

Winnie Stortzum receives national award

March 19, 2023 (Denver, CO) - Winnie Stortzum, ALC, a REALTOR® from Champaign, IL, received the REALTORS® Land Institute (RLI) 2022 Robert C. Meeks, ALC,

Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to an RLI member in recognition of long-term commitment and service to fellow Institute members, the land profession,

and their community, and in honor of long-time RLI member Robert C. Meeks, ALC.

Stortzum was recognized by 2023 National President Luke Worrell, ALC, at a special awards ceremony during RLI's National Land Conference on Tuesday, March 7. Land professionals from across the country gathered in Westminster, CO, to attend NLC23, where five RLI members received various awards through the esteemed REALTORS® Land Institute Leadership Awards Program. All award recipients are nominated and selected by their peers for their efforts.

"I am truly honored and humbled to receive this recognition, especially considering the talents and service of previous recipients," Stortzum said upon receiving the award. She has been a member of the REALTORS® Land Institute for over 30 years and holds their prestigious Accredited Land Consultant designation. During this time, she has been an active member of the national and Illinois Chapter of RLI and served as the Illinois Chapter President in 1984. She has been recognized as the Land REALTOR® of America in 2004 and was



Stortzum

named the Illinois Chapter Land Broker of the Year in 1994 and 2018. She recently retired as a managing broker and rural appraiser from Farmers National Company after 15 years, and prior to that, Boyd Real Estate, Inc. for 25 years, both located in Arcola.

"Winnie has contributed to our organization and the land business in ways that are beyond the general call of duty," Worrell said about Stortzum. "She's led a life of service to this industry that is unparalleled, making significant contributions to both our national organization and to her state RLI Chapter." Submitted photo.



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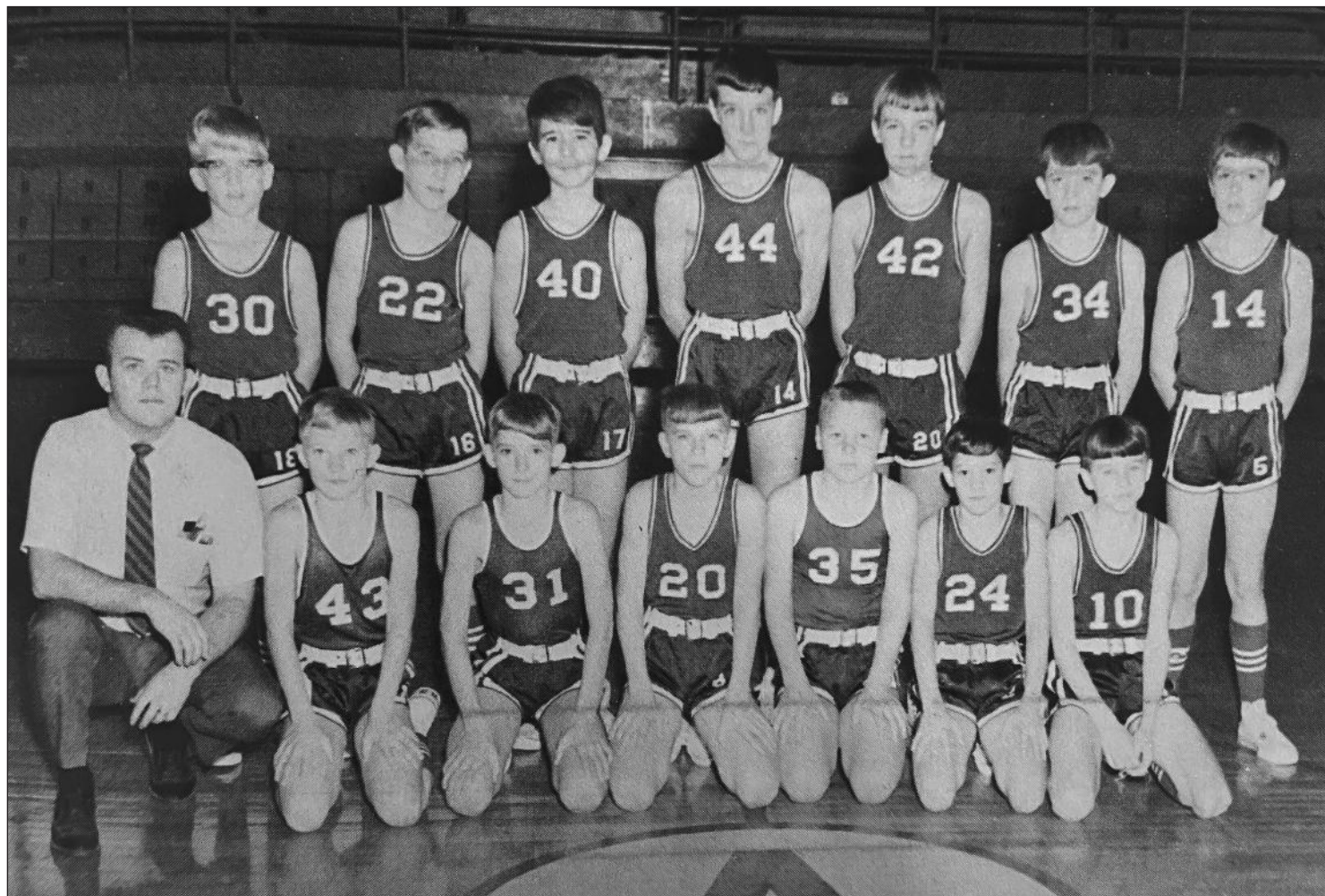
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STEVE HARVEY POSTED this photo the Remembering Arcola Facebook page. He writes, "This great group of guys went on to graduate with the AHS Class of 1975." Tedi Jo Shields Young provided the names: Back row: Randy Williams, Scott Sitter, Bill Lauderback, Barry King, Doug Pullen, Bob Hess, and Steve McQueen. Front row: Coach Jim Strange, Jerry Woods, Jim Albert, Jimmy Wheeler, Mike Davidson, Mark, Magelli, and Jeff Butler.

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to Wilmer Otto for property at 120 E. Main Street.

Wagoner said there is a large hole in the roof, which is leaking into the flower shop below. He said he thinks Otto's insurance will pay for part of the repairs, but he urged the committee to approve a matching grant from the business district fund, which is generated by sales tax.

Alderman Mark Smith said he is in favor of the city helping local businesses with their buildings but doesn't want business owners to select larger deductibles on their insurance with the idea that "the city will cover it."

The committee agreed to add language the insurance deductible is met. The matter will come back to the full Council at a later date.

The committee also agreed

to Wagoner's recommendation to spend \$60,000 of business district funds for sidewalks and handicap accessibility at Moore Park. Wagoner said there are a lot of improvements being made at the park (with the addition of a splash pad and refurbished ball fields). He said it is turning into "a first-class facility."

He said infrastructure is an allowed use of the business district funds and that the park is eligible due to its proximity to the Springfield Road business area.

The committee also approved sticking with Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health insurance. Wagoner said there is no cost increase from last year. He said the city could switch back to Health Alliance but would save only about \$800 for the year and that everyone seems to be happy with the BCBS policy.

During the regular portion of the Council meeting, Terry Foran was appointed mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Jesus Garza.

Yash Patel spoke during public comment. He owns Arcola Inn and said regrading of the road in front of the motel has caused a lot of water to pool on his property. He asked if the city could help rectify it. He was advised to meet with Wagoner and Gary Lampe, city foreman.

Under new business, the Council approved use of city streets for the Arcola VFW's Loyalty Day parade May 6 and the Arcola Food Pantry's Strides for Hunger April 15.

Smith said he wanted to make sure the Food Pantry request was for use of the streets only and not a donation. The city stopped making cash donations to local organizations several years ago; Smith indicated after the meeting that the city could be in the position of having to give a donation to an unfavorable event in the interest of fairness.

He noted that he was on the Food Pantry board and abstained from voting on the request.

Also during the full Council meeting, the health insurance was approved as recommended by the committee.

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High school boys and girls track	Baseball	Softball
Friday Arcola at Illinois Top Prep Times at Illinois Wesleyan's Shirk Center, 3 p.m.	Monday Marshall at Arcola, 4:30 p.m.	Thursday Meridian at Arcola, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday Villa Grove, Teutopolis, Sullivan, Judah Christian and Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond at Arcola, 4 p.m.	Monday Chrisman at Arcola, 4:30 p.m.	Monday Chrisman at Arcola, 4:30 p.m.
	Junior High boys and girls track	Tuesday Arcola at Cumberland, 4:30 p.m.