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MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

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LEFT; A DEMONSTRATION of an antique washing machine at the Sheep to Yarn to Quilts event Saturday at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center between Arthur and Arcola. Center: A curious alpaca in the background waits his turn for a haircut while Brian Houghian of Bloomington shears an alpaca; he assured the crowd that the animal was in no pain for the spa treatment that included nail trimming. Earlier in the day, Roger Otto of Leonard, Mo., demonstrated sheep shearing. Right, Evelyn Brandt Thomas, at age 99, cuts the ribbon to benches she donated in memory of Fred Bumpus of Arcola. With her is Sue Bumpus (far right; Fred's widow). Back row, left to right, are Wilmer Otto of the Amish Center and Sally Cavanaugh, Fred's daughter. *Photos by David Porter*.

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BRIEFS

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.

Free RC flying lessons

The Champaign County RC Club (CCRCC) is offering free flying lessons and you don't need a plane. Lessons are every Thursday evening, from 5:30 p.m. until dusk and you'll use the Club's planes and equipment. You will need to bring sunglasses and a hat. Lessons are not held when it's raining or winds exceed 12 MPH. Reservations are not needed; simply visit the Club's field on any or all Thursday evenings. Bring a friend and share the thrill of RC flying. The Champaign County Radio Control Club field is located at 3616 W. Bloomington Rd., Champaign, 2.2 miles West of Champaign's Mattis Avenue on Route 150. Look for the RC sign and visit www.ccrcc.club/documents for more information.

Quilt show in Neoga

Sew Happy Hearts quilt guild will again be hosting their annual quilt show in Neoga at

641 W. 6th St. in the former Neoga Elementary School. Dates are Friday, June 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

and Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

There will be a raffle held for a quilt, hand-colored and embroidered by Sandy Evans plus

quilting basket raffles worth over $800. You must attend the show to purchase raffle tickets for the baskets. In addition, they will have a bazaar table filled with handmade items from guild members, a Sale Barn for used items and a vendor, MBT's This N That. There is a small admission charge.

Quilters who wish to showcase their quilts should bring them to the center on Wednesday, June 21 4–7 p.m. and Thursday, June 22 8 a.m.–12 noon. Pick-up of quilts after the show is Saturday, June 24 at 2:30 p.m. Your quilts, unless vintage, need to be clean and in good condition. Forms for each quilt will be available at the center when you bring in your quilts or they can be downloaded on the Sew Happy Hearts Facebook page. There is no fee for quilt entries. Please measure your quilt sizes on the forms, though they can help with measuring when you bring them in.

Proceeds from the show are directed to various charitable organizations. The guild has donated quilted and sewn items to veterans groups, homeless shelters, area children's homes and schools. More information is available on the Sew Happy Hearts Facebook page or the Sew Happy Hearts website: https://sewhappyheartsneoga.wixsite.com/sewhappy.

Forecast

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 73. Northeast wind around 11 mph, with gusts as high as 16 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. East northeast wind around 11 mph, with gusts as high as 17 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.

Friday Night: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.