

SPORTS

Arcola softball drops first two games

By Mike Monahan
SHELBYVILLE – The Arcola softball season started March 15 at LeRoy and the Lady Riders lost 12-2 and dropped an 11-1 five inning contest to Shelbyville on Monday in non-conference games.

Shelbyville 11, Arcola 1, five innings

In last season's game Arcola faced the same pitcher it did Monday, while Kacie Sisk was the pitcher for Arcola and the Lady Riders won 13-3 in five innings, including a grand slam by Sisk.

"We wanted revenge from that game," said Shelbyville coach Grace (Moll) Blackburn.

This time Holland allowed

just three Arcola hits with 10 strikeouts and five walks.

"We played well and we played together," said Blackburn, a 2013 Shelbyville standout, who went on to pitch at Arkansas where she graduated from in 2017. "I can't say there was one star of the game. Obviously Mallory Holland (a senior and sister of Maddie Holland, a 2017 Shelbyville grad, who went on to play volleyball at Millikin) did phenomenal in the circle, but then we had a freaking cannon behind the plate in freshman Alex Jokish. We have three seniors in the infield and two in the outfield and they all handle their own business. They do what they need to do and they are not flashy. Three freshmen start."

Shelbyville led just 1-0 through two and a half innings when the Lady Rams scored three runs, including a two-out error that proved to be costly as all of the runs scored.

In the top of the third Kiera Hohlbauch helped her own cause with a single to left on a 2-2 pitch with two outs. Ema Simpson drew a walk on a full-count pitch, but the Lady Rams got out the inning on a ground out to third.

The big inning for Shelbyville was the fourth as five runs scored as they took a commanding 9-0 lead. Big hits included a double by Carli Canada and a two-out single by Holland.

Arcola erased the goose egg in the fifth when with two outs Hohlbauch singled and Eva

Hopkins was a courtesy runner for her. A walk to Ema Simpson and a single by Sisk, scored Hopkins.

Every player had at least one hit for Shelbyville, who won its season-opener. Alivia Young was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Holland was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Grace Tucker had two hits.

"We have 15 kids and we have 15 quality kids this year," said Blackburn, who is in her second season. "All of the kids are a joy to be around. It is exciting."

As for the offense Blackburn said, "Hitting is contagious. I think all of our girls were nervous at the start of the game. As soon as they see someone get a hit, some of my cares are gone. I think the

leadership that we have 1-9 are all going to pick each other up when we need it."

As for Holland Blackburn said, "She did well with her movement of pitches. The great thing is Mallory and Alex have a great relationship."

LeRoy 12, Arcola 2

The game was moved to LeRoy as the softball field at Moore Memorial Park in Arcola is not ready for play. The March 14 scheduled opener at Georgetown-Ridge Farm was canceled due to inclement weather.

Reyli Vega had a two-run double in the seventh, scoring Kacie Sisk and Makenzie Thomas. It was one of five hits by the Lady Riders, who

allowed three runs in the first, fourth and seventh innings along with 17 hits.

Kiera Hohlbauch took the loss despite 8 strikeouts.

Arcola tries to get on track as they play host to Meridian today (Thursday) and host Chrisman on Monday.

Arcola	000	01-1-3-2
Shelbyville	100	352-11-13-0

Losing pitcher: Kiera Hohlbauch (0-2) 4 innings, 11 hits, 9 runs, 2 strikeouts, 0 walks. Kacie Sisk: 2 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 0 strikeouts, 1 walk

ARCOLA: Hohlbauch 2-for-3; Eva Hopkins run; Sisk 1-for-3, RBI; Ema Simpson run; Jacey Kessler stolen base

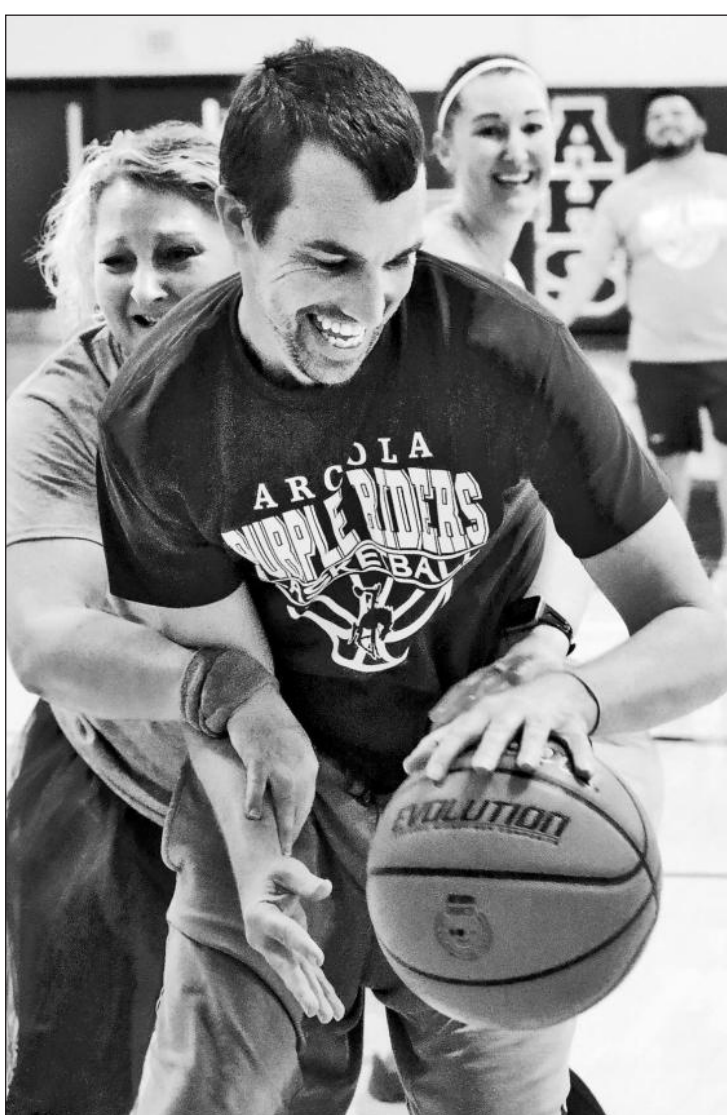
LeRoy	302	310	3-12-17-0
Arcola	000	000	2-2-5-1

Losing pitcher: Hohlbauch (0-1) 5 innings, 13 hits, 9 runs, 7 earned, 1 walk, 8 strikeouts; Sisk 2 innings, 4 hits, 3 runs, 0 walks, 0 strikeouts

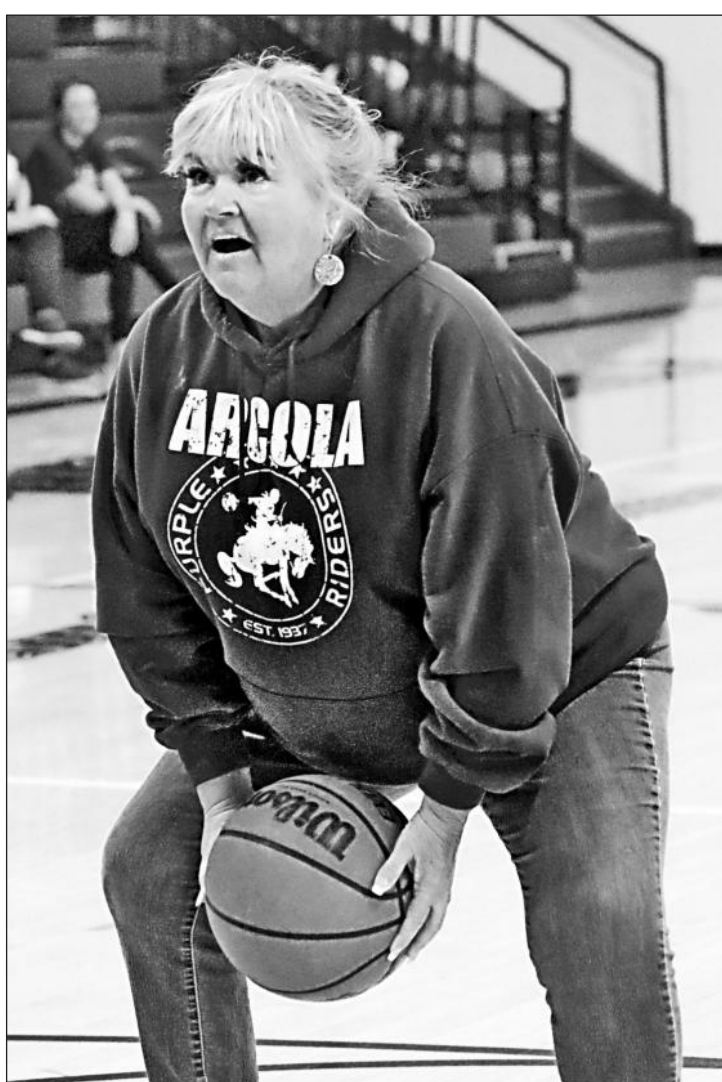
ARCOLA: Sisk 1-for-3, stolen base, run; Makenzie Thomas 1-for-3, run; Reyli Vega 1-for-3, double, 2 RBIs; Vanessa Condarco 1-for-3; Makenna Wagoner 1-for-3



Tyler Renshaw and Gwen Pullen.



Stephanie Alexander and Tyler Renshaw



Arcola Elementary School fourth grade teacher, Tedi Jo Young.

ARCOLA ELEMENTARY TEACHERS AND STAFF participated in a special assembly for the students on the last day of school before the start of spring break.

In a basketball competition with three teams made up of teachers and staff the purple team finished in first place, gray in second and black came in third. Angie Gentry, elementary school principal, and Tedi Jo Young, fourth grade teacher, participated in a shooting contest between games.

In the photo with Mike Monahan, he said on Facebook: "I remember how cool that was and that she missed it!"

The photo with Tyler Renshaw and Stephanie Alexander, the play started with a "contested" rebound under one basket and ended up with Renshaw dragging Alexander (who was holding on to his arm) all the way down the court while dribbling the ball with his free hand. Photos by Nancy Rairden.



Cousins Mike Monahan and Melissa Monahan Conlin.



Stephanie Alexander and Tyler Renshaw



Steven Franco is congratulated for helping lead the gray team to a second place finish.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of JOYCE L. HEMINGWAY, deceased No. 2023-PR-4

NOTICE OF CLAIM PERIOD

Notice is given of the death of JOYCE L. HEMINGWAY of Sargent Township, Douglas County, Illinois. Letters of Office as Independent Co-Executors were issued January 31, 2023, to ROBERT A. HEMINGWAY of 2110 E CR 300N, Hindsboro, IL 61930 and JONI S. LUTZ of 1900 E CR 000N, Hindsboro, IL 61930 whose attorney is the Law Office of Kotic & Stout, P.C., 130 North Locust/P.O. Box 112, Arcola, Illinois 61910.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk in Douglas County, Illinois, or with the Representatives, or both, on or before September 22, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative within 10 days after it has been filed.

ROBERT A. HEMINGWAY and JONI S. LUTZ Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of JOYCE L. HEMINGWAY, Deceased

by: Robert E. Kotic, ARDC #6309469 Law Office of Kotic & Stout, P.C. 130 No. Locust/P.O. Box 112 Arcola, IL 61910 217/268-3609 desi@koticlegal.com

PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Arcola in the County of Douglas and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o'clock P.M. at

Arcola Township Office 108 E. Main Street, Arcola, Illinois

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider the following:

Annual Reports & Inventories Annual Donation Requests - From Sponsorship Agencies

DATED: March 15, 2023

Zachary Doemelt - Town Clerk Arcola Township



Arcola Elementary School Principal, Angie Gentry.