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Chatter BOX

USI Retirees Breakfast

Anyone who worked for the company USI, Quantum, Equistar, LyondellBasel (or any of its other names) in Tuscola is invited to attend a retiree's breakfast at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur. Please call Dan Miller at 217/649-9656 with any questions.

Quilters unite

Quilters are invited to gather Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Arcola Center to share their time and mutual interests with other quilters. For information contact 217-417-1388.

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.

Art show in Arthur

The Arthur United Methodist Church is hosting a Spring Community Arts Fair from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, May 6 in the church's fellowship hall.



SHAUNA GREEN, University of Illinois women's basketball coach, speaks to Arcola girls April 28 during an Empowering Girls event hosted by the Arcola Rotary. Photo by David Porter.

Girls empowered during Arcola Rotary's event

By David Porter
Confidence, leadership, positivity. Those were topics discussed by Shauna Green, University of Illinois women's basketball coach, during the Empowering Girls event held April 28 by the Arcola Rotary Club.

Green was the keynote speaker during a day of pro-

grams for girls in grades 6-12 held at the Masonic Center. She talked about the challenges of being a woman in a traditionally male-dominated business. She asked the girls what people might say about her yelling at a referee versus a male coach doing the same thing.

The girls responded that

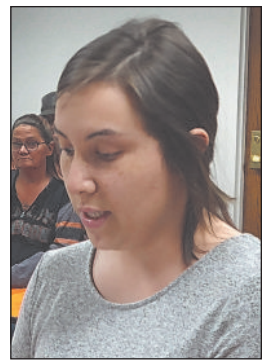
the man would be seen as "doing his job" and being passionate while the woman would be seen as being emotional. Green said that after 20 years as a coach, she thinks a double standard still exists.

"Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it," she said

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Smith



Helmuth

Helmuth joins City Council Dollar General to build new million-dollar store

By David Porter

Stephany Jo Helmuth took the oath of office at Monday's City Council meeting along with three incumbents, Brent Budd, Terry Foran and Homero Garza. But Garza announced his intention to step down from the 2-year unexpired term he just won (unopposed) due to work and personal obligations.

Helmuth succeeds long-time alderperson and mayoral candidate Mark Smith, who chose not to seek re-election in Ward 1.

One of the highlights of Monday's meeting was the approval of the zoning report, which includes a building permit for the anticipated new Dollar General store at 520 E. Springfield Rd. The construction costs are estimated at \$950,625, which generated a fee of \$1,257.50. Also on the report is a garage addition for Daryl Miller in the 500 block of East Washington valued at \$26,400, and a pole building for Fred Helmuth in the 600 block of South Chestnut valued at \$196,050. Total fees were \$2,893.10.

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School considers banner decision

By David Porter

The Arcola School Board continues to banter over banners, but are close to a decision if not a consensus.

As part of the upgrades to the high school gym, new banners are being designed to celebrate the school's athletic achievements. Some of the old banners were ruined when they were taken down, rolled up and stored while the gym was being painted.

The Board has struggled with keeping the look of the old banners versus giving them a consistent look and with how names of ath-

letes are listed. Some of the old banners listed first and last names while some listed last names only or last names with a first initial. Using full names adds clarity but also makes the letters smaller and, thus, harder to read.

Most of the Board members seem to prefer last names with a first initial or have acquiesced to that. Sue Stout continued to voice support Monday (in a committee meeting) for using full names. Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan said the question could be put to a vote. "I don't think I'll fare any better (with a vote)," Stout said.

The Board has spent many months working on the banner project and reviewed old banners spread out on the gym floor Monday. Getting down on their knees, they measured letters, and compared sample sizes hung on the wall. They have also wrestled with some of the wording on the banners.

It was pointed out that the school has photos of the winning teams on display along with the full names of the players, giving support to dropping the full

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THE ARCOLA SCHOOL BOARD looks over old banners as they determine a new look. From left, Sue Stout, Dr. Robert Arrol, Hannah Myers, Superintendent Dr. Tom Mulligan, Craig Wesch, Jim Crane (hidden), John Conlin, Lucas Shonkwiler. Photo by David Porter.



BOYS STATE/GIRLS STATE - American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs for high school juniors, which focus on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. This year's Arcola High School delegates to Boys State and Girls State are, seated (l-r): Bianca Arguelles, Cecilia Lozano, Kelsey Moore and standing: Alex Hawn, Gerardo Alanis, Oden Barron, Raul Guerra, and Tyson Lewis with Arcola American Legion Post 639 Adjutant Ken Reveal. Boys State and Girls State will be held at Eastern Illinois University in June 2023. Photo courtesy of Emily Coombe.



ARCOLA HIGH SCHOOL senior Eadie Budd, right, shows off her business products to attendees at the CEO Trade Show April 25. Her business, CommuniTEA, provides "artisan herbal teas good for various health benefits. More photos on page 6. Photo by David Porter.



Meet the SBL cardiology team at the SBL Heart Center. We are pleased to bring these great minds together to care for the cardiovascular needs in our community.

Sarah Bush Lincoln

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Pictured left to right
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Michael LaMonto, DO
Advanced Practice Provider
Allyson Gough, APRN
Interventional Cardiologist
Dean Katsamakias, DO