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Thank you so much for the cards,  
flowers, gifts and well wishes  
as I retire from the Arcola School  
District. It has been an honor to  
teach with amazing colleagues  
and be a part of one of the  
most rewarding occupations  
in the world.

I will miss the kids so much!

Sincerely,  
Tedi Jo Young



## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES AT THE ARCOLA CEMETERY

Monday, May 29th at 10 am

There will be a roll call of ALL Veterans  
in the Arcola Cemetery!

If you know of a veteran's name that we  
may have missed, please contact either  
Don Edwards at (217) 232-5374 or  
Butch Clark at (217) 273-8746 and we'll  
get those names on our list for next year.

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# OBITUARIES

## Kent Seaman

Kent Allan Seaman, 65, of Lexington, Ky., died peacefully in the early morning hours of Monday, May 15, 2023, attended by his partner and the angels of Hospice.

Kent was born October 26, 1957, in Tuscola, one of the many Jarman babies and the younger son of George William and Anna Pearl Thompson Seaman.

He is survived by his long-time companion, Angelique Cain, of Lexington, Ky., and three loving and supportive sisters — Brenda Miller and Gwen Seaman of Champaign, and Jan (Peter) Stortz of Palmer, Alaska. He is sorely missed by his fat cat Vincent ("Biggie"), who was his constant nurse and comfort.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two older siblings, Sandra Ann Grabowski and George Edmund Seaman, as well as his beloved dogs Sylvan, Isis, and Taz.

Kent was a quiet boy who grew into a quiet man. A man who never raised his voice unless something was on fire or his dog was running off. A man so quiet that most people didn't know him at all. The truth is that he was funny, charming, and quick-witted. He was a khaki and polo shirt guy during the work day and a snazzy dresser on his own time. He loved vehicles — driving them; buying, selling, and trading them; discussing them; working on them. In his heyday he drank a gallon of hot tea a day. He prided himself on his extra-garlic Chex



Seaman

mix recipe and the fact that he, the shyest man on the face of the earth, once sang on stage in a community production of A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.

Kent graduated from Arcola High School in the class of 1976. He won the senior science award that spring, although he never was sure why. He earned a bachelor's degree in business computer management and computer programming business from Eastern Illinois University in 1981. He worked as a programmer at various manufacturing companies before settling down at State Electric Supply Company in Huntington, W.Va., for the last 20 years of his career.

Kent requested that his body be cremated without fanfare — so there will be no formal services. If you want to do something to memorialize him, please be kind to animals and give to your local hospice organizations.

## Stella Hopkins

Stella Joyce Hopkins, infant daughter of Dakota and Natalie (Gauna) was stillborn on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, May 23, in the Arcola Cemetery. Father Angel Sierra officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

She is survived by her parents, Dakota and Natalie Hopkins of Arcola; one brother, Lincoln Hopkins; paternal grandmother, Tammy Hopkins (Kevin) of Arcola, and Daron Hopkins and his wife Kim of Ottawa; maternal grandparents, Julie Gauna of Arcola, and Baltazar Gauna and his wife Hilda of Arcola;



Hopkins' footprints

paternal great grandparents, Gloria Langley of Mattoon, and Larry and Marcia Hopkins of Arcola; maternal great grandparents, David Good and his wife Diane of Arcola, and Esthela Gauna of Arcola; maternal great great grandma, Shirley Good; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great grandparents, Joyce Good and Ruben Gauna.

## Arcola Eastern Illinois Baseball League underway

By Mike Monahan

ARCOLA - The second season of the Arcola Eastern Illinois Baseball league started Sunday at Moore Memorial park. The Riders lost to the Royal Giants 14-1 in the first game, but showed a lot of improvement in the second game, a 1-0 loss.

The team is coached by Jerry Smith with Juan Ramirez the manager and Jesus Garza is the general manager.

Last season Arcola finished 1-19.

The first game saw Royal score two in the first and second innings, while Arcola scored its lone run in the first.

Royal took control in the third with six runs for a 10-1 advantage in the five innings game that saw Arcola held to two hits.

In the second contest Royal's Jesse Remington pitched a two-hitter with two walks and 12 strikeouts. Arcola pitching allowed eight hits with one walk and five strikeouts. The lone run scored in the seventh and final inning.

The Eastern Illinois Baseball League started prior to the 1936 season after the first three years as the Champaign County League. The Buckley Dutch Masters has been in the league every year since its inception. Other

teams are Royal, Paxton Swedes, and a new team this year is the Decatur Commodores in what is the 88th season of the league.

The Eastern Illinois Baseball League is a hybrid semi-professional league that serves collegiate, post-collegiate, semi-professional and high school players that wish to compete at a higher level.

According to the website (<https://htosports.com/teams/default.asp?u=EIBASEBALL&s=baseball&p=home>) Arcola has 21 players on this year's roster.

The Dutchmasters won both the regular season and tournament title last year.

Games are played on Sunday's and are always doubleheaders at 1 and 4 p.m.

2023 Arcola Riders Eastern Illinois Baseball league Roster

Marcus Aldo, Jason Castro, David Cerano, Trevor Frohling, Ramiro Gonzalez, Lupe Leal, Chandler Melton, Juan Ramirez, Nate Reed, Kaiden Rice, Ramiro Rodriguez-Limon, Luc Servandi, Smith, Efrain Trejo, Owen Trybomb, Jorge Vazquez, Jose Vazquez, jr., Jose Vazquez sr, Hunter Weeks, Zach Wetzel, Darian Woods.

2023 Arcola Eastern Illinois Baseball schedule

Sunday at Scheiwe Field, Buckley; June 11 DECATUR COMMODORES; June 18 at Memorial Field, Paxton; June 25 vs. Royal Giants at Meier Field, St. Joseph; July 2 BUCKLEY DUTCHMASTERS; July 16 at Johns Hill Park, Decatur vs. Decatur Commodores; July 23 PAXTON SWEDES; Aug 6 tournament semifinals, TBA; Aug. 12-13 championship series, TBA



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## Girls

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Simpson is happy to break the 2013 record set by Taylor Edwards (1:00.59), especially considering she had not run the 400 before.

"Having the school record means a lot to me because the 400 was an event that I had not even considered running," said Simpson. "When coach Reel mentioned it I laughed a little bit because it just wasn't something I wanted to do. But I am so glad I reconsidered it or else I would not have been able to accomplish what I did. I was very happy with my performance. However, my goal going into state was to make it to finals, although I didn't accomplish that I'm still very proud of my new PR and school record."

Reel said, "Ema is only scratching the surface of what she can accomplish. I am super excited to see her develop over the next three years."

## Moore

Moore came into the prelims ranked 13th based on her sectional performance. May 18 she was in lane seven of the first heat, the same one as

eventual third place finisher Kiara Wesseh of Newark (45.25) and the 10th place hurdler Caitlyn O'Boyle of Seneca (48.23).

"I had not run against anyone in my heat, but did do some research that the girl in lane five (Wesseh) was going to be right with me," said Moore, who said they arrived at noon and ran at 1:30 p.m.

"On the day of a meet I normally eat a sandwich or wrap and tend to go to Broomtown Cafe a lot. That is where I got a chicken bacon ranch wrap and I think I had 108 ounces of water that day to make sure I was hydrated and ready to go. We warmed up and I stayed in the shade."

Reel said, "I'm so proud to see her hard work pay off. Last year was a disappointment for her (no state), but she rallied back strong."

Moore, who will be participating for the Champaign-based Vipers Track Club this summer, said it means a lot to move up two spots from her sectional position.

"I also was disappointed with only missing finals by .15 because that was my ultimate goal and I'm hoping to get on the podium next year!"



## Arcola Township Cemetery

# NOTICE

Flags will be placed on  
Veteran's graves in  
observance of Memorial Day  
on Saturday, May 27th  
at 8:00 AM.

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