that way. We don't want to change the course. We never want it to change and I plan to be here a very, very long time."

Snider graduated from Orangeville where he was a linebacker/ running back under coach Toby Golembiewski and helped the Broncos reach the Class 1A playoffs his senior year after going 5-22 prior to that season. Orangeville lost to the eventual state runner-up Toulon Stark County 22-16 in the second round. Bolembiewski coached Orangeville for 16 seasons

and made five playoff appearances.

"I was in this community Friday and Saturday over the weekend and Saturday night (at the Sports Boosters Glo-Bingo) everyone was so receptive and welcoming and hospitable," said Snider. It has been a culture shock for me. I have never had that. It is truly awesome to be a part of the culture that has cultivated for the past 100 plus years."

Snider takes over for Nick Lindsey, who remains athletics director and junior/senior high school principal.

"Steve offered a lot of the qualities we look for in teachers and coaches," said Lindsey, who was the Arcola coach from 2017 through 2022 going 41-18 in six seasons, including four out of five playoff trips (not including the COVID season of 2020-21 when there was no postseason). "His care for the kids and building relationships

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School hires assistant principal

The Arcola School Board last Wednesday named Steve Snider head football coach and high school business teacher (see separate story on page 1). They also appointed Kyle Shay as assistant principal for the elementary school. He is a resident of Arcola and currently serves as principal at Mayo Middle School in Paris.

Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan said the district has an interview committee that narrowed the field of candidates for the assistant principal position. The Board then interviewed the two candidates recommended by the committee.

The Board also hired Kim Snider as a high school English

teacher, Kalie Wooldridge as the full-time school nurse and Hailey Mellor as junior high track coach. The Board accepted the resignation of Taylor Horn as elementary social worker.

The Board approved two memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the teachers' union. The first is regarding the National

Art Honor Society (NAHS) and the disbursement of funds from the Elevating Educators Bilingual Education Grant. It establishes the NAHS position as a paid stipend. The second MOU applies to current teachers who are working toward their degree in bilingual

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PICTURED AT LEFT, the cast of Clue does a little evesdropping in this scene from a dress rehearsal with (l-r) Tyler Smith as Colonel Mustard, Alex Hawn as Professor Plum, Eadie Budd as Mrs. Peacock, Kaylee McKinney as Mr. Green, and Izzy Hensley as Miss Scarlet. Arcola HS Drama Club will present Clue On Stage on Saturday, March 18 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 19 at 2pm in the Arcola Junior High Gym. The play is directed by Breanne Reinhard. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



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.

Pictured above, the bodies are starting to add up in this dress rehearsal photo with Alex Hawn as Professor Plum, Tyler Smith as Colonel Mustard, Izzy Hensley as Miss Scarlet, Maria Torres as Mrs. White, Eadie Budd as Mrs. Peacock, Kaylee McKinney as Mr. Green, Morgan Doud as Wadsworth, Reyli Vega as Yvette and Damaris Silguero as the Cook (laying on the stage). Arcola HS Drama Club presents Clue On Stage on Saturday, March 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in the Arcola Junior High Gym.

Other cast members include Shelby Roberts-McGeehon as the Reporter, Isabella Spracklen as the Motorist, Bianca Arguelles as the Unexpected Cop, Delia Leal as the Singing Telegram Girl, Kelsey Moore as the Chief of Police, Cecilia Lozano as Backup Cop, Gerardo Alanis as Auxiliary Mustard/Backup Cop, Ava Alexander as Auxiliary Scarlet/Backup Cop. Technical crew members include: Sound & Lighting Design - Reynol Oyervides, Microphone Engineer - Aaliyah Garza, Lighting Engineer - Aaron Gaona, Spotlight - Emma Vazquez, Videography and Dialogue Prompting - Mark Vazquez. General crew: Cecilia Hardin, Brianna Shields, Elena Garza, Vicente Medina, Caylie Kielhorn, Adamari Carranza, Mykah Gomez, Carolina Torres, Ximena Vazquez, Laney Nelson. The play is directed by Breanne Reinhard. Photo by Nancy Rairden.