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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - On March 11, Cameron Edwards went to Bloomington for State Basketball Skills. In Cameron's division there was 8 competitors. Cameron took a fifth place. In order to go to state, an athlete must take a gold in the regional competition in January. Coach Beckie Headrick says: "Way to go Cameron, your team and coaches are proud of you!!" *Submitted photo.*



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IF IT'S PILSON IT'S POSSIBLE

Allen Roberts Fund offers financial assistance

Jaye Roberts has chosen to honor the life of her son, U.S. Marine Corporal Allen C. Roberts, by providing annual financial support to an individual or group serving youth in the Arcola community, in an effort to promote growth and leadership among young people. The Allen Roberts Fund has been established with the Arcola Foundation.

Allen Roberts, a 2004 Arcola High School graduate, was killed near Al Asad, Iraq on November 27, 2007 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Roberts had served with the Marines since November 2004 and earned the Iraq Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Medal for his service.

Roberts, the son of Jaye Strader Roberts and Ron Roberts, was actively involved at Arcola High School, where he was a member of both the football and basketball teams and was also involved with the yearbook staff, AFS and Drama Club. He was a member of Arcola Boy Scouts Troop 88 and Walnut Grove Christian Church. At the time of his death, Roberts was organizing donations from his home church and his friends at his Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, AZ, to support disadvantaged children in Iraq.

All interested individuals or organizations are encouraged to submit an application to request funds for projects promoting growth and leadership among the young in the Arcola community. Recipients may include, but are not limited to church, school and civic



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organizations serving youth in our community or individuals providing service to our community. Since its inception in 2014, the Allen Roberts Fund has

provided a total of \$9,900.00 in financial support to nineteen recipients, including school organizations, church/community youth organizations and individuals. The brief application form requests information related to recent history of expenditures for charitable and service projects, as well as intended use of the requested funds. Forms are available at Arcola High School office or by contacting selection committee members Janet Nacke, Julie Mills, Nancy Rairden, Jaye Roberts or Sue Stout. Forms should be mailed to Allen Roberts Fund Selection Committee, c/o Sue Stout, P.O. Box 112, Arcola, IL 61910, and must be received no later than April 15, 2023. For more information, please leave a message with Stout at 217-840-6605.

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