

# Arcola CEO students create businesses for annual trade show held April 25 in Arthur



J'LEA YORK, right, a senior at Arcola High School, created the business Pawsh Pets by J'Lea as part of the CEO program, which teaches entrepreneurship to high school students. "My customers can now get their pet/s a handmade, non-slip, stainless steel, personalized pet bowl to enrich the special relationship between them and their family pet/s," she said. *Photo by David Porter.*



ARCOLA SENIOR RACHEL SIGRIST created The Begonia Bakery as her CEO project. "At my bakery, I specialize in specialty sweet breads, muffins, cookies, and custom-made treats," she said. "My products are made from scratch and fresh to order using fine, quality ingredients." She said the bakery is dedicated to her late mother, Lisa Sigrist, who was principal at the jr./sr. high school and, according to Rachel, an exceptional baker. Buying her baked goods are Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan and School Board member Lucas Shonkwiler (right). *Photo by David Porter.*



KARINA WARFEL, right, a senior at Arcola High School, started the business Karina's Custom Cards for her CEO project. She said she's been making handmade crafts for her friends and family for years. The skills she learned in the program helped her turn her hobby into a bonafide business, she said. She plans to major in art and Spanish at Millikin University. *Photo by David Porter.*



AALIYAH GARZA, right, is a senior at Arcola High School. For her CEO project, she started a photography business, Aaliyah Garza Photography. She said photography has been her passion for a while and she's "glad to have the opportunity to share that with people from different communities. She plans to study political science at Bradley University. *Photo by David Porter.*

## SPORTS



ARCOLA'S Brevyn Whisman came in as the closing pitcher in the baseball game with Villa Grove played on April 28 at Moore Park in Arcola. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*



ARCOLA'S Braden "B-Shonk" Shonkwiler came in as a relief pitcher in the baseball game with Villa Grove played on April 28 at Moore Park in Arcola. *Photo by Nancy Rairden.*