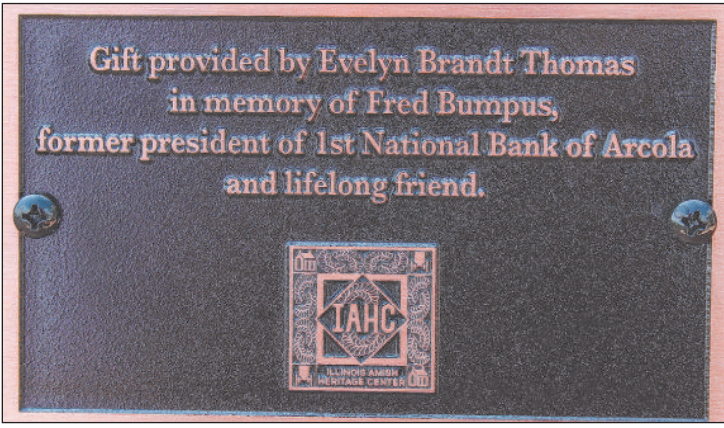


Sheep to yarn to quilts, plus Bumpus bench ceremony



FOUR NEW BENCHES at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center bear this plaque recognizing Evelyn Brandt Thomas' gift in memory of Fred Bumpus.



ONE OF THE BENCHES at the Discovery Garden at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center.



EVELYN BRANDT THOMAS, 99, left, regales her guests with memories at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center Saturday. Thomas, owner of the fertilizer company Brandt Enterprises, donated four benches in memory of Fred Bumpus, her former neighbor in Springfield and a long-time Arcola banker. Continuing left are Sue Bumpus (Fred's widow), Sally Cavanaugh (Fred's daughter) and Irene Bumpus (Fred's daughter-in-law, widow to the late Steve Bumpus).



THE CHILDREN WATCHING an alpaca being sheared were not the only ones interested in the action Saturday at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center. Another alpaca doesn't seem to mind being next in line for a haircut.



DOTTIE WOLGEMUTH DEMONSTRATES spinning yarn Saturday at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center.



LISA GARRISON ENTERTAINS a young guest while demonstrating a loom during the Sheep to Yarn to Quilts event Saturday at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center. Visitors could see sheep and alpaca being sheared and then see how the hair is turned into yarn and then quilts or clothing.



BENCHES DONATED in the memory of Fred Bumpus overlook the Discovery Garden at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center between Arthur and Arcola. Photos by David Porter.

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