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Chatter BOX

Senior potluck

Arcola seniors are invited to attend a potluck lunch at the Arcola Senior Center on April 21. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Seniors may bring a dish to share.

Blood drive

The Arcola Student Council is sponsoring a community blood drive from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Thursday, April 13 in the jr. high gym at 351 W. Washington St. To donate, contact John Craig at 217-268-4962 or visit www.blood-center.org and use code 70644 to locate the drive. You may also call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required.

Strides Against Hunger walk/run

Strides Against Hunger 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk & Dog Walk, a fundraiser event in Arcola to benefit the Arcola Food Pantry will be held Saturday, April 15.

Arthur Art Fair

The Arthur United Methodist Church is hosting its first Art Fair from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in the Fellowship Hall, 128 E. Illinois St., Arthur. The event is to support local artists in the area and benefit community outreach and the ministries of the church. Nine area artists are signed up to participate. The church has a community food pantry, God's Closet, weekly community meals and a youth group. Donations will be taken at the door.

New 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.

Arthur Quilt Show taking entries

The Arthur Quilt Show Committee is accepting entries for the 32nd annual Arthur Quilt Show to be held Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at the Otto Center south of Arthur on the County Line Road.

To obtain an entry form, entry rules, vendor space, or additional information contact Jolene Stutzman, committee chairperson, at (217)543-2287 or email her at stitchandsew20@gmail.com. Forms can also be downloaded at arthuril.us or illinoisamishcountry.com

Entry deadline is April 14, 2023. There is a nominal fee per item.

The show has five judged categories which include Baby, Wall Hanging, Antique, Pieced (pieced machine quilted and pieced hand quilted), and Mixed Techniques. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category along with the Best of Show winner receiving a \$100 gift certificate and all are redeemable for merchandise at participating Arthur merchants. Visitors to the show will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award ribbon.

Participants can purchase a quilt from the 100 pieces to be sold during the annual auction on Saturday, April 29, starting at 12 noon.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing to win a queen-size double wedding ring quilt. The drawing will take place on Saturday afternoon.

In addition to the quilts on display, there will be a market/vendor area and a lunch stand with cheeseburgers and barbecue sandwiches, wraps, taco salads, cinnamon rolls, desserts, and drinks available by the Kitchen of Doris Yoder.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There is a small admission fee.



THE ARCOLA BASEBALL TEAM is getting settled into the new dugout facilities while watching Martinsville warm up before the first official home game of the season. The totally new dugout areas are just part of the renovations to the baseball field at Moore Park. The city of Arcola continues to work on the baseball, softball and t-ball diamonds in addition to several other improvements being made at the park. Arcola won the home opener against Martinsville 21-2 on Saturday, April 8. Photo by Nancy Raiden.

Conlin inducted into football coaches' Hall of Fame

By Mike Monahan

MOWEAQUA – As a junior at Arcola High School Mike Conlin helped the Purple Riders to their first-ever playoff appearance and the only one in Class 2A and as a senior Conlin, a 6-1, 175 tackle, helped Arcola to its first Class 1A state championship appearance. Those two years plus his freshman and sophomore years were played under IHSFCA (Illinois High School Football Coaches Association members Byron Bradford and Steve Thomas.

April 1 Conlin joined the two he not only played for, but later coached with. Conlin was inducted as an assistant coach at the I hotel in Champaign.

"They (IHSFCA) called me right around December and I was in shock," said Conlin. "It crossed my mind when I retired in 2014, but never crossed my mind as I had been out for awhile. I think a couple of head coaches nominated me."



Conlin, AHS Class of 1978 and at the Hall of Fame

Conlin has 29 years of coaching starting as a graduate assistant at Arcola from 1981-83. He attended and played at Joliet Junior College and then transferred to Wayne State University in Nebraska where he blew his knee out ending his football career. He graduated from Eastern Illinois University.

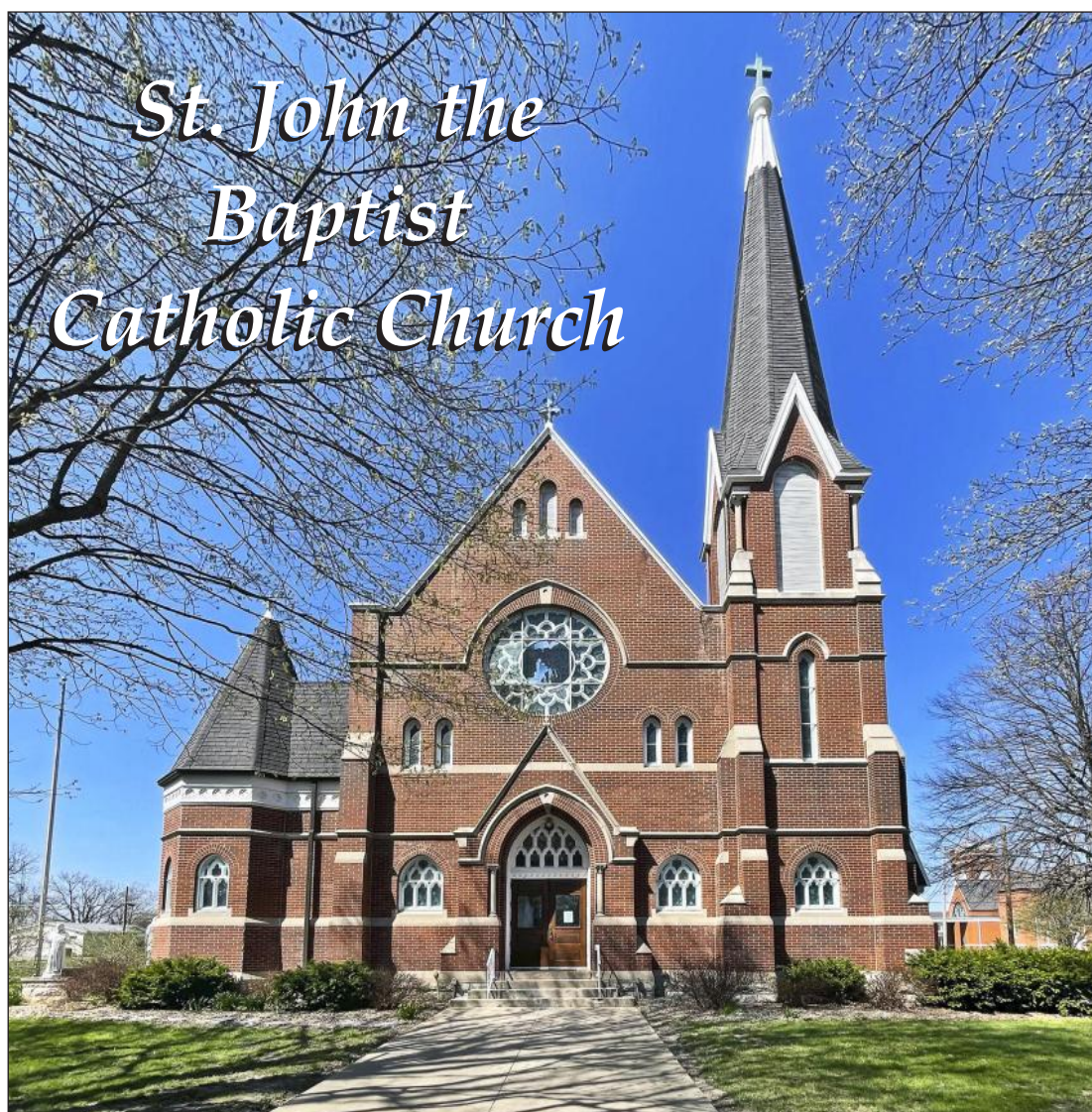
After Arcola he was an assistant for one year at Wilmington (1984).

"The state board of education was in Atwood then and that is when I hooked up with Tim Nolen (another IHSFCA member) at Villa Grove from 1985-87 as defensive coordinator."

From there he went to Redlands College in California in 1988 and 1989. From 1991-94 he was defensive coordinator at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. under Doug Niebuhr. The 1992 team won the North Coast Athletic Conference, going 7-1-1. Niebuhr then returned to Milikin as head coach, while Conlin was at Meridian.

"I chased Nolen to Mount Zion for one year and then Bill Carpenter got me to be a head coach at Meridian for three years," said Conlin. "I just wasn't head coaching material (going 1-8 each season). In 1998 Mark Ramsey (another

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Catholic Church cornerstone was laid in mid-1902, the work on the church was finished in 1903.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church as it looks today. See story on page 4.